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Announcements for the Month of July

The Diocese of Virginia is currently in the process of selecting the next Bishop Diocesan, please keep the search committee in your prayers as they, and potential candidates, discern a call to be the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

A Prayer for the Search for a New Bishop

Almighty God, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who calls, guides and empowers us as your Church: Create in us discerning minds as we seek to elect a bishop in this diocese. So many issues are open before us; so many wounds that need healing; so many gifts that need celebrating. Bless and continue the good work begun in your name, and open our ears to the hurts and hopes around us; broaden our vision to see what we do not want to see; and enliven our hearts with honesty and compassion to do the hard work that lies before us. Guide us as we seek an inspirational leader and willing advocate to help us meet the challenges, and lead us to become the people you have equipped us to be in your service. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. *Amen*

Those celebrating birthdays this month. Alli Ayres-Brown 07/26; Hannah Lovell Clifford 07/27; Hunter Clifford 07/27; Louise Corderman 07/07; Anna Caitlin Doud 07/15; Riley Erwin 07/23; Bill B. Estes 07/23; David Fagiano 07/04; Joan Tuthill Goodbody 07/14; Margaret Haight 07/08; Gerald Raymond Johnson 07/21; Colton March 07/21; Shannon Mattive 07/29; Beverly McNeill 07/30; Deborah Haight Quackenbush 07/19; Peggy Settles 07/05; Gerald Ernest Stockli Jr. 07/24; Tina Kay Strausbaugh 07/12; Jim Wachter 07/23; Amanda Ruth Watts 07/27; Molly Christine Watts 07/31; Mary Stuart Williams 07/1 (if your birthday is missing from the list please email rector@christchurchspotsy.com)

CPR/Stop the Bleed and AED Training. Two years ago, we had a training course for CPR/stop the bleed and the automated external defibrillator (AED). For those who attended that training course, the certification runs out on July 22nd. We are planning to have a recertification/certification training in August. If you are interested in renewing your certification or becoming certified in CPR/stop the bleed and the AED, please see Bob McGann after the service or contact Bob at mcgannjr@gmail.com. We need to have a number so that Spotsy EMS knows how to prepare. This training is open to both church and non-church members.

It's backpack time again! We have started signing people up receive their backpacks through our food pantry. We need your help! Donation envelopes will be available this

Sunday, if that is what you prefer to do. (Then we get to do the shopping) Adoptions will begin later this month, if that is what you prefer. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Chalice Bearer (now known as Eucharist Minister). Now that we are returning to church worship services, a training for Eucharistic Ministers (EM) will be offered. An EM is licensed for three years by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements at a Holy Eucharist service. The EM is “a confirmed communicant in good standing, faithful in worship and in stewardship, mature in faith, and of good repute in the congregation.” If you have any questions and/or feel God is calling you to this ministry, please email Deacon Margaret at margarethaight78@gmail.com.

Acolyte Training for all ages. The acolyte ministry is one of service for our Lord. Acolytes help serve on the altar and lead the processional and recessional by carrying the cross and candles. If you feel called into this ministry or have any questions, please email Deacon Margaret at margarethaight78@gmail.com. A convenient training date will be set for the those interested.

Flower Chart. A new flower chart is now in All Saints Hall. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of someone you can sign up to donate flowers for a specific Sunday. Because of flower supply shortages and price increases, donations are \$30.

Forward Day by Day is available in the Communications Center. If you would like to a copy, either small or large print, grab one after service; or, if you need one brought to you let Fr. Daniel know at rector@christchurchspotsy.com.

Signup for Diocesan E-news. The Diocese of Virginia invites our parishioners to [signup for diocesan e-news](#). The diocesan e-news has taken on even greater importance since the diocese discontinued the printing of the Virginia Episcopalian. For many parishioners, the quarterly magazine was their primary way to hear news of the larger church and to experience their connection to other churches in the diocese.

In the newly redesigned e-Communiqué, some of the storytelling and features that parishioners enjoyed in the magazine will still be incorporated, but without the lag time and the hefty price tag that comes with traditional print publications.

Traveling Cross. Christ Church now has a traveling cross. We are re-purposing a cross found outside the Great Hall leaning against the steps. It was first used as one of the Stations of the Cross at Easter. What we would like to do is take the cross to different settings around the community to photograph it with people or people and their pets. If you would like to have your photo taken with the cross, please contact Donna Hockaday at hockaday1@comcast.net. After I gather a few photos I will post them on the Church Facebook page as well as the Spirituality Center Facebook page and will continue to do so as long as people want to be photographed. Perhaps when we are able to return to gather in person in the Great Hall we can have a display of the photos.

If you would like to have your name or the somebody else's name added to our published Prayer List or to our unpublished Prayer Wheel please contact The Rev. Deacon Margaret Haight at margarethaight78@gmail.com.

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