

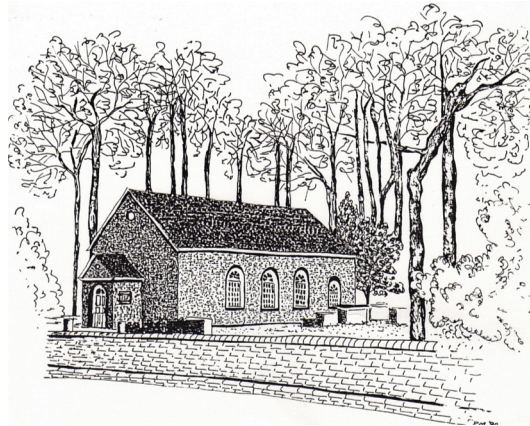
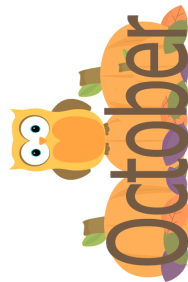
# Christ Church Parish

“A joy-filled church  
with a heart and place for all.”

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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



## *Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, pardon.*

*Where there is discord, vision.*

*Where there is doubt, faith.*

*Where there is despair, hope.*

*Where there is darkness, light.*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master,*

*grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;*

*to be understood as to understand;*

*to be loved, as to love;*

*for it is in giving that we receive,*

*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

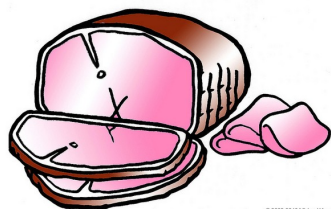
Rejoice and Be Glad:  
for God is at Work Among Us  
and Every Day is a New Adventure!



### Bake Sale Items Needed!

Oyster Festival is the single largest undertaking that we participate in each year. In the past, the baked goods that Christ Church ECW puts out have been nothing less than amazing.

So, please dust off those cake pans, ready the eggs and butter and don't forget to bake! Please bring to Parish Hall Nov 3 from 9AM until 2PM.



### Preparing those HAM BISCUITS -

We will gather to make ham biscuits on Thursday, November 3rd at 9am. There is a

sign up sheet on the bulletin board. This operation always runs smoothly thanks to many, many helping hands. Hope we can count on you.

The ECW are very excited to announce a special luncheon to honor our military veterans throughout Middlesex County on November 11th. We begin at 11:30 and due to a limited seating capacity, you must have a reservation. Please contact Sallie Wells at 804-776-0086 or email her at [dvillesallie@gmail.com](mailto:dvillesallie@gmail.com)



Happy Anniversary

Oct 2 - Linda Parker  
Oct 19 - Janis Booker  
Oct 19 - Jody Anglin  
Oct 24 - Paige Bishop  
Oct 25 - Gordon White  
Oct 25 - Tom Clarke  
Oct 31 - Doug Brizendine

Oct 4 - Sarah and Don Geeson  
Oct 10 - Lee and John Davis  
Oct 26 - Sally and Trent Austin



*If we have forgotten to list your birthday or anniversary, please contact the Parish Office (758-2006) so we may correct our records.*

*If you do not receive this newsletter by mail and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office!*



## Special Calendar Notes:

- Oct 2 – Annual Blessing of the Animals at the 10:30AM service
- Oct 3 – Due date for denim shirts order – Ann Padgett
- Oct 9 – Brotherhood Breakfast 9AM – Oyster Festival planning. Big Fundraiser. Sign up sheets on bulletin board. Need lots of help from all church members.
- Oct 22 – “Magic of Music” Night 6:30PM til 9PM Parish Hall
- Oct 30 – Deadline for ECW Nut Orders
- Nov 3 – ECW Ham biscuit production day, 9AM All welcome! ALSO: Bring bake sale items to Parish Hall from 9AM until 2PM
- Nov 4 and 5 – Oyster Festival – See sign-up sheets to lend a hand!

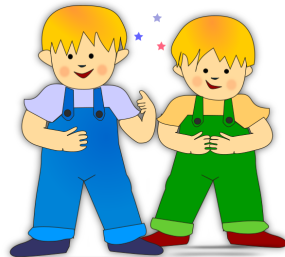
### Brotherhood:

All Men of the Church are members of the Brotherhood. Our meetings are at 9 AM on the second Sunday of the month. We come together for breakfast, a meeting, and usually a speaker to talk about what's going on in the community.

The Brotherhood is involved in Church activities and community outreach. Our big fundraiser is the annual Urbanna Oyster Festival which will be on November 4th and 5th this year. This project requires a lot of help. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Parish Hall. This experience guarantees meeting new friends and a great time.

Updates on events will be by emails and the monthly newsletter. I look forward to working with you!

John Quilter



**ENDOW** – Defined as making a grant of money providing for the continued support or maintenance of something .. A simple word and concept that means many things to many people. First, let me state that I have been a part of the Christ Church family since 2005 and I have drawn many tangible and intangible benefits through crises and loss over the years. This is not to mention a deep and abiding Christian growth. I do not know what I would have done without the kindness and support of the Parish and its members.

To sort of repay the Parish for what it has done for me, I have contributed directly to the Endowment Fund as well as arranged for undistributed insurance monies to also be directed to the fund. You see, I want to ensure that the Parish will continue to be there in the future with sufficient resources to support and maintain itself and its mission should the need arise (and it will) to help people like me (and possibly you).

Many have given to perpetuate our Parish so money will be available to help the Parish accomplish its goals. As you plan your futures, please consider and remember the future of Christ Church so that it can do for others what it has done for me...and countless others.

-- Don Stebbins

Should you make a gift or bequeath as Don has done, it will qualify you to be a member of “The 1666 Society” . To do so in 2016, you will become a Founders’ Circle member of “The 1666 Society” .





## Getting to Know You.... Please

welcome our latest contributor! Entries may be any length, from one paragraph to several. We look forward to learning about our fellow members. Getting to know .....Susie + Jeff Leustaunau!

### TOP 13 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH US

13. Although our given names are Paul and Paula, don't be surprised if we don't answer to those!

12. In high school, Jeff (McLean, VA) was voted "Best All Around" to which his friend stated, "that's because you are pretty good at everything but not really good at anything!" and Susie (Rochester, NY) was awarded "Miss Physical Fitness."

11. When Susie went to Hood College (Frederick, MD) she vowed that she would NEVER date a Midshipman from USNA. Never say never...

10. Susie received her engagement ring in a bag of M&M's and we were married in 1972.

9. As part of our honeymoon, we went sailing on the Chesapeake and dreamed that one day we would live on the water and buy a sailboat. Dreams do come true!

8. Jeff's early career as a nuclear submariner meant that, at best, he was at sea 70% of the time. Despite this, we were blessed with a daughter and two sons. Susie held down the fort (not always happily) especially when Jeff left for sea three days before our second child was born.

7. After 6 years of active duty Jeff went to work for E.I. DuPont, followed by running a start-up company in Texas, and finally as Commandant of Midshipmen and VP of Maine Maritime Academy. He also retired from the Naval Reserve after 29 years of service. Susie was a stay at home Mom and a volunteer. For 19 years she served as Blue & Gold Liaison Officer and Area Coordinator for USNA. We have lived in 8 states but our children primarily grew up in Pennsylvania and Texas.

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Should you wish to make a pledge in this manner, please contact the Parish Administrator at 758-2006.

You may also benefit from this tax strategy with a gift to the Christ Church Endowment Fund. In this way, you may make a financial commitment to ensure the well-being of our beautiful church. This is an easy way to remember the church and become a member of "The 1666 Society". Should you do this before the end of 2016, you will become a Founders' Circle member of "The 1666 Society" as well.

This information should not take the place of competent, qualified legal advice. Examples are hypothetical. This is not legal advice.



## Cyber In-Security?

Tip: Whenever possible, it is very nice to add a subject to the subject line when emailing. It helps to let the recipient(s) know if it is a legitimate message from you!



**SHIRTS !!!!!!! Ann Padgett is taking orders for denim shirts with the Episcopal logo and "Christ Church Parish, Middlesex" embroidered on them. Orders due October 3rd!**



**Ladies Short Sleeves - \$36.50**  
**Long sleeves - \$39.50**

**Men's Long Sleeves - \$39.50**



# Tax Savvy Parishioners Gift Appreciated Stock to the Church -

Last year several parishioners made their 2016 pledge commitment by gifting appreciated stock to the church. These parishioners have benefited from a tax strategy that allows them to avoid the tax consequence of a sale and gift the church with stock at the appreciated value. These parishioners may utilize an income tax credit for the value of the stock at the time of the gift. The church in turn sells the stock and utilizes the funds as a pledge.

An example of how this may work:

Parishioner Sam Smith purchased 500 shares of ABC Co. for \$5,000 (\$10 per share) in July, 2004.

Sam continues to own and hold the shares of stock as the value has risen.

The most recent financial statement (July, 2016) for Sam reflected a market value of \$25,000 for his ABC Co. stock, now at \$50 per share.

Sam ponders: Should he sell the 500 shares? Selling them at \$25,000 would result in a \$20,000 long term capital gain and a capital gain tax obligation.

If Sam gifts the 500 shares of ABC Co. to the church, Sam would earn a tax credit equal to the value of the stock at the time of the gift and avoid the tax liability on the \$20,000 capital gain. The church in turn would sell the gifted stock and apply the money to Sam’s pledge.

Perhaps you own shares of stock purchased some time ago that has increased in value. You may also benefit from this tax strategy that allows you to give the church a stock at an appreciated value and the church would benefit from the value of the gift at the time of the sale.

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- 6. Our three children are our greatest accomplishment.
- 5. Our eight grandchildren are the joy of our lives.
- 4. We are each other’s best friends. When you see one of us, the other is usually close by.
- 3. Our theme for retirement is to keep moving. Although Susie has always been the competitive athlete (swimming and tennis), she is having trouble keeping up with Jeff whose physical endurance is amazing. He recently completed a 740-mile canoe trip and was kayaking the coast of Maine in August.
- 2. Our theme song for retirement is “ On the Road Again.” We love road trips and travel many miles to Bozeman, MT, Albany, NY and Patuxent Naval Air Station to see our children and grandchildren.

And, the #1 thing you need to know about us is:

- 1. We are happy to be a part of Christ Church and we are looking forward to getting to know you all better.

“Magic of Music” Night -  
Saturday, October 22, 2016  
6:30 - 9:00 PM  
Christ Church Parish Hall

Come enjoy an evening of  
“magical music” for this 3rd annual event sponsored by our Christ Church ECW. This year’s talented performers are: Amy Henderson, Gary Archer and Clayton Neal.



The doors open at 6:30. Tickets include light refreshments and are \$20. Call to reserve your seat: 804-286-9121 Proceeds support community projects.



**Usher Needs** - We have a limited number of opportunities to join the Usher Ministries group. For you 8:00 AM folks, we have a pretty immediate need for an usher in February. For all of you 10:30 AM attendees, we have a need for one person to help Mike Floyd in July and a need for December ushers. December is a busy month and there are probably at least two additional services that need ushers. With that in mind, there will definitely be sharing of duties.

Please give Robin Wells a call at 804-832-3849 with your commitment to serve. Also, if you want to usher but the openings above don't work for you, let me know what does and I am sure we can work a swap of schedule!.....We'll save the Frisbees until the Annual Ushers Picnic!

## *Moments with Moose.....*



*Trick-or-treaters bring surprises on Halloween night. At our house, we never get any trick-or-treaters because we live so far out in the country. I don't think Moose has ever seen one!*

*Newfies (supposedly, never proven) like to have a "job". Moose has designated his "job" to be porch sitting. Several times a day, he wants to go out front and porch sit. He watches the cars driving by and jumps up to greet any surprise visitors such as the mail carrier or UPS person. Fortunately they know he is harmless. Unless Bobby or I are there to save them from a charging, drooling 130 pound dog, the Jehovah's Witnesses seem to just keep on driving.*

*Moose is the eternal optimist, knowing that something great will come down that long driveway any minute. I am willing to bet that he also believes in his gigantic heart that they are coming to visit him and that they will love him as much as he already loves them. If he ever really got even one single trick-or-treater, there is no doubt he would share all his "treats" with them.*