



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

May 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Good Book Club daily Bible readings continue through Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Our Wednesday discussion group is taking all the time we need to cover the readings thoroughly, so we plan to continue meeting each week from 11:00 to noon in the Great Hall until we have finished the book of Acts. This will probably continue on into the summer. Remember that if you cannot make the group, the readings are in Forward Day By Day and are available online at <http://www.goodbookclub.org/>.

Here are a few things that have surfaced for me over and over again while our group has been reading and discussing Luke and Acts.

Reading the Bible is a blessing and an adventure. You never know what kind of surprises you will find, and how they will enrich your life and your understanding.

We have many misconceptions about what is in the Bible. Even the most familiar of Bible stories and favorite verses often have more to them than we remember, and these extra details usually open up new ideas, and often questions, for us.

Some Bible passages just don't make sense. Even lifelong Bible scholars can't understand everything in the Bible, so it is OK if we don't either.

Many short Bible verses work great as prayers. For example, Luke 17:5: "Increase our (or my) faith."

Read the Bible using all your five senses. If you can imagine the looks, tastes, feels, smells, and sounds of what is in Bible stories they come alive for us in new and more relevant ways.

Even Jesus says contradictory things. Many of his words are directed at particular people in particular circumstances, and so they cannot be taken out of context.

Every translation of the Bible is at best an approximation, so no passage can be taken completely at face value. In addition to the differences of language, we must be cognizant that every Bible book was written in and for a time and place very different from the world we live in now.

A prayerful approach to reading and studying the Bible always leads to the best results.

After the Good Book Club finishes I will be looking for other opportunities to keep weekly Bible Study options available for Christ Church. Watch this space for announcements.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Queen

MAY 2018 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<u>May 6</u> <u>MORNING PRAYER</u> 8:00 Calib Garland	Officiant: Deacon Margaret		Robert Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Lay Reader: Judi O'Neill	Ethan Goldberg Danielle Teets Rachel Stockli	Gregory Hall Frank Stewart		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Erin Senters
<u>May 13</u> 8:00 Dana Houck	Deacon Margaret		Robert Truslow	Williams Team	
10:30 Roy Smith	Linda Rooney Jeff Massey	Emma Ayers-Brown Alli Ayers-Brown Chloe Stockli	Tim Watts Karen Watts		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Jill Bates
<u>May 20</u> 8:00 Joseph Ilk	Charlie Hilderbrand		Joseph L. Ilk	Magin Team (Pentecost)	
10:30 Anne Williams	Steve Clifford Tim Watts	Stephen Wallach Lily Wallach Andrew Mills	Missie Jarman Cecil Jarman		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Karen Watts
<u>May 27</u> 8:00 Calib Garland	Edd Houck		Calib Garland	Wieland Team	
10:30 Mary Williams	Joe Junod Linda Rooney	Cade Mattive Tate Mattive Trevor Mills	Frank Carosella Gregory Hall		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Jill 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.



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Christ Church Transportation Survey

Approximately five years ago, our newly established Parish Care Committee initiated the idea of transporting parishioners to church services, doctor's appointments, the pharmacy for medicine pickup, as well as other necessary errands. Some of the original goals have been carried out; however, we find there are still church members, and others, that need our help but are, perhaps, too proud to ask. Now, the ECM has decided to assist the Parish Care Committee to see what they can do to get this program fully operational. The first step is to determine transportation needs i.e. who needs to be picked up and brought to our Sunday service, doctor appointments, pharmacy pickup, grocery pickup, etc. Bill Palmer states there are several drivers anxiously waiting to help someone in need and that we have drivers that are just itching to check off a good deed for the day. If you know someone who may need transportation, member or not, provide their name, address and telephone number to Bill Palmer, 10017 Altamont Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22408. You may also reach Bill through his email bnjpalmer9@gmail.com; or telephone (540) 898-5541. Also, contact Bill if you would be willing to drive, along with any limitations on your part (night driving, distance, etc.). We urge you to complete the survey and Bill will pass results to Margaret Haight who oversees the Parish Care Committee. Your input is requested by **May 14, 2018**. Survey forms are located at the rear of our Church and in the Communications Center.



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05/06	Michelle Ruth	05/09	Judi O'Neill
05/07	Alison Bareford	05/10	Missie Jarman
05/07	Vee Beall	05/10	Angela Wienckowski
05/08	Thomas Davis, Jr.	05/12	Michael Mills
05/08	Sean Mills	05/12	Rachel Stockli

Youth Group Meetings are held in All Saints Hall on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The last meetings before summer will be: May 6, May 20, and June 3. June 3 is the final meeting prior to summer break. Meetings will resume at the beginning of September. If you are interested in attending a meeting or participating in any of the meetings or just looking for more information, contact Lindsey Bates at swimmergirl85@msn.com

Episcopal Church Women

May has arrived! That means the annual ECW Plant and Bake Sale has come and gone. Thanks to our church family, once again it was a huge success. After expenses we netted \$565.10 and still have some products/plants yet to sell. This event, held on April 28th, is the sole fundraiser of the year. The ECW sends out a big **THANK YOU** to all who baked, worked or bought our baked goods and plants. We also extend special thanks to our own Elaine Wyant for all her pre-sale work, Missy Pixton for her effort in getting the Holly bushes, and Doreen Fagiano for her extensive advertising coordination. ECW will break from regular meetings after our annual May trip to St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Orange on **Tuesday, May 15**. Please let Elaine Wyant or Debbie Garland know if you would be interested in accompanying them on this annual visit to a historical church. It's always so rewarding! **One more thing:** there are still some plants left under the tree next to the church; if interested in purchasing, talk to Elaine or Debbie.

Episcopal Church Men

Other than continuing their ECM monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at Scafa's at noon, the group is discussing the possibility of having a cookout on the front lawn during the July 4th Spotsylvania County parade.



Holy Land Presentation and Pot Luck Supper

A friend and former student of Roy Smith is a Methodist Minister in southern Virginia. The Rev. Shayne Estes and his wife Kelly, traveled to the Holy Land earlier this year and had an exciting experience. They will be coming to Christ Church on **Tuesday evening, May 29**, to share their insights about climate, geography, food, and unique stories about sites they visited in Israel and the West Bank. This will show the “big picture” for the setting of much of Jesus’ life and ministry. The evening will begin with a pot luck supper at 6:00 pm. All are invited to bring foods of Middle Eastern or Mediterranean inspiration. Their program will follow at 6:45. The evening is open to the community, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Deal Tompkins, a Philanthropist Specialist



will give a planned giving presentation titled *Creative Giving* at Christ Church, from 4-5 PM, **Sunday, June 3**, in the Great Hall. Deal will offer parishioners various financial approaches they may take to remember Christ Church in their wills and estates. He is a native of the Roanoke valley and a graduate of Randolph-Macon College. Deal has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and healthcare philanthropy. He has worked in planned giving and capital campaigns at Randolph-Macon, Sweet Briar and Emory & Henry Colleges, among others. Over the past several years, Deal has worked as a consultant with Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches to help them with planned giving, endowments and church campaigns. The public is invited, so invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

Food Pantry Back Pack Project

Already, it is time to begin thinking about the food pantry backpack project for the summer of 2018! Spotsylvania schools start in early August this year, so we will need to hand out the back packs in July! Look for donation, and adoption requests to begin in late May. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to call Karen Watts at (540) 412-2732.

The Search Committee is working on the Community Ministry Portfolio (CMP) for Christ Church which will provide an overview of our church and its vision. The CMP will be viewed by prospective rector candidates when it is published by the Diocese. Our congregation survey was intended to help the Search Committee capture the demographics of our congregation as well as the views of our congregation on a variety of issues.

The survey served its purpose by revealing the views of everyone who participated. It also revealed that opinions among our congregation vary on a wide variety of topics surveyed including: ministries and programs that are viewed as strengths of our church; ministries and programs that need improvement; whether content or delivery is more important in a sermon; the essential characteristics of a rector; and characteristics which might disqualify a prospective candidate for rector. The purpose of the survey was not to identify our different opinions in order to then try to achieve consensus on all or any issues.

However, the Search Committee believes the last issue mentioned above must be addressed with the congregation. The question about potential disqualifying characteristics, like all other questions on the survey, was asked to assist prospective applicants for our rector to know the hearts and thinking of all survey participants. This knowledge will allow candidates to evaluate whether he or she believes they have the gifts and graces to lead this parish.

The question about characteristics which might disqualify a prospective candidate was not intended to suggest that the Search Committee would disqualify any candidate. To the contrary, the Search Committee feels we must be guided by three things: employment law, our values, and Christ's teachings.

Our employment laws prohibit discrimination in hiring for some of the characteristics which were listed as potential disqualifiers. The Search Committee will follow the laws of our society not only because we must but also because we believe those laws embrace values that we hold. We collectively value loving and accepting people as they are and not limiting them or discriminating against them in our search because of whom they are. These collective values of the Search Committee originate in the teachings of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Christ loved and accepted everyone.

The Search Committee will follow Christ's example as we work to discern who our next rector will be. It is the right thing to do. As we prayed at our congregational meeting, "Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it."

Junior Warden Requesting Assistance



Spring is here and with it begins grass growing season. We still need volunteers to mow the grass, using our mower or yours. Sign-up sheet is at the Communications table. The Jr. Warden's "to do list" is 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 this year. Your Church family and I appreciate it more than you know. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions: Bob McGann (540) 273-0592.



Grounds Committee

Would you like to be part of a group that takes pride in our property and works to increase our 'curb appeal?' Then please join Bob McGann's *Grounds Committee*. You do not need to be a master gardener. You just need the desire to improve the beauty of our church's grounds. Everyone is welcome!

The Committee's purpose is to assess the current condition of our church's grounds, make recommendations for changes and improvements and then implement approved recommendations. Examples of recommendations include a mulched garden alongside ASH, additional plantings by the church entryway, extension of the brick walkway in front of the Parish Office, benches, flower boxes and planters.

If you are unable to join us but would like to participate in enhancing the beauty of our historic church grounds, please consider giving a monetary donation. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th at 12:30 in the Great Hall. Contact Bob McGann at 540.273.0592 for more information or to volunteer.

Christ Church May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am Morning Prayer	2 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:00am Good Book Club, GH	3 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 12:00pm Lions Club Mtg, GH	4 4:00pm Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend 8:00pm AA Mtg	5
6 8:00am MP Rite I 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am MP Rite II 11:45am Fellowship, GH 12:30pm Youth Grp Mtg, ASH#5	7 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	8 8:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Food Pantry Morning Prayer, GH 10:00am Food Pantry, ASH	9 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:00am Good Book Club, GH 12:00pm ECM Mtg @ Scafa's 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 6:00pm Vestry Meeting, ASH #8	11 4:00pm Reserved (Set-Up), GH 8:00pm AA Mtg	12 9:00am Vestry Retreat, ASH #8 8:00pm Private Event, GH
13 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult Ed 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship, GH	14 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	15 8:30am Morning Prayer 9:30am ECW Field Trip to St. Thomas' Episcopal in Orange	16 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:00am Good Book Club, GH	17 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 12:00pm Lions Club Mtg, GH	18 1:00pm Summer Newsletter Deadline 8:00pm AA Mtg	19
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27 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult Ed 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship, GH	28 Office Closed/Memorial Day 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	29 8:30am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Holy Land Pot Luck Supper and Presentation, GH	30 8:30am Morning Prayer 11:00am Good Book Club, GH	31 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8		