



THE MISSION OF CHRIST CHURCH is to bring all persons to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through Word, Sacraments, and instruction, as taught through the Episcopal tradition, that all may know the joy and grace of faith, and to share that grace through outreach.

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Spotsylvania, VA

Snapshots of Grace

Hash-what-now?

The internet has transformed our lives. It has even transformed our symbolic notations. Just as what used to be called a *period* in a sentence or a *point* in a number is now called a *dot* (as in .com), so now what used to be called a *number sign* or a *pound sign*, and I would have called a *tic-tac-toe board* when I was a kid, is now called a *hashtag*. If you still don't know what I'm talking about, it's this: #. When you see #, read *hashtag*. Now you may know what I'm talking about, but you may be wondering why you should care. Well, a *hashtag* is just a way of organizing things on the internet. It is a handy way of referring to a comment or a picture so that others can find it if they want to.

If you bought one of the tee shirts we recently sold with the church's logo on it, you may have noticed the following on the back: **#iserveU** and **#iamCCspotsy**. This was not a mistake at the tee shirt printing factory. These are *hashtags*. They refer to a series of posts on social media over the past several months that all relate to the outreach ministries of Christ Church. Welcome to our first social media campaign. Go on the internet and search these *hashtags* and you'll find posts about our food pantry, the pantry garden, VBS, the Thrift Shop, and many more. We hope that they highlight the spirit of service in Christ's name that is so strong here. We hope that they attract people to Christ Church, people who are looking for a church where they can get involved in Christian service. We hope that they bring a little attention to our 'little church that could'.

With our 175th anniversary coming up the *hashtag* social media campaign gives us a way to focus attention on one of our strengths. People who see the *hashtags* and check them out online—on Facebook or Twitter—will immediately see all the different activities that our members are involved with as we try to be the Church, the Body of Christ, in Spotsylvania. It is a way for us to put our best foot forward. So don't be intimidated by the *hashtag*. Don't be confused by it. Embrace it. If you have a social media account, share these wonderful snapshots of grace. Post your own pictures that relate to these themes and mark them with these handy *hashtags*.

After 175 years we have a long track record of serving God in this little part of God's kingdom. As we move into the future, let us remember the unique ways that God has called us to serve and represent him, and let us continue to walk in those same ways. Let us also learn to tell the story of our parish, and thereby the story of our faith, in the twenty-first century, *hashtags* and all.

OCTOBER 2016 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>October 2</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Robert Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Penny Knepp Jeff Massey	Hannah Clifford Hunter Clifford Colby Clifford	Frank Carosella Bill Estes		Molly Watts
<u>October 9</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Deacon Margaret		Joseph L. Ilk	Williams Team	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Tim Watts Werner Wieland	Rachel Stockli Chloe Stockli Ethan Goldberg	Missie Jarman Cecil Jarman		Amy Biscoe
<u>October 16</u>					
2:00 PM Thom Smelter	Jeff Massey Linda Rooney	Jack DiFilippo Drew DiFilippo Aaron DiFilippo	Marv Pixton Frank Carosella	Magin Team	McKenzie Goldberg
<u>October 23</u>					
8:00 Joseph Ilk	Deacon Margaret		Calib Garland	Wieland Team	
10:30 Judi O'Neill	Kristi Gross Steve Clifford	Justin Phillips David Packard Aaron Packard	Tim Watts Hank Mausolf		Lindsey Bates
<u>October 30</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Barbara Deal	Williams Team	
10:30 Mary Williams	Donna Nuzum Joe Junod	Ian Gibson Stephen Wallach Colby Clifford	Werner Wieland Frank Stewart		Amanda Watts

You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled. If serving as a Lector/Chalicer and are unable to find one, please contact Penny Knepp at pnypitstop@aol.com or 891-6299 and she will assist you. Notify parish office of replacement(s).



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Jim Kenkel

Beverly McNeill

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A warm welcome to Bill Werner who officially transferred his membership from Trinity Episcopal to Christ Church. Bill, we're so pleased to have you as a member of our church family.

We are delighted to have had the following individuals and families visit at the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services: Jina Haikey of Spotsylvania; Melissa Ramirez and family; and Bruce and Debbye Warf-Minthorne of Thornburg. We hope you enjoyed the service you attended and look forward to seeing you again and again.

Congratulations to new great-grandparents, Joe Junod and Marilyn Greene. Alina Violet Adams was born September 19, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces. She is the daughter of Sarah Moran and Nick Adams. Alina is Joe and Marilyn's second great-grandchild, their first is Sophia, now 5. A hearty congratulations from all of us!

Sympathy to: Susan Hall on the loss of her mother, Betty Klawitter; The Wieland family on the loss of Werner's father, Ernst; Kim Edwards on the loss of her best friend and soul-mate, Eric Dietz; and Beverly McNeill on the loss of her aunt, Phyllis Hoblitzell.



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10/02	Hannah McWhirt	10/10	Cheryl Sutton	10/25	Stephanie Smith
10/04	Harry Ruth	10/11	Dana Houck	10/25	Mark Smith
10/05	Judith Murphy	10/20	Gary Bates	10/26	Jill Bates
10/06	Josh Goldberg	10/20	Chloe Stockli	10/26	Tim Zafrano
10/08	Al Daniels	10/20	Rachel Goldberg	10/28	Betsy Menin
10/08	Mary Peterman	10/20	Lylah Senters	10/29	Jennifer Eagle
10/09	Donna Nuzum	10/21	David Flues	10/31	Brady Goldberg
		10/23	Lynne Lee		

175th Anniversary Events

Saturday, October 15 from noon to 4:00 Birthday Bash Open House

Invite friends and neighbors to come out and get to know Christ Church as we celebrate 175 years serving Christ in this community. Food, fun, music, children's activities, most of them free, a few things will have a small fee.

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM Special Historic Service and placing of time capsule

The intention of this service is not to recreate exactly the way the service was done in 1841, but to honor that as part of our history and continue to look forward to the future. We have invited past parishioners and family members of people buried in our cemetery to be our special guests.

The ECW is requesting the following food items be brought in for the October 15 open house/picnic.

Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Pasta Salad
Veggie Salad
Fruit or Fruit Salad
Dessert: Cookies, Brownies; and cupcakes

NEED TO DROP OFF: Perishables on Friday, October 14 in kitchen of All Saints Hall

OTHER FOOD ITEMS: Bring in Saturday morning for refrigeration.

WE NEED A LARGE AMOUNT OF FOOD PREPARED FOR THE GUESTS WE ARE HOPING TO SERVE.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: SUNDAY, OCT 2, 3:00 PM

Get your borzoi blessed. Consecrate your cockapoo. Have your havanese hallowed. It's time for the annual blessing of the animals. Bring out your beasts! Join us for this delightful family event at 3:00 the afternoon of Sunday, October 2 (the day after the Car Show). The service will be outside, weather permitting. Be sure all critters are under control—on a leash or in a kennel. Fun and food will be had by all creatures, great and small.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

At press time the adult class has been scheduled. It will be held in room #8 of All Saints Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 Sunday afternoons, starting on October 9. There will be some Sundays when we don't have class. The specific schedule will be shared with the class. We do not have the bishop's visitation schedule yet, and so we cannot say when Confirmation will take place. We are attempting to schedule a separate class for youth. However, youth are welcome to come to the adult class if that is the most convenient.

QUILT RAFFLE

Our very own quilters of Christ Church will raffle off the hand-stitched quilt they have been working on for the last year. The quilt will fit a double-bed. The drawing will take place at the 175th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, Oct 15. Raffle tickets are now available at both church services. One ticket is \$1.50 or a book of 10 for \$10.

ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Once again we will have members of the vestry address the two services on Sundays in October on the subject of stewardship. Look for your annual pledge packet to be mailed to your home in mid October with a request that signed pledge cards be returned on the first Sunday in November. As always, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to the church and your pledge.

FALL CAMP AT SHRINEMONT ~ OCTOBER 24-27

Fall Camp is an opportunity to spend time in the mountains of Virginia with other seniors (but we don't have an age limit) from across the Commonwealth and from other states. The Camp is an attempt to take seriously the spiritual needs and journeys of primarily retired people. We attempt to challenge participants through keynote speakers, workshops, worship and interaction with one another. This year the key note speaker is the Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. She is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director, and author. She currently heads The Geranium Farm, an online institute for the promotion of spiritual growth and practice. Crafton has served as rector of St. Clement's Church in Manhattan's theater district and as a chaplain on the waterfront of New York. She has also worked with historic Trinity Church, Wall Street, and St. John's Church in Greenwich Village. She was a chaplain at Ground Zero during the recovery effort after the attack on the World Trade Center. More information and registration is available at <https://shrinemont.com/events/conference/the-tri-diocesan-council-on-aging-annual-fall-camp-2016>

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

If you have a UTO box at home, please continue to drop a coin in it each day to thank God for your many blessings. If you don't, boxes are available at the Communication Center and the back of the church. These boxes will be collected at both services on October 30. Give with your heart.

CANOEING/KAYAKING ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK

Let's take a trip on the Rappahannock in October! We'll go canoeing/kayaking when the weather's a bit cooler and the fall colors are out. Kristi Gross is coordinating with the Virginia Outdoor Center and as soon as details are finalized, we will publish them in the weekly Announcements and signup sheets will be provided. Questions now? Email Kristi at kristigross@pobox.com.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES

Thank you to those who made purchases from the African Team Ministries. Your donations totaled \$425 and has gone toward supporting orphan and refugee relief missions and evangelism in East Africa.

FINAL BACKPACK PROJECT TALLY

Sixty-two children signed up to receive a backpack and school supplies. By the first September pantry all 62 were picked up. In addition, 27 more filled backpacks, one set of supplies only, and 2 extra backpacks to be used as diaper bags were given out to clients. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, many, many children are off to a good start in school this year!

REPORT ON 208 SALE TRAIL:

ECW:

The ladies made \$532.60 from selling their delicious goodies at the 208 Sale Trail. A big **THANK YOU** to all of the ladies that donated their baked goods. Out of the amount made, they contributed \$230.00 for 175th Celebration expenses.

ECM:

The men's group did remarkably well selling their grilled hamburgers and hot dogs at the 208 Sale Trail. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have a dollar figure but as soon as it is available, we will publish it in the Announcements.

THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop made \$2,363.00 from selling their merchandise on the day of the 208 Sale Trail. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers who helped out!

Christ Church October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Car Show and Bake Sale
2 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Christian Education 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship, GH 3:00pm Blessing of the Animals/Outdoors	3 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer	4 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer	5 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	6 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8	7 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:00pm AA Mtg	8
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16 175th Celebration 2:00pm 1841 Service 3:00pm Fellowship, GH	17 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer	18 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:30am ECW Meeting, GH	19 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer	20 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8	21 8:00am RAAI, ASH 8:00pm AA Mtg	22
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