

Christ Church Parish

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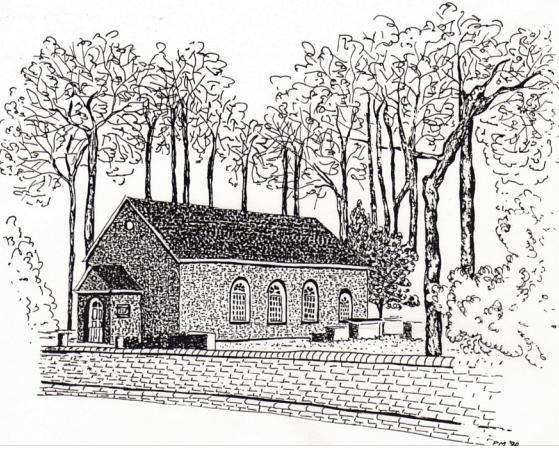
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Sunday Services:

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

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Rector's Message

Merry Christmas and a blessed Epiphany. I find it interesting how so many people look forward to Christmas but then put it all away before it barely begins. For well over a month people have been going to concerts and Christmas music on the Christmas shows on television usually comes on the eve of Christmas Eve services, begin opening their gifts. ticed just how quickly all pates for many people by Radio stations stop playing decorations quickly dis and along the streets in Year's day many have Christmas from their homes.



With all the emphasis of Christmas placed before Christmas day, many have no desire to carry on the celebration through the actual twelve days of Christmas. It's counter-cultural to carry on the celebration until the Feast of Epiphany. Romans 12:2 reminds us "that we should not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." Continuing our celebration of Christmas throughout the season is our opportunity to bear witness to the fact that there is more to this season than parties, gifts, eating, and Santa Claus as many people have made it, but it is, in fact, the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ the Lord.

So when people ask why my decorations are still up? The answer is "I put them up in preparation of celebrating our Savior's birth and that celebration lasts until the 5th of January – Twelfth Night. So until January 5th, you will still hear me saying to people, "Merry Christmas" and when they say, "but Christmas is over" I will remind them that the 12 days of Christmas began Christmas Day and didn't end that day. Besides, we should be carrying the joy of Christmas in our hearts every day of the year.

Fr. Stuart

CONFIRMATION CLASSES NEED TO BE STARTING SOON

Bishop Goff is scheduled to be with us at the beginning of March and if you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, being Confirmed, Received into the Episcopal Church, or renewing your own Confirmation from years ago, please let Fr. Stuart know as soon as possible so that we can discuss a suitable time and day to have our classes. Fr. Stuart has purchased a number of copies of "Walk in Love Episcopal Beliefs & Practices" to be our study guide.

SCAM ALERT

I am aware that at least on two occasions that some parishioners have gotten requests "from me" asking for help in the form of gift cards. THESE REQUESTS ARE NOT FROM ME. If in the future any of you receive a request asking for money from me PLEASE IGNORE IT, but do call or text me to let me know that it has happened. Some clear signs that it isn't from me is that the scammer refers to me as "Rev. Wood." I refer to myself as Fr. Stuart or Stuart+. There is also some minor change to my email address. I never have seen these emails which have been sent out in the past until someone shows them to me.

So be alert and know that I will NEVER ask for money in this manner no matter what time of the year it may be.

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 13th we will hold our annual congregational meeting in which we will hear about the accomplishments of the previous year, elect four persons to the Vestry (3 for 3-year terms and 1 for a 1-year term), and pass our 2019 annual budget. There will be a breakfast at 9 a.m. in the parish hall, then we will have a joint service of Holy Eucharist in the church at 10 a.m., followed by the annual meeting back in the parish hall. The annual meeting will begin around 11:15 and will last about an hour.

CCP CORRESPONDENTS

Each of our church committee and organization chairpersons has been asked to submit an article for publication in each of the upcoming newsletters. This is an attempt to keep Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex congregants informed and up to date. It will be just a bit of what has happened and what's going to happen.

ECW—Karen Gorin, President



Page Wittkamp, VP; Recording Secretary; Sallie Wells, Kathy Spence, Corresponding Secretary; Virginia Miller, Treasurer; Members: all ..Ladies of the Church

I am looking forward to 2019. Judy Quilter and I will be meeting this week to assess our plans for this coming year. Any suggestions for new or improved ideas for the year will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Karen Gorin

To my Christ Church family,

To say that the past couple of months have been difficult would be an understatement but I thank the Lord for the outpouring of love from all of you. I cannot find enough words to express the appreciation of your prayers, cards, calls, food and the help given in my absence at the office. A special thank you to Susan Guillotte for stepping up to do the deposit.

God bless you all,

Carolyn Shank, Parish Administrator

See article and pictures from the ECW Christmas Social on page 6.

The Christ Church Endowment Board

Jack Hellems, Chairman; Grace Parker, Secretary; Page Wittkamp; Vel Gray, Senior Warden; Robin Wells; Fr. Stuart Wood, Rector



As a result of Amy Wells Mackay's presentation regarding RMD and other tax-advantaged financial moves, we have received further interest in these vehicles from a number of parishioners. The use of your RMD in a tax-advantaged way has passed for 2018, but we do have several copies of Amy' presentation available. Never too early to start planning for 2019! Ask any Endowment Board member for a copy so you can discuss with your financial planner.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund

What is it, where does it come from and how is it used?

You may not know that the Rector of Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) has a Discretionary fund. There are a number of funding sources but one of the major sources comes on the First Sunday of every month and that is the cash from the Offering Plates. Other sources come from the ECW & the Brotherhood. From time to time the Rector will receive a cash contribution from an event that he officiates and that goes to that Fund. You can also write a check for the Fund and give it to the Rector or Parish Administrator. Now, the question you might have is, how does Father Stuart distribute these funds? It is important to know that these funds are used to help members of Christ Church Parish who might be in need. Father Stuart's relationship with each of us is similar to the Doctor/patient relationship. This is important, because many folks may be too proud to publicly ask for help when it is needed for themselves, their children or their family. This way, they can go to Father Stuart, get some help when it is needed and they will know it won't become public knowledge. Obviously, he doesn't have unlimited funding but will always try to help in some way or another. So, remember the cash in the plate on the first Sunday goes to directly help a parishioner in need!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE—Jean Holt, Chair



know that we support their great work with our county students.

Thanks to **Bev Hart**, who is retiring from this committee. Many projects were served well by Bev over the last year, such as our leader for the Unity World Festival and One Community under God events; and designing and promoting the sale of CCP T-shirts. Clayton Neal and Jack Fackler have graciously volunteered to be the point persons for these community events. Also, Jack keeps us up to date on the needs of Hands Across Middlesex and Clayton remains the contact for our participation with Habitat For Humanity.

Social Services – because of our generous donations last year, we were able to fill 9 bags for the Social Services to give to children who may be entering Foster care. Social services will inform us when more children's bags are needed. This year, **our focus** will be to supply bags filled with **needs for seniors** who may have just returned home from the hospital, or moved to a nursing facility and are unable to gather supplies needed during the gap from coming home until their social service programs resume. Social Services had a recent donation of hygiene products, so we will concentrate on **items** such as:

- * Non-perishables such as apple sauce, fruit cups, and bottled water.
- * Puzzle books (word search, crossword, etc.)
- * Puzzles
- * Books (large print)
- * Paper Towels/toilet paper –(these items are not covered by SNAP benefits and are hard for older adults to obtain if they have no transportation or are not up to driving). (Continued on page 6)

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* other similar items you may think appropriate

We will begin gathering some of these items in January— container to collect these items will be in the Parish Hall.

The Outreach committee meets (usually) on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM. If you have questions, ideas or want to participate in a project, please contact one of our committee members: Jean Holt, Clayton Neal, Jack Fackler, Judy Quilter, Susie Loustaunau, Bert Butler, or Sharon Colston.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Robin Wells, Chairman, Jeff Loustauneau, Vestry Rep., Miles Libbey, Vestry member, Bev Hart, Linda Irwin, Jack Hellems, Liz Perkins, Roland Anderson

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM

The Last of the Chicken!!

CCP Chicken Noodle Soup for colds and souls...



At Jean's urging last summer when we were "butchering" the chickens (cutting out the backs), we saved all of the chicken backs, necks, including the Pope's noses (I was getting ready to throw it all away!) from the chicken dinner we had. They (parts and pieces) have been taking up freezer space, so Jean suggested we get together and make some good old fashioned chicken noodle soup. She then suggested I give her half so she could "multi-task" so we each took a share. There are many frozen containers of Chicken noodle soup loaded with onions, celery, and carrots in the parish hall kitchen freezer. If you know of someone just home from the hospital, or nursing a cold/flu, or just in need of some comfort from warm chicken noodle soup, either get some from the freezer and take it to the deserving person, or let Jean Holt or Fr. Stuart know of the need, and they will see to it that the soup is delivered. We love cooking for you because we care! Love, Jean and Robin!

Vestry Newcomer Reception

We are helping the Vestry with their Newcomer Reception to be held in the Parish Hall on January 20th at 4:00 PM till 6:00 PM. Invitees will include the Vestry and spouses, all newcomers, their mentors & spouses, and some Hospitality Committee members to help with set up, serving and clean up. This event was planned in order to get to know the newer folks attending Christ Church Parish and so they can get to know some of the leaders of our Church.

MEET THE NEWCOMER CORNER

As editor of our Newsletter, I thought it would be a good idea to meet our newcomers in a way that would be hard to do at a Coffee Hour after Church. I will be asking all our newcomers to give me some information about who they are and what they have been up to for this monthly article.

Our first newcomers are **Phil & Karen Brown**. Phil is a native of Dayton, Ohio, and Karen is from Seneca Falls, New York. She's from a Military family so grew up "all over" but spent 4 years in France. Phil went to George Washington University and received an MCP (Masters, City & Regional Planning), from Ohio State University School of Architecture. Karen's education includes a BA, (Psychology minor in Special Education) Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York and an M. Ed (Masters in Counselor Education), Auburn University. Phil is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He is a Retired Lt Col, US Army Reserve (Corps of Engineers). He is also a retired SVP, Portfolio Manager, PNC Institutional Investments (Washington, DC). Karen is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and National Certified Counselor. She was an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University in Washington DC and attended Harvard University Course in Strategic Perspectives for Nonprofit Executives in 2011 as a Scholarship winner. She retired as an Executive Director of Brain Injury Services. She created first pediatric case management program in the Commonwealth. Karen has won several special recent awards: Brain Injury Association of Virginia 2017 Weinstock Award, Leadership Fairfax' Torchbearer Award and Brain Injury Services The Alan Mayer Service Award.

Phil and Karen were married in 1982. They have a daughter, Jennifer, a son-in-law, and two grandboys in Centreville, VA. They are also parenting an English Bulldog named Humphrey. Both fully retired in June 2017 and moved to Cedar Pointe, just outside of Urbanna. They joined Middlesex Kiwanis and Phil helps Karen with Cryer Center Food Bank volunteer work. Phil's hobbies include reading, working in the yard, oyster biscuit sales and post-festival clean-up. Karen likes to read, garden, "being a grandmother" and volunteering.

We welcome Phil and Karen with open arms and all our love!

ECW Christmas Social

Grace Parker was so kind to offer her always love-



ly home for an afternoon social event for the ladies of our Christ Church Parish. Each attendee was to bring

an appetizer. Naturally, everyone brings there best most popular dish, so there were lots and lots of good food to go around. Grace was "gracious" enough to offer a tasty punch and wine for all to enjoy. What a wonderful event for all the ladies to be able to get together in such a nice social environment!

Christmas Eve at Christ Church Parish (Episcopal), Middlesex

This services is always one of the best attended and loved service we hold during the year. It would have been a larger crowd of worshipers, but many of our regular worshipers leave to visit family and worship with them in their churches.



See more pictures on Page 15.

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Brotherhood

President, Jeff Loustaunau; Vice President, John Hawkins; Treasurer, Mike Floyd; Recording Secretary, Dave Wilcox; Members, all the Men of the Church

The final tally for the Oyster Festival resulted in net proceeds of \$19,914.01, which was another tremendous year. The Brotherhood voted to take advantage of this strong year to increase our seed money from \$10,700 to \$13,500 as our past costs indicate that the increase is needed. This allowed us to write three checks for our three-way split of the proceeds to ourselves, the ECW and the Church for \$5,704.67. So once again, a WELL DONE to all for their efforts!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Our January 20th Breakfast presentation will be a summary of the Active Shooter Presentation that was given by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department this past summer. Robin Wells, John Quilter, and Paige Bishop, who attended that event, will be our presenters. Many of our congregation have been asking about this, so we are inviting the ECW, Ushers & Altar and Flower Guilds to this Breakfast as well so as many people as possible can hear about this important topic. The last thing we want to hear is "I didn't think it could happen here."



Our February 10th Breakfast will also include the ECW as our Valentine's Day Breakfast. Our presenters will be Susan and John Hilliard, who will speak about their past Wise County Mission Trip, which many of us attended this year. We're hoping to have a strong attendance at both events.

And remember – Breakfast is always better in the HOOD!!!

Chrismas Open House

Editors Note: Here's hoping this get's to you before the Open House!

Fr. Stuart invites you to his Christmas open house on the 12th day of Christmas, Saturday, January 5th from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. to visit, see the decorations, and to share refreshments. The address is 504 Steamboat Lane, Hartfield, VA 23071.

Directions: Take the first left off of Stormont before you get to the entrance to the Piankatank Golf Coarse. You will immediately cross over Riverboat Lane and his house will be the first house on the left (yellow with dark green shutters). Use the gravel driveway by the mailbox and do not turn down the paved golf cart path. You may have to park out on the street.

Altar & Flower Guilds Schedule for January & February

Jan. 13th	Jan. 20 th	Jan. 27th.	Feb. 3rd	Feb. 10th
Healing Service				
Altar	Altar	Altar	Altar	Altar
Team 6	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Ginger Hellems*	Virginia Miller*	Marilyn South*	Barbara Shaw*	Evie Wilton*
Sallie Wells*	Grace Parker	Ann Padgett	Cean Cawthorn	Bev Hart*
Hellen Tarran	Marian Goodloe	Suzi Hutchens	Lydia Dudley	Susan Guillotte
Landa Irwin	Meredith Caskie	Cathy Spence	Amy Shacht	Kathy Clarke
Bert Butler**	Jody Anglin	Susan Dugan	Dottie Cronk**	Susan Hilliard
		Karen Gorin**		Betty Evans**

* Captains * ** Both Altar & Flower ** *** Healing Service ***

Flower	Flower	Flower	Flower	Flower
Harriette Floyd	Libby Allen	Ginger Smither	Dottie Cronk**	Anne Lewis
Jane Bunnell	Sharon Colston	Karen Gorin**	Cathy Spence	Betty Evans**
Bert Butler**				

For the Ushers Schedule See page 14

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 2019

Tuesday, Jan 1	12PM—AA	Sunday, Jan. 20	4pm-Newcomer Reception
Wednesday, Jan. 2	No Holy Eucharist	Monday, Jan. 21	8pm—AA
Thursday, Jan. 3	12pm—AA 6:45pm—Boy Scouts	Tuesday, Jan. 22	12PM—AA 10am—Worship 4pm—Endowment
Friday, Jan.4	9:30am-Hospitality		
Sunday, Jan. 6	8am—Holy Eucharist I 10am—Holy Eucharist II	Wednesday, Jan.23	9:30am—Holy Eucharist 12pm—AA 6:45pm—Boy Scouts
Monday, Jan. 7	8pm—AA		
Wednesday, Jan. 9	No Holy Eucharist 1pm—Connecting Threads	Sunday, Jan. 27	8am—Holy Eucharist I 10am—Holy Eucharist II Healing Service after
Thursday, Jan. 10	12pm—AA 6:45pm—Boy Scouts		
Sunday, Jan. 13	9am Congregation Breakfast in parish hall 10am Holy Eucharist II Annual Meeting	Monday, Jan. 28	8pm—AA
		Tuesday, Jan. 29	12PM—AA
Monday, Jan 14	8pm—AA	Wednesday, Jan. 30	9:30am—Holy Eucharist 9:30am—Outreach
Tuesday, Jan. 15	9am—Finance 12PM—AA 4pm—Endowment 6pm—Vestry		12pm—AA 6:45pm—Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Jan.16	9:30am—Holy Eucharist 12pm—AA 6:45pm—Boy Scouts	Monday, Jan. 31	8pm—AA
	<i>Editors Notes:</i>		
	1. <i>The calendar continues to be a challenge so we are back to a listing—sorry!</i>		
	2. <i>Editors deadlines are pretty strict so that the Newsletter can be published in a time sensitive fashion</i>		
Sunday, Jan. 20	8am—Holy Eucharist I 9am-Brotherhood Breakfast & Active Shooter Present. 10am—Holy Eucharist II		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Pete & Judy Mansfield 1/1/1981

Ted Edwards 1/3/1970

Robin & Sallie Wells 1/16/1960

Vel Gray 1/27/1967

Garry & Micki Clay 1/31/1987



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Lurlean Samuel	January 1	Byron Parker	January 26
Lee Davis	January 3	Stuart Wood	January 10
Bill Brown	January 5		
Leigh Cros	January 7		
Jim Knupp	January 13		
Garry Clay	January 13		
Donna Gates	January 16		
Jerry May	January 17		
Wally Horton	January 18		
Andrew Horton	January 19		
Steve Richardson	January 20		



CHRIST CHURCH PARISH 2019 USHER SCHEDULE

	8:00 AM SERVICE	PHONE	10:30 SERVICE	PHONE
January	Gordon White	804 695-4628	Mike Gorin	804-776-7184
February	John Quilter	804-347-0763	Chris Jones	804-445-5108
			Dave South	804-776-6983
March	Barbara Shaw	804-758-1028	Susie Guillotte	804-824-8601
			Bob Guillotte	
April	Gari Sullivan	804-776-9280	Pat Anderson	804-928-1323
			Roland Anderson	
May	_____		Phil Brown	207-801-1282
			Karen Brown	703-472-3470
June	Jim Hill	804-694-7394	Virginia Miller	804-776-7472
			Susan Dugan	808-815-3580
July	Jack Tarran	804-758-0651	Mike Floyd	804-758-4280
			Linda Irwin	941-380-6387
August	Don Harris	804-758-4090	Jack Fackler	804-758-3428
			Cathy Spence	
September	_____		Tom Clark	804-461-8366
			John Hawkins	804-435-7735w
October	_____		Ann Padgett	804-776-6078
			Bob Montague	804-758-2663
November	Paige Bishop	804-776-0168	Thyra Harris	804-824-4304
December	Jody Anglin		Robin Wells	804-832-3849
			Sallie Wells	804-832-5763

**Please contact Thyra for any changes or updates to this schedule:
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Christmas Eve Service—2018

