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

Join us for our Sunday On-Line Facebook Service
<http://www.facebook.com/christchurch.parish/>

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for July 2021

From Our Rector



It is so hard for me to believe that we are already at the mid-point of the year. O how the first six months of this year have flown by. Fortunately, we are moving beyond the restrictions that the COVID pandemic had imposed upon us and life is moving in the right direction. I pray that this will continue as we go forward through the rest of the year.

As we have emerged from the lock down months, where all of our services were pre-recorded and then uploaded to the church's Facebook page, we have joyfully moved, once again,

back into having in person worship. That came, at first, with the restrictions of wearing masks, social distancing, receiving communion in the pews with the host only, and no singing. Now Sundays feel like they did prior to the pandemic with the exception of still not receiving the chalice at communion. That also may change shortly, but in the mean time we may be using small single serve cups until we can return to the common cup.

The biggest change has been the addition of cameras at the rear of the church. With many hours of work and preparation, our tech team has been working hard to stream our 10:30 a.m. live service to our Facebook page and then to our YouTube link. Throughout the gospels we hear about Jesus sending out the disciples to spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God. In Matthew 10, Jesus sent out the twelve disciples. In Mark 6, he sent them out two by two. Again, in Luke 10, Jesus appointed 72 others and sent them out ahead of him to share the news and prepare people for his coming. Throughout the history of the Church, the Gospel has been shared with the world in many different ways. First it was by word of mouth, then through the written word, then through the printed word, and then through the air waves on radio and then television.

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With each succeeding generation, new ways have developed that allow us to reach people and tell them about the grace, love, and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. And now we have the internet. Our live streamed services will allow those who are unable to attend church in person due to physical concerns, travel, or have moved away, to remain connected to their Christ Church Parish family.

Our services have become a new means of outreach and evangelism to the community and the world. I, personally, am not someone who is comfortable being in front of the camera, but have had to adapt to this new normal. That being said, I realize that some of you may also be uncomfortable being on camera. Our tech team wishes to respect that as best as possible. I don't want to encourage people to sit at the back of the church, but sitting away from the aisle or closer to the back will keep you out of the camera's view. If you leave the pew during the passing of the peace you may be seen briefly and also at communion when returning from the altar rail. It helps me to remember that I am there to worship God, to sing his praises, and to celebrate the sacraments; and that I am not there to put on a show where I might be concerned more about how I may look or how I may sound.

Jesus calls us to go out into the world and share our faith – this is a way for our Christ Church family to do just that.

May God's blessings be always with you.

Fr. Stuart

Mid-week Eucharist

Please remember that we have a mid-week Eucharist here at Christ Church. The service is at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and will be celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.



“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.”

THE VESTRY—A BRIEF (BUT NOT ALL INCLUSIVE) DEFINITION

The Vestry of Christ Church Parish shall consist of nine adult members of the confirmed Congregation who pledge or contribute regularly, are in good standing with the Church, and are duly elected at the annual meeting of the congregation in January. Each elected member shall serve for a period of three years. A quorum shall consist of five members.

The Rector shall be a non-voting, ex officio member of the Vestry, whose presence at meetings shall not be required for purposes of determining a quorum.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Vestry shall meet to elect officers including Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Registrar, and set the time and place for its regular monthly meeting.

Annually the Vestry will review the Vision and Mission of the congregation and establish goals and objectives designed to fulfill that Mission.

Each Vestry member shall support the programs of the Church and continuously encourage members of the congregation to support the programs of the Church and to give generously toward the support of those programs. Each Vestry member shall personally welcome newly baptized, confirmed, received, or transferred members of the congregation.

Each Vestry shall see that the Rector is properly supported in keeping with the published guidelines of the Diocese; and make all necessary provision for Church

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music, with the advice and consent of the Rector, and subject to his control.

Each Vestry shall transact all the churches temporal business, e.g.: (a) providing for the appointment of Trustees pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia to hold title to the property of the Church; (b) making and executing all contracts for erecting, furnishing, and preserving the Church edifice and other property; (c) regulating the use of any graveyard or columbarium; (d) establishing a Finance Committee as required by Canon 25 (Finance Committees); and, I observing Canon 13 (Business Methods in Church Affairs).

The Vestry will appoint a member for every month as a point of contact for the congregation as Vestry Person of the Month. The Vestry person’s name and phone number will be published monthly in the newsletter so that the congregation will have an individual to contact should they have questions of items of Vestry business or need assistance on a matter when the Rector is not available.

The Vestry, in October of each year, shall appoint a Nomination Committee from within the Vestry, to present to the Vestry, nominees-in-good-standing who have agreed to be considered for Vestry membership, if elected.

from the Junior Warden’s Workbench



Soon the NARTHEX will be finished! Thanks to Robin Wells, Jeff Loustaunau, Tom Clarke, Henry Moncure, and Bob Guillotte.

The office air conditioner was repaired last week and a yearly service was performed on “all” the HVAC units.

Other projects include: a Camera Podium; Wainscot in progress; repairing, treating, and painting the Church windows; window glazing and repair on the Choir loft and Upper Narthex; grout the Church walkways; a sixteen year old dishwasher will be repaired or replaced; and the dead tree branches in the Parish Hall parking lot will be cut and the tree treated.

As always, you can contact me with suggestions, questions, or to raise your hand to help with some projects that the church “guys” are doing or going to do (windows, walks, painting etc.).

John Quilter
Junior Warden

◀ June	July 2021						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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4 Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Independence Day	5 Independence Day Celebrated	6 AA Group Noon-1:00 pm	7 Eucharist 9:00 am	8 AA Group Noon-1:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Fellowship Committee 11:15 am	9	10	
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Daughters of the King



For some time, a few women of Christ Church have thought about establishing a chapter of the Daughters of the King in our parish. Now may be the right time to look more seriously at the idea.

Who are the Daughters of the King (DOK)? It is a religious order of women and girls between the ages of 7 and 107 who desire a closer walk with the Lord. Christian women, both lay and ordained, can become members of this order. It is an ORDER, not a committee or informal group. Women who are seeking a companionable structure for prayer and service may find DOK exactly what they want and take vows to uphold the two Rules of the Order: Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service.

If you are interested, I encourage you to research the order and let me know if you would like to have someone come to speak to us about establishing a chapter. The Motto of the Order is:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

This certainly speaks to me. As a verger, our motto is Service through Worship and Worship through Service. It is never too soon nor too late to dedicate ourselves to serving the One who gave everything for us.

Grace Parker, Verger

Catechism Corner



Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education

“...And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.” BCP p.366 Post-Communion Prayer 2 c.1979

First, note that we are taking an active role as we prepare to leave Church and reenter the world. This is not passive; this means we can not simply say to ourselves ...well that was a nice service ...see you next week...

Second, instead, we are asking to be “sent out”....it is imperative that we act to do His work.

Sent out to “do the work you have given us to do”....in this prayer there appears to be the assumption that we know the “work” we have before us....do we? Perhaps we take a weekly, or more often, self-critical measure of the things we should be working on to please the Father...and also the things that we could be doing in the near future....perhaps focused around two other action-oriented words that follow in the prayer: “to love and serve you”

...similar words are in the first post-communion prayer on BCP page 365 (circa 16th century)

Finally, keep your “do the work” list current!

Miles Libbey

Outreach Ministry



Fellow Parishioners,

Work on building the HABITAT home has been suspended temporarily. HABITAT has been having continued problems in finding a plumber to assist. Plans are being made to reach out to our community via a newspaper article, requesting help with the plumber issue. If you know of a certified plumber who would be interested in helping, please let us know or contact HABITAT directly at 758-2044. Hopefully by social networking the plumbing problem can be resolved soon and the crew from CCP can “do their thing”.

Judy Quilter
Chairperson



Positioning for the coming year. More coming next month...



From the Deacon's Bench

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The time for Fine Arts Camp is fast approaching and we need YOUR help ☺.

This special event will run the week of August 9th. Monday – Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm, we will be working with children in the areas of music, art, and drama. On Saturday, we will have a program in the parish hall from 1pm – 3pm where the campers will show everyone what they have worked on in all areas during the week. Sunday is the final day of the camp, and the children will provide music for our worship service followed by a picnic for everyone.

This camp is a special and important way for us to reach out to our community. Middlesex Department of Social Services is helping us find children in need in our community who would benefit from this camp and who would not, financially, be able to attend other camps. Our camp is being offered totally free of charge. Parents will only be responsible for providing transportation.

If you have grandchildren who would like to attend, we would LOVE to have them. A registration form and flyer were emailed earlier. If you need those sent to you again, just send me a request at peggy_moncure@live.com

We need your help in the following ways: Volunteer your time during the week to help by observing activities, working in the kitchen pouring drinks, making sandwiches and snacks, serving alongside children who need a little extra help, You do not have to be there every single day and time. Any and all help is appreciated.

Donate empty Pringles cans, oatmeal containers, etc. (any containers like those with a lid) We will be turning them into instruments. Please place them in the box in the conference room in the parish hall.

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Please send me an email if you are willing to help us in any way. We look forward hearing from you.

There is one more special event that is new to us this year. Have you ever been to Shrine Mont? If so, you know what a special place it is. If not, you are really missing out on something wonderful. This Episcopal conference center is in Orkney Springs, VA. They have a very informative website. This is a magnificent place to get together and relax after the long months of isolation we have all experienced. There will be planned activities including worship at the outdoor shrine and there will be plenty of free time to enjoy this “mountaintop experience.”

“Wabingston” (the Gloucester/Mathews parishes of Ware, Abingdon, and Kingston) is having a weekend retreat and we have been invited to join them. I am going as a musician and it would certainly be comforting to have some of my Christ Church family go with me. **RESERVATIONS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD—WHEN THEY ARE OPENED, NOTICE WILL BE SENT OUT**

The dates are Friday, July 30 – Sunday, Aug. 1. The cost:

One adult for two nights with double occupancy and six meals \$180

One Adult for two nights with single occupancy and six meals \$240

What to expect at a Wabingston weekend?

Friday: a warm welcome at Virginia House to get Room Assignments

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Virginia House, buffet style; Arrival Activities

Saturday: Breakfast in Virginia House, Gathering for workshops and worship in the Parlor

Lunch in Virginia House followed by several hours of free time for hiking, Golf at Bryce, napping, games, reading and pool time

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Appetizers and beverages in the Parlor; Supper at Virginia House

Listening to the concert on the porch-provided by the Shenandoah Music Festival – this year - **Kansas!** (We do not even have to buy tickets. We can listen from the lawn.)

Sunday: Breakfast in Virginia House

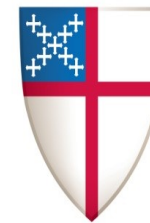
Worship at Shrine of the Transfiguration

Lunch at Virginia House, then Departure

The scenery is spectacular, and the food is fabulous.

If you have questions, just email, or call me 804-869-3867. Please think about attending. We need to let them know something soon.

Thanks. Peg+



**THE BROTHERHOOD OF
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH (EPISCOPAL)**

There are plans in the making for the monthly Brotherhood Breakfast to resume in September. There will certainly be a full agenda as the planning for Oyster Festival will be at the top of the agenda along with filling the Vice President’s position.

It has been an unusual year so let’s start the next one with urgency and dedication to our goals.



YOUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU....

The choir would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to help us "Make a joyful noise..." on Sundays at the 10:30 AM service. There are no requirements to join. We meet in the choir room Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for practice. Come give us a try.

Barbara Gill

Fellowship

Good news, church coffee hour is **BACK**.



Please join us after the services for coffee, cookies, and conversation. If you would like to help out, just let the ladies manning the coffee pot know and Thanks in advance.

Also, if all goes well, a fall Harvest Moon dinner is in the works. The date is Friday Oct. 22 more news to follow.

The Fellowship Committee

Connecting Threads



For the month of July, our Connecting Threads group will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, **July 14th, at 1:00pm**. Please join us for fun and fellowship while working on your favorite craft/hobby.

Any questions, please contact Jean Holt-804-366-7425.

Special July Celebrations

Anniversaries



- 1 John W. Hawkins and Page Wittkamp
- 9 Jack and Ginger Hellems
- 24 Roland and Pat Anderson

Birthdays

- 2 Don Stebbins
Kathy Clarke
- 7 Phil Brown
- 9 Jeff Loustaunau
- 10 Jeffrey "Jeff" Shaw
Sally Austin
- 11 William "Chris" Jones
- 15 Judy W. Quilter
- 20 Jeannette Adkins
- 22 Roland Anderson
- 23 Cindy Naylor
- 25 Harriette Floyd
John H. Quilter
- 26 Peg Moncure
- 30 Joseph T. "Chip" Buxton



ARTICLES ACCEPTED!

This newsletter is for information and articles that are germane to Christ Church Parish. That being said, 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 2021 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
August 2021	Monday July 26, 2021
September 2021	Thursday August 26, 2021
October 2021	Friday September 24, 2021
November 2021	Monday October 25, 2021
December 2021	Friday November 26, 2021
January 2022	Monday December 27, 2021
February 2022	Monday January 24, 2022
March 2022	Monday February 21, 2022

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to wire-paladin@hughes.net. Pictures may also be submitted and will be used on a "space available" basis.