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Dear People of Christ Church,

I did not know if you were aware, but there is a long standing tradition in the Diocese of Virginia during Holy Week for the clergy to gather with the bishop and celebrate a renewal of ordination vows. With a diocese of our size, there are several services located around the diocese with different bishops presiding, but the same service is used. The service is structured similarly to our Maundy Thursday foot washing service with the additional component of the renewal of vows.

This year will be a first because of the election of our new bishop, Mark Stevenson. And to help him out around the diocese, we have The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick and the Rt. Rev. David Jones, who have served in many capacities during their retirements here in the diocese. We also have the newly arrived bishops: The Rt Rev. Gayle Harris and The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith.

Having been through a long interim time without a Diocesan bishop, I am excited to gather with clergy colleagues and not only renew vows taken at ordination over 25 years ago, but to be able to do so with a new bishop whose election is the beginning point for where we see where God is calling our diocese to go.

Over the past few months, we have seen our parish moving ahead as we greet and regret one another, try different ways of gathering, see what a program year looks like. In other words, we have begun discernment process of where Jesus is calling us as disciples to go as he says "Follow me." It is the same on the diocesan-level. We see new bishops and new staff. The youth camps are already having registration. At the same time, the bishop is creating new types of staff positions in areas such as discipleship and formation. So these transitions take time, but they are happening.

In all of this, I find that this service of renewal is helpful in a grounding sort of way to refresh my sense of vocation to serve God in God's Church. It is similar to those vows we all renew at baptisms - in case we struggle or stressed about what we are supposed to be about as disciples.

May this season of Easter provide all of us with a renewed sense of Jesus' call to discipleship as we proclaim the good news of the risen Lord. And as we go through the season of Easter this year, I hope that part of that renewal will be you joining our parish retreat May 12-14 at Shrine Mont. This is one of the best opportunities we have to start new or refresh friendships among one another as we have fun on the mountain. I find it hard sometimes to get away or to find a place to refresh and renew. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Faithfully,



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Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

May 12-14, 2023

More details soon!

From the Office

Holy Week & Easter 2023

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service—

April 6 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Ecumenical Service —

April 7 at noon at Grace Lutheran

Good Friday Liturgy—April 7 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services • April 9, 2023

Ecumenical Service at 6:30 am

at Mt. Hebron Cemetery

Services at 7:30 am, 9:00 am , and 11:15 am
in the Sanctuary



A Note about Parking at the Church

As Winchester Public Schools has moved out and the new tenant of the building on Washington Street has not yet arrived, spaces in the Braddock Street parking lot behind the church have been marked “Reserved” by the city. Right now, parishioners CAN park in those spots on Sundays. Anyone parking in those spots during the city’s enforcement hours (M-F from 9 am to 6 pm) may be ticketed. Clergy/Staff parking is strictly for clergy/staff use and is marked as such. When the new owner tells us we cannot park there on Sundays, we will notify the parish. We do not have agreements with any of the other nearby parking lots on Washington St. or Boscawen St., so please do not assume you can park there. Parking on the street at meters is free on Sundays.

Piano Recital Upcoming

Our extremely talented Music Director, Jean Lin, will be presenting a solo piano recital featuring the works of Ludwig van Beethoven. The concert will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome!



Christian Formation

VBS This Summer

Vacation Bible School is back! After a few quiet summers, it's time to make noise again so get out your calendars and mark July 10-14 for **Rocky Railway**. In partnership with our neighbors at Grace Lutheran, we are planning classes for preschool (beginning with age 2) through kids who have completed 6th grade. In case you've forgotten or never been to VBS, it's a fun time of scripture-based learning with lots of music, arts and crafts, games, and yummy snacks from 9:00 -noon for the entire week with no fees. It's open to all - neighbors, visiting cousins, friends, etc., are invited to come. Registration forms are on the website.

VBS is a huge program and it takes volunteers from both congregations to staff and help those mornings. Consider the gifts you can share with the children. Maybe you enjoy teaching or being a teacher's assistant, or maybe can you be a helper in the kitchen to prepare snacks, or help out with games, or possibly man the registration desks for last-minute signups. It takes many adults and youth to make it all happen smoothly, so think where you fit in and contact Margery Wingenbach (wingenbach@comcast.net or 540-667-0386).



Adult Forum in April & May

What's Acts got to do with it?

Each Sunday through the season of Easter, the church reads from the Acts of the Apostles. It is the best faith witness for how the early church reacted to Easter and how they were taking the Gospel out from Jerusalem. This involves preaching, teaching, healing, and even stoning. Come and explore what our early family stories teach us about being disciples of the risen Lord and why that matters to us today.

We meet in the Pilgrim's Chapel at 9:30 am. We hope to see you there.

Church Calendar

Services at Christ Church

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
in the Sanctuary

Holy Eucharist at Westminster-Canterbury
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10:30 am



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

The Church Office is open Tuesday—Thursday
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Call ahead before you visit!

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Daytime Faith Study	2nd & 4th Mon: 10:00 am
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am—4 pm Sat: 10 am—1 pm
Women's Book Studies	Tues: 10:30 am Thurs: 5:30 pm Parlors



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Church Calendar

April Birthdays

- 2 Martin Tabaka, Dan Wall
- 3 Larry Pettinger
- 6 Toni Sloan
- 7 Stewart Wiley, Zelda Lowrey
- 8 Mary Rodriguez, Nancy Baker
- 11 Joe Wingenbach
- 12 Brock Whipkey
- 14 Dixon Whitworth
- 16 Sylvia Petrie
- 17 Dennis Wise
- 18 Kevin Kennedy, Kathy Nerangis,
Maria Nelson
- 19 Michael Mohn
- 20 Leslie Harper, Tom Wise,
Don MacDonald
- 22 Laken Whipkey
- 23 Ruth Gregory, Zachary Lowrey
- 24 Joan Claybrook
- 27 Melissa Ferguson



April Anniversaries

- 8 Larry & Connie Pettinger
- 18 Gil & Margie Kesser
- 19 Bernie & Rosemary Swope
- 26 Scott & Leslie Harper

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.



Shop Spring at the Treasure Box Thrift Shop!

Open on Wednesdays and Fridays 10—4
and Saturdays 10-1 at 114 W. Boscawen St.
Closed for Easter on April 7 & 8

From the Treasurer

Finance Update

2022 ended weak as the December revenues came in well below what was expected. But January and February revenues have been strong, even exceeding our budget projections.

January and February Summary: The table below shows the summary Revenue and Expense totals for Actual and Budget for the start of 2023. The table also shows that Actual Revenues were greater than budget and Actual Expenses were just slightly higher than budgeted.

2023	Jan+Feb Actual	Jan+Feb Budget	Difference
Revenues	\$ 102,042	\$ 89,064	\$ 12,978
Expenses	\$ 90,388	\$ 88,386	\$ 2,002
ERC	\$ 55,471	\$ 55,000	\$ 471
Net Position	\$ 67,125	\$ 55,687	\$ 11,447

The major item is the receipt of the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) from the US Government. The ERC was a pandemic era program, which gives payroll tax credits for wages and health insurance paid to employees. The ERC is now over. Together with the PPP loans that were forgiven in prior years, we received a total of \$247,000 from the government over the past four years. We certainly appreciate the assistance during a difficult time. We must also understand that there will be no more assistance in the future.

2023 Budget: The 2023 budget was presented and compared to the 2022 financial year at the annual meeting. I refer you to the handouts from that meeting. This table presents the 2023 budget by itself. It is important to see that this year we have a projected surplus of \$6,068 because of two things. First, the pledged revenue is an increase over 2022. Thank you to all those who pledged and especially those who increased their pledges. Second, the US Government ERC of \$55,000 turned a \$48,932 deficit into a surplus.

2023 Budget	
EXPENSES	
Personnel	\$444,516
Property Repair & Maintenance	\$44,112
Utilities	\$35,000
Office and Communications	\$24,475
Direct Expenditures	
Christian Ed	\$4,800
Music	\$6,105
Worship	\$1,600
Stewardship	\$1,350
Outreach	\$62,230
Pastoral Care	\$800
Parish Life	\$2,100
Total Expenses	\$627,088
REVENUES	
Pledge	\$473,656
Unpledged	\$77,000
Other	\$27,500
Total Revenue	\$578,156
Total Operating Surplus/Deficit	(\$48,932)
Employee Retention Credit (ERC)	\$55,000
Final Surplus/Deficit	\$6,068

From the Outreach Committee

Apple Blossom Parades!

Yay for Apple Blossom this spring! We will return to selling tickets for parade seats. All proceeds will go to support our Bright Futures outreach, helping to feed school kids in our local area. We will sell tickets between services on Sunday, April 16th, in the Tilford Room. Ticket sales will be in the Parish Hall on Sundays between services and from noon to 2:00 pm on Wednesdays, beginning on April 19. All sales are in-person by cash or check. Tickets will be \$5 each for the Firefighters Parade on Friday, May 5, and \$8 each for the Grand Feature Parade on Saturday, May 6. We will not sell any parking spots this year.

There is a Signup Genius on the church website for volunteers to sign up to help sell tickets both during the sale hours and on parade days. Many hands are needed—from selling tickets, to setting up chairs, to taking tickets, selling water, cleaning up. It's a great way to be part of the fun! Please contact Katie Harvard (klhwsh@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



From the Pastoral Care Committee

A Note from the Parish Nurses

What are our obligations to our neighbors and friends?

The Parish Nurses, or as we are now titled, “Faith Community Nurses,” we would like to review some important topics with you. Some of you are new to this wonderful community of people and may be unclear what FCNs do. Faith Community Nurses are registered nurses that are actively licensed in their home state to care for the mind, body and spirit of their parishioners. They are part of the pastoral care of the church and promote whole-person care across the life span using the skills of a professional nurse and provider of spiritual care. These nurses are guided by the state’s standards of practice.

There is no better time than NOW, to review “ethical” obligation and confidentiality.

The Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) Public Law 104-191 was enacted into federal law to ensure that the patient’s medical data remains private and secure. In other words, the Act protects the confidentiality, integrity & availability of all electronic protected information. It also protects the privacy of all person’s health while in the hospital or care facility. So, let’s say a parishioner is seen in the Emergency Room, is admitted to the hospital, is seen in a diagnostic clinic----that person’s status, diagnosis, etc. is private and is disseminated to him/her or that person’s designated family member. Information is only released to others (priest, friend, FCN) if the person asks for information to be released. The FCN follows the request of that person /family member. It is the duty of the FCN to protect that person’s individual rights. In other words, if a parishioner is in the hospital, I would not know this unless the family member, with permission of the patient, relays that he/she wants this information given to the priest and/or FCN. Often the person is placed (upon request) on the Published List or the Quiet List for prayers.

Moreover, this is a wonderful opportunity to remind and insist that every parishioner is due privacy and the insurance that personal information is kept “confidential.” We and other FCNs are bound by federal law as a registered nurse and Faith Community Nurse to not indulge in idle conversation, text messages, etc. concerning these incidents. If there is a situation that occurs that needs pastoral care attention or notification, please have the member/family member call the clergy or FCN and a determination can be made concerning a course of action.

If there are any questions about confidentiality or what is ethical, please email or call Helen Zebarth or Rosalie Lewis.

See you in church!

Your Parish Nurses - Helen and Rosalie

