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Dear People of Christ Church,

As things continue to move and shift heading into the fall with worship, weather and community life, I have had some great questions from you which I hope I can answer to clear up any confusion. The most obvious one recently is our Sunday worship. First of all, there will always be a livestreamed service on Sunday morning. No matter what is going on with our number and times of worship services at the church, the practice of live streaming which we currently have for the 10:00 am service will always be done on Sunday mornings. While I would never have imagined that I would be part of the church community to have the live-streaming service ministry start, we now have it. I use the term "ministry" with live-streaming because it is a new ministry involving technology and future training of parishioners to help us have this ministry available to our community during the current pandemic and for those who may not be able to attend for other reasons in the future. So as we add or remove Sunday services over the next few months, please know the live-stream service will be there.

With our current service structure, I have been asked about time and locations. I will start with our locations. Currently, we have the morning services indoors with and evening service outdoors to address concerns with indoor and outdoor worship. The outdoor service is for anyone who does not feel comfortable with worshiping indoors. Martin and I will continue to provide an outdoor service as long as we can. As the weather gets colder, we may move it to an earlier and warmer time of the day, and as long as people come, we will be there.

There are two items with our indoor worship to address. Our times for the services are currently structured to allow for our wonderful ushers and hygiene crews to disinfect between the service. We have also built in a process of setting up another service if our current limit of attendance becomes an issue in the future. However, we are at a place that works for people, so we will keep our current services as scheduled. The other part of our indoor worship is keeping our time in the space at around 40-45 minutes. While we are fortunate to have a fresh-air exchange handler in our new heat and a/c system, and windows if needed, we still work on keeping service time as we currently have it. While we miss singing and the large gathering, without those, it is easy to keep the service times where they are. The masking, hand sanitizing and other hygiene practices also help keep all of us safe.

As we move into November, the only thing which the Vestry and I can say about holiday services and worship is that we do not know. We are looking at a variety of creative ways to perhaps do our worship, but we have no idea. How long we will have indoor services is also an unknown. We ask that everyone continue to keep safe, stay home when you need, and use safe practices when you go out. Working together to keep each other safe and healthy helps us to be in worship together longer. If there are any changes to this, we will let you know.

Please continue to keep one another in prayer, communicate with your wonderful church staff when you have questions or need help, and be safe.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector  
[rector@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:rector@christchurchwinchester.org)



## From the Clergy

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the many new things Webster and I have been doing this fall has been filming videos for children's formation, along with Margery and many of our Sunday School teachers and Children's Chapel leaders. Since we can't do in-person Sunday School at the moment, this is an opportunity for us to connect with kids and families, and talk about some of the basics of faith - prayer, worship, the stories of the Bible. We heard recently that kids weren't the only ones watching them, and that many of the grownups of Christ Church were enjoying them too! It's a good thing to know, and it reminded me that none of us are ever too old to go back to the beginning in our lives of faith.

In many ways, the whole experience of the last six months has felt like we're all constantly going back to the beginning, and learning about our faith all over again. The disruption we've all experienced in all areas of our life, including the life of the church, has put us all in the position of having to learn how to do things in new ways, and to relearn things we knew before. As we have begun to have in-person services again in the last few months, I'm sure I'm not the only person who has had to remember what we do in church services, and what they are for.

So I think one of the best things all of us can do as we live out our lives of faith is to embrace that need to go back to the basics, to relearn and reflect on the elements that make up our faith. That might look like going back to prayers like the Lord's Prayer, or the Confession, or the prayers of the Daily Office. It might look like going back to parts of the Bible you learned as a child, and reading them with new eyes. It might look like praying your favorite Psalm every day, or singing favorite hymns.

These are practices that can offer us comfort as we deal with the continuing disruption and anxiety of a pandemic, but they can do more than that. The basic practices of faith, particularly prayer and spending time with Scripture, help ground us in God's presence, and make us more aware of how God is acting in our lives. This is both a source of comfort, and a spur to action. It makes us aware of how we can live our lives closer to God's purposes, and how we can shape our lives to be more like Jesus.

Jesus reminds his disciples in Mark 13:15 that "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." I think that returning, again and again, to the basics of our faith, to the things we learned as children, can help remind us of that. It can remind us that with God, there is always more to learn, more ways to grow, as we learn to receive God's Kingdom in our lives.

Faithfully,



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**Join Martin for Evening Prayer on  
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom.  
Email or call Martin for instructions  
on how to log in.**

# Christian Formation

## Children's Time

Be sure to click on the link on the church website ([christchurchwinchester.org](http://christchurchwinchester.org)) to see our presentation each week. We are alternating Sundays between Webster and Martin leading a session on why we do what we do in worship/church and an Old Testament story presented by one of our teachers or Children's Chapel leaders. The stories are chosen for their demonstration of our fall theme: God is with us always and we can always trust in him no matter what comes. Each week begins with our praying the Lord's Prayer together and concludes with a prayer of thanksgiving. Suggestions for simple activities accompany each story.

You don't have to be a child to participate! Hearing great stories always gives us something to think about even if we have heard them many times before.

## From the Outreach Committee

### Collecting Items for CCAP's Thanksgiving Giveaway

The holidays are approaching quickly and CCAP will do all they can again this year to provide dinner for local families in need. They are asking for our help during October collecting items for Thanksgiving dinner. Please shop the items on the list below and leave them on the CCAP shelves in the foyer of the Parish Hall on Wednesdays in October between 9:00 am and noon. **There will also be a basket in the entrance of the church for donations on Sundays.** We will take the donations to CCAP on November 11. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, turkey breast, or gift cards, please contact Jim Taylor at 703-403-5264 or Ann Taylor at 703-622-7059 to meet you at the Parish Hall. Do not leave any frozen items on the shelves!

CCAP needs volunteers on weekdays between 8:30 am and 2:00 pm. Ask Jim Taylor (703-403-5264) if you are interested in helping! Volunteers are also needed for the dinners at the Winchester Rescue Mission. Please contact Martin (540-662-5843, Ext. 2) if you'd like to help there. The Outreach Committee is grateful for your help!

#### CCAP Thanksgiving Donation List

- Frozen turkeys (Call Jim!)
- Disposable aluminum roasting pans
- Cans of gravy
- Boxes of mashed or scalloped potatoes, stuffing
- Canned sweet potatoes/yams
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned fruit
- Boxed desserts (Jello, brownies, puddings)
- Cake mixes and frosting
- Marshmallows
- Gift cards for groceries (Martins, Aldi, Sharp Shopper, Walmart)



# From the Stewardship Committee

## Annual Giving for 2021

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.* 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (NRSV)

Paul's description here of the church as the body of Christ is a reminder to us that all of our worship, formation, outreach, pastoral care, and parish life have the same focus - Jesus Christ. No one ministry is more important than the other. And all of our giving impacts all areas of ministry, not just one ministry in particular. Paul wrote this reminder to the early church of the first century to remind them that each person and each gift is a part of the body of Christ. Our need to remember that same lesson is nothing new. All of us are members of the body of Christ.

As we have talked about stewardship and annual giving in this strange year, we choose to focus on helping the parish understand that giving to God through the church is not just to support a particular program or staff member, but rather to support the work of the WHOLE church, the body of Christ as Paul calls it. Some points of confusion are that staff are not administration or overhead, and costs for materials, facilities, and resources are not the only thing our parish giving supports. Instead, the staff, materials, facilities all work together to make all of our ministries happen. To highlight this connection, we took our pre-Covid 2020 budget and broke it down into the main areas of parish ministries in a pie graph. This includes the percentage of time our staff gives to support them, as well as facility and material costs. See the pie chart on the right.

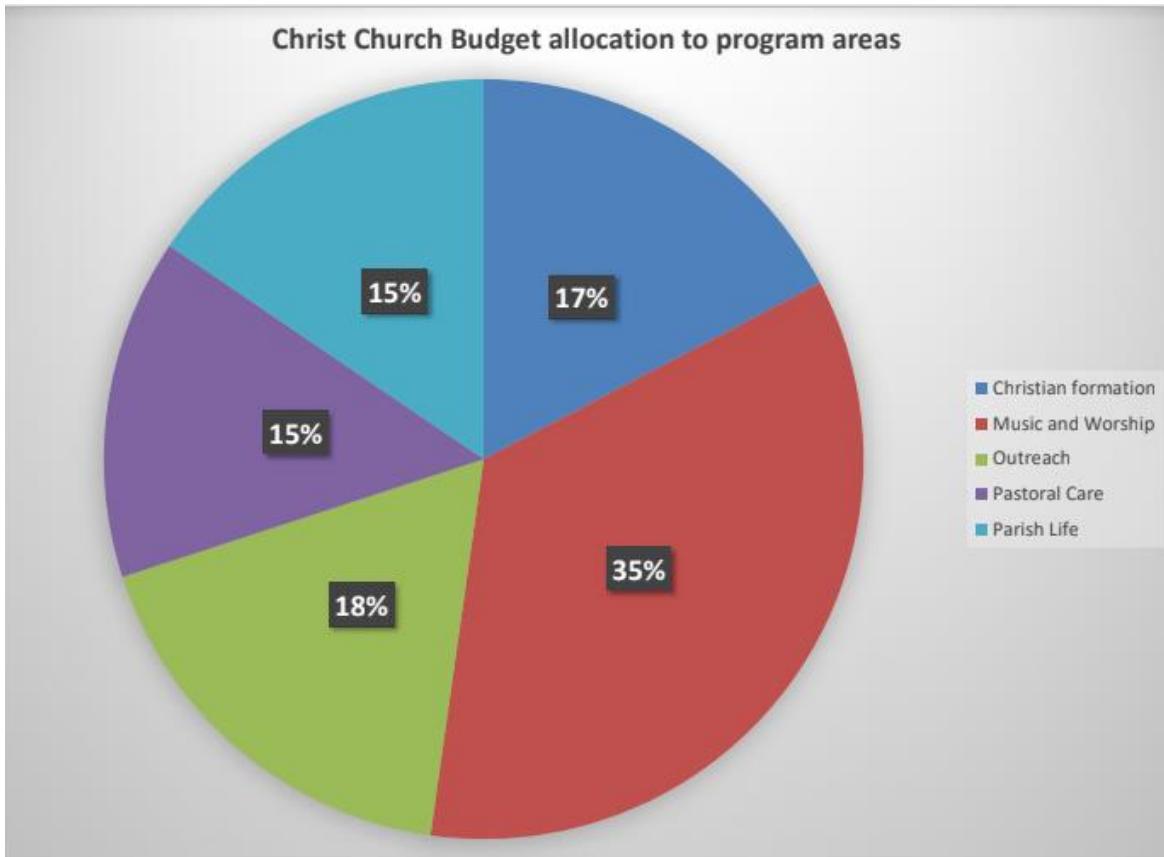
Through this difficult time, we have been fortunate to have staff and parishioners alike find ways to have our ministries continue in creative ways, new ways, and sometimes unexpected ways for which we are so grateful. We have seen that our communal life can be challenged in unexpected ways such as during a pandemic. But we have also seen how we can be the witnesses of Christ to the world as a community in new ways. As we look to our future with our hopeful return to communal life in 2021, we will continue to serve our Lord through our giving of ourselves in the life of Christ Church.

As we talk about stewardship at Christ Church this fall, you see videos of parishioners sharing stories. And as we "gather" in worship in small groups or online, and as we take this journey of Christian witness through this particular time, we, your stewardship committee, are grateful for what you give to make our parish family serve as the one body of Christ.

The slices of the pie give a glimpse of ways we serve, but it is only as a WHOLE pie that the pieces fully show Christ Church as a community of faith making the love of Christ known. Thank you for your support and generosity.

The Stewardship Committee

## From the Stewardship Committee



Gil & Marge Kesser, members of Christ Church since 2004, participate in many of the parts that make the whole church. Gil is active with the choir, is an usher in the summer, and participates in Bible study groups. Marge has been a volunteer with the Treasure Box. Together, they participate in many outreach projects and many parish life events.

*"Considering all the assets which are available at Christ Church, the facilities, the talented and welcoming people, the leadership of the clergy and vestry, and the opportunities for spiritual growth through Sunday forums and special classes, we feel Christ Church is trying to fulfill our Lord's commission here in Winchester and the world at large."*



# Church Calendar

## Sundays @ Christ Church

8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
In-person in the Church  
Reservations Required

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Livestream  
See [www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org) for link.

11:00 am Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom

5:00 pm Evening Prayer  
In-person in the Courtyard  
Reservations Required

## Committee & Group Meetings

Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Online Bible Study	Wed: 10:00 am
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Men's Fellowship	2nd Sat: 7:30 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Lunch Group	1st Thurs: 11:30 am
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Book Studies	Tues: 10:30 - Noon Thurs: 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
Youth Group	2nd/4th Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm



**October 2020**

**Most committees are meeting virtually. Other groups are not meeting still.**

Please watch for announcements via email, website, Facebook, or church bulletin as services, meetings, and events begin to resume at Christ Church.

Many committees and groups are meeting using Zoom online. Please check with your group to see if they have anything scheduled!



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**

# Church Calendar

## October Birthdays

2	James Baden
3	Elena Conrad
4	Patricia Barnes, Martha Roberson
5	Gwynne Koonce
6	Deanna Pifer
7	Steve Johnston
8	Rosemary Swope, Pam Kennedy, Dan Gloster
9	Loretta Johnston
10	Pam DeBergh
14	Margaret Kesser
15	Jean Trumbore
16	Dick Arculin
17	Mary Beth Compton
18	Pat Riley
19	Robert Riggs
20	Katy Schain, John Wiedower
21	Megan Conlon
22	John Applin
26	Tom King
28	Cathie Waldie
29	Judy Whiting
31	Amy Stock, Frank Armstrong III, Sue Jarvis

## October Anniversaries

1	Bill & Maria Tedesco
7	Ned & Amy Stock
8	Dennis & Debra Shows
14	Bill & Sue Jarvis
18	Frank & Barbara Rupert
27	Robert & Marrea Riggs

CELEBRATE!



### 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.

# From the Treasurer

## 2020 Vision: Heading into Fall

The good news:

- Two of the three revenue categories are better than budget and total revenues are better than budget.
- Eleven of the twelve expense categories are better than budget, and total expenses are better than budget.
- In total, we are almost \$45,000 better than budget for the year.

The bad news? Expenses year-to-date still exceed revenues by over \$35,000. The table shows year-to-date results through August by revenue and expense category:

Year-to-Date through August 2020	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues			
Pledged	\$310,593.89	\$287,800.00	\$22,793.89
Unpledged	\$30,249.50	\$24,200.00	\$6,049.50
All Other Revenues	\$7,041.34	\$9,500.00	(\$2,458.66)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$347,884.73</b>	<b>\$321,500.00</b>	<b>\$26,384.73</b>
Expenses			
Personnel	\$288,292.00	\$290,650.72	(\$2,358.72)
Utilities	\$15,892.38	\$19,540.00	(\$3,647.62)
Property/Maintenance	\$30,387.39	\$29,695.00	\$692.39
Office Expenses	\$13,937.86	\$16,044.00	(\$2,106.14)
Christian Education Expenses	\$6,259.00	\$8,400.00	(\$2,141.00)
Music Expenses	\$417.80	\$6,040.00	(\$5,622.20)
Worship	\$879.46	\$1,025.00	(\$145.54)
Stewardship	\$77.75	\$150.00	(\$72.25)
Outreach	\$25,259.00	\$27,100.00	(\$1,841.00)
Pastoral Care	\$61.00	\$480.00	(\$419.00)
Parish Life	\$386.90	\$1,285.00	(\$898.10)
Communications	\$1,158.78	\$1,190.00	(\$31.22)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$383,009.32</b>	<b>\$401,599.72</b>	<b>(\$18,590.40)</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$35,124.59)</b>	<b>(\$80,099.72)</b>	<b>\$44,975.13</b>

## From the Treasurer

### Revenues:

- Total revenue received in August was just \$27,950, which was about \$5,700 under the budget plan of \$33,640.
- Pledged revenue is still ahead of budget, now by about \$22,800, due to early donations and some donors paying their full year pledge earlier than normal.
- These “early” donations were the result of requests in the first quarter to help the church with its cash flow problem as Covid-19 caused in-person services to be cancelled.
- Unpledged is still ahead of budget, now by about \$6,000.
- All other revenue is lower than budget, now by about \$2,500, due primarily to no building use revenue during the pandemic.

### Expenses:

- Total expenses in August were about \$49,800, which was about \$3,100 higher than budget for the month.
- Only the Property/Maintenance category is over budget year to date. This is primarily due to painting, and other fix-up/clean-up activities that have been completed while all the facilities have seen very limited occupancy.



### *Donate by check*

Mail to:  
Christ Church  
114 W. Boscawen St.  
Winchester, VA 22601

# Parish News

## Organ Recital Planned



Stay tuned-in to our YouTube Channel for the Big, Bad, and Beautiful Masterworks organ recital. Our organist, Ted Dix, will be presenting works by Buxtehude, Burkhardt, Barber, and Mendelssohn. This will be the second in our virtual organ recital series. Watch for details on the premiere soon!



## Rummage Sale News

Christ Church will not hold the annual ABC Rummage Sale this fall, in what would have been its 9th year. Following guidelines in place in the diocese and considering the age/risk of the dedicated rummage sale volunteer corps, the Vestry has canceled the sale for 2020. Additionally, donations will not be accepted through the remainder of the year.

The Vestry thanks Chris and Melissa Ferguson for their tireless dedication to this annual event at Christ Church. Looking ahead to 2021, Vestry representatives Teresa Jacobsen and Martha Roberson will work with Chris and the rummage sale leadership on re-imagining the sale as we move forward.



# Parish News

## Flu Shots Available

The parish nurses are offering flu shots for parishioners beginning on Sunday, October 4. Shots will be given by appointment after each service on Sunday. If we still have vaccines available, they will also offer shots on Sunday, October 11. Please visit the website ([www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org)) to sign up for an appointment. If you would like to arrange an alternate time for a flu shot, please email Helen Zebarth ([1pnbutterfly@comcast.net](mailto:1pnbutterfly@comcast.net)).

Shots will be \$18 this year. No flu shots will be given to anyone exhibiting cold or flu symptoms. Flu shots are recommended for everyone over 5. Please check with your OB-GYN if you are pregnant and would like to get a flu shot.

Shots will be given by the nurses in the Parish Hall on Sunday. Please remain seated in the church at the end of the service prior to your vaccine appointment, and a nurse will come into the church to escort you to the Parish Hall.



## Voting Season

Some of you have asked if Christ Church will still be a polling place for the election on November 3, 2020. We will! Folks who live in the first ward of Winchester will be able to vote in person in the parish hall, as usual, but with many precautions for health and safety, for the upcoming election. Polls are open 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Both Winchester and Frederick County also offer early voting at their election offices in Winchester. You do not have to have a reason or to fill out an application to vote early. Accessible voting equipment and/or curbside voting is available upon request.

Vote-by-mail is also an option for everyone. Friday, October 23, 2020 is the last day to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in the November election.

For more information about voting, please see [www.winchesterva.gov/vote](http://www.winchesterva.gov/vote) for city residents and [www.fcva.us/departments/office-of-elections-voter-registration](http://www.fcva.us/departments/office-of-elections-voter-registration) for county residents.



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### Altar Flowers for October 2020

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and...**

**October 4**

In loving memory of Ida & Frank Wall, Virgil R. Strader, Jr.,  
Eloise C. Strader & Donald W. and Jody Armstrong-Jones  
by Jody & Dan Wall.

**October 11**

In loving memory of Gene & June Babb in honor of their  
anniversary by Martha & Jim Griffin.

**October 18**

In celebration of the lives of our granddaughters Harper,  
Nellie & Corinna and in loving memory of Alan & Sally Martin  
by Leslie & Scott Harper.

**October 25 – TBD**

For questions about altar flowers, please email:  
[communications@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:communications@christchurchwinchester.org)

