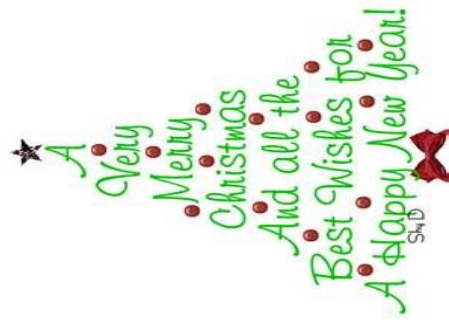


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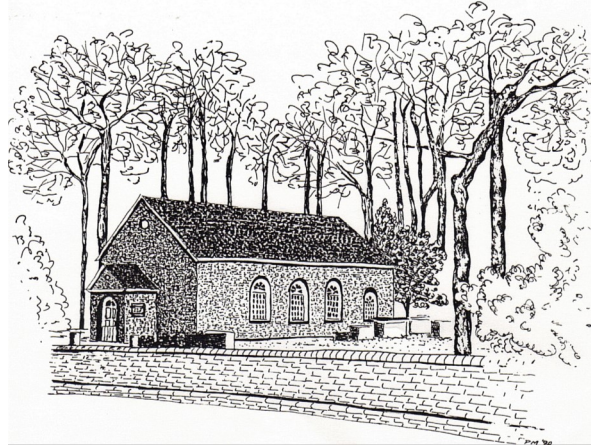
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Sunday Services:

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

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A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



Thank you all so much

My dear friends,

Words cannot begin to say how much I appreciate your very generous gift to me this Christmas in the form of a check. But that wasn't the only Christmas present that you all gave me. Approximately 80 people showed up for my open house on the 17th, many of you bringing food items to share with one another. This past Christmas eve service was absolutely glorious and it was everyone contributing their talents that made it so special. The altar guild, flower guild, lector and servers, the Verger, the organist and choir, the ushers, our little angels that delivered the Christ Child to the manger, and the congregation itself made it a truly meaningful service. Every day that I am with you all is a gift and blessing to me. You all are such an amazing congregation and it is my pleasure to work with you. Again, thank you for the many blessings that you have brought to my life and may you all have a glorious and blessed 2018.

Sincerely,

Fr. Stuart



## Father Stuart's Message for January 2018

### Taking in Epiphany

We have just celebrated Christmas, or have we? Did you know that for many Orthodox Christians, Christmas day hasn't come yet? We who follow the Gregorian Calendar celebrate Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>, but the Orthodox Church doesn't follow the Gregorian Calendar; instead, they follow the older Julian Calendar which places their Christmas on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January on our calendar, the day after Epiphany.

I kind of like that. It gives me an excuse to leave up the decorations for yet another 12 days and if people ask "Why?" I can say that I'm now celebrating Orthodox Christmas. But I'm certain I won't do that.

Instead of Christmas, our thoughts now turn to the celebration of Epiphany. The Feast of Epiphany falls each year on January 6<sup>th</sup> and it commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Orthodox Church it commemorates the baptism of our Lord. Either way, whether it is the tradition of a star leading the Magi to Christ, or a dove descending upon Jesus at his baptism, we are given insight, an Epiphany, into the true nature of Jesus.

### Taking in Epiphany (Cont'd)

Earlier manifestations of God to humanity were called Theophanies. "Theophanies are instances of divine self-revelation in which God manifests himself to humans (the word "theophany," which means "appearance of God," comes from the Greek roots *theo* [God] and *phaino* [to appear]). While theophanies occur in different forms in Scripture, the content of a theophany is always the same. They consistently show God graciously revealing himself and his covenantal promises to his people."

And then another way of speaking of Epiphany is "Revelation" God being revealed to humanity. Three words that are connected to one another, Theophany, Epiphany, and Revelation, whichever word you wish to use to explain it, the God of light and love has entered into our lives to show us just how much He loves us. May the light of Epiphany fill you with God's light and love as revealed to us through His son Christ our Lord.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Stuart





## Our Newest Crucifer Nicole



### Rotary Donates \$500 Toward Veterans' Luncheon

On Friday, December 15th, Jim Knupp, Secretary of the Middlesex County Rotary Club presented a \$500.00 check to the boards members of the Christ Church Episcopal Church women. This check represents a portion of the proceeds from the Rotary clubs Flags for Heros project this past Veterans Day. The club dedicated \$500 from the Heros event specifically to the ECW to be used for the continuation of their Veterans Day luncheons.

Pictured from left to right;  
Ann Padgett, Sallie Wells, Judy Quilter, Virginia Miller, Pam McClelland and Jim Knupp

## GLOBAL MARINERS

By Diane Martin

Strangers drift into our lives  
on tides  
moor their skiffs  
at our side  
stay a day week years.  
Together with them  
we watch the eddies  
fish and float  
ride waves  
weather storms.  
Suddenly  
on a day of rare clarity  
when crystal winds blow  
and seas flow pure  
as springs that feed them  
we peer beneath  
transparent surfaces  
plumb the depths  
with surprise see  
the golden net of friends  
sustaining us  
Know ourselves  
strangers no more  
to life to love  
See and thank  
God.



# COMING EVENTS

## Annual Congregational Meeting



Sunday, January 14th  
9:00 Breakfast in the Parish Hall  
10:00 Service In the Church  
Followed by Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, we elect new Vestry Members to serve or fill unexpired 3-year terms. This year Mary Jo Atterholt (3 yr.), Miles Libbey (1 yr.), Jeff Loustaunau (3 yr.) and Pam McClelland (3 yr.) are standing for the Vestry. Miles is filling the 1-year left in Bev Hart's term.

## Vestry Elections



Pages 10 through 13 of this newsletter contain photographs and brief bios for each of these Parishioners.

Garry Clay, Senior Warden, Barbara Shaw and Bev Hart will be retiring from the Vestry. Please them for their service.



Sunday, January 21st at 9:00 AM  
in the Parish Hall  
Planning for Pancake Supper  
Guest Speaker



## Bon Voyage Surf & Turf Dinner

The Hospitality Committee is hosting a Bon Voyage Dinner for all you Snowbirds heading South!

Friday, January 19, 2018

Social: 6PM, Dinner: 6:30PM

\$25.00 Per Person

### Menu includes:

Appetizers, Beer, Wine, Black Angus Flank Steak, Butterflied Coconut Shrimp, Baked Potato Bar, Roasted Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Desert, Coffee

### COME ONE, COME ALL

Tickets can be purchased from any Committee Member:

Bert Butler, Sharon Colston, Jim Dudley, Bev Hart, Jack Hellems, Jean Holt, Linda Irwin, Susie or Jeff Loustaunau, Clayton Neal, Judy Quilter, Robin Wells



## Cross-Stitch Christmas Angel



## Cross-Stitch Christmas Angel (Cont'd)

Soon after we started a group at church “Connecting Threads” (for all types of fiber arts) Fr. Stuart was interested in what type of needlework different members liked to work. Thanks to his support, we have reached into the community to include other members who love to knit, quilt, needlepoint and even weave. One week, Fr. Stuart gave Jean Holt a pattern of a very intricate Christmas Angel that would compliment an already cross-stitched and framed Angel he was given years ago. I was stunned by the beauty and completely impossible task that that pattern indicated and told him that it would be a lifetime project if left to me to do.

So, soon thereafter, one of our group, Susie Loustaunau, showed us her beautiful talent in needlepoint and cross-stitch. She took on the challenge to see if she could do the daunting task. After a year’s worth of troubling health, Susie continued to work on this exquisite piece—the cross-stitches are so tiny, they are difficult to see by just glancing at it. After she completed all of the cross-stitching, Susie sewed on hundreds of beads. This is now a museum-quality masterpiece! Susie said that this project was a lifesaver for her—I say that it was a project filled with love!

The other church members who are regulars in our Connecting Threads group, Susan Neal, Ann Padgett and Jean Holt took over the task of having the final project framed. Since Fr. Stuart’s open house was postponed (where we were to present this piece), and the Loustaunaus would be leaving town soon, we made the presentation at the 10:30 service on Dec. 10th. Fr. Stuart was very surprised and overwhelmed with joy!



## COMING EVENTS

*You're  
Invited!!*

### Endowment Board Luncheon

Noon, Saturday, January 27th

Christ Church Parish Hall

Guest Speaker

Mike Kerr, CEO of The Trustees of the Funds

**“Gift Annuity Funds and Planned Giving”**

Please reserve a seat by January 19<sup>th</sup> by contacting Grace Parker,  
Endowment Board Secretary at 758-3640 and leave a message.

See the article on pages 14 and 15 of this news letter for additional  
information.

## Happy Anniversary



Judy & Pete Mansfield 1/1

Micki & Garry Clay 1/3

Sallie & Robin Wells 1/16



Luriene Samuel 1/1

Lee Davis 1/3

Bill Brown 1/5

Leigh Cros 1/7

Jim Knupp 1/13

Garry Clay 1/13

Donna Gates 1/16

Steve Richardson 1/20

John Davis 1/23





## **Christ Church Endowment Fund Board**

**Luncheon, Saturday, January 27, 2018**

**Your Endowment Fund Board is sponsoring a luncheon on January 27, 2018, with Mike Kerr, CEO of The Trustees of the Funds speaking on the new service of Gift Annuity Funds and Planned giving.**

**Giving can be a joy. Supporting the future needs of our church can be gratifying.**

**You want to remember Christ Church but, yet you still need income for day to day needs.**

**A charitable gift annuity may be an excellent way to achieve both goals.**

The Diocese of Virginia has a new way to help you achieve these goals.

With a gift annuity, you make an irrevocable gift of cash or securities in return for quarterly fixed income. After your life-time, 100% of the charitable remainder is made available to the Episcopal Church ministry of your choice. You are able to fund your needs today and remember the church tomorrow.

Thanks to the 2016 efforts of the Trustees of the Funds (TOTF), the church investment arm of the Diocese of the Virginia, Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) are now available to all parishioners 65 and older.

- An income tax deduction for a significant portion of your gift in the year the gift is made
- A guaranteed, fixed lifetime income paid by TOTF in quarterly installments
- A portion of the income is tax-free for the majority of your life
- If you fund your annuity with appreciated stock, a portion of the capital gains tax is forgiven
- Expert asset oversight by TOTF and administration by SunTrust Bank
- Your taxable estate will be reduced by the amount of your gift
- After your life time, all remaining assets in your annuity will support Christ Church through the Endowment Fund

TOTF's minimum CGA is \$5,000 and \$100,000 maximum annual funding amount.

Neither the church nor TOTF are providing legal/financial advice and all donors are encouraged to consult with their advisors before proceeding.

The Endowment Board will be sponsoring a luncheon event with Mike Kerr, CEO of Trustees of the Funds, speaking on the new service of Gift Annuity Funds and Planned giving on January 27, 2018.

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## Church Calendar for January 2018



Date	Time	Event
3	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
4	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
7	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9	6:00	Christ Church Vestry Meeting
10	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
11	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
14	9:00	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting— One Service — Holy Eucharist, Rite II</b>
17	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
18	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting



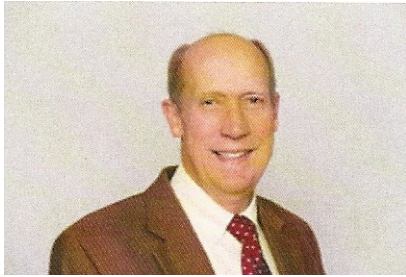
## January 2018 Calendar (Continued)



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21	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
21	9:00	Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting
21	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
24	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
25	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
27	12:00	Endowment Board Luncheon <b>Call Grace Parker for Reservations at 758-3640 by January 19th</b>
28	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
28	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
31	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist



## Vestry Nominations



### Jeff Loustau (3 years)

As the youngest of three in a Navy family, I moved frequently including to Hawaii, Tacoma, Washington, and Daytona Beach, Florida for short periods, but will say I grew up mostly in Northern Virginia in a suburban environment attending Catholic Schools through High School. I then followed in my father's footsteps graduating from the Naval Academy. It was at the end of my junior year when I met Susie, who was attending Hood College, and we were married in September 1972, which was a year after my graduation. Although our wedding was recognized by the Catholic Church, I requested and received a dispensation from the Pope to be married by Susie's brother-in-law, who was an Episcopal priest.

Susie and I have had the opportunity to live in Norfolk, VA, and Groton, CT while I was in the active service in submarines; and then in Buffalo, NY, Parlin, NJ, West Chester, PA, and Houston, TX with E.I. DuPont, and then becoming the president of a small manufacturing firm in West Texas. During all these moves, Susie remained a stay-at-home Mom raising our daughter and two sons; all of whom have families of their own.

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In 2000, as empty-nesters, we moved to Maine where I was responsible for all the students as a VP for 14 years at Maine Maritime Academy, which is a 4-year, Bachelor of Science degree college on the coast of Maine. I retired in 2014 and we moved to Virginia where we could live on the water, enjoy 4 seasons, and live within striking distance of our three children and eight grandchildren. I have continued to work for Maine Maritime Academy running their Yacht Donation Program.

Shortly after we were married, Susie and I became Lutherans and raised our children in that faith. In moving to Maine however, there was no Lutheran Church nearby, so we joined the Episcopal Church in Castine and have been members ever since. I have been a reasonably active member of each Church we have belonged to as a reader, usher, council member, helper and involved in special programs.

## Vestry Nominations



### Pam McClelland (3 years)

#### Personal Information

Born and raised in McLean, Virginia. Married to Jeff McClelland. Live in Jamaica, VA. Together they have five children and twelve grandchildren.

#### Education

College of William and Mary (B.A.)

George Mason University (M. Ed.)

Society for Human Resource Management (SPHR – Senior Professional in Human Resource Management)

#### Professional Experience

Teacher - Fairfax County Public Schools; Monroe County (FL) Public Schools

Principal - Fairfax County Public Schools; Monroe County (FL) Public Schools

Coordinator of Employee Performance – Fairfax County Public Schools

Commercial Operations Specialist – United States Embassy, Moscow, USSR

Accreditation Specialist – Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas

#### Volunteer Activities

Middlesex County Woman's Club – President; Chairman of Scholarship Committee (present), Board of Trustees (present)

Middlesex/Mathews Master Gardeners

#### Christ Church Parish Activities

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) – President (2014-2015)

Scholarship Committee, Visions Committee, Search Committee (2015-2016), Altar Guild (present), Usher (present)

Christ Church Vestry (present)



## Vestry Nominations

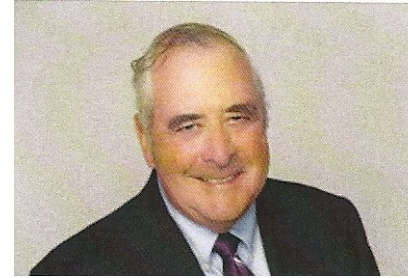


**Mary Jo Atterholt (3 years)**

I began attending Christ Church in 2003. During these years I have been a member of the Altar Guild. I started attending the 10:30 AM service for many years, however, during the last several years I became an eight o'clock attendee. It has been a pleasure to help with the ECW bake sales and other fundraising events.

Before connecting with Christ Church I had an extensive history of working with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond as Outreach Coordinator. It was during this time that I came to love the Episcopal Church. When I came to worship at Christ Church I knew I wanted this to be my home. I have come to know so many wonderful people through this fellowship and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ Church

## Vestry Nominations



**Miles Libbey (1 year)**

Preferred: Miles A. Libbey, PhD

Formal: Capt. Miles A. Libbey III, Ph.D., USNR (Ret.)

I self-selected the Anglican Church while living in England as a teenager. Every school day started with hymns and prayers and built my interest and understanding of religion. The Naval Academy allowed me to help with the liturgy while going to Church every Sunday. During my 16 years of active duty, when at-sea near home or overseas, I helped and led ecumenical shipboard gatherings as operations permitted. I have taught Sunday school to sixth grade and middle school students.

As an S. E. Morrison Scholar, I attended the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy and won both academic awards. I have served on the Board of Directors of three national, not for profit associations.

As a serial entrepreneur, I have founded four companies. As a retired O-6 Naval Officer, industry executive and entrepreneur I have focused on bringing disruptive and unmanned technologies to the military. I have been published over 15 times and hold 5 patents. Sharon Colston and I married recently and live in Urbanna on Cedar Point where we enjoy nature, traveling and keeping up with 13 grandchildren. We have appreciated and enjoyed our spiritual growth here in Christ Church.