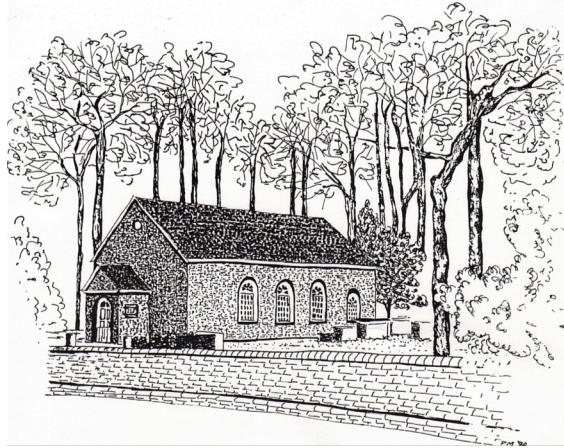




Join us for Sunday & Wednesday Services



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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

The Rev. Bob Pritchard, Ph.D., Associate Rec-

tor

## Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for November of 2019



**What is a Priest Associate?**

As Rector of Christ Church Parish, I am pleased to announce that the Rev. Robert "Bob" Prichard, Ph.D. has been named "Priest Associate" of Christ Church Parish. Dr.

Prichard was one

of my professors at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria and I am glad to have him be a part of our parish community in this capacity.

Bob and Marcia are regular worshippers at our 8:00 a.m. service when they are at their home in Locust Hill. Bob has also served as a supply priest for us on numerous occasions when the rector was either on vacation or recovering from surgery. Because Bob worships here and also functions liturgically from time to time he has been asked to be a "Priest Associate" of our parish.

For those of you wondering what that means, Dr. Prichard has written the following description.

*"The term "Priest Associate" is not found in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church or in those of the Diocese of Virginia. It is an informal title that has come into wide use in the Episcopal Church in the past two decades. The term is used to indicate a priest who is "associated" with a particular parish and assists from time to time as needed.<sup>1</sup> The priest associate serves under the direction of*

*the rector of the parish. Generally, he or she has some other source of employment or income, receives no compensation, has no formal contract with the parish, and serves at the will of the rector. The names of priest associates, however, are often included in bulletins and other parish listings of clergy.*

*Priests in the Episcopal Church are members of a diocese, but not of individual parishes. The value to a priest of becoming a priest associate is primarily psychological, it provides something like the sense of parish membership to a lay person—a home in a specific worshipping community. Some parts of the Anglican Communion have a more formal process by which every priest who is not on the staff of an institution with regular worship (a parish, cathedral, retreat center, church school, etc.) is directed by the bishop to be connected on an unpaid basis with a specific place of worship. The Episcopal Church has not adopted that policy.*

*The status of a priest associate is different from that of an "associate rector" or "associate priest." These informal terms layperson for an experienced or trusted assistant rector. Associate rectors are generally salaried and do have employment contracts with the parish they serve.*

Bob Prichard

October 1, 2019"

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stuart



**“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 met on October 8, 2019, for the regular monthly meeting. Minutes of this meeting are in the holder on the bulletin board.

Ann Harris and Jim Dudley have been selected for the Nominating Committee. Working with the Vestry, they will be determining the slate of candidates for the 2020 Vestry. The “bios” of the candidates will be published in the December newsletter. **The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 12.**

If you would like to be considered for the Vestry, please contact Ann or Jim.

The “Vestry Member of the Month” is posted on our bulletin board. This person, in addition to securing the buildings after the Sunday services, is also the point-of-contact for any questions regarding Vestry business or assistance when Fr. Stuart is not available. The November Vestry member is Miles Libbey.

Holiday shopping is rapidly approaching. Many of us do a lot of this shopping

online. If you use Amazon, be sure that you have registered with Amazon Smile, donating a portion of the \$ to Christ Church Parish. Every little bit adds up to help support our many programs.

How to Use Amazon Smile to Give to Charity

1. Visit smile.amazon.com.
2. Choose a charity from the menu on the right. (Select “Christ Church Parish.”)
3. Click "Select and Start Shopping".
4. You are now automatically using Amazon Smile.
5. Select any item marked "Eligible for Amazon Smile" and select Proceed To Checkout.

Fr. Stuart and I will be at the Diocesan Convention in Northern Virginia November 14-16.

Pam McClelland,  
Senior Warden

*Editors Note: As of August 2019, Amazon has sent the Church \$86.19 from my account. It can & does make a difference. r*

## Junior Warden Input

Over the past month, the Building and Grounds Committee has been focusing on three topics.

First and foremost has been to secure a low-cost supply of propane. Second, we have been working on our 2020 budget knowing that it is the first year of our new ten-year maintenance plan. And finally, we have started some restoration work on the church.

### Propane:

Within a couple of weeks, we will have gone from an arrangement with Quarles, where we can pre-buy propane at \$2.499/gallon to a pricing contract with Holtzman Propane, where our prices will vary from a “cost-plus” contract of \$1.21/gallon to a maximum price of \$1.599/gallon. Quarles currently owns the 1,000-gallon tank that supplies the Parish Hall and we own the 500-gallon tank that supplies the church. With the new contract, we will own both tanks. This will allow us to buy propane from the lowest bidder at any time. The old tank will be excavated and the new one buried around November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Budget:

We have been working with the finance committee to establish a budget very similar to last year’s budget that allows us to start on the maintenance projects listed in the first year of our Maintenance Plan. This will hopefully include items like replacing more broken blinds, replacing the kitchen floor, some interior painting of the Parish Hall,

some entrance road improvements, and additional restoration work on the church. We should have further developments for the December newsletter as well.



### Church Restoration:

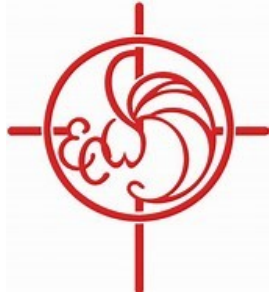
One of the main concerns we have had is the condition of the masonry in certain areas of the church. We, therefore, put this down as a major project for 2020 and beyond that needed attention. It is typically very difficult to schedule restoration people as there is far more work to be done in Virginia than there are qualified people. But in the last week of October, we were presented with the opportunity to use Charles Funk and Al Pearse, who do much of the work for the Garden Club of Virginia, to tuck-point much of the brickwork. So we have now completed most of this work and at a lower than expected cost. We will look at doing an annual inspection of the church exterior so that we can develop some planned maintenance for the future.

The removal of the large oak tree from the cemetery is still planned for this fall. We are simply waiting for the contractor to do the work.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Jeff Loustaunau, Junior Warden





## Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) ECW

Karen Gorin, President; Page Wittkamp, Vice President; Virginia Miller, Treasurer; Sallie Wells, Recording Secretary; Kathy Spence, Corresponding Secretary

We had a very successful WWK's with a final total of \$ 777.00. Thank You all for the hours worked to prepare your baked goods and hours spent working at our tent.

We now are preparing to do the same thing again for the Oyster festival. In the past, we have had good support at our tent and usually sell out on Friday. Please leave your baked goods in parish hall kitchen or bring to tent Friday am. Please label all items!

We will be making 3,000 ham biscuits on Thurs. Oct. 31st at 0900. Also slicing biscuits on Oct. 30, at 0900. Hope we will have a good number to help accomplish these tasks.

We also are thinking about our Veterans Day luncheon on Nov. 8th! We will have set up on the 7th. Sign up on ECW board in Parish Hall. Thank You in advance for all your continued support!

Do not forget to fill out nut forms for Grace.

## Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Brotherhood

President: John Hawkins; Treasurer: Mike Floyd; Secretary: Dave Wilcox

Many thanks to those who are hard at work to make the Oyster Festival a great success this year. It just wouldn't be possible without such generous people. Our next Brotherhood breakfast meeting is November 10th at 9 am, and I hope to see all of you there.



## SCENES FROM THE URBANNA OYSTER FESTIVAL

**THE CHRIST PARISH "HOME THE**

**CHURCH BOOTH OF HOB"**



## Christ Church Parish

P.O. Box 476  
Saluda, Virginia 23149  
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Dear Christ Church Parish Parishioner:

### 2020 Stewardship Update

Your contributions are needed.

Currently, The Finance committee is reviewing committee requests for funding for the activities anticipated for the year 2020. As of this writing, our requests are greater than pledges and income expected.

Please recall, your gifts pay for our Priest, Parish Administrator, and Organist/Music Director, maintenance of our property, insurance, utilities, taxes, and office supplies. Over 88% of our expenses are fixed. Your contributions allow us to worship in a beautiful historic environment, support pastoral care, visitation, and to enjoy our community of faith.

Your gifts are the life's blood of our community of faith. You make it all possible. Our parish's obligations, activities, and endeavors are maintained by your participation and contributions.

Join us in supporting our 2020 financial goals and needs.

Faithfully,

Stewardship Committee

Fr. Stuart Wood, Pam McClelland, Jack Hellems, Jim Knupp

## From your Endowment Fund Board

Do you remember?

It was about a year ago, November 11<sup>th</sup> to be exact, that we came together for a breakfast presentation on ways in which you can make charitable donations while reducing your tax bill. Amy Mackay, daughter of Sallie and Robin Wells, provided a number of techniques that would simultaneously support your church (or another charity maybe) and save you money. The end of the year is in sight and if you are in a position that you may be receiving a mandatory distribution from your IRA, for example, now is when you should contact your financial advisor and take those actions. You and your church will be glad you did. This message is brought to you by your friendly Endowment Fund Board.



### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Grace Parker, Chair; Dave Wilcox, Pat Andersen, Thyra Harris, Pan McClelland, Barbara Gill, John, Quilter, Miles Libbey

From the Verge

The Celtic World—an opportunity for Christian Education

The Celtic World, one of the Great Courses, is comprised of 24 lectures, 30 minutes each. If there is interest, we could gather together once a month, watch 2 lectures for one hour and then discuss for one hour. The optimal time we have found is following the Wednesday Eucharist, which begins at 9:30; at this moment, the 4th Wednesday of each month seems to have the fewest conflicts. Are you interested? If so, please email Grace and we will set up these “classes.” Given how busy this time of year is, I think our best bet is to start in January.

There is no obligation or expectation that you

attend every session, just as your time and interest allow. We would announce the next lessons after each class so you could decide.

Sample lessons are:

Who are the Celts?

Caesar and the Gauls

Celtic religion and the Druids

Celtic Britain and Roman Britain

Celts and the Picts in Scotland

Celtic Churches

Celtic Women, Families and Social Structure



<b>NOVEMBER</b>		<b>Christ Church Parish</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>	<b>Oyster Festival Time for All!!!</b>		<b>2019</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
. 27 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10  *Father Stuart is partici- hjjj:30a Holy Eucharist Rite	Oct. 28 8p AA	Oct. 29 Noon AA 9:30a Hospitality Committee	Oct. 30  <b>8:00a Oyster Festival Loadout</b> ting Threads	4  <b>8:00a Oyster Festival Set-Up</b>	1  <b>OYSTER FESTIVAL!</b> All Saints Day	22  <b>OYSTER FESTIVAL!</b>
<b>3 8:00a Oyster Festival Loadom</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II 2a Daylight Saving Change	<b>4</b> 8p AA	<b>5</b> 9:30a Hospitality Committee Noon AA	<b>6</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist 1:00p "Connecting Threads"	<b>7</b> Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts		<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Brotherhood Breakfast 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:30p Celtic Service	<b>11</b> 8p AA	<b>12</b> 9a Finance Committee 10a Worship Committee Noon AA 4p Endowment Board 5:30p Vestry Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist	<b>14</b> 9:30a Outreach Committee Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts Diocesan Convention	<b>15</b>  Diocesan Convention	<b>16</b>  Diocesan Convention
<b>17</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>18</b> Fr. Stuart out 8p AA	<b>19</b> Noon AA	<b>20</b> Fr. Stuart out	<b>21</b> Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II <b>4p Community Thanksgiv- ing Service</b>	<b>25</b> 8p AA  8	<b>26</b> Noon AA	<b>27</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist After HE - Celtic Great Course	<b>28</b> Noon AA 10a Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>  9	<b>30</b>



## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



Robin Wells, Chairman; Susan Neal, Vestry member; Miles Libbey, Vestry Representative; Bev Hart, Linda Irwin, Jack Hellems, Roland Anderson; Mary Lynn Landgraf. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM.

The Hospitality Committee has been pretty quiet this past month. Taking a breather after Full Moon Friday the 13th. Success. But don't worry! We have plenty coming up. We will be asking for help for our four regular Advent suppers to be scheduled soon. Why not get a friend or two together and volunteer for one supper especially if you haven't done it before. It is great fun and not a huge task. You prepare

for approximately thirty to thirty-five a very simple dinner. I don't want to hear "I don't know anything about the kitchen" or "I don't know how to cook for that many" or "I don't know what to cook" or "I don't want to mess with all the setup, tear down and clean up." I promise you that none of these are good excuses. Why would I say that? Because be assured you'll get all the help you need from me and the Hospitality Committee!!!

We continue to ask folks to sign up for Coffee Hour. Thanks to the Vestry, it isn't the big deal it once was. The freezer has a bunch of goodies to put out. You might want to pick up some fresh fruit like grapes. You need to make coffee and have water available and or lemonade. Just like above, there is always help! PLEASE sign up on the marker board in the Great Hall!

### UNITED THANK OFFERING IS JUST AHEAD!!!

It's that time of the year, so please continue to add your spare change (paper money accepted as well!) to your UTO boxes. This is an important project sponsored by the ECW. And your help is needed, as always. You must remember as a kid how important it was to make sure you got some change for your Mite Box was. It is just as important for us to fill them up now as adults. This year, your representative is Sharon Colston. She or her appointed representative will collect boxes on November 3rd & 10th at both services.



## Catechism Corner

The catechism section of the BCP (p.844) is not meant to be a complete statement of belief and practices; rather, it is a point of departure. Test your knowledge by comparing your answers with the book's, later in the newsletter on page 14.

1. *What is meant by a covenant with God?*
2. *What is the Old Covenant and where is it found?*

### The Virginia Theological Seminary Journal

The Virginia Theological Seminary Journal honors the Rev. Robert Prichard, Ph.D. with an article and pictures chronicling his career as a professor at the Seminary beginning back in the early 1980s.

If you wish to read this article, a copy of the Journal will be in the library and another will be in the foyer of the parish hall. Please do not remove them so that others may have an opportunity to read it. Or you may click on the link below if reading on your computer. You can also type the link into your browser to read on line.

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### The Flower Guild

Thanks be to God for our Flower Guild. Sunday, October 27th is a perfect example of how much more beautiful our wonderful Church looks after they have done their magic!

The men and women of our very talented group of flower designers and arrangers, know as The Flower Guild", never fail to make our lovely old church more beautiful each and every service.

If you can, you should read & or print the Newsletter from your computer. This way you will see everything in color which allows us to enjoy what's been done once again!



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Those of you who joined us for the blessing of the animal's service

on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the church at the 10:30 a.m. service. Were greatly blessed by the presence of our beloved pets. We asked for God's blessings upon each one of our special companions at this service. Those who were unable to bring their pet brought a pic-

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Jean Holt, Chair; Mary Jo Atterholt, Vestry Rep; Clayton Neal; Judy Quilter; Jeff Loustaunau; Susie Loustaunau, CCS liaison; Jack Fackler; Sharon Colston; Bert Butler; Fr. Stuart Wood

The annual, multi-congregational worship service, One Community Under God (OCUG), was held on October 27 in Urbanna. Christ Church Parish was one of nine (9) churches from Middlesex County to participate in the service this year. Over 530 people attended OCUG and through their offering, \$3000 was contributed to be the Cryer Center's WIN pro-

gram and the VA DARE program. We remembered those that no longer dwell among us but continue to reside within our hearts and minds.

*Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless our pets and all living creatures. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.*

gram and the VA DARE program.

This special service through the music, prayers, scripture readings, sermon, offering, and fellowship reinforced the message of our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, to walk in the way of Jesus and to create a beloved community of God on earth.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make OCUG a success. All are invited to participate and attend this unique community service next year.

Clayton Neal



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**NOVEMBER 22th**

## ALTAR and FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE

Nov 3 Team 6	Nov 10 Team 1	Nov 17 Team 2	Nov 24 Team 3
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## USHER SCHEDULE

Nov 3 8:00AM Jim Hill	Nov 10 8:00AM Jim Hill	Nov 17 8:00AM Jim Hill	Nov 24 8:00AM Jim Hill
10:30AM Tom Clarke Mike Floyd	10:30AM Tom Clarke Mike Floyd	10:30AM Tom Clarke Mike Floyd	10:30AM Tom Clarke Mike Floyd

## Christ Church Parish Servers' Schedule

<b>0800</b>	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE) <b>Healing Svc</b>
Eucharistic Minister/ Acolyte/Reader	Dave W. Jeanette A.	Amy S.	Jeff S.	Barbara S.
<b>1030</b>	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE) <b>Healing Svc</b>
Eucharistic Minister (Ablutions)	Grace P.	Ann P.	Steve R.	Jean H.
Eucharistic Minister (Prayers)	Sharon C.	Grace P.	John H.	Harriette F.
Crucifer/Acolyte	Nicole D.	Mike G.	Nicole D.	Grace P
Lector	Lydia D.	Harriette F.	Nicole D.	Robin W.
Gospel Book Bearer	Sharon C.	Grace P.	John H.	Harriette F.



Bert Butler &	Nov. 5, 2016
Steve Richardson	



Bruce DeSimone	1st	Bert Butler	2nd
Brenda Knupp	5th	Miles Libbey	5th
Susan Dugan	7th	Bob Barlowe	9th
Robin Wells	9th	Laura Jones	19th
Pete Mansfield	20th	Rich Donoff	24th
Ginger Smither	24th	Louise Eichenlaub	27th

## Catechism Corner Answers

1. *A covenant is a relationship initiated by God, to which a body of people responds in faith.*
2. *The Old Covenant is the one given by God to the Hebrew people is found in the Old Testament.*

## All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the first day of the Oyster Festival. For those not working at the Festival, there will be a service in the church at **noon** to celebrate this principal feast day of the Church year. If you would like to remember one or more of your loved ones, please fill out a form and leave it in the office or give it to Fr. Stuart and they will be remembered at the service.

All Saints' is a feast day that can also be celebrated on the following Sunday, so we will also remember those names and use the Propers (the lessons and collect appointed for All Saints') on Sunday as well.

## Celtic Service

On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Christ Church Parish will have its last Celtic service for the year at 5:30 p.m. Our musicians will once again be Mei-Li Beane and Timothy Seaman who played for us at the October service. For those who were at that service, you heard how accomplished a musician Tim is playing the hammer dulcimer. I'm once again looking forward to their musical contributions to this quiet and reflective evening service and hope that you all can join us and bring a friend. – Fr. Stuart

## Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Saluda Baptist Church, 960 General Puller Highway, Saluda, Virginia. Fr. Stu-

art will be taking part in this service. The offering at this service will be given to Hands Across Middlesex.

## Christ Church Parish Thanksgiving Service

Christ Church Parish will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Let us begin this National Day of thanksgiving by first giving thanks to the God who loves and sustains us; feeding us with the body and blood of His most precious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to move your clocks **back** an hour Saturday night before you go to bed unless you what to get up at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time when the time officially changes (so they will then read 1:00 a.m. local standard time).

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Please pray for the Diocese of Virginia's annual Diocesan Convention which will be held on November 14 – 16 in Crystal City in Northern Virginia. Fr. Stuart Wood and our Senior Warden, Pam McClelland will be attending this years convention representing Christ Church Parish.