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Dear People of Christ Church,

The Lord is risen indeed! And, I am so grateful for all of you in your endeavors to make this past Holy Week and Easter as wonderful as it has been. From music and worship to feeding others to sprucing up the place, you helped to make this our gift of thanks to the Lord for all that God has done in Christ! Thank you for being a part of the community.

And now, we quickly change gears towards our next events this spring. Outreach is taking the lead on our sales, setup, and hospitality of our Apple Blossom chairs during the parades. The more hands to help, the easier it is for this event.

We also get ready the following weekend for our annual parish weekend at Shrine Mont (Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 12). It is going to be a party of the church calendar – well, actually, several all at the same time. All ages are encouraged to come. Mothers will get a break and everyone else is going to get events ready. The brochure and registration forms can be found online, in the church, and in the parish hall. The deadline to sign up is April 27. Information about the Shrine Mont Conference Center can be found at [shrinemont.com](http://shrinemont.com). I hope you can join us.

While the day of Easter for 2024 is March 31, the wisdom of the Christian community has the Easter Season at 50 days so we can reflect, worship and explore what the significance of the risen Lord has in our lives. The active life in the parish community helps us to do that so we are not alone in trying to figure out where Easter fits into our faith lives. Retreats, service, worship, study are all part of that journey.

May you have a blessed and happy season of Easter.

Faithfully,



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# Worship

## Altar Flowers at Christ Church

On Sundays throughout the church year (aside from during Lent), there are two arrangements of flowers decorating the altar donated by parishioners.

The scheduling of the donations is now handled by parishioner Polly Nesselrodt. Many Christ Church families donate flowers each year on the same Sunday in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for people or occasions. Polly confirms with each family and, when there is an opening for a donation, she contacts those who have expressed interest to her.

When a family donates flowers, they contact the florist to order and pay for the flowers, and work within the parameters specified by the Altar Guild. The cost is approximately \$75 per arrangement, but varies depending on the florist and flowers used. Polly provides all the information necessary weeks in advance. Artificial or silk flowers are not permitted. Florists that work with us often include Winchester Floral, Snellings and Blue Bells.

Families also indicate how they would like the remembrance to be worded in the bulletin and Prayers of the People that Sunday.

Families can choose what is done with the arrangements after the service, too—some take them home, some ask that they are delivered to someone who can't attend services.

There are several dates available in 2024: May 26, June 30, September 1 and September 29. In 2025, January 26, February 16 and February 23 are open.

If you are interested in donating altar flowers, please contact Polly Nesselrodt at [pollyness@yahoo.com](mailto:pollyness@yahoo.com) or 540-664-0433.



# Christian Formation

## Adult Forum in April

Our four Sundays of April in the Adult Forum will be a Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles. Acts is one of our best witnesses of how the first disciples of Jesus realized their call to proclaim the risen Lord to all of the world. Using the readings from Acts found in our Sunday lectionary through the Easter season, we will discuss what the church learned in that experience. We may also get some ideas for how we can continue that proclamation in the world today.

The Adult Forum will meet in the Pilgrims Chapel located to the right of the parish hall entrance. The forum goes from 9:30 until 10:15 am. Each session will be self-contained so if you miss one, you will still know what is going on.

Adult Forum will conclude at the end of April for the summer.

## Sunday School News

The last day for Sunday School will be Pentecost Sunday this year, May 19. And, yes, we will have Sunday School and Children's Chapel on Apple Blossom Sunday, May 5th!

*Mark your calendars for **Scuba: Vacation Bible School**. It will be held July 8-12, 2024. There will be classes for kids from age 2 and up to those who will just be finishing 6th grade. It's 9:00 am to noon each day, FREE, and all kids are welcome!*

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. 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](mailto:wingenbach@comcast.net) or 540-667-0386).



# 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



Find us on  
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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 via Zoom
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—Parlors or First Thursday at 5:30 pm —Tilford Room



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## April Birthdays

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

## April Anniversaries

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

### 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 at the Treasure Box Thrift Shop!**  
Open on Wednesdays and Fridays 10—4  
and Saturdays 10-1 at 114 W. Boscawen St.  
Spring clothing & housewares donations needed and  
accepted during shop hours.

# Committee News

## Outreach Support for the Salvation Army

The Outreach Committee recently checked in with Winchester's Salvation Army, one of our core ministry partners, for an update heading into 2024. Captain John Blevins reports the following:

The Salvation Army is so grateful for the generosity and steadfast support of Christ Episcopal Church! Over the last year, much misinformation has circulated in the community. I can confidently say that The Salvation Army continues to meet the needs of families and individuals in our area faithfully. Over the last few months, we have provided meaningful assistance in the following ways:

- 1,413 persons served (does not include Christmas)
- 370 families served (does not include Christmas)
- 232 pieces of clothing distributed (does not include Christmas)
- 500 hot meals provided or delivered
- 15,750 pounds of food distributed
- 18,570 food items distributed
- 765 families served through food distribution

Last year, we assisted 185 families with a total of \$41,890 in utility assistance through the Washington Area Fuel Fund as well. We are currently assisting families for the FY24 Washington Area Fuel Fund through June 1.

As our Mission Planning Study undergoes final edits, work will continue on a strategic plan, costs and program prospectus, architectural reviews, and much more. I anticipate that by summer, The Salvation Army will be able to share a comprehensive vision for a transitional housing program and invite the community to join alongside us to make it a reality. We are so appreciative of your support and continually thank God for your friendship!

**In April, the Outreach Committee asks for donations of boxed PASTA for the Salvation Army's food pantry.** Please bring donations to church on Sundays in April or to the Church Office lobby on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



## Committee News

### Apple Blossom Parades



Yay for Apple Blossom this spring! Join us for the Shenandoah Apple Blossom parades on May 3 and 4, 2024. It is such a fun time, especially if you secure a seat in advance. Christ Church has wonderful seats on Washington Street right at the church. It is a great spot to sit and take in the full Apple Blossom experience. All proceeds from the tickets go to our largest mission, Bright Futures, helping to feed school children in Winchester and Frederick County.

We will begin selling tickets on **Sunday, April 14**, between services in the Tilford Room (132 W. Boscawen St.), and continue on Sundays and Wednesdays through Wednesday, May 1. On Wednesdays, we'll be in the Tilford Room from noon to 2:00 pm.

All sales are in-person only by cash or check. Tickets will be \$5 for the Firefighters Parade on Friday, May 3, and \$8 for the Grand Feature Parade on Saturday, May 4.

Many hands are needed to help sell tickets on Sundays and Wednesdays, as well as the Friday and Saturday of Apple Blossom. We also need help setting up the chairs on Friday morning and cleaning up after the Grand Feature Parade on Saturday. To volunteer to help go to the church website and click on the link for Apple Blossom volunteers. We had great volunteers last year! It's a great way to help the church and Bright Futures and have great fun at the same time! Thank you so much for your help!

### Food Packing Opportunity

Another way to support Bright Futures is their special event— **The Great Community Food Pack!**

They are challenging the community to come together to source the food and volunteer power to complete their last food pack of the year on May 21. We at Christ Church did a big collection of soup for Bright Futures in March, but we can now show up as volunteers for their event in May to work on the assembly line, packing food for kids. [You can register to participate and learn more about the event on their website.](#) Slots may fill quickly, so sign up soon!



## Other News

### Lord Fairfax Visit

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, Lord Nicholas Fairfax will visit Christ Church and give a talk in the Tilford Room from 2:00 pm to approximately 3:30 pm. The subject will be how the Fairfax family became royalists and received the large land grant in Virginia. Thomas Fairfax, the 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax of Cameron, is buried in the tomb in our church courtyard.

Lord Fairfax will be in town visiting a local acquaintance, who is a member of the French and Indian War Foundation (FIWF), whom he first met in 2007 while here for the Apple Blossom Festival. A member of the foundation asked Christ Church if our parish hall could be used for a presentation, and arrangements were made. Members of the FIWF will also be in attendance, but invitations will not be extended to the public.

Please join us for this rare opportunity to hear the current Lord Fairfax speak. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please click on the SignUp Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BABAB2AA3FB6-48723754-lord> so we can plan accordingly.

Also, you can find information about our guest speaker on this link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas\\_Fairfax,\\_14th\\_Lord\\_Fairfax\\_of\\_Cameron#Personal\\_life](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_Fairfax,_14th_Lord_Fairfax_of_Cameron#Personal_life)

If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact [patriciashaner@gmail.com](mailto:patriciashaner@gmail.com) or [ronbellows1@gmail.com](mailto:ronbellows1@gmail.com).

### Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

Our annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont will be May 10-12, 2024—Mother's Day weekend. Our theme this year is **Fun with Fiestas in the Church**. We will have crafts for the children to help get the decorations made for the party on Saturday evening. While the children work, the mothers are invited for wine tasting at one of the local wineries. There will also be time for play, porch rocking, and hiking. You can even go so far as to work on a puzzle or take a nap.

This is one of the best ways to have family time, even to bring grandmothers along for the weekend. If need be, the retreat finishes early Sunday, so it is easy to get back for local Mother's Day dinners that evening with more stories to share about the Shrine Mont experience. This is the opportunity to retreat from daily routines and enjoy fun and fellowship and experience the hospitality of Shrine Mont. To encourage families to come this year, we are fortunate to be able to have all parish youth and young children come with no expense to the parents. That shows how important the ministry of this retreat is to the parish.

To learn more, Shrine Mont's website is [www.shrinemont.com](http://www.shrinemont.com). On the site, you can learn about The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, an open-air cathedral of the Diocese of Virginia, that was consecrated in 1925. Plus, there are maps of the facilities and information about on-site and local activities.

To register, please fill out the registration form which can be found on the church website.

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