

# THE ANGELUS

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## From the Rector

Dear People of Christ Church,

As the Vestry and parish leadership and I discuss the ongoing growth and development of Winchester and Frederick County, and potential impacts on the parish, one of the tools we are using is a program from the Diocese of Texas called “Invite/Welcome/Connect.” In our conversations, a word has come up which has raised some good questions – evangelism. The two main questions are “Who does it?” and “How are we supposed to do it?” Great questions given the positive and negative feelings people have about evangelism based on their own experiences or assumptions.

Who does it? We all evangelize. It does not require ordination or special training to be gracious and compassionate people who invite friends and neighbors to join in the fellowship of parish life and our community experience. In baptism, we make a promise to “proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.” We even go so far as to emphasize that each of us is called to do this when we reply, “I will, with God’s help.” There is no special training or prerequisite of a particular gift for one to share the love of Christ by following our Lord’s example of caring for the poor, the sick, and those who mourn. And we always have the chance to invite others to join in serving one another, learning ways to understand God in the world, or perhaps asking someone to join us in our worship and joy of music in our services followed by an invitation to join us for fellowship in the parish hall.

How we do it?” This is a personal decision often based on one’s experience with the term “evangelism.” Some associate evangelism with “televangelism” and those pushing a specific formula or perhaps even guilt-driven doctrine that leaves one feeling negative towards the church. Others of us have encountered evangelism which invites people to know Christ’s love by being part of a community that journeys together to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ through the community’s fellowship, worship, learning and caring for one another and the community around this region and the world. Clearly, my preference and experience is more with the second notion of evangelism than the first, but that may not be case for all.

The word “evangelism” comes from the Greek word which means “proclaim Good News.” In Luke’s birth narrative, the angels come to the shepherds to give the “good news of great joy” that God is doing something new in this child as God continues to seek a way to bring humanity back into relationship with God since humanity turned our backs on God soon after creation. In that use of the word “good,” it follows that how we proclaim by word and example the good news of Christ, there should be something positive and life-giving in our relationship with Christ.

As we use that word “evangelism,” particularly when we know of people, family or friends, who say that

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they are seeking positive, life-giving, and fulfilling ways to live their lives, you and I have good news of God's love for them. As we talk about inviting people to Christ Church, a good way is to ask them to join you on a Sunday for worship, or to come to help with a ministry, or join a book or Bible study, so they can experience the community of Christ Church. The best part of a relationship is being invited to come and join in. Let the experience of the community speak for itself. Introduce your friends to others so we can know one another by name. In worship, show them where the BCP and hymnal are and give them the brochure in the pew that explains where things are. Being known is how people feel welcome.

Welcoming and evangelism in our parish is not just for new people. We have a wonderful blend of people right now who have been at Christ Church for a long time or are more recent additions. The need to welcome is not based on your longevity, but rather if you know the person sitting in front, behind, or next to you. Welcoming one another and learning about each other is not just for new people, but for all of us with each other. The good news of God's love revealed in fellowship goes a great distance when we know each other, at least by name.

Evangelism is not hard and it is not a bad word. Evangelism is the good news of God's claim on us in what God has done in Jesus. Jesus did not give a detailed program or explanation when he encounters those first disciples. The first thing he does is to invite them – come and follow me. It is the experience of the community of disciples as they follow Jesus that gives them the deeper understanding of the good news about God's love. As the community around Winchester and Frederick County grows and new neighbors pop up, the best way I know of to help them feel welcome or to know about the parish family of Christ Church begins with the simple invitation – “Would you like to join me?”

Faithfully,



The Very Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector  
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### Parish Cookout and Open House on Sunday, August 26, 2018

Join us after the 10:30 am service as we kickoff our program year with a cookout and open house!

Visit “The Commons” (upstairs in the Parish Hall) where we have Sunday School. You can see the classrooms, have coffee in the Parents’ Oasis, fill in a registration form, and learn about the children’s choir.

Other Christian Formation and parish programs on display in the Parish Hall.

We will also celebrate our wonderful church, buildings and grounds. Members of the Properties Committee will introduce you to repairs and improvements we have worked on over the past few years. Before and after the 10:30 am service, you are invited to explore and see the work that has been done in areas like the bell tower, the organ, the undercroft of the church, the courtyard, the Commons, and our new Old Rectory porch. We will also show what work is ongoing. “Tour guides” will help make sure you know where you are going, and we will also have people at each location to discuss the improvements.

The Cookout will be in the church courtyard between the church and the Parish Hall, hosted by the Vestry and the Parish Life Committee. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

## Outreach News

### New Project: Hygiene Kits

Over the past few years, we have supported the Stop Hunger Now campaign through a congregational/group effort in packing meal packages. This year, the Outreach Committee has decided to try a project through the Church World Service Organization (CWS) which will also call on the congregation to lend support and participate.

Through CWS, we have learned that there is a great need for hygiene kits in many places around the world, but especially in refugee camps in the Middle East. These kits contain a hand towel, washcloth, comb, finger or toe nail clipper, bar soap, toothbrush, and band aids. The average cost per kit is \$15 plus the cost of shipping kits to the distribution centers.

Church World Services sends the kits where they see the greatest need at the time. Over the past few years, they have gone to Syria, Jordan, Armenia, Guyana, the Dominican Republic and locations in the United States recovering from natural disasters.

Over the next month, we will be providing you with more information on how you can assist in this project through the donation of hygiene kit contents, money, and your time to help in the assembly of the kits. As always, we know that through your generosity of time and funds, you will make this a successful project!

You can learn more about the work of CWS at the website: [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org).



### Working with the Winchester Rescue Mission

The Christ Church Men's Fellowship has been preparing and serving monthly dinners at the Mission and others within Christ Church are expressing an interest in expanding our support to WRM beyond the monthly dinners. There will be a meeting in the Commons, upstairs in the Parish Hall, after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, August 19, to discuss potential WRM volunteer opportunities/ministries that members of Christ Church can support.

Please plan to attend if you are interested in learning more.



The Winchester Rescue Mission (WRM) has been serving Winchester and Frederick County since 1973 with the goal of providing needy men with shelter, sustenance, recovery assistance, and support. Up until January 2018, WRM was a men's only shelter, but in February 2018, WRM opened a women's shelter. WRM provides shelter to an average of 30 men each night and is currently sheltering six women nightly, with the potential to grow to nine. In addition, WRM provides over 60 community dinners each day to both shelter residents and needy families and individuals in the community, provides about 450 food bank handouts each month, and offers the use of their shower and laundry facilities to those in need. WRM serves the "whole person;" each resident at the Mission is interviewed and works with a case manager to develop their individualized path to rise out of homelessness and poverty. WRM also works with other community organizations to facilitate the residents on their path to recovery. WRM residents are expected to adhere to and work toward their individual recovery goals and help pay, either by monetary remuneration or service, for their stay at the Mission. WRM's goal is to provide a place where local women and men in need can come for support in developing the skills to become self-sufficient.



## Christian Formation



Vacation Bible School  
July 16-20, 2018



# Christian Formation

## Sunday School News

Believe it or not, summer is rapidly drawing to a close for school-age children. Before we know it, we start our next session of Sunday School. Newcomers and returners of all ages from last year are invited to be an active part of our church family. Our 45-minute **Sunday School classes begin on Sunday, September 9, at 9:30 am.** Classes for children and youth meet in the classrooms on the second floor of the Parish Hall (also known as the Commons). Registration forms will be available on the website ([www.christchurchwinchester.org](http://www.christchurchwinchester.org)), or may be completed in person on August 26 or September 9.

Sunday School classes aren't the only formation opportunities on Sunday morning in the fall. **Children's Chapel** is an option for young parishioners ages three through seven during the first portion of the 10:30 am service. It has a very simple child-sized liturgy with activities and games to get the wiggles out before joining parents in the Sanctuary at the Peace. A rotating team of parent leaders offers this ministry. There is no registration. Children are invited to participate every Sunday, or from time to time, as their parents choose.

As parents we are called on to set the model of regular attendance for our children and to participate in their faith formation. If you are not called to be a teacher, consider being a substitute and/or helping with Children's Chapel, or with the younger ones during coffee hour. Children see where we place our values by what we do. And volunteers who are not parents are welcome too!

## Vacation Bible School 2018

On behalf of all the children who laughed, learned, ate, and sang their way through this year's Vacation Bible School, THANK YOU to all who made the experience happen! Each July our VBS is an ever-lively celebration of God's love that plants seeds of faith which bring children back year after year and generation after generation. This year our theme was *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. The simple message to the children is that Jesus is with us when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, and when we are powerless. No matter our individual strengths and weaknesses, people everywhere matter and can always count on God's love and comfort being there in our every experience. Certainly, that's good news for summer or any time!

Reaching out to 294 children from Christ Church and our partner Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, as well as to those from our community at large, takes many, many hands and all generations. We are especially grateful this year for the following volunteers and supporters: Olivia Adams, Jonah Arslan, Gardner & Kathy Bates, Tessa Childs, Michael Cipiti, Zoe Conrad, Riley Creamer, Rose Eberhardt, Ann Elwood, Susan Francis, Martha Griffin, Gerry Kiefer, Gil Kesser, Marge Kesser, Kylie Moore, Jack Nelson, Barb and Melvin Pearson, Glen Rudy, Theresa Seitz, Julia Smith, Karey Starnes, Amy Stock, Marty Tabaka, Susan Taylor, Caitlin Verella, Tuffy Whitacre, Judy Whiting, Dianne Wright and, of course, Webster. Thanks, too, to all you parents, grandparents and friends who shared the children with us during our fabulous week.

Next year's dates are July 8-12, 2019. Put the date on your calendar now and plan to be part of the fun!

## 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

### August

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| 2  | Women's Lunch Group                              |
| 11 | Men's Fellowship                                 |
| 13 | All Abilities Worship                            |
| 16 | Women's Lunch Group                              |
| 19 | Meeting for Winchester Rescue Mission volunteers |
| 21 | Knit Unto Others                                 |
| 22 | Salvation Army Dinner                            |
| 26 | Parish Cookout and Open House                    |



### 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



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**The Rector's day off is Friday.  
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## August Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Brown, Jody Wall
- 2 Margery Wingenbach, Kayla Richard
- 3 Gail Walsh
- 4 Jim Kriewald
- 6 Thomas Rockwood, Tracy Tilling
- 7 Lucia Thomas
- 8 Paula Opheim, Elizabeth Browning
- 10 Bart Hansen, Marsha Baden, Mary Gloster
- 11 Zachary Barton
- 13 Emily Dodd, Tom Stouffer
- 14 LaVerne Sargent
- 15 Kay Whitworth, Jim Miles
- 24 Rosalie Lewis, Becky Anders, William Major, Jr., Olivia McKelway
- 25 Julia Menge, Nathan Cluss
- 26 Kay Keely, Mary Gage
- 27 Ellen Morgan, Clare Dame
- 29 Nancy Mitchell, John Riley
- 30 Greg Hutchinson, Judy Pennypacker, Caroline Barnes
- 31 Donna Bennett, Caroline Cooper



## August Anniversaries

- 30 Aug Roger & Pam Lamborne
- 1 David & Stephanie McWhorter
- 2 Chris & Melissa Ferguson
- 5 Kent & Mary Stevens
- 14 Roger & Helen Zebarth
- 25 David & Sara Bicking
- 29 Bob & Mary Puttock

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.



The Treasure Box Summer Sale continues with almost all items just \$1!

Join us for our Back to School event on August 15 with all new items for fall.

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

**The “Pre-Payments” Effect Continues** – As has been reported several times in previous issues of the Angelus, due to pre-payments, our year-to-date total actual revenue is still way ahead of budgeted revenue (by 14% or about \$35,700). Also, actual year-to-date expenses are below budget by about \$15,400, such that, in total, we have a current surplus of \$42,300, rather than a budgeted deficit of \$ -8,800.

Most of this anomaly is due to timing of actual versus budget, which, of course, means we really will not know until the end of the how we will really stand compared to the budget! Stay tuned!

### Repair, Restore, Renovate

#### Did you know?

About Capital Campaign Funds:

- Revenue (donations) received for the Bell Tower Renovation Project from 2007 to present totaled \$988,850.
- All monies borrowed (\$500,000 from a bank and \$300,000 self-loan from our Unrestricted Endowment) during the course of this project have been paid back in full.
- In addition, the Vestry authorized up to \$150,000 additional funds from various established Christ Church investment funds to be spent on sanctuary and other property repairs as needed.

Bell Tower/Capital Campaign Projects:

- In Phase 1 of the “Bell Tower Project,” we spent approximately \$916,000 (includes all the consultants, engineers, architects, Episcopal Church Foundation, administrative costs and actual work).
- After Phase 1 was completed, we had about \$72,000 left over for Phase 2 work.
- In the last couple years, we have spent about \$58,000 for Phase 2 projects (new HVAC for sanctuary, shutters, insulation, storm windows, and part of the rectory porch restoration).
- We have about \$14,000 of the Capital Campaign Funds to still spend completing Phase 2 projects.

Additional Vestry Authorized Projects:

- From the Sanctuary Fund, we have spent almost \$50,000.  
⇒ Projects include asbestos removal, painting, and masonry work.
- From the Unrestricted Endowment, we have spent almost \$54,000.  
⇒ Projects include courtyard work and plantings, masonry work and Smith Building projects
- This leaves a balance of slightly over \$46,000.

Get more information about any of these projects from the Properties Committee during the Open House event on Sunday, August 26!



## Stewardship News

### Something to think about...

It's hard during our daily travels in Winchester not to notice the seemingly growing number of "Wealth Management" and "Financial Services" offices around town. This is a good thing, as most of us understand the importance of financial investment to provide security for ourselves and our families. These financial advisers can help tremendously in assisting us to make the right decisions for our futures. What if we viewed our giving to Christ Church in the same light, as an investment? If we saw our giving as a sound and prudent way to grow the mission and ministry of our church in the service of Jesus?

Would we become more joyous givers? Would our gifts become more substantial? What if our investments increase by 20% in 2019?

What impact would a 20% increase in funding generate in our Worship and Music program?

What good in our community could we do with this type of increase in our Outreach budget?

What kind of education and youth programs could be offered with a 20% increase in giving?

How about the impact of a 20% increase in the Properties budget?

What is the impact individually of a 20% increase in or investment in Christ Church? The cost of a cup of coffee a day? The cost of a cup a week?

Just some thoughts to consider as we approach summer's end from Marty Tabaka, Stewardship Chair.

## Properties News



Sometimes, the projects around Christ Church seem tedious—new storm windows, fixing a leak, re-painting this and that. And always more to do! Over just the last decade, more than a million dollars has been spent on projects which were overseen by the Properties Committee. Please join us on Sunday, August 26, at the parish Open House and Cookout, as members of the Properties Committee offer information about the many projects completed and underway at Christ Church.

## Parish News

### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet at 8:00 am, at the Firefly Café and Bakery (3035 Valley Ave.), on Saturday, August 11, for breakfast and discussion. All men are welcome!

### Parish Potluck Coffee Hour

On the first Sunday of each month, the coffee hour following the 10:30 am service is 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.



### Women's Lunch Group



The Women's Lunch Group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month (August 2 & 16 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 August

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

The food pantry at CCAP has asked us to bring in **hearty soups** in August. 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 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 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.



## Parish News

Christ Church 7th Annual  
Friday, October 26, 4:00-9:00 pm  
& Saturday, October 27, 8:00 am-noon

# RUMMAGE

The logo for the Rummage Sale features the word "RUMMAGE" in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, the word "SALE" is written in white capital letters on four separate, colorful tags (red, yellow, green, and blue) that are hanging from above.

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 (now ongoing)
- 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 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!**

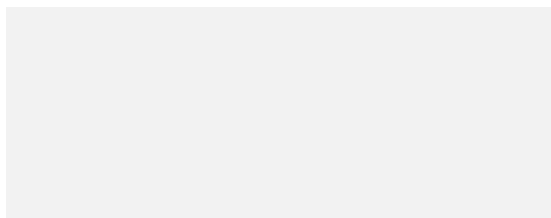
Should you have general questions about our 2018 event, please see or call Chris Ferguson at 978-360-4501.



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### **Parish Nurse Musings**

Did you know that our parish nurses have the following “health aides” available for parishioners to borrow: wheeled walkers, canes, toilet chairs, urinals, bedpans, grabbers, basins, hospital beds, wheelchairs, adult diapers, even hats for those having chemotherapy, and more.

Ask and we may have what you need! Call the church office (540-662-5843) and leave a message for Helen or Rosalie. These items are on loan to you, free of cost, for the length of time you are in need.

If you have medical supplies or equipment that you’d like to donate, please leave a message for the parish nurses and we will coordinate a time to pick up.

Your Parish Nurses – Helen & Rosalie

