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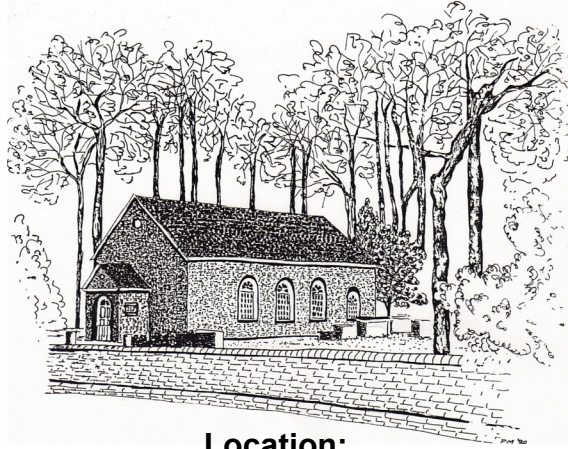
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Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 AM
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
The Rev. Stuart Wood, Rector
The Rev. Bob Prichard, Ph.D.,
Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Peggy Moncure

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex

Monthly Newsletter August 2022

Thoughts From Our Rector



One evening, as I was out for an evening walk, I suddenly took notice of the very distinct shadow that stretched out in front of me. I watched the shadow move along with every step that I made. Whenever I entered into the shade of a tree, the shadow would disappear until I walked clear of the shade. But there it was once again, as distinct and defined as it was before. If I turned to the left, the shadow turned to the left and followed me on my right side, if I turned to the right, the shadow turned right and followed me on my left side, and if I turned around and walked in the direction of the sun, there was that shadow following me from behind. Have you ever seen a very young child when he or she first discovers their shadow? Some will be excited by it and others may try to run away from it and become frightened when they see that it chases right after them.

As I continued to walk along watching my shadow, I began thinking about it from a spiritual point of view. I began seeing that shadow, not as my shadow, but as God's shadow and realized that wherever I am, God is ever-present either leading me along, following where I've been, walking beneath me, or right beside me. Depending on the angle of the sun, the shadow may stretch out well in front or behind me, and at other times, the shadow is very close. But no matter its length, it is always touching me.

Oftentimes, we pay little or no attention to that shadow, often taking it for granted. If we're not careful, we find ourselves doing the very same thing with our relationship with God. The Psalmist found comfort and strength from God's shadow. Here are some of the verses from the Psalms. Psalm 91:1 - He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the **shadow** of the Almighty. And Psalm 17:8-9 - Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the **shadow** of your wings, from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

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The Psalmist found God's shadow as a place of comfort, rest, and safety. God wants each of us to be mindful of his presence in our lives at all times. Maybe in those times that we're not able to see our shadow, because of the shade or darkness, couldn't that be God's shadow taking in our shadow as he wraps himself around us. Instead of seeing those dark moments as times when we feel that God is absent from our life, try seeing it as God wrapping us in his love taking in our shadow with his, and making us one

Maybe, just maybe, that is what St. Patrick had in mind in these words that are attributed to him. "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ in comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

So the next time that you are walking along and notice your shadow close by, let it remind you that our Lord walks with you shadowing your every move lest you should stumble and fall.

Faithfully,

Fr. Stuart +



Mid-week Eucharist

Please remember that we have a mid-week Eucharist here at Christ Church. The service is at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and will be celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.

From the Deacon's Bench



“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (ESV)

Well, after months of hard work and planning by many, another CCP Fine Arts Camp is “in the books”. It took a lot of effort, but our varieties of gifts, services, and activities made it happen and we were truly empowered by God.

I wish to say a huge **“Thank You!!!!”** to everyone who participated. **You** made this camp successful. After the service on Sunday, there were many kind comments from parishioners, campers, parents, and others.

The work was long and hard, but the benefits were great. You honored God by using the gifts he gave you to help others, you gave everyone an enjoyable day, you showed the community what Christ Church Parish is all about and you enhanced the lives of children in ways you may never know.

I am so very blessed to be a part of this magnificent community. There were many jobs to be done but everyone pitched in and did them. You didn't complain about how hard it was or that it wasn't the job you wanted to do. You just did what needed to be done. You worked together for the children. You are an amazing group of people, and I am proud to be associated with you!

Now, about planning for next year..... JUST KIDDING! We will take a little time off before we start planning for 2023. However, while it is fresh in your mind, I ask that you make a few notes. What worked, what didn't, what additions need to be made, etc.? Again, thank you for all you did.

More projects for **everyone** to participate in are in the planning stages. New and different ways for **YOU** to use your **many** gifts. I will keep you posted.

Peace, Peg+



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Christ Church Parishioners:

In this ever-changing world, do you long for some things to remain stable and consistent? If the answer to that question is “Yes,” then think of Christ Episcopal Parish, which has comforted parishioners for over three-and-a-half centuries and thus stands as a vital reminder of God’s presence and comfort in our lives. Christ Church Parish has endured, even thrived, despite the chaos surrounding us. We can count on its continued presence in our lives. For this let us be truly grateful that we are “One Together.”

As we move from summer into autumn, please begin to look closely at how you can express your gratitude through our stewardship. Christ Church’s position as a bastion of love, a haven of peace, a safe place for spiritual enrichment and a launchpad for God’s mission cannot be taken for granted. To serve these roles, the church’s financial health is essential, and the autumn is for planning for the next year.

Please mark your calendars for September 25, Christ Church Parish Stewardship Sunday
Join us for Breakfast at 9 AM In the Parish Hall

One of the ways that we can show our gratitude is by pledging our financial support of the church. Our annual stewardship campaign is the once-per-year opportunity to ensure the financial health of the parish will enable us to continue to be Christ’s body in the world. It is our hope that you will join in being generous to God and God’s mission in the world by being generous to God’s church.

As this spirit of gratitude inspires your giving, we hope every individual and every family will undergo meaningful, thoughtful and prayerful discernment in determining what their annual contribution to Christ Church Parish should be, and that these contributions will result in the church’s strong financial health.

In peace and gratitude,

Stewardship Committee

Fr. Stuart Wood

Jeannette Adkins, Senior Warden

Jack Hellems

Jim Knupp

◀ July	August 2022						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	3 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel Tech Team 9:30 am	4 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	5 YOGA Parish Hall 10:00 am Fish Fry Dinner 5:30 pm	6 The Transfiguration	
7 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Adult Education Parish Hall 9:15 am	8 Building & Grounds Committee 7:30 am	9 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	10 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	11 Outreach Committee 9:30 am AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	12 YOGA Parish Hall 10:00 am Boy Scouts 75th Anniversary Campfire 7:30 pm	13 Boy Scouts Blessing of the Troop and Luncheon 10:30 am	
14 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Adult Education Parish Hall 9:15 am	15 Elephant Committee 9:30 am	16 Finance Committee 9:30 am AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Vestry 1:30 pm	17 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	18 Setup Parish Hall for Trash & Treasure All Day AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	19 Setup Parish Hall for Trash & Treasure All Day YOGA Location to be determined 10:00 am	20 Trash & Treasure Event 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	
21 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Adult Education Parish Hall 9:15 am	22	23 Fellowship Committee 9:00 am AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	24 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	25 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	26 YOGA Parish Hall 10:00 am	27	
28 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Adult Education Parish Hall 9:15 am	29	30 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	31 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	Connecting Threads group will not meet in August or September of 2022.			



“We are a family of faith, growing in Christ through worship, learning and service, who strive to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.”

If you missed the service on July 24th, you must go to YouTube and watch the recording of the 10:30 service. The service was incredible and the energy was contagious. All of the Fine Arts Campers were involved in the service. The campers served as ushers, crucifer, readers, choir, and acolytes for the service. They were extraordinary and did such a wonderful job. This camp certainly was a true outreach ministry. The volunteers who put this camp together were also tireless. Our volunteer force included chefs, nurses, artists, musicians, coaches, and of course clergy. Father Stuart did a remarkable job every day with his talks on everything from the Bible to the history of our church. The true star and hero of the camp was our Deacon Peg. She worked for months planning the camp and overseeing every activity. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful endeavor as the camp. If you did not help this year, please consider volunteering next year.

The other great news we have to share is that we have an organist. Libby Boyer has agreed to be our full-time organist. We are so blessed to have someone with Libby's experience and talent. Many churches are searching for organists and their search has stretched into years. Please make a point of introducing yourself to Libby and welcoming her to our Christ Church family. She is truly a blessing and wonderful addition to the church.

August is full of activity. On August the 5th, we have the Fish Fry. This dinner is given by the Fellowship Committee with the assistance of some of the best fishermen in the county. We encourage you to attend and bring a friend with you. This is a great chance to let your friends get to know about our church. Also, if you want to have fun, volunteer for the kitchen crew. We always have a great time. On August 12th and 13th, our Boy Scout Troop will celebrate their 75th anniversary. They are having a celebration campfire on the 12th and a luncheon and blessing of the troop on August 13th. All alumni, Boy Scouts, and friends of the troop are invited to the festivities. See the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for more information. On August 20th, the ECW will host the Trash and Treasure Sale.

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This is a great chance to pick up that unique piece of art. If you have something beautiful and unique that is collecting dust, please think about donating it. We hope to see you at each of these activities.

The ministries of this church are only possible through the caring and generosity of the members. There are so many chances for you to help out and share your talents. Join a committee, serve through one of many ministries and think about joining the Vestry. You can make a real difference and together we can grow as a church while reaching out to the greater community. "Now Father send us out to do the work you have given us to do."

Faithfully,

Jeannette

Outreach Ministry



What a great group we have serving in this Ministry. Members are Pam McClelland, Susie Loustaunau, Clayton Neal, Judi Snider, Ann Padgett, Deacon Peg, Father Stuart, and Co-Chairs Judy Quilter and Ann de Peyster. If you feel so inclined, we would love to have you join us. Or, if you know of a project or someone with a need, please let any one of us know about it. New and exciting ideas for serving our community are always welcome.

In August, we are again collecting school supplies for our Middlesex students in need. You can help by donating items such as paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, etc. There is a large bin located just inside the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Please drop off items no later than August 15th. Thank you for your continuing support.

Judy Quilter

TRASH & TREASURE SALE



Saturday, August 20th from 8am to 1pm

The last T & T sale we had was several years ago, so it's time to clear out all those unwanted items for this great fundraiser. We will begin accepting donations on Thursday, August 18th in the Fellowship Hall from 9 ANM to Noon – sorry No Clothes. Other accommodations can be made upon request. If you're available to help sort and price items on Thursday or Friday, please contact Judy or Grace. Grace has arranged to have someone familiar with antiques price those items appropriately. Ladies are encouraged to give a helping hand on Saturday for the sale. Many hands make light work!

All leftover items will be donated to the Cryer Center and picked up at the end of the sale.



GAME DAY WITH LUNCH AND FASHION SHOW

Our ECW fun Game Day with Fashion show and Luncheon is planned for the 16th of September from 11:00 to 4:00. The cost is \$30. Create your table for four for your game of choice. Those interested in only the Fashion Show and Lunch are welcome. Email or call Sharon Colston to make your reservations (540-809-9900 sncathome@yahoo.com) and send your checks to her (89 Waterford Court, Urbanna 23175) soon as this event always sells out.

Karen Brown, President



Are you ready to be a fuller participant in our worship?

Worship takes many forms, quiet prayer, lovely singing, and deep listening. All of us come to worship in the way that speaks to us. For me, as verger, worship comes in the form of service. In fact, the motto of the Vergers' Guild is *Servitas in cultu et cultus per servitatem*...Service through Worship and Worship through Service. Those who serve at the altar or in the pulpit or the choir each Sunday are both worshipping and providing service to enhance your own worship experience. If you were to ask any of Christ Church servers, I think they would tell you that serving is meaningful and satisfying.

If this has been on the back of your mind, thinking about taking on a new role at Christ Church, this is your open invitation. Just tell me (or in the case of the choir, tell any choir member) and you can soon join those who worship through service. Training is provided! I believe you will find it brings you to a close walk with God and will bring you great satisfaction as well. I look forward to hearing from you.

Grace Parker

The Verger

Catechism Corner

Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education



The Christian Hope. Topics are mostly edited (generally for space) taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), & are meant to be a departure for further exploration, study & learning.

What is the Christian hope? The Christian hope is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God's purpose for the world.

What do we mean by the coming of Christ in glory? By the coming of Christ in glory, we mean that Christ will come, not in weakness but in power, and will make all things new.

What do we mean by heaven and hell? By heaven, we mean eternal life in our enjoyment of God; by hell, we mean eternal death in our rejection of God

Why do we pray for the dead? We pray for them, because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love until they see them as he is.

...next the remainder of Christian Hope....

In Faith, Miles Libbey



... from the Junior Warden's Workbench

In regards to the smaller details, the ants and gecko lizards were strictly told to stay outside. So far so good. Onto bigger items.

I received donated time, equipment, and help from my sister and her friend to successfully remove all limbs and branches that were up against the front walls and roof of the Parish Hall. It was a 3 and a-half truck load job. Let's hear it for the girls!

Credit too for my guiding light and mentor John Quilter for pursuing road repair quotes and being my sounding board. And also to the Building and Grounds team for tackling our Narthex moisture issues behind the paneling by installing numerous vents.

The fire alarm sensors are all in working order now.

As always please bring any issues to my attention.

Betsy Evans

Jr Warden



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AUGUST 5th
5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



THANKS

from the Elephant Committee

A huge “Thank You” goes to Deacon Peg for all her hard work and to all of you who helped make this week so memorable for these children.

All 16 campers participated in the Church service on Sunday, July 24th. It was a truly perfect example of how we can involve and motivate the entire congregation. Everyone in attendance, including the children’s families, could feel the energy and joy in our beautiful service. As the campers left in a procession with Deacon Peg, you could see their expressions of happiness.





What a wonderful expression of “growing in Christ through worship, learning and service” by all those involved who are striving “to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves”!



Special August Celebrations

Anniversaries



- 3 Bill and Sue Newman*
- 8 John H. and Judy W. Quilter*
- 9 Don and Ann Harris*
- 13 Gordon E. White and Mary Anne Harris-White*
- 26 Arthur & Evie Wilton*
- 28 Byron and Linda Parker*
- 30 Bill and Judi Snider*
- 31 Chip and Mary Buxton*

Birthdays

- 1 Jack Fackler*
- 2 Anne G. Wilcox*
 - Elizabeth "Betsy" Evans*
 - Henry Moncure*
 - Jack Tarran*
 - Jean Hill*
- 5 Merri Hanson*
- 6 Vernon W. Norris*
- 11 Charles G. "Gibbie" Mangum*
 - Linda Irwin*
- 12 Virginia" Dare Bishop*
 - Barry L. Spence*
 - Kelly Pollok*
- 13 Ginger Hellems*
- 18 Barbara Cockrell*
- 20 John Hilliard*
- 21 Roseanne Moncure*
- 22 Clayton Neal*
- 23 Jack Hellems*
- 25 Jane Bunnell*
- 27 James M. "Jamie" Barnhardt*
- 29 Steve Gahan*
- 30 Andrew Wilton*



The Transfiguration



After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John up onto the mountain to pray. He suddenly became transfigured in glory, and Moses and Elijah appeared talking to him about his death. A cloud overshadowed them all, and a voice from the cloud spoke saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" The disciples were terribly frightened, and did not understand.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ACCEPTED!

This newsletter is for information and articles that are germane to Christ Church Parish. If you are a member of Christ Church Parish you may submit an article of interest for consideration to be published in the newsletter.

To ensure that the newsletter is published and distributed in a manner that all will receive it before the month it pertains to begins, the submission deadlines for 2022 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline is before 5:00 pm on:</u>
September 2022	Monday August 26, 2022
October 2022	Monday September 26, 2022
November 2022	Friday October 24, 2022
December 2022	Friday November 25, 2022

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to jeff.of.jamaica@outlook.com Pictures may also be submitted and will be used on a "space available" basis.