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Rector's Message

A Busy Month Ahead...

May 2-4 -

Apple Blossom Weekend

May 8 -

Men's Fellowship Group

May 9-11 -

Parish Weekend at
Shrine Mont

May 12 -

Special Needs

10th Anniversary Service

May 15-30 -

Spring Pilgrimage to
Scotland, England

May 16-18 -

PYM 8th Grade Weekend at
Shrine Mont

May 18 -

VBS Meeting

May 24 -

DR Mission Yard Sale

Dear people of Christ Church,

If we wanted a month when we could see our worship, fellowship, service and formation all be expressed, this May is it! With Easter so far into the spring, we will be celebrating the season of Easter through May. We will be celebrating Easter at Christ Church, but also at the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration at Shrine Mont on our parish weekend. We also have Apple Blossom Weekend upon us, when we see people visiting the church or coming home to visit. Hospitality and community gathering in witness to the risen Lord is a true gift for us to celebrate!

This month is also a time of formation. We will be sending out our pilgrims to Scotland and England in the middle of May. Please remember that this is not intended to be a vacation. Vacations are to vacate and get away for rest and relaxation, which is important. However, a pilgrimage is a journey with and into the sacred. It is a wonderful chance for people to encounter the Holy in ancient places of worship and a different land. The journey allows rest, but is also exhausting with the travel and the possibility of holy transformation for the pilgrims. It is also important that we at home pray for those who are on the pilgrimage. We pray for their safety, for their ability to be open to God's transforming spirit, and for their pilgrimage to be a means by which we can be changed as we hear their stories when they return.

We also have a call to service in two ways, and both ways involve our ministry to children. The team preparing for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic is planning a yard sale and has their Bible School supply list. Your donations to the yard sale or of supplies help with the costs and materials for the trip.

At the same time, we have the opportunity to sign up to help with our Vacation Bible School here in Winchester. I cannot emphasize or encourage the whole parish enough about helping with this local ministry! Our May 18

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Rector's Message

“kickoff” is not only to register the children, but to explain and recruit adults of all ages to help with the many parts of the VBS. See the article on page 4 for more information.

All of these events in worship, fellowship, formation, and service are perfect opportunities for you to bring a friend or neighbor to join us. It is common for people to be unaware of all the ways to participate in the life of a parish past Sunday worship and maybe Sunday School. Many are not familiar with the broader experience of a Christian community in serving neighbors, journeying in faith, or considering how all of this is a part of our worship.

The season of Easter explores how transformative the resurrection was for those first disciples. That exploration of transformation is also for us to consider in our own lives. We are fortunate that we do not have to hide in a room as we seek to understand the paschal mystery. Instead, we are called by the risen Lord to go out and learn for ourselves, invite others to share in the witness, and continue the witness of God's redeeming love in our worship, fellowship, formation, and service.

Thanks be to God!



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector

Special Needs Anniversary Service

Christ Church will be hosting a very special worship opportunity on Monday, May 12, 2014 that you will not want to miss! This month marks the 10th anniversary of offering our Special Needs Service for people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and all who are interested in our community. Please plan to join us at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a service filled with singing, rhythm instruments and music, prayers, the sharing of stories, the celebration of birthdays, and the exchanging of the peace. After the service, we will join together for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Tilford Room. Whether or not you have had the opportunity to join us for one of our monthly services in the past, please join us on May 12. Rest assured that you will be surrounded by friends, new and old, as you experience an outreach of Christ Church that you won't soon forget!



From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

We began the season of Lent with the reminder, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It’s a powerfully sobering reminder that, in Creation, we were literally formed out of the dust of the Earth and that, when the time comes for each of us, we will be returned to the Earth as dust. The Great Fifty Days of Easter, for me, begins with the image of the stone being rolled away. As our eyes focus on an empty tomb, we see those little bits of dust floating in the dawning light. We see that this place for death is the place for the new beginning of a new life.

On a recent Sunday night at Youth Group, we talked about dust. When asked what they think of dust, many of the youth shared similar statements: it builds up where you haven’t cleaned; it is made up of all sorts of things; it makes you sneeze; it gathers on the ceiling fan; it’s gross! As we unpacked our instinct to see only the negative things about dust, two very wise youth said, “We are like dust; we are made up of both good and not so good things.” My friends, we are made of a holy dust. We are made of the kind of dust from which beautiful things can emerge. We know that beautiful things sometimes come out of the most unexpected places!

When the dust settled from the resurrection, the disciples were left wondering what was next. In this season of new life that comes from death, this question remains for each of us as individuals and as a community: What is the new life we are being called to; what comes next?

Resurrection and life come out of death. In Christ, new life is always, always, beginning over... and over.

“I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

Blessings,



The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector

Highlights from April’s Vestry Meeting

- Jim Kriewald presented a very thorough status (and brief history) of the organ at Christ Church. It is in need of several repairs which he detailed, including dollar estimates required to address the issues.
- The Finance Committee has made great progress in the identification and classification of the 41 funds that exist at Christ Church. They are currently compiling verbiage to make recommendations for some of the inactive funds reallocation in accordance with any restrictions on the account.
- Planned Giving was discussed and an initiative is underway to increase awareness throughout the parish community.
- The Vestry approved allocations from the Marie Cooper fund to support the Laurel Center, WATTS, Stop Hunger Now and Ashley’s work in Haiti to create materials that make teaching music in Creole possible.

Christian Formation

Vacation Bible School

A long tradition of ministry and outreach to the children of Winchester

When this summer's Vacation Bible School opens on July 7th, it will be the product of two parishes working together, as it has been for a number of years. Christ Church is always happy to partner with our neighbor, Grace Lutheran, to offer this ministry and outreach to the children of Winchester and the surrounding area.

Each summer, more than 250 children attend the weeklong Vacation Bible School, which is held on Grace Lutheran's campus. These children range in age from two to current 6th graders. More than half of the children attending are not affiliated with either Christ Church or Grace Lutheran. For some of these children, VBS is their first exposure to the Gospel's message.

For this ministry to be a success, many hands from both parishes are needed. There are many ways to help, before VBS begins and during the week. Beforehand, we need help to cut things out, build props, sort supplies, and more. During VBS, we need volunteers to help with registration in the mornings, help fix snacks, lead outdoor games, or just be on hand to help wherever needed.

Teachers and assistant teachers from Christ Church are needed. All materials and instruction guides are provided. Parents, grandparents, and anyone who enjoys children are welcome as teachers! Youth finishing 7th grade this spring and older are welcome as assistants. While VBS runs from 9:00 am until Noon, teachers do not have their class for three hours straight; the children rotate through music, game time, and snack with other adults in charge.

Join us on Sunday, May 18th, to see what we do and how you can help. We will meet in the Commons area. Contact Margery Wingebach at 540-667-0386 for more information.



Vacation Bible School July 7-11, 2014



Come explore how God loves all of us as unique in looks, personalities, and talents as we all are. Have an amazing good time July 7-11th as we invite everyone in the community to join us as we share stories, music, food, and fun from 9:00 am to Noon each morning. Registration begins May 11! Pick up your registration form in Sunday School or register on the church website—www.ChristChurchWinchester.org.



Note: The last meeting for Sunday School classes is June 1st.

Christian Formation

Sunday Adult Forum—Parish in Pilgrimage

“Christ Episcopal Church – part of the Anglican Communion since our establishment in 1744”

As members of the parish go on pilgrimage to Scotland and England, we will look at this peculiar family history of kings, queens, revolutions, and empires. Better than an episode of Game of Thrones, this is where our ancestors came from! Please join us for a cup of coffee and conversation in the Tilford Room beginning at 9:30 am.

We will join in this conversation from the end of April until the end of May. We will not meet on May 11th because of Parish Weekend.



Daytime Adult Faith Study

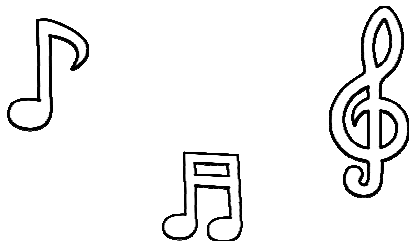
For our daytime adult faith study, we are working with Marcus Borg's DVD and study guide called, "Embracing an Adult Faith." The next two conversations will explore our faith and ways we use the word "salvation."

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parlors of the Old Rectory. (Meetings this month are May 8th and 22nd.) All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Webster at the church office (540-662-5843).

Music News

Cantamus & Alleluia Singers

- Have finished for the season. Enjoy the summer!



Alleluia Ringers

- Will play for worship on May 18 with Gloria Ringers. This will end the bell season.
- Rehearsals will be every Sunday at 5:00 pm except May 11.
- There will be an additional rehearsal on Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary with Gloria Ringers.

Gloria Ringers

- Will play for worship on May 18 with Alleluia Ringers. This will end the bell season.
- Rehearsals will be every Thursday at 7:00 pm except on May 1 (Apple Blossom).
- There will be an additional rehearsal on Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary with Gloria Ringers.

Christian Formation

A Review of the Film *Noah* by Diedra Kriewald

Noah is an interesting movie. The film is attracting large crowds, partially because the director is known for edgy, beautifully produced films, such as *Black Swan*, and some are viewing the film because of its biblical content. The verdict is coming in from the Evangelical front with very angry reactions, while more artistic critics are responding well to this newest telling of the ancient tale.

The film is **not** a conservative, sugary biblical epic. The filmmaker takes an ecological approach to the ancient flood story: The cataclysmic flood event promises to provide new beginning for a world torched, destroyed and desecrated by our very ancient human ancestors. The land will be cleansed by the water, made beautiful, and vitally alive once more.

The filmmakers have added to the biblical story the concept of the "Watchers." The "Watchers" may be a distraction for many contemporary viewers who claim that these creatures are not biblical. Actually, I think these mythic creatures probably were derived by the screenwriter from a biblical text that just precedes the flood epic in Genesis 6:1-4. In this mythic passage in Genesis, divine beings called the "sons of God" desired and cohabitated with lovely human women who birthed demi-god/humans. The film writers assume that these "sons of god" were terrible mentors for humanity. God punishes the incestuous spiritual male-spirits by banishing them from heaven. Their children become the Nephilim – translated as "giants" or "warriors of great statures" (Numbers 13:32-33).

In the film, Noah is fixated on "justice" for the earth, and believes that the directive from God indicates that all human beings on earth should die at the end of the flood. The Scripture text in Genesis 6:7 reads, "So the LORD said, 'I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created – people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air.'" Some are saved, however, and the birds, creeping things, and animals come to the ark.

The creators of this film are aware that there are actually TWO very different flood stories from very different traditions that are interwoven together in Genesis. The earliest version uses the name YHWH (translated LORD), the flood waters came for 40 days and 40 nights, and the animals arrived in seven pairs of clean animals, only one pair of unclean animals, and seven pairs of birds (Genesis 7:1-5). In the later Priestly account, where the common name "God" is always used in the text, the animals come in two by two, and the flood lasts a year (Genesis 6:17-22). The two different writings of the story are so artfully woven together that many Christians simply skip over the inconsistencies. The film handles the difference by bringing in such large groups, it is hard to tell how many varieties are present.

When the flood appears to be over, Noah informed the film family that they will need to commit murder-suicide to fulfill God's purpose to get rid of human life forever. Noah is a literalist. His wife, however, is not a literalist and does not believe that God intends the family to die. "Why is killing your grandchildren 'just'?" the wife asks Noah. Noah relents. The wife (and probably God) win the argument.

In the biblical story, the three sons of Noah are grown up and married. The screenwriter takes liberties in the film in order to add a human and romantic interest. The change in the age of the sons necessitates that the giant "Watchers" are needed to help build and defend the ark (which was actually built for the movie in biblical specs). Ultimately, the sacrifice of the "Watchers," who help save the family and the animals, cleanses them from their earlier crime. God forgives the "Watchers" and they are lifted back to "heaven" -- a mythic statement by the screenwriters of reconciliation in the spiritual realm, as well as in the human world through ac-

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Worship

Contemplative Prayer at Christ Church

There's a new group meeting at Christ Church—the Contemplative Prayer group. Each Saturday, the small group meets at 9:00 am in the Pilgrim's Chapel. Between four and nine people attend weekly.

The sessions are a Benedictine form of prayer. The format includes one session of Centering Prayer and one Lectio Divina. After a brief introductory prayer or statement that sets the tone, there is 20 minutes of Centering Prayer (bell rings 3X at beginning and end). Then, the Leader (only) says the Lord's Prayer and then passes out printouts of the scripture for Lectio Divina (usually taken from one of the readings for the upcoming Sunday). The Leader reads passage twice with brief pause between readings and the group shares what word or passage caught their attention (sharing is always voluntary); this is brief. A second reader now reads the passage. Group members share what the word or passage that struck them is saying (again, just a brief statement) A third reader reads the passage and people share what they think the passage means to them—how they feel called to live out the passage during the following week. Then, there is 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. The Leader asks for "intentions"--people for whom they would like intercessory prayer. Leader begins the intercessory prayer, but others can join in. Leader closes with brief prayer.

Parishioner Carole Ann King brought the idea for Contemplative Prayer at Christ Church to Webster shortly after joining the parish last year. Carole Ann and her husband, Tom, moved to Winchester from New Jersey.

Parishioner Alice Lees, co-leader of the group with Carole Ann, explains that centering is “about listening and being silent with God.” The Lectio Divina part of the meeting allows for sharing in a small group. “It’s not academic, like a Bible study,” she says.

Alice, who is an artist, has found that her drawings and watercolors made during contemplative prayer are serving as a foundation for her mosaic work, which is more overtly Christian than some of her previous work. They reference Bible stories and experiences in prayer.

Alice has a studio in Winchester and you can learn more about her art at www.alicelees.com.

The Contemplative Prayer group will not meet May 3rd or May 10th, but please consider joining them on May 17th to experience this special form of prayer.

tions taken in the Great Flood.

There is no happy ending for the human family. In true biblical fashion, the finale points to the ambiguity in our lives. Noah is still confused about whether he truly accomplished God's will. Noah plants a vineyard (Genesis 9:20) and gets so drunk that he divests himself of clothes, and must be covered up by his sons. The estranged son, Ham, leaves the family on his own journey, perhaps to find a wife from another family in Canaan who also survived the great Mesopotamian flood. Noah was seeking “justice” for the earth. We are aware as the movie ends that “justice” is a frail virtue. Thousands of years later, a logging company in Washington State cleared trees from a forest near a cliff. When the ground was saturated with water from excess rain, then tons of mud and stone slid down unnoticed onto the small town of Oso. There were few survivors, and no “Watchers.”

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 Handbell Choir	Thurs: 7:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Knit Unto Others	1st Mon: 7:00 pm 3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Liturgical Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Men's Fellowship	2nd Thurs: 7:00 pm
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
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 am
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm
Youth Handbells	Sun: 5:00 pm

May

- 2-4 Apple Blossom Weekend
- 8 Men's Fellowship at 7:00 pm
- 9-11 Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont
- 12 Special Needs 10th Anniversary Service
- 15-30 Spring Pilgrimage to Scotland, England
- 16-18 PYM 8th Grade Weekend at Shrine Mont
- 18 VBS Meeting
- 24 DR Mission Team Yard Sale

June 1—Last meeting for Sunday School classes!



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.

May Birthdays

- 2 Anne Drury, Pam McKinley, Katy Wiley,
Cameron Richard
- 3 Jo Pilette
- 4 Karen Jagiello
- 6 Jane Troup
- 7 Wayne McKinley
- 8 Victoria White, Jackson Stock
- 9 Blake Armstrong
- 11 James Northrup, Ted Gronauer
- 12 Jennifer Groves
- 13 Teresa Jacobsen
- 14 Liz Lindon, Josh Waldie, Simon Barton
- 15 Allison Schain, Kathryn Ellington
- 16 Emily Whitehorne, Bill Jones, Bob Read,
Patrick Northrup
- 18 Tom Larsen, Zoe Conrad
- 19 Linda Russell, Ryan Hinkle
- 21 Susan McGilvray
- 22 Jack Applin, Cole Jones-Purdy
- 24 Wilborn Roberson, Sam Harper
- 25 Jennifer Burns, Carter Lawson,
Elizabeth Preston
- 26 Kay Wise, Greg Jacobson, Lacie Harper,
Jessica Pennypacker, Jake Rowan
- 27 Sara Bicking, Tim Waldie, Ben Gloster
- 28 Alix Cooper, Anne Katherine Burns
- 29 Bill Drury, Walt McIntosh, Chase Richard,
Elizabeth Mislowsky, Emily Mislowsky,
William Walsh, Maggie Martin
- 30 Fenton Babcock
- 31 Stephen Gregory



Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Glen and Paula Opheim
- 13 Bob and Mary Lauer
- 14 Rob and Trish Boyd
- 18 Dan and Jody Wall
- 19 Gerald and Cheryl Crowell
- 24 Michael and Janie Mohn
- 25 Charles and Joyce Casey
- 26 Richard and Melanie Lewis



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.

Graduating this spring?



Please let us know!

We would like to recognize high school and college graduates in June. Please email communications@christchurchwinchester.org or call the church office (540-662-5843) with graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and where they are heading!

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

Outreach

DR Mission Team 2014

One of the first tasks for the Mission Team was writing our prayer for the mission. This is a prayer for all of us to pray while the mission team is traveling - for everyone in the parish to pray, not just those on the trip. There is nothing more important to the team than knowing we are being held in prayer, especially as we get nervous, anxious, and perhaps even flustered with this type of ministry!

Here is the prayer we ask all to pray:

Dear Lord of Missions: Be with us, travelers and supporters, as we engage in our call to mission to the Dominican Republic. Help us to be mindful of the oneness in Christ as we set out to spread Your love to many people, especially the children in Bani. Guide us as we try to show ways to preserve our world through our Bible School ministry and our everyday actions. Be our companion, guide and protector on this journey, and grant us the strength to be successful in our service to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

This is the DR Mission Team 2014 that will travel to Bani this June:



Allison Schain



Ann Taylor



Debra Shows



Evelyn Gibson



George Gibson



Kathryn Schain



Katy Schain



Kevin Lonabaugh



Mary Margaret
Applin



Rebecca Gibson



Rosa Gibson



Tom Ellington



Webster Gibson

Outreach

DR Mission Trip 2014

The team of thirteen people is preparing to go to the DR from Sunday, June 22nd, through Tuesday, July 1st. We will host the vacation Bible school (VBS) in Bani at the Church of the Transfiguration. We need your help through prayer, donations of supplies, and monetary support.

Supplies

We will be carrying our craft supplies to the DR with us. We would appreciate donations of the following:

- Crayola crayons – size 24 pack
- Fiskars scissors for children
- colorful yarn
- crepe paper streamers in all colors
- colorful popsicle sticks
- coffee filters (basket)
- hole punchers
- foam decorative stickers, any shape
- thin sheets of craft foam
- straight straws
- basic plain white paper plates (9 inch)
- sidewalk chalk
- colored tissue paper
- paper or cardboard egg cartons
- colorful pipe cleaners
- construction paper
- earth tone colored cardstock paper
- self-adhesive wiggle eyes
- glue sticks
- plain white paper cups (10 oz-12 oz)
- rubber bands in all colors
- Sharpies
- clothes pins
- wax paper
- color design duct tape
- fruit bag netting

There is a display in the front lobby of the Parish Hall where you can see the crafts and leave supplies.

Financial Support

One of our team members said she was surprised to learn that the mission trip costs about \$20,000. This includes travel, room, board, and other unexpected costs associated with the VBS programs. Thank you for the support through the Marie Cooper Fund, Outreach Committee, those helping with the Apple Blossom chairs, and the ongoing support for other events in May, including the yard sale...



CHECK OUT OUR YARD SALE!

8:00 AM—2:00 PM ON SATURDAY, MAY 24TH
110 S. STEWART STREET

If you can donate items for the sale,
the Dominican Republic Mission Team welcomes donations!
(no clothes or books, please)

Please come by the sale and browse and buy.
Cookies and lemonade will be available. Bring friends!

If you have a donation or a question, please call Mary Margaret Applin
at 540-723-6657 or email jmapplin@verizon.net.

Outreach

Stop Hunger Now 2014

On Saturday, April 26th, we had a great turnout for our annual Stop Hunger Now food packing day. Here is a glimpse of the fun/work in progress!



CCAP Collection for May: Baby Food

So many of CCAP's clientele are families with small children and babies. The cost of **jarred baby food** really adds up, and these families rely on CCAP to help feed their little ones. With your generous donations of jarred baby food, Christ Church can make a big difference in CCAP's supply! During the month of May, please place any jarred baby food donations on the bench in the foyer of the Tilford Room. Feel free to look for Ann McQuinn (annmcquinn@icloud.com) or Ann Taylor (703-622-7059) at coffee hour, and they will gladly receive any donations. For more information about CCAP, please visit www.ccapwinc.org. Ann McQuinn is happy to give tours of CCAP as well. Thank you for your continued support of CCAP. Your generosity truly makes a difference for our neighbors in need!

From the Finance Committee

We are still behind budget! In last month's Angelus, it was reported that we were behind budget by \$3,853 and that, through February, expenses were under budget by about \$4,000, while revenues were under budget by about \$9,000.

The table below shows that those under budget values have not changed much through March. Revenues are still under by about \$9,000 and expenses are now under by about \$5,700.

	Jan - Mar Actuals	Jan - Mar Budget		Jan - Mar Budget
Total Revenues	\$131,658.64	\$140,625.00		\$(8,966.36)
Expenses				
Total Personnel	\$97,154.67	\$97,744.22		\$(589.55)
Utilities	\$10,240.04	\$7,540.00		\$2,700.04
Property/Maintenance	\$5,944.65	\$11,945.00		\$(6,000.35)
Office Expenses	\$6,207.92	\$6,278.00		\$(70.08)
Christian Education Expenses	\$883.34	\$1,300.00		\$(416.66)
Music Expenses	\$1,077.50	\$1,975.00		\$(897.50)
Worship	\$326.09	\$395.00		\$(68.91)
Stewardship	\$69.13	\$-		\$69.13
Outreach	\$11,250.00	\$11,750.00		\$(500.00)
Pastoral Care	\$-	\$-		\$-
Parish Life	\$586.27	\$475.00		\$111.27
Communications	\$382.54	\$455.00		\$(72.46)
Total Expenses	\$134,122.15	\$139,857.22		\$(5,735.07)
Net Total	\$(2,463.51)	\$767.78		\$(3,231.29)

Specifically, revenue is down by about \$1000 in Unpledged and about \$8000 in Pledged. We are hoping the Quarterly Statements sent out in late March will act as a reminder to catch up on pledges!



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

Parish News

From the Properties Committee



The Properties Committee sends a big thank you to those who came to help with our spring “Keep Day.” We appreciate the help getting the windows cleaned and the church yard cleaned up. While Keep Day is the clean up day, this year required additional wear and tear on the knees as we worked on leveling up areas of the brick sidewalk. It’s all ready for Apple Blossom parade viewing!

Per the charge of the Vestry, the Properties Committee continues to make sure that the parish is being good stewards of our facilities. As the work is completed on the inside of the Smith Building, the outside area is next. The Committee is in the process of working with reputable brick masons and securing bids for the extensive pointing work to be done on the exterior wall of the Smith Building.

The Men's Fellowship Group presents our own Joan Claybrook and Dr. James Laster for an encore performance of their play, "From Broadway With Love," at the Men's Fellowship on Thursday, May 8th, at 7:00 pm, in the Tilford Room. Any one in the parish interested in the production may attend!

Parish News

Register for Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont



*Here in this place
the new light is shining*

Register now! Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont is May 9-11, 2014—Mother's Day weekend. Brochures with registration forms are now available online at www.ChristChurchWinchester.org. Or, call the church office at 540-662-5843.

If you are not able to join us for the whole weekend, consider coming for the service on Sunday morning and lunch after. Please call the church office for details.

To learn more about Shrine Mont, visit www.shrinemont.com.

Shrine Mont Summer Camps

Shrine Mont hosts a number of summer camps sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia. Brochures with the rates are available in the Tilford Room. Sessions for the older youth fill up quickly, so be sure to register early. For information, questions, or a Summer Camps brochure, please talk to one of the clergy or contact the Diocesan Program Office:

By Email: contact Meg Schwarz (mschwarz@thediocese.net)

By Web: shrinemontcamps.net

By Phone: 1-800-DIOCESE or 804-643-8451, x1043

Scholarship assistance is available through the Diocese and Christ Church. Please call the church office (540-662-5843) with any questions!

News from the Treasure Box

This year, the Treasure Box is commemorating fifty-five years of continuing outreach ministry. Revenues from sales of donated clothing, jewelry, household decor, books, and DVDs are given to programs within the church and the community serving the neediest individuals of all ages. We estimate charitable giving of nearly \$1M from this ministry over the years.

We invite all parishioners to consider donating to the Treasure Box when de-cluttering, downsizing, and relocating older relatives. Having quality merchandise is essential to our ongoing success, especially as the economy changes and we face increased competition from the growth of other non-profit and for profit consignment and thrift shops. Donations are gratefully accepted during open hours (Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am—4:00 pm). The Treasure Box telephone number is 540-662-2453. For other questions or inquiries, please contact Paulette Jennis at 540-662-0436.



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Parish Nurse Musings



May in Winchester is about Apple Blossom and all the festivities! If you have little children, please spend some time talking to them about being in crowds. Plan to color-coordinate so they know how to find you and you can find them. Have a rule that they will always stay close enough to you so that they can see your face.

I talked last month about not asking the prayer chain people what is wrong with people on our list. These concerns have to do with HIPPA, which requires people not to talk about others' conditions. Now, I would like to ask those who submit names to the prayer list to keep the prayer chain updated. Prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated. Please check over the prayer list, or in the case of the quiet list, remember who you put on it. If there is someone that you put on one of the lists that is doing better and can be prayed for in thanksgiving for continuing or full recovery, please contact Cathie Russell (cathie.russell@gmail.com) for the published list, Kay Keely (kcceely@comcast.net) for the quiet list, or you can contact me (1pnbutterfly@comcast.net) for either list. If someone was on the quiet list, we will not give thanksgiving for recovery unless you ask us to do so. Thanks for your help!

See you in church,

Helen Zebarth, Your Parish Nurse