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Sunday Services:

8 am

&

10:30 AM

A Family Service of Holy Communion
with Music and Choir

A quiet traditional Service of Holy Communion

Christ Church Parish

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



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Requested**

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October 2015



Read All About it!!

The Reverend Stuart Clary Wood Appointed Interim Rector for Christ Church Parish

The Vestry of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, with the Bishop Shannon Johnston's blessings, is pleased to announce the appointment of The Reverend Stuart Clary Wood as Interim Rector. Reverend Wood's first scheduled service will be Sunday, October 11, 2015 for the "Blessing of the Animals". The Reverend Wood comes to Christ Church after serving two and a half decades at Lynnwood Episcopal Parish in Port Republic, Virginia. At Lynnwood, The Reverend Wood was the celebrant at two physical locations, officiating at three services each Sunday.

Several of our church leaders recently attended a Lynnwood Episcopal Parish service and reported "The Reverend Wood's liturgical style is Eucharistically centered, liturgically formal, welcoming and inclusive." He will lead the 8:00 AM service using Rite I and the 10:30 AM service using Rite II to which we are accustomed. He will also continue the 9:15 AM adult Sunday school hour each Sunday.

As Interim Rector, Stuart will work closely with the Wardens, Vestry, staff and other parish leaders toward the major goal of preparing the congregation for the coming of the next Rector.

Stuart is excited to be moving to the "Rivah" ...(continued on next page)

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

...and is looking forward to sharing his ministry in our beautiful church. He stated "I feel called to share the love of Christ with all God's people and to meet them as Jesus did." He looks forward to meeting each parishioner on an individual basis and is also planning to attend the Parish Steak dinner October 9th. For those of us who are home-bound or incapacitated, please call the Parish office to schedule a visit.

Stuart is also an animal lover, as his sheltie "Joseph" can attest. On October 11 at the 10:30 AM service, Stuart looks forward to officiating the service for the "Blessing of the Animals" of our Parish.

We invite all animals of Christ Church to receive their special blessing, as well as members and friends to attend the October 11 10:30 AM "Blessing of the Animals" service, and welcome Joseph and Stuart Wood into our family of faith.



UTO Reminder ---

Donations from Christ Church for UTO are due Sunday, October 11th. Also, UTO boxes and envelopes are available in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call Susan Dugan at 804-815-3580 or email her at smdugan357@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



Men of the Church...

The men of the Church have a special opportunity to be active members of the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is involved in many aspects of our Church and community activities.



Our meetings are at 9:00 am on the second Sunday of the month and always involve "eating" (a full breakfast!). We usually have a short business meeting followed by a program about community activities. Meetings start in October and run through May.

Our big fundraiser is the annual Urbanna Oyster Festival which takes place November 6th and 7th of this year. We will be discussing this event at our meetings and have sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Jeff McClelland has set a high "bar" this year to match or exceed what he did last year and with your help, I am looking forward to that challenge! This activity funds our charitable activities throughout the year so it is a very important event for us.

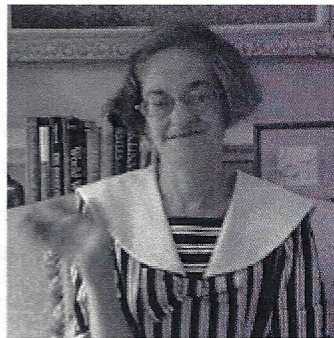
Updates on activities and planned Brotherhood events will be by Church email and newsletter so keep watching for events and come join us!

Jim Dudley



Getting to Know You.... Please welcome our first entry in our new column! Entries may

be any length, from one paragraph to several. We look forward to learning about our fellow members.



Hi to all my friends at Christ Church,

I've got quite a history in my 47 years of life! I arrived on June 10, 1968, in Radford, VA, weighing in at 5 lbs., 1 oz. I was named Dorothy Edwards Cronk after my mother and grandmother. The name was way too big for me and so everyone started calling me "Dolly" after a dear family friend.

A lot of people were concerned about me but Mom was told over and over that all children develop differently. At 6 months Mom and Dad took me to Richmond to see a wonderful pediatrician who gave me every kind of test you can imagine without any significant results...well, except for incorrect diagnoses. I didn't sleep or eat much for years and still don't if you want to know the truth of it. When Mom tried to teach me things, I kind of ignored her because I really liked it when she held me.

Mom was finally able to get me into a morning program at the local ARC and I really impressed them with what I could do! I still watch everything very closely and know exactly what is going on all around me. I'm pretty quick with my assessments too! Once I was in church with Mom and didn't make a sound, well, until the minister prayed a V E R Y long prayer. He wasn't finished yet and even though I was quiet, still had my head bowed and my hands together, I just could help myself. Out of

not help myself. Out of my mouth came, "yah, de, yah, de, yah, de!" In a quick minute he said "Amen!"

I went to school in Richmond until I was 12 and then to a school outside of Charlottesville on top of a mountain. It's called Faith Mission Home and is run by the Beachy Amish Mennonites and now I have two homes! Aren't I lucky? I really am, you know. I have had two great parents, 2 sisters, Jennifer and Catherine; a brother, Ben and 2 very special nieces, Kylie and Mabel. They all love me and many say that I am the glue that holds our family together. They don't take any vacations without me and make sure I am home for everyone's birthday and all of the special holidays and many other times as well.

I am always willing to help. Sometimes I set the table, wash windows, pick up any trash I have left from my stickers or fold laundry. I'm really neat and tidy and want to do things just right. There are times when I get frustrated, but mostly I'm happy, but I do show a temper every now and then. Oh, I like to talk a lot too. Sometimes this drives Mom nuts! I'm glad Mom believed in me and didn't listen to the doctor who told her I was a vegetable.!

I love coming to Christ Church because I hear about Jesus and God and I get to see a lot of my friends. Everyone has welcomed me so warmly. I really like people a lot and Mom thinks I'm a real blessing because I teach people about what love is all about. You all seem to understand about love because you have accepted me just as I am. Not everyone does that. The key to acceptance is knowing that "special needs" (Mom hates that term) children have the same needs and feelings as everyone else. If you want to know more, just ask Mom. She doesn't mind talking about any aspect of my life. I'll see you soon!

Love, Dolly

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 or 832-4234.

Moments with Moose.....



Deadlines can be very useful tools. We posted a few for the newsletter on the Church bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please check it out and see the cartoon too!

Moose does not have a lot of "serious" deadlines. He has a fairly laid back approach to life UNTIL the time changes this fall. THAT is a crisis because it puts off supper for one more hour, a very traumatic event every year.

We all have our moments when a little thing can be a major crisis. For many of us it can be a deadline that must be met or an expectation that must be realized. Ohhh, the life of a dog that we could have so few deadlines and few expectations upon us. My father-in-law used to tell everyone he wanted to be reincarnated as one of my dogs. I think I would too. Many of us animal lovers tend to treat our pets better than our friends, our coworkers and even family members or ourselves. (Do not ask Bob!)

Looking ahead to a new year not far away, I may set my sights on manageable deadlines, healthy expectations and more "laid back" approaches to the crisis that inevitably shakes us up.....as soon as we get by that time change on October 31st.



Message from the Senior Warden -

We are an active and loving congregation...

As I see the many parishioners in our "family of faith" that have volunteered for the many ministries that are required to run our Church during the time of transition, I am so very proud. Proud to be a parishioner of Christ Church.

Folks are working on so many things necessary to prepare us for our new rector.

The Search Committee is busy determining "who we are and where God is calling us to be." The profile they develop should attract candidates with the visions and skills that will complement the strengths and needs of our congregation.

The team of Jim Knupp, Homer Hartung and Mike Floyd are working with the Diocese to update our church web-site and Facebook page. Their objective is to have a web-site that is inviting to guests and newcomers, reflective of an active, loving congregation to prospective clergy and informative to existing parishioners.

The soon to be redefined Welcoming and Hospitality Committee will determine how to make "newcomers" feel a part of our "Family of Faith".

And how about that Susie Guillotte, our newsletter editor, she keeps us informed on the activities around our beautiful colonial Christ Church. [Jack, do I have to put that in there?]

Debbie Davis, our wonderful music director and organist, has been selecting a variety of great hymns for each 10:30 am JOYful service!

We are so fortunate to have a Verger that meets with supply clergy and trains the lay leaders to ensure our worship program continues as normal.

And the Parish Nurse, Jean Holt, tirelessly visits the ill and homebound and keeps the congregation updated. Let's not forget Alvin Hill, our Lay Minister, visits...

... those residing in local nursing homes, sharing smiles, prayers and communion.

All the while we are experiencing transition, other committees are actively functioning and planning events and programs to physically, financially and spiritually enhance worship and fellowship at Christ Church.

The Junior Warden has completed most of the major repairs and maintenance items approved for 2015. Bob Guillotte will be so grateful to any volunteers that are able to assist with minor maintenance jobs around our campus.

The 350th Anniversary Committee is planning a Flowering of the Church and a colonial church service to celebrate the anniversary occasion. These events are scheduled for April 29 - May 1, 2016.

The Endowment Board is busy planning the implementation of a Legacy Society for 2016 to coincide with the 350 year anniversary of Christ Church. A legacy society will provide parishioners of today the opportunity to invest in the Christ Church of tomorrow.

We are also in the midst of the 2016 Annual Giving Program. This request for your financial pledge allows the Finance Committee to plan with greater confidence the expenses and programs of 2016. Stewardship is about giving back and sharing the blessings God has generously bestowed upon us.

Your continued support during our time of transition is greatly appreciated. As you can see, your time and talents are also GREATLY appreciated!





ECW presents the SECOND annual
"MAGIC OF MUSIC" Night

Saturday, October 24 (7:00-9:30 pm)

(doors open at 6:30 pm for seating and refreshments)

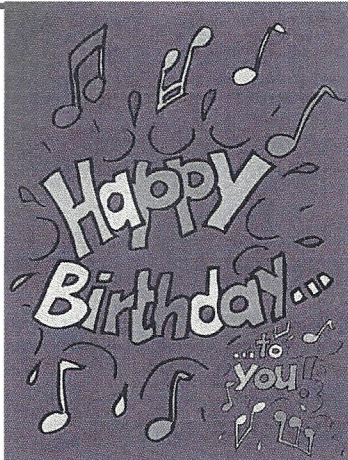
Join us for a wonderful evening of lively music by our very own Clayton Neal (alias "Jumbo Lump Daddy"), Paige Melton, and Jeff and Sherry Wagner. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased from Pam McClelland (832-4234) or Ann Padgett (776-6078)

Seating is limited. Last year's concert was sold out so make your reservations now!

Special Calendar Notes:

- October 4 – SEE NEW DATE FOR BLESSING OF ANIMALS!
- October 9 – Delicious steak dinner ! Don't miss it!
- October 11 – NEW DATE FOR BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS !! WOOF !!! 10:30AM
- October 11 – 9:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- October 11 – Deadline for UTO envelopes and boxes !
- October 24 – "Magic of Music" Night !!! Tickets \$20 on sale October 1st
- October 30 – The Chesty Puller Run from Ft. Lee to Christ Church, 2:30 PM graveside celebration
- November 6 and 7 – Oyster Festival, the Brotherhood's big fundraiser

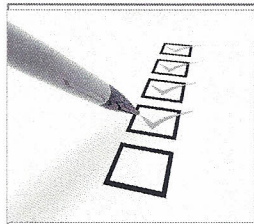
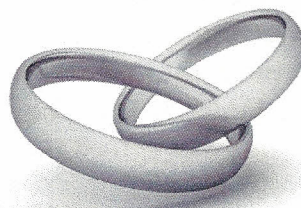




October 2 - Linda Parker
October 19 - Janis Booker
October 19 - Jody Anglin
October 24 - Paige Bishop
October 25 - Gordon White
October 25 - Tom Clarke
October 31 - Doug Brizendine



Sarah and Don Geeson - Oct 4
Lee and John Davis - Oct 10
Sally and Austin Trent - Oct 26
Kelly and Benton Pollok - Oct 28



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