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Rector's Message

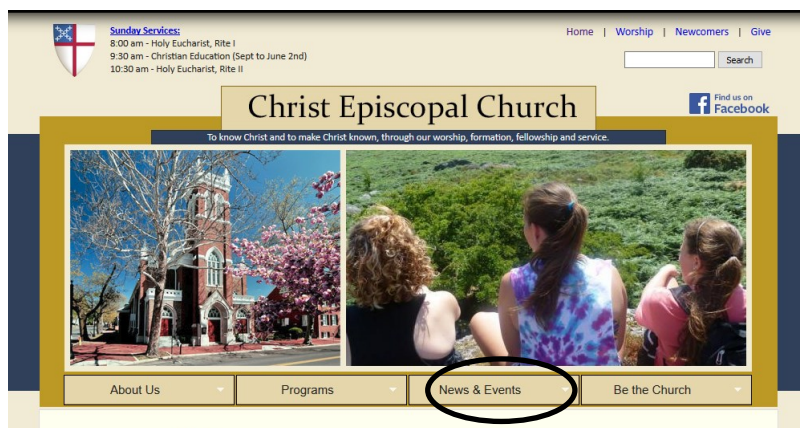
Dear People of Christ Church,

August is shaping up to be a busy month here at Christ Church, which is a little bit ironic when one thinks of that old saying about Episcopalians which holds, "We are so confident in our faith that we take the summers off."

While that might have been the perception at one time, I do not think that is the case when we have fellowship, ministry and music around the church during the summer. There are opportunities for you to bring friends to enjoy some fun and share in the experiences. I know of no better way to share our community of Christ Church with the community of Winchester!

This is also a good time to remind you that our parish calendar is always available on the website. On the home page (pictured here - ChristChurchWinchester.org), you will see a News & Events tab. The Calendar of Events is one of the menu items under that tab.

You can view the calendar as just a week, as a whole month, or agenda-style with events listed under the date. You can also use the toggle arrows at the top to skip ahead to the next month to see what's in store. With fall programming beginning soon, it's a good resource as you plan your fall days.



For those who enjoy music, particularly brass and organ, we have two concerts in the church this month—one on August 13, the other on August 28. (See p. 2.) For those who enjoy serving through a ministry which may cause calluses or blisters, we have our Habitat Interfaith Build day on August 13. (See p. 8.) Of course, what would the heat of summer be without some ice cream and bingo? We'll see if I can finally say, "BINGO" at Christ Church for the first time in five years! And, our Older, Wiser Laity (The "OWLS," where there is no fixed date for what it means to be "older") welcome Donna Hughes on August 21. She comes to tell us stories and teach us about telling stories, which is always a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon. (See p. 8.)

Please add events from the parish calendar to your August calendar and spend some of the remaining summer days with your Christ Church family and friends.

Faithfully,

The Very Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
rector@christchurchwinchester.org

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From the Vestry

Highlights from the July Vestry Meeting

- The Treasurer reported that we are \$8,900 ahead of budget year-to-date, but this is mostly due to delayed timing of expected expenses. We are hoping to close out the Capital Campaign loan repayment by receiving the final \$2,000 by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2016. And, the annual audit should be complete by the end of August.
- The Vestry approved the Outreach Committee's recommendations of donating \$1,000 to the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build and a donation of \$1,000 to St. James Episcopal Church, Lewisburg, WV for flood relief.
- Properties Committee continues to review quotes and schedule work including asbestos removal in church basement and painting Sanctuary roof and trim.
- Nearly 300 children attended Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran this year.
- Confirmation classes will run through August. Webster has the youth class and Bridget has the adult class.
- Webster reported that the region is working to build a regional ministry to support children of incarcerated parents.

Music News

Christ Church will host *Brass Antiqua — A Workshop for Early Brass* August 10-13, 2016, featuring Sackbuts and Baroque Trumpets. The Grand Finale concert is open to all and is in the Sanctuary at **3:00 pm on Saturday, August 13**. And...

Organ & Trumpet Recital

Chuck Seipp, trumpet
Randy Sheets, organ

Sunday, August 28, at 3:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

Chuck Seipp is Adjunct Associate Professor of Trumpet for Shenandoah University Conservatory and a retired member of The United States Army Band. Randy Sheets is the ceremonial organist at Arlington National Cemetery. Each musician is an accomplished soloist and seasoned performer; combined, their artistry fully resonates with the majesty and opulence of this genre. Trumpet and organ have a natural affinity for one another, which is evident in the exquisite interpretations of Seipp and Sheets.



From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, I came across an image that has been making its way around social media outlets that I cannot seem to get out of my mind. It is a mostly black and white photo covered in words such as bullying, fear, hunger, poverty, injustice, and the like. At the center, in vibrant red, is one word, LOVE. Across the bottom is a simple tagline, “Focus on the solution.” Such a simple direction and yet so difficult at times for many of us.

We find ourselves more often than we would like battling the effects of those other words. We feel overwhelmed at times by the hunger, poverty, and injustice we see, not only in our community, but around the world. As people struggle for the most basic of needs – clean water, food, clothing. We hear stories in the news of incidents of bullying in schools and unfortunately sometimes the tragic events that follow. We watch news stories from across the country and around the world of incidents of fear and terror. We live in fear of the “what ifs.” What if the restructuring of my company means I lose my job? What if I don’t get into the “right” college? What if there isn’t enough money this month to pay all the bills? And then, just when we start to feel overwhelmed, we are somehow reminded just how strong that one-word solution is.

In scripture, we are taught and commanded to focus on the solution. To love one another as Christ loved us, with a love that goes beyond our wildest dreams and reaches us even in our darkest moments. Speaking of Paul’s consistent teaching that the way of love is the most excellent way, author Brian McLaren writes, “Old markers of gender, religion, culture, and class must recede: ‘There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’ Old tribal indicators, count for nothing: ‘The only things that counts is faith working through love.’ Where the Spirit is, love is. Where the Spirit teaches, people learn love. Faith communities at their best are Spirit-schools of love, engaging everyone, from little children to great-grandparents, in lifelong learning. In the school of the Spirit, everyone majors in love.”

The old life, the old way of being, the dividing lines, the propensity to look back when we should be focused on what lies ahead, must be let go of. As Episcopalians, our Baptismal Covenant demands a life that follows God by continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, in the prayers, resisting evil, repenting and returning to the Lord, proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being. This is not an easy road to journey! Yet we readily answer, “I will, with God’s help.”

We cannot do this alone. Jesus’ single-minded focus on God’s will is an example to us. We must have God’s help to follow the call of Jesus in order to be the people we were created to be, people of love. God’s love for us is light and life for our journey and healing for this world. When we reach out to one another in loving service, even with the simplest of things a smile, we are sharing the Good News of God’s love. So let us sign up to be students in the Spirit-school of love...where everyone majors in love and focuses on the solution!

Blessings,



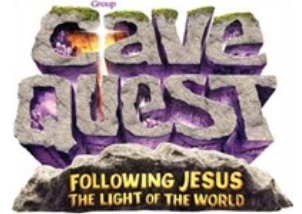
The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector
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Christian Formation

Sunday School News

Vacation Bible School Wraps Up

On behalf of all the children who laughed, learned, ate, and sang their way through this year's Vacation Bible School, THANK YOU to all who made the experience happen! Each July, our VBS is an ever-lively celebration of God's love that plants seeds of faith which bring children back year after year and generation after generation. This year our theme was *Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World*. The simple message to the children is that in Jesus we find the light, strength, courage, hope, and direction for our every experience. No matter our individual strengths and weaknesses, we all matter and can always count on God's love for us. Certainly that's good news for summer or any time!



Reaching out to 270 children from Christ Church and our partner Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church as well as to those from our community at large, takes many, many hands and all generations. We are especially grateful this year for the following volunteers and supporters: Michael Cipiti, Cole Creamer, Riley Creamer, Dottie Lou Crisp, Sue Jarvis, Gil Kesser, Marge Kesser, Betsy Pondelik, Teresa Seitz, Amy Stock, Marty Tabaka, Amy Whipkey, Tuffy Whitacre, Judy Whiting, Caroline Wingenbach, David Wingenbach, Molly Young, and, of course, Bridget and Webster. Thanks, too, to all you parents, grandparents, and friends who shared the children with us during our fabulous week.

Next year's dates are July 10-14, 2017. Put the date on your calendar now and plan to be part of the fun!

Sunday School Begins Soon!

August sees area children heading back to school already! We will begin our Sunday School year for 2016-2017 on **Sunday, September 11**. Classes begin at 9:30 am each Sunday and run for 45 minutes upstairs in the Parish Hall. The Sunday School classrooms surround the Commons and children are divided into several classes based on age/grade. There will be separate classes for middle school and high school youth.

The Parents' Oasis is also upstairs, providing comfortable seating, coffee, and wifi for parents waiting while their children are in class.

Sunday School registration forms will be available in the Tilford Room and on the website (www.christchurchwinchester.org). You may also complete a registration form in person on Sunday, September 11. If you have any questions as a new or returning family, please contact Margery Wingenbach, our director of Christian Formation, at 540-667-0386.

Also on Sunday mornings, beginning on September 11, Children's Chapel is an option for young parishioners ages 3 through 7 during the first part of the 10:30 am service. It has a very simple child-sized liturgy with activities and games to get the wiggles out before joining parents in the Sanctuary at the Peace. A rotating team of parent leaders offers this ministry. There is no registration. Children are invited to participate every Sunday or from time to time as their parents choose. The Children's Chapel is also upstairs in the Parish Hall and we gather around 10:25 am.

As parents, we are called on to set the model of regular attendance for our children and to participate in their faith formation. If you are not called to be a teacher, consider being a substitute and/or helping with Children's Chapel, in the nursery, or with the younger ones during Coffee Hour. Children see where we place our values by what we do. Don't overlook those opportunities listed on the registration form!

Worship

Preparing for the Bishop's Visit

Please mark your calendars for our annual Bishop's visitation to Christ Church on Sunday, September 11. After our regular services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, we will have a service in **the afternoon at 3:00 pm**. The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick will be joining us for the celebration of confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation and to join with us in fellowship and conversation.

In the month of August, we will have our Enquirers Classes to prepare those participating to stand before the bishop and the congregation on this wonderful day. If you are interested in confirmation, reception or reaffirmation, please contact the rector, The Rev. Webster Gibson. You can contact him via phone (540-662-5843) or email (rector@christchurchwinchester.org). Our initial meetings will be the first two Sundays of August from 9:15 to 10:15 am. We will then layout the rest of our schedule for the preparation.

Singers Wanted!

Alleluia Singers welcomes second- to eighth-graders of any musical skill level to our first rehearsal Sunday, September 11, 8:45 am to 9:15 am.

- No experience necessary!
- Lead worship by singing many musical styles
- Celebrate the Christian year
- Experience music of other cultures
- Learn music-reading basics
- Have fun with friends while being creative
- Leadership opportunities offered for middle-school-aged choir members



For any questions, please contact DeLyn Celec at dcelec@su.edu or 520-977-2848.

The Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging Annual Fall Camp at Shrine Mont

October 24-27, 2016

Key Note Speaker: The Rev. Barbara Crafton

Fall Camp is an opportunity to spend time in the mountains of Virginia with other seniors (there isn't an age requirement). The Camp is an attempt to take seriously the spiritual needs and journeys of primarily retired people. We attempt to challenge participants through keynote speakers, workshops, worship and interaction with one another. We worship together in daily sessions, explore various issues, and participate in one or two session workshops (each session is an hour and a half) on a variety of topics. A social "half-hour" is held before dinner with appetizers provided by a different diocese each evening. There is plenty of time to sit on the porches, visit with friends, relax, and enjoy the amazing scenery and to explore the surrounding area. Please call the Church Office (540-662-5843) if you would like a registration form.

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Church Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

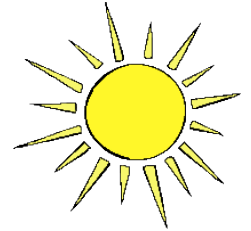
12:00 pm Pilgrim's Chapel
(Healing Service 3rd Wed)

Second Monday

6:30 pm Special Needs—Sanctuary

August

- 8 Special Needs Service at 6:30 pm
- 11 Ice Cream Social and Bingo at 6:00 pm
- 13 Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build
- 20 Men's Fellowship at 7:30 am
- 21 OWLS event 3:00—5:00 pm
- 24 Salvation Army Dinner—Ft. Collier Campus
- 28 Parish Cookout at 11:30 am



(Many groups are on summer vacation June to August.)

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 am
Knit Unto Others	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
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 11, 2016

Children's Chapel

No Children's Chapel for the summer!

Nursery

Our nursery, on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall, will be open but unstaffed during the summer. Parents are welcome to use as needed during the 10:30 am service.



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

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

Church Office Tel. 540-662-5843

August Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Brown, Jody Wall
- 2 Margery Wingenbach, Kayla Richard
- 3 Gail Walsh
- 4 Jim Kriewald
- 6 Thomas Rockwood, Tracy Tilling
- 7 Lucia Thomas
- 8 Paula Opheim, Terry Ewell, Tyler Carroll, Elizabeth Browning
- 9 Katie McGilvray, Emily McGilvray
- 10 Barbara Johnston, Bart Hansen, Marsha Baden, Mary Gloster
- 11 Colleen Hamman, Zachary Barton
- 13 Emily Dodd
- 14 LaVerne Sargent, Shea Pearson
- 15 Kay Whitworth
- 20 Luke Lovelady
- 23 David Meade
- 24 Rosalie Lewis, Becky Romaine, William Major, Jr., Olivia McKelway
- 25 Julia Menge, Nathan Cluss
- 26 Kay Keely, Mary Gage
- 27 Ellen Morgan, Clare Dame
- 28 Loring Holland
- 29 Nancy Mitchell, John Riley
- 30 Greg Hutchinson, Judy Pennypacker, Caroline Barnes
- 31 Donna Bennett, Caroline Cooper, Anna Foltz



Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 David & Stephanie McWhorter
- 2 Chris & Melissa Ferguson
- 3 Jack & Marcie Kelly
- 6 Larry & Sue Correll
- 14 Roger & Helen Zebarth
- 17 Eric & Linda Seidel
- 25 David & Sara Bicking

celebrate!



Happy New School Year!

In August, the Panda Pantry resumes providing weekend meals to children at Frederick Douglass Elementary School.

This outreach ministry has four teams. Each team meets at the Baden Center once a month to pack the food into bags for the children. Each team needs a team leader who determines when their group will pack. **If you would like to serve as a team leader, please email David & Sara Bicking at westbury106@comcast.net.**

If you wish to help with packing, please sign up for one of the teams on the sheets in the Tilford room after church each Sunday. You will only work once a month, and it takes less than an hour to pack.

Please join us in this wonderful, friendly, and oh so important ministry to fight local hunger!

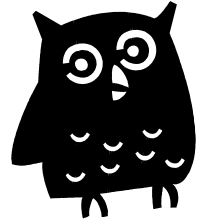
Please Note:

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.

From the Committees

Parish Life Committee

For all OWLS (Older, Wiser Laity), we will have a wonderful local storyteller, Donna Hughes, come and share her gift for a “whale of a tale” on Sunday, August 21, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Donna, a native of the Shenandoah Valley, is employed by Handley Regional Library as the Youth Services Division Head Librarian. She has been at this post for more than 20 years. Stories came alive when she was a young child, brought to her by her father and mother and special teachers and librarians. She says, “Family stories are especially important, for it is in stories that we find ourselves and explore our memories and reach for our dreams.”



Please join us for an afternoon of storytelling, fellowship, and refreshments. There is no age requirement to be a Christ Church OWL!

Properties Committee



The Properties Committee is beginning the process of replacing the steps of the Old Rectory. The picture to the left shows the building around 1930. This photo is serving as an inspiration for the committee and the architect, Handley graduate Andrew Boyd, as they begin the process of creating drawings, gaining approvals, and beginning construction of a new entry to replace the current concrete steps.

The building was built in 1839 and housed rectors of Christ Church until the early 20th century. In 1939, the building became home to Sunday School and later, the church office.

Outreach Committee

Volunteers are needed for our Interfaith Build with Habitat for Humanity Winchester-Frederick County on Saturday, August 13, 2016, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in Winchester. Ideally, we will have a group of ten volunteers. Volunteers should be able to commit for the full day. Volunteers must be 16 or older. Habitat does not allow ages under 16 on active job-sites. 16 and 17-year-olds are allowed on the job-site, but not allowed to use power tools. All volunteers need to fill out a Release of Liability form. Minors need an adult signature.



This is a small home project and it's under-roof at this point, so our work will be inside finish work. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/interfaithbuild2016/home> for background on the project.

If you would like to take part, please contact Noelle in the Church Office (540-662-5843 or communications@christchurchwinchester.org) or speak with Webster.

From the Committees

Finance Committee

Actual versus Budget

We have about the same story as we have presented the past few months! Revenues are slightly above budget and currently expenses are under budget. We are about \$8,900 ahead of budget year-to-date, but this is mostly due to delayed timing of expected expenses. We are at a \$-16,600 balance versus a \$-25,500 budget balance through the first half of 2016. Please see the table for details:

First Half of 2016	June Actual	June Budget
Total Revenues	\$ 262,672.31	\$ 261,660.00
Total Personnel	\$ 202,187.69	\$ 204,174.66
Total Utilities	\$ 12,839.87	\$ 15,940.00
Total Property/Maintenance	\$ 16,110.43	\$ 19,111.00
Total Office Expenses	\$ 16,849.95	\$ 11,788.00
Total Christian Education Expenses	\$ 646.12	\$ 1,651.00
Total Music Expenses	\$ 4,999.05	\$ 4,280.00
Total Worship	\$ 208.24	\$ 485.00
Total Stewardship	\$ 158.81	\$ -
Total Outreach	\$ 24,115.00	\$ 27,085.00
Total Pastoral Care	\$ 286.83	\$ 530.00
Total Parish Life	\$ 278.08	\$ 980.00
Total Communications	\$ 603.70	\$ 1,154.00
Total Expenses	\$ 279,283.77	\$ 287,178.66
Net Total	\$ (16,611.46)	\$ (25,518.66)

Capital Campaign Update

We currently owe about \$12,000 to totally repay our Bell Tower Project self-loan from our Unrestricted Endowment Fund. After our latest quarterly update mailing, we have received funds and have about \$10,000 on hand that we will send to the TOTF very soon. We are hoping to close out the campaign loan repayment by receiving the final \$2,000 by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2016.

Organ Renovation Finance Update

We just sent some re-payment money to the Sanctuary Fund and now owe about \$9,000 to that investment fund. Once we have paid back the Sanctuary Fund, we will then begin to repay \$21,000 to the Organ Fund. The remaining \$30,000 to pay back is about 18% of the \$165,000 cost of the renovation. In other words, we have already received a little over 80% of the pledged donations in the past year and a half.

If you have questions about this financial information, please submit them by e-mail to Theresa Seitz at tseitz@christchurchwinchester.org

Parish News

Christ Church Annual Rummage Sale



During the last four Octobers, our church family has enjoyed the fun and fellowship of an annual rummage sale that has raised \$35,000 for Christ Church ministries. Our attic-basement-closet styled event continues to be a tremendous success in the Winchester community and among parishioners, and we hope to keep the momentum going for our event again this year—with a another goal of \$10,000 or more—for

the second straight year! We will be open for business on October 21 and 22, 2016. We need volunteers in the following categories: (Please see Chris Ferguson or any member of the Vestry to volunteer.)

- Set up and take down of the Tilford Room the entire week before through the end of the sale
- Pricing of all items donated for sale
- Cashiers
- Floor monitors to help customers and answer questions
- Delivery volunteers for larger items
- Drivers to pick up and deliver large donations to the church
- Posting of advertising flyers in area businesses or your own business
- Support for and donation of baked goods to sale
- Kitchen support and clean up (please see Dan Wall)
- Official greeters

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.
- Damaged or furniture in need of significant repair
- Soiled furniture
- Paint of any kind
- Broken or badly stained collectibles or glassware

Outside of the above items, please donate only what we might be able to sell! Please make arrangements for the delivery of your donations, **starting August 1**, by calling Chris Ferguson (540-662-4219, 978-360-4501) or they may be delivered on any Sunday morning to the Tilford Room. Please ensure one of the following:

- Box or bag your donations. Please ensure they are secure.
- Mark items “FRAGILE” to prevent breakage.
- **Bring items that are clean and in good repair. Volunteers do not have time to spend cleaning items for the sale.**

Thank you for your continued support of this important fundraiser and wonderful opportunity for fellowship. If you have any questions about the Rummage Sale, please call Chris or Melissa Ferguson at the numbers above.

Parish News

Men's Fellowship Meets

Due to the Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build scheduled for August 13, Men's Fellowship will meet one week later on Saturday, August 20. We will watch the faith-based movie, *The 33*. It's the story of 33 trapped miners from an actual event occurring in 2010. Breakfast will be served and the film starts right at 7:30 am in the Tilford Room.

CCAP Collection for August

While many of us are on vacation this summer, CCAP's clients are not. They need our support all summer! Again in August, we will collect potatoes (not actual potatoes, but non-perishable boxed, instant, canned, etc.) for CCAP. CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) is a ministry of 46 worshipping communities in Winchester and Frederick County that have come together to support our neighbors in need with financial, material, and other assistance. There is a bookshelf in the foyer of the Parish Hall marked CCAP. Please leave items there and thank you for your generosity!



PARISH COOKOUT!

Please join us on Sunday, August 28,
after the 10:30 am service in the courtyard
for a cookout hosted by
the Vestry & Parish Life committees.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!



Christ Church Summer 2016

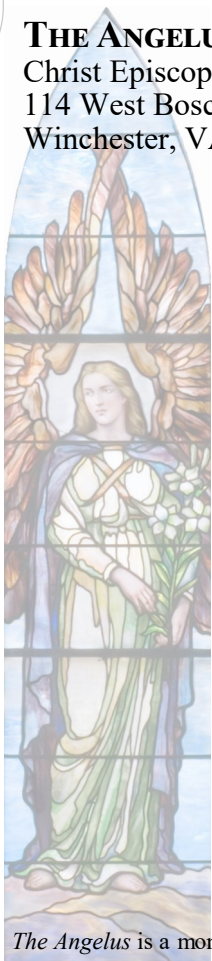
Ice Cream Social and B-I-N-G-O Night

Fun for all! Thursday, August 11, 2016 @ 6:00 pm

Tilford Room (Admission Free)

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Parish Nurse Musings

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I want to discuss two subjects this time.

The first is how to get the best results in getting information when you or a family member is in the hospital. Nurses are your key to getting important information. Most nurses love to interact with you and answer your questions or find the answer for you, but they have to know what you need. Speak up and ask questions, but trust the medical team. Don't be shy about questioning something that you don't think is correct, such as a medication. This can keep you or your family member safe. An informed patient is a healthier, recovering patient!

Secondly, we need to communicate with our children about violence in our country. Never assume that a child is too young to learn. Allow or encourage your children to ask questions about what they are seeing and hearing. Answer them as is appropriate for their age. Don't add more information than they asked for, and then a little later, ask them if they understood what you said. Most violence comes from fear, and you can teach your children a lot about fear for themselves, yourself, and others by communicating with them. Be a resource for them.

If I can assist you in either communicating with your health care providers or talking with your children, feel free to contact me. See you next month.

Your Parish Nurse, Helen