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## Announcements for the Month of January

**Those celebrating birthdays this month:** Karen Lenar 1/2, Roger Williams 1/3, Michele Lewis 1/4, Trish Schornagel 1/7, Cindy Rooney 1/8, Joy Newlin 1/12, Thom Smelter, 1/14, John Phillips, 1/16, Peggy Overton 1/16, BG Erb 1/18, Steve Brady 1/21, Liz DiRusso 1/25, Carol Mitchell 1/26, Daniel Johnson 1/30. Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Calib & Debbie Garland 1/13.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com).

**Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom and continues to meet weekly. 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.

<https://zoom.us/j/96814967129?pwd=T3o5aEZGSgZlOVd5UkFYTVBoMWpjZz09>

Meeting ID: 968 1496 7129

Passcode: 027752

**Our Sunday Spirituality Discussions** will reconvene on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us, we will meet in the Great Hall at 9:15 a.m. If you can't make it, you can join us online at the link below.

[ZOOM meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 956 9015 4404

Passcode: 486546

**Our final Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation class** will meet on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the church. We will have a Q&A and prepare for the Bishop's visit.

**Fr. Daniel will be in residence at [Nashotah House](#) from January 13-20.** Please keep him in your prayers. In case of emergency, contact Connie Hockaday, (540) 376-6346, [cnb@bulldogtools.net](mailto:cnb@bulldogtools.net).

We will have **Morning Prayer** at both the 8 and 10:30 services on January 14 while Fr. Daniel is away.

**Epiphany.** We will have an Epiphany service in the church at 5:00pm on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will then process out to the bonfire (weather permitting) to burn the greens. Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies will be served. If you have any greens or a Christmas tree or two you want to contribute to the bonfire, please bring those; if you need assistance getting your tree to Christ Church, please let us know and we'll see what we can do to arrange pick up.

**On January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Fr. Daniel will be blessing houses** in honor of Epiphany. The Epiphany house blessing and chalking is a medieval ritual that many denominations observe; it also doesn't take all that long! If you would like your house blessed, please let Denise ([secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com)) or Fr. Daniel ([rector@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:rector@christchurchspotsy.com)) know.

**Bishop Stevenson will visit Christ Church on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have one service that day at 10:00 a.m.** with confirmations/receptions/reaffirmations. We will hold a forum after the service in the Great Hall. The ECW will provide punch and cake. If you can provide finger foods, there is a sign-up sheet in the Communications Center.

**Annual Meeting.** Our Christ Church Annual Meeting will be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 28. We will vote for new Vestry members and hear the business of the church from 2023 and plans for 2024. We will also have a potluck. There is a sign-up sheet in the Communications Center for you to let us know what you can bring.

**Meet your Vestry nominees!** Vestry nominees will introduce themselves at both services on January 14th. Please come and see who has volunteered to be on your Christ Church Vestry.

**Annual Reports.** Chairs of commissions - your reports for the annual meeting packet are due to Denise NLT Tuesday, January 16th. This will ensure time for preparing and printing the packet.

**ECM.** Our monthly meeting will be on Saturday, January 20th, from 8:00a.m. until 9:00 a.m. We will begin with Mass, have a light breakfast, a short meeting, and conclude with Bible study. We look forward to growing our membership in support of each other and the parish.

**Online giving.** As we update our software, our way of giving will be changing next week. You will be able to safely give online using the new QR code found in the bulletin or by using the Give button on our website. There you will see a new Give page. Your donation will get recorded directly into your records in our new software. We are excited about this new software! More information will follow during the year.

**Vestry Minutes can be found in the Friday newsblast.** Vestry meetings are held every fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

**Forward Day by Day** (November/December 2023/January 2024) 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).

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**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.