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## Picture Perfect Fall Project

To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bonds within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our **new parish directory**. In addition to providing easy access to contact information and helping us all connect faces with names, this new directory will preserve this special time in the life of our church and will serve as a lasting record of our current membership.

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this project. Lifetouch provides the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for your photography session online at our church website ([www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org)) or at church on Sundays in October.

### PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Friday, November 23, 2018 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Saturday, November 24, 2018 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place in the Tilford Room with no sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits, which will be available before Christmas. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the Church Office. Watch for more information in coming weeks and please call Noelle in the Church Office (540-662-5843) with any questions.

**BE INCLUDED** in our new  
family directory



**Lifetouch**

**We need YOU to make  
our directory complete!**

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## From the Rector

Dear People of Christ Church,

In recent classes, conversations and meetings, there is a certain theme which pops up about life and convenience. People ask about a convenient time to plan funerals, to start bringing children or spouses to church, to participate in a study group, to come to a fellowship gathering, and the list goes on and on. The unfortunate part of that convenience is that those moments of convenience rarely occur. And an even more unfortunate part of that convenience is the reality of life is that life is rarely convenient. In fact, the largest moments, and I would say the most defining moments, in life often come at inconvenient times. For those who truly believe that life is supposed to be convenient, they are not prepared for the inconvenience. As my aunt one time said after an unexpected emergency in the family at a family gathering: "We make plans, and then life happens."

A simple example recently for me was a full day planned at work, and then my son came in with a brake problem with his car. He needed a car as did my wife and I did because of going in so many directions. Schedules had to be reorganized, he got the chance to learn how to rebuild his brakes, and we made sure things were taken care of and life went on. Honestly in many ways, the inconvenience helps us to remember what our priorities are.

In our conversations about end of life planning, people don't like to talk about death, but death is rarely about convenience. The greatest challenge of the inconvenience of death is not for the person who dies, but for the family and friends left behind who never talked about death. They just wait for a convenient time or a time when they think they will be more comfortable to talk about death. It is hard to catch the families up on the inconvenient reality of death at that moment of planning a funeral because of their grief, their confusion and their lack of direction with how to respond to death. That is why we have worked so hard to offer end of life workshops.

Between these two examples, there is a wide spectrum of life where we find true, meaningful moments are actually inconvenient. I will include how a person considers their faith. Is it supposed to be a faith of convenience or inconvenience? In our life of following our Lord who confronted the ugliness of our humanity taking on death and overcoming death in the resurrection, I am sure Jesus would say that such an event was not convenient. More likely, I suspect Jesus would say that the reason he endured that inconvenience was because of God's priority in loving us and being a God whose redemptive love seeks to bring us back to God.

Even as you receive pledge cards and hear our conversations around stewardship – stewardship should challenge us to consider where God's redemptive love falls in our priorities of life. Our culture of convenience offers a lot of stuff. But the reality of life with its inconveniences shows where our true priorities are. A mature faith is one that seeks to grow in how one's life is shaped by Jesus, where the first are last, all are fed, and worship steeps us in the knowledge of our Lord whose love for us is with us in every convenient and inconvenient moment of our lives. Whereas a convenient faith is self-centered, an inconvenient faith seeks to care for others as our Lord cares for us.

However, you have to practice a life of faith that is aware of the inconvenient moments. As the Rev. Dr. John Kater reminded us in his recent sermon, those moments when you respond to someone in need, when you take time out of your day to help a neighbor, when you give up time to be with a sick person – those are the moments that define who you are. Christian faith is not about a living God who gives to us when it is convenient. It is not about God who only loves us when it is convenient. By the grace of God, God loves us unconditionally so we have the confidence to engage all of life knowing we are loved. The challenging part of such a faith is our willingness to engage this faith which seeks two things: to reflect God's love both to God and to our neighbor.

While it may be inconvenient for you and I to take the time to look at what we do with our time, our talent, our money and see what truly are our priorities, we have to make the effort to do it. Otherwise, we will wait for a convenient time which probably will not occur. When you make plans, please remember that life will still happen. Christian faith is lived out in the reality of an inconvenient life. We wait for too many things to be convenient as if that is normal. Our faith, our Lord, and our growth are shaped with inconvenience in mind.

Faithfully,



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

## Christian Formation

### Sunday School News

Our Sunday School year is off to a great start with old friends and new faces. Thanks to our hard-working teachers and the support of parents, it has been exciting to welcome a lively bunch each Sunday morning so far. Registration doesn't end, so if anyone hasn't had the chance to fill out a form, just check with your teacher or the Sunday School office and we'll be happy to help.

This year, we are inviting parishioners to take turns to lead grades 1 & 2 class and the grades 3-5 class. Signup is available each Sunday morning or by contacting Margery Wingenbach (540-667-0386 or margerywingenbach@gmail.com). The WHIRL curriculum is very easy to lead and requires only brief preparation. Join in a couple of times each quarter and be part of the formation of our children!

Teachers for our youth age classes are Rebecca Gibson for grade 6-8, assisted by Barry Schnoor, and Martha Griffin and Sue Jarvis in grades 9-12. All are ready with energy and talent to minister our young people wherever they are in their Christian formation.

Also, of course, we encourage and welcome volunteers to substitute. It's easy, a short commitment and lots of help is provided.

**Children's Chapel** is on the second floor of the parish hall from 10:30 am until the Peace each Sunday. We welcome children ages 3-7 whenever they'd like to attend. The service is child-size and allows our young parishioners to explore the same gospel we hear in the sanctuary with more opportunity to wiggle and talk. Our leaders this year are Ashley Haines, Steve Haines, and Amy Whipkey. They would love an extra pair of hands any Sunday morning you would like to join them!

Our youngest Sunday Schoolers are hanging out in the **Toddler Area** open on Sunday mornings in the Sunday School. It provides lots of time for fun and supports our children as they take their first steps of faith. Parents are free to use the space while older children are in Sunday School classes.

### Adult Forum in October

In October, we will continue with the program, *The Challenge of Paul, Paul and Justice*, from the publisher "Faith and Reason." In "The Challenge of Paul," John Dominic Crossan gives us the benefit of his lifelong search for the Paul of history to create a new understanding that sheds new light on Paul and why he is more relevant than ever today. While we encourage all to attend our Adult Forum regularly, these programs are self-contained so you can learn and participate in discussion even if you miss a previous Sunday.

Please join us on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Tilford Room. Coffee is always provided!



## BLESSING OF THE animals

Please join us on the Feast of St. Francis (Thursday, October 4) at 5:30 pm in the Courtyard for a Blessing of the Animals. You may bring your dog, cat, fish, hermit crab, ferret or snake to the service for a blessing. Please keep your animals in cages or on leashes so that all creatures are kept safe! Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us. It will be a short service with plenty of joyful noise barked or shrieked to the Lord!

## Outreach News

### Why do Outreach?

Outreach is a very big component of Christ Episcopal Church. Not only is giving to others good for those who receive, it is good for those doing the giving. Helping others is fulfilling in many ways, and the reasons behind it are different for everyone.

Growing up, whenever I deigned to feel sorry for myself, my mother quickly sent me out of the house to help someone. I soon learned it was not all about me, and it felt good helping others. Volunteering became a part of my life because it was a part of my mother's life, but I loved seeing the appreciation in people's eyes and being a part of a larger community.

That is why I love being on the Outreach Committee! There is so much to be learned about the needs of our community and what we can do to help those who, for whatever reason, are in distress.

I could go on and on about the different ways of giving that Christ Church is involved in, but I think my favorite is the WATTS program. I love the warmth that exudes from the volunteers when they are serving dinner to the guests and when they sit down to eat and talk with them. On a cold winter night, you can just imagine how nice it is for the guests to have a warm shelter and bed to sleep in. When they venture out the next morning, they go with lunch and warm clothes that they might not have otherwise. We help our guests with the basic needs that I can't imagine being without in my life. We help them because they cannot help themselves.

And that's what giving does for me. It humbles me and opens my eyes to the realization that most everyone has a cross to bear and I should not stand in judgement.

~ Katie Harvard



## Outreach News

### Hygiene Kit Project

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our effort to send as many hygiene kits as we can to Church World Services for distribution where needed around the world. We will begin the process of wrapping up this project both literally and figuratively through October and finish November 3.

**Sunday, October 14, will be the last day to donate hygiene kits and hygiene kit supplies.**

**Saturday, November 3, will be “kit packaging day.”** People have donated so many supplies for the kits, it is wonderful. Also, because of the financial generosity of people in the parish and other groups, we have purchased additional supplies to make even more kits to send. However, we need your help to assemble the kits. We only need people on November 3; we will provide the supplies. Beginning at 9:00 am in the Tilford Room, we will organize everyone into different assembly groups to put kits together and package the kits so we can ship them to the distribution center. We are not sure how long this will take since we have not done this before, but we hope to be done by noon. To help us get a sense of how many people to expect, there is a signup sheet in the Tilford Room for you to let us know you are coming.

### WATTS Training Offered

Christ Church will host WATTS from December 8 to 15, 2018. During this host week, we will welcome 35 homeless adults from our community into the Christ Church parish hall for shelter and meals. This will be our tenth year of hosting WATTS and we have enjoyed wonderful support from the parish for this very worthy program.

WATTS is an initiative of Winchester’s downtown clergy with the objective of opening church facilities on a weekly rotational basis to provide a “low bar” thermal shelter and hot, nourishing meals for the homeless population in Winchester, and Frederick and Clarke counties. “Low bar” means that all homeless adults are welcome on the condition that, while in the WATTS shelter, they refrain from using alcohol and drugs, fighting and other abusive behavior. WATTS typically runs for 20 weeks from early November to late March and provides an average of 4,500 cot nights of shelter per season. The goal of WATTS is to save lives and prevent cold weather injury.

Hosting WATTS is a 24-hour a day total team effort that entails a multitude of tasks to include: cooking, serving, cleaning, registration, shopping, medical care, and even providing fellowship to our less fortunate neighbors. Last year, we also had to contend with unseasonably cold weather. In addition to our 74 Christ Church WATTS volunteers, there were teams from the Alamo Drafthouse and Cinema, McDonalds, Ledo’s Pizza, the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, the Life in the Word of Jesus Christ Church, Shenandoah University, and others who helped with our WATTS shelter. It is truly a community effort! Our volunteers spent over 720 hours in providing 242 bed nights of shelter and sustenance. Volunteers hear heart-warming stories each year about the difference the WATTS program and volunteers make in the lives of our guests.

In preparation for our 2018 host week, there will be a short **WATTS refresher training update at noon on Sunday November 4, 2018 in the Parish Hall.** We will be available to provide more extensive information for those new to or unfamiliar with WATTS. All are welcome to come learn about the program and how to help. Please plan to attend the meeting or contact Chris Ferguson (CFerguson@zwickercpc.com), Marty Tabaka (martin\_tabaka@hotmail.com), or Pat Kofalt (patkofalt@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 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

### October

- 4 Women's Lunch Group,  
Blessing of the Animals at 5:30 pm
- 7 Youth Group to Corn Maze
- 8 Columbus Day (Church Office Closed),  
All Abilities Worship
- 13 Men's Fellowship
- 16 Knit Unto Others
- 18 Women's Lunch Group
- 21 Health Fair Sunday
- 26-27 Rummage Sale
- Nov 1 Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner

### Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:50 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, Sat 10 am-1 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**



## October Birthdays

- 2 James Baden
- 3 Elena Conrad
- 4 Patricia Barnes, Martha Roberson,  
Danielle Armstrong
- 5 Gwynne Koonce, Daniel Gibson
- 6 Deanna Pifer, Jennifer Pettit
- 7 Steve Johnston
- 8 Rosemary Swope, Pam Kennedy, Dan Gloster
- 9 Loretta Johnston, Sarah Jones-Purdy
- 10 Pam DeBergh
- 11 Grace Howard
- 14 Margaret Kesser, Edward Browning V
- 16 Dick Arculin
- 17 Mary Beth Compton
- 18 Pat Riley
- 19 Robert Riggs
- 20 Katy Schain, John Wiedower, Reed Wiedower
- 22 Susan Howard, John Applin
- 23 Barbara Austin
- 26 Rachel Rinkenbaker, Bill Thompson, Tom King
- 27 Doris Trant
- 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 Ruppert
- 21 Al & Susan McGilvray
- 27 Robert & Marrea Riggs

celebrate!



## Fall Camp at Shrine Mont

October 22-25, 2018

Hosted by the Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging

<https://shrinemont.com/events/conference/the-tri-diocesan-council-on-aging-annual-fall-camp-2018>

### 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.



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

## Finance News

### Operating Budget Performance

#### Repeating the GREAT NEWS from last month...

**The “Pre-Payments” Effect Continues.** As has been reported several times already this year, due mostly to pre-payments, our year-to-date total actual revenue is still way ahead budgeted revenue (by 18% or about \$59,750). Also, actual year-to-date expenses are below budget by about \$23,200 (by 7%) such that, in total, we have a current surplus of \$56,200, rather than a budgeted deficit of \$ -26,700.

The table below shows that in total we are ahead of budget by almost \$83,000.

8/31/18	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Revenues	\$384,874.44	\$325,118.00	\$59,756.44
Total Expenses	\$328,672.73	\$351,845.08	(\$23,172.35)
Net Position	\$56,201.71	(\$26,727.08)	\$82,928.79

In August, which is normally budgeted as the second lowest revenue month of the year, we again received some unexpected (pre-payments?) pledged and unpledged gifts.

#### Looking Ahead

- We will not know until year end if actual total revenue will exceed budget. We do know we have actually received revenue earlier than we have budgeted for the first eight months of 2018.
- We know that expenses through the rest of 2018 will be below budget because we have not hired an assistant rector, as was budgeted for half of 2018.
- We also realize that some of the 2018 surplus may be needed to help balance the budget for 2019 if a full time assistant rector is hired before or during 2019.



## Stewardship News

### Stewardship Fellowship Dinner

#### Christ Church 6th Annual

The Stewardship Committee is hosting the always enjoyable Oktoberfest Fellowship dinner. All are welcome for a night of German food and fun. The menu will include salad, brats, pork loin, sauerkraut, potatoes, and apple strudel for dessert. Tea, coffee, punch provided. This is a BYOB event, so feel free to bring wine or beer.

Please RSVP by October 23. Please visit the website to sign up: ([www.ChristChurchWinchester.org](http://www.ChristChurchWinchester.org)).

While the meal is free, we are asking everyone to bring in a non-perishable food item to be donated to one of the local food pantries.

Join the fun!



**Thursday, November 1, at 5:30 pm  
in the Tilford Room**



2019 Pledge Cards are now available.  
Please pick one up in the rear of the church, in the Church Office, or on the website under Stewardship.

Pledges should be made by  
Sunday, November 4, 2018.

## Parish News

### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets in the Tilford Room on Saturday, October 13, at 7:30 am for coffee, discussion and fellowship. Please join us for an entertaining morning of discussion covering men's issues.

### Farewell to Bishop Johnston

We are invited to three festive receptions honoring the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston on his upcoming retirement. Join us in celebration of the many Spirit-filled ministries we have pursued together during his time as our Bishop. All events are open to all members of the Diocese. The events are Thursday, October 11, at 6:00 pm at Aquia Church in Stafford, Sunday, October 28, at 2:00 pm at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, and Friday, November 2, (Holy Eucharist at 4:00 pm and Reception at 5:45 pm) at Annual Convention in Richmond. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please call the Church Office for details.

### Women's Lunch Group



The Women's Lunch Group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month (October 4 & 18 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. Please come when you can!

### CCAP Collection Item for October

Christ Church is a most generous and loving family! The clients of CCAP rely on that generous spirit. Each month, we receive a special request from CCAP as to what is most needed. All of the wet fall weather has prompted the need for **warm socks**. Many of the clients live outside and they really need extra dry socks to change into for their foot health.

For the month of October, please also continue to furnish men's cotton **boxer briefs** (not simply boxers) and **t-shirts**. All sizes are needed (medium to XXL).

Please leave your donations of warm socks, boxer briefs and t-shirts on the shelves marked "CCAP Donations" in the foyer of the Parish Hall (under the window).

CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) is a ministry of 46 worshipping 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. You may also email [annjimtaylor@verizon.net](mailto:annjimtaylor@verizon.net).



## Parish News

Christ Church 7th Annual  
**RUMMAGE**  
**SALE**

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

Our 7th annual sale is rapidly approaching and members of the executive committee extend thanks to everyone who has donated items from their attics, basements and closets. This year may be our best one ever! **Donations will be accepted through Thursday, October 18.** Anything donated after that time will be set aside for our 2019 sale.

**The Silent Auction** begins on Sunday, October 7, and runs through the conclusion of coffee hour on Sunday, October 21, in the Tilford Room. A few of the items up for auction include a fall and winter wreath made by our own Theresa Seitz (back by popular demand!), a Persian rug gifted to the church by a longtime member, a piece of art donated by Nancy Tabaka, Japanese art, and fine crystal candlesticks. There may be a surprise or two as well!

**The Rummage Sale** doors open to the public on Friday, October 26, at 4:00 pm, with food and drinks available again this year...BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks. And the bake sale!



We need **bakers and helpers** for the Rummage Sale Bake Sale. All items big and small accepted (pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, candies, breads, jams, produce from the garden). Please package smaller items three to a bag in baggies or plastic wrap with ribbon. Decorated items sell faster. Bring to kitchen in Tilford Room by Friday afternoon (Oct 26). If you can help man the bake sale table during the sale, please contact Karey Starnes (kstarnes1904@comcast.net or 703-201-6766) or Katie Harvard (klhwsh@yahoo.com or 757-999-3816). Thank you for your support!

*From the Bookkeeper:*

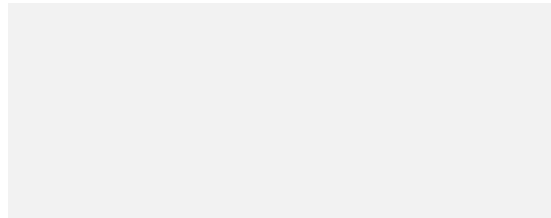
*If you would like a receipt for any items donated to Christ Episcopal Church (does not include the Treasure Box) please provide our Bookkeeper, Theresa Seitz, with a list of donated items and she will send you a formal Donation-In-Kind letter for your tax records. You may email your list to Theresa at TSeitz@christchurchwinchester.org, or place your list in her mailbox on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the office building, drop the list off to her in her office, or mail your list to her attention at the Church Office at 114 W Boscawen St. Winchester, VA 22601.*



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### Parish Nurse Musings

## 2018 Health Fair

**October 21, 2018 8:30 am- 12:30 pm**

Please join us for our annual joint community health fair with Grace Lutheran Church. We are hosting this year in the Tilford Room and will welcome health and wellness professionals from the community including Rotz Pharmacy, Home Instead, the Laurel Center, March of Dimes, Frederick County Sheriff's Department, representatives and staff from Winchester Medical Center, local funeral homes, and more.

All are welcome for this great opportunity to talk with healthcare workers so we can own our health and stay updated!

**Flu Shots** will be available from the parish nurses on Sundays in October between services and during coffee hour. Shots will be given on the first floor of the Smith Building (114 W. Boscawen St.) and will cost \$15.

Please check with your health care provider about other vaccines you should have, including pneumococcal vaccine (once at age 65) and TD every ten years.

See you in church!

Your parish nurses, *Helen and Rosalie*

