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A Warm Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 165

At the end of 2014 I was saddened by the fact that we lost the Boy Scout troop that the church had sponsored for 17 years. Troop 1841 (so named because of our year of founding) did not have enough scouts to re-charter in 2015. Therefore we bid a fond farewell to the troop that had produced 21 Eagle Scouts under Scoutmaster Harry Frank. It is my absolute pleasure to announce that as of October 27 the vestry has agreed to become the chartering organization for another Boy Scout troop. Troop 165 has been in the Fredericksburg area for 37 years. Most recently it had been chartered by the Rosner YMCA. They were looking for a new organization in 2017, and their need presented a wonderful opportunity for Christ Church. Starting in the new year, Troop 165 will be chartered under our parish.

I always thought of our Boy Scout troop as an extension of the parish's youth program. The scouts and their families may not have attended Christ Church but they were still a part of our ministry and outreach to the community. There were opportunities for the boys in the troop to help out in direct ways too, most notably as servers at the annual pancake and chili dinner on Shrove Tuesday. Look for the boys of Troop 165 to be present and serving next year at this traditional pre-Lenten meal. Since Troop 165 is much larger than our old troop, there will undoubtedly be other opportunities for direct involvement by the scouts in parish life. I would expect Eagle Scout projects to enhance our property in the years to come.

Of course sponsoring a Boy Scout troop is not all about what benefits there will be for the parish. We want to support the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to help boys become young men, to help them be prepared for life, to help them become better citizens and members of their communities, and to provide a safe and supportive place for all of this to happen. It is our honor and privilege to be part of the lives of these boys and their families as they work through the program of rank advancement, earn merit badges, and face the challenges of growing up in the twenty-first century.

I am delighted to offer a warm welcome to the 46 boys of Troop 165, their families, and the adult leaders of the troop. They come to us with a long history of success and many well-established traditions. Together we hope to develop new traditions of cooperation and mutually beneficial engagement. This is a case of two organizations with missions that are compatible and complementary to each other. I hope that it is a partnership that lasts for years to come. The Boy Scouts are coming, so Be Prepared!

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

NOVEMBER 2016 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>November 6</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Linda Rooney		Robert Truslow	Magin Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Werner Wieland Tim Watts	Rachel Stockli Chloe Stockli Ian Gibson	Frank Carosella Bill Estes		McKenzie Goldberg
<u>November 13</u>					
8:00 Joseph Ilk	Deacon Margaret		Joseph L. Ilk	Wieland Team	
10:30 Marilyn Greene	Jeff Massey Kristi Gross	Jack DiFilippo Drew DiFilippo Aaron DiFilippo	Cecil Jarman Missie Jarman		Erin Senters
<u>November 20</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Calib Garland	Williams Team (White Hangings)	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Joe Junod Steve Clifford	Ethan Goldberg Justin Phillips Aaron Packard	Hank Mausolf Tim Watts		Karen Watts
<u>November 27</u>					
8:00 Joan Gere	Deacon Margaret		Marv Pixton	Magin Team (Advent Begins)	
10:30 Roy Smith	Penny Knepp Linda Rooney	David Packard Stephen Wallach Ian Gibson	Frank Carosella Werner Wieland		Lindsey Bates

You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled. If you are serving as a Lector/Chalicer and 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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Our church family extends a warm welcome to Patty Baldwin, who recently registered her membership with Christ Church. We look forward to Patty joining the many activities our church has to offer.



We recently received a request for transfer of membership of Ray Crafton to St. George's Episcopal Church in downtown Fredericksburg. We all want Ray to know how much we appreciate the many years of dedication and hard work he put into making Christ Church what it is today. We extend to Ray our best wishes for as much success at St. George's.



NOVEMBER 2016

11/01 Frank Stewart	11/14 Mary Elizabeth Roop
11/01 McKenzie Goldberg	11/14 Robert Baker
11/02 Olivia Erwin	11/16 Bill Smith
11/04 Rena Grace Parker	11/17 Roger Bomgardner
11/05 David Cain	11/17 Cheryl Moynahan
11/07 Cliff Knepp	11/17 Steve Clifford
11/07 Trevor Mills	11/19 Allison Eagle
11/08 Jan Massey	11/22 Barbara Canaday
11/08 Joseph Wieland	11/22 Sarah Thommen
11/09 Tim Wienckowski	11/23 Christine Howell
11/09 Beth Goshin	11/24 Ian Gibson
11/11 Anna Thommen	11/27 Jennifer Perry
11/12 Kristi DiFilippo	11/29 Sian Packard
11/12 Andrew Howell	11/29 Kyla Houck
11/13 Jeri Phillips	11/19 Lilly Wallach
11/13 Calib Garland Jr.	11/30 Jennifer Stockli



175 Years of Service to Our Lord

Happy Birthday to us! After months of planning and with the help of so many volunteers, on October 15th we celebrated 175 years at our *Birthday Bash*. It was a perfect Fall day: clear skies and moderate temperatures. And people came. Not just our parishioners, but members of our Spotsy community – people who had never been to Christ Church.

~Some came for the food. Together, ECW and ECM put out a fabulous spread. And as if that wasn't enough, there were delicious pulled pork sandwiches, popcorn and funnel cakes.

~Some came for the history. Our Docent Team told stories of Christ Church and the Civil War using artifacts as illustrations.

~Some came for healing. Our Prayer Team provided peace for many.

~Some came for the games and activities like bounce house, face painting, and tee shirt tie-dying.

~Some came for the entertainment: bands, chorales and dancers.

But most importantly, many came to get to know Christ Church better. To learn the stories of our parish, and so, the story of our faith, what our Outreach ministries are and how we support our larger Spotsy community. Even some parishioners weren't aware of all that we do!

It was a day of fun and celebration. Of laughter and smiles. A day when parishioners and non-parishioners came together in a communal effort that created new and enduring bonds among us. This was truly a group effort and a group success.

On Sunday, October 16th, Fr. Jeff celebrated a special service based on the Book of Common Prayer of 1789. The service closely mirrored the traditions of that time, however, unlike then, men and women (and families!) were permitted to sit together to celebrate the Word of the Lord. Sunday's special service, the sealing of the time capsule and the reception that followed provided a fitting and festive end to our 175th Birthday weekend. It was especially great to see old friends again.

As we look forward in time to 2041, our hope is that the future parishioners of Christ Church experience the joy and grace of faith that all of us have come to know and love.

“Almighty God, these things are sent to our brothers and sister in Christ of the future. They go along with our prayers for them. You are the God of all time. May your praises be heard in your Church always. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.”

A Letter to the Future

This is the letter that was included in the time capsule placed during the special service celebrating our 175th Anniversary.

October 16, 2016

The People of Christ Church in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, to the People of Christ Church in the year two thousand forty-one, grace and peace to you.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from your ancestors in the faith. We hope and pray that when this time capsule is opened Christ Church continues to be a vibrant and vital part of the community in Spotsylvania County. We include here things that we hope you will find interesting, things that are signs of our times, and things that will tell you something about who we are and what we value. You'll find evidence of various ministries of the parish, recent newspaper articles that featured or mentioned the parish, and general information about life in the parish. It is difficult for us to imagine what your lives will be like twenty-five years from now, but hopefully this helps you understand what our lives are like now. Remember, that when we sealed this time capsule we didn't know who would win the 2016 presidential election.

As you examine and enjoy the items you find here, may you be reminded, as we were when we celebrated the 175th anniversary of the building of Christ Church, that there were countless faithful who came before you upon whose work and generosity you stand. Some of their names you will know. Some of them will still be there, God willing, as there are people present now who were present when the 150th anniversary was celebrated. Even though most of them will have been lost to history, their many contributions, small and great, have resulted in the parish you know today, and their names are lovingly written in the Book of Life. We hope that the few simple items enclosed here serve as a small testament to the love we have for God and for one another. We have done our part for our time. We pray that our humble gifts are acceptable in God's sight, and that they will be effective in building up God's kingdom.

Congratulations as you celebrate the parish's bicentennial! May God continue to bless the people of Christ Church. May the people of Christ Church always prove themselves faithful and quick to respond to God's call. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Items in the time capsule to be opened in 2041:

- A 2016 Silver Dollar
- A Smart Phone and Charger
- Presidential campaign material
- FL-S August 15, 2016 on Food Pantry Garden
- FL-S August 23, 2016 on Monica Dit
- FL-S October 13, 2016 on The Celebration of the 175th Anniversary
- February 2016 Vestry Minutes
- 2016 Parish Budget
- October 2016 Chronicler
- Flyer for Celebrations of 175th
- Parish Brochure
- Quilt Raffle Ticket & Picture of Quilt
- Service Booklet from 1841 service
- A Christ Church Car Show Plaque
- Wooden Acolyte Cross
- Letter from US Senator Mark Warner—copy posted at Communications Center

