

# Christ Church Parish

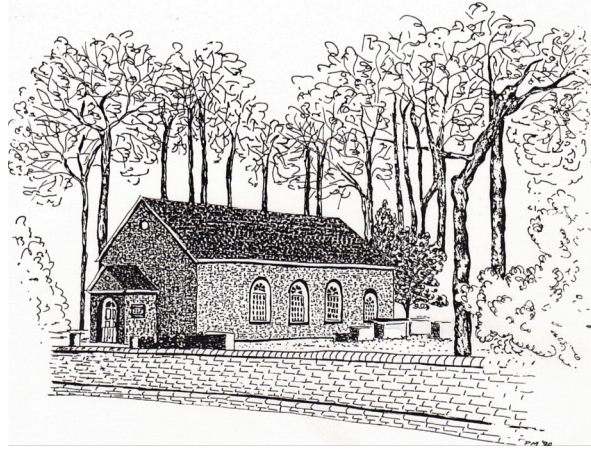
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November

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

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Who wondrous things has done,  
in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms  
has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.’

## Father Stuart's Message for November 2017

### NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Fall is here and the days are growing shorter and the nights cooler. Where has the year gone? Before we know it, it will be Thanksgiving Day, followed by Advent, then Christmas, and finally New Years. But before I get too far ahead of myself, let's just focus on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day means many different things to people. It may be turkey and a dining room table laden with more food than we can possibly eat. It may be the parades and the football games. For some, it is a morning of hunting and for others, it is sifting through the mountain of newspaper ads scoping out the Black Friday deals.

I often find myself thinking musically with such hymns as "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing", "Come ye thankful people come", "We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land", "Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise" and then there's my favorite:

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with heart and hands and voices,  
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But in reality, thanksgiving isn't something we celebrate only once a year. We are in fact celebrating thanksgiving every time we gather to share Holy Communion. What do we call Communion? We call it the Holy Eucharist and this word "eucharist" is full of meaning. This curious word has its origin in Latin *eucharistia*, and Greek *eukharistia* which means "thanksgiving, or gratitude" and from *eukharistos* meaning "grateful". *Eukharisteo* is the usual verb for "to thank, to be thankful".

So each time we gather around the Lord's table, it's good to remember that this is also a Thanksgiving Feast full of God's love, grace, and generosity; thus we call the Eucharistic Prayer, "The Great Thanksgiving" for we remember with gratitude the gift of Christ given freely to each and every one of us.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Day service in the church at 10 a.m.

May you each have a Happy Thanksgiving whether it be Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at any Holy Eucharist during the year, or whenever you are gathered together with family and friends and give thanks.

Fr. Stuart



## More good reasons to have a proof Reader



Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your memorial donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot luck supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m. — prayer and medication to follow.

## Telephone Messaging System Surveys



Thanks to those of you who have turned in the telephone surveys. The majority of you do want to be a part of this program. If you have not yet returned your survey, please give it to the office or put it in the wooden box on the shelf outside the office by November 1<sup>st</sup>. As Fr. Stuart announced in church, this will only be used for emergencies or last minute announcements that have to get to everyone immediately.

Starting in November, we will begin using this service. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will send out a “test call” to everyone who has indicated that they want to be contacted. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Stuart or Pam McClelland (804) 832-4234.

The Christ Church Parish Vestry





## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE WALL?



On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, The Garden Club of Virginia began work on a section of the wall that surrounds the church and the cemetery. A large oak tree that is next to the wall has grown to the point that it is pushing against the wall and causing cracks in it.

Years ago, a few courses of bricks near the ground were removed to allow the tree room to grow. But now the roots are too large and too spread out to allow that section of the wall to remain. Therefore the Garden Club, in consultation with the Cemetery Committee, has hired experienced masons to remove that portion of the wall which they had installed many years ago including the foundation that supported it. The ends of the wall will be finished off and the oak tree will have ample room to continue growing and add to the beauty of our lovely church and cemetery.

## BABY GRAND PIANO DONATED TO CHRIST CHURCH

Very recently the piano in the parish hall, which had broken legs on it, was removed to another room in order to make way for a beautiful baby grand piano donated to us by Steve Richardson and Bert Butler. It has now been tuned and is ready for us to enjoy whenever the need may arise. Please thank Steve and Bert for this lovely addition to the parish hall when you see them.



## **Happy Anniversary**

Please check with your friends and neighbors, we need to find a couple married in the month of November who would be willing to join our congregation. We currently do not have anyone married in November who is a member in good standing.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

In last months edition I asked for a volunteer to temporarily take on the newsletter. The response was underwhelming (1). In the meantime my brilliant fixer and teacher, Mike Floyd, agreed he was well qualified for the job and finally agreed to take it on. So, while I undergo surgery on my left elbow on October 30th and my right one shortly thereafter, please continue to send your suggested articles to:

Mike.Floyd@va.metrocast.net

Mike will do a much more polished job than I am capable of. Jack T.



**Bruce DeSimone, Nov 1**

**Brenda Knupp, Nov 5**

**Miles Libby, Nov 5**

**Susan Dugan, Nov 7**

**Bob Barlowe, Nov 9**

**Robin Wells. Nov 9**

**Beatrice Bonner, Nov 13**

**Laura Jones, Nov 19**

**Pete Mansfield, Nov 20**

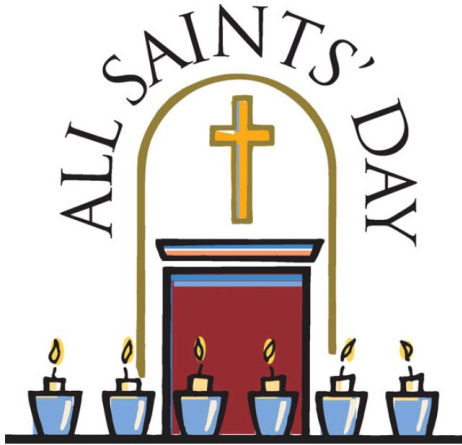
**Rich Donoff, Nov 24**

**Ginger Smither, Nov 24**

**Louise Eichenlaub, Nov 27**

**Bev Hart, Nov 30**

## COMING SOON



All Saints' Day Service  
Wednesday, November 1st  
**One Service**  
**10:00 AM**



All Saints' Day Celebration  
Again  
At 8:00 & 10:30 Services  
Sunday, November 5th



November 3rd & 4th  
Urbanna Oyster Festival



Friday, November 10th  
11:30 AM  
Veterans Luncheon  
Christ Church Parish Hall



Sunday, November 5th  
Daylight Saving Time Ends



## Church Calendar for November 2017

Date	Time	Event
1	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
2	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
5	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
5	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
9	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
12	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
12	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
15	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
16	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
19	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
19	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## November Calendar (Continued)

Date	Time	Event
22	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
23	10:00	Thanksgiving — <small>One Service</small>
26	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
26	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
29	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
30	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting



Thursday, November 23rd

**One Service**

**10:00 AM**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES



Sunday, November 12th  
9:00 AM in the  
Parish Hall

### **Oyster Festival Results**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

There will be a Thanksgiving Community Worship Service on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Saluda Baptist Church and all are welcome.



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### **One Service**

**10:00 AM**