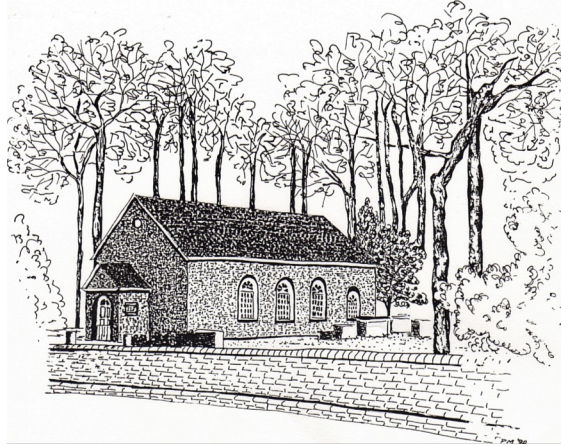




Sunday June 9th is Pentacost!

JUNE 2019



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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 June of 2019

#### What is a "Principle Feast"?

There are seven Principle Feasts in the Church year. Principle Feasts are those days in the Church year that are often celebrated with a greater degree of preparation and enthusiasm. They mark key events in the life of Christ, the history of the Church, and the teaching of the Church. The two that first come to mind are Christmas and Easter, and I would guess that most Christians and non-Christians know these two feasts because they are often overshadowed by the secular commercialism that accompanies them.

The fixed principle feasts are **Christmas Day** (Dec. 25), **Epiphany** (Jan. 6), and **All Saints' Day** (Nov. 1). The other principle feasts are based upon the movable date of **Easter** which is the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after Mar. 21. **Ascension Day** is celebrated on the Thursday forty days after Easter. The **Day of Pentecost** is the eighth Sunday after Easter, the fiftieth day of the Easter season. **Trinity Sunday** is then the Sunday after the Day of Pentecost, nine Sundays after Easter. A principle feast always takes precedence over any other observance.

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating one of these principle feast days: **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**. This major holy day, as described in the Book of Acts, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of the risen Lord while they were gathered in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, which was the fiftieth day after Passover. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. We will celebrate this Sunday with red hangings (symbolizing the tongues of fire that rested upon the disciples' heads). In addition to the hangings, members of the congregation are encouraged to wear red. This is also one of the appropriate times in the year to celebrate baptisms, and when there are no baptisms, for the congregation to renew their own baptismal vows. We fill the church on Christmas eve and we fill it on Easter Day, so why should these other principle feast days be any different? Let us come together June 9<sup>th</sup> with the same sense of joy and excitement that we had fifty days before on Easter morning. And then remember that the very next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, one of the other principle feasts.





We met on May 14 for our regular monthly meeting. We begin every meeting with a discussion about progress on our goals for the year. To “ensure clarity of committee missions”, we continue to collect mission statements for each committee. These will be posted on our bulletin board.

Towards another goal, “maximize community outreach”, the Outreach Committee sponsored “goodie bags” for the students at Christchurch School. Bags included labels wishing them “good luck” on their final exams. The students really appreciated this gesture, especially when one of our Vestry members guaranteed A’s for their exams!

Reminder: Anyone requesting funds from the Vestry for over \$250 that has not been approved in the annual budget, must first submit a form (Request for Disbursement of Funds/Transfer of Funds) to the Finance Committee. Jack Hellems has copies of these forms.!

Thanks to all of you for your generous donations for Ellen Johnson. She was overwhelmed. With this, she was able to purchase a new (to her) red Saturn. She proudly drove her car to church so that we could all see and admire it. What a wonderful Church family we are!

Pam McClelland

Senior Warden

## Junior Warden Input for the June Newsletter

Although the weather did not cooperate with our Clean-Up days in April, we had great volunteers who did a wonderful job during the week and days prior to Easter to get our grounds in good shape for the spring. So a big WELL DONE to those individuals who helped out. It was greatly appreciated.

The Building and Grounds Committee met earlier in May and put together a list of projects and their timing for the Church, Parish Hall, and the Grounds. We have posted this list on the Vestry Bulletin Board in the Junior Warden section. Please take a look at it and see what projects where you may be able to provide assistance. Every effort helps so please pitch in with your time and talents!

Jeff Loustaunau, Junior Warden

## Buildings and Grounds Projects

By Robin Wells

### Kitchen Projects Report



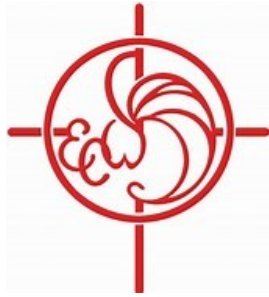
Bobby Guillotte and I met on May 16<sup>th</sup> for “Demo and Remodel Day” in the kitchen pantry. We took the spice cabinet out and, in its place, we continued the five present 12” deep shelves on around and added a sixth at the bottom on the left. The purpose here is to get “stuff” up and off the floor. We are probably a little slow on the uptake here, but we just can’t have food on the floor nor can we have cleaning supplies, chemicals and other equipment mixed in with our pantry supplies and food. Spices have been put on one shelf on the left in alphabetical order as they are in the grocery store. We have attempted to sort things in the pantry in an orderly fashion that tries to make some sense of where it goes. All cleaning equipment is in the hall janitorial closet off the hallway now. The extra dishwasher chemicals have been moved to the newly remodeled storage room.

### Storage Room Project Report

It has become obvious that, in order to keep things in an orderly fashion here, we needed to add additional shelving to accommodate storage for our House Keeper, for the

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### Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) ECW

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

Financially our spring fashion show, luncheon and game day, April 26th

was a success! Our total proceeds were \$1,688.15. Thank You to everyone who participated in making this event such a positive endeavor! Our Christ Church School liaison; Susie Loustaunau; repeated her coordination efforts bringing cookies to students for their final exams. They were very appreciative! Along with organizing groups to attend game events, these efforts continue to bond church and school. Thank You, Susie and all of you that baked, organized and delivered bags for this event.



### Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Brotherhood

President: Jeff Loustaunau; Vice President: John Hawkins; Treasurer: Mike Floyd;

Secretary: Dave Wilcox



We have had our last breakfast for this year until we reconvene in September. We want to thank everyone for their attendance and support throughout the year. This last one featured Leslie Jingluski of the Avalon Center that is working to end domestic violence and sexual violence by breaking the cycle

of abuse through prevention, education, shelter and support services.

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Robin Wells, Chairman; Susan Neal, Vestry Rep; Miles Libbey, Vestry member; Bev Hart, Linda Irwin, Jack Hellems, Roland Anderson; Mary Lynn Landgraf. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM.

At our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, topics up for discussion were far and wide. The first topic for discussion was our Mission Statement which hasn't been updated for some time. This was accomplished and has been submitted to Vestry for revision & approval.

Crossing our fingers, Coffee Hour sign-ups are moving along. Karen & Ginger are on for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Harriette and Cathy are signed up for the 9<sup>th</sup>. Check out the marker board in the Great Hall and let's fill it up!

### Hospitality Committee



A Mugger proposal was presented to us by Miles which we all agreed with and has now gone to the Vestry for their stamp of approval and participation. Speaking of mugs, we are running short and they will be ordered on May 28<sup>th</sup>. It will take several weeks to receive, so be patient.

Mark your calendars! our next big event is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> which we are calling Full Moon Friday! The menu is tentative but will include all the usuals and will probably feature Joe Davenport's storied Memphis Boston Butts. Stayed tuned for more!

Movie Night is on hiatus until September!

*Lastly, Hospitality is in search of new members to join in the fun! Please give Robin a call at 804-832-3849 and he'll get you on the roster PDQ!*

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kitchen supplies as well as for the Brotherhood.

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, Bobby Guillotte and Jeff Loustaunau met at my shop. The purpose here was to pre-cut the 4x8 plywood to 2x8 shelves and to cut the 2x4s to 2x2s which were used as shelf supports. They were all pre-painted and allowed to dry. With all this material plus necessary



tools, we met at Church on Monday at 8:30 AM. Jack Tarran joined us at this time. Using the motto “**Proper Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance**”, we re-evaluated our original plans, checked our measurements again and got to work! We determined that we were short a couple of pieces of 2x4 so we knocked off at about 4:00 PM knowing that we were well on our way. We started back at 8:30 AM on Tuesday. I brought the necessary lumber from my shop. We completed the project and loaded all materials by function (Housekeeping, kitchen, Brotherhood – these areas are identifiable by signage). You’ll note that the peninsula shelving is virtually empty at this point. It is reserved for Oyster Festival purchases as they begin to come in. Please leave this area open for that usage. Much of our materials are unboxed so we can see at a glance what we have in stock. Please note the black & yellow tape on the floor. It is there to signify a “no storage zone”. This is a fire issue and therefore, an insurance issue.

Honestly, we had WAY too much of some things and not enough of others. A very serious attempt is being made to standardize what we buy for all three areas. With that in mind, if you feel that we need something, please do not go out and buy it. Contact Robin Wells for kitchen supplies, Jeff McClelland for janitorial supplies and Jeff Loustaunau for all other purchases.

There are two other sets of shelving in the storeroom. They “belong”, primarily, to the ECW. The Junior Warden has asked them to come in and re-organize them so they (and we!) know what we have.



## Endowment Fund Board

Grace Parker, Chairperson; Page Wittkamp, Recording Secretary, Robin Wells, Phil Brown, Pam McClelland, Vestry; Fr. Stuart Wood, Rector

Members of the Board serve for three-year terms so Jack Hellem’s “aged” out and is replaced by Phil Brown. The Board profusely

thanked Jack for his years of service and great leadership. Jack will continue to be “point” on an issue that faces us and will report to us as necessary. The Board also thanked Phil for “volunteering” for this assignment. We know and have already seen where his background is a perfect match for our Board. We elected Grace Parker as Chairperson and Page Wittkamp as our Recording Secretary. We thank them for taking on these additional responsibilities.

One of the first orders of business was to decide who our Designated Representative should be as that position has been vacant for some time. We decided at our meeting that Chairperson Parker should approach Jack Tarran and ask him to take on this responsibility. Grace has done so and we are happy to announce that Jack has accepted this position. Jack’s role will be to oversee and to make sure that the amendment to the Gift Acceptance Policy of the Enabling Resolutions of the Endowment is handled correctly.

Jack Hellem’s last act as Chair was to arrange to have Arthur Brinkley who is the interim Executive Director of the Trustees of the Funds (TOTF) join the Board at its next meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Mr. Brinkley will update us regarding potential changes at TOTF. Other Christ Church Parish organizations have been invited to this meeting as they may have an interest in the presentation.

Robin continues to work with Ann Wilcox on the Legacy Tree project.

<i><b>JUNE</b></i>		<i><b>Christ Church Parish</b></i>	<i><b>Calendar of Events</b></i>			<i><b>2019</b></i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>1</b> Marine Retirement Ceremony in the Cemetery
<b>2</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>3</b> 8p AA	<b>4</b> 9:30a Hospitality Committee Noon AA	<b>5</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist 1p Connecting Threads	<b>6</b> Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>10</b> 8p AA	<b>11</b> 9a Finance Committee Noon AA 10a Worship Committee 4p Endowment Board 5:30p Vestry Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist	<b>13</b> Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	<b>17</b> 8p AA	<b>18</b> Noon AA	<b>19</b> 9:30a Holy Eucharist	<b>20</b>  Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II 1p—Brotherhood Picnic	<b>24</b> 8p AA	<b>25</b> Noon AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30a Outreach Commit- tee Noon AA 6:45p Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> Graveside funeral for David Lundin—PM	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite II	1	2	3	4	5	6



## “From the Verg”

By

Grace Parker

Our recent confirmands read a book in preparation called Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs and Practices. It contains a wealth of well-presented information on our church services, the church year, and the meaning of many areas which cradle Episcopalians take for granted and newcomers must wonder about. I will try to bring light to some of these in periodic articles, using this terrific book.

One is our use of day services. Nor-Old Testament reading from the Gospel are read on a 3-year cycle. We are currently in the third year of the cycle. Every Sunday, you should hear almost the entire Gospel, and quite a bit more within that 3-



scripture in our Sunday services. Normally, we hear an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, and a Gospel. The scriptures cycle through A, B, and C. Year C. If you attend church every Sunday, you will hear almost all of the New Testament of the Old Testament year cycle.

In Christ Church, one of our skilled lay readers reads the Old Testament, Psalm and New Testament from the middle desk of our pulpit, which is specifically designed for this use. Recently we have added a brief introduction to the readings to help us to understand the context of the lesson. Our readers practice the presentation of this material very seriously, with the hope that hearing it read well will make the story come alive. I think you can all tell when this is especially successful.

The Gospel is a very special case. We do a Gospel procession, led by the crucifer, with a Gospel Book Bearer holding the book high, and followed by our priest, all accompanied by a hymn. We stand to hear the Gospel, and we bring it into the midst of the people. The procession symbolizes the way that the Good News of God in Jesus Christ came into our world and does so today. Listen carefully as Christians have for centuries, and join those around the world in hearing the Word. Thanks be to God!

## Unconventional Worship Style Helps Congregations

Connect with Young Families



Two words that do not usually come to mind when you're thinking about worship in the Episcopal Church. But when St. Peter's in the Woods (Fairfax Station) was looking for a new way to offer worship that was especially geared toward families and young children, but welcoming to all, we saw the genius of Messy Church.

**what is Messy Church?** Messy Church began in 2004, when a church in Portsmouth, England, decided to get creative in their efforts to reach children and families with God's story. They came up with a fresh approach to whole family worship, offering monthly church on a day other than Sunday, and that included time for a shared meal, Bible-themed activities, music, and accessible worship. Today Messy Church is used by many denominations and in more than 20 countries.

The congregation of St. Peter's in the Woods realized that its families - like so many in our churches - were busy. Sunday mornings are not always the most convenient time to get everyone out of the house, up and dressed for Sunday School and worship. And our numbers were reflecting that reality. After discussion with our families, Sunday School teachers, and church leaders, we decided to give Messy Church a try - to reach not only our church families but people who might be new to the church.

Our families told us that a monthly Messy Church on a Saturday evening from 5:00 - 6:30 PM would be the best time. And so we began a season of preparation - culling Messy Church resources, visiting a Methodist church in Williamsburg to observe their Messy Church, planning and refining our version, and communicating the excitement we all felt about this new way of connecting people and God and church.

**what Does It Look Like?** We launched our first Messy Church in January 2018. Our sanctuary was transformed into six different stations boasting crafts, activities, service, and games related to our Epiphany theme, "Jesus is the Light of the World." We worked hard to promote the start of this new worship opportunity and were thrilled to see dozens of families and other curious parishioners stream in. The energy level was high as the kids moved from station to station. Parents joined in and found themselves enjoying conversation and making friends. Our Messy team members helped little fingers make the crafts and reinforce our theme of Jesus and light.

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A very Messy worship followed. We used a brief family-friendly liturgy and service of Holy Communion that I created especially for our Messy Church, using resources from the Bible Reading Fellowship and elsewhere. The kids were sprawled out on the floor, the parents nearby. It was noisy and raucous and oh so holy!

For me, that is one of the greatest gifts of Messy Church - creating a place for families to be together, as they are, knowing that God is in the midst of their messy and joyful chaos. We concluded our Messy Church with a family-friendly meal, generously coordinated, prepared and served by our Messy Kitchen Team (I.E. no pot luck!)

Since last January, our Messy Church has continued to take shape and grow. Parents tell us that their kids love it (they wish Church was always Messy!) and we've seen signs of God at work in our midst in whole new ways. Our Parish Administrator and Messy Team work faithfully to support the planning, activities, and meals. On the worship side, we work seasonal themes whenever we can, including a Messy Holy Week, a Messy All Hallow's Eve, and Messy Christmas.

For us, Messy Church has created a new way of worship for families and others looking to connect with God and the Church in new ways. We continue to work on Messy Church as evangelism, and hope to grow in reaching and welcoming people new to the Church

*Taken from VIRGINIA EPISCOPALIAN quarterly magazine and written by The Rev Susan Hartzell who is Rector of St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station*

### ***St. David's is Messy Too!***

Messy Church is church! Messy Church is intergenerational! Messy Church is fun! Messy Church was launched at St. David's, Ashburn, in 2018. Our goal is to transform lives through the intentional focus on joyful worship, lifelong learning, celebration of community and engaging outreach. The idea of Messy Church was introduced to St. David's by Rev. Janet Roberts of the St. Nicholas Vicarage in Liverpool, England, when she visited our church in the summer of 2016.

We looked imaginatively at the demographics of the community and the families who do not attend church. The idea of connecting people and meeting them wherever they are on their spiritual journey seemed exciting. Together with the Holy Spirit, a vision unfolded to develop new forms of discipleship that are better suited to the people who would come to Messy Church, most of whom are unchurched.

Most of the families that participate have pre-school aged children and do not regularly attend services. Some have been hurt by the church. Some find Sunday morning doesn't work for them.

Messy Church provides a space to gather in a relaxed atmosphere and connect with each other with a biblical theme through accessible hands-on worship, music, and fellowship with a shared meal. It is a sacramental environment with intentional learning and worship that is participatory and fun

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**Join us in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley for a weekend Summer Celebration.**

**Weekend events will include: Live music, Bishops 5K run/walk, Activities for the whole family, Opportunities for friends to reconnect. All**

**that Shrine Mont has to offer. Packages Available!**

**Contact Shrine Mont [Guest Services](#) or call 540-856-2141**

### ***Oh, oh—what are we going to do for the 4th of July Weekend?***

"The kids were just here for Memorial Day and they are all headed off in different directions. We've never been to Shrine Mont and I hear it's a really neat place. I was also told the food is great (especially the fried chicken!). I think I heard that Robin & Sallie Wells have done this in the past when they lived in the Valley. We should chat with them. Let's check it out!" Go to [www.Shrinemont.com/event/summer-celebration-2019/](http://www.Shrinemont.com/event/summer-celebration-2019/).

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Messy Church takes place quarterly on a Friday evening. Participants range from ages 2 to 62. Themes have included Eucharist, the Good Shepherd, and Creation.

Through Messy Church, St. David's continues to be part of the loving, liberating and life-giving Jesus Movement. **Messy Church** is evangelism. Messy Church is life-giving in building relationships with each other and with Jesus. Messy Church is a beautiful extension of living the Gospel.

*Taken from VIRGINIA EPISCOPALIAN quarterly magazine and written by Maureen Carey-Black who is the Lay Pastoral Assistant at St. David's, Ashburn.*



Doug & Brenda Brizendine	6/3/1978
Bill & Jackie Brown	6/15/1963
Bruce & Susan DeSimone	6/28/1980
Rich & Anne Donoff	6/13/1964
Jim & Lydia Dudley	6/19/1999
John & Susan Hilliard	6/20/1970
Chris & Roxanne Jones	6/28/1980
Clayton & Susan Neal	6/10/1972



Mike Floyd	6/1
Buddy Wyker	6/4
Pam McClelland	6/11
Libby Allen	6/12
Roxanne Jones	6/13
Anne Lewis	6/14
Artghur Wilton	6/14
Janie Allen	6/14
Amy Schacht	6/16
Sarah Geeson	6/21
Ginny Hartung	6/23
Peggy Dent	6/26
Mike Gorin	6/30

**JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

**June 22, 2019**

**ALTAR and FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE FOR JUNE**

June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6

**USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY**

June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM	10:30AM
Virginia M	Virginia M	Virginia M	Virginia M	Virginia M
Thyra H.	Robin W.	Jack H.	Thyra H.	Thyra H.

**Christ Church Parish Servers' Schedule**

	2Jun19	9June19	16June19	23Jun19	30June19
0800	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)	Rite 1 (HE)
		Pentecost		Healing Svc	
EM/ Acolyte/Lect.	Dave W.	Dave W.	Jeff S.	Jeff S.	Barbara S.
1030	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)	Rite II (HE)
		Pentecost		Healing Svc	
EM (Ablutions)	Grace P.	Steve R.	Harriette F.	Jean H.	Sharon C.
EM (Prayers)	Jack H.	Ann P.	Grace P.	John H.	Steve R.
Crucifer/ Acolyte	Nicole D.	Tom C.	Mike G.	Grace P.	Bert B.
Lector	Lydia D.	Page W.	Robin W.	Diane M.	Miles L.
Gospel Book Bearer	Jack H.	Ann P.	Grace P.	John H.	Steve R.
Torch Bearers		Linda I/Bert B.			