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# NUTS !!!!

Nuts is the buzzword for November. First and foremost, please see Order Blank on next page. Orders are due in by November 10th !!!!!

Please tear off this front page and give the form to Grace Parker or Ann Padgett to help with this ECW Fund-raiser. They make great gifts and the prices have stayed low for 4 years!

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

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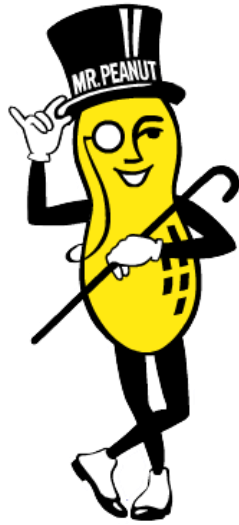
Sunday Services:  
8 am  
A quiet traditional Service of Holy Communion  
&  
10:30 AM  
A Family Service of Holy Communion  
with Music and Choir

## Christ Church Parish

Address Service Requested

“A joy-filled church  
with a heart and place for all.”





2015 Christ Church Parish  
Episcopal Church Women Nut Sales

Whitley's Salted Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins\_\_\_\_\_Price Per Tin **\$10.00** Total Price \$\_\_\_\_\_

Whitley's Jumbo Cashews (12 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins\_\_\_\_\_Price Per Tin **\$10.00** Total Price \$\_\_\_\_\_

Whitley's Dark Chocolate-Covered Peanut Clusters (10 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins\_\_\_\_\_Price Per Tin **\$10.00** Total Price \$\_\_\_\_\_

Whitley's Honey Cinnamon Almonds (14 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins\_\_\_\_\_Price Per Tin **\$10.00** Total Price\$\_\_\_\_\_

Pecan Halves (16 oz. Bag)

Number of Bags\_\_\_\_\_Price Per Bag **\$10.00** Total Price\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Orders November 10, 2015**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Happy Birthday*



- November 1 - Bruce DeSimone
- November 5 - Brenda Knupp
- November 5 - Miles Libbey
- November 7 - Susan Dugan
- November 8 - George Sturgill, Jr.
- November 9 - Bob Barlowe
- November 9 - Robin Wells
- November 13 - Beatrice Bronner
- November 19 - Laura Jones
- November 20 - Pete Mansfield
- November 24 - Rich Donoff
- November 24 - Ginger Smither
- November 27 - Louise Eichenlaub
- November 30 - Bev Hart



No anniversaries to celebrate in November so, Happy Thanksgiving !!!

**NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:**

In an attempt to streamline the newsletter creation, it is recommended that we set some deadlines for input each month.

- As Soon As Possible - the best!
- Almost ideal? - by the 10th
- Will it make it in? - by the 15th



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



## NEW DIRECTORIES ARE OUT!

PLEASE double check your listing to make sure your information is correct. If incorrect, please let Carolyn know and we can post the correction in our newsletter so that we can ALL correct our copy of the Directory! You may also get a new di-

rectory in the church office if you missed them on Stewardship Sunday!

## Special Calendar Notes:

- November 2 – Free Memory Testing at Lower UMC, Pre-Registration necessary, call 703-304-6609
- November 5, 6 and 7 – Oyster Festival, the Brotherhood's big fundraiser – sign up sheets on bulletin board!
- November 15 – Brotherhood Breakfast – 9AM Parish Hall
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Service 10:00 AM
- December 2 – ECW meeting and tea, 10:30 AM at Jane Bunnell's home in Deltaville, 412 Jackson Creek Road – ALL ladies are welcome!
- January 3, 2016 – Congregational Meeting for Vestry nominations and election – Breakfast 9AM, Worship 10AM, Meeting 11AM
- February 5, 2016 (Friday) – Annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance



## HANDS ACROSS MIDDLESEX

Did you know (???) that this local organization was started years ago by four churches, one of which was our own Christ Church Parish? That's right. It provides food pantry assistance, emergency assistance, holiday meals and help with housing repairs and handicap accessibility. They help our "kids" with the BackpackBuddiesClub program every Friday.

## RIGHT NOW? HANDS NEEDS **HANDS !!!**

"HANDS" is located in the Cryer Center. They need your hands for any time and help you can give. You will need all 10 fingers to count the ways that you can give them a hand: answer the phone, hand out food, help with a home repair, build a wheelchair ramp, donate food or goods and lots more.

Speak with or write to our own Jack Fackler (He and Jane were founding members) : 804-758-3428 or fackler128@gmail.com





## *Getting to Know You.... Please wel-*

*come our latest entry in our new column! Entries may be any length, from one paragraph to several. We look forward to learning about our fellow members.*

Susan asked Alvin to explain “just what is it that Alvin does?” ..... so Alvin wrote:

In the words of St. Paul, 1st Timothy 1:12, I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me. For that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry. Amen. It has been and will continue to be a joy and privilege, serving the congregation of Christ Church Parish and the Diocese of Virginia.

My journey at Christ Church began in February, 2011 during a visit at the request of my friend, Master Chief John Ridley. My wife and I fell in love with the traditional liturgical worship service, and Father Paul and the congregation became our family in Christ.

The love of my life is my wife of 35 years, Anita. Without her words of encouragement and financial support, there is no way I could have maintained a volunteer health care chaplain outreach over the past 18 years. There is not one day of the week in which we do not have prayer together.

For the past eight years, I have served as Chaplain of Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in Gloucester. In 2011, I began volunteering with Riverside Hospice as well. Just a few of the certifications I hold are in the fields of Suicide Intervention, Alzheimer and Dementia and Related Diseases, Elder Care and CPRAED. I have been licensed four times in three denominations, two of which were Ordinations. These Ordinations took place in Churches where Holy Communion and Baptism were given in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit, as in accordance to the Chicago Lambeth Quadrilateral Statement of 1886.

**Stewardship is being grateful for the gifts received from God.** It is about giving back, sharing the blessings God has so generously bestowed upon us. Yes, financial support is important. However, stewardship is also:

**G**iving of our time and talents

**O**pening our hearts to volunteer for church ministries

**D**eveloping relationships from a perspective of abundance not scarcity

Thank you from the Stewardship Committee



**SPECIAL CALL FOR HELP!  
WE NEED USHERS FOR 10:30AM SERVICES IN DECEMBER! PLEASE CALL ROBIN WELLS IF YOU CAN DO ONE OR MORE ??? 804-832-3849**



*Dear 2015 Pledge Members,*

You have kindly and lovingly supported Christ Episcopal Church in years past, and we want to express our genuine gratitude. **Thank you.** Your continuing pledge is essential to the operation of our beautiful colonial church.

We want to underscore the need for your continued support now and for the 2016 Pledge Campaign this fall. In addition to the cost of clergy and normal operational expenditures (utilities, insurance, maintenance, worship and office supplies), there are several non-recurring expenses that will need funding.

**I The Christ Church 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will occur April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1, 2016. There will be a "Flowering of the Church" during Garden Week and a colonial church service on Sunday.

**II Initial plans are taking place to revamp the church web site to:**

- (a) be more welcoming and inviting to guest and newcomers
- (b) positively present a loving, active" family of faith" to potential clergy candidates
- (c) be informative to existing parishioners regarding worship, lay ministries, schedules,

activities, outreach and volunteer opportunities.

**III** Recently the **Clergy Search Committee** was appointed. Initially they will develop a parish self-study and a Parish Profile. There will be costs associated with publication of a Parish Profile, field visits with candidates, and visits of final candidate(s) to Christ Church.

**IV Clergy Relocation Expenses**

**V The Visions Committee recommended a smart TV** for the Great Hall to transmit overflow services from the church, as well as for presentations in the Great Hall. Because of reduced pricing and improved technology this has been reclassified as a need.

For the past 18 years, I have provided Pastoral Care for residents in nursing homes and other adult care facilities in two states. I take my therapy cats with me and the residents and staff love them!

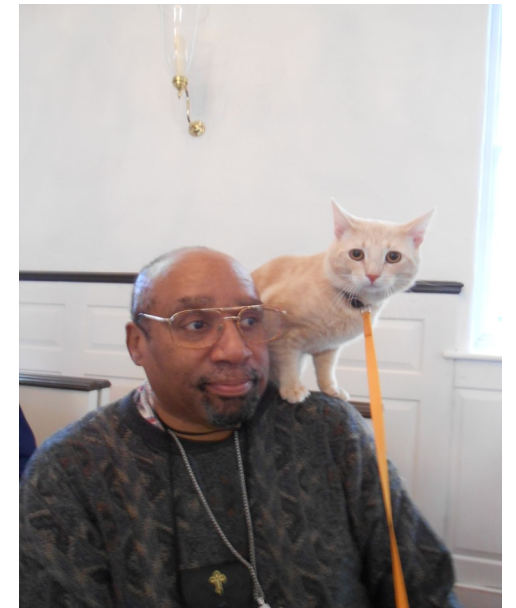
In addition to listening and sharing the cats, the nursing home ministry includes prayers of comfort, administering Holy Eucharist and Last Rites (upon request), long term pastoral care for nursing home residents and their families during their times of uncertainty or grief.

All ministers of the Church are servants, as Christ served the flock. I am always on call to serve our Parish members in times when the Priest is not available. I provide weekly worship services at Mizpha and serve as chaplain for our Boy Scout Troop 341. In October, we began a Youth Sunday School class every Sunday at Christ Church Parish.

I will always remember Fr. Paul for his kindness and compassion, teaching me to serve as Eucharist Minister for our Parish and for teaching me the proper liturgy of Extreme Unction, Administration of Last Rites.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,  
Alvin L. Hill, Jr.  
Pastoral Associate

romans121211@yahoo.com  
804-694-6942 (Please note this contact info is a correction to the new directory.)



**Start your Christmas shopping!**

**ECW has beautiful Christ Church Parish Christmas ornaments and note cards for sale!!!!**

**Ornaments are \$5 and Note Cards are \$6**

These can be purchased in the Parish Hall. Please make checks payable to "Christ Church ECW" and leave in the basket near the display.



**ECW Bake Sale!**

Friday, November 6

Calling all bakers!!!!

This is our biggest bake sale of the year. We appreciate ALL the baked goods or donations that are contributed.

Baked goods may be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Thursday, November 5 before 2:00 pm. or brought to our tent on Friday morning.

WATCH for sign-up sheets to "man" the booth!

**"Medical" Equipment**

We are compiling a list of "medical" equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, etc.) that members of our congregation have AND are willing to let others borrow.

If you have any, please contact Pam McClelland at [pam.mcclelland@hughes.net](mailto:pam.mcclelland@hughes.net) or 832-4234.

*Moments with  
Moose.....*



*I'm just a dog but my guess is that November really might be kind of "nuts" !!*

*First of all, there is the Oyster Festival which has everybody nutty with busy activities of baking, preparing ham biscuits, setting up tents and cook areas, pulling down and packing away, and cooking all those oysters! It's a lot of work for a lot of good.*

*November is when the squirrels save all those nuts . Dad has been going nuts too with all the flood damage repairs in the Parish Hall!*

*We also have a new interim rector who I met firsthand, Joseph's Dad, at his first service. Tell me he isn't going nuts in a new church and trying to learn everybody's name! And all that UNPACKING..... where is everything?*

*Then there's the Thanksgiving holiday when many parishioners will join family members and friends for fun and feast. Of course there is always a "nutty uncle" in every family or maybe YOU are the nutty uncle! I always stay close by them for EXTRA pats and treats.*

*Nuts used to be a fun word so enjoy all the family , holiday and church activities this month and.....don't forget to turn in a "NUTS" order to Grace or Ann. I LOVE nuts, all kinds!*