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Rector's Message

Dear People of Christ Church,

Well, we started off the year in a full sprint! Thank all of you for your help as we began our program year, welcomed the bishop and those newly baptized, confirmed and received, and gathered with family and friends to dedicate the various hangings and accoutrements, which we will be using in the church and Pilgrim's Chapel. And, we greeted our new Alleluia Singers choir director, Matthew Poole. That is a lot for the entire season of fall, and yet we did it in the month of September!

October returns us to more of our "normal" routine with stewardship, Health Fair, and Rummage Sale. Planning is well underway. The execution of these events relies on having people from the parish help. Our Stewardship Committee would love to have help with the special "Oktoberfest" dinner. (Call Marty Tabaka at 540-722-5620.) Help is particularly needed because the Health Fair is that same weekend in the Parish Hall. Of course, the Rummage Sale needs three parts of us— our stuff, our labor, and our friends from around the community! (Call Chris Ferguson at 540-662-4219.)

In a recent conversation I had with someone about baptisms, confirmations and funerals, I was asked how Christ Church's membership is doing. We had a pretty frank conversation that our membership transfers to Christ Church are breaking even with our parishioner departures to God's kingdom. The discussion turned then to the wonderful blend of old and new faces among the congregation on Sunday mornings for the past few years. We realized that life goes on at Christ Church and the parish does not stop in our living witness.

While preparing for a sermon recently (yes, clergy do prepare for sermons!), I read back over the history of the understanding of "blessing" in the Old and New Testaments. I was reminded that blessing is not simply us getting materials goods from God. Blessing, first and foremost, is our act of worshipping and adoring God because of God's love and grace towards us. Of course, that love and grace is understood by the ways the worshiper sees God's goodness shown in the fortunes and relationships of the worshiper's life. God acts first, and we react back towards God. Another part of that understanding about blessing, particularly when God blesses Abram, the blessing is given to Abram, not just for Abram, but so that Abram can be a blessing to others so they come to encounter and know God. Blessing is something both received from God and shared with one another.

My point with blessing and with you, the parish family of Christ Church, is that I celebrate the ways I see

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Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th

4:30 pm in the Courtyard



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Rector's Message

Christ Church as blessed because of each of you and how you serve God, the parish, and community. We are fortunate or blessed in many ways and we have the opportunity to share that blessing. All of our giving and parish events help to make this sharing happen. I thank you for the willingness to share.

Of course, the other part is not to get too confident, or as the apostle Paul puts it, “not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.” If you know of someone in the parish or in your community who is not so sure how to join in, please invite them to come with you. To find new or other ways you might serve in the parish, please ask the vestry person doing the announcements, or any other member of the Vestry, to find out more. After all, we have much to celebrate with what our Lord is doing among us, and our call is to share that celebration.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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Highlights from September's Vestry Meeting

- The Vestry discussed the preparations for September's events including the Bishop's visit, the dedication of items on September 21st, and an acolyte training session.
- The Properties Committee's upcoming actions include potential replacement of the dying tree on Washington Street, the painting of the bell tower, and completing work on the Smith Building wall. They also have new parking signs to install behind the Smith Building and at the Baden Center.
- Webster reported that we are still finding damage from the June lightning strike. The computer server needs work and the remote mechanism to unlock the handicap accessible entrance to the Smith Building was impacted and no longer works.
- A subcommittee will be formed to oversee changes and communicate to the parish about the work that needs to be done on the organ. Dr. Jim Kriewald provided detailed documentation about the work.
- The Vestry discussed events upcoming in October, including Stewardship's Oktoberfest dinner, the Health Fair, and the Church Rummage Sale.
- Sue Correll sent thanks for a memorable send-off.

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently the topics of calling, discernment, and ministry have been popping up all around me. This has led to many wonderful conversations about the experiences we have all had. The sense of feeling called to try something new, to enter a time of reflection and discernment, and to claim who we are and what it means for us to be disciples. These conversations have been opportunities to remember that through baptism we are all issued the call to be ministers. I often use the answer to the question “What is the ministry of the laity (all of us)?” from the Catechism found on page 855 in the Book of Common Prayer as a way to frame these conversations.

The ministry of lay (all) persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

As the church, we live out our calling as disciples in community with one another. We pray together, we learn together, and we work together to promote justice, peace, and love in a broken world. The life of faith is not a sedentary activity. It is not passive. We do not just sit idly by watching God at work in the world. That would be boring and so uneventful! Thanks be to God that instead of this picture of faith, we are called to be disciples of The Way actively engaging our faith as we learn, serve, and grow.

One particular image of this active life of faith that I heard at this summer’s Episcopal Youth Event has wormed its way into my heart and mind and has served as a constant reminder to me of God’s call to the church. The Rev. Becca Stevens projected an image of da Vinci’s *The Last Supper* as she spoke these words: “If the church is not a movement, it becomes a still life, beautiful to look at but with no effect.” We are a movement. We are a people called to love unconditionally from the center of our very being and that means we can’t just sit back and hope someone else says “Yes!” We each have our place to take in this movement of love.

We have a tendency when we hear the call or are invited to participate in the life of the church, to first see our limitations before imagining the possibilities. Living faithfully as disciples of our Lord is a daily practice of making the deep choice to live our lives based in gratitude, abundance (“there is enough”), and in appreciation for the gifts God has given us to answer our call.

Be encouraged on your path of discipleship and live lives of proclamation, witness and service. God makes use of everything we offer. So be willing, be creative, be generous, and answer the call!

“You are the Body of Christ. In you and through you the work of the incarnation must go forward. You are to be taken: you are to be blessed, broken and distributed; that you may be the means of grace and vehicles of the eternal charity.” - St. Augustine of Hippo



The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector
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Youth –

Look for information about the PYM Senior High Weekend. It’s November 7-9 at Shrine Mont.
Registration and flyers are in your Sunday School rooms.

Worship

Altar Adornments Dedicated

On Sunday, September 21st, at the 10:30 am service, we celebrated a special service of dedication for several new items. These items were purchased by the Gifts and Memorials Committee with funds that were received as gifts in memory of parishioners who have died. A pewter vase was given in memory of Elaine Brandt by her friends and fellow Altar Guild members. A frontal was given in memory of Tuck White and additional hangings, burse and veil, and vestments were also acquired. And, two fair linens were given in memory of June Babb and Ruby Boyd. A new chasuble and two priest stoles were also purchased to complete the set.

The Gifts and Memorials Committee oversees The Living Memorial Fund of Christ Church. Friends of those who have died can contribute in their memory. This fund is to be expended for purposes including, but not limited to, permanent objects used in worship, church furnishings, and scholarships for seminary students and/or training in lay ministry.

The Gift and Memorials Committee accepts suggestions for needed and/or desirable gifts and memorials. The Committee makes recommendations to the Vestry on expenditures.

There are two red “In Remembrance” books on display at the back of the church identifying Gifts and Memorials and Recognition of Donors.

Anyone considering making a gift or interested in more information is encouraged to contact Pem Hutchinson, Chairman of Gifts and Memorials.



The Pewter Vase will be used in the Pilgrim's Chapel.



The Frontal is Jacobean in style and is the green damask cloth covering the altar table. The Fair Linens are the white cloths on top of altar table. They are embroidered with five crosses.

Music

Welcome Matthew Pool



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew J. Pool to our Music Ministries staff. Matthew will assume the position vacated by Sue Correll as Director of the Alleluia Singers. He began his new duties on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

Originally from Texas, Matthew has a superior musical background, strong interpersonal skills, and has extensive leadership and organizational experience. He enjoys working with young people and has experience working with them from elementary school through high school.

At age 17, Matthew earned the rank of Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts of America).

Matthew attended Interlochen Arts Academy (Organ), where he received the Interlochen Fine Arts Award. He graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance (*Cum Laude*), where he also received the Dean's Award for Outstanding Performance. Matthew was the recipient of the American Guild of Organists Scholarship, both from the Dallas Chapter and from the Southwest Michigan Chapter. He also received the French Organ Music Seminar Scholarship (Paris, France) and the E. Power Biggs Fellowship at the 2011 Organ Historical Society National Convention in 2011.

Currently, Matthew is a second year student in the two-year program, Master of Music in Music Theatre Conducting, at Shenandoah Conservatory, Shenandoah University in Winchester. He served as Assistant and Associate Music Director and Conductor for the 2014 Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre productions. In 2013, Matthew served as the Music Director and Conductor of the Waco Children's Theatre.

As a professional in the church, Matthew has served as organist and choirmaster for the St. Michael's Conference (Southwest), and as Assistant Music Director and Organist at the Austin Avenue United Methodist Church. Since January, 2014, Matthew has been organist at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Winchester, where he will continue to share the position as he assumes his new position at Christ Church.



Our annual Halloween party for elementary-age children and younger will be on **October 26th 4:00-5:30 pm** in the Tilford Room. Games, prizes and fun – dress up and practice for trick or treating!

Interested in helping?

Please contact Bridget in the church office, 540-662-5843.

Youth: Please arrive at 2:30 pm to decorate and set up.



Christian Formation

Sunday School News

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start with old friends *and* new faces! Thanks to our hard-working teacher corps and the support of parents, it has been exciting to welcome a lively bunch each Sunday morning so far. Registration doesn't end so if anyone hasn't had the chance to fill out a form, just check with your teacher or the Sunday School office and we'll be happy to help.

Like our classes, our teachers are blend of veterans and parishioners new to this ministry. This year's teachers are Beth Conrad in ages 2½-3, Cheryl Crowell in preschool ages 4-5, a rotating group of parents in Kindergarten and Grade 1, Betsy Young in grades 2-3, and Julie Constantino in grades 4-5. Teachers for our youth age classes are Rebecca Gibson for grade 6, Martha Griffin for Rite 13 (grades 7-8), Bryan Gray for J2A (Journey to Adulthood, grades 9-10), and Bridget Coffey for grades 11-12. All are ready with energy and talent to minister our young people, wherever they are in their Christian formation.

"I became involved with the Sunday School when our sons were babies, first in the nursery, then as a teacher and chapel leader. I enjoyed the active participation with our children as they became more and more involved in the Sunday School and youth programs through the years, and when they grew up, I found that I didn't want to stop being a teacher. The greatest thing about being a Sunday School teacher is having a former student come up to you and give you a hug many years later and to tell you that you made a difference in their life." – Cheryl Crowell

"I grew up in Christ Episcopal Church... baptized, first communion, confirmed, acolyte, church choir, youth group, married here. It always felt like my extended family and home away from home. I want our children to always feel that way... We are their family!" - Julie Constantino

"I love being a Sunday School teacher because I get to know the teenagers on a different level. They have so much to offer, and they are, after all, the future of the Episcopal Church!" - Rebecca Gibson

Volunteer Help Needed!

Volunteers make our Christian Formation programs successful. Please consider giving your time, whether or not you have children in the program. Interaction with the young people of our parish is a wonderful experience for all of us!

Children's Chapel is back in session on the second floor of the parish house from 10:30 am until the Peace each Sunday for children ages 3-7. We would love an extra pair on hands any Sunday morning!

Adults are also invited to help the teachers in the preschool through elementary grade classrooms on Sunday mornings. All that is required is your presence and helping hands. Our goal is to have at least two adults in each classroom each Sunday morning. We have excellent teachers but they can't single-handedly escort someone to the restroom, tell a story, and prepare a creative activity! Substitute teachers are also needed. Lots of help is provided.

Volunteers are needed to supervise play in the courtyard during coffee hour while the weather is nice. Take your coffee outside and help us make sure that the children play safely and cooperatively. You can play too, if you like! The signup sheet is next to the elevator in the Sunday School Commons.

If you can volunteer in any of these capacities or have any questions, please contact Margery Wingenbach at Wingenbach@comcast.net or call the church office (540-662-5843).

Christian Formation

Adult Forum Offerings for Fall

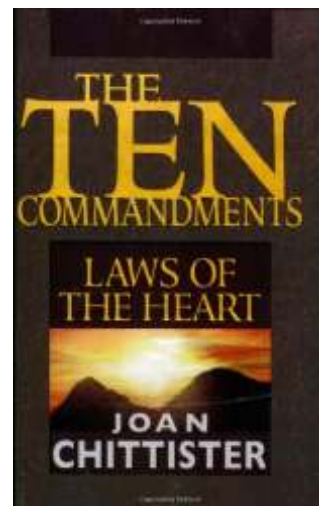
Adults are reminded that their Christian Formation options on Sunday morning include two offerings, both at 9:30 am.

Track I in the Tilford Room: We continue learning about the Ten Commandments with the series *The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart*.

“In this series, Joan Chittister, OSB, asks the question, “What are the Ten Commandments and what do they mean to us now in a world where Jew, Christian, and Muslim all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets of Sinai as the foundation of our law, however many other laws we all add to them?” Sr. Joan invites us to think deeply about the moral fibers of our society. She presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth and that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them.

Track II in the Parlors: Based on last year’s “3rd Sacrament” class format combined with our recent enquirers’ class, this is a similar gathering with Webster. We will have conversations on that little known treasure chest of wisdom—our prayer book’s “Catechism,” also called “An Outline of the Faith.”

Please note that on Sunday, October 12th, there will be no Adult Forum as we host the annual Health Fair.



The Parents' Oasis

A special thank you to Marsha Baden for her vision and commitment to the new Parents' Oasis in the Sunday School Commons. It's a comfortable place for parents to spend time while their children are busy in Sunday School.



Calendar and Upcoming Events

Church Services

Sunday

Holy Communion Rite I 8:00 am
Holy Communion Rite II 10:30 am

Wednesday

12:00 pm Pilgrim's Chapel
(Healing Service 3rd Wed)

Second Monday

6:30 pm Special Needs—Sanctuary

Weekdays

7:30 am Morning Prayer Pilgrim's Chapel

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Contemplative Prayer	Sat: 9:30 am
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 am
Knit Unto Others	1st Mon: 7:00 pm 3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Liturgical Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Community Fellowship	2nd Thurs: 7:00 pm
Men's Fellowship	2nd Sat: 7:30 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am-4 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Bible Studies	Tues: 10:45 - Noon Thurs: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm

(Alleluia Singers, Youth Choir, Handbell choirs TBD)

October

3	Stained Glass program at First Presbyterian (See p. 15)
5	Blessing of the Animals at 4:30 pm
10	Stewardship Oktoberfest dinner at 6:00 pm
11	Men's Fellowship at 7:30 am
12	Health Fair
16	Community Fellowship at 7:00 pm
22	Salvation Army Dinner at Ft. Collier
24-25	Rummage Sale (see p. 11)
26	Youth Halloween Party at 4:00 pm

**The Rector's day off is Friday.
The Assistant Rector's day off is Monday.**

Children's Chapel

Join us on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall from 10:30 am until the Peace. We welcome children ages 3-7. No registration is required. The service is child-sized and allows our young parishioners to explore the same Gospel we hear in the Sanctuary but with more opportunity to wiggle and talk! Our Children's Chapel leaders always welcome an extra pair of hands if you would like to join them!

Nursery

Our nursery, on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall, is open from 10:15 am through the end of the 10:30 am service to serve infants and children up to age 3.

October Birthdays

- 2 James Baden
3 Elena Conrad
4 Bettie Johnston, Patricia Barnes,
Martha Roberson, Danielle Armstrong
5 Janine Higgins, Gwynne Koonce,
Daniel Gibson
6 Boykin Bird, DeDe Whitham,
Deanna Pifer, Jennifer Pettit
7 Steve Johnston
8 Rosemary Swope, Pam Kennedy,
Dan Gloster
9 Loretta Johnston, Ilona Benham,
Sarah Jones-Purdy
10 Pam DeBergh, Joyce Engel,
Marcus Kitchen II
11 Grace Howard, Elizabeth Miles
12 Margaret Kesser, Sarah Bower,
Edward Browning V
13 Catherine Gregory
14 Dick Arculin
15 Mary Beth Compton
16 Pat Riley
17 Katy Schain, John Wiedower,
Reed Wiedower
18 Megan Conlon
19 Susan Howard, Mona Pressley,
John Applin
20 Barbara Austin
21 Rachel Shows, Bill Thompson,
Stewart Boyd
22 Doris Trant
23 Cathie Waldie
24 Judy Whiting



Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Ned & Amy Stock
8 Dennis & Debra Shows
14 Bill & Sue Jarvis
18 Frank & Barbara Ruppert
19 John & Kelly Rowan
21 Al & Susan McGilvray



Please Note:

We will publish birthday and anniversary information only with explicit permission. Please contact the church office if you wish to be added to or deleted from these lists.

Please keep the church office informed of any changes to your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Please let the office know the school addresses of our college students.



Look for Christ Episcopal Church Winchester and like us to stay up-to-date on the latest news!

Pastoral Care

Knit Unto Others Celebrates Five Years



The Christ Church prayer shawl ministry – **Knit Unto Others** – meets twice monthly to combine prayer, love, and friendship while making shawls and blankets to be given to those in need of comfort and God's healing of body and spirit. This month, they are celebrating five years of their ministry—a ministry that has touched hundreds in our community.

To date, the dozen or so regular knitters have given away 286 shawls and blankets that are blessed by the clergy and come with the prayers of the group. Many blessings are knitted or crocheted into every shawl/blanket. The knitter begins each shawl/blanket with prayers, and prayers may be continued throughout the creation of the item.

In 2011, the group also began giving “prayer squares.” These three inch knit squares are also blessed and given to individuals facing surgery, who are struggling, or to those who need comfort. Squares have been given to WATTS guests, at the 10th Anniversary of the Special Needs Service, to the Parish Nurse’s graduating nurses, to the missionaries to the Dominican Republic, and to military members receiving care packages.

Parishioner Roberta Gunnell wanted to take her prayer square into surgery with her, but her gown didn’t have a pocket. Her surgeon advised her to put it in her sock! The group has been giving that advice ever since.

The group meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm and the third Tuesday at 2:00 pm in the Parlors. New members are always welcome.

To request a shawl/blanket for yourself or a member of your family, or if you would like to join the group as a knitter, please call and speak with the clergy (540-662-5843) or contact Kay Keely, Sara Bicking or Nancy Brown.



From thank you notes written to Knit Unto Others—

“My brother was deeply touched. It brought tears to his eyes. Thanks so much! It was a beautiful presentation and just the right size for him. He even said, ‘It matches my pants.’” With love and gratitude, Judy Whiting

“To wrap the prayer shawl around me is a reminder that I am part of the community of faith and that I am never alone.”

“Your gift has brought me the blessing of comfort, the gift of peace, and the knowledge that I am loved.”

“The shawl made prayer tangible.”

“I put it over my shoulders... and felt like I was receiving a huge hug of warmth and comfort.”

Outreach Committee News

Annual Rummage Sale Coming Soon

The Christ Church 3rd Annual Attic-Basement-Closet Rummage Sale will be held Friday, October 24th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. During the last two sales, our church family has enjoyed the fun and community fellowship of an annual rummage sale that has raised \$12,000 for Christ Church ministries. Our ABC-styled event has been a tremendous success and we hope to keep, as the saying goes, the momentum going for our event this year!



We will need volunteers in the following categories: (Please see Chris Ferguson or any member of the Vestry to volunteer.)

- Set up and take down in the Tilford Room—from October 19th (Sunday afternoon) through the 24th
- Pricing of all items donated for sale
- Cashiers
- Floor monitors to help customers and answer questions
- Drivers and Delivery volunteers for larger items
- Posting of advertising flyers in area businesses or your own business
- Support for and donation of baked goods to sell
- Kitchen support and clean up

As for donations, here is a list of what **we cannot accept**:

- Encyclopedias/yearbooks/textbooks—all other books are fine
- Entertainment centers
- Gas grills
- Magazines
- TVs—except for flat screens in good working order
- Computer monitors or keyboards---unless they are tested to be in working order
- Most electronics---please see or speak with Chris Ferguson
- Large appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, etc.
- Empty picture frames
- Exercise equipment

Outside of the above items, please donate only what we might be able to sell. You can drop off items for the sale in the Tilford Room on Sunday mornings. If you would like to make other arrangements for delivery of your donation, please contact Chris Ferguson (540-662-4219 or 978-360-4501). Please box or bag your donations, ensuring they are secure. Please mark items that are fragile. Please make sure items are clean and in good repair.

As with our 2012 and 2013 ABC sales, this should be a fun-filled, family event for all ages. Let's see if we can exceed last year's take! Our goal is to raise \$8,000! Please call Chris Ferguson with questions or suggestions you may have.

Properties Committee News

As a committee of the Vestry, the Vestry charges the Properties Committee with the responsibility of the stewardship (care, upkeep, maintenance) of facilities of the church for the parish's life and mission. The Junior Warden, as one of the Wardens of Christ Church, is traditionally assigned the role of leading Vestry supervision of church properties. So, the Junior Warden and other Vestry representatives work closely with the Properties Committee.

Occasionally, we are concerned with what is building-adjacent when it affects our buildings, which is something that we are facing in spades at the moment. While we enjoy the beauty of flora and fauna, there are times when it no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended. Such is the case with some of the large boxwoods that must now be removed because of the damage inflicted from allowing them to overgrow.

We have also determined that the plantings near the Columbarium must be cut back because there no longer is ample room to access the niches. This becomes a Properties Committee concern because one of the services of the church is hindered.

For this and other reasons, the Properties Committee unanimously voted at its last meeting to draft a policy for all church plantings. We have also placed a moratorium on any new plantings until we have finalized the policy. Once completed we will ask the congregation to assist us with the new landscaping plan so that beauty and functionality can co-exist.

(Submitted by Martha Griffin)



Fellowship Groups Meet

The Community Fellowship meets Thursday, October 16th, at 7:00 pm, in the Tilford Room, where we will hear about our own Christ Church mission team's work in Bani this past summer. As a parish, we prayed and worked as a community to make this mission trip happen. This is our opportunity to see and learn what our ministry did in Bani. This includes getting to learn about our guest missionary from the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Emily. If you wonder what some of this presentation will include, here is what Emily posted on her blog:

"This team from Virginia has been coming to Bani for a few years and has formed an incredible relationship with the community there. Not only with the kids but with some of the church staff and teachers. There were two women who came a few times during the week just to see the team and help them out however they could because they had missed them so much."

Come and see pictures, hear stories, and join in our celebration of our service to Bani in the Dominican Republic. Everyone is welcome!

The Men's Fellowship meets Saturday, October 11th, at 7:30 am, in the Baden Center. We will continue our focus on persecution in today's society and how it effects our daily lives. Breakfast will be served.

Stewardship Committee News

Christ Church 2nd Annual



Friday, October 10th—6:00 pm

The Stewardship Committee is hosting a repeat of last year's enjoyable Oktoberfest dinner. All are welcome for a night of German food and fun. This is a BYOB event. The menu will include: brats, pork loin, applesauce, sauerkraut, apple-strudel for dessert. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

A sign up sheet will be located in the Tilford Room, or call the church office (540-662-5843) if you plan to attend. Join the party!

Giving: What do we mean?

In the very recent memory of Christ Church, we have had experience with different ways that people monetarily give to the church: annual giving, capital campaign giving and planned giving. The question is, “What is the difference?”

Annual Giving: This is the giving people make to the church every Sunday as their pledge to the church. This giving is the subject of our “Annual Pledge Campaign” in the fall so the church has an idea of the amount of money parishioners will give in order to cover our operating budget. This includes salaries, utilities, office and program supplies, building repairs/maintenance/ and maintenance contracts, music, youth, outreach program expenses. Some of the terms used in annual giving are: “Tithing” which is the traditional giving discipline of giving 10% of our income back to God; “Proportional Giving” which is the giving practice where we give a significant proportion of our income to God through the church including seeking to increase the amount of our giving each year.

Capital Campaigns: These occur perhaps as often as once every ten years to address specific significant capital repairs such as repairing the roof on the bell tower and parish hall or other major repairs to the church plant. Such campaigns may also include acquisition of property or stabling/growing endowments. This is not annual giving, but giving beyond that annual giving.

Planned giving: This is a program encouraging parishioners to remember the church in their estate planning (wills). Such bequests are an amazing gift to help ensure the church and it's ministries will continue well beyond the current generations. These bequests can be designated to such items as the church building, or left to the discretion of the Vestry for the use or investment of the gift.

As you consider the notion of stewardship and giving, one important item to remember is that stewardship is a year round, lifelong event. Giving of our money, our time, our talent means God wants the whole of us in relationship to God. Just as there are various ways to look at our financial giving, there are various ways to give of our time and talent as well. The stewardship committee looks forward to joining you as we grow our notion of stewardship to be seen as year round, inviting and life giving in service to our Lord.

From the Finance Committee

BUDGET: Our budget for 2014 through August planned for us to be in a deficit by about \$10,900. Our actual deficit is about \$12,900. Revenues are still a bit behind plan and, fortunately, actual expenses are still below budget. We historically run a deficit during the summer, when attendance is lower, and do not catch up until the end of the year. Below are the summary numbers:

2014: Through August	Budget	Actual
Revenues	\$351,500.00	\$345,738.59
Expenses	\$362,353.66	\$358,597.12
Balance	(\$10,853.66)	(\$12,858.53)

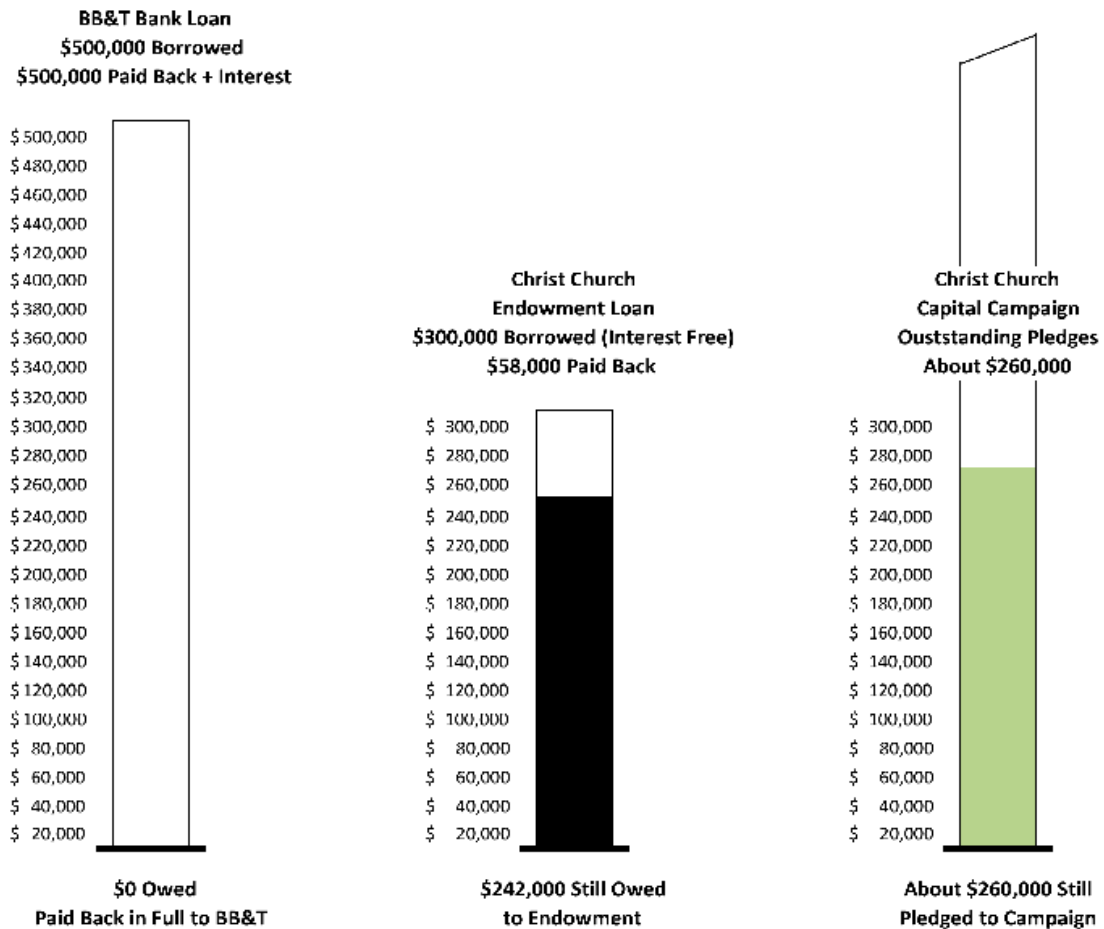
Capital Campaign Update:

\$500,000 loan from BB&T: paid back in full with interest!

\$300,000 interest-free loan from Endowment: \$58,000 paid back and \$242,000 outstanding

Outstanding Capital Campaign pledges: about \$260,000*

* This number is uncertain for the following reasons: Some donors give above their pledge, some are unable to pay their pledge in full, some donors have passed away, and some have left the Church.



Parish News

Time to Update Parish Directory

On Sunday, October 19th, and Sunday, October 26th, we will take pictures for anyone who would like their picture added to our parish picture directory. A photographer will be in the Parlors from 9:00 am until 10:15 am each of these Sundays. Please stop by if you need your picture taken.

If you have other information to update, such as address, phone numbers, or email address, please contact the Church Office at 540-662-5843 or email communications@christchurchwinchester.org.

Stained Glass Program

D. Lee Beard, Assistant Director of Media Services at JMU's Center for Informational Technology will present a program on the "Stained Glass of the Shenandoah Valley" on Friday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall at First Presbyterian Church at 116 S. Loudoun Street—as part of the Winchester Old Town Development Board's First Friday series. Photographing the unique stained glass of the Valley has been a project of Mr. Beard's for several years. In Winchester, he has photographed the windows of First Presbyterian, Christ Church, Braddock Street United Methodist, and Grace Lutheran. All will be featured in this program.

Work with the Altar Guild

Do you have a couple of hours twice a year to be a part of a congenial, energetic, gregarious group that is known as The Altar Guild? All men and women who have been confirmed in the Episcopal Church are eligible for Altar Guild work!

The Altar Guild assists the clergy with the preparation of the altar area for worship at Sunday services, Wednesday noon services, and special services. This, behind-the-scenes “holy chancel work,” is a true gift to the entire congregation.

Our Guild members are grouped into six teams that have a team captain & co-captain. Each team is assigned a month twice a year. The duties are divided among the team for each assigned month. Besides personal training, friendly assistance from team members, and forgiveness from the clergy, there is also a descriptive manual with directions and pictures in the Sacristy to assist with the preparations.

If you are interested in giving some of your time to this special ministry, or have questions, please call Lucia Thomas, Altar Guild Chairperson, at 540-662-0278.

CCAP Collection Item for October is...

At CCAP's request, let's collect as many DISPOSABLE RAZORS as we can during the month of October. Please place any donations on the bench in the foyer of the Tilford Room, or find Ann McQuinn or Ann Taylor at coffee hour and they will be happy to accept any donations. For more information about CCAP, please visit www.ccapwinc.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity—it really makes a difference!



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Parish Nurse Musings

I recently read a wonderful article called “Happier Accidents.” It was an overview of what you could do if you had an accident. I plan to share one episode each month! Here’s the first:

Tripped and rolled over your ankle? If you can walk, it probably is not fractured. You can call a physician, but you might try RICE: rest, ice, compression, and elevation. Do this for 20 minutes with a 10 minute break. Wear only sneakers during this time. You can do this for several days, but if you don’t feel better each day or if it is worse in 24 hours see your doctor.

Just a reminder that the **Health Fair** will be here at Christ Church on October 12th in the Tilford Room from 8:00 am -12:30 pm with over 30 exhibitors coming.

We will be giving **flu shots** in the nurse’s office on the first floor of the Smith Building between services every Sunday until the Health Fair is over. Please don’t get yours too early! You may not have valid coverage when flu season is still going in the spring. Ours will cost only \$9.00. Save Medicare for our children and grandchildren!

Have a wonderful fall and see you at the Health Fair.

Helen Zebarth, your parish nurse