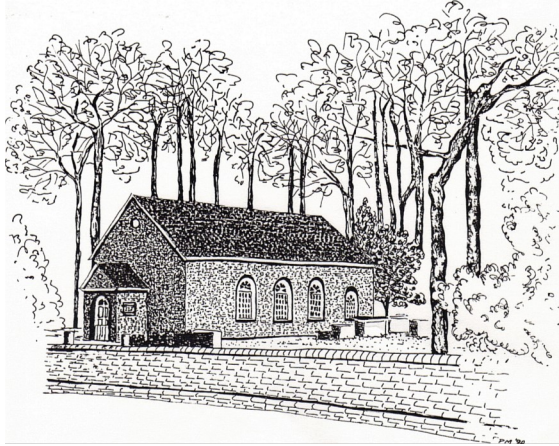




AUGUST
2019

Join us Sunday & Wednesday



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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

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

A STILL SMALL VOICE

The last full week of July, I spent in Richmond taking an icon class at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. It was the ninth year that I have enjoyed this class and though I am often critical of my own work, others say that I get better each year. We began each class with a time of prayer in which one of the priests came around and anointed our hands with oil in preparation of the day's work. Ideally, one never paints or writes an icon in a hurry, because icons are painted prayers, and one shouldn't pray in a hurry. Unfortunately, we only have five days in the class in which to work and so it isn't as prayerful as I would like it to be. That comes later when I work on an icon at home.



This time it was an icon of the prophet Elijah. The icon depicts the story of Elijah after he had come to Horeb the mount of God and spent the night in a cave. It was there that the word of the Lord came to Elijah and said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13a NRSV)

So often we look for God's presence in what is strong, mighty, and impressive. A great wind like that of a tornado or hurricane which can leave behind great damage. An earthquake which can change the terrain and bring down buildings, and then fire whose heat can melt metal. But it wasn't in any of these that Elijah encountered God, instead, it was in the sound of silence – or as the King James Version translates it, "a still small voice."

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In our busy and hectic world, we need to recapture this experience of God in “a still small voice.” But in order to do that we need to allow for those times in which we simply sit, quiet our minds and open our hearts, and listen. Too often we’re so busy talking that we fail to listen. The icon of Elijah reminds us of the importance of putting aside the loud and grand and replacing it with a sound of sheer silence. It’s a good practice to have before worship as you sit quietly in church and focus on why you’re truly there – to let God quietly speak to you and feed you spiritually. LISTEN - for a still small voice may be speaking to you at this very moment.

Fr. Stuart
VES  RY

“Time and Talent”

At the September 8th Brotherhood breakfast, we will be making a presentation highlighting the many exciting things that are being accomplished and planned by the committees of Christ Church Parish. The new Brotherhood President, John Hawkins, will be inviting all members of the congregation to the breakfast that begins at 9 AM. We hope everyone will attend to enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Our new Treasurer

At our July 9 Vestry meeting, we elected Phil Brown as the new Treasurer of Christ Church Parish. Phil is already hard at work, meeting with the Vestry, Carolyn (our Parish Administrator), Susan Guillotte (our past Treasurer), and the Finance Committee. We are fortunate to have someone who has such a strong background in the financial world. We will miss our very dedicated Treasurer for many years, Susan Guillotte. (Don’t worry, Susan and her husband, Bob, will continue to be very active members of our congregation.)

Help Wanted

We are actively recruiting for a part-time Parish Administrator. The ideal candidate should have a bookkeeping background and must be customer service oriented. The selected candidate will be trained to fulfill the duties assigned to Carolyn as needed. Carolyn will assist in the training along with Fr. Stuart, Phil Brown and us, the Vestry, that will cover all aspects of the job. We cannot consider members of our congregation for this position. We do welcome your “recruiting skills and effort” in finding the person we need.

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Please contact Fr. Stuart with information about any possible candidates.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Pam McClelland, Senior Warden

Junior Warden Input



The Building and Grounds Committee has been working on the list of projects that were developed earlier this year that prioritized the time when we wanted to complete them. Of the 23 projects for this year, we deleted two as being unnecessary, have completed 11 of them, and are moving forward on another six of them. We’ll hopefully complete all of those listed for completion this year within the next couple of months. So well done to all those who have helped out. They include Jim Dudley, who replaced the blinds in the Great Room, Robin Wells and Bob Guillotte who renovated the kitchen pantry and the storeroom shelves, and Paige Bishop and John Short who assisted

them in hanging the new swinging door to the kitchen. Also, many thanks to Jack Fackler and Bob Guillotte who replaced the speakers in the church. Many other smaller items have also been taken care of by the committee.

The Committee’s next quarterly meeting will be to develop the priorities and budget for this coming year. Please let me or a Committee member know of items in or around the church and Parish Hall that you feel may also need attention in the coming months and year so we’re sure to get that on the list.

On another note, we are reminding everyone that the taped-off pathway in the back storeroom is a fire exit. And since that storeroom is now much more organized, we ask that we keep that pathway clear in case there is an emergency.

Finally, both the Vestry and the Cemetery Committee have voted to cut down the large oak tree at the south end of the cemetery. This is a necessary action as the tree is currently endangering and cracking the cemetery wall due to its roots and it is slowly dying, which will start to cause large branches to possibly fall causing more damage. The Cemetery Committee has obtained three bids, the lowest being \$4,500. and they will be funding the effort which will take place in the next couple of months.



Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) ECW

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

ECW is registered for our 10X10 tent on Saturday, September 28, rain or shine for our baked goods sale at Wings, Wheels & Keels. I will make additional announcements as time draws near for delicious cookies, cakes, pies, bread. Thank You all for your continued support. The event is from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. I will put a signup sheet on bulletin board in the parish hall for time slots of coverage.

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Brotherhood

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



With great thanks and tons of appreciations for a job very well done, we bid adieu (from this responsibility only!) to our immediate past president, Jeff Loustaunau. John has some big shoes to fill, but we are confident in his abilities and have great faith that, with our help, he will meet and exceed our lofty

expectations!

Our first breakfast meeting of the new administration will be, as always, on the second Sunday of the month or September 8th at 9:00 AM. This will be a joint meeting with the ECW & the entire congregation. We are thanking, in advance, "Our Ladies of the Kitchen" who tirelessly gather together to make sure that we start off the day with a great breakfast! For many of us (and probably most), it is the best breakfast we'll get until the next Brotherhood meeting!



Christ Church Parish

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Dear Christ Church Parish Parishioner:

Your generosity and active commitments in support of our community of faith have been greatly appreciated! Your financial contributions and the sharing of your time and talents have given us the opportunity to continue Growing In Faith Together. In short, your gifts have helped us G.I.F.T.

Soon it will be time to focus on making commitments that will be needed to feed and sustain us for the coming year. We ask that you to make plans to do so. Christian faith is healthy when we are good stewards of God's gifts to us

Save this Date – September 29th, 2019 – Stewardship Sunday

Please mark your calendar for September 29th, Stewardship Sunday, and begin planning your pledges and commitments to facilitate the wellbeing of our parish for 2020. We will only have one service that morning beginning with a Community Breakfast at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall followed by Eucharist in the Church at 10:00 AM.

We all need each other. We need to support each other. Your pledges and commitments to Christ Church Parish for 2020 will foster us and will give us the strength to continue to enjoy Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.).

Faithfully,

Stewardship Committee
Fr. Stuart Wood
Pam McClelland
Jack Hellems
Jim Knupp





*And it will be your Lucky
Evening at
Christ Church Parish!
Friday the 13th
(of September)*



Beverages—Beer, Wine, Sparkling Peach Sangria, Water, soft drinks, lemonade & ice tea

Appetizers—Cheeses & crackers, Hot Artichoke dip, Spicy southwestern cracker spread

Main Course—Sliced or Shredded 16-hour Pork Boston Butt with a vinegar-based sauce or a tomato-based BBQ sauce served separately and Grilled shrimp skewers with chimichurri

Sides—Creamy cucumber dill salad, Golden Roasted potatoes with chimichurri, Green bean salad and Cranberry spinach salad. **Bread**—Crusty garlic bread. **Desert "Bar"** - Apple Crisp with Homemade vanilla ice cream.

Door Prizes are a welcome feature of these events and Bev & Mary Lynn have promised them again.

Place and Time—Christ Church Parish Hall at 6:00 PM for a Social and Dinner to be served at 6:30.

Cost—So, where else can you get a meal like this for \$30.00? See a Hospitality Committee member for your tickets now! Miles Libby, Bev Hart, Mary Lynn Landgraf, Linda Irwin, Jack Hellems, Robin Wells, Susan Neal, Roland Anderson
And returning for an encore performance will be the Ladies from Middlesex High School to help serve and clean up!

Catechism Corner

by
Miles Libbey

Catechism is a series of questions and answers that outlines the principal tenets of faith.

The Catechism appears in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) as "An Outline of the Faith" (pp. 845-862) and is presented in a question and answer format. Although the Catechism serves as a commentary on the creeds, it is not intended to be a complete statement of belief and practice. It provides a brief summary of the church's teaching and is intended to serve as a point of departure for discussion.

Before turning to the answers quoted from the BCP on page 12, try first forming an answer that you might use if a friend asked the question...enjoy!

From the Verge

We Believe...



Every Sunday, we affirm our beliefs in the words of the Nicene Creed, or sometimes the Apostle's Creed. So which one, and why?

Again drawing from Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs and Practices, we use the Nicene Creed when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist or at major feasts. For Morning or Evening Prayer, at baptisms and at the burial of the dead, we say the Apostles' Creed. Many of us grew up more familiar with the Apostles' Creed because we were more often attending Morning Prayer services until the 1979 Book of Common Prayer established that the Holy Eucharist should be the principal service on Sundays

and other holy days.

The Creeds are our basic statements of faith, and you can confidently point to them if you are asked what you believe. The Nicene Creed is generally an expansion of the statements found in the Apostles' Creed. It is named after Nicea, where it was developed by a worldwide gathering of bishops in 325. You could say it's been around for a while although not as long as the Apostle's Creed.

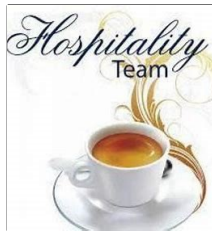
An important note on the Apostles' Creed. We say it responsively as a question and answer format in

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<i>AUGUST</i>		<i>Christ Church Parish</i>	<i>Calendar of Events</i>	<i>Full Moon Friday the 13th (of September)</i>		<i>2019</i>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 July 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	29 July 8p AA	30 July Noon AA	31 July 9:30a Holy Eucharist	1 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	2	3
4 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	5 8p AA	6 9a Finance Committee 9:30a Hospitality Committee 10a Worship Committee Noon AA 4p Endowment Board 5:30p Vestry Meeting	7 9:30a Holy Eucharist 1p Connecting Threads	8 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	9	10
11 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	12 8p AA	13 Noon AA	14 9:30a Holy Eucharist	15 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	16 Fr. Stuart Out of Office	17 Fr. Stuart Out of Office
18 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II Fr. Stuart Out of Office	19 8p AA Fr. Stuart Out of Of- fice	20 Noon AA Fr. Stuart Out of Office	21 9:30a Holy Eucharist Fr. Stuart Out of Office	22 9:30a Outreach Commit- tee Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts Fr. Stuart Out of Office	23 Fr. Stuart Out of Office	24 Newsletter Deadline
25 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	26 8p AA	27 Noon AA	28 9:30a Holy Eucharist	29 Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	30	31

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.



Most of our attention has been and will be devoted to making sure that “Full Moon Friday the 13th” will be a fun, successful & joyous event for all of our Christ Church Parish members and it many guests, but that isn’t all that has been, is and continues to go on:

1. We continue to urge folks to sign up once a quarter for 10:30 coffee hour. “Have 9 Sunday openings for our 1130 coffee hour volunteers over Aug. Septteam up and sign up...foods in the freezer and free coffee making lessons provided...share the burden and support our ‘in’ and ‘out’-reach efforts!!”
2. In conjunction with the Vestry, Worship Committee and the Ushers, we have come up with a very workable plan for “mugging” our Sunday Service visitors. In brief, the ushers will identify visitors, inform a vestry person attending that service of the visitor's presence. The Vestry person will, then, be the person to greet the visitor and “Mug” them. Don’t be surprised if you are asked to escort the visitor(s) and their new mug over to Coffee Hour! Our Ushers will make sure before each service that we have enough mugs on hand in the Narthex,
3. Kitchen projects like new shelving and a new swinging windowed door have been installed.
4. Reminded all committee members that we must settle on our 2020 budget submittal at the August meeting on August 6th at 9:30 AM.
5. Here and now, a challenge is being issued to all Committee Members to bring a potential new member to one of our next couple of meeting. We have a number of valued, dedicated, longstanding Hospitality Committee members who are “Ageing Out” of the committee at the end of this year for we are in need of several new members. A secret but substantial (in his mind) bribe is being offered to any committee member signing up a new member for Hospitality! If you volunteer directly to the chairman, you will be among the winners!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Jean Holt, Chair, Clayton Neal, Judy Quilter, Jeff Loustanau, Vestry Representative, Susie Loustanau, CCS liaison,

Clayton Neal has coordinated CCP volunteers with the Habitat project on Regent Road. One week was spent on building 2 porches and cleaning up the site. Then we were invited to help on

a painting day. Clayton will keep informed those who have indicated their desire to help of any upcoming work events.

Thank you for the contributions for the Senior bags for Social Services—6 very full bags were taken and were very well received. We will put out a notice when we need to collect more bags for seniors or foster children. It is our desire to continue with this project throughout the year.

Our committee has sponsored 2 children with scholarships at the YMCA for various sports teams participation this year.

Due to our limited funding from the budget, we will be sponsoring various types of fundraisers in the future for various projects that come up. Please share any fun ideas you may have for us to use!

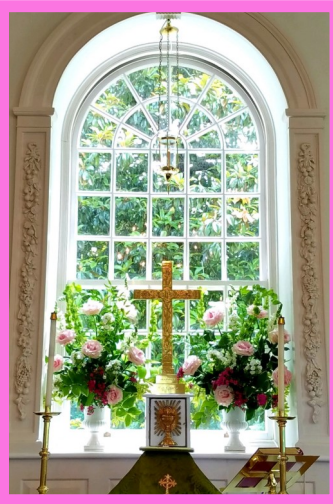
Please join our Flower Guild

The members of the Flower Guild of Christ Church Parish offer many talents and abilities, but all share a love of flowers and a love of our beautiful colonial church. We create arrangements to enhance our

worship and to glorify God by presenting gifts of natural beauty for weekly services and for the holidays.

We encourage anyone with a desire to reverently arrange flowers for our services to join our guild. No training or experience is required. Current members eagerly share their knowledge and experience with new members. There are six teams and we typically work one to two hours each six weeks. The Flower Guild is a wonderful way to become involved in a ministry at Christ Church Parish, especially if you are unable to commit to more than a couple of hours of your time every six weeks or so.

Please call Harriette Floyd at 804-869-5495 or email Harriette.floyd@va.metrocast.net for more information. I look forward to hearing from you.



“Catechism Corner”
Answers for questions
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Q.	What is the Holy Eucharist?
A.	The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again.
Q.	Why is the Eucharist called a sacrifice?
A.	Because the Eucharist, the Church's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, is the way by which the sacrifice of Christ is made present, and in which he unites us to his one offering of himself. (BCP p.858)

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All are invited to attend the exciting lectures presented on CD in the Parish Hall by Professor Bart D. Ehrman of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Ehrman is the Chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

The class is concluding “The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers” over the next three weeks that will include the following lectures:

August 4, Apologetics in Early Christianity

August 11, The Apostolic Fathers as a Collection

August 18, The Apostolic Fathers and Proto – orthodoxy

August 25, We will begin a new series of lectures on “The New Testament” beginning with The Early Christians and Their Literature.

September 1, The Greco – Roman Context

This class has been very interesting and thought-provoking. Fortunately Fr. Stuart is mentoring us through the very controversial parts. This is a great opportunity to expand your understanding of religion. Please join us and also enjoy coffee and treats.

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baptisms and renewal of baptismal vows. We also say it at funerals, so it forms the bookends of the Christian life. Finally, these are not the only creeds. If you take your Book of Common Prayer and look in the back, at our Historical Documents section, you will find yet another creed...be grateful you didn't have to learn that one!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

August 24th

ALTAR and FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE

4Aug	11Aug	18Aug	25Aug
Team 5	Team 6	Team 1	Team 2

USHER SCHEDULE

4Aug	11Aug	18Aug	25Aug
10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM
Jack Fackler	Jack Fackler	Jack Fackler	Jack Fackler
Cathy Spence	Cathy Spence	Cathy Spence	

Christ Church Parish Servers' Schedule

	4Aug	11Aug	18Aug	25Aug
0800	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE) Healing Svc
EM/ Acolyte/Lect.	David W.	Jeff S.	Barbara S.	Amy S.
1030	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE) Healing Svc
EM	Grace P.	Ann P.	John H.	Harriette F.
(Ablutions)				
EM	Jack H.	Grace P.	Steve R.	Jean H.
(Prayers)				
Crucifer/ Acolyte	Robin W.	Tom C.	Bert B.	Nicole D.
Lector	Nicole D.	Lydia D.	Mile L.	Diane M.
Gospel Book	Jack H.	Grace P.	Steve R.	Jean H.
Bearer				



Andrew & Ellen Wilton	8/26/2017
Allen & Jenni Brockman	8/17/1985
Chip & Mary Buxton	8/31/1963
Don & Ann Harris	8/9/1980
Byron & Linda Parker	8/28/1965
John & Judy Quilter	8/8/1970
Edward & Doris Radcliffe	8/27/1955
Arthur & Evie Wilton	8/17/1985



Jack Fackler	8/1	Jack Tarran	8/2
Jean Hill	8/2	Ann Wilcox	8/2
Betsy Evans	8/2	Jenni Brockman	8/9
Gibbie Mangum	8/11	Linda Irwin	8/11
Kelly Pollock	8/12	Ginger Hellems	8/13
Barbara Cockrell	8/18	John Hilliard	8/20
Roseanne Moncure	8/21	Clayton Neal	8/22
Jack Hellems	8/23	Jane Bunnell	8/25
Virginia Bishop	8/12	Andrew Wilton	8/30