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Rector's Message

Dear People of Christ Church,

It's odd for me not to say "Welcome Back!" to the school-aged children in the congregation at the beginning of September, but this year they have been in school already for two or three weeks. While grown-ups are usually known for being resistant to change, I have found these younger people not thrilled with this change in their schedule! I will just say, then, that I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is looking forward to the start of the new program year at Christ Church!

As we move into the fall, I need your help. At a parish membership workshop which I attended, they cited a statistic that 40% or fewer of people in a congregation read the parish newsletters. Since you are reading this, statistically speaking, you are among the 40% or fewer, and I am grateful for your desire and commitment to know what is going on in the parish. That commitment is the reason that you can help.

September is always a busy time as we begin a program year. The newsletter tries to present all of the services, ministries, and programs which are part of the life of Christ Church. I cannot think of a better resource to help the community know what is going on in the life of the parish. Some of the things that you will find in this issue will be the Christian formation and study programs, youth and children's activities, outreach opportunities and information on parish finances. The newsletter often shares news, as well! The Angelus will contain updates as we begin the process of discerning our work and leadership in the children/youth choir programs because of the recent departure of Sue Correll who is focusing on her teaching.

In addition to the newsletter, word of mouth is also an effective way to communicate with people. Since you are part of the 40% who read the newsletter, you can help to inform the other 60% of the congregation who may be asking what is going on around the parish.

The parish staff and I try to find as many ways as possible to communicate activities going on in the life of the parish. We use the website, email, snail-mail, phone calls, Facebook, and yes, even announcements in church. However, YOU are our best means to share the news about Christ Church with those around us! Maybe Jesus was on to something when he gave the charge of proclaiming the Gospel to the disciples to people who could share with other people and they, in turn, share it with others. Thank you for your help.



Where are you?

Farewell Reception
for Sue Correll
Sunday, Sept 7
5:00 pm
Tilford Room

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Rector's Message

If you have questions or need to clarify something, please feel free to direct the questions to me, Bridget, the Vestry, or any of the staff in person, by phone or email. We want to help all people, long-timers and newcomers and everyone in between, to know so they can join in the life and fellowship of this parish as we seek to serve our Lord.

Faithfully,



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

Highlights from August's Vestry Meeting

- The end of July budget shows our Net Total is slightly behind for the year but better than projected. Overall, revenue is ahead of the budget despite the fact that unpledged revenue is less than projected. Please be sure to keep up with your pledges.
- As a result of the fund review, all funds/accounts from Edward Jones were moved to the Trustee of the Funds account which is managed by the diocese in order to help improve earnings. The Vestry also approved several motions to move significant bequests to the Endowment fund.
- The Parish Life Committee is soliciting help for funeral coordinators. Sylvia Petrie has also expressed her appreciation and gratitude of the support parishioners have given at times of funerals.
- The Pastoral Care Committee sends thanks to Greg Whitmer for creating an online home for the prayer list.
- The Outreach Committee reports that the Panda Pantry has been overrun with generosity! The Rotary grant and numerous volunteers are making it possible to serve 23 families (46 bags), so far.
- The Properties Committee reports that the mortar on the Smith Building wall is still under repair and the lightning strike incident is being investigated to determine how much damage was done and what needs to be done to prevent future incidents.
- Christ Church will host the Annual Health Fair on October 12.
- The Christ Church Rummage Sale will be on October 24-25 this year. Volunteers are needed!

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that it is time for us to begin our fall programming. It seems as if summer has flown by. Despite how quickly summer has come and gone, I can't help but love this time of year! As the summer heat starts to subside and back-to-school preparations are at their peak, I still visit the school supply section to see what new and wonderful treasures I might find! The beginning of the program year here at Christ Church brings me that same sense of joy. There is a sense of excitement that fills the air as we look to the fall. For me, fall is a time I instinctively think more about what it means to learn and grow.

We tend to think of learning and growing as measurable terms. We complete a grade in school and move to the next. A group grows larger and needs more space to meet. Learning and growing as hallmarks of our faith cannot be measured. It is not as if there is a measurable goal for us to attain at which point we say we are done. Rather, God urges us to be ever open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit — to be changed as we learn and grow more fully into who God calls us to be.

Faith formation is indeed a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ, and to Christ. Whether gathered together for worship, study or play, at home, work or school, daily we are being formed as the people of God. Encompassing the many ways by which we live into our Baptismal Covenant, formation is everywhere and anywhere.

This summer, I was blessed with two very special opportunities: to attend the triennial Episcopal Youth Event and to return to Haiti to support a children's camp that our missionary Ashley was leading in her final week there. Both of these experiences touched my spirit in deep and profound ways by which I know I will continue to be formed. But it is not just these "big" moments that influence my continual formation. It is also waking up every day praying the daily office, reflecting on the scriptures, and sharing my reflections and prayers with a dear friend. Indeed, formation is in the everyday encounters we have *and* in those big moments.

In this issue of *The Angelus*, you will find many opportunities for us to engage our faith and know one another in community. Educational, fellowship, and worship possibilities abound for everyone. I encourage you to find ways to connect and consider trying something new. Maybe you've considered hosting Coffee Hour for the first time. Or maybe you feel called to serve as an acolyte. Whatever it may be, know that you are welcome. Whether you explore a discussion group, volunteer for a committee, or suggest something new for us to try, be engaged and be formed.

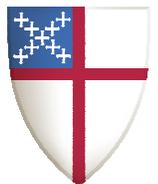
Blessings,



The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector
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Bishop's Visitation

On **Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 pm**, we will have our annual bishop's visitation with The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick. This is our opportunity to welcome the bishop and to share with him in baptisms, confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations. Yes, the time is 3:00 pm that Sunday afternoon. We will have our normal Sunday service schedule, and then we will have a special service with the bishop later in the day. This is not our normal time for hosting the bishop. With three bishops and 45 Sundays a year to visit 186 parishes in this diocese, creative service times have to be scheduled! Please contact Martha Roberson at 540-662-3211 or mwroberson@comcast.net if you can help with the reception.



Worship & Music

Acolyte Training

Serving as an acolyte is a special way for youth, grades 4th and up, to serve in our worship. John Wall's Dictionary for Episcopalians says, "An acolyte is a lay person who assists in worship by carrying the processional cross, lighting and extinguishing candles, holding a torch and the gospel reading, helping with the presentation of the bread, wine, and gifts of the people, and assisting the deacon or priest in the preparation of the altar for communion."

Youth, for many generations, have served in this important role in our worship in many churches, including Christ Church. For those who are shy, you do not need to say anything. In fact, the acolyte's goal should be to remain obscure as you serve so people are not distracted during the worship. For those who want to lead, it is a valuable experience, not only as leader with the procession, but also teaching and supporting younger acolytes as they learn. For those who want to serve, it is a wonderful example of service in helping the clergy set the table. For those who worry about not being qualified, do not worry! We train all acolytes and review the training before the services.



Our next acolyte training is Sunday, September 21. We will have lunch for the acolytes AND their parents. The acolytes will train and be fitted. The parents will meet with the clergy to go over scheduling and ways we need the parents to help with the acolyte program. If you have questions or would like to be trained but are not able to join us, please call James Baden (540-662-6253) or the Church Office (540-662-5843).

Music News

A letter was sent to parishioners on August 19th to explain that Sue Correll has resigned from Christ Church's music ministry. Sue has been a wonderful leader for the children's music ministry for the last seven years and will be missed! Join us on Sunday, September 7, at 5:00 pm in the Tilford Room to say farewell to Sue.

Until plans are made, please note that the Alleluia Singers, youth choir, youth handbell choir and Gloria Ringers will not meet. Please watch for announcements concerning these groups!

The Cherub Choir (ages 2½ - Grade 1) will rehearse on Sundays at 9:30 am, beginning September 7, in the Children's Chapel. Marsha Baden is the director.

Adult Choir will resume for the fall on September 3rd with rehearsals from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The first Sunday the choir will sing will be Sunday, September 7th. There are openings in each section of the choir. Interested persons should contact Jim Kriewald after the service or call him at 540-539-0000. He can also be reached at jkriewal@gmail.com. Some ability to read music and/or previous choral experience is helpful.

If this form of ministry is part of your bucket list or you have been thinking about how much you would enjoy singing with the choir, please contact Dr. Kriewald immediately. The choir would enjoy your presence!

Christian Formation

Daytime Adult Faith Study for Fall

Last spring, we began a faith study using a DVD series led by Marcus Borg on adult faith. This fall, we are continuing the study using a DVD series called “Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture,” led by Walter Brueggemann. The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, beginning September 11th at 10:00 am in the Parlors.

Lectionary Bible Study

The Episcopal Church follows a calendar of scripture readings which is called the Revised Common Lectionary. The lectionary lists the readings from the Old Testament and New Testament that we read each Sunday. The challenge, for us, is taking time to read, think about, and discuss these readings outside of Sunday’s service. The Wednesday morning Bible study offers everyone attending the opportunity to meet with one of the clergy and have an opportunity to study and reflect upon the readings for the following Sunday. The conversations are varied each week because people find themselves drawn into one text or another. This helps the study and conversations stay lively in the one hour of time in which the groups meets! The Lectionary Bible Study is on Wednesdays from 10:30 am until 11:30 am in the conference room of the Smith Building (upstairs from the Treasure Box). We hope that you will join us beginning Wednesday, September 10th.

Women’s Bible Study

The *evening* Women's Bible Study will kick off the fall season on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 6:30 pm at Judy Whiting's home. We will discuss what we would like to study at this meeting. For directions, please call Judy at 540-303-7072. The invitation is open to all women who are interested in the evening Bible study.

The *morning* Women’s Bible Study will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, at 10:45 am in the Parlors.



Christian Formation

Sunday School

Welcome to Sunday School! Newcomers and returning students alike! Our 45-minute Sunday School classes begin Sunday, September 7th, at 9:30 am in the classrooms surrounding the Commons on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Look for the banner as you enter the Tilford Room.

Registration forms are available online at www.christchurchwinchester.org. You may also fill out a form in person on September 7th.

We continue to strive to offer the best opportunities for faith formation of our children and youth. Our curriculum for ages 2½-grade 5 is *Weaving God's Promises*, an Episcopal curriculum with lots of options for presentation of Bible stories and activities to help children make them their own. Quoting from the curriculum description, it is “designed to provide children with the basic knowledge of Church teachings in Christian education, workshop and service. The great stories of the Bible from both the Old and New Testaments are central to the lessons with emphasis on the life and teachings of Jesus. In addition, children learn about the Episcopal Church and its practices, as well as the application of principles and practices of Christian living and its importance in fostering a growing faith.” Youth classes will continue in the *Journey to Adulthood* program levels appropriate to each age group.

As parents, we are called 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!

Children's Chapel is an option for young parishioners **ages 3 through 7** during the first portion 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. High school age youth are encouraged to volunteer to help the Chapel leaders. There is no registration. Children are invited to participate every Sunday, or from time to time as their parents choose.

The service is specifically designed for young children. Each week, a crucifer and an acolyte are selected from the assembled group, and, under the guidance of the chapel leader, have those roles for the day. Two additional children serve as ushers, collecting the offering. (A nickel or dime is suggested!) In an interactive format, the children learn some of the forms of worship used in the Sanctuary service while enjoying a story presentation, prayers, activities, and songs that are age-appropriate and correspond to the lectionary. Following the service, they are brought to join their parents in the Sanctuary at the Peace. Parents, be sure to signal your children as they enter from the Sacristy so they can be easily guided to your pew.

Parental help is needed in several ways. If you plan for your child to worship in Children's Chapel on a particular Sunday, please remember to share that information with him or her and the Sunday School teacher. Children can't always remember what the plan of the day might be and can get anxious if they aren't sure

Christian Formation

Children's Chapel, Continued



when to expect to see a parent again. Children enjoy making an offering when the miniature alms basin is passed, so please remember that coin. Parents are welcome to sit in on the service. We would love to have an extra pair of hands any time to help the Chapel leaders!

The Nursery

Our nursery is staffed by a rotating team of parents and is open from 10:15 am through the end of the 10:30 am service. The nursery is found just off the Commons near the classrooms. We do invite children age 2½, whose parents deem them ready, to join the youngest Sunday School class next door to the nursery.

For Parents

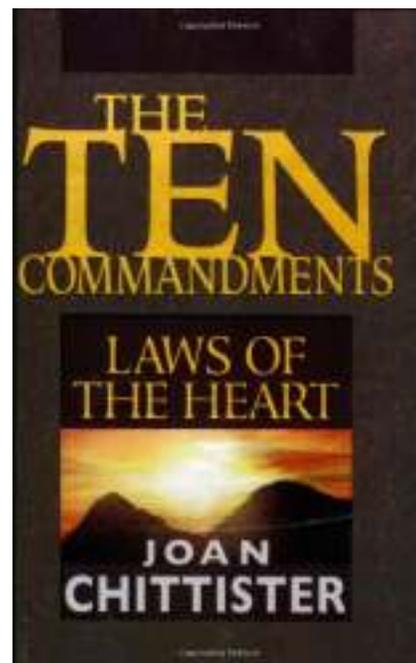
Come join us in our newly created **Parents' Oasis** while you wait for your children during Sunday School. You'll find this space right beside the Children's Chapel. Enjoy everything you could want in an oasis (except for the camels) – comfortable chairs, a Keurig machine, good lighting and quiet.

Adult Forum for Fall

Using the same program format as last year's, from the organization Faith and Reason, we will explore the Ten Commandments in Adult Forum sessions.

"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. "What does it mean to us, to the world, to preserve the Ten Commandments as the bedrock of our civilization?" In this series, Sr. Joan offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments unlike anything present today. "

As we did last fall, each Sunday will begin with a ten minute DVD presentation, followed by a discussion facilitated by David Bicking, Tom Ellington, Webster Gibson or Michael Mohn. Please grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Tilford Room at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings.



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 Wed: 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm

(Alleluia Singers, Youth Choir, Handbell choirs TBD)

September

- 1 Labor Day (church office closed)
- 3 Adult Choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm,
Women's Evening Bible Study at 6:30 pm
- 5 First Friday in Downtown Winchester to
benefit WATTS
- 6 Contemplative Prayer at 9:30 am
- 7 First meeting of Sunday School, Adult
Forum, Children's Chapel, Nursery open,
Youth Group at 6:00 pm
- 9 Women's Bible Study at 10:45 am
- 10 Lectionary Bible Study at 10:30 am
- 11 Adult Daytime Faith Study at 10:00 am
- 14 Bishop's Visitation at 3:00 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.

September Birthdays

- 1 Carolyn Duff, Ty Lawson, John Nelson
- 2 Robb Russell
- 3 Gary Edwards
- 5 Jake Sheppard
- 6 Tom Dame, Joyce Casey
- 7 Joan Bronson, Virginia Rae,
Laurel Jones-Purdy, Mary Pat Gronauer
- 8 Sharon Lower
- 9 Mary Ann Netschke, Vicky Arculin,
Jacob Sheppard
- 10 Judith Anderson, Frank Rupert
- 11 David Sperry
- 12 Jenne Newill
- 13 Pete Gronauer
- 14 Carolyn Lewis, Barbara Rupert, Lindsay
Pifer, Debra Shows, Dawson Wiley
- 15 Sue Jones, Donnie Pearson, Ashley Major
- 18 Polly Nelson, Isabella Dastjerdi
- 19 Cheryl Crowell, Sandy White,
Owen Sargent
- 20 Carolyn Morgoglione
- 21 Allison Pennypacker, Patricia Stierhoff
- 22 Bill Major, Samuel White,
Charles Turnbull
- 23 William Davis, Churchill Gibson
- 24 Marge Gibson, Brookes Giller
- 25 Roberta Gunnell
- 26 Mary Foltz
- 27 Gus Wise, Maggie Wise, Valarie Kitchen,
Anne Bromley
- 28 Katlyn Wall
- 29 Ann Poling, Pem Hutchinson,
Adelaide Turnbull, Justin Raymond
- 30 Sue Bonnett, Jessamy Austin,
Andrew Major



Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 George & Patricia Stierhoff
Kirk & Linda Gibson
- 4 Stephen & Nancy Brown
- 9 Conrad & Robin Koneczny
David & Carolyn Lewis
- 16 Donald & Stephanie Pearson
- 20 John & Joan Claybrook
- 21 Steve & Terry Cluss
- 22 Ned & Susan Howard



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!

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 beginning the week of September 1st. 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.

Outreach Committee News

Panda Pantry

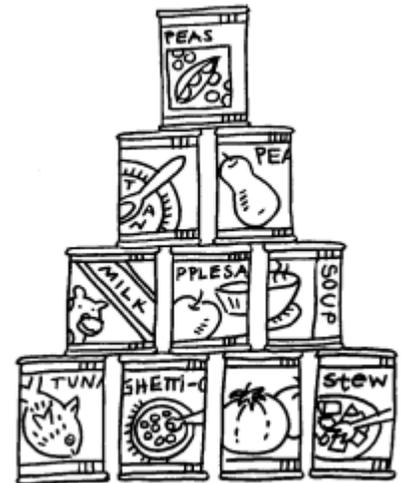
The Christ Church outreach program which began last year as the Backpack Ministry is starting a new school year of providing a weekend food program for children who attend Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Winchester. Because the school's mascot is the panda bear, we've renamed the program "Panda Pantry." With assistance from the Outreach Committee, several other groups within Christ Church, and a grant from the Rotary Club, we will be able to provide breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner for 50 children who participate in the school lunch program during the week, but don't have resources for food on weekends. These children have been selected by the school's guidance counselor and we began delivering food to them on Thursday, August 14th. Over 60 parishioners have volunteered to help procure, pack, and deliver the food to the school for distribution to the students on Fridays throughout the school year. We know from feedback through the staff and teachers at the school that the students REALLY need and appreciate the food. We have gotten word that with the addition of one more school in Winchester this year, every elementary school now has such a program for their students and we feel truly blessed to be able to participate in this outreach ministry to God's children! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered or contributed so far, and to those who we know will continue to support this vital ministry. If you would like more information about Panda Pantry, would like to donate time or money, please contact David and Sara Bicking at 540-431-5344.

CCAP Collection Resumes in September

CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) is a ministry of 45 churches and one synagogue in Winchester and Frederick Country that have come together to support our neighbors in need with financial, material, and other assistance. CCAP is located at the corner of Cork and Kent streets, behind the Shell station, and its hours of operation are Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Donations are accepted during these hours, and are received in on the right side of the building, towards the back. There are always friendly and helpful volunteers, many of whom are CCAP clients, who are happy to help unload any donations.

Speaking of donations, our September collection item is CANNED VEGETABLES. While CCAP does provide some fresh veggies, cans are non-perishable and easy to store. Let's fill the bench in the foyer of the Tilford room with CANNED VEGETABLES during September.

For more information about CCAP, please visit www.ccapwinc.org, or talk with Ann McQuinn (annmquinn@icloud.com). She can even give you a tour of the CCAP building! Please place donation items on the bench in the foyer of the Tilford Room, or look for Ann McQuinn or Ann Taylor at coffee hour and they will be happy to help.



Properties Committee News

The Properties Committee wants you to know that they will soon be installing new signage for Christ Church parking spaces. The parking lot at the Baden Center will have a sign restricting parking to Christ Church visitors. The signs will include notice that violators will be towed.

Behind the Smith Building, there are two spaces marked for the clergy. These spots are **always** for the clergy—even after-hours. Do not park in them! The next spot east is for our neighbor at 110 W. Boscawen St. Do not park it in either. The next two spots east are marked for Christ Church use and are used by staff and visitors to the office. To the west of the clergy spaces, there is a handicap space and then one more spot marked for Christ Church staff.

Please do not park in the alley next to the Parish Hall and do not block the alley behind the church for access to Washington Street.



The white SUV above is parked in the neighbor's spot.

The Properties Committee would add a special thanks to Sandy White, David Wingenbach, and James Baden for the full properties assessment they have completed. It will be of great benefit as the Properties Committee gives guidance for the stewardship of our properties and immediate and future tasks.

Parish Life

The Ministry of Funeral Receptions

Scripture tells us to go and serve. Christ Church offers many ways in which we can take part in our service to God, in our church and community. Christ Church also offers ways we can minister to each other. One of the ways we serve is to offer our support when a family loses a loved one. We want to be sure the family, at their request, have some time to be with friends and family to reflect and remember their special person, who has gone on to be with God. This is where you have an opportunity to serve and be part of an important ministry. Christ Church offers this through having a reception for the family.

Funeral co-chairs volunteer two months a year and assist with receptions. The receptions are held in the Tilford Room. There is a list of people to contact who will provide finger foods. The clergy meet with the family and provide information such as the date, time, and estimated number of people attending. The tables are set up by the sexton. Those serving will meet the day before and dress the tables with tablecloths, plates, napkins, and any other preparations, as needed. After the reception, the tables are cleared, the kitchen area cleaned, and the sexton will return the tables to the storage room.

If you would like to participate in this important ministry, we welcome you to join our team, and we will be glad to answer any questions you have. Please call Sylvia Petrie, funeral coordinator, at 540-662-7924.

Parish News

WATTS First Friday in Old Town Winchester

The Winchester Old Town Merchants have designated the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS) as the beneficiary of their September 5th First Friday event. Activities will run from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on the Winchester Old Town Mall and adjacent streets. Participating merchants will contribute a percentage of their proceeds to WATTS and WATTS volunteers will be available to provide information on WATTS operations and volunteer opportunities. Posters are being displayed throughout Winchester and Frederick County announcing the event details to include the list of participating merchants. Bring your family and friends for a fun night on the town and to support WATTS and your local merchants!

Fellowship Groups Meet

Rachel Shows spoke at the August Community Fellowship gathering Thursday, August 14th, about her experiences in her first year at Virginia Theological Seminary. Christ Church is Rachel's sponsoring congregation as she goes through the ordination process towards the priesthood over a three-year period. Rachel heads back in September to begin her second year of seminary. If you would like to hear Rachel's sermon from Sunday, August 17th, you can find it on our parish website (www.christchurchwinchester.org) under the "News and Events" section.

The Men's Fellowship meets on Saturday, September 13th, at 7:30 am, in the Baden Center where we will begin a round table discussion around persecution in the world we live in today. Breakfast will be served!

The Community Fellowship will meet on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:00 pm, in the Tilford Room. Please join Jim & Diedra Kriewald and their fellow travelers for a recap of the adult pilgrimage to England the past May.



The Treasure Box opens on Wednesday, September 3rd, for the fall and winter season. Thanks to several generous donations from parishioners, we have a fine selection of quality men's and women's clothing. The Treasure Box also is a partner with the Christ Church Rummage Sale and WATTS program and contributes some donated clothing and winter wear for these events. Treasure Box volunteers will also help sort and price merchandise and contribute baked goods for the October church fundraiser. We

hope parishioners continue to keep the Treasure Box in mind for donations when moving or cleaning out closets or houses. All profits from our sales go directly back into church or community outreach programs. You are a part of this ministry as a donor, shopper, or volunteer!

New volunteers are always needed and welcome at the Treasure Box. Volunteering requires a minimum commitment of three hours per month. It is a great opportunity for new or continuing church members to connect with the community, share fellowship among women of the church, and use special creative or merchandising skills to sustain and grow this ministry. Please contact Paulette Jennis at 540-662-0436 or ptjennis@verizon.net.

From the Finance Committee

Budget:

Wow, we are still ahead of budget! Our budget for 2014 through July planned for us to be in a deficit by about \$17,300 and our actual deficit is only about \$6,000.

The table below shows current details of all budget categories.

	Jan-July Actuals	Jan-July Budget	Jan-July Actual - Budget
Total Revenues	\$311,377	\$309,875	\$1,502
Expenses			
Total Personnel	\$227,164	\$228,562	(\$1,399)
Utilities	\$17,159	\$13,880	\$3,279
Property/Maintenance	\$18,321	\$26,205	(\$7,884)
Office Expenses	\$13,198	\$13,205	(\$7)
Christian Education Expenses	\$6,795	\$8,480	(\$1,685)
Music Expenses	\$5,825	\$7,250	(\$1,425)
Worship	\$585	\$840	(\$255)
Stewardship	\$144	0	\$144
Outreach	\$25,100	\$26,200	(\$1,100)
Pastoral Care	\$432	\$475	(\$43)
Parish Life	\$963	\$1,025	(\$62)
Communications	\$1,679	\$1,010	\$669
Total Expenses	\$317,364	\$327,132	(\$9,768)
Net Total	(\$5,987)	(\$17,257)	\$11,270

Pass Through Account Challenge:

Did you read about Pass Through Accounts last month? The first five parishioners to call our book-keeper, Theresa Seitz, at 662-5843, ext. 2, and correctly explain what a Pass Through Account is will receive special recognition in next month's Angelus!

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

Course Offered

CENTER FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING ANNOUNCES “THE ILLUMINATIONS IN ART AND MUSIC OF HILDEGARD VON BINGEN, MEDIEVAL MYSTIC (1098-1179)”



Hildegard von Bingen was the Abbess for thirty years at the influential Benedictine Monastery for women in the Rhineland Valley during the 12th century. Abbess Hildegard was a formidable woman artist, poet, musician and theologian, as well as monastic administrator. She wrote seventy poems and nine books with the help of her Scribe Volmar on medicine, science, physiology and theology. She wrote a play set to music in addition to seventy-two songs. Historians have over 100 letters that she wrote to emperors and popes, archbishops, bishops and the nobility. She preached in Cathedrals and taught in churches and founded religious houses.

At the age of 42, she began to have spiritual visions that she recorded in thirty-six paintings which she called “Illuminations,” one of which is pictured in the side painting.

This CLL study, sponsored by Shenandoah University, will meet once a week for five Monday evenings to study the life, art and music of Hildegard of Bingen. The class will also consider the spirituality of creating circular, spherical, or egg-shaped formations called Mandalas for healing power and self-awareness.

The class will meet from 6:30-8:30 pm on the last Monday of September and the four Mondays in October, the classroom at SU yet to be decided.

Participants will need two books for this study. The first is a historical novel of the life of Hildegard by Mary Sharratt entitled: *Illuminations: a Novel of Hildegard von Bingen* published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012. The second book by Matthew Fox is a study of 24 of Hildegard’s vision paintings published by Bear and Company, second edition 2002. The title of the book is: *Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen*. You will find both books on Amazon.com.

Your teacher is Diedra Kriewald, Ph.D., D.D. who is Professor Emerita after teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary for thirty years. Dr. Kriewald continues to teach as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Shenandoah University. For more information contact Jo Miller at jmille3@su.edu or phone 540-665-5422.

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Parish Nurse Musings

This month, I would like to focus on adult immunizations. We have a lot of information about children's immunizations, but we forget that vaccines aren't just for kids. You should get an update on Tetanus and Diphtheria, Td, every ten years. Because Pertussis is raising its ugly head again, we need to get a Tdap which includes all three. MMR (which is measles, mumps, and rubella) is for adults born 1957 or later without documentation of being vaccinated or those vaccinated before 1968 when the measles vaccine was the inactivated version, which was later withdrawn.

Now, let us look at newer vaccines for adults. Zoster wards off shingles. This virus is in your system if you had chickenpox. The vaccine is called Zostavax. Pneumococcal wards off pneumonia or meningitis caused by a bacteria. Varicella wards off chickenpox. The vaccine is called Varivax. If you don't know which vaccines you had, see if you can get a copy of your vaccination history. Former employees may have a copy or the state's health department. Your doctor can opt for blood tests to see about your immunity. Now, remember to keep your children's vaccination records to give them when they are adults. Stay healthy! See you next month!

Your Parish Nurse, Helen

