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From the Rector

Dear People of Christ Church,

As the program year ends, I want to thank the Vestry, the committee chairs, teachers, staff, and all of you for helping our programs and ministries happen at Christ Church. My hope, through the summer, is to keep you aware of the planning of events and programs for next fall so you can find ways to join in and help in the fall.

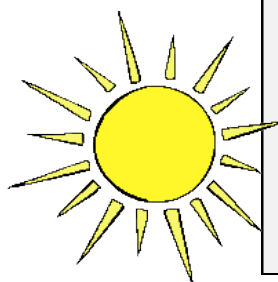
As we head out for the summer, here is a final homework project for you: On occasion, I am given bulletins and pictures of the different churches and sacred places people visit during summer travels. If you go to different churches or sacred spaces, as you look them over, see if you can discern their theology of the worship space as you look at it. Worship spaces serve a variety of purposes in addition to keeping the rain off of us. Of course, if you go to an outside worship space, you'll have the chance to consider rainfall in the worship space as well.

Worship space has a variety of factors for you to consider. There is the obvious consideration of the size and location of the pulpit, the altar (might also be a table), and other parts of the interior. Does the larger pulpit indicate a more evangelical heritage of the space? Does the altar seem to loom large or small as a way to understand the emphasis on the Eucharist? Where is the baptismal pool or font? If they have stained glass windows, what stories or images are found in those windows?

There is also a pastoral edge to sacred spaces. An example of this pastoral consideration might help. Years ago at a workshop, the speaker, who was rector of a large parish, told about his pastoral learning from a matriarch when he tried to change where people sat in the sanctuary. When the sanctuary pews were removed for repair, the parish had to use chairs in the sanctuary for a couple of months. He thought he would take advantage of this opportunity and put the chairs toward the front of the space to "encourage" people to sit toward the front. The first time the rector entered the sanctuary set up this way for a service, he noticed that one of the matriarchs had taken two of the chairs and moved them to the back of the sanctuary. She sat in one, and the other remained empty. After the service, rector walked back to where the matriarch was sitting and asked her why she had moved the chairs instead of sitting near the front. She told him that she sat on that back row with her husband for years. After he died, that was still the place she would go every Sunday to sit so she could worship with her husband. The matriarch reminded the rector how sacred space is about more than having the people sit toward the front of the church. Sacred spaces often have a "feeling" about them which your intuitions might sense.

Technology is a newer factor in worship space. Recently, Phil Sargent and I were trying to resolve difficulties we are having in the church with the hearing assistance devices. Phil was walking around to see how the receiving devices were working and discovered that our church literally has "dead" spaces. Because of some of the structures in the sanctuary, signal is being blocked. Parishioners trying to use the devices while sitting in those areas were not getting signal. Getting the technology to agree with the worship space is not always

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simple! As you go to different churches, see how the spaces work with the community to integrate the technologies they want to use. Not all churches need or use the same technologies, but you can see where the “theology” of technology and worship space function in different places.

Wherever you worship or visit this summer, take a moment to reflect on the theologies which the worship space offers to you. It is not a right or wrong understanding. People will have different impressions or interpretations of the spaces they encounter, so it is not a right or wrong theology. As you consider the theology, hopefully it will deepen your experience of worship in that space.

Faithfully,



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



Parish Life

Christ Church 7th Annual
RUMMAGE
SALE

Friday, October 26, 4:00-9:00 pm
& Saturday, October 27, 8:00 am-noon

During the last six years, our church family has enjoyed the fun and community fellowship of an annual rummage sale that has raised over \$60,000 for Christ Church ministries. Our ABC (attic-basement-closet)-styled event continues to be a tremendous success in the Winchester community. As we've grown, we've welcomed people from all walks of life through our doors, shared wonderful stories, and most importantly---gotten to know one another a little better through the years. For 2018, we have established another goal of \$10,000 or more! For the fourth straight year, and with your continued help and support, we will raise this and more! Our organizing committee looks forward to working with everyone again this year.

We will be open for business on October 26 and 27 and we need volunteers in the following categories:

- Set-up and take-down of the Tilford Room the entire week, from Sunday afternoon, October 21-28
- Pricing of all items donated for sale---schedules to be announced starting in **late June**
- Cashiers
- Floor monitors to help customers and answer questions
- Drivers to pick up and deliver large donations to the church
- Posting of advertising flyers in area businesses or your own business
- Support for and donation of baked goods to sale
- Kitchen support and clean up
- Official greeters at the entrance to the Tilford Room, both days

As for donations, here is a list of what **we cannot accept**: (Anything else is fine.)

- Encyclopedias/yearbooks/textbooks or magazines---all other books are fine
- Entertainment centers
- Gas grills
- 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.
- Damaged, soiled, or furniture in need of significant repair
- Paint of any kind
- Broken or badly stained collectibles or glassware

Outside of the above items, please donate only what we might be able to sell! Donations are being accepted **starting on June 3** any Sunday morning in the Parish Hall. Please call if you need to make other arrangements for delivery.

- Box or bag your donations---please ensure they are secure.
- Mark items "FRAGILE" to prevent breakage.
- **Bring only items that are clean and in good repair. The committee does not have time for cleaning items to sell!**

Should you have general questions about our 2018 event, please see or call Chris Ferguson at 978-360-4501.

Parish Life & Christian Formation

End of Life Discussion

The End of Life Workshop held in March presented much information from the legal aspects of planning, to the funeral homes, to end of life care and pastoral services. Since the workshop, the Church Office has had requests for the funeral planning packet from people who either were not able to attend the workshop or did not know what the workshop provided. Anyone wishing to get a copy of our packet is welcome to call Noelle in the Church Office (540-662-5843) or come by to pick up one. When you and your family have reviewed the packet, please be sure to contact the clergy to set up a meeting time to review and discuss the service planning and have your questions answered.

Parish Potluck Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour Committee would like to engage more members of the congregation in coffee hour and make it more of a church community event, so we're changing it up a little bit! Everyone can help to host coffee hour and we're going to make it easy for you!

Starting on June 3, on the first Sunday of each month, the coffee hour following the 10:30 am service will become a parish potluck affair. Everyone is invited to participate by simply bringing just one small dish or platter to serve at coffee hour. Remember, coffee hour is not meant to be a meal, just a snack. This means that the plate that you provide should be a simple finger food that's easy to eat. It doesn't have to be a large dish, just enough for a few people. Please bring your item already plated and ready to serve, and drop it off on the table in the Tilford Room before the 10:30 am service. With enough participation, we'll have plenty for everyone to enjoy.

Please consider being a part of this important ministry in our parish. We look forward to lots of enthusiasm and participation! Thank you in advance for your willingness to help!



Daytime Faith Study

The Daytime Faith Study group will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays in June and August this summer. We will not meet in July. We are using the book, *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings*, by Warren Carter and A.J. Levine, which explores understanding the New Testament, not just from a Christian perspective, but also from a Jewish perspective. We pick up on June 11, studying the chapters on the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's letter to the Romans. The group meets at 10:00 am in the Commons area, upstairs in the Parish Hall. If anyone new is interested in learning more about joining our study, please feel free to call the Church Office (540-662-5843) or email Webster at rector@christchurchwinchester.org.

Christian Formation

Sunday School News

The Sunday School classes would like to thank and recognize the leaders who have worked so faithfully with our children and youth in Sunday morning classes throughout the 2017-18 session. Our great team consisted of Michael Cipiti, Opal Davis, Rebecca Gibson, Martha Griffin, Mary Greene, Judith Knopp, Patrick Cheatham, Lorna Loring, and Barry Schnoor. As you see them over the next few weeks, please thank them in person for answering the call to this vital ministry. Our team of Ashley and Steve Haines and Amy and Laken and Brock Whipkey has led the Children's Chapel through the year and with the assistance of our youth. Many thanks to them for their ministry to our children and parents!

During the summer, our nursery and toddler rooms, on the second floor of the Parish Hall, remain available during the 10:30 am service for anyone who needs a break during the sanctuary service. As always, at the back of the church, there will be Eucharistic Prayer booklets that can be colored and taken home and additional coloring sheets matched to the readings in the brightly colored "Sanctuary Sacks." Look for baskets of more coloring materials under the choir loft stairs on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. A separate basket of toddler cloth books and other materials is located beside the Sanctuary Sacks.

The Fairfax Room (downstairs beneath the sanctuary) has a changing station and play materials where parents can still hear the service and the kids can move around for a few minutes, get a drink of water, or use the restroom.

While much of our Sunday morning children's programming is taking a summer break, consider how important the **home** is in nurturing Christian formation of our children. Take a few minutes to check out the website www.buildfaith.org - a formation website from the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. The *Home Practices* page is full of quick and easy ideas to help you practice your faith at home with your children. The suggestions are not limited to families with children. We can all find something there to support our faith practices!

Vacation Bible School 2018

Preparations are well underway for *Shipwrecked: Where Jesus Carries Us Through Life's Storms*, our week of worship, learning and fun! All children from ages 2 through current 6th graders are invited July 16-20. Neighbors, cousins, and friends are more than welcome! We would love to have youth who are currently in 7th grade, or older, serve as helpers in the classrooms and at games. We'll enjoy snacks; relax and play at game time; enjoy all sorts of activities, and sing classic worship songs and brand-new praise songs.

Registration is underway. Registration forms are in the Tilford Room or on the church website (www.christchurchwinchester.org), or you can register on the morning of July 16, beginning at 8:30 am.

It's not too late to **volunteer** your help, and we always need adult help in many ways! Check out the volunteer jobs listed on the volunteer form on the website, and contact Margery Wingenbach at 667-0386 for more details.



Vacation Bible School

July 16-20, 2018

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Church Services

Sunday

Holy Communion Rite I 8:00 am
Holy Communion Rite II 10:30 am

Wednesday

In the Pilgrim's Chapel at noon
(Healing Service 3rd Wed)

Second Monday

6:30 pm All Abilities Worship —Sanctuary

June & July

June 18-28	Hosting Shenandoah University's Church Music Institute
June 26	CMI Hymn Sing 7:00 pm
July 22	MAD Campers perform

Watch for other events via the weekly email update or Facebook or announcements in the bulletin on Sunday.

Committee & Group Meetings

(Many groups are on summer vacation June to August.)

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Mon: 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
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am-4 pm
Women's Lunch Group	1st & 3rd Thurs: 11:30 am
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Book Studies	Tues: 10:30 - Noon Thurs: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm



**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.
Church Office Tel. 540-662-5843**

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Woody Baker, Jim Taylor
- 2 Bernice Brown, Nancy Tabaka
- 3 June Davies, Jeannine Raymond
- 4 David Bicking, Scott Barnes
- 5 Sherri Dastjerdi
- 6 Bryan Fairbanks, Calum Lewis
- 8 William Armstrong, Jr.
- 9 Amanda Matthiesen
- 10 Gerry Kiefer
- 11 Evelyn Gibson
- 12 Kay Jones
- 16 Gerald Crowell, Harper Fritz
- 18 Jim Wiedower
- 19 Dennis Bromley, Hannah Jacobsen
- 21 Suzanne Pettit
- 22 Christopher Francis, Frank Armstrong, IV
- 23 Kathryn Schain
- 25 Walter Jagiello
- 26 Bill Wiley
- 29 Rusty Holland
- 30 Cameron Crowell

- 8 Bill & Katy Wiley
- 9 Tim & Cathie Waldie
- 9 David & Margery Wingenbach
- 9 Tom & Lori Ellington
- 12 Jim & Martha Griffin
- 13 Rob & Susan Ross
- 14 Bill & Sandy Armstrong
- 16 Don & Betty MacDonald
- 16 Bob & Nancy Mitchell
- 18 George & Roberta Gunnell
- 19 Bill & Anne Drury
- 19 Nelson & Barbara Keech
- 20 Mark & Judy Pennypacker
- 21 Clay & Susan Morris
- 26 Ashley & Betty Futral
- 29 Doug & Lucia Thomas

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Ann Crocker, Mary Estes,
Stephanie Fairbanks
- 2 Betty MacDonald
- 3 Gil Kesser
- 5 Jim Laidlaw, Mark Pennypacker, Sr.
- 6 George Gibson
- 7 Sydney Barton, Nick Nerangis,
Philip Sargent
- 9 Eve Brown, Bob Mitchell
- 11 Pat Leinbach
- 13 Abigail Dodd
- 14 Kirk Gibson, Linn Power
- 15 John Claybrook, Ron Mislowsky
- 17 Julie Read
- 18 Karey Starnes, Rebekah Wiedower
- 19 Stacy Talbott, Luke White
- 20 Emma Martin
- 21 Kylie Russell
- 22 Graham Becker-Welts, Braden Raymond,
Holt Roberson
- 23 Robin Koneczny, Cathie Russell
- 24 Jeffrey Davis, Katherine Miles,
Amber Strosnider
- 25 Arthur Sperry
- 26 Ashton Dodd
- 30 George Stierhoff, Doug Thomas
- 31 Tim Whipkey

- 6 Webster & Rebecca Gibson
- 7 George & Tricia Glass
- 7 Jim Greene & Wendy Oesterling
- 9 Gary & Susan Sheppard
- 16 Jim & Diedra Kriewald
- 22 Pete & Mary Pat Gronauer
- 24 Tim & Amy Whipkey
- 30 Steve & Loretta Johnston

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.

Finance News

Operating Budget Performance

More “Pre-Payments” Received in April! We received a few more 2018 pledge payments in full in April. This is money we budget to receive later in the year, and changes the timing that we used to make projections. The budget for the year-to-date through April called for revenues to fall short of expenses by about \$5,200. Actual performance has revenues exceeding expenses by about \$45,700.

The summary table below shows actual in comparison to budget.

Through April 30th	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Revenues	\$205,862.00	\$169,328.00	\$36,534.00
Total Expenses	\$160,137.00	\$174,620.00	(\$14,483.00)
Net Position	\$45,725.00	(\$5,292.00)	\$51,017.00

The table shows that total Actual revenues now exceed Budget by \$36,500 (Pledged \$24,500 ahead, Unpledged \$8,300 ahead, and All Other \$3,700 ahead). The table also shows that Actual expenses are under Budget by \$14,500 (Personnel \$4,000 under, Property & Maintenance \$6,400 under, Outreach \$2,500 under, all other \$1,600 under).

This is truly a blessing, being about \$51,000 ahead of budget through April. **However, as we have emphasized before, it really is the result of favorable timing at this point. We have received lots of revenue early and some of our expected expenses have not hit the books yet.** As summer approaches, when revenues historically drop and expenses remain steady, we will see whether this “ahead of budget” trend continues. Stay tuned!

Stewardship: Something to Think About

The Stewardship Committee, as we prepare for our fall annual giving campaign, has some information for us to mull over this summer. Remember that our operating budget, which funds our programs, ministries, and staff is funded solely out of our PLEDGED income and anticipated unplanned plate donations. We do not tap into endowment monies to fund our normal operations. Our pledged income has been remarkably consistent over the past several years:

2015- \$486K 157 units • 2016- \$490K 160 units • 2017- \$506K 159 units • 2018- \$493K 159 units

There is good and bad news with these numbers. Good is the fact that newer members are replacing lost members on almost a one-to-one ratio. Bad is that our giving levels are not growing. Christ Church has been fortunate over quite a few years to have had a small number of "significant contributors" who have given well above the average giving level. However, with the normal changes that happen in life, those streams of giving are no longer here.

What can we do to begin a pattern of growth in our ministry? Over the summer, armed with this information, we ask that every member review their own giving pattern and ask themselves if they could sacrifice the cost of a daily \$2 cup of coffee/\$14.00 a week, and increase their pledge in 2019 by that amount; and if not, to work backward from that number to find what increased amount works for you and your family.

Enjoy a blessed, safe, and relaxing summer!

Finance News

Impact our Future Through Planned Giving

Planned giving allows you to touch the lives of others while creating a lasting legacy. Find peace of mind through a wide variety of tax benefits. Help impact ministries for current and future generations. It's an excellent way for you to support Christ Church's mission by designating your retirement, investment or bank account or your life insurance policy to the church.

Benefits of a Beneficiary Designation Gift:

- Support the causes that you care about
- Continue to use your account as long as you need to
- Tax Savings—Reduce the burden of taxes on your family, receive an estate tax charitable deduction—By making a gift of your retirement, investment or bank accounts to Christ Church, your estate will receive a 100% charitable deduction, thereby saving estate taxes, and will avoid the potential income taxes on those assets. By comparison, if your estate were subject to the estate tax, your accounts would be subject to estate taxes, and if you left your accounts to children or grandchildren, those assets would result in substantial income taxes.
- Revocable—You can modify or revoke the beneficiary designations at any time during your lifetime.
- Avoid Probate—Gifting assets via a beneficiary designation will avoid the probate process.
- Easy to Do, Simplify your Estate Planning—Simply fill out a brief beneficiary designation form provided by the broker, banker or insurance agent. (You will need the legal name and tax ID number of Christ Church).
- Inexpensive—In most cases, there is no need to amend your will or trust, thus saving expensive legal fees.

How a Beneficiary Designation Gift works:

To make your gift, contact the person who helps you with your account or insurance policy, such as your broker, banker or insurance agent. Ask them to send you a new beneficiary designation form. Complete the form, sign it and mail it back to your broker, banker or agent. When you die, your account or insurance policy will be paid or transferred to Christ Church, consistent with the beneficiary designation.

Important considerations for your future:

If you are interested in making a gift, but are also concerned about your future needs, keep in mind that beneficiary designation gifts are among the most flexible of all charitable gifts. Even after you complete the beneficiary designation form, you can take distributions or withdrawals from your retirement, investment or bank account and continue to freely use your account. You can also change your mind at any time in the future for any reason, including if you have a loved one who needs your financial help.

Request More Information:

Please contact Rector Webster Gibson (rector@christchurchwinchester.org) if you have any questions about leaving a beneficiary designation gift to Christ Church, or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you and your attorney as you consider making a designation to us.

If you have already designated Christ Church as a beneficiary of an asset or as part of your estate plan, please contact Webster to let us know. We would like to thank you and recognize you and your family for your gift.

Parish News

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet at their normal time, 7:30 am, in the Tilford Room, on Saturday, June 9, where they will discuss, "What are you afraid of?" as Christian men in today's society. Breakfast will be served. All men are welcome! They will not meet in July.

Performance at Christ Church

We are all invited when Shrine Mont's "MAD Campers" perform at Christ Church on Sunday, July 22. Music and Drama (MAD) is a high-energy summer camp at Shrine Mont focused on the preparation of a biblically-based musical that features the unique talents of each performer. Campers make the musical their own by learning songs and movements and creating sets and costumes. The oldest session of high schoolers takes their show "on the road" at the end of camp. Their performance is titled, "Celebrate the Vision." Watch for their performance time on July 22 to be announced in the bulletin and in email updates!



A rainy May slowed progress a bit on the new Old Rectory Porch, but it's getting close to finished!

Parish News

Summer at the Treasure Box

The Treasure Box is seeking donations of housewares and collectibles for the shop. Donations can be made during business hours on Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays.

Volunteers are always welcome at the Treasure Box! One of the benefits of becoming a volunteer is getting to know and working with a great group of ladies! You may work as little as one shift per month, or as much as once a week, if you like. You may choose to be trained either as a cashier or a marker. Shifts are only 3 hours each: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Treasure Box at 540-662-2453.



The Treasure Box is open
Wednesdays and Fridays
10 am—4 pm
Saturdays 10 am—1 pm
at 114 W. Boscawen St.

Women's Lunch Group



The Women's Lunch Group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month (June 7 & 21 this month) at 11:30 am at the Firefly Café and Bakery (3035 Valley Ave.). The food is excellent, the conversations are lively, and there is much laughter – everyone is welcome! No RSVP is necessary. The ladies plan to meet throughout the summer, so please come when you can!

CCAP Collection Items for June & July

The clients at CCAP are truly grateful for your generosity in helping to fulfill their needs each month!

As we enter the summer months, please continue to bring in **bug repellent** for those who must live outdoors.

The food pantry at CCAP has asked us to bring in **hearty soups** for June and July. These hearty soups make a quick family dinner for many CCAP clients. Cans with pop-tops are helpful for those who may not have access to can openers.

Please leave donations of bug spray or soup on the shelf marked "CCAP Donations" in the foyer of the Parish Hall (under the window).

CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) is a ministry of 46 worshiping communities in Winchester and Frederick County that have come together to support our neighbors in need with financial, material, and other assistance.

Contact Jim Taylor (703-403-5264) with any questions.

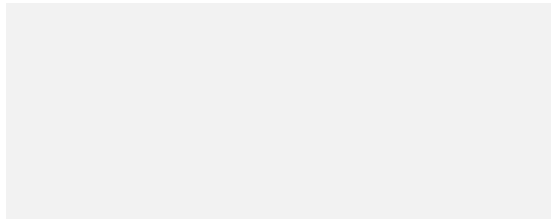




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Parish Nurse Musings

TWO WOLVES

One evening, an Old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, “My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf wins?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

~ Unknown

Congratulations to Anna Barrett, Haylee Boswell, Maureen Brock, Elizabeth Lamont, Jeffrey Mesa, Taylor Potter, Maria Shellenberger, Sydney Travers, and Annie Werner on their graduation from Shenandoah University in Nursing. Thanks to the wonderful families who hosted them this semester: Marsha & James Baden, Bill Davis, Gary Edwards, Robin Koneczny, Diedra Kriewald, Sylvia & Jim Petrie, Ann & Jim Taylor, and Ann Thomas. They learned so much from you!

Your Parish Nurses – Helen & Rosalie