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## **Announcements for the Month of November**

**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*

**Diocesan Annual Convention Online.** This year, everyone in the Diocese is invited to virtually attend diocesan Annual Convention as we livestream the full proceedings via YouTube. Links will be published in the Friday email blast. Voting delegates will participate via Zoom.

### **Key Dates and Upcoming Deadlines**

**Wednesday, Nov 3, Noon** Deadline to submit proposed resolutions, budget amendments and amendments to Constitution and Canons

**Friday, Nov 5 Deadline to register for Convention**

**Saturday, Nov 6 Open Hearings**

Budget 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. / Constitution & Canons 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Resolutions 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Zoom links to be provided 2 days prior)

**November 12-13 Annual Convention online via Zoom**

Friday, Nov. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

And please check the Convention webpage often as it is updated with new content daily.

<https://www.thediocese.net/who-we-are/governance/annual-convention/227th-annual-convention-2021/>

**Those celebrating birthdays this month:** Frank Stewart 11/1; Olivia Erwin 11/2; Cliff Knepp 11/7; Trevor Mills 11/7; Jan Massey 11/8; Beth Goshin 11/9; Kristi DiFilippo 11/12; Calib Garland Jr. 11/13; Jeri Phillips 11/13; Robert Baker 11/14; MaryElizabeth Roop 11/14; Phil Midland 11/16; Nathan Castillo 11/17; Patricia Gibbons 11/19; William Haight 11/21; Ian Gibson 11/24; Kyla Houck 11/29; Charlie Hilderbrand 11/30; Jennifer Stockli 11/30. (If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please email [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com).)

**Our weekly Bible study** will continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. You do not need to have joined us for our previous studies to join us this year. All are welcome regardless of familiarity with scripture. We laugh a lot and learn a lot.

Join the Bible study

<https://zoom.us/j/98366459550?pwd=dmFULlSMoE5T2VxRmlEYjhzaTFKUTo9>

Meeting ID: 983 6645 9550

Passcode: 823278

**The Church Office is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am-4pm.**

**All Saints' Sunday** is November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will pray for those that have gone on before us. Please submit your names to the church secretary, Denise, at [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com) by Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**It is time to begin preparations for our Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.** We will be packing the food for Thanksgiving in the lower level of ASH on Thursday, November 18, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and distribution of the Baskets will take place on Saturday, November 20, from 9:30 AM until 12:00 NOON. Volunteers should arrive no later than 9:00 AM on Saturday for the distribution. Sign Up Sheets will be in the Communication Center in ASH. Donations are gratefully accepted. Donation envelopes will be in the pews. Details regarding the Christmas project will be published next month.

**Unused Christmas Cards. Donate, don't toss!** Do you receive stacks of complimentary Christmas cards, 2022 calendars, planners, gift bags, etc., from organizations requesting donations in return? Rather than throwing those cards away, please consider donating them to our Food Pantry clients. You'll be helping our clients as well as our environment. Donations can be placed in the back pew of the church or in the designated basket in the communication center of All Saints Hall.

**Operation Christmas Child.** Hello, my name is Chloe Stockli. I am the project leader for Operation Christmas Child. This mission provides Christmas gifts to children around the world and spreads the Gospel to those children who may have never heard about the love of God. If you would like to donate a filled shoebox, you may pick one up in the great hall or fill one out online using this link [Build A Shoebox Online, https://build-a-](https://build-a-)

[shoebbox.samaritanspurse.org/view/38f33a77-5063-4824-bb6d-d862ofc31483](http://shoebbox.samaritanspurse.org/view/38f33a77-5063-4824-bb6d-d862ofc31483). Shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please email me at [chloestockli234@gmail.com](mailto:chloestockli234@gmail.com). Thank you for your support with this mission project!

**The Spotsylvania Courthouse 100 Lions Club** is having its **annual Fresh Seafood Sale!!** Jumbo shrimp, scallops and oysters will be trucked straight from the Gulf of Mexico **November 20th and December 18th** for pickup between 10 AM and 12 PM at the church. Orders for November pickup are due by November 15th and by December 13th for the December pickup.

**Jumbo Shrimp \$15 per pound    Scallops \$22 per pound    Oysters \$19 per pint**

You may order at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScn3hbT2r9rOUeQDnO-L\\_o6jG6CbpbQ3woVLEhsXJIHsyPwVQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScn3hbT2r9rOUeQDnO-L_o6jG6CbpbQ3woVLEhsXJIHsyPwVQ/viewform)

PayPal accepted. You will receive an email to remind you of your order pick up. Please contact Ron Magin if you have questions. This year, 90% of the profit of sales will be donated to SAWs Virginia, a 501©3 all-volunteer ecumenical nonprofit that builds wheelchair ramps for ambulatory disabled persons who cannot afford one on their own.

**The Thrift Shop has decided to hold yard sales**, similar to the Sale Trail, quarterly. Our next sale is the **Fall Flea Market** on November 19th and 20th.

We are renting 15x15 spaces. Prices are as follows: Non-Parishoners-

\$30 per day or \$50 for both days; Parishioners-\$25 per day or \$40 for both days.

Double space is \$50 per day both days.

You must provide your own tables, chairs, tents, etc. Cash only, no rain days, no refunds.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact the shop at 540-582-5508

Thursday-Saturday from 10am-4pm

**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. Donations are \$30.

**Forward Day by Day** (Nov/Dec/Jan 2022) 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](mailto:rector@christchurchspotsy.com).

**Signup for Diocesan E-news.** The Diocese of Virginia invites our parishioners to [signup for diocesan e-news](https://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/), <https://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/>. 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.

**Amazon Smile.** Remember you can donate to Christ Church by shopping on [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile). When you make eligible purchases on Amazon Smile 0.5% will be donated to Christ Church. Thank you!

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