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# *The Chronicler*

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Spotsylvania, VA

## A Fond Farewell to Boy Scout Troop 1841

In 1997 a new Boy Scout troop was founded here at Christ Church. It was given the number designation the same as the year our church was built. From the beginning, Troop 1841 was led by Scoutmaster Harry Frank, a member of Christ Church. He continued in that role some ten years after his own son, Alan, earned the Eagle award. Many boys earned the highest rank in scouting under Harry's tutelage. Unfortunately, the number of boys in the troop dwindled to four. Five is the minimum number required for a troop to re-charter with the Boy Scouts of America. So, as of the end of 2014, Troop 1841 has ceased to exist.

Current and past members of the troop had a Christmas party the evening of December 15, at which a number of those former boys who had earned their Eagle award here, and their families, came together to say farewell to the troop they loved so much. Testimonials were given to the support and guidance of a dedicated Scoutmaster, as well as fond memories shared. It was a sad occasion, but colored by true celebration for the effect on the lives of boys who have grown into manhood while being molded by the ideals of scouting.

I always thought of the Boy Scout troop that we sponsored as part of our church's outreach to the community and an extension of our youth program. All troops are sponsored by a church, school, or other community organization. This firmly roots them in the community, and usually gives them a meeting place, and perhaps other resources to support troop activities. It also connects the scouts to the mission of the sponsoring organization, giving them the opportunity to help the organization work towards its goals. Members of Christ Church are used to seeing the scouts of 1841 serving and cleaning at the Pancake & Chili Dinner on Shrove Tuesday. They also collected food every year to help our food pantry as part of the Scouting for Food program in November, not to mention helping to clear brush around the property.

My two sons were scouts in the troop, and it was a pleasure to see them learn and grow from their experiences, and to see them enjoying themselves too. I hope we can get connected to another troop in the area, so they can continue in scouting.

You may be aware that the motto of the Boy Scouts is: "Be Prepared". When asked, "Be prepared for what?" Boy Scout founder Lord Baden Powell replied, "Well, for any old thing." In the end, scouting is about helping young men be prepared for life. What a great mission for an organization! And it is just as relevant today as it was when it was founded over a hundred years ago. I offer my personal thanks to Scoutmaster Harry Frank, and to all those whose work and devotion helped Troop 1841 have such an amazing impact on the lives of boys for 17 years.

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

## JANUARY 2015 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<b><u>January 4</u></b> <b><u>Morning Prayer</u></b>					
8:00 Thom Smelter Tricia Smelter	Officiant: Margaret Haight		Barbara Deal	<b>Magin Team</b>	
10:30 Ann Woolford Werner Wieland	Officiant: Margaret Haight	Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford Stephen Wallach	Bob Massey Ron Magin		Amy Biscoe
<b><u>January 11</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Ray Crafton		Joe Ilk	<b>Wieland Team</b>	
10:30 Mary Williams	Tim Watts Alex Watts	Justin Phillips Megan LeBlanc Matthew LeBlanc	Missie Jarman Cecil Jarman		Molly Watts
<b><u>January 18</u></b>					
8:00 Shirley Pozzato	Lydia Pozzato		Calib Garland	<b>Williams Team</b>	
10:30 Anne Williams	Steve Clifford Kristi Gross	Ian Gibson Ethan Goldberg Chris Cronin	Tim Zafrano Frank Carosella		McKenzie Goldberg
<b><u>January 25</u></b>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Robert Truslow	<b>Magin Team</b>	
10:30 Roy Smith	Donna Nuzum Virginia Insley	Rachel Stockli Aaron DeFilippo Jack DeFilippo	Hank Mausolf Tim Watts		Amanda Watts

**You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled.  
Please notify parish office of replacement.**



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To Frank Bishop who recently visited with us. We hope you will return and spend more time with us, Frank.



**Annual Parish Meeting, February 1.** The vestry has set the date for our annual parish meeting. It will follow the 10:30 service. Now, before you panic when you realize that this is Super Bowl Sunday, let me reassure you that you will be home in time for the game, and probably most of the pre-game show as well. We are usually done with the meeting and lunch by 2:00. At the annual meeting we will present the budget for 2015, and elect three new people to serve three-year terms on the vestry. And, as is our custom, we will have a potluck luncheon following the meeting. Child care will be provided.

# January 2015

01/01 James Kenkel  
01/03 Justin Phillips  
Roger Williams  
01/04 Marlyne Cain  
01/07 Drew DiFilippo  
01/13 Samantha Bomgardner  
Joan Gere  
Marshall Bell  
01/14 Thom Smelter  
01/16 John Phillips



01/20 Jack DiFilippo  
01/22 Stephen Roop  
Mark DiFilippo  
01/25 Liz DiRusso  
Margaret Little  
01/26 Delaney Senters  
01/28 Denise Regeimbal  
Ruth Packard  
01/30 Doreen Smith

## **Special Thanks to Outreach, Food Pantry, and Our Wonderful, Giving, Church Family ~**

On Dec 18 and 19, our outstanding food pantry volunteers packed 140 Christmas boxes to be given out on Saturday, Dec 20. Out of the 140 packed, 127 families showed up to receive their boxes, thus serving a total of 430 people. This proved to be the largest food pantry of the year. Our 2014 figures indicate that we provided food to 2,172 families and 7,120 people. This is quite a feat for “the little church around the corner from the courthouse”.



## **Epiphany Bonfire, January 9**

The Epiphany bonfire will begin at 6 PM on **Friday, January 9**. You are invited to bring Christmas trees, wreaths, and greens to burn. Refreshments will be available: mulled cider and hot chocolate. We will sing songs around the fire, and just have a good old-fashioned fun evening. The Feast of Epiphany, celebrated on January 6 each year, is kind of the culmination of the Christmas season. It is a time of enlightenment, and happens when the days are just beginning to get a little longer. The bonfire symbolizes the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God which enlightens our hearts and lifts our spirits during the darkest part of the year. Come join us for this joyous event!



## **Children's and Youth Group Christmas Parties and Pageant Practice**

We had a great time at both our Children's party and our Youth Group party on December 20. The day was filled with pageant practice, games, crafts, and yummy food! We had 25 kids, ages ranging from 3 to 18, and several adult volunteers in attendance. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the party or pageant practice especially Kristi Gross, Kris Clifford and Jill Bates!

## **Youth Group Lock-in**

Save the date! The youth group will have a lock-in on **Friday, January 23, 2015** in the Great Hall. Details will be finalized at our monthly meeting on January 11, 2015.



Beginning January 1, 2015 McKenzie Goldberg will be our new nursery coordinator. Thanks to McKenzie for volunteering for this important role in service of our children!



## **Adult Education Looks at the Bible**

Starting on **January 11** we will begin a six week discussion of the book *Welcome to the Bible*. This introduction to reading and appreciating the Bible was written by Vicki Black and Peter Wenner specifically for Episcopalians. We Episcopalians have historically not been big Bible readers, however, we are shaped by the Scriptures, having them infiltrating our liturgy, prayers, hymns, and preaching. If you have ever felt a little intimidated by the idea of picking up your Bible and reading, then this brief course will help to make you more comfortable with the idea. Join us in the Great Hall at 9:15 Sunday mornings. You can pick up the book at Amazon.com or ChurchPublishing.org or wherever fine books are sold.

## **Ash Wednesday, February 18**

It's true, we just got through Christmas, but Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is on **February 18** this year. We will have two worship services to mark the beginning of Lent, at noon and 7:30 PM. Both services will include the imposition of ashes as a reminder of our mortality and our need for repentance. Bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday service to the ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Chili Dinner. They will be burned to make the ashes for Wednesday.



## **Bishop Visit, March 29, 2015**

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, will make our annual episcopal visitation the morning of **March 29** at the 10:30 service. That happens to be Palm Sunday! It is always a treat to have a bishop visit on a high, holy day. Bishop Ted will celebrate confirmations, and preach and celebrate the Eucharist. We will have a reception following the service to welcome the bishop and to honor the confirmands.



## Episcopal Church Women

On Friday, December 5th, after a delicious lunch at Brock's, nine merry elves wearing Santa hats provided by our birthday girl Janice Kenkle, popped in on the residents at Greenfield Senior Living Center to sing carols and pass out our handmade Christmas card ornaments. Once there we were joined by three more Christ Church elves and with guitar accompaniment by our very capable vocal leader Lydia Pozzato. We managed to stay on key and provide the residents with many old familiar songs which they happily sang along with us. Our own **Sarah Estes** was center stage when it was announced that we were from her church in Spotsylvania. She was so pleased that we came and enjoyed our visit so much, as did all the other residents. For us it was a wonderful feeling to be able to spread a little Christmas cheer to folks not able to get out and enjoy this very special season of peace and good will.

We will start another year of service beginning in January with our regular monthly meeting on the third Tuesday. This is our giving meeting when we designate money to the various charities supported by the Diocese. Please join us for a year of laughter, learning, sisterhood and service.

## Episcopal Church Men

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Chili Dinner

The Episcopal Church Men will present their famous dinner of Pancakes and Chili on Shrove **Tuesday, February 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. The cost is \$6 per person, or \$25 for a family. Come join us for this fun event before Lent starts the next day on Ash Wednesday. Fat Tuesday—*Mardi Gras*—was the day when people used up the last bit of lard in their house before the Lenten fast began. Frying up pancakes was a tasty way to do that. Now, the chili is actually a tradition peculiar to Christ Church. Legend has it that one of the previous rectors complained that he didn't like pancakes. "Do you like chili?" a member of the ECM asked. "Sure!" was the reply. And a tradition was born.





## **Request for Ushers**

Our Usher Ministry is looking to add some new members. Being a member of this ministry is very rewarding and so easy!! It involves greeting those arriving for church services and you can become a part of a very special group who get to greet new members first. Please contact Frank Carosella at [fcarosella@outlook.com](mailto:fcarosella@outlook.com) or (540) 785-0196 if you feel the desire to serve your church family.

## **Parish Care Commission ~ Respite Care**

Are you responsible for the care of another adult? Do you need just a couple of hours to get out and take care of some errands, or just to have a break? The Parish Care Commission is now offering respite care. We can have a volunteer sit with someone you love for up to 2 hours while you go out to do whatever you need to do. There is no personal care that we can provide, just companionship and help with simple tasks like getting something to eat or drink. Volunteers will receive training for the prevention of sexual misconduct, per diocesan standards. Contact Elaine Wyant at 540-786-3267 for help, or if you yourself would like to be a volunteer.

## **Vestry Nominations Sought**

Is God calling you to serve on the vestry? Our governing board meets once a month, with an annual day-long retreat for planning and occasional extra meetings when needed. In order to run you must be an adult (16 years or older), confirmed, and active in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the kingdom of God. If you have questions you can speak to one of the current members. Candidate forms are available at the Communications Center. These include a detailed description of expectations for vestry members. We will be voting for the Vestry at our annual parish meeting on **February 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## **Save the Date ~ May 1-3, 2015 at Shrine Mont, Our Annual Parish Retreat Weekend!**

“**Shrine Mont** is a place where people are more important than things, where prayer and reflection, rest and recreation are more important than appointments and tasks. It’s a place where people give thanks to God for his creation—from the beauty of the streams, flowers and wildlife which are at home here, to the people who come to this place to celebrate being part of the family of God.”

### **Prayer List Will Re-start**

On the first of the year the prayer list published in our Sunday Announcements will be re-started. That means that if you wish to keep a name on the list, you must let us know. As always, you may add a name to the list at any time by contacting the parish office or utilizing one of the pew cards. We do ask that when the need for prayer has subsided, you notify the office so we can remove names when appropriate to do so.

### **Fellowship Commission**

We want and need you to share yourself and your time hosting Fellowship on Sundays. Fellowship hour is a very important ministry as it gives us time to socialize once a week as a church family. Talk to Bill Butler about hosting and then sign up at the Communication Center. Even once a month will help.

### **Weather Alert**

When there is snow on Sunday, we expect everyone to use his or her best judgment about attempting to attend worship services. When in doubt as to whether services have been cancelled, you may check out the parish web page or [www.Fredericksburg.com](http://www.Fredericksburg.com). Also listen to the following FM radio stations: 93.3 WFLS, 95.9 WGRQ, 96.9 WWUZ, 99.3 WYSK, 104.5 WGRX.

### **DON'T FORGET:**

**Sunday morning worship schedule and Children’s Chapel and Sunday school:** Two services 8:00 and 10:30, (Children’s Chapel is held in the Choir Room during the 10:30 service) with Christian Education for all ages from 9:15 to 10:15. Children’s Chapel is not held on the first Sunday of the month.

**Episcopal Church Women** meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Great Hall @ 11:30 AM.

**The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and ECM** meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in ASH at 8 AM.

**The Vestry** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in room #8, All Saints Hall.

**Sunday bulletin** announcements due by: **noon Wednesday, call 582-5033.**

**Deadline for the February Chronicler is February 20.** Please send articles in Microsoft word document to Ruth Feltner: [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day ~ Office Closed 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs	<b>2</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:00pm AA Mtg	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00am MP Rite I 9:15am Christian Education, ASH 10:30am MP Rite II (Family Service) 11:45am Fellowship, GH	<b>5</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer	<b>6</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer	<b>7</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer	<b>9</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:00pm AA Mtg	<b>10</b> 8:00am Brotherhood of St. Andrew/ECM Mtg/Breakfast, GH
<b>11</b> 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Christian Education, ASH 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel, Choir Rm 11:45am Youth Goup Mtg 11:45am Fellowship, GH	<b>12</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer	<b>13</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Food Pantry, ASH Downstairs	<b>14</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer	<b>15</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:30am Morning Prayer 7:00pm Vestry Meeting; ASH #8	<b>16</b> 8:00am RAAI, ASH Downstairs 8:00pm AA Mtg	<b>17</b> 9:30am Referee Tng (RM), GH
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