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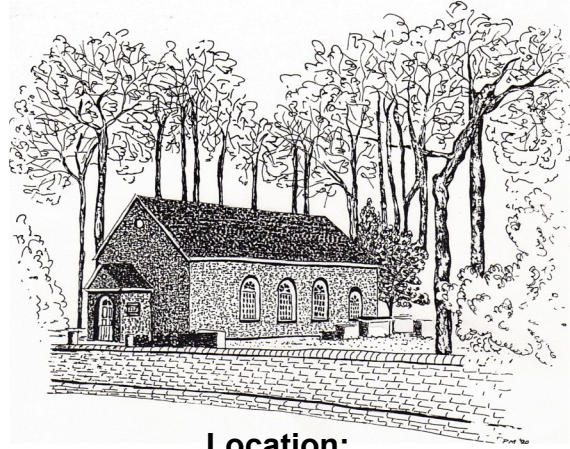
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Services:

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 2023



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each Lord's Day morning in our life together at Christ Church Parish, we are awed by the spirit, the movement, and the vitality in our historical building. The energy in the air all around is palpable. The sharing of the peace, the welcome, the conversation, and the enjoyment of refreshments all serve to tend to and deepen the ties of our fellowship. We should not take the whole experience for granted. Yes, our congregational life and commitment go far beyond Sunday morning and include so much more than what happens here, but we would like to invite you to join in looking around on Sundays with a bit of wonder and not taking any of it for granted. For God has blessed each one of us to be called to be part of this Body of Christ.

We thank each one of you who support Christ Church Parish with a financial gift. More than 77% of our annual operating revenue comes from those who pledge and give regularly. Every contribution we receive serves to sustain the breadth, health, and future of this ministry. The Finance Committee is challenged to find other means to cover the Parish's remaining needs.

Please save **September 24th** and join us for breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am for our Celebration and Stewardship Sunday, when we pledge our financial support to ensure our church continues as our community of faith and provides the worship and service we have come to love.

Until then, let's be confident of God's call on our lives to grow in faith and service, our salvation promise in Jesus Christ, and the overwhelming generosity of the people who know themselves to be Christ Church Parish.

With gratitude, grace, and peace,

Stewardship Committee

Father Stuart

Garry Clay

Jack Hellems

Jim Knupp

Message From Our Rector



As I sit here writing this article for the August newsletter, the reality that we have already passed through more than half of 2023 is right in front of me. Where has the time gone? This month my article has moved to second place in the newsletter for two very good reasons. One is that your Stewardship Committee is trying to be financially responsible by sending out the “Save the Date Letter” in the newsletter instead of as a separate mailing, which would have required expensive First Class Postage. The second reason is that I hope you will take seriously their request that you mark your calendars for that Sunday and plan on attending with your pledge cards filled in and ready to offer up to God. Just look around you and see all the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Then remember that your ongoing financial commitment to Christ Church Parish is yet another way that we are able to show each other and those who will visit us just how important the ministries here at Christ Church Parish are to us and to our community.

As we enjoy the final months of summer, please remember to count your many blessings and return thanks to the Lord Almighty for he is good and his mercy is great.

God Bless,

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 is celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.



From the Deacon's Bench

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for being a magnificent group of people to work with. One thing I was worried about when I became a deacon was something in the ministry to which I was being called. A deacon is called to go out into the world and find the needs of the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely. Then we are to bring those needs back to the church and call others to help. Well, I wasn't worried about the first part. I grew up with parents who taught me to help those in need. I was a little concerned about calling others to help. That was because I had been in plenty of places where those who really helped were small in number. Here, it is totally different. When I request help with a diaconal ministry, I have large numbers of folks ready to go to work and they will do anything I ask. It quickly becomes a church-wide ministry. This year, we had 30 volunteers for camp (By the way, those who did not receive their t-shirts, please see me) and numerous others who donated baked goods, supplies, and funds. Thank you!!!!

Our Creation Care Garden has also benefited from many people helping, and we will also enlist the help of Christchurch School. Bishop Stevenson was very impressed. He wrote "Thank you. Very exciting and solid gospel work."

We will be reviving our ACTS ministry that suffered during Covid. It will be reintroduced in a different way in which I think many will wish to participate. Other diaconal ministries are in the works. More on those later. Thank you for all you do for this parish and for serving others.

Peace, Peg+

ELEPHANTS *and* **VES** **RY**

MORE “TUNING IN” RESULTS

Question Three

This “Tuning In” article reviews the results of Question Three from our May 7th meeting that focused on “IT TAKES A PARISH TO GROW A PARISH”. You may recall Question One which was “What brought you to Christ Church Parish?” as well as the answer, which was that many of us were INVITED, and once here, we found a WARM, FRIENDLY, AND ACCEPTING congregation.

Last month we reviewed Question Two which was “If you were coming to Christ Church Parish for the first time, what would you hope to be told about the parish?” That answer included getting to know our LITURGY and TRADITIONS and finding out about our OUTREACH, and how to GET INVOLVED.

This month we review Question Three which states “Are there ways we can better celebrate and publicize what we are already doing?” All the answers focus on three main points. The first is that we feel our recent and many newspaper articles that included our Fine Arts Camp, our Creation Care Garden, and our Teacher Appreciation baskets have done a great job informing our community about our outreach activities. The Southside Sentinel is read by most of our county residents, so the more articles we have, the more our message of being a warm and friendly active congregation gets out to our community.

The second point made by many is that we need to use social media to reach potential members. Whether it be live streaming, or keeping an up-to-date webpage and Facebook page, along with calling cards with QR codes that lead to outreach activities or a tour of our church; many of us feel they all help!

And finally, with all the hospitality and outreach activities going on each month, how well we coordinate those things amongst ourselves, really has an impact on those outside our congregation on how well we work together as a family of faith, growing in Christ through worship, learning, and service who strive to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We hope we all recognize that last sentence.

In summary, we have much to be proud of!!! So INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!!

Thank You and God Bless!

The Elephants and the Vestry

◀ July	August 2023					September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	2 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	3 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	4 YOGA 10:00 am	5
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CATECHISM CORNER - *“Incarnate”*

In the Bible, the phrase “became incarnate and was made man” refers to the belief that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took on human flesh and lived as a man on earth. This belief is central to the Christian faith and helps distinguish Christianity from other religions.

The word “incarnate” means “to take on flesh.” In the context of the Bible, it refers to the fact that Jesus Christ, who is fully God, also became fully human. This means that Jesus had a human body and a human mind. He experienced all the same things that we do, including pain, suffering, and death.

The phrase “was made man” means that Jesus was not just a man in appearance. He was truly human in every way. He was born of a woman, Mary, and he grew up as a normal human being. He learned to walk and talk, and he experienced the same emotions as we do. He was also subject to the same temptations and weaknesses.

The belief that Jesus Christ became incarnate and was made man is essential to the Christian faith. It is what makes Jesus our Savior. Because he was fully human, he was able to understand our struggles and temptations. And because he was fully God, he was able to overcome them and offer us salvation.

For Episcopal churchgoers, the phrase “became incarnate and was made man” is a reminder of the love and mercy of God. It tells us that God is not distant or unknowable. He came to us in the flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ, to show us his love and to save us from our sins. It is a mystery that we can never fully understand, but it is a truth that we can hold on to with hope and reverence.

In Faith,

Miles Libbey

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



Rehearsal at Sewanee Church Music Conference



Organ at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

My vacation in Nashville and the following week at the Church Music Conference at Sewanee were both inspiring and disappointing. In Nashville, I attended Sunday Eucharist and an evening Taize service at the Episcopal Cathedral. And yes, I went to the Grand Ole Opry. At Sewanee, the caliber of music presented was beyond my expectations. Led by the head of music at St Thomas Church in New York, the choir of 130 worked diligently for a week to learn and present some of the most difficult choral works I've ever encountered. Unfortunately, I contracted bronchitis early on and was unable to fully participate in the incredible singing opportunities at the conference. However, I came back with several new friends from Sewanee and had a wonderful time in Nashville with my cousin from Natchez.

Hymn of the Month

Decatur Place

51 We the Lord's People

In an effort to introduce new hymns, we will begin having a "hymn of the month". In August, it will be the Post Communion hymn. This hymn by Canon John Bowers is a concise statement of why we gather each Sunday for worship. The tune, Decatur Place, was written by the former long-time organist at the National Cathedral, Richard Wayne Dirksen. This is a meaningful text beautifully written and set to an inspiring tune. I hope we can add it to our repertoire of favorites.

Libby

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



A huge thanks to Deacon Peg and all the Volunteers for another successful Fine Arts Camp. All the children were a delight and hopefully many will return next year.

Looking ahead...A friend once said, "After the 4th of July, the summer is over". The heat we've been experiencing is saying "no" to that notion. However, we do look forward to the Fall and cooler temperatures, and school will be starting soon. We will again be collecting school supplies for our Middlesex students. Donations needed include:



- Paper
- Binders
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks

A collection bin will be located in the Parish Hall for your donations. **Please submit supplies no later than Thursday, August 10th.** We appreciate your continuing support of this Ministry.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Homer Hartung

Homer Hartung and wife Ginny have been members of Christ Church since Homer retired from Philip Morris in 1988.

The move from Richmond was only one of many, starting with Baltimore where he was born in 1927. Homer graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with a degree in Physics, with a Math minor. He got his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The areas of his expertise are so esoteric, it would be hard to describe.

Homer has an insatiable curiosity and a mind for fine detail. He says he works best after midnight. He was the brains behind the Historic Cemetery database automation, creating and moving large amounts of data from platform to platform until he was satisfied that the product was as good as it could be until better technology became available. "Good enough" is really never in his lexicon.

After over 45 trips with Roads Scholars, Homer can still relate details of the travels and facts gathered decades later. Now 96, Homer and Ginny live active lives at Westminster Canterbury where they continue to travel and learn. They are regular congregants at the Christ Church services at Westminster Canterbury.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

BRINGS ON THE “STAR POWER.”

Come join us on Friday, July 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for our first annual Ice Cream Social. In addition to ice cream with toppings and a dollop of whipped cream and cookies, the entertainment is star-studded, don't worry no telescopes are needed, as Gary Archer and Clayton Neal of the *Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys* perform for us for two hours. What a treat and what a deal.

Gary Archer is an accomplished and versatile musician who has been entertaining audiences since he was a teenager. He has performed as lead guitarist and songwriter for the popular, award-winning band "*Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys*."

Clayton Neal is a vocalist, guitarist, and harmonica player who has become a popular musical fixture throughout the Rivah country both as a performer, and a coordinator of musical artists at local venues and through sharing his musical talents in support of community and charitable organizations. He is the founder of *Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys* who were voted Best Local Musicians by the readers of *Pleasant Living* magazine eight years in a row. They continue to entertain audiences with a Rivahdacious style of music that includes Americana, country, rhythm & blues, folk, and rock n roll.

See, I told you the stars were out for us!



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Bring your lawn chairs, your sunglasses, and your wallets. We will have canopies over your heads. We have raffle tickets (good ones) to sell and a fun cake walk where you can win a homemade cake! What a takeaway!

Location: Christ Church Parish, 56 Christchurch Lane, Saluda

When: Friday, July 28th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Why: For Fun and Fellowship

Who can attend? You, your family, your buddies, and friends from other churches!!! Bring them on!

Mood: Happy—so darn good you will be off the charts.

If it rains, we will have it in the Parish Hall! Be there or be square!

Bev Hart and Mary Lynn



CHRIST CHURCH GAME DAY WITH FASHION SHOW AND LUNCH

Friday, 22 September 11:00 - 4:00 \$30.00

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING FALL, SEEING THE LATEST FASHIONS AND HAVING A
FUN EVENT WITH FRIENDS!**

RSVP by Tuesday, 19 September to Judi Snider,

jhs614@verizon.net

804-402-1624

Mail checks payable to CCP ECW

Mail to Judi Snider at 856 Felton Road, Deltaville, VA 23043

Put together your table of four for the game of your choice
We welcome those who can only join us for the fashion show and lunch

Please note this is Christ Church at 56 Christchurch Lane, Saluda

TECH EVENT



Christ Church will be sponsoring a “Tech Day” for the community. Greg Grichtmeier of Seek the Geek will be organizing Tech Day. He will be joined by Chris Henley of MillCreek Geek and other local experts.

This event intends to improve community use of technology and to provide one-one and group technical support.

This will be a five-hour event, currently planned for August 21st – from 3 to 8 PM. At the top of each hour, these experts will present a brief educational session on important topics (such as password management, AI, and internet safety) and then be available to answer your individual questions.

Please feel free to come and go as you wish and invite your neighbors who may find this useful. Please watch the church's Facebook page and look for future emails to specify the topics for each hourly session, so you can tailor the experience to meet your needs. If you would like to be part of the event, please contact Greg or any member of the Tech Team. You do not need to be a techie to help.

An email with additional information will be sent later.

We will have local expert tables to answer your tech questions.

1

15 MIN LECTURE

At the top of each hour a new topic will be introduced

2

15 MIN - Q&A

General Q&A related to the topic

3

30 MIN OPEN FORUM

Tables will be open with local geeks to talk about your tech needs

What Bible events happened in August?

August 1 – Av 7 (fifth month and day of the Jewish calendar)

Destruction of Jerusalem: After months of being under siege, the destruction of the city of Jerusalem began under the leadership of Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard for Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon. 2 Kings 25:8

August 5 – Av 8

Twelve Spies Return: After spending forty days spying in the Promised Land, the twelve spies, sent by Moses, returned to camp on Av 8. They brought back with them the produce of the land. Numbers 13:21-25

August 6 – Av 9

The Rebellion: The spies reported to Moses and the children of Israel about the land, the people, and the cities in the Promised Land. Ten of the spies gave a bad report, but two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, encouraged the people to trust God for the conquest of the land. The people rebelled against God. For that, God punished them and made them wander in the desert for forty years. Numbers 13:1-14:10

August 12 – Av 15

Wives for the Tribe of Benjamin: This is the day the men from the Tribe of Benjamin took wives from the other tribes. Judges 21:23

August 15 – Av 17

Death of Mary: Mary, the mother of Jesus, died on this day according to tradition. Mary would have been called Miriam by her family and friends. Matthew 1:18.

August 27 – Av 30

Moses Chiseled the New Tablets: Before ascending Mount Sinai, the Lord instructed Moses to cut two tablets, like the ones he broke, and inscribe the same words on them. Exodus 34:1.

August 28 – Elul 1

New Moon/New Month: The month of Elul begins today. Pronounced, “eh-LOOL”.

Mount Sinai: On Elul 1, 1313 BC, Moses ascended Mount Sinai again and remained for forty days, descending on the Day of Atonement. Exodus 33-34

Jesus Began His 40-Day Fast: In some Christian traditions, this marks the day the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness after His baptism. For forty days Jesus fasted and was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-13

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*
- 17 Arthur & Evie Wilton*
- 26 Andrew and Ellie 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, Jr.*
- 11 Charles G. "Gibbie" Mangum*
 - Linda Irwin*
- 12 Virginia Dare Bishop*
 - 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*





from the Junior Warden's Workbench

Maintenance Activities Around the Church

I am currently moving forward with several projects this month. I will be reaching out to the parish for help with these projects. Come by and see the nearly constructed bridges to the field. These will be helpful to give access to upcoming church events in the field.

Creation Care Project



The Creation Care Project is complete! We are harvesting vegetables and flowers for the Cryer Center for Food Bank distribution. I will be reaching out to parishioners for assistance in harvesting and watering the garden. Please feel free to call me if you would like to help.

Scott Holt, 804-814-8126

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 and 2023 are:

Month Published

September 2023

October 2023

November 2023

December 2023

Submission Deadline is before 5:00 pm on:

Friday August 25, 2023

Friday September 22, 2023

Friday October 20, 2023

Friday November 24, 2023

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to jeff.of.jamaica@outlook.com