

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Visitors!** All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion with us today. If you are a visitor or a newcomer, please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

**Children are welcome** to participate fully in our worship. They may receive Communion at their parent's discretion. However, for your convenience, we provide nursery care for children, infant (minimum 8 weeks old) through preschool, during our 10:30 service downstairs in Room 1 of All Saints Hall, the two story building to the left of the church.

**We ask your prayers for** Anne Alexick, Pamela Alsop, Etta Baker, Laura Ball, Peggy Baxter, Michelle Bell, David & Fran Bland, David Bourne, Robin Bruckner, David Cain, Barbara Canaday, Frank Carosella, Catherine Cash, Darley Family, Scott Coleman, Ann Connolly, Wayne Cox, Denise, Vivian DeShazo, Liz DiRusso, Julianna Dove, Allan Dummo, Jennifer Eagle, Kim Edwards, Scott Edwards, Ruthann Elms, Audrey Federbush, Harvey Frazier, Mary Frazier, Calib Garland, Joan Gere, Jennifer Gibson, Will Gibson, Joan Goodbody, Fred Goshin, Rose Goshin, Allan Gummo, Cordell Heflin, **Bruce Hopkins**, Dana Houck, Joe Junod, Robert Kay, Pat Kempster, Lester Kidd, Marsha Kirkpatrick, Nick Knepp, Allen Lake, Krista Sirna Lee, Charles Linton, Colleen McElfresh, Marc Family, Heather Martinez, Justin Massey, Patsy Meadows, Angie Morgan, Frances Morris, Cheryl & Dick Moynahan, Jeff Nohren, Heather O'Neill, Missy Pixton & Family, Selena Rave, Doug Reeve, Bill & Jane Shumaker, Steve Smallwood, Tricia Smelter, Argyle Smith, Bill Smith, Stephanie Smith, Nick Southers, Sybil Southers, Linda Stastny, Jeanne Stoddard, Keri Stromski, Brian Sturgill; Larry Stutler, Evelin Reed, Eileen Sidereas, Christine Strait, Jerrie Teets, Barbara Ulrich, Michele Van Pelt, Amanda Vernon, Polly Watts, Vincent Weimer, Emilie Wieland, Roger Williams, Gail Womble, Mike & Frank, Herb, Ima, Janice, Judy and Bill, Noelle & Tru, Mary Rose, Veronica. *(New names added are bolded.)*

**Altar Flowers today** are given by Sean and Heidi Mills in cherished memory of Doris Mills, who passed away two years ago this month.

**Please join us in the Great Hall for fellowship** following the 10:30 service. We'd love for you to sign up in the Communications Center

to host fellowship for a special occasion or no reason at all. Talk to Bill Butler with any questions.

**Prayers of Healing and Comfort.** After each service today, the prayer team will be available in the South Transept to offer prayers of healing and comfort.

**Requested hymns are now being received** to be sung during the summer at the 10:30 service. Request slips are available at the back of the church, and they can be placed in the offering plate.

**Our Prayer Wall is back!** Visit it by the road to share your prayer concerns, some of which will be posted to our Facebook page.

**Junior Warden Requesting Assistance.** Grass growing season is here and **we have a continuing need for volunteers to mow the grass**, using our mower or yours. Sign-up sheet for July through September is available at the Communications table. 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 more than you know. Please feel free to call me, Bob McGann, if you have any questions: (540) 273-0592.

**Grounds Committee.** Donations for plants and supplies for Phase II for beautification of our grounds will be greatly appreciated. Please earmark donations "grounds committee." For more information or to volunteer, contact Bob at (540) 273-0592.

**Adult Education Continues Today.** Do you ever wonder about how and why Episcopalians do and believe particular things? Bring your questions to our Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:15 AM in the Great Hall. Our sessions will continue until we've covered everything from "Anglican" to "Zebra Book". Today we will discuss **N** for Nuns and Monks.

**The Thrift Shop:** The Shop has immediate needs for additional volunteer coverage for upcoming days. If you can possibly assist, please let Debbie or Lisa know at (540) 582-5508. At this time, we thank all of you for your donations; however, the Thrift Shop is bursting at the seams with inventory. If you have clothing, books, or Christmas decorations to donate, please hang onto them for a bit longer so that we can sell off some of our existing inventory of these items. Thank you for understanding. **NOTE:** Some items we can really use right now are pants/trouser hangers, brown (grocery) paper

bags, which you can buy inexpensively in bulk from Aldi's, and blue painters tape (for use in pricing items).

**The Christ Church family offers its sympathy** to Kim Hoffman and her family on the recent death of Kim's step-brother, Robert Higdon; and to the family of Marshall Martin, a long-time friend of the Thrift Shop. "May their soul and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace."

**Food Pantry Back Pack Project.** Our backpack project is in full swing! If you are interested in making a donation, envelopes are in the pews. If you wish to adopt one or more children please see Karen Watts after the service. We now have 65 students needing our support. Since schools are starting so much earlier this year **backpacks are due by July 22nd**. Join us that Sunday as we bless the backpacks during the 10:30 service. If you have any questions call Karen Watts at (540) 412-2732.

**United Thank Offering Boxes.** The UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. Therefore, let's continue to put a coin in our UTO box every day for something that we are thankful for. These boxes will be collected on **Sunday, October 14**, and, therefore, we're hoping that you have already had many things to be thankful for this year and by the time the boxes are turned in, your box will be full. Boxes are available in the back of the church and the Communications Center.

**Deadlines:** Announcements: Noon, Wednesday  
September Chronicler: **August 17**

A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.

**Liberty Hyde Bailey**

**Weekly Calendar  
June 24 – July 1, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> <i>5 Pentecost</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Healing Prayers after Service)
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Healing Prayers after Service)
	11:45 AM	Fellowship, GH
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 165, GH
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Food Pantry Hot Breakfast, GH
	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer, Church
	10:00 AM	Food Pantry, ASH
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer, Church
	11:00 PM	Good Book Club, GH
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30AM	Morning Prayer, Church
	10:30 AM	Quilters, ASH #8 (bring a bag lunch)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 PM	AA Mtg, ASH Downstairs
<b>Saturday</b>		
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*ASH = All Saints Hall*

*GH = Great Hall*

The Christ Church Thrift Shop  
8947 Courthouse Rd., Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
(540) 582-5508  
**Open:** Tuesday and Thursday thru Saturday, 10–4  
Wednesday, 1-4

**Rector Search Prayer**

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

# UPDATE ON THE FOOD PANTRY GARDEN AND WHY WE HAVE THE GARDEN

***The garden is off and growing*** after a long cold winter and a spring that was more like an extension of winter.

As with every vegetable garden there are challenges. In our case it's the dreaded groundhogs. These pesky critters have been eating the tops off of the tomato plants (rendering them useless) and eating every row of bush beans in five raised beds.

Frustrating to say the least but not insurmountable.



- ✓ 160 feet of fencing with a gate has been authorized for the tomatoes. Groundhogs can't open a gate. And I do have more tomato plants.
- ✓ Critter repellent has been put around the raised beds and bush beans have been replanted.

Aside from those challenges, the squash plants are doing well along with the peppers and cucumbers. The garden is an important part of the Food Pantry and I wouldn't want it to fall short this year.

***Why do we have the Food Pantry Garden?*** Primarily so that our Food Pantry clients can have fresh vegetables for at least three months out of the year; oftentimes picked just the day before. The garden was never intended to replace the vegetables we get from the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank: typically, right at their expiration date. At times, but not always, they end up in the compost pile.

***What if our vegetables are ripe several weeks before the next Food Pantry?*** They go to the Thrift Shop along with a donation jar. The money collected goes to the outreach program.

I'd like to thank the many people in our church that have supported the garden over the years. I invite everyone to take the time to walk around the garden and take a look in back of the fenced in area. That's the tomato garden. You won't see any groundhogs there. And while you're there, put on your gardening gloves and help me water, weed and harvest. Be a part of something that is a big part of our church.

*Mark Svare*