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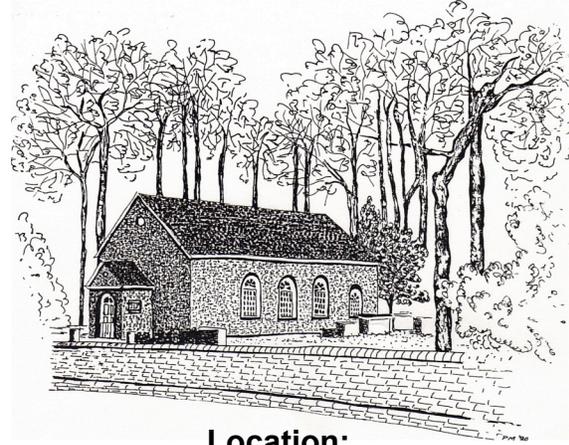
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Services:

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 September 2022

Thoughts From Our Rector



THANK YOU

In the very first chapter in the gospel according to St. Mark, beginning with verse 35, we find that “in the morning, a great while before day, Jesus rose and we went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, ‘Everyone is searching for you.’” Sometime life can be so busy that you hardly have time to think or pray. These two verses from Mark show us that it was the same for Jesus. If he wanted uninterrupted time for himself, he had to slip out under the cover of darkness to have some time alone in which he could pray. I have adopted that practice on Sunday mornings, sometimes getting to church as early as 6:00 a.m., so that I can center myself for the day.

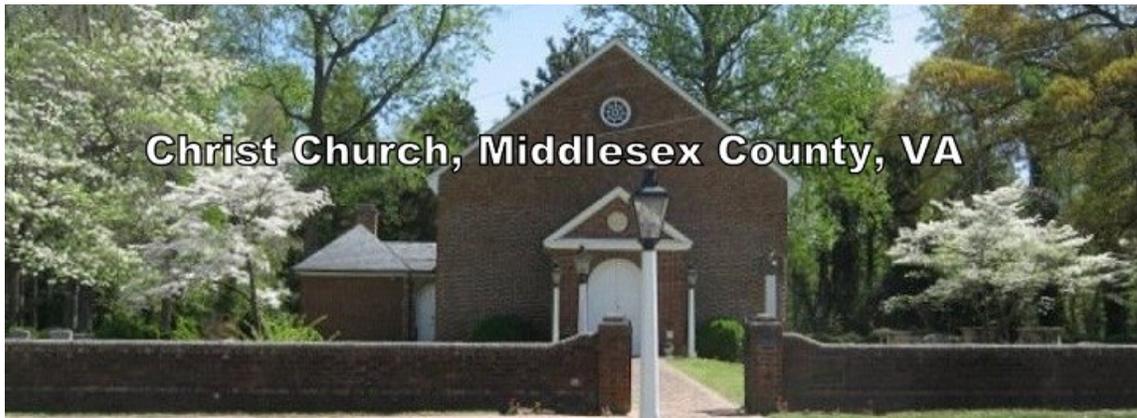
Beginning on September 1st through the end of November, I have been given the gift of a sabbatical where I can travel, reflect, worship, pray, rest, visit new places and make new friends. You have all been so supportive in this venture and so many of you showed up between the two services this last Sunday of August to wish me safe travels. Your gift, from the church, will make the burden of travel less a concern so that I may focus more on the beauty of creation, the impressive architecture of past generations, and the different ways that congregation’s worship in other parts of the Anglican Communion. With some of your gifts I was given the specific instruction to use it in the pubs – which I look forward to doing. Pubs have wonderful food in addition to drink.

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I travel in the comfort of knowing that Christ Church Parish is in the very capable leadership of its Vestry and Wardens, Deacon Peg, and the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard who will be leading your services. With the services online each Sunday, I may just be looking in from time to time to see if you are keeping up with attendance.

I want you all to enjoy this special time as much as I hope to but know that you will be missed and be in my prayers, and I hope that I will be missed and in your prayers. I do not want to be thought of as the Prodigal Son, but I hope that our reunion will be as joyous in December as the Prodigal Son's return to his father. God bless you all and thank you again for that you do for me, for each other, and for the community.

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

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

The Feast Day of St Phoebe, Deacon, is September 3rd:

“Phoebe was a first-century Christian woman mentioned by the Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans, verses 16:1-2. A notable woman in the church of Cenchreae, she was trusted by Paul to deliver his letter to the Romans. Paul refers to her both as a "servant" or "deacon" (Greek diakonos) and as a helper or patron of many. Paul introduces Phoebe as his emissary to the church in Rome and, because they are not acquainted with her, Paul provides them with her credentials.” (Wikipedia)

Henry and I had a wonderful trip during August, but we missed our Christ Church family very much. So glad to be home.

I spent time before the trip wrapping up everything from our 2nd Annual Fine Arts Camp. This event was very successful due to the hard work of so many magnificent volunteers and the generous financial backing from the Sanders Fund. Thank you so much for your dedication and support!!! We are looking forward to next year.

Now it is time to move on to some new and different ministries. Several ideas are in the works and being researched. I will keep you posted about those opportunities. There will be many ways to help.

In the meantime, please always know that I am here for you to help whenever you need me. The deacon is here to serve!

Peace, Peg



“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.”

August was a tremendous month for Christ Church Parish. The Fellowship Committee did an outstanding job with the fish fry dinner. Our own fishermen who caught and cooked the dinner were the best. A very big thank you to Robin and Jack for all their hard work. So many have complemented this committee led by Mary Lynn and Bev for their work. I know they were exhausted by the end of the evening but the importance of this ministry in the growth of our church is extremely important. How many of you came to church after attending a fellowship event where you had a chance to meet members? Currently, Fellowship has six members and really could use a few more dedicated souls. Come join this ministry!

The second event in August, the Trash and Treasure Sale was another spectacular success. It was amazing to see the amount and variety of items for sale. The work done was overwhelming but ECW handled it with such incredible grace. The Vestry wants to thank all those involved. We know what a monumental task this sale was.

September marks the beginning of Father Stuart’s sabbatical. It is a well deserved chance for him to step back and renew his enthusiasm for our mission. We as a church will benefit so much from the outcome of his sabbatical. We look forward to the wonderful stories of his travels and adventures. We will miss Father Stuart greatly but we are so lucky to have The Rev. Dr. Bob Prichard as our priest in charge. The Vestry is ready to make sure things continue on smoothly. Please reach out to any Vestry member if you have a concern or problem especially during this time of Father Stuart’s sabbatical.

Faithfully,

Jeannette

◀ August	September 2022						October ▶
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Outreach Ministry



A huge thank you to all who donated school supplies to those in need. We were able to fill 10 backpacks and pass them on to Social Services. We wish all Middlesex students a successful school year! Now our focus begins on all our plans for the Fall with Summer coming to an end.

After several years, we are eager to once again join together with the faculty and students of Christ Church School. We are floating several ideas to support the school. More information to come.

Currently we are on standby to help with the next Habitat for Humanity House. Volunteers will be needed to help with painting and other miscellaneous tasks. Please consider helping this very worthwhile project within our community.

Thank you for your continuing support to our community

Worship and Pastoral Care Committee



We are continuing to work with the leadership of the church to provide a meaningful service during Father Stuart's September, October and November sabbatical with the excellent clerical team of Fr. Bob and Deacon Peg

Miles Libbey

804.238.0057



1. ECW News We held a Trash and Treasures Sale at the Parish Hall on August 20th. The event was a complete success. The event has been on hiatus due to the pandemic for the past several years. We were able to bring in over \$3,000 to put to beneficial use in serving our community. A big shout out to Judy Quilter who Chaired this event, Grace Parker who took a huge lead in getting it off the ground and Pam McClelland for the great publicity. Sharon Colston and Virginia Miller were our diligent cashiers. There are so many more people to thank, for solicitation of items (which filled the Fellowship Hall), organization of the room by item category, assistance to buyers, money collection, and then the pack up of unsold items for collection by the Cryer Center. Thanks also to those of the Brotherhood who helped buyers with loading items, as well as pack up and load out for the Cryer Center, and trash disposal. Special thanks to John Quilter, who also helped with unloading at the Cryer Center.

Stay tuned for our upcoming bake sale at Wings, Wheels and Keels being held at Hummel Airfield in Topping on September 24th. Donations of bake goods will be needed.

Our next ECW meeting is being held on September 7th in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM.

Karen Brown , President



Mark your calendar!

Wings, Wheel's & Keel

BAKE SALE

September 24, 2022



... from the Junior Warden's Workbench

Fellow Parishioners,

What we are doing:

We are getting bids to take down dead and intrusive trees.

We are obtaining bids to replace the Mini split for the Fellowship Hall.

Bids are being received for converting Parrish Hall lighting to LED.

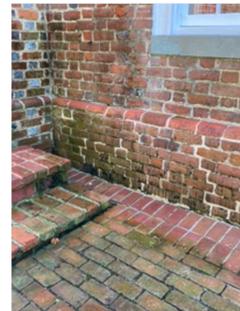
We received authorization to start sanding and repainting the pews.

Monitoring the moisture in Narthex wainscoting is continuing while solutions are being discussed.

Wet and Forget was applied to the Sacristy walkway to remove mold.

As always, you can contact me with suggestions or questions.

Betsey Evans



**CHRIST CHURCH GAME DAY
WITH FASHION SHOW AND LUNCH**



Friday, September 16th. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$30.00 per attendee

RSVP by Tuesday, September 6th to Sharon Colston.

sncathome@yahoo.com 540-809-9900

Mail checks payable to CCP ECW to

Sharon Colston at 89 Waterford Ct., Urbanna, VA 23175

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

The Finance Committee

"As many of us are aware, September is that time of year when we are putting together our financial budget for the coming year. Those folks who have responsibility for one or more of our ministries, have been given the task to develop and identify the financial needs for their area of responsibility. It is very important that we take the time to identify those needs as accurately as possible, especially in the face of current inflation forecasts.

As the Finance Committee, we will do our best to develop a budget that best meets the needs for each specific area, while obviously meeting the needs for the overall well-being of the church. We look forward to receiving the inputs from those ministries by September 16th.

Thank You for everyone's help and attention to this matter!"

Jeff Loustaunau

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Welcome New Members, Scott, and Alyson Holt



Scott and Alyson are excited to become a part of the Christ Church Parish community. After many years of research, they chose Urbanna Harbor for their home. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren living in the Richmond area.

Alyson retired (June 2021) from Chesterfield County Public Schools after many decades of work in early literacy and elementary education. She continues her passion of "literacy for all" as a current employee of Middlesex County Public Library. When Alyson is not helping others find a good book to read, she is out in her gardens and enjoying nature.

Scott has also retired (June 2022) from an engineering firm in Richmond and quickly admits that his hobby is "people." He loves to chat with others and learn about their experiences and interests. Helping others is his mantra and looks forward to being a part of many ministry opportunities.

Meet Our New Organist/Choir Director



Libby Lipscomb Boyer and her late husband moved to Mathews in 2004 when she retired as a bank executive in DC. She studied piano and organ from an early age, including college level training and private lessons with prominent organists in Williamsburg and metro DC. She has served numerous congregations over her career, including Augustana Lutheran in Washington and St Stephens Lutheran in Williamsburg. Most recently she was organist/choirmaster at Apostles Lutheran in Gloucester and has substituted at most area Episcopal churches. She is a member of Kingston Parish Episcopal Church in Mathews.

Libby paints and does paper flowers and fused glass items. She volunteers at the Mathews Visitor Center and is on the board of Mathews Path, a local senior support organization, where she also volunteers as their webmaster and database administrator. She has a step son in Baltimore, three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren, which she says “she got the easy way - by marrying their grandfather.”

“I am looking forward to serving Christ Church and working to enrich the worship services with a diverse selection of choral and instrumental music that will appeal to all ages.”

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH SHIRTS



It has been quite some time since we ordered the light blue denim long-sleeved shirts with the episcopal shield and our name. We have many new members since then who have not had the opportunity to purchase them. So, we will be making them available in September through October. The price is dependent on the number of shirts we order but I have estimated we will need to order 25 shirts and the cost should be in the \$35 range. We will have in the office a small, medium, large, and extra-large samples so you can try them on and be sure before you order.

Grace Parker, Verger

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CHRIST CHURCH PARISH SHIRTS

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SIZES: 51-Small, 1-Med., 1-Lg & 1-XL

SIDES: Front Left Crest (over pocket)

THREAD COLOR: #1637 Red, White & #1643 Blue

SUBSTRATE: Ultra Club #8960 in Light Blue



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship committee hosted their first Fish Fry on 5 August in the Parish Hall. 55 attended the feast of freshly caught fried local fish, hush puppies, slaw, baked beans, potato salad and the dinner culminated with homemade Banana Pudding. The enthusiastic attendees were high on praise for the meal and the camaraderie. Special thanks to our generous fishermen both for their time to fish and clean them. Chefs Robin Wells and Jack Hellems cooked the fish and Chip Holt, Bev Butler and Percy Douglas were the gentle and generous support fisherman.

The Committee's name mirrors what we strive to do i.e., provide fellowship, spark, and strengthen friendships and create a welcoming and loving atmosphere in which to nourish our church family and friends with the "Good News." With that mission in mind, let us review upcoming planned events.

On 11 November 11th we will host the Veterans Day luncheon in the Parish Hall. We are working to revitalize the Marine Corps Birthday Run which terminates at our Church. Following the Run, a special cake cutting ceremony using a Marine Corps sword takes place in the Parish Hall. Great visuals and super cake for all attendees!

On December 4th we will host a Covered Dish Homecoming Celebration in the Parish Hall. Plans are for a potentially combined 10 am service followed by the dedication of the new sign and warm welcome offered to Father Stuart upon his return from U.K. Sabbatical.

The holidays will be quickly approaching, so Advent Dinners are planned for 30 Nov, 14 and 21 December. We seek cooks for the dinners outside of our committee members. Come show off your culinary skills and give us some verbal brag bullets! We will coordinate with you and offer hands and leadership for the dinners.

Remember our motto, "We play where we pray." Come share the "Good News" and enjoy the Fellowship.

Mary Lynn Landgraf

Special September Celebrations

Anniversaries



- 2 Jeff and Susie Loustaunau*
- 4 Tom and Kathy Clarke*
- 6 "Bill" Budd and Mary Lynn Landgraf*
- 10 James H. and Jewel T. Ray*
- 15 John and Shelia Gammel*
Michael and Karen Gorin
- 28 Jeff and Pam McClelland*
Scott and Nancy Campbell

Birthdays

- 4 Marian W, Goodloe*
Jackie Brown
- 5 Barbara Shaw*
- 6 Ann de Peyster*
Elizabeth R. "Liz" Perkins
- 7 Margaret "Micki" Clay*
- 14 Elizabeth "Betty" Evans*
- 17 Theresa Liverman*
- 18 Robert L. "Bob" Montague*
- 22 Sallie H. Wells*
- 24 Janet Lundin*
- 25 Bill Cawthorn*
Jeff McClelland
- 26 Mary Wakefield Buxton*
- 29 Shelia Gammel*
- 30 Cathy Spence*



Shrine Mont Summer Camp 2022

Until recently I had never been to Shrine Mont, a conference/retreat center, owned and operated by the Episcopal Church in Orkney Springs, Virginia. I had heard tales of the peacefulness, serenity, and opportunities for rejuvenation that Shrine Mont offered. My experience reinforced everything that I had heard.

The 3 ½ hour drive to Shrine Mont took me through the Blue Ridge Mountains in all its lush greenery, twisting and winding roads and patches of mist and fog. The journey also afforded me a chance to revisit a part of Virginia where I had lived with Susan almost 50 years ago. So much had changed and at the same time had remained the same.

Upon arrival at Shrine Mont, it felt like I was entering “Happy Valley” from the Disney classic cartoon, “Jack and the Beanstalk” (c 1955) a quaint, pristine village where everything moved at an unhurried pace.

After two days at Shrine Mont, I made the trip back to the “rivah” filled with joy, happiness, hope, huge smiles, and amazing memories. Memories of hiking mountain trails, socializing with old and new friends, enjoying music and worship, stilling my mind and heart while sitting and reflecting in a rocking chair, and giving thanks with a grateful heart for all of life’s blessings. Truly an absolutely magical experience.

Clayton Neal



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>
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.