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# Being Thankful

*Psalm 147 begins "O Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful."*

*Looking back over this past weekend, I cannot begin to count the many blessings that we ought to be thankful for. I am also reminded of First Corinthians 12:12-27 where we are told, "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." I am so thankful that all the members of Christ Church Parish, though many, came together in order to make our 350th anniversary celebration such a resounding success and inspirational service.*

*So much of what went on leading up to Sunday wasn't even seen by the majority of us, but was vital to the day. Just think about it. The 350th Anniversary Committee has been working for months getting ready. The Verger, acolytes, organist, trumpeters, choir, crucifers, torch bearers, ushers, chalice bearers, lectors, Gospel bearer, banner bearer, bishops, priests, deacon, Boy Scouts, congregation and visitors were all present at our Sunday service. And a special thanks for the presence and incredible sermon by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry.*

*In addition, there was the work of the altar guild and flower guild, there was everyone who prepared our delicious finger foods for the reception, those who organized it, our photographers and video operator, those handling the audio, those delivering the bulletin to the printers...continued....*

**Christ Church Parish**  
**Address Service Requested**

*"A joy-filled church with a heart and place for all."*



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Sunday Services:

8 am

A quiet traditional Service of Holy Communion

&

10:30 AM

A Family Service of Holy Communion with Music and Choir

.....continued.....and then picking them up, the work of setting up the television and running the cables from the church to the parish hall, the repairs and painting in the church, the set up for the reception and the clean up, those working in the kitchen and those in the nursery and Christchurch School letting us use their field for parking. And a new history of our parish is just about complete. I would go on and on but for fear of leaving someone out, but hopefully, you get the picture that Christ Church Parish is a family of people working together to build up the kingdom of God and to share the Good News with one another and the world.

There is much to celebrate and there is a great deal to be thankful for and I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful church family.

“O Praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful.”

Faithfully,  
Fr. Stuart

Rejoice and Be Glad:  
for God is at Work Among Us  
and Every Day is a New Adventure!

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED.... The ECW is again taking part in the Deltaville Seafood Festival with our bake sale table. The date is Saturday, May 14th from 9am to 5pm, at the Deltaville Community Center. Please bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall kitchen entrance on Friday from 10am to noon or to our table at the Festival. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help on Saturday too!**



Extra special birthday greetings to Jim Ray for missing his birthday on April 2!!

- May 1 - Judith Mansfield
- May 5 - Margaret Bajorunas
- May 10 - Don Geeson
- May 12 - Suzi Hutchens
- May 14 - Mary Jo Atterholt
- May 14 - Bob Prichard
- May 14 - Victoria Rosendahl
- May 15 - Howard Hyle
- May 17 - Helen Tarran
- May 18 - Lilith Andersen
- May 22 - Allen Brockman
- May 24 - Dottie Cronk
- May 25 - Bob Phipps
- May 28 - Cean Cawthorn
- May 29 - Mary Ellen Miller



- May 15 - Harriette and Mike Floyd
- May 16 - Janet and David Lundin
- May 19 - Jean and Jim Hill
- May 22 - Lilith and Paul Andersen
- May 25 - Mavis and Gibbie Mangum
- May 26 - Suzi and Will Hutchens
- May 26 - Joyce and Howard Reisinger
- May 27 - Marcia and Bob Prichard
- May 28 - Ann and Jim Padgett
- May 30 - Helen and Jack Tarran



If we have forgotten to list your birthday or anniversary, please contact the Parish Office (758-2006) so we may correct our records.

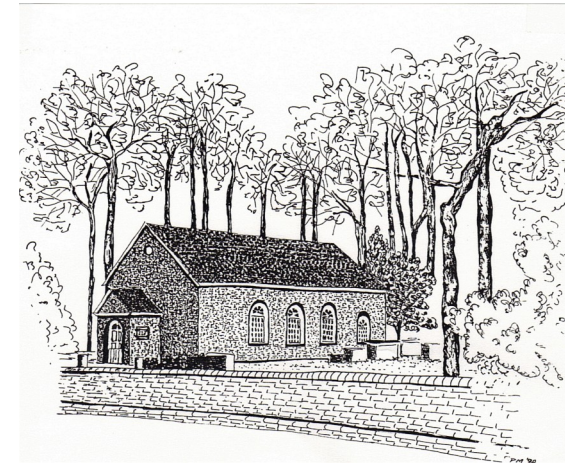
## Special Calendar Notes:



- May 4 – Connecting Threads knitting group 10:45AM – Bring your lunch!
- May 8 – Mother’s Day and Brotherhood meeting 9am, open to ALL church members to enjoy the breakfast prepared by Jeff Shaw
- May 11 – vestry meeting, 6:00pm
- May 13 – drop off time for Saturday’s bake sale items at the Parish Hall kitchen entrance 10:00am to noon (or to the Festival on Saturday)
- May 14 – Deltaville Seafood Festival ECW bake sale fundraiser
- May 16 – 20 – ECW and Brotherhood help Habitat for Humanity, please help for any amount of time at all, any day, any tasks!
- June 12 – Brotherhood picnic at 3:00pm , everyone is welcome

## IS ANYONE OUT THERE 350 YEARS OLD?

Of course we are all not that fortunate but we are looking for some history of our church over the last 350 years. We would welcome any photos, stories or memories of our church to help celebrate its long history in our community and in our lives.



## *Christ Church Parish Celebrates 350 Years of Worship - 1666 to 2016*

*On Sunday, April 24, Christ Church Parish “kicked off” the beginning of a long term effort to collect artifacts, documents and photographs of our rich history to archive and display on a rotating basis for the church and public.*

*It will be wonderful to hear new developments on our progress over the following months!*

*ALSO: Check out the new display case for our beautiful cemetery!*



## Christ Church is Helping Habitat -----

We have a unique opportunity to help a neighbor. The ECW and the Brotherhood will be working on building a house for a Middlesex neighbor during the week of May 16th to 20th and all members of Christ Church are welcome to participate. Hours of work are 9am to 1pm each day. There will be work for all, regardless of your skill level. You can work one day or every day, as your schedule permits.

Sign up now and become a part of this important ministry. We can use your helping hands. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Did you know ????

Habitat is a Christian Ministry with the goal of eliminating substandard housing. Simple, decent and affordable homes are built, with a zero interest mortgage on each home. Habitat is not a handout. The homeowners make mortgage, tax and insurance payments and help build their homes.



## Cyber In-Security?

Many of us are new to the computer age, emails and “smart” devices. We want to be a part of the new technology world but it is often difficult to keep up with the safety aspects of it all. It used to be easy enough to simply have an unlisted number: remember those days? Nowadays keeping our identities safe is more complex. Many of us have already experienced hacked emails and stolen credit card information.

Thanks to our computer knowledgeable members, we will be sharing tips in this section each month. Hopefully, we can all stay safer in the long run! If you would like to share one or receive more information about a tip, please email Susan Guillotte at [bobnsooze@gmail.com](mailto:bobnsooze@gmail.com).

Tip: Do not open an email unless you know the person sending it and the subject looks legitimate. Would Cousin Mary really send something like that? One click to open it can be disastrous with many repercussions. You can always send Mary a separate email asking if she indeed sent you that unusual one BEFORE opening it.





## Confirmation Classes

Anyone desiring to confirm their faith or be received into this branch of the Church should notify Father Stuart so that we can arrange confirmation classes. The date of the bishop's visit has not been scheduled but it will be good to be ready. Those wishing to re-confirm their faith are also welcome to participate.



Please visit our website often at:  
[www.christchurchmiddlesex.com](http://www.christchurchmiddlesex.com)

Increasing our volume of visitors will contribute to our recognition success out in the cyber world so that more online searches will show OUR Parish for those looking for a wonderful new church to visit! And of course, you will be up to date on all the latest news. Our newsletter is shown in color too!

### VESTRY INFORMATION:

Next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00PM

For all interested members who wish to view the Vestry Minutes after approval, they are placed in a file folder on the west Parish Hall wall between Fr. Stuart's office and the Church Office.

## **BROTHERHOOD NEWS** —



On Mother's Day, the Brotherhood meeting will be open to ALL church members. Jeff Shaw has agreed to prepare his special breakfast menu for the occasion.

In May the brotherhood will join with the ECW to help Habitat for Humanity and Hands Across Middlesex. During the week of May 16th we will have the opportunity to help build a home for a Middlesex resident.

In June the Brotherhood will sponsor the Church Family Picnic at the Maritime Museum in Deltaville. The date has been set for June 12th at 3:00pm.



## Training soon:

Our Verger, Grace Parker, would like to announce training is available for those folks who would like to begin serving as chalice bearers, acolytes and crucifers.



It is a very rewarding ministry.

Please email her at [parkergrace2010@verizon.net](mailto:parkergrace2010@verizon.net)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays - Connecting Threads ~~~~~

The inaugural gathering of knitters, cross-stitchers, etc. met on March 2nd with 5 members of CCP and 2 “friends” for a pleasant day of blending fibers and conversation. For now, this group will continue to meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:45am - mark your calendars and spread the word to your fellow knitters, crochet lovers, needlepoint and cross-stitch lovers to join in our community!



Next gathering: Wednesday, May 4th at 10:45am (after the 10:00am Wednesday Eucharist service)

## Moments with Moose.....



*I love Mom. I run to greet her every time she arrives at home. I lick her face. I sit on her lap.*

*Mom adopted me at 2 years old. She was adopted too. Even Dad adopted my sister Claudia. We have a lot of adopting going on in our family.*

*Lately, Mom has adopted the whole nursery at the church. She is just trying to keep it going so that it will be there for a Mom who makes the effort to get her children to church. She says that Moms need to help other Moms because she has had many Moms help her in her life. Its part of being a Mom. I would help too but she says it would just be too much fur in there.*

*If I can't be there to help, please check out the nursery and help out if you can, even for one Sunday. They need two people each time. Maybe take your Mom's birthday once a year and lend a hand in there as an honor to her and I bet we could staff it for the whole year. Guys ok too.*

*But I still think they need a Newfie in there!*