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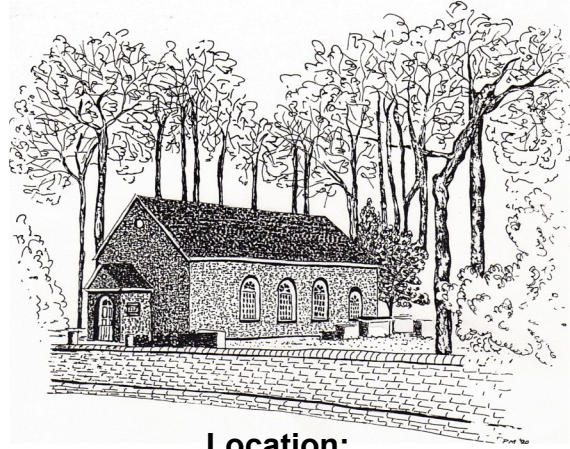
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Services:

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 November 2022

Thoughts From Our Priest Associate

Ecumenical Involvement



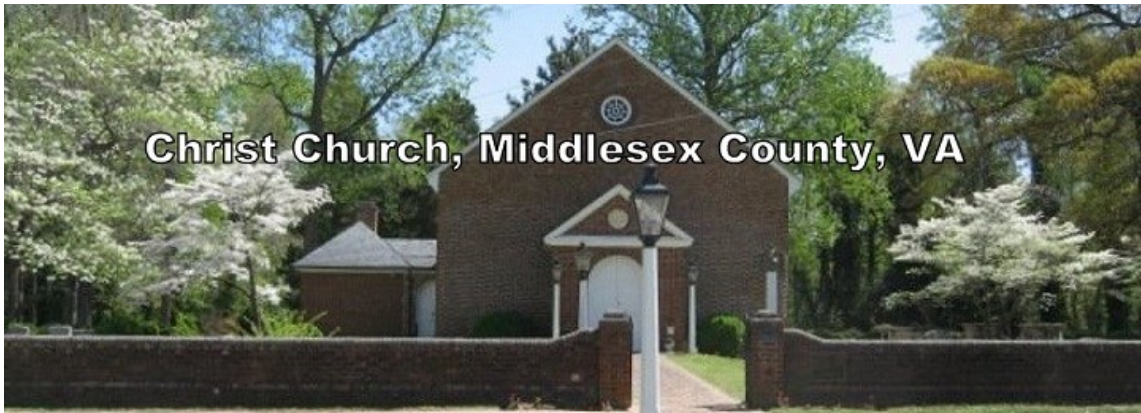
Christ Church's participation on October 23 in the "One Community under God" joint worship service was part of a traditional ecumenical involvement by the Episcopal Church that dates to the late 18th and early 19th centuries. At that time Episcopalians in New York and North Carolina conferred with Lutherans about the possibility of shared ministry, and Episcopalians in Virginia sought ways to cooperate with Methodists. For the rest of the century, Episcopalians cooperated with other Protestants in ecumenical organizations such as the American Sunday School Union, the American Colonization Society, and the American Bible Society. Episcopal and Presbyterian foreign missionaries in Brazil assisted one another on the ground and were active participants in regional and world mission conferences.

An internal disagreement among Episcopalians made it difficult, however, to enter into any denomination-wide agreements: High-church Episcopalians limited their interest to cooperating with churches with bishops; although those churches were not always interested in talking with them. Evangelical Episcopalians cooperated with Protestants and were leery of discussion with Roman Catholics. The only church they could agree upon was the Swedish Lutheran Church which was Protestant and had bishops.

Many historians date the modern phase of the ecumenical movement to the 1910 World Mission Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. At that conference, Episcopal Bishop Charles Henry Brent suggested that Christians of different denominations have frank discussions about differences in theology and church organization.

Prior to that time those who attended the mission conference limited discussion to missionary techniques and strategy, avoiding theological questions as too divisive. The result of Bishop Brent's call was the creation of a series of "Faith and Order" conferences. Participants in these conferences would play key roles in the creation of the World Council of Churches (1948), whose structure included a Faith and Order commission. In 1982 this commission issued *Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry* (Faith and Order Paper no. 111), alternatively known as the "Lima Text." The document offered a way in which churches with historic episcopates (like the Episcopal Church) could enter into agreements about shared ministry with churches that lacked bishops. It distinguished "apostolic tradition" (which it defined broadly as a continuity in teaching, preaching, prayer, and social action) from "episcopal succession" (a succession of ordinations by bishops), and suggested that churches begin discussions by acknowledging the elements of apostolic tradition found in one another. That insight has made possible ecumenical concordats of Episcopalians with Lutherans (2000) and with Moravians (2018). Discussions are currently underway with United Methodists.

Bob Prichard



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.



From the Deacon's Bench

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9, NIV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you so much for all you do. The ministry of a deacon is to take the church out into the world and find what is needed to help the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. Then, we are to bring those needs back and call others to help serve our brothers and sisters who need our care. Here at Christ Church, I have found an amazing group of people who make that part of my ministry easy. I am blessed to serve as a deacon in this wonderful parish.

Speaking of those ministries to which we are called, we have much work ahead of us. I have received a magnificent positive response to my suggestion of a Creation Care ministry. Many of you have offered your help and terrific ideas. I believe this ministry is going to help us serve others in a very powerful way. I will be available in between services on Oct. 30th to answer questions, provide information, and receive suggestions regarding this new ministry. We will also be sending out an email.

Additionally, we will be making an effort to expand our ACTS (**A**cting and **C**aring as **T**abitha **S**erved) ministry. We will also be planning our 3rd Annual Fine Arts Camp. There is a lot to do and EVERYONE is invited to help. I know I can count on YOU!!

Please review the information on the next page regarding the Ordination and Consecration of the XIV Bishop of The Diocese of Virginia. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend this special service.

Again, many thanks to each of you for all you do to help. Peg+

God willing and the people consenting

THE REVEREND CANON E. MARK STEVENSON
will be ordained and consecrated as a Bishop in
the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and

**XIV BISHOP OF
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF VIRGINIA**

CHIEF CONSECRATOR
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop
and Primate of The Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2022 AT 11:00 AM
Arrive by 10:30 for seating
The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA



RSVP BY NOVEMBER 9

Please join your diocesan family in this joyous celebration!

RSVP. All attendees are required to register online. There is no limit on the number of people who may attend from a single parish. Parishioners and members of The Episcopal Church in all other dioceses may register here:

<https://VaConsecration-ParishesRSVP.eventbrite.com>

More information is available on the Diocese of Virginia website.



Catechism Corner

Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education

Episcopal worship is grounded in the Bible. Most worship services include at least a reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, and a reading from the New Testament. We use a schedule (Revised Common Lectionary) for these readings so that over 3 years, most of the Bible will be read aloud during worship services. Many of the prayers and other elements of services also come from the Bible, as does most of the content in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Here in Christ Church, as in many Episcopal churches, the Gospel reading is presented in the middle of the church--a physical manifestation of the idea that the word of God is being brought to the people. Worshipers will generally turn toward the deacon or priest as they read the Gospel. In Faith, Miles Libbey

◀ October	November 2022						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 All Saints Day Brotherhood Oyster Festival Prep AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	2 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel Oyster Festival Booth Load Out	3 ECW Prep for Oyster Festival 9:00 am Oyster Festival Booth Preparation AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	4 Yoga 10:00 am Oyster Festival	5 Oyster Festival	
6 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Oyster Festival Booth Load In	7	8 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	9 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	10 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Set up for Veter- an's Day Luncheon Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	11 Veteran's Day Luncheon 11:00 am	12	
13 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00 am	14	15 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Finance 9:30 am Tech Team 11:30 am Vestry 1:30 pm	16 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	17 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	18 Yoga 10:00 am	19	
20 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am	21	22 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	23 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26	
27 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am 10:30 am	28	29 AA Group Noon -1:00 pm	30 Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 am In the Chapel Advent Dinner and Program 5:30 pm				



Outreach Ministry

The drizzly skies didn't keep the community away from attending the One Community Under God event on Sunday, October 23rd. What a beautiful thing to see so many of our congregation in attendance.

Many thanks to Clayton Neal for his great organizational efforts. Our volunteers for the event included Ann de Peyster, Jack Fackler, Linda Irwin, Ann Padgett, and John Quilter. The Outreach Ministry provided lunches for 75 people which included desert provided by the ladies of the church. We thank you all!

One Community Under God Pictures



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Many came out to support the Christchurch School JV Soccer Team. The team played their last home game on Friday, October 21st. We were excited to cheer them on to victory defeating Grace Christian from Mechanicsville 2 to 0. The team will play their last away game on Tuesday, October 25th. An ice cream social will be planned to celebrate their season.



Drive-By Nativity 2022

The Outreach Committee will host a Christmas Nativity on December 9th, with December 16th as the rain date. This year, we plan to improve the lighting, hopefully, have one or two live animals, and increase advertising efforts to increase participation. We are entertaining new ideas to possibly have an opportunity for family photos by the Nativity and lining the road along the cemetery wall with luminaries. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there.

Judy Quilter and Ann Padgett



“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.”

Hold on, it is November and we are going to be really busy but it is going to be fun. Our calendar is packed and that does not even include our preparation for the holidays. Thank you for a great October. We had a great new members reception and supported the JV soccer team, the Marine Corps Run, and the One Community Under God. The Vestry thanks you all for your wonderful work and support to make this a community of service and joy.

November brings the return of the Oyster Festival. We will need many hands to prepare and work at our church booth. We have 4000 HOBs to make on Thursday. The brotherhood is getting ready for all the workers. We will need to move some meeting locations and yoga but it is all for a good cause. This is a great endeavor but so much fun. So get ready for a great Oyster Festival!

On Veterans Day, November 11th we welcome our veterans for lunch. We are a veteran-friendly church and this luncheon is our way to show our appreciation for those who served. We still need volunteers to make this a great tribute to those who served this nation. Please make sure you give an invitation to the veterans you know in the community.

On top of all this, we have a Brotherhood/Endowment breakfast on November 13th on estate planning. We have a great speaker and breakfast is always good. Then, we start our Advent dinners on November 30th. It is hard to believe it will then be December, time for Live Nativity, Homecoming on December 4th, and the return of Father Stuart.

The Tech Team is looking for new members who want to help with the streaming of services. The team will train you and you do not need to be a computer wiz. This ministry is very important to many members of the church community.

The Vestry is an important administrative part of the church. It facilitates and helps the organization of so many projects and ensures we have the money for all of these projects. If this sounds interesting to you, please let a Vestry member know. Service on the Vestry is a very rewarding activity and we need you.

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On a final note, the Vestry thanks each of you for being a part of this active community of worship and service. Together, we make such a difference in the community. We show love to those who need help, comfort those who are hurting, and joy to our lives through service. We are so fortunate to be part of this great church.

Faithfully, Jeannette



from the Junior Warden's Workbench

They're here!! and installed..that is the two new heating and air systems in the Parish Hall. We have a new mini split in the Fellowship Hall and a heat pump for the library, Fr Stuart's office, and the administration office. All thermostats are on the heat setting now and filters will all be changed for the fall and winter seasons. Equipment and parts are ordered to switch the Parish Hall south wing to LED lighting. A new plexiglass cover was installed on the cemetery display case. Whew! and I'll still see you all in our Christ Church Oyster Festival tent!

Thanks,
Betsy Evans

Elephant Committee Report on Welcome Reception

An afternoon reception on October 9th for new and potential Church members was attended by 14 new members/visitors. Thirty church members, including our clergy, the Vestry, the Elephant Committee, and other representatives of our vital church ministries were on hand to welcome them. As you can see from this photo, the refreshments provided by our members were abundant. We all look forward to future gatherings in which everyone will have opportunities to welcome our new members and visitors. Look for brief introductory profiles in future newsletters.

The Elephant Committee and Vestry continue to encourage everyone to be welcoming to all of our visitors. This includes wearing our name tags to Sunday services and other church functions. If you see people in the church you do not recognize, please introduce yourself and invite them to coffee hour. Sharing our faith and hospitality with others is everyone's responsibility and is always appreciated.

Thankfully, we have already overcome many of the constraints of the pandemic on our worship, fellowship, and outreach activities and are seeing our church grow and thrive. We are all looking forward to especially active and joy-filled fall and winter seasons with new members added to our growing church family!



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Nuts are not only for the squirrels... FINAL CALL TO GET YOURS!

Your ECW ALSO gathers nuts in the fall for you! The freshest pecan halves, peanuts, and cashews are available for sale as one of our important ECW fundraisers. These items are delicious and popular as gifts, snacks for football games, or holiday baking. Please take the form and fill it out and leave it in the office, or mail it to Grace Parker at 15 Bayberry Pointe, Urbanna 23175. Nut orders will be ready for pick up before Thanksgiving, right after the pecan harvest! Yum!

Please note: Our sources have increased prices this year. We have absorbed much of the increase but must slightly increase our sale price.

2022 Nut Sales

Whitley's Salted Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Jumbo Cashews (12 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's "crabby" Chesapeake Bay Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

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

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's "Homemade" Peanut Brittle (10 oz Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$12 Total Price \$ _____

Pecan Halves (16 oz. Bag)

Number of Bags _____ Price Per Bag \$14.00 Total Price \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

FINAL CALL!

Name _____ Phone _____

TECH TEAM BULLETIN

Your Tech Team is involved in many aspects of church life, with one of our most visible ongoing focuses being the Videography Ministry. **The main message here is that we are always looking for volunteers to help with bringing our Sunday services to the outside world.** Basic computer operator skills (no programming) and a willingness to learn more about videography are all you need. We would be happy to demonstrate what's involved for anyone who might consider assisting us.

Why does our church continue to offer online services? The latest Facebook viewer statistics for our Sunday services over the past three months remain strong: the mean is 102, the median is 82 and the range is 58-192. YouTube reports an additional 12-20 views of the uploaded service recordings.

Periodically we get positive feedback from parishioners who attend church regularly and also watch our 10:30 service. For example, one who usually attends the 8:00 am service reports she also often watches the 10:30 service recording after returning home. She enjoys seeing the 10:30 churchgoers greeting each other while passing the peace and anything else they experienced that was not part of the 8:00 service--like Father Bob Prichard interacting with all of the dogs at our Blessing of the Animals service.

If you join the Tech Team you would not have videography duty every Sunday and certainly would not forego communion on any Sunday that you do. Rotation schedules are made up well in advance to allow each of us to preserve precious away time or special weekends at home with family. We can also say unabashedly that you would be working with the most dedicated, supportive, cooperative, helpful, and understanding of any team you'll ever work with!

Why else would helping with the Videography Ministry appeal to you or others? Those of us who have learned how to switch camera angles and use the other videography equipment you see in the square pew on the left as you enter the sanctuary experience tremendous satisfaction knowing that we've made it possible for so many others to benefit from the sermons, readings, and music, and experience all of the positive spirit that transmits over the airways regardless of where they are that Sunday. Also, we benefit from interactions with Greg Grichtmeier, our multi-talented tech advisor/guru who is a pleasure to work with and is our backup consultant when we encounter technical difficulties.

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The Tech Team also offers our congregation much more help than this on an as-needed basis: AV needs in the Fellowship Hall, for example, or arrangements for Zoom meetings. Many already know of the numerous services provided by Mike Floyd including maintaining the website, email communications, assistance with the online directory, and administering our Facebook page.

Feel free to contact any one of us if you would like more information or want to explore more specific needs you might help us with: Ann de Peyster, Jack Fackler, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin Jeff Loustaunau, Robin Wells.

THE MUSIC DIRECTORS MESSAGE

PRELUDES AND POSTLUDES: DO THEY MATTER?

Part of my job as Music Director at Christ Church is to provide a prelude and a postlude each week for Sunday worship. The music I choose varies depending on the season or the particular Sunday in the church year. Often it is based on the opening and closing hymn tune.

What role does the prelude play in worship? For some, the prelude is background music that fills the space between greetings or provides a backdrop for an extended conversation. For others, it provides a meditative time to quiet the mind and prepare us for worship. I believe the service begins with the prelude, and therefore a worshipful silence should be observed.

The postlude to me is the opportunity to send us out in joy. Some congregations sit quietly until the end of the postlude, allowing the organist much greater flexibility in the type of music played. Unfortunately, for it to be heard over the noise at most churches, it has to be LOUD! Given the time taken in selecting and practicing for this piece, organists often wonder if it is even worth it. It is tempting to play chopsticks to see if anyone notices.

What is the prelude to you? What about the postlude? How do you make use of these musical moments during worship? When the bell is rung and the music starts, does worship begin for you?

Sing on!
Libby Boyer

Special November Celebrations
Anniversaries



None this month

Birthdays

- 1 Bruce V. DeSimone*
2 Susan Sullivan
5 Miles A. Libbey
7 Susan M. Dugan
8 George Sturgill
9 Robert L. "Robin" Wells
Bob Barlowe
19 Judy Erdman
Laure Jones
20 Peter W. "Pete" Mansfield
24 E. Virginia "Ginger" Smither
Rich Donoff
27 Diane Martin
Louise Eichenlaub
29 Karen Houser
Walter Palmer
30 Beverly Hart
Karen Brown
Trent Austin



Come To Breakfast & Learn The Latest

You are invited to a Brotherhood/Endowment Committee Breakfast in the Parish Fellowship Hall on November 13th at 9:00 AM.

Enjoy the fellowship and learn from, James A. Butts, IV, (Alfie) of Tidewater Trusts and Estates (TT&E) a law firm in Irvington, Virginia, which concentrates on Estate Planning (wills and trusts), Estate Administration (probate and trust administration). "TT&E" serves clients in the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, and across Virginia.

"Alfie" graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, then Mercer University School of Law in 1995 and earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation at the University of Florida in 1996. He has lectured on topics including The Life of an Estate; and Advanced Estate Planning. Alfie was recognized as one of Virginia's Top Lawyers in the Rising Stars category by Richmond Magazine.

Your Endowment Committee suggests a periodic review of your documents to determine whether changes should be made because of death, divorce, major financial, or other major events in your life or even more so if you have not started your plan. Keeping your documents up to date is key to effective planning. Then once you have done the homework, make an appointment with Clergy to make your wishes for the Parish known, service wishes planned and all kept on file.

Come Listen, Learn and Enjoy Breakfast Fellowship.

Endowment Committee

Fr Stuart Wood, William Budd, Jeanette Adkins, Jack Hellems, David Wilcox, Jim Knupp

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>
December 2022	Friday November 25, 2022
January 2023	Friday December 23, 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.