



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Announcements for the Month of May

Those celebrating birthdays this month: Mike Hauer 5/3, Connie Hauer 5/3, James Rivera 5/3, Toni Berry 5/4, Michelle Ruth 5/6, Alison Bareford 5/7, Judi O'Neill 5/9, Missie Jarman 5/10, Carol Petit 5/10, Beth Womble 5/13, Ellen Johnson 5/14, Roseanna Conlon 5/15, Pat Clark 5/16, Scott Boyd 5/19, Paul Wachter 5/22, Mary Jo Christensen 5/24, Hannah Massey 5/25, Sue Ann Thomas 5/27, Anne Williams 5/28, Werner Wieland 5/29.

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Bill & Andrea Butler 5/2, Gerald & Ellen Johnson 5/5, John & Michele Lewis 5/11, Michael & Stephanie Cronin 5/17, Werner & Linda Wieland 5/17, Jim & Peggy Settles 5/18, Roy & Stephanie Smith 5/20, Tim & Suzi Zafrano 5/20, Bill & Theresa Werner 5/20, Jordan & Desiree Daniels 5/28.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com.

Our Bible Study is Wednesdays at 7 p.m.. We are almost done with Deuteronomy and, therefore, the Torah! The next book we will tackle is the Book of Revelation, an often misunderstood and misread book that brings the whole of scripture to a conclusion as told from Heaven's perspective. Stay tuned for more information!

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Our Sunday Spirituality Discussions will meet in ASH at 9:15am. We will discuss the book [*The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning*](#) by Dr. Catherine Meeks. Dr. Meeks spoke at our last diocesan convention. You can see her talk on YouTube by clicking [here](#). We will not only read and discuss Dr. Meeks' book but will look at the [biblical concepts of justice and righteousness](#) and how they differ from their secular definitions. We will also consider the book in the context of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's book [*Strength to Love*](#).

ZOOM meeting

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There will be no Celtic Eucharist on Wednesday, May 1st.

The shirts are coming...again! Christ Church shirts (short-sleeve tee, long-sleeve tee, crewneck sweatshirt and a hooded sweatshirt) can be purchased from the Christ Church online store through midnight May 12th. All purchases will be delivered to the church approximately two weeks after the store closes. Remember: \$5.00 of each purchase goes to Fr. Daniel's discretionary fund. The link to the online store is: bit.ly/3Jts6jt OR you can use this QR code:



The Annual Christ Church Car Show is May 4th (Rain date: Saturday, May 11th). Enjoy the many cars displayed on the Christ Church lawn. We will have dash plaques and trophies for the winners. There will be a trophy for church pick; a 50-50 raffle and music by Chip Harvey, DJ. The ECW will have baked goodies for sale. We need people to help set up, tear down, park cars and sell tickets. Please let Roger (540.846.5192) or Mary Williams know if you can help, mwillread@aol.com, (540.785.4451). Donations to the Car Show are accepted anytime!

ECM. The ECM monthly meeting will be on Saturday, May 18th, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. We will begin with Mass, have a light breakfast, a short meeting, and conclude with Bible study on John 15:26-27;16:4b-15. We look forward to seeing you there!

May 19 is Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical color of the day is red. Wear your red to celebrate. We will have two baptisms that day!

The ECW Meeting and Birthday Lunch will be Tuesday, May 21, 12:00pm, at Pi Cucina, 10412 Courthouse Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22553 (Shopping Center Next to Giant). We will be celebrating birthdays for MaryJo Christensen; Roseanna Conlon; Toni Berry, Connie Hauer; Missie Jarman; Hannah Massey; Judi O'Neill; Michelle Ruth; Sue Ann Thomas; Anne Williams; and Beth Womble. Don't forget your birthday cards. New officers are: Ann Woolford, President; Hannah Massey, Treasurer; and Cindy Rooney, Secretary.

Food Pantry Garden: MAY UPDATE

Last season was truly bountiful! As of August, we produced 300 pounds of vegetables...but our work wasn't done yet. The growing season ended in early October with a final yield of 438 pounds of vegetables! Amazing!

We have begun preparing the garden for planting. The beds have been weeded. Next, we'll add dirt and mix in 'black gold' (thank you Charles). Then comes the planting: bush beans, bell peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, and maybe more!

All the vegetables we grow are donated to our Food Pantry and distributed to our clients. Our pantry is one of the few, if not the only in our area, that provides freshly grown vegetables to clients.

A key part of gardening is maintenance. Wooden raised garden beds have a 4- or 5-year life span before they begin to fall apart. Last year we began replacing these wooden raised garden beds with galvanized steel beds. We started with four 3x6 foot beds. This year, Mark De Polo built two additional 4x8 foot galvanized steel beds. Mark also set up a professional irrigation system for the tomato garden. Not only is this a huge timesaver (in the past it would have taken over an hour to water 30 tomato plants) but it is also a more efficient use of our water supply. Looking ahead, we have plans to install a gate at the back of the garden for easier access to the tomato garden.

And, of course, a garden can't exist without gardeners. I'd like to thank all of our volunteer gardeners who have gotten their hands dirty. None of this would be possible without each of you. Finally, a note of appreciation for the guy who inspires us and leads us in prayers: Thanks Fr. Daniel for your continued spiritual support throughout the gardening season.

Mark Svare
Garden Proprietor

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 (May/June/July 2024) is available in the Communications Center. If you would like 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.

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