



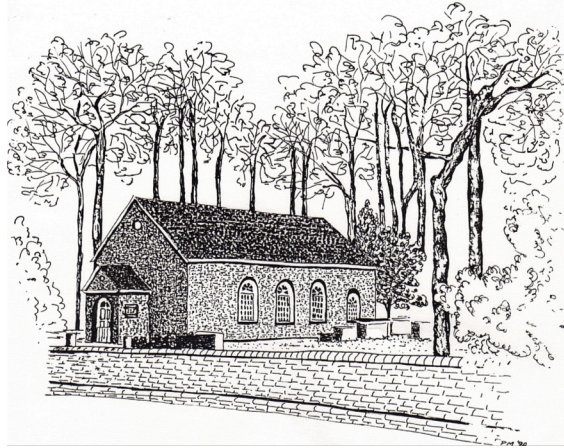
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**Sunday Services:**

8:00 AM

A quiet traditional Service of Holy Communion

10:30 AM

A Family Service of Holy Communion

with Music and Choir

The Rev. Stuart Wood, Rector

The Rev. Bob Pritchard, Ph.D., Associate Rector

Join us for Sunday & Wednesday Services

## Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for February of 2020



**Rector's  
Message**

In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:4-7 he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is

near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Sometimes life can feel overwhelming like you're having to carry the weight of the world upon your shoulders. There are things that you need to do or want to do and time and distractions keep you from them. Finding a balance in life is often a challenge when the to-do list is longer than the done list.

When I find myself feeling like this, I return to the words of St. Paul and remind myself to "rejoice in the Lord always." At this year's Vestry Retreat we gave some of our focus on

things like "how hopeful are you?" and "what brings you joy?" When we constantly keep the positive before us, then the things that weight us down seem a little bit lighter, easier to carry, easier to accomplish.

I have to admit that I was a bit worried about my open house this past month. Yes, the decorations were up but I still wasn't sure that there would be enough refreshments? Oh, how wrong I was to think that. My count says that 69 people came to this social event and the offerings of food and beverages reminded me of the wedding feast at Cana – more than enough for everyone and then some.

The expressions of sympathy that were sent to me at the death of my sister-in-law made that loss a bit easier to handle. When we know that we're not walking alone, there is something to rejoice about for the Lord is near.

I can only imagine what the people of St. Paul's Baptist are going through as their new church building is being constructed. The many decisions that go into building a place of worship can be overwhelming. The costs of making it happen can seem like an insurmountable mountain to climb, but when the people of God come together in prayer and action the Holy Spirit blesses it

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**Senior Warden Input,** Pam McClelland

**“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.”**



Following the election of new Vestry members at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 12, the Vestry held its first monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14. (Minutes of this meeting are always kept in the holder on the Vestry bulletin board). The following officers of the Vestry were elected:

- Senior Warden, Pam McClelland
- Junior Warden, Jeff Loustaunau
- Treasurer, Phil Brown
- Registrar, Jeff Loustaunau

The newly revised “Policies and Procedures” Manual was distributed to all

members. (A reference copy of this is kept in the front office.)

The annual Vestry Retreat was held on Saturday, January 18, in the Parish Hall. Carol Maher, a trained facilitator, led the retreat with the theme “A Light to our Path”. We had time for reflection about the year to come. We are excited about the directions for this year, as we focus on the needs of our congregation, using the all-encompassing goals set last year. Stay tuned for updates!

We are so excited about the fundraising concert for St. Paul’s Baptist Church on February 15 (3-5 pm at St. Clare Walker Middles School). Thank you to those of you who have already given us your generous “love offering”. (Reminder: Checks should be made out to Christ Church Parish, noting this is for donation to St. Paul’s Church). This has become a full **community-building event!** As Rev. Dunn (pastor of St. Paul’s) says, “We have planted the seed. Now let it grow!” What a perfect way to demonstrate the Mission of our church, “to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.”

In love,  
Pam McClelland, Senior Warden

**Junior Warden Input**—Jeff Loustaunau

Thank you to all of those folks who have contributed to the many jobs and projects that were completed during 2019. It was definitely a team effort and one that I think we can all be proud of so thank you to our Building and Grounds Committee. The members of this committee are listed on our Vestry Bulletin Board.

Going forward this coming year, we have several projects that we are hoping to accomplish as part of our Maintenance Plan, which is also posted on the Vestry Bulletin Board. A distinction that I would like to make is that contracts that we have to do things like caring for the grounds, the cleaning of our buildings, and the maintenance of our HVAC system plus other contracts; are all budgeted items in the 2020 Budget.

What is not included in the 2020 Budget, are the special projects in the Parish Hall such as painting a room or two, installing a new kitchen floor, adding ice clips to our metal roof, just to name a few. Also not in the 2020 Budget are the special projects in the Church and around the grounds such as caulking the ridge cap on the roof, repointing the Sacristy walkway, and the repaving of the entrance road to the church

grounds. We will still get these projects done, but the funding will be coming from other sources such as grants and some volunteer efforts. For example, Susan Neal successfully obtained grant money to help with the repair of the interior walls in the church a year ago. And we feel that there are a number of other untapped opportunities along those same lines for the type of work we need to get done. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Please remember that our priorities are:

- To ensure our facilities are safe and keep those on our facilities safe.
- To ensure the preservation of the historic nature of our facilities.
- To do the necessary planned maintenance in order to avoid expensive and unexpected repair and replacement costs.
- To ensure the church complies with all legal and environmental criteria and regulations – in order to ensure the facility is one that is attractive and welcoming to our current members,

Help us meet these priorities by letting us know of any deficiencies that require our attention.



Thank You!!

Dear Christ Church Family,

My name is Peg Moncure. I am currently enrolled in the Deacon School of the Diocese of Virginia as a Postulant for Holy Orders. One of the requirements is that I serve a year-long internship at a parish different from my home parish of Ware Church, Gloucester. I have been blessed to be assigned to Christ Church for that internship.

First of all, I wish to thank you for the warm and friendly way in which you have already welcomed me and my husband, Henry. It has been hard to leave our church family at Ware after thirteen years. However, all of you have made it much easier by being so kind. I know we are going to enjoy our year with you.

Another assignment for school is that I tell you a little about myself. So, here goes. I hope it won't be too boring 😊. I was born in Richmond, VA in 1959. After attending public schools in Richmond and Chesterfield County, I attended Longwood College, now Longwood University, and graduated in 1981 with a degree in Music Education. This was followed by a 31-year teaching career as a middle school band director. Yes, middle school. I loved teaching that level and can say without question that it was NOT a boring profession. Another great joy during that time period was in 1998 when we adopted our son, Marc. I

retired in 2012 and my husband, Henry, and I now enjoy life on the Ware River with our three fur babies/dogs, Lucy, Jefferson and Samson in a little community called Ware Neck. Marc now lives in Florida and in February, will marry his fiancé, Stephanie, and we are thrilled.

I have been involved in many church activities over the years..... vocal and handbell choirs, vestry, LEM/LEV, lector, lay pastoral care, youth choir director, Sunday School teacher, search committee, convention delegate, Cursillo and others. I feel my strongest spiritual gifts are in the areas of pastoral care, music and teaching. When I felt my call in April of 2016, I thought back over all of the ways God had used me and I realized He had been "tapping me on the shoulder" for many years. Then, when the time was right, He called me to do more.

While at Christ Church, I will be observing and learning and hopefully helping. I am thankful that I will have the opportunity to be mentored by Fr Stuart. He is amazing and I know I will learn a lot from him. I look forward to getting to know all of you better.

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## A fond farewell and a warm welcome!



Last month, Carolyn Shank resigned her position as our Administrative Assistant, after being with us for over 17 years. We all wish Carolyn a very happy retirement!

We welcome Joanne Adams as our new Administrative Assistant. She has been working with Carolyn in the office since September. Joanne comes to us with an extensive background in bookkeeping. She currently is the bookkeeper for Northumberland County Public Library. We are fortunate that her part-time schedule there allows her to also work with us. Church office hours continue to be Monday-Thursday, 9 am-noon. We are happy to have her as part of our Christ Church Parish family!

### *The Celtic World*

*Last month we began a new series of presentations from The Great Courses entitled The Celtic World. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month right after the mid-week Eucharist.*

*The first two lectures were enlightening and entertaining. They addressed "Who are the Celts?" and "The Celts and the Classical World." Among other tidbits, we learned that they were known to be fierce warriors who preferred to fight naked. Who knew?*

*On February 12, we will look at "Celtic Art and Artifacts" and "Celtic Languages in the Ancient World." At the end, we will know what a torc and a carnyx are. Are you curious? If so, please join us; no reservation nor homework required! VR, The Verg*

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Please forgive me when I need to be reminded of your names. I'm meeting so many nice people, it may take me a while to remember every name, but I will try.

I will be at all Sunday services and programs and will serve three other hours each week. Soon, we will schedule a time for me to tell you more about the Diaconate. Thank you again for the wonderful welcome you have given me and Henry. I know we are going to have a magnificent year at Christ Church.

## Worship Committee



### Worship Fully

Recently I received a very thought-provoking article sent to me by Anne Lewis from her new church in Williamsburg, St. Martins. Although the theme is familiar to us, I thought it worth a new look. St. Martin's used this for Advent, but it is just as pertinent as we approach Lent. It asks a simple question, but you may find your answer not quite as simple:

*“Does the way we spend our time, money, and energy testify that we worship God incarnate? Sit with that today. Ask God to open your eyes and heart to the truth.”*

### Did you know?

#### The Church office closes for all Federal Holidays!

In case of emergency, you can call the Rector, Senior Warden or Junior Warden on their respective cell phones.

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and can make it happen. Because of the “Share the Love” benefit concert that we are organizing, our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's know that they are not alone in this venture but that the Lord is near through the efforts of others.

so much to rejoice and give thanks for. So, do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

There is much in the world that needs prayer and redemption, but there is al-

What is spam? Another in a series from our Guru, Mike Floyd

Spam is the electronic version of “junk mail.” The term spam refers to unsolicited, often unwanted, email messages. Spam does not necessarily contain viruses—valid messages from legitimate sources could fall into this category.

How can you reduce the amount of spam?

- **Be careful about releasing your email address.** Think twice before you respond to any request for your email address, on the web, verbally, or on paper. Spammers can harvest any email address posted on a website. If you give your email address to a company, that information is often entered into a database so that customer information and preferences can be tracked. If these email databases are sold to or shared with other companies, you can receive an email that you didn't request.
- **Check privacy policies.** Before submitting your email address online, look for a privacy policy. Most reputable sites will have a link to their privacy policy from any form where you're asked to submit personal data. You should read this policy before submitting your email address or any other personal information so that you know what the owners of the site plan to do with the information.
- **Be aware of options selected by default.** When you sign up for some online accounts or services, there may be a section that provides you with the option to receive emails about other products and services. Sometimes there are options selected by default, so if you do not deselect them, you could begin to receive email from those lists as well.
- **Use filters or spam tagging.** Many email programs offer filtering capabilities that allow you to block certain addresses or to allow only email from addresses on your contact list.
- **Report messages as spam.** Most email clients offer an option to report a message as spam or junk. If your email client has that option, take advantage of it. Reporting messages as spam or junk helps to train the mail filter so that the messages aren't delivered to your inbox. However, check your junk or spam folders occasionally to look for legitimate messages that were incorrectly classified as spam.
- **Don't follow links in spam messages.** Some spam relies on generators that try variations of email addresses at certain domains. If you click a link within an email message or reply to a certain address, you are just confirming that your email address is valid. Unwanted messages that offer an “unsubscribe” option are particularly tempting, but this is often just a method for collecting valid addresses that are then targeted for other spam.
- **Consider opening an additional email account.** Many domains offer free email accounts. If you frequently submit your email address (for online shopping, signing up for services, or including it on something like a comment card), you may want to have a secondary email account to protect your primary email account from any spam that could be generated. You could also use this secondary account when posting to public mailing lists, social networking sites, blogs, and web forums. If the account starts to fill up with spam, you can get rid of it and open a different one.
- **Don't spam other people.** Be a responsible and considerate user. Some people consider email forwards a type of spam, so be selective with the messages you redistribute. Don't forward every message to everyone in your address book, and if recipients ask that you not forward messages to them, respect their requests.

<i>February</i>		<i>Christ Church Parish</i>	<i>Calendar of Events</i>			<i>2020</i>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 2pm Burial in the cemetery (Mills)
<b>2</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>	<b>3</b> 8p AA	<b>4</b> 9:30a Hospitality Committee  Noon AA	<b>5</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist  1p Connecting Threads	<b>6</b> Noon AA  6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I  9:15a Adult Sunday School  10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II  5:30p Celtic service	<b>10</b> 8p AA	<b>11</b> 9a Finance Committee Noon AA 5:30p Vestry Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist  10:15a Celtic World Series	<b>13</b> 9:30a Outreach Committee 10a-3p Diocesan Board Mtg. meets here Noon AA  6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>3-5p "Share the Love" Benefit Concert @ St. Claire Walker Middle School Auditorium</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9a Annual Brotherhood Valentine breakfast 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>17</b> 8p AA <b>Federal Holiday—the office is closed</b>	<b>18</b> Noon AA	<b>19</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist  9:30a Visitation Singers	<b>20</b> Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5-7p <b>Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner</b>
<b>23</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>24</b> 8p AA	<b>25</b> Noon AA <b>5-7p Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>	<b>26</b> Noon & 6p <b>Ash Wednesday Services</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30a Worship Committee Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 9a Endowment Board	<b>29</b> <b>Happy Leap Year!</b>

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Miles Libbey, Bev Hart, Roland Anderson; Mary Lynn Landgraf, Jack Fackler



The next meeting of the Hospitality Committee will be on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM in Parish Hall. Everyone with an interest in serving on the Hospitality Committee is invited to come to see the exciting things we are planning for 2020. We would love to have some new members with new ideas to join the group.

Thanks,  
Bev Hart & Mary Lynne Landgraf

Bev Hart ([beviehart@aol.com](mailto:beviehart@aol.com))

Mary Lynn Landgraf ([marylandgraf46@gmail.com](mailto:marylandgraf46@gmail.com))

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Clayton Neal, Jack Fackler, Judy Quilter, Chair Jean Holt, Sharon Colston, Vestry liaisons Mary Jo Atterholt, Karen Brown, Ginger Smither and Pam McClelland, &Fr. Stuart.



The Outreach Committee is very busy Reaching Out and they are out there doing what they do so well!!!



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

### Brotherhood Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Don't forget February 25th from 5 to 7pm!!! It's our time to shine with pancakes (Blueberry & Regular), sausage, bacon & applesauce! We'll have a Help Sign Up sheet on the Board shortly. Get your tickets before they are gone!

## ALTRA GUILD

Marilyn South, Chair



After the season of Epiphany, green altar hangings that are representative of the color of living things and of God's creation are normally hung. We are fortunate to have been given a three-sided Jacobean Coronation tapestry with matching burse, veil, Bible markers, pulpit hanging and clergy stole in loving memory of Brigadier General Richard H. "Zoot" Johnson by his family in 1999. The Jacobean hangings may be used for any occasion, and we are truly blessed with these beautiful hangings.

In 2019, Father Stuart Wood presented the church with a beautiful Jacobean chasuble.

### Blood Pressures:



Bev Hart, Jean Holt, Pat and Roland Anderson volunteer the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month to take blood pressures after each service. If your doctor wishes for you to keep track of your blood pressure, we also provide a card on which to keep this information. Check in the library on the first Sundays and have your blood pressure taken. Also, if you need your blood pressure checked at other times, ask one of us while we are at church, and we can help you with that.



While you are on the internet you may want to check out the Christ Church Parish Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/christchurch.parish/?ref=bookmarks>

and like us on Facebook.



President, John Hawkins; Secretary, Dave Wilcox; Treasurer, Mike Floyd

Mike talked to us about the continuing “hacking” problem. Glad to have the Ladies with us.

Mike gave his Treasurers report which was passed. He then presented the budget, which also cleared muster.

**ECW Board for 2020: President, Karen Gorin; Vice President, Karen Brown, Corresponding Secretary, Cathy Spence; Recording Secretary, Sallie Wells; Treasurer, Virginia Miller**

Looking back at 2019, We had a fabulous year! Our teamwork with many volunteers accomplished so much. Our annual Fashion Show/Game Day/Luncheon in April, with our organizers: Jody Anglin, Grace Parker, Sharon Colston, Judy Quilter, so many names to

list everyone that contributed their time and energy. Susie Loustaunau continued to encourage parishioners to attend football and basketball games, capped off with supplying cookies for the students for exam week. This effort was greatly appreciated and a wonderful connection between CCP and CCS. Fall brought many baked goods for WWK's along with hours at the tent and canvassing buyers. Nov. we jumped into our three-day bake sale and the main tent. Working with brotherhood for a very successful Oyster festival! Then our Veteran's Day luncheon, greatly appreciated by our veteran's! Coordinators: Judy Quilter, Ginger Hellems, Sharon Colston with many others contributing their time for this demanding

project! Our Annual nut sales organized by Grace Parker was our most successful ever! Anne Wilcox; our talented artist, found beautiful winter and spring scenes for note cards. She had her printer produce 200 cards each and we have sold most of our winter cards. Spring cards are available. She graciously donated these to ECW. Thank You Anne! We supplied holiday meals for two needy families for Thanksgiving and Xmas. Thank You all for accomplishing these events and community outreach projects!

Please mark your calendars for April 17th for our annual Fashion Show/ Game Day/Luncheon!  
The start of a New Year!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**ALTAR and FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE**

Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5

**USHER SCHEDULE**

Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
John Quilter	John Quilter	John Quilter	John Quilter
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
Susie & Jeff	Susie & Jeff	Susie & Jeff	Susie & Jeff
Loustaunau	Loustaunau	Loustaunau	Loustaunau

**Christ Church Parish Servers' Schedule**

	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
				<b>Healing Svc.</b>
<b>0800</b>	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)
EM//Ac./Le.	Jeff S.	Dave W.	Amy S.	Barbara S.
<b>1030</b>	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)
				<b>Healing Svc</b>
EM/Ablutions	Grace P.	Steve R.	Grace P.	Jean H..
EM/Prayers	Ann P.	Jean H.	John H.	Peg M.
Crucifer/Acolyte	Robin W.	Peg M./ Nicole D.	Tom C.	Nicole D.
Lector	Scout	Page W.	Chip H.	Diane M.
Gospel Bk. Bear.	Ann P.	Jean H.	John H.	Peg M.



Chip Holt	3rd.
Joyce Reisinger	5th.
Warren Milby	5th.
Gari Sillivan	6th.
Ann Harris	7th.
Virginia Miller	16th.
Rip Radcliffe	20th.
Vel Gray	21st.
Sharon Colston	21st.
Anne Evans	24th.



Warren & Vivian Milby	2/3/62
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## Should I Transfer Some Stock to Church?

*Why would I want to do that?* There could be several reasons. Certainly, ask your advisors about your RMD as a donation. There can be excellent tax savings. It's easier than writing a check every week. It benefits your Church because they know they have the full pledge for the year. Think about this. Let's say you bought a stock at \$1,000.00 per share and it's now worth \$2,000.00 a share. If you pledged \$2,000.00 to Christ Church Parish, a donation of one share that cost you a \$1,000.00 will take care of your \$2,000.00 commitment. We all know dealing with stocks and donating them can be very rewarding, but can also be very tricky. We want to be certain that you get the full IRS tax credit allowed for your stock donations. The donation of appreciated stock is generally a good way that will benefit you as well as the Church or other recipients. Here are the transaction instructions, but always consult with your investment advisor or broker before you do anything. These reasons apply to gifts, pledges &/or the Endowment Fund.

To transfer stock via DTC to Christ Church Parish Saluda, Virginia

1. Advise your investment counsellor or broker that you want to make a gift to Christ Church which has an account with Davenport & Company LLC.
2. Transfers must be completed through the Davenport & Company LLC office in Kilmarnock, Virginia.
3. Davenport and Company DTC # 0715  
141 Technology Drive  
Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482  
Investment Executive: Garry Clay  
Executive Assistant: Kathy Pittman  
804 – 435- 7705 or 800 – 378 – 2165  
Christ Church Account # 8520 – 7082
4. Please contact or have your investment firm/counsellor contact Garry or Kathy in advance to let them know what stock you are gifting, the expected date of completion of the transfer of stock and the name of the donors.
5. Distributions to Christ Church Parish can be applied to your annual pledge and/or the Endowment Fund per your instructions.
6. Please designate if your transfer of stock is a pledge and for which year, or for the Endowment Fund or a special gift and for what purpose.
7. If you have the stock certificates in your possession you must contact a broker or counsellor to transfer the stock.