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Wednesday Eucharist 9:00 AM
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
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The Rev. Bob Pritchard, Ph.D.,
Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Peggy Moncure

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for September 2021

From Our Rector



Psalm 96:1-4 tells us to “Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.”

There are, for me, several good things that have come out of this on-going pandemic. First it is our need for community. We have truly missed each other. The break that we experienced in the COVID cases have allowed families and friends to regather in person to celebrate

life, whether it was a birthday, anniversary, wedding, funeral, family reunion, or worship service. The recent rise in COVID cases have reminded us that we simply can’t take each other for granted, for tomorrow may lead to another shut down. Prayerfully, that won’t happen.

Another good thing that has come out of this pandemic has been the way churches have adapted to this crisis through the development of on-line worship services. We should be proud, and thankful, for all the hard work that has gone into the development of our on-line presence. This is certainly a new way in which to “Sing to the LORD a new song.” Through this means of worship we have been able to “proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day” to our community and the world. My mother is no longer able to easily attend church services and she watches one of the services, that has been on television for years, from Richmond. This may fulfill a spiritual need but it doesn’t enable her to stay connected to her own church family. On-line worship should never replace in-person worship, unless it is for health and safety reasons, because it doesn’t fulfill in us the need for community, it doesn’t allow us time to share our joys and sorrows, and it doesn’t allow us to receive the most precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. On the other hand, it does allow those who can’t be there in person to stay connected to their own household of faith and to worship in the tradition in which they are most comfortable. I, for one, have enjoyed worshipping on-line with my home parish in Alexandria and with St. Stephen’s Celtic service in Richmond on Sunday afternoons.

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As I have spoken to other clergy, from other denominations and our own, I have found that all of them have experienced a significant drop-off in their attendance since re-starting in-person worship. Some attribute this to the continuing concerns of parishioners gathering in groups, some have gotten out of the routine of attending church, and others have said that it's easier to simply watch it on-line. We miss your smiles and laughter, we miss your voices in the liturgy and hymns, and we miss you in the fellowship that follows our services. If you haven't felt missed, I'm sorry, because you ARE missed. I look forward to the day when we can all once again "Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day."

Fr. Stuart +



Mid-week Eucharist

Please remember that we have a mid-week Eucharist here at Christ Church. The service is at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and will be celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.



"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."

Fall is almost here, and I am so glad because it is my favorite season. I usually get a new burst of energy once the temperature goes down. In recent weeks there seems to also be a new energy in the church, as numbers of new activities are being planned by our various church committees. This reminds me to mention to please keep me informed of any activities so they can be added to the monthly church calendar.

Remember, also, that September 26 is Stewardship Sunday.

In case you did not know, the Vestry meets every month on the third Tuesday. A copy of the minutes of the meetings is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. In addition to the usual topics regarding financial status of the church and other topics requiring approval of the Vestry, we also review updates from other church committees.

September will be a busy month for all of us. So be sure to look at this month's calendar in the newsletter. Once again, thank you for all you do for Christ Church, and God Bless.

Lydia Dudley
Senior Warden



... from the Junior Warden's Workbench

THE CAMERA PODIUM

It is currently in place and final touches are being made. Thanks to Robin Wells, Jeff Loustaunau and the "GEEK SQUAD" (Mike Gorin, Jack Fackler, Mike Floyd, Ann de Peyster, Jeff McClelland and Greg Grichtmeier) for getting the live streaming up and running.

KITCHEN DISHWASHER

A new dishwasher will be installed soon thanks to one of our wonderful church family's donation. Many thanks to you.

As always, you can contact me with suggestions or questions.

Thanks, John Quilter.



Our first general meeting of the year was held on July 27th, 2021 at the home of the President, Karen Brown. After a pot-luck lunch, the meeting was called to order with thirteen members in attendance. We discussed changes in some Committee Chairs and Fall events. The Oyster Festival, and our involvement, was discussed and a committee will be established for it.

Many other activities were discussed with plans for implementation. Many of the events are contingent on the impact of new virus variants. It was a very successful meeting with lots of enthusiasm to continue to meet to make an impact in our community. There were also many new ideas shared for the future. On that note, we are still in need of a Vice-President so please let me know if you have an interest.

The next ECW General Meeting will be hosted by Ginger Hellemes on September 13th at 3:30 pm. Looking forward to another successful meeting and seeing more of our members.

Karen Brown, President

Hello All Bakers and buyers of fine baked goods!

The 25th Wings, Wheels and Keels is coming up on September 25th. Your ECW is sponsoring a Bake Sale during this Event. Chairperson Susie Loustaunau is asking (no, pleading!) that everyone (Men as well as the ladies!) get busy making your plans and buying ingredients for what you are going to bake for the Sale.

You'll notice "...and buyers of fine baked goods!" is mentioned above. If you aren't a baker, there are certainly numerous places to procure some yummy pastries! Costco has a great variety of pies, cakes and cookies as do many other establishments. In addition, donations are gladly accepted in lieu of!

The event this year is more important than ever. We had very few fund-raising events last year. We did not have a fashion show this spring. We will be counting heavily on this event which raised over \$700.00 last time we did it (sold out and left early!) and the Oyster Festival Bake Sale. These funds are much needed if we are to continue the good work we do in our community.

Contact Susie Loustaunau (207-801-1282) and /or Sallie Wells (804-832-5763) to volunteer to help at our booth on the 25th or with your questions. **Baked goods can be dropped off in the Parish Hall kitchen on Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24. Thank you!**

◀ August	September 2021						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Holy Eucharist Service 9 am Connecting Threads 1 pm	2 GEEK Committee 9 am Fellowship Committee 11:15 am AA Group Noon -1 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	3	4	
5 Holy Eucharist Services 8 am 10:30 am	6 Labor Day	7 AA Group Noon -1 pm	8 Holy Eucharist Service 9 am	9 AA Group Noon -1 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	10	11	
12 Holy Eucharist Services 8 am 10:30 am Brotherhood Breakfast 9 am	13	14 Holy Cross Day AA Group Noon -1 pm	15 Holy Eucharist Service 9am	16 Outreach Committee 9 am AA Group Noon -1 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	17	18	
19 Holy Eucharist Services 8 am 10:30 am	20	21 Finance Committee 9:30 am AA Group Noon -1 pm Vestry 5:30 pm	22 First Day of Autumn Holy Eucharist Service 9 am	23 Worship Committee 9:30 am AA Group Noon -1 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	24 Endowment Board 9 am	25	
26 Holy Eucharist Services 8 am 10:30 am Stewardship Sunday	27	28 AA Group Noon -1 pm	29 Holy Eucharist Service 9 am	30 AA Group Noon -1 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm			



Homecoming

We have bowed in the face of the inadvisability of hosting a homecoming event at church to welcome back people who have moved away, or for any number of reasons are not regularly found in our pews. While we had hoped to open our doors and our hearts to those we have been missing at a joint homecoming service in October, rising COVID numbers could not be ignored and we realized we should postpone this until a healthier time.

In doing our research for a Homecoming, we were also faced with how large the list is of the "missing." So, now the most effective and feasible way to let them know they are not forgotten and we would like them to be back in church with us is for each of us to reach out individually and create good connections. Call or send them a note to say they are missed. Listen to their responses and let us know if there are other issues we might be able to address. If each of us takes this task and acts, we will begin the process of knitting us back into a larger whole.

Eventually, we will be in a place where we can plan with confidence, and meanwhile, we will have ministered to those who need to know their church family cares and their absence has not gone unnoticed.

Grace Parker
Verger

Catechism Corner

Mission: A small corner of faith, understanding and education

The Peace...not just any Peace

but the peace of the Lord!



In the middle of our worship, everything pauses. We stand up and start shaking hands. The Peace comes after the Prayers of the People and the Confession and Absolution and before going to the altar for Communion. Mathew reminds us that Jesus spoke clearly about reconciliation before coming to the altar (Matthew 5:23-24). Passing the Peace began as a way of reconciliation; preparing ourselves to go to the altar and to be reconciled, one with another, as a symbol of our new life in Christ. And then go to the Altar with clean hands and a ready heart and receive the gift Christ makes available to us all: his body and blood given in love for us.

Reaching back centuries to early baptismal ceremonies the Peace is an ancient Christian practice exchanging “greeting through word and gesture, a sign of reconciliation, love and renewed relationship.” The 1549 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) followed the Roman Catholic pattern with an exchange at the altar and included the people by adding “The Peace of God, which passes all understanding.”

Our rite now places the Peace at a different place from the Roman Catholic Church, placing the Peace immediately before reception of communion. The BCP 1979 drew from some 3rd and 4th century practices placing it immediately before the offertory; arguably emphasizing the participation of the people in the Eucharistic prayer.

Several messages of Jesus and the Disciples reminds us of the important message of Peace including where Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, and he greeted them by saying, “Peace be with you” (Luke 24:36) In another instance, Paul begins his letters by saying, “Grace to you, and Peace” (Romans 1:7) ...

Miles Libbey with thanks to supportive friends and the deep and caring wisdom of Fr. Bob

Outreach Ministry



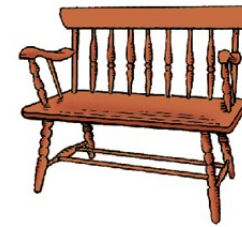
Your generous donations of school supplies were significant in filling 30 backpacks. We worked with Creative Productions to make this happen, and delivered them to Social Services in early August. We are praying for a happy and healthy school year for our Middlesex students.

The Cryer Center is always looking for help with their Food Lion pickup. This only requires you to be available for ONE pickup a month, and can be done in about ONE hour. You can contact Dave Cryer at (804) 363-0280 if this ministry is a good fit for you.

Habitat for Humanity - Still waiting for a call to Volunteer. Coming Soon!

Thanks,

Judy Quilter



From the Deacon's Bench

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, The First Annual CCP Fine Arts Camp is now history. As Camp Director, I would like to extend special thanks to those who helped with this program:

Fr Stuart: **Spiritual Director**

Ellen Johnson, Jean Holt and Judy Quilter: **Menus and Food Preparation**

Anne Wilcox: **Art Instruction**

Dave Wilcox: **Set-up assistance**

Harriette Floyd: **Photography**

Jeanette Adkins: **Activity Planning and Assisting**

Debbie Davis and Clayton Neal: **Assisting with Music**

Pam and Jeff McClelland: **Sunday Reception Planning**

Charmaine Crowell-White: **Drama**

We are also very thankful for the financial backing we received from the Sanders Fund which enabled us to offer this event to the campers totally free of charge.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Saturday Showcase and supported our campers as they displayed what they had learned during the week.

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The committee is already working to make plans for next year. One participant from this year that we WILL NOT be inviting back is COVID



Once again, Middlesex Social Services has made a request for books to be distributed to their clients. Please check your bookshelves and see if you have books you would like to donate to this worthy cause. It will be of help to those who cannot afford to purchase books and will promote literacy in our community.

Books for adults and children are needed. Apparently, cookbooks are also very popular as many folks do not have internet access to find recipes. Please place your donations on the tables in the Vestry Room (first door to the right as you enter the parish hall.). We will be receiving donations during the month of September.

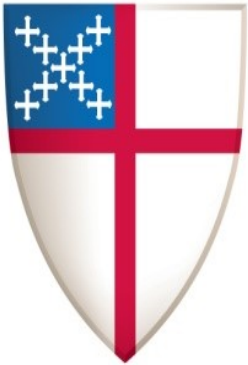
Information will be forthcoming in the near future about a ministry to help those in area nursing homes who would benefit from having visitors.

Thanks for all you do to help “Share the Love” to those in our community and beyond.

Peace, Peg+



Looking forward to next year!



**THE BROTHERHOOD
OF
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH (EPISCOPAL)**

We are planning to hold a long-awaited Brotherhood breakfast meeting on September 12, at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no speaker, as we will be planning for the Oyster Festival. Please wear a mask for the social period standing close together in line, and for the meeting after breakfast.

Please let me know if you plan to attend, as we do not want to overstock food. You can reach me at: psbrown15@gmail.com and (703) 967-4140.

We are hopeful we will not see another cancellation of the Oyster Festival, due to the Delta variant. We will discuss contingency plans in the event of cancellation, or a lack of volunteers to carry it off, including the students at Christ Church School and the Boy Scouts.

See you on the 12th!

Phil Brown
President
Christ Church Parish Brotherhood



Pledge Time, Talent & Donations

Support our Community of Faith in 2022

Through the many changes in our lives during the past year, we continued to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another. Now as we plan for the obligations for the coming year, please also plan your continued participation. With your generous and faithful gifts of time, talent, donations and pledges, our church will be able to keep doing what love requires of us.

Please communicate your contributions by Stewardship Sunday, which is September 26. If you need a pledge card, one may be obtained from the Church Office, 804 758 2006.

Thank You for all your support!

Faithfully,
Stewardship Committee



Not only the squirrels...

Your ECW ALSO gathers nuts in the fall for your **2021 Nut Sales!** The freshest pecan halves, peanuts, cashews and almonds 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 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!

Whitley's Salted Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$11.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Jumbo Cashews (12 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$11.00 Total Price \$ _____

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

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$11.00 Total Price \$ _____

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

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$11.00 Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Honey Cinnamon Almonds (13 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin \$11.00 Total Price \$ _____

Pecan Halves (16 oz. Bag)

Number of Bags _____ Price Per Bag \$12.00 Total Price \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____
Deadline for Orders October 31, 2021

Name _____ Phone _____

Special September Celebrations



Anniversaries

2 Jeff and Susie Loustaunau
4 Tom and Kathy Clarke
6 Bill Budd and Mary Lynn Landgraf
10 James H. and Jewel T. Ray
15 John and Shelia Gammel
J. Michael and Karen Gorin
28 Jeff and Pam McClelland
Scott and Nancy Campbell

Birthdays

4 Marian W, Goodloe
Jackie Brown
5 Barbara Shaw
6 Ann de Peyster
Elizabeth R. "Liz" Perkins
7 Margaret "Micki" Clay
14 Elizabeth "Betty" Evans
17 Fheresa Liverman
18 Robert L. "Bob" Montague
22 Sallie H. Wells
24 Janet Lundin
25 Bill Cawthorn
Jeff McClelland
26 Mary Wakefield Buxton
29 Shelia Gammel
30 Catherine D. "Cathy" Spence



ALTAR GUILD—HISTORY LESSON



In December 2019, Christ Church Parish had our beautiful altar guild brass and silver reappraised for insurance purposes. The prior appraisal had been done in 2000 and with the new appraisal six additional pieces were added to our policy. This month, the altar guild will share the information about our beautiful brass Table Cross that is elaborately embossed with the "HIS" medallion resting on a three-step rectangular base. The cross was made in the first quarter of the 20th century and it is inscribed "To The Glory of God and in Memory of F.M. Eastman 1843-1910, Vestry treasurer and Warden. The cross was presented to the church in 1955. (Corbin Appraisal Services, Inc. & Christ Church Parish Middlesex, Virginia 1666-2016.)

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 2021 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
October 2021	Friday September 24, 2021
November 2021	Monday October 25, 2021
December 2021	Friday November 26, 2021
January 2022	Monday December 27, 2021
February 2022	Monday January 24, 2022
March 2022	Monday February 21, 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.