



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*

September 2018

Spotsylvania, VA

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In the special activities we have undertaken during this interim year I have heard a concern repeated many times: we need to connect more with people outside of our existing membership. This concern is expressed in various ways: the parish is not growing in pace with the county; we have lots of unused space in our buildings; we are a very welcoming and hospitable group when people visit, but not many visitors come through our doors; we offer plenty of activities that we think people would be interested in, if only they knew more about us and what we offer; and we want to reach out more to our friends, neighbors, and the community, but just don't know how. Some of this is accomplished through the web page and Facebook, but nothing beats a personal, face-to-face connection.

Does this concern resonate with you? Do you have friends who do not attend any church or who are not sure about what they believe? Would you know what to say about why attending church and following a Christian life is important to you? Even involved churchgoers may not feel comfortable in such a conversation. And yet, such conversations are important in inviting and welcoming people into church and into a life of faith.

In answer to this concern, we will be offering a small group program starting in September called **Speaking Our Faith**. It is a series of small group meetings designed to help you find your own way of sharing your faith with people you already know and care about. It is not a class or a study, but rather a series of facilitated conversations. We will help each other clarify what is most important to us about our faith, learn how to put our faith into words and actions, and then practice doing so in a supportive environment. We will meet once a week for five weeks, and there will be some homework involved. A final celebration will be held after participants have had the opportunity to go out and have a faith conversation with a friend or neighbor.

I invite you to come to an informational meeting for all who are interested, or even just curious, on Sunday, September 16th, at 12:15 p.m., in the church. We will then decide together the days and times that work best for us to meet. Please feel free to talk with me in advance of the meeting if you'd like to know more details. I am excited about this opportunity for us to learn and grow together, in ways that will help us, in the words of our Vestry's focus statement, learn more about "Engaging people inside and outside of our parish to provide peace and hope for our community."

Yours in Christ,

*B. U. Queen*

## SEPTEMBER 2018 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<b><u>Sep 2</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Charlie Hilderbrand		Calib Garland	<b>Magin Team</b>	
10:30 Martha Clark	Judi O'Neill	Chloe Stockli	Bob McGann Frank Stewart		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Karen Watts
<b><u>Sep 9</u></b>					
8:00 Joseph Ilk	Deacon Margaret		Joseph L. Ilk	<b>Wieland Team</b>	
<b><u>OUTDOOR SERVICE</u></b>					
10:30 Roy Smith	Linda Rooney Stephanie Smith	Danielle Teets	Bob McGann Judi O'Neill		Nursery: Jill Bates Sunday School: Jill Bates
<b><u>Sep 16</u></b>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Jeri Phillips	<b>Williams Team</b>	
10:30 Marilyn Greene	Jeff Massey Joe Junod	Tate Mattive Cade Mattive Colby Clifford	Karen Watts Tim Watts		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: McKenzie Goldberg
<b><u>Sep 23</u></b>					
8:00 Dana Houck	Deacon Margaret		Robert Truslow	<b>Magin Team</b>	
10:30 Beverly McNeill	Steve Clifford Tim Watts	Stephen Wallach Lily Wallach Rachel Stockli	Frank Stewart Bob Massey		Nursery: Lindsey Bates Sunday School: Jill Bates
<b><u>Sep 30</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Charlie Hilderbrand		Joseph L. Ilk	<b>Wieland Team</b>	
10:30 Mary Williams	Kristi Gross Penny Knepp	Emma Ayers-Brown Alli Ayers-Brown Brady Goldberg	Roger Williams Frank Carosella		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 serving as a Lector/Chalicer and are unable to find one, please contact Penny Knepp at [pnypitstop@aol.com](mailto:pnypitstop@aol.com) or 891-6299 and she will assist you. Notify parish office of replacement(s).

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Roger Williams



Margaret “M.C.” Morris who recently joined our church family as a Visitor. We’re delighted to have you, M.C.



Our church family sends heartfelt sympathy to Lisa Wright on the recent death of her mother, Joyce Coggsdale Wright. “May her soul and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.”



## SEPTEMBER 2018

09/08 Joseph Clarkin

09/11 Edd Houck

09/22 Cade Mattive

09/08 Francis Doerrbecker

09/13 Will Gibson

09/26 Lester Kidd

09/08 Rick Moore

09/14 Charles Linton

09/26 Kristi Gross

09/08 Linda Smith

09/19 Leslie Bates

09/26 Tricia Smelter

09/08 Dana Wallach

09/19 Daniel Teets

09/27 Diane Clarkin

09/08 William Werner

09/20 Meredith Lake

09/28 Cecil Jarman

09/10 Suzi Zafrano

09/21 Martha Ayers

**“HAVE A GREAT DAY!”**



## Beautification Committee



A big THANK YOU to ECM, ECW, the Outreach Commission, the Quilters, and our many parishioners for their time and hard work to raise money for the Beautification Committee. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and soon, you will see the visible rewards of your efforts and donations!

Everyone involved has made it possible to release the contract for smoothing and grading the area around the Packard Building. In September, the Beautification Committee will plant grass and shrubs to blend the building with the surrounding foliage. "The mighty little church that can"... DID!!! Thank You All. Bob McGann, Jr. Warden

## Christian Education Chair, Jill Bates

**Sunday School** for Kindergarteners through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will start Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in All Saints Hall, Room #2, at 10:15 AM. The children will be taken to the church during Announcements to participate in Communion.

**The Youth Group** welcomes students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. The first meeting will also begin on Sunday, September 2 in the Youth Room, All Saints Hall, Room #5. If you have children or grandchildren that would fit into one of the groups above, please feel free to have them attend. All are welcome.



## New Adult Forum Series Starts September 16

Our Vestry Commissions organize all of our parish ministries. This is where “the rubber meets the road” in the life of our congregation. In order to make all of these activities more familiar to the congregation, and to increase interest in volunteering, each Sunday Adult Forum over the next three months will focus on the work of one Commission. Each will present details of their ministry during the Adult Forum, 9:15 to 10:15 AM, to allow time for questions and answers, and also continue to have information available at fellowship time following the later service. Please plan to attend as many of these as you can, as you will then have the big picture of all the fantastic ministries that are being carried out by your fellow parishioners.

Sept 2 - Labor Day weekend - no Forum

Sept 9 - 10:30 Outdoor Worship - no Forum

Sept 16 - Outreach

Sept 23 - Parish Care

Sept 30 - Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and Episcopal Church Men (ECM)

Oct 7 - Property

Oct 14 - New Members

Oct 21 - Worship

Oct 28 - Sunday before Diocesan Convention - Fredericksburg Region & Diocese

Nov 4 - Sunday after Diocesan Convention - Fredericksburg Region & Diocese, continued

Nov 11 - Fellowship

Nov 18 - Education & Youth

Nov 25 - Communications

## Watch For “Faith-At-Home” Coming to Your Home

Our diocese is making a new resource available to all parishes, for free, which will help us relate our Sunday and weekday (*Forward Day By Day*) Bible readings to our everyday lives. **Faith-At-Home** is a year-round, weekly, short set of reflections and discussion prompts written by a diverse group of Episcopal laity. The discussions are geared for personal and family use. Each week’s reflections are broken up into four sections: Adult to Littles, Adult to Middles/Elementary, Adult to Bigs/Youth, and Adult to Adult. The idea is that each family, couple, or individual reads the section, or sections, most appropriate to their ages and engages in a faith conversation together. The link to each week’s **Faith-At-Home** resource sheet will be included in our Friday email blasts, beginning with the pre-Sunday, September 2nd, email. If you do not receive email and would like your **Faith-At-Home** sheet mailed to you as a paper copy, please contact the church office.

## **Annual Giving for 2019**

This fall's annual giving campaign is extremely important for Christ Church since it will coincide with our Search Committee's interviewing of candidates for our new Rector. These candidates will want to know that the parish has sufficient resources committed, in advance, for a vital year of ministry in 2019. The campaign will kick off with the sermon on Sunday, September 16, and will run until pledge cards are presented on the altar on All Saints Sunday, November 4. Watch for your letter and pledge card to arrive by mail. Witness talks will be given by parishioners at both services on the Sundays from September 23 through October 28. Closely linked to the campaign is our series of Vestry Commission presentations, which will happen on the Sundays from September 16 through November 25, as the commissions oversee the carrying out of all of our parish ministries. Begin your prayerful consideration today of how you want to commit yourself to Christ's ministries, through Christ Church, with your attendance, involvement, and financial contributions. Your Annual Giving Committee: Jan Massey, Tom Murphy, Missy Pixton, David Fagiano, and Bill Queen.

## **Are You on the Christ Church Family Tree?**

Watch as photographs of all parishioners will come to be displayed on the Christ Church Family Tree, located in the Great Hall. Thanks to Mackenzie Goldberg for constructing the tree! Jill Bates will be taking photos on Sundays, so that all the pictures will be up-to-date. Please seek her out if you have not yet had your picture taken.

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 7, at 3:00 PM, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals service. Outdoors, if weather permits, or in the Great Hall, if necessary. We are making a special effort this year to make this service welcoming to the surrounding community, so invite your friends and neighbors. If you would like to be involved in the planning for this event, join us Tuesday, September 4, at 6:00 PM, in Booth Hall.

## **Save the Date!**

### **Movie and Discussion Night**

**Food is simply too good to waste.** Did you know: getting food to our tables eats up 10 percent of the total U.S. energy budget, uses 50 percent of U.S. land, and swallow's 80 percent of freshwater consumed in the United States? Or that 40 percent of food in the United States today goes uneaten? That is more than 20 pounds of food per person every month. Not only does this mean that Americans are throwing out the equivalent of \$165 billion each year, but also 25 percent of all freshwater and huge amounts of unnecessary chemicals, energy, and land. Moreover, almost all of that uneaten food, (90%), ends up rotting in landfills where organic matter accounts for 16 percent of U.S. methane emissions, a greenhouse gas 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide. Nutrition is also lost in the mix— food saved by reducing losses by just 15 percent could feed more than 25 million Americans every year at a time when one in six Americans lack a secure supply of food to their tables. Given all the resources demanded for food production, it is critical to make sure that the least amount possible is needlessly squandered on its journey to our plates.

Please join us **Friday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM** in The Great Hall for a screening of Anthony Bourdain's 2017 documentary: "WASTED! The Story of Food Waste". The film will begin at 7 PM and a brief discussion on the subject matter of the film will follow. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, or feel free to bring your favorite movie snacks!

"WASTED! The Story of Food Waste" aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle, and eat food. Through the eyes of chefs like: Anthony Bourdain, Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien, we will see how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. "WASTED!" exposes the criminality of food waste as well as the impactful negative effects it has on our environment and shows us how each of us can make small changes – all of them delicious – to solve one of the greatest problems of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.





ECW will resume their regular meetings in September starting on Tuesday, September 18 at 11:30 in the Great Hall. Bring a bag lunch, coffee and tea are usually provided and one of the ladies usually prepares a dessert for all to enjoy. Please join us.

Also in September, we will participate in the **Route 208 Trail Sale** on Friday and Saturday, 7 and 8 from 8 AM to 2 or 3 PM depending on the customer numbers each day. We're asking our church family for baked goods to support our two-day bake sale! Pick a day and drop off your goodies in the kitchen on Thursday or bring them the day of the sale. Baked goods will also be available on Sunday. Please say a prayer for good weather as this has become a good money maker for us and the Thrift Shop.

Additionally, the "Cat's Meow" replica of Christ Church is still available for only \$20 and you may see and purchase one or more at the bake sale on September 7 or 8.

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEN**

ECM continues their monthly meetings at noon on the second Wednesday of every month at Scafa's on Courthouse Road. They plan for future events and have fun while doing so. All are welcome! Upcoming events they will participate in is (1) the 208 Trail Sale where they will grill hot dogs and hamburgers, provide chili dogs as well as drinks; and (2) the Parish Picnic on September 9 where they will prepare the same "outdoor" fare as produced above.

**Our Christ Church Quilters. It's Raffle Time Again!** A full size bed quilt is being handcrafted by our Quilters. The lovely pattern is entitled "Paisley Garden" and will be auctioned off at the Car Show on October 6. Tickets can be purchased after each church service on Sunday. Remember, the more tickets you purchase, the better your chances are of winning this beautiful hand-made quilt.