



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.

The Chronicler

April 2018

Spotsylvania, VA

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We have completed our **Lent Series: Who Are We? Whom Are We Seeking?** The Sunday prayer and Bible study sessions and the Friday discussions were engaging and enlightening.

We looked at how Christ Church has been shaped by the **Heritage** of our past. We identified many positive legacies from our long history, yet agreed we are not a museum. We saw the need to emphasize the spiritual history of our parishioners more than that of our buildings. And we recognized that our “small community DNA” has both positive and negative aspects to it.

We clarified our **Mission and Core Values**. The top sets of core values that surfaced were worship, servant ministry, spirituality, and relationships. We recognized that we still need to work on becoming more mission-minded than maintenance-minded.

We looked at our **Leadership** dynamics. Overall, the parish’s leaders, both clergy and lay, paid and volunteer, were judged as collaborative and highly effective. Concerns were raised about a small number of parishioners doing much of the work, and the need to widen our base of leaders and volunteers.

We examined our **Connections** to the community around us. We recognized that we have a lot of available space, inside and out, which could be used for more activities open to the larger community. While recognizing the desire to attract younger members, we also felt that seniors might be an especially receptive group to our current activities, and that we might better communicate with our neighbors about the parish.

We talked about our **Future** in the context of God’s hopes and dreams for us in the next five years. We identified four main purposes to focus upon: spiritual growth in this life and the next, witnessing for Christ, building a faith community beyond our walls, and serving others.

See the full set of handouts and results from our discussions, **copies for you to keep**, on the table in the Great Hall. Now is the time for the whole parish, and especially the Search Committee and the Vestry, to assess this information. We will continue to talk, to think, and to pray about what we can do during this interim time to work towards some of our most important goals.

My prayer is that from all of these activities, your ideas and creativity will continue to be stirred up by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

APRIL 2018 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>April 1</u>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Joseph Ilk	Williams Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Tim Watts Werner Wieland	Brady Goldberg Emma Ayers-Brown Alli Ayers-Brown	Missie Jarman Cecil Jarman		No Sunday School Easter Party
<u>April 8</u>					
8:00 Joseph Ilk	Deacon Margaret		Calib Garland	Magin Team	
10:30 Marilyn Greene	Jeff Massey Penny Knepp	Stephen Wallach Lilly Wallach Danielle Teets	Judi O'Neill Bob McGann		Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Jill Bates
<u>April 15</u>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Edd Houck		Jeri Phillips	Wieland Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Judi O'Neill Stephanie Smith	Ethan Goldberg Andrew Mills Trevor Mills	Ron Magin Bob Massey		Lindsey Bates Sunday School: McKenzie Goldberg
<u>April 22</u>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Deacon Margaret		Robert Truslow	Williams Team	
10:30 Mary Williams	Kristi Gross Penny Knepp	Cade Mattive Tate Mative Ian Gibson	Frank Stewart Werner Wieland		Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Karen Watts
<u>April 29</u>					
8:00 Joseph Ilk	Edd Houck		Lisa Wright	Magin Team	
10:30 Ann Woolford	Werner Wieland Tim Watts	Parker Hilderbrand Colby Clifford Brady Goldberg	Hank Mausolf Frank Carosella		Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Jill Bates

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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TODAY, WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER, Lisa Rae Wright, who recently came to Christ Church on a Letter of Transfer from Trinity Church in downtown Fredericksburg. From the first time she visited, Lisa has expressed an interest in becoming an active member of our church community. Already, she is on the schedule to serve as an usher at the 8:00 service. Reach out to Lisa, letting her know how pleased we are to have her and then watch for her participation in other roles in the church services. Thanks for all you are already doing now, Lisa. In the few weeks you've been with us, you've already become a blessing!

Please continue to scroll through our April Chronicler to find some informative, interesting and perhaps even some exciting articles. However, this publication is only as good as the information we receive from our parishioners and organizations within our church. Please check our monthly deadlines and send our Newsletter Coordinator information prior to the deadline so we may inform our church family of what is going on in our church and community. Thanks so much.



04/01	Bill Queen	04/12	Martha Clark	04/18	Stephen Wallach
04/04	Bill Butler	04/14	Bob McGann	04/28	Douglas Reeve
04/08	Audrey Harthausen	04/14	Jim Williams	04/30	Thomas Murphy
04/08	Harley Erwin	04/17	Robert Hall		



Joan and Bill Palmer married on April 19, 1954 announce with great pleasure the celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary on Thursday, April 19, 2018.



Once upon a time in Washington DC, a Missouri soldier in Medical Statistics met a Walter Reed surgical secretary through Joan's mother who regularly invited enlisted men to her home for a home-cooked meal and birthday cake. On this particular occasion, the cake read "Happy Birthday Bill & Joan," Joan's on the 6th, Bill on the 7th of March. Cupid's arrows hit; proposal the following Christmas, and a wedding in April. They headed for Kansas City, MO (Joan's first move since 6 months old). Bill began working for an oil co-op, then accepted a position with the first IRS Service Center in Kansas City. They were then blessed with two children, Randy and Rhonda. Shortly after Rhonda was born, Bill transferred to IRS National Office, Washington, DC (Joan thrilled & Mother happy) and purchased a home in Arlington, VA. (John & Annie Glenn, neighbors and members of our church). Their second daughter, Karen, was born in 1965. Bill was assigned to establish a Data Center in Detroit MI. Main function: process IRS, Treasury, & Secret Service payroll. After 3 years in Detroit, back to DC, Fairfax VA, third daughter Kerri born. Many family weekend trips took place including the Chesapeake Ranch Club. In 1974, Bill was transferred to Martinsburg, WV as Director of the National Computer Center where they lived for 21 years. The family traveled to most of the United States & Canada: to beaches, historical sites i.e. Williamsburg, NY City, Philadelphia, D.C., National Parks, etc. Their love for travel has included trips to Europe, Caribbean, Central America. They both love to travel but the bodies are beginning to slow down. They boast of their large family of 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 5 greats. They have had 28 family bi-annual beach trips, plus Thanksgiving and Christmas get-togethers. They say they have been so blessed, it would take pages to list them all. So now, here they are in Spotsylvania at our church home, community minded, friendly Christ Church Family celebrating our 64th Wedding Anniversary. Whoopee!

New Adult Forum Series Starts April 8

Do you ever wonder about how and why Episcopalians do and believe particular things? Bring your questions to our Adult Forum, Sundays 9:15 a.m., in the Great Hall, where we will look at **Episcopal Customs A to Z**. Our sessions will continue until we've covered everything from "Anglican" to "Zebra Book." This should prove enlightening for all of us. Please join us.

The Pantry Garden officially opens at
noon Saturday, April 14,

weather permitting.

Rain date will be Saturday, April 28.



Jerrie Teets' Girl Scouts will be on hand to help with some of the planting. Everyone is welcome to come, help out or just lend moral support and see what we plan to do this growing season. We had a great variety of vegetables last year and some of you may recall the bumper crop of tomatoes with 246 pounds harvested. For more information contact Mark at: msvare@comcast.net or (540) 898-1879.

Thrift Shop News:

Donation Moratorium: The Thrift Shop is bursting at the seams with inventory. Thanks for all your donations. If you have clothing, books, or Christmas decorations to donate, please hang onto them for a month so that we can sell off some of our existing inventory of these items. We just don't have any more room. Thank you for understanding.

Thrift Shop Appreciation Week: April 16 – 21. Super time to visit and shop!

Thrift Shop Appreciation Sunday: April 22

We are extending a warm invitation to all Thrift Shop staff and volunteers to attend our **10:30 worship service** and afterward, our traditional Fellowship in the Great Hall so we may recognize and honor all of these fine people that give their time and energy to help keep our Thrift Shop one of the best in the area. Please, Thrift Shop staff, volunteers, and Christ Church family, make every effort to join us so we can appropriately recognize this important ministry of our parish and to our community.

Pantry Bag Packers Needed. Two Tuesdays a month Food Pantry clients receive a packed bag of nonperishables as part of their food distribution. Tracy Magin's team packs 100 bags ahead of time to insure a streamlined operation. **And, we are in need of a few good packers.** Training is provided and packing can be done any time during each two week session. Maybe your work schedule or child care schedule does not allow you to volunteer at the Thrift Store or pantry on a regular schedule. This might be the job for you! You would be expected to pack a dozen bags or so every two weeks but there is plenty of flexibility. Call (540-273-8224) or e-mail (ttmagin22@magin.com) Tracy Magin if able to help.



Spring is here and you know what that means ----- ECW's annual plant and bake sale! This year we go back to our traditional last Saturday in April which will be the 28th. Any earlier and we find plants hard to get. In addition, plant too early and you take a chance on getting hit with a late frost. Anyone who has bulbs or plants from your garden that you wish to donate, we would love to have them. We will also be selling baked goods. We look to you, our church family, to help us provide some delicious cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, breads, candy, etc. for our booth. The Thrift Shop will be renting out spaces on the church grounds for a craft and yard sale so we're hoping the added foot traffic will benefit us too. Our Sale will start at 8:00 am and go until 1:00 pm. You can drop off your baked goods at our booth the day of the sale or the day before at the kitchen in ASH.

Besides our Cat's Meows, the wooden pieces of Christ Church that we sold before Christmas, this is our only fund raiser of the year and provides us our operating funds. So spread the word to your friends and we hope to see all of you on Saturday, April 28th.

The Episcopal Church Men

Recently, a decision was made by the members to change their meeting day. The new day will be on the second **Wednesday, still at noon and still at Scafa's Restaurant** on Courthouse Road (across from Giant).

Please try to join us for some fun, fellowship and who knows, you may just be the person we need to bring some fresh, new ideas to the group. We look forward to seeing you **Wednesday, April 11.**

Again, special thanks and again requesting assistance from our church members. Bob McGann thanks everyone who made our Cleanup Day a great success! However, now spring is here and with it the grass grows during the summer months. **We need volunteers to mow grass.** Use our mower or yours. Sign-up sheet will be at the Communications table by April 15th. The Jr. Warden's "to do list" will also come out April 15th. The list will be posted in the Great Hall. Please take an index card with a task and sign the corresponding number on the sign-up sheet. Thanks to everyone who has been so much help in the past and to the members and non-members who will help again this year. Your Church family and I appreciate it. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions Bob McGann (540) 273-0592.

Christ Church April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER DAY 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult Ed 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship, GH	2 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	3 8:30am Morning Prayer	4 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:00am Good Book Club, GH	5 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 12:00pm Lions Club Mtg, GH	6 8:00pm AA Mtg	7
8 Healing Prayer After Each Service 8:00am HE Rite I 8:45am Fellowship, GH 9:15am Adult Ed 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship, GH	9 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	10 8:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Morning Prayer with Food Pantry, GH 10:00am Food Pantry, ASH	11 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:00am Good Book Club, GH 12:00pm ECM Mtg @ Scafa's	12 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 5:30pm Vestry Meeting, ASH #8	13 8:00pm AA Mtg	14
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