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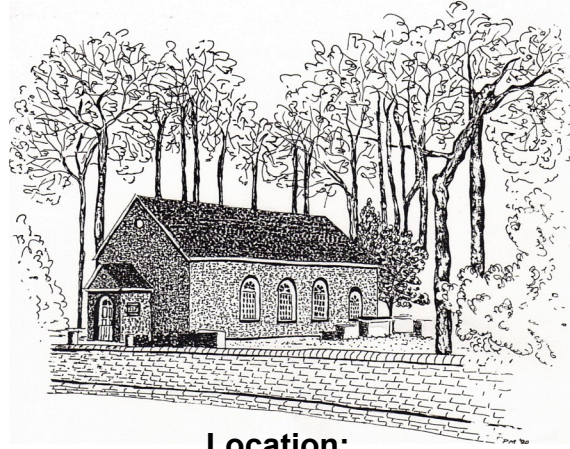
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Services:

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 July 2022

From Our Rector



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. (I Corinthians 12:12-14)

Yes, the body does not consist of one member but of many. Having said that, I would still like to highlight the incredible dedication and hard work of a few of those many members that make up Christ Church Parish. It is not my intent to leave anyone out, because we all contribute in many ways to making this an exciting and vibrant parish to worship and work in. I mean, if you think about it, there is the altar and flower guilds, the Vestry, the choir, newsletter editor, ECW, Men's group, parish administrator, our deacon, and the many committee ministries that keep looking for new and meaningful ways in which to share the love of Christ with each other, the community, and beyond. And for all of this I give thanks to God.

But I would like to lift up to your attention the incredible and dedicated work of our Junior Wardens over the years. I can't tell you the amount of time and energy that our Junior Wardens have given to this parish. I have seen them here, over the years that I have been here, at both the church and parish hall almost on a daily basis. Just recently, Betsy Evans was here all day while all of the air conditioning units were being serviced. Another day she was here while all the fire extinguishers were being recertified. And another day with the fire alarm people who were trying to get the system working properly. Not to mention the numerous other tasks that go into this ministry. I don't want to scare off any future would be Junior Wardens, but we as a parish need to be very grateful for their dedication and hard work.

The other ministry that I would like to highlight is the work of our Tech Team. This is the group of individuals that bring us our on-line ministry each week by streaming the services on our Facebook page and then uploading them to YouTube. The emails that follow each service are numerous among the team as they continually look for ways to improve these services and trouble shoot the many problems that we're often not aware of unless it truly effects the service, such as several weeks ago when the audio system

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wasn't functioning. They meet on almost a weekly basis to discuss and strategize what needs to happen next. They're truly looking to the future in reaching a younger and more tech savvy group of worshippers. One of their newest efforts includes developing a way for people, beyond the parish, to make contributions on-line. They will tell you that this should not be seen as a convenient way for parishioners to give because there is a cost which will slightly diminish a person's gift, but it may encourage our viewers from afar to help support us.

Please take the time to tell these two parts of the body of Christ how much their often unseen but dedicated work means to both you and our Parish.

Faithfully,

Fr. Stuart

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL

A number of parishioners have been asking me lately when am I going on sabbatical? This was first mentioned in a newsletter some months ago and I know that it's hard to keep track of time and events. I will begin my sabbatical on September 1st and return on December 1st in time to attend the ordination and consecration of the 14th Diocesan Bishop of Virginia. While I am on sabbatical, the Rev. Dr. Bob Prichard has been given permission by the Suffragan Bishop to fill in for me while I am away. My current plans still include spending two months in Scotland, England, and Ireland with my first great adventure walking the 62 mile pilgrimage route known as St. Cuthbert's Way. My plans for November are still in the planning stage. I feel confident that you all will be in excellent hands with both Bob and Deacon Peg here to keep services going and pastoral care taken care of.

NEW ALTAR HANGINGS

On Sunday June 19th the altar and pulpit got some "new cloths." That Sunday marked the beginning of the long season in which the hangings changed to green. For the last few years, the altar has been either covered with just the fair linen or was adorned with the red coronation tapestry Jacobean frontal that went all the way to the floor. Why? Because our green hangings had become so faded that they didn't even match each other. The solution was to replace them. The problem was that no one was still making the olive green like the old hangings. The new greens clashed with the kneelers and chairs. It had been pointed out that the chasuble and stole that was presented to Fr. Stuart for his installation as rector, which is adorned with the green Verona Tapestry, does coordinate well with the altar chairs and kneelers. So, the Memorial Committee and Altar Guild approved the purchase of a new altar frontal, burse and veil (which covers the chalice on the altar), pulpit, and lectern hangings in the Verona Tapestry as well. The Vestry then gave their stamp of approval. The set was made by J. Wippell & Company Ltd. in England and look beautiful in our colonial church setting.



From the Deacon's Bench

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) (NRSV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God has given us so much. We are blessed in many ways. During this time of great turmoil in our world, let us rejoice and take comfort in the many good things God provides. Let us give thanks to God for those blessings and “let our light shine” to show others what He has done for us.

Many in our treasured community of Christ Church Parish do let that light shine. We see evidence of it throughout this newsletter and in their actions as we observe and participate in the “good works” that are being done. I do not wish to mention specific acts because they truly are too numerous, and I would surely leave something out. However, just look around and you will see.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to observe some of those “good works” that are being done. Please visit and see what is happening during the week of July 18th our 2nd Annual Fine Arts Camp. This camp is being offered free of charge thanks to the generous support of the Sanders Fund. Some of the children in attendance would not otherwise be able to afford a camp experience this summer.

Eighteen children from Middlesex and Gloucester will be served by many volunteers from our community. Most of those volunteers are members of our own Christ Church family but they will be joined by others from the local community and from as far away as Charlottesville. Also serving will be the children as we teach them to work together and help each other. I am so thankful for all of these special volunteers. You have made this camp possible! THANK YOU!!!!

You will have several opportunities to see what is being done during this special week.

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Drop in and see what is happening with our daily activities starting on July 18th. We will be in session Monday through Friday from 9am – 3pm in the parish hall, the church building and outdoors.

Attend our Camp Showcase on Saturday, July 23rd from 9am-11am. Our campers will show some of what they have learned during the week in the areas of art, drama, and music.

Come to church at 10:30am on Sunday, July 24th. Our campers will be participating in many ways. After the service there will be a picnic provided for everyone. Please join us. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and a time to thank the children and our volunteers for their service.

God has blessed us richly by giving us the resources and people to make this happen. We pray for a successful camp and one that will bring us and our campers' blessings during that week and into the future. Please come and be a part of this special event.

In the words of the hymn from "Wonder, Love, and Praise"

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!"



Peace, Peg+

Connecting Threads

Due to very low attendance over the last few months, and with summer vacations ramping up, it has been decided that the Connecting Threads group will **not meet** July, August or September of 2022. We will check again in the Fall as to amount of interest in re-convening then, or not. Enjoy your Summer projects! Jean.

July 2022						
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“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.”

June was an incredible month for our church as well as the diocese. We elected our 14th Bishop, Bishop-elect Mark Stevenson. I was so honored to be able to vote in this process as a representative of our church. Bishop-elect Stevenson is a very compassionate individual who will be a great advocate for all the churches in the diocese. The entire process was so interesting and the Reverend Bob Pritchard provided me with such wonderful historical insight. The Episcopal church I grew up in did not let women be acolytes let alone priests and certainly, we would not be the delegates voting for the Bishop. I thank you for your continued support, advice, and kindness and for allowing me to represent you.

I continue to be amazed at the level of activity and joy in the entire church. The Fellowship Committee and ECW did an outstanding reception for Debbie Davis. I attended the ECW meeting this month and they were planning their Trash and Treasures event. They were also planning for Wings and Wheels, several luncheons, and of course the Oyster Festival. Our new sign has been approved and in a few short months, it will be in place. The Fellowship Committee has a Fish Fry planned for August 5th. Our Scouts are getting ready to celebrate their 75th anniversary. The ACTS group is reaching out to the lonely in our community. Our Fine Arts Camp is ready to host almost 20 campers. The list just gets longer and longer.

We have had several new families join us in the last few months. It is great to be growing again. Invite your friends to join us for worship, send them the link to the new video, or have them join us for the fish fry. We have so much to offer. Our church brings true joy to our families in our worship, our social activities, our outreach, and our caring for each other. I am thankful to be a member of such a vibrant caring community.

Faithfully,
Jeannette



Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) ECW

Karen Brown, President; Sallie Wells, Recording Secretary; Virginia Miller, Treasurer; Cathy Spence, Corresponding Secretary

I am very pleased to announce that the ECW met on June 15th to discuss and plan many of our future 2022 events. We will be holding a Trash and Treasures Sale on August 20th and Fashion Show and Gameday will be held on September 16th (we owe a big thank you to Grace Parker and Sharon Colston for getting these events moving forward!) Susie Loustaunau will be organizing our bake sale at Wings, Wheels and Keels to be held on September 24th. Please see separate articles on these events in this newsletter.

We were also happy to be part of the reception with the Fellowship Committee held for Debbie Davis, our organist for over 9 years. Ann Wilcox, Chairman of our Scholarship Committee, presented Nicole Davis, Debbie's daughter, the Bessie C. French Scholarship at the event. The turnout to say our farewells was wonderful.

This Fall, we will have a chance to honor those who have served our country so valiantly at our Veterans Luncheon to be held on Friday, November 11, 2022. This and other events have been sorely missed during the Covid pandemic. Betty Evans will again be taking on a major leadership role in producing the ham rolls with many volunteers from the ECW this year for the Oyster Festival which is held the first weekend in November. We owe Betty a great deal of gratitude for all she has done for many years for ECW and CCP.

Our next ECW General Meeting will be held on July 27th after the Holy Eucharist Service in the Chapel. Looking forward to getting back to "business as usual" and the unique warmth and camaraderie of our ministry and those that serve.

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TRASH & TREASURE SALE



Saturday, August 20th from 8 am to 1 pm

The last T & T sale we had was several years ago, so it's time to clear out all those unwanted items for this great fundraiser. We will begin accepting donations on Thursday, August 18th in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am to Noon – sorry No Clothes. Other accommodations can be made upon request. If you're available to help sort and price items on Thursday or Friday, please contact Judy or Grace. Grace has arranged to have someone familiar with antiques price those items appropriately. Ladies are encouraged to give a helping hand on Saturday for the sale. Many hands make light work!

All leftover items will be donated to the Cryer Center and picked up at the end of the sale.

GAME DAY WITH LUNCH AND FASHION SHOW

Our ECW fun Gameday with Fashion show and Luncheon is planned for the 16th of September from 11:00 to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$30. Create your table for four for your game of choice. Those interested in only the Fashion Show and Lunch are welcome. Email or call Sharon Colston to make your reservations (540) 809-9900 (sncathome@yahoo.com) and send your checks to her (89 Waterford Court, Urbanna 23175) soon as this event always sells out.

Karen Brown

President

Our travels bring us full circle



Like many of you, I've been travelling, perhaps catching up with lost trips from the pandemic. Also, like many of you, I always detour to see churches and cathedrals wherever I go. Recently, those were in Scotland, where my son Bentley and I spent a terrific vacation driving the countryside after a couple of days in Edenborough. From the soaring organ in the cathedral of St. Giles to the most isolated country church along paths less traveled, I am intrigued by the history of churches, and testimony to the faith of both rich and poor. Here are some examples of what we visited.



And then I come home to Christ Church, impressed anew with the simple beauty of our own parish church, and especially for the warmth of our people. It seems trite to say there is no place like home, but there is a reason why we repeat this phrase. If you have been wondering, do bring back bulletins for the board in the parish hall and let us know where you've been. AND, come back home to Christ Church. There is no place like it! The Verg

Christian Ed "Reboot"

Due to many different activities, events, and programs, we have gotten away from our regular Christian Ed class meetings. We wish to invite EVERYONE to join us as we return to exploring the book "Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs and Practices".

We will resume our class meetings starting on **July 3rd**. Those meetings will take place in between our church services in the parish hall. Please join us for a brief coffee hour and then for class. It is not necessary to have attended the class before. Each chapter of the book stands on its own. So, you will not be behind. We are currently on Chapter 6.

This is a great book, and we will all learn a lot. If you need a copy of "Walk in Love", please contact Fr. Stuart. Hope to see you there!!

Catechism Corner

Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education



Other Sacramental Rites continued ..Topics are mostly edited (generally for space) taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), & are meant to be a departure for further exploration, study & learning.

Q. What is Holy Matrimony? Holy Matrimony is Christian marriage, in which the couple enters into a life-long union, makes their vows before God and the Church, and receives the grace and blessing of God to help them fulfill their vows.

Q. What is Reconciliation of a Penitent? Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Penance, is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest, and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution.

Q. What is Unction of the Sick? Unction is the rite of anointing the sick with oil, or the laying on of hands, by which God's grace is given for the healing of spirit, mind, and body.

Q. Is God's activity limited to these rites? God does not self-limit these rites; they are patterns of countless ways by which God uses material things to reach out to us.

Q. How are the sacraments related to our Christian hope? Sacraments sustain our present hope and anticipate its future fulfillment.

...next is the Christian Hope....In Faith,

Miles Libby



... from the Junior Warden's Workbench

Everything is under control...basically. There have been some minor yet resolved issues with water and the fire alarm systems this past month. Unfortunately, the wainscot paneling in the Narthex has moisture issues. Our awesome Building and Grounds men have already come up with several options for a fix. The heating and air systems have been checked and cleaned. One mini-splits in the Fellowship Hall copped an attitude and needs repairs. Quotes forthcoming. One Parish Hall AC unit needed freon and we have some numbers for replacing this unit with a heat pump. Our "Come Worship with Us" feather flags are on display again along route 33. Let us all continue to spread by word of mouth about our church too.

Still standing-your Jr Warden,

THE USHER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



First of all, many thanks to those who have made my first year leading this ministry rewarding and fulfilling. Now I need to ask more of you to assist with ushering. There are many options for volunteering, but only with a sufficient list of ushers will this be successful. If you are willing to take a month, one Sunday a month, or be available as a substitute, your help would be so appreciated.

Ushering is straightforward and for just an hour plus of your time, helps the church service run smoothly. For new volunteers, I am happy to have a short training session with you. Being an usher presents a welcoming greeting to all attending services but especially to those visiting. Your welcome might encourage a visitor to return.

So please, let me know of your interest to support this ministry and I thank you for helping me to support our church services.

Sharon Colston

OUTREACH MINISTRY



Our Ministry did not meet in June, but in July we will be discussing the busy Fall season and the many opportunities planned to serve our community.

The Outreach Committee finalized the quilt raffle project by presenting \$961.00 to Randy Blue, representative of the Deltaville Community Association at the June monthly meeting of the DCA on June 16th.

Upcoming projects and events: Participation in the Fine Arts Camp, Collection of Back- to- School supplies, Volunteering in “Celebrate Light” events, One Community Under God, Habitat for Humanity, Thanksgiving Meals, “Live” Nativity and Adopt a Family for Christmas. Just to name a few! News on these activities, and how **YOU** can get involved will be forthcoming.

NEWS FROM THE VIDEOGRAPHY MINISTRY

ONLINE OFFERING PLATE OPTION

Plans are well underway to introduce an online option for donations to Christ Church Parish. Suggestions to make that feature available through our website were heard with greater frequency after recognizing that our streamed and recorded Sunday services benefit many remote viewers who are not members of our congregation. Of course, the online donation option is not a new idea insofar as many churches include a donate button on their websites. Adding this option to our website was not initially a Videography Ministry initiative, but its members had the skills to make it happen after the Finance Committee and Vestry endorsed the concept and specific details of how this could work.

To be clear, parishioners will continue to be encouraged to use personal checks and other traditional payment options to pay pledges, other large donations, and miscellaneous other offerings like flowers for the altar at Christmas and Easter. Personal checks and cash deposited into collection plates during the offertory on Sundays will also continue to be a very welcome sight! The objective here is to make it easy for anyone to support Christ Church Parish through donations in ways that suit them best. Anyone using PayPal/credit online will be given the option to pay with a credit card or debit card processing fee to allow our treasury to receive the full amount of these donations.

When will evidence of the online donation feature appear on our website and Facebook and Sunday service live-stream slides? No firm launch date has been established yet, but much progress has been made in the many steps involved in implementation. You can expect an update when this online donation feature becomes available. The success of this initiative will be evaluated annually. Appropriate course corrections will be made as deemed necessary.

Ann DePeyster



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our 2023 Budget Process

As many of us already know, our financial budget process for each year starts towards the end of July. This is when we will be asking each of the Ministry Chairpersons, along with those who manage contracts, utility costs, and maintenance projects, to start working out what their financial needs for 2023 will look like. Those involved in the process will be receiving what they budgeted and what they spent for the first half of 2022 and all of 2021. Their input for 2023 will be due to the Finance Committee on September 16th.

For the past several years, all those involved have done an excellent job of determining the needs of their ministries and then managing them within their budgets. This has been a tremendous blessing for us all and we know that it will continue.

Should you have any questions about this process, feel free to contact David South, Phil Brown, or Jeff Loustaunau who are members of the Finance Committee.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Summertime resonates ever so well with an old-fashioned Fish Fry. Varieties of fresh fish caught in our local waters will be fried to perfection by two master fryers, Robin Wells and Jack Hellems, for our dining pleasure. **Join us on 5 August at 5:30 pm for a social hour and dinner at 6 pm.** The menu features fried fish, hush puppies, Cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert.

Hot Dogs will be served for those who do not eat fish. Since catfish will be among the many fish varieties, we decided to designate the evening. “The **Cats and Dogs Dinner Party**”. Please join us for fun and fellowship---no fishing. Register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or call Tanya at 804-758-2006 to reserve your seat.

We have approved the revised drawings of the new church sign and are addressing invoice payments now. Updates on the sign’s completion and dedication will be sent via email. Be sure to sign up for the Fish Fry and join us for fun. Remember “We play where we pray.”

Mary Lynn and Bev

Special July Celebrations

Anniversaries



- 1 Page Wittkamp & John W. Hawkins*
- 5 Joe and Laura Jones*
- 9 Jack & Ginger Hellems*
- 24 Roland & Pat Anderson*

Birthdays

- 2 Don Stebbins*
Kathy Clarke
- 7 Phil Brown*
- 9 Jeff Loustaunau*
- 10 Jeffrey "Jeff" Shaw*
Sally Austin
- 11 William "Chris" Jones*
- 12 Brenda Brizendine*
Justin Wilton
- 14 Evelyn Turner*
- 15 Judy W. Quilter*
- 20 Jeannette Adkins*
- 22 Roland Anderson*
- 23 Cindy Naylor*
- 25 Harriette Floyd*
- 25 John H. Quilter*
- 26 Peg Moncure*
- 27 Michael Kirk*
- 28 Marcia J. Prichard*
- 30 Joseph T. "Chip" Buxton*
Evie Wilton





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.

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>
August 2022	Monday July 25, 2022
September 2022	Monday August 26, 2022
October 2022	Monday September 26, 2022
November 2022	Friday October 24, 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.