

Christ Church Parish

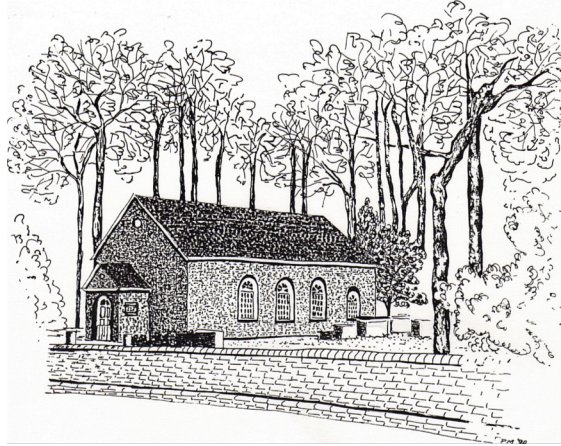
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A joy-filled church

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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

The Rev. Stuart Wood
Priest in Charge

OCTOBER 2018



Who do people say that I am?

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” (Mark 8:27-29)

When Jesus asked “Who do people say that I am? His disciples gave him a variety of answers. How often have you asked someone who someone else is and have gotten either an “I don’t know”, or the wrong name, or Mary’s husband or Bill’s wife, or a first or last name but not a full name? Maybe we know the person but have suddenly gone blank and struggle to bring forth the person’s name. I sometimes find myself going through my entire phone directory when I need to call someone because I can re

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member a first name but can't recall their last name. One of the reasons that that happens is because we are a very friendly and welcoming congregation and are on a first name basis with each other which means that while a first name is constantly being reinforced in our memories, last name gets lost since they're not used as often.

We are fortunate to have a number of new people attending either the 8:00 or 10:30 services. When they decide to continue to worship with us, the office will order them a magnetic name tag just like the ones that we all have. These new people will often remember to wear their name tags so that we can get to know them, but we need to remember that while we're learning the names of a few new people, that they're having to learn the names of many new people.

With that in mind, my hope is that if you're one of those individuals that have a name tag but haven't been wearing it, that you will find it and put it in your vehicle so that when you're at church or church functions you will be able to put it on. If you have lost it, we will get you a new one. If you have lost the magnets or the metal strip that holds it on, we have extras in Fr. Stuart's office.

Let us help one another in being as confident as Peter, so that when someone asks, "Who is that?" we can say, "that is (fill in the blank), let me introduce you to them." Otherwise, how can we say that we're a family of faith if we don't know our brothers' and sisters' names.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Stuart

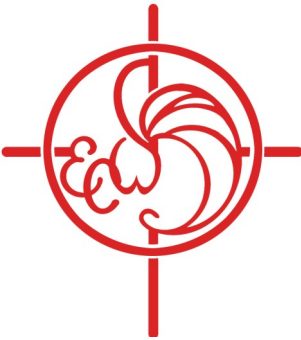


CCP CORRESPONDENTS

Each of our church committee and organization chairpersons has been asked to submit an article for publication in each of the upcoming newsletters. This is an attempt to keep Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex congregants informed and up to date. It will be just a bit of what has happened and what's going to happen.

ECW—Judy Quilter, President

Karen Gorin, VP; Page Whitcamp, Recording Secretary; Sallie Wells, Corresponding Secretary; Virginia, Treasurer



Wings, Wheels & Keels – Many thanks to Susie Loustaunau and all those who provided baked goods and manned the booth out at Hummel Airfield in Topping.

Celtic Service – The ECW will sponsor the upcoming Celtic Service on October 7th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This is a service of music and prayer with quiet times for thought and reflection. Our very own Barbara Cockrell will provide the Meditation. SPENCER & BEANE (Guitar & Violin) will supply the music. Our women are encouraged to sit together as a group at the service. A small reception will be held following the service.

Fall Camp – Shrine Mont Conference Center – October 22 thru 25. Fall Camp is a four-day adult conference sponsored by the Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging which represents all three Episcopal Dioceses in Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and Southern Virginia. Fall Camp is an opportunity to spend time in the mountains of Virginia with other seniors from across the Commonwealth as well as from other states. There is more information on the Parish Hall bulletin board or go to www.shrinemont.com. The deadline for registration which is Friday, **October 12**, is very important.

Fall ECW Meeting – After the 10:30 AM service on October 14th, we will have a short meeting to elect officers for the coming year to take office January 1, 2019.

Oyster Festival – On November 1st, we will be preparing rolls for those delicious HOBBS. Let's meet in the Parrish Hall at 9:00 AM. Many hands will make this process go faster. A bake sale will also take place at the Festival on Friday. Pies, cakes, bread, and smaller cookie packages will be for sale to the public. Let's pray for good weather!!

Veteran's Luncheon – The setup or this luncheon will take place on November 8th and the luncheon will be on November 9th. As you know, this is a big event for our Veterans. Planning is now underway and Chairman, Ann Padgett, needs our support and help! Look for signup sheets on the Parrish Hall bulletin board soon.

HOSPITALITY & OUTREACH—Robin Wells—Chair



Hospitality

Second Annual Chicken Dinner

Well, we can say that Christ Church Parish was certainly very hospitable on September 7th at its Second Annual Chicken Dinner! Thanks to the efforts of Clayton Neal and Bev Hart, co-chairs of this event, we had a fun and profitable dinner. Clayton let us all know that we sold out and the proceeds from this dinner will go a long way in helping our church meet and exceed its goals and projection for outreach. He also mentioned that we had 28 Church members who volunteered and helped us get this event across the finish line. As much as anything else, this great team of our fellow parishioners had a wonderful time working together. The laughing and kidding going on Friday and Saturday was proof positive of this! If you haven't participated in the past, let us know that you'd like to join in the fun.



Calling all Cooks!

Do you like to cook? Christ Church Parish has many opportunities for you to show off your skills and creativity. The regular events the Hospitality Committee heads up include our Steak Dinner (generally in January), Annual Congregational Meeting with breakfast (also January), 3 to 4 Lenten Wednesday Series which is generally a hearty soup with bread, the chicken dinner mentioned above (although in September this year, it is generally in August), Stewardship breakfast in September and 3 to 4 Advent Wednesday suppers. Some of your cooks are getting a little "Long in the Tooth" and need to be spelled. If you would like to help in this area, please give Robin Wells a call at 832-3849 or 776-0086 or email at rockfish.robins@gmail.com.



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One of the other things that the Hospitality side of things is responsible for are the special events like Dolly's birthday party in the parish Hall after the 10:30AM service. Betty Cook's NINETIETH BIRTHDAY also falls in that category! What a VERY special lady our Miss Betty is. Much of her family was in for the celebration of this milestone. Thyra and Bev present her a cake and a card signed by many of us.

OUTREACH—Jean Holt & Bev Hart, Co-Chair

"One Community Under God" Service



This event was supposed to be held on September 16th at 11:00 AM in Urbanna at the Firehouse location but was postponed until October 7th at 3:00 PM because of the hurricane that was supposed to impact our area severely primarily due to storm surge, rain and the attendant potential flooding. Fortunately, it did not materialize for us, but we send abundant prayers to the south of us for those who were and who are still being impacted. Those who have gone in the past couple of years have urged us to get involved because it is such a joyous and uplifting event. After the service, all will be fed a meal including fried chicken, BBQ and dessert prepared by Christ Church Parish.

Ice Cream Social



The Outreach Committee had a successful Ice Cream Social with the Christchurch School JV soccer team on September 11th at 5:30 pm. This is the kickoff for their season and the home games will be on the upper field (adja-cent to the road).

We hope you will attend to help cheer them on! The schedule has changed and will be posted on the bulletin board

when the dates are finalized.

The students really appreciate our support and they came to the Social with hearty appetites! Teenage boys and ice cream are a good mix, even right before dinner! The students on the team are from as near as Hartfield and as far away as Indiana, Michigan, Turkey, Nigeria, India and China! It's a great group and we wish them success this fall.



The Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Endowment Board

Jack Hellems, Chair

Grace Parker, Secretary; Page Wittkamp; Vel Gray, Senior Warden; Robin Wells; Fr. Stuart Wood, Rector

The 1666 Society...Are YOU in?

It has been a while since we have talked about **The 1666 Society**, and some of our new church members may not know what this is. So, here is all you need to know about it and how you can join!

In 2016, the 350th anniversary year of Christ Church Parish, the Endowment Fund Board launched The 1666 Society. The Society, currently with 67 members, is the group of parishioners or friends of Christ Church who have either made a monetary donation to the Endowment Fund, or have notified us that they have remembered

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Brotherhood

Jeff Loustaunau, President



The first Brotherhood Breakfast since the summer break was held September 9th. Thanks , as always, to the dedicated ladies who cook our great meals!

Annual donations to pay for our breakfasts were & will continue to be accepted. The suggested amount is \$60.00 which averages out to approximately \$6.67 per breakfast. Checks should be made payable to Christ Church Brotherhood. Hunt up Mike Floyd and he will be glad to accept for cash or check!

Mike asked for volunteers to assist in budgeting for the coming year. The primary focus of the budgeting is deciding on how much and to which charities we will donate to in 2019.

The purchase of a popcorn machine was approved which Robin Wells will handle the procurement. As of this printing, it has been received.

The Brotherhood is begin the planning for the annual Oyster Festival booth. There are some sign up sheets on the bulletin that all should take a look at so you can see where your help is needed most. A new stove is on order to supplement the one we have which is used to heat the ham biscuits and HOBs.

Mike sent out the Treasurer's Report and additional information the week prior to the meeting.



Finance Committee—Jack Hellems, Chair

Members are Vel Gray (Senior Warden), Susie Guillotte (Treasurer), Jim Dudley, Virginia Miller, Dave South, and Rev. Stuart Wood (Priest in Charge).



It is the responsibility of this committee to oversee the establishment of policy and procedures regarding all financial matter of Christ Church Parish (Episcopal). They are also responsible for ensuring that such policy and procedures shall be in accord with the *Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia*, the Diocese of Virginia's "*Manual of Business Methods*" and good business practice.

The Finance Committee shall be composed of three to five members of the congregation, plus the Rector and Senior Warden on an ex-officio basis. The Treasurer shall be on of the Committee members and the assistant Treasurer may be one of the Committee members. Additional members may be appointed on an Ad Hoc basis by the Vestry to assist in the budget preparation or investment. With Vestry approval, The Executive Committee may employee the services of an outside agent or individuals as deemed necessary.

The finance committee depends on the various committees, via their chairperson, to submit their budget requests to them so the budget process for 2019 can be completed in an orderly fashion. The Committee Chairs have been asked to submit a "Wish List" request which will be prioritized and eventually submitted to the Vestry for their prayerful study and approval,

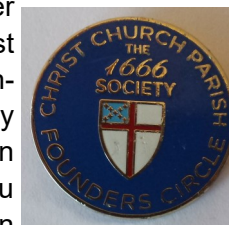
The **Time & Talent** event held during the Coffee Hour after the services on the 9th of September was the most successful held yet. The goal was to get folks involved who haven't been as active as they would like. The event gave everyone an opportunity for them to visit someone from each ministry so that could make decisions regarding where they want to spend their volunteer hours. There isn't a count at this point in time of all the new signees but there were quite a few which is heartening.



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Christ Church in their estate planning. These are people who are committed to seeing Christ Church have a firm foundation to serve as devoted Christian members of this community for the next 350 years and beyond. Those who have joined The 1666 Society have taken the concrete steps necessary to enable outreach, preserve our historic building, support music, worship and Christian education. Do take note of those you see on Sundays wearing a lovely circular blue pin; they are among those who have made that commitment to the future of our church.

The Founders' Circle is a subset of The 1666 Society and is comprised of those who joined by the end of our anniversary year in 2016. However, The 1666 Society itself is open now and, we hope, forever for those who want Christ Church Parish to be a place which is not just an historic church, but a living, vibrant derpinning. How do you join? Our member of the Endowment Fund Wells, Page Wittkamp, Vel Gray or have included Christ Church in your make a monetary donation of ANY amount at any time and become a member that way.



We do hope your experiences at Christ Church Parish will lead you to want to provide this experience for many future generations and that you will soon become a member of The 1666 Society.

Update on the sale of the Rectory

On September 24, 2017 the Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church Parish Episcopal adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of the Rectory to the Christchurch School Foundation.

This sale was delayed by the untimely death of one of our Trustees and then the need to re-do the legal paperwork with the correct names of the three Trustees.

The Honorable Jeffrey Shaw was elected by the Vestry to be our third Trustee.

The sale of the Rectory was finalized on June 28, 2018 when our Trustees (James Hill, the Honorable Jeffrey Shaw, and Marilyn South) signed the documents.

The property was sold in the principle amount of \$187,500.00 at an interest rate of 3% amortized for a period of 30 years, callable in 15 years. It had been decided that 50% of each months payment would be used for outreach or other such church needs, and the other 50% would be invested for possible future Rectory housing.

Prior to the sale of the Rectory, the school had leased the property for faculty housing and that lease was terminated upon the sale of the Rectory to the Foundation.

Our pets are a blessing to us...



...Join us in blessing them!

**Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals**

October 7, 2018 at the 10:30 Service in the Church



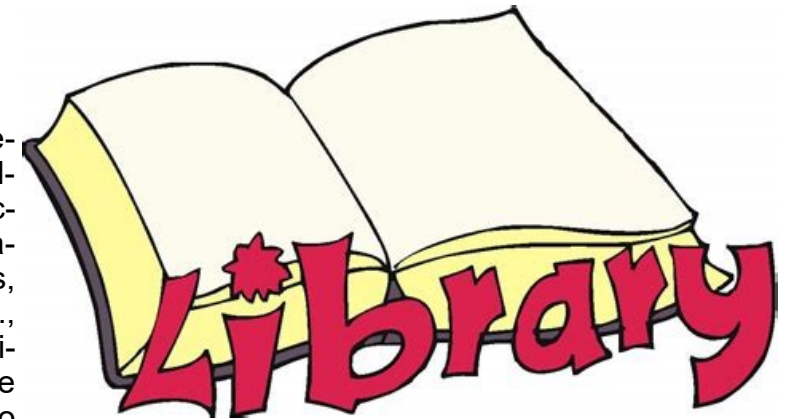
This is definitely one of the most loved Services we have a Christ Church Parish. It is a time for you to have your animals blessed as they bless you every day! They are an extremely important part of our lives and we encourage you to have them with you on October 7th. We also encourage you to get your friends and neighbors to join in this marvelous outpouring of love for those who unconditionally love us every minute of every day.



From The Library

Vel Gray, CCP Librarian

While we are most appreciative of the many volumes of contemporary fiction, cookbooks, inspirational books, biographies, children's books, etc., please consider the condition of the items you are so graciously donating to the church library.



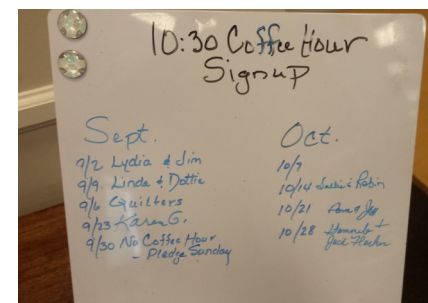
Aged paperbacks with yellowed pages and beat up covers are not really that appealing to potential new readers.

Aged textbooks and other volumes with little or no appeal to you as the donor should be disposed of in another manner, as well.

Not intending to be a "crabby librarian", but thought I could help us all rethink how we handle the books, cd's, DVD's, etc. we pass on to others.

Thanks!

Coffee Hour (and sometimes longer!)



Our "Coffee Hour" is one of the most important things we do, isn't it? It's the time we get each week with our Church friends and catch up on what's going on. It's the time when we can get together to talk about Fr. Stuart's sermon or his hymn selection (inside joke, he, he!)! It's that time when we can get together with our buddies to talk about the next fishing trip or what's going on with the quilting bee or how the children & grand children are doing. It's that time when we can get together to tell everybody about our various travel

adventures. It's that opportunity we get to meet our visitors and potential new members. No better way to get to know them than at our Coffee Hour.

Now that we have recognized the importance of this re-occurring event, all of us need to step up to the plate and volunteer for a Sunday or more to provide some snacks and prepare coke and juice. We are trying to get folks to not overdo and know that some fruit and or some cookies and the like are more that acceptable. Please let Judy Quilter know when you can participate in this ministry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Linda Parker	October 2nd
Jody Anglin	October 19th
Paige Bishop	October 24th
Gordon White	October 25th
Tom Clarke	October 25th
Doug Brizendine	October 31st



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Cathy and Barry Spence	October 9th
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30	1	2	3
9am - Stewardship Breakfast 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	8pm - AA	12pm AA	9:30am - Holy Eucharist
7	8	9	10
8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9am - Brotherhood Breakfast 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 3pm - One Community Under God 6:pm - Celtic Service	8pm - AA	12pm AA	9:30am - Holy Eucharist
14	15	16	17
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21	22	23	24
8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	8pm - AA	12pm AA	9:30am - Holy Eucharist
28	29	30	31
8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I Healing Service following 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II Healing Service following	8pm - AA	12pm AA	9:30am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6
12pm - AA 6:45pm - Boy Scouts		
11	12	13
12pm - AA 6:45pm - Boy Scouts	5pm Middlesex Museum Fish Fry in Parish Hall	
18	19	20
12pm - AA 6:45pm - Boy Scouts		
25	26	27
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