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From the Rector

Dear People of Christ Church,

Now that we have enjoyed long season of Epiphany to celebrate what Jesus reveals of God in the life and ministry of Jesus, we change gears into the season of Lent heading towards Holy Week. We will conclude Epiphany on March 5 with our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper hosted by the Vestry. Everyone, adults and children, are invited to come and help clear out the church food pantry. The more people to help eat the food, the easier on the Vestry not having to eat the leftovers.

Then we head into Lent on Wednesday, March 6, with Ash Wednesday. For those not familiar with our service schedule on Ash Wednesday, the first service is at 7:00 am in the Pilgrim's Chapel (located to the right of the main entrance into the parish hall). Then noon and 7:00 pm services are in the main sanctuary. The option to receive the imposition of ashes is at all services.

For the season of Lent, we are going to try our potluck supper followed by evening program which we have not done for a couple of years. This year, we will have our dinner and program from 6:00 - 7:30 pm ending promptly to help all get home early. The program will be on Thursdays: March 14, March 28, and April 11. We will do an instructed eucharist which will be broken up over the three gatherings. The program is designed for all ages with the children upstairs and the adults in the parish hall after we eat.

Some of you may have done an instructed eucharist in a church service before, but Jane and I wanted to give ample opportunity for discussion and questions since people have been asking us such good questions already in our Sunday Adult Forum. The clergy and Margery Wingenbach are trying to design this with the first gathering looking at our service and the "Liturgy of the Word," followed up by the next two gatherings looking at the "Liturgy of the Table." If that language sounds new to you, come and learn what we mean.

Learning what we mean does not only apply to the titles of the sections of our worship. It also applies to the language we use, how it impacts our worship in the different communion prayers, and how the entire service is meant to impact our lives. For people who come to the Episcopal Church from other denominations of the Christian family, you will see parallels as well as differences which I hope deepen your appreciation for Holy Eucharist in the church.

Please make an effort to come. "Potluck" means you are lucky to get whatever is in the pot someone else brought. If you are short on time, a bucket of chicken is just fine. If you have a favorite item, please bring enough to share. We provide the drinks, you bring the food and we all share in the fellowship.

Even if you can only make one night, we would love to see you. If you have questions, please feel free to ask one of the clergy. Otherwise, I hope to see you there.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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MARCH 2019

Worship



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**March 6, 2019
Services at**

7 am—Pilgrim's Chapel

Noon—Sanctuary

7 pm—Sanctuary



March 5, 2019 • 5:30 pm • Tilford Room • Hosted by the Vestry

From the Rev. Jane Piver

Since coming to Christ Church on January 2 of this year as your short term, part-time interim assistant rector, I am delighted with your warm hospitality. Your patience in helping me learn your names is so generous. I appreciate your welcoming the “alien resident” to your midst. There is some curiosity to as to what my role is during this six month at Christ Church.

First, I am preaching, teaching and celebrating as a priest in this Church. Christ Church is big parish and your rector needs some help. I am also completing some course work to certify as an Interim Minister. You are serving as my fieldwork site. So what does that mean?

Interim ministry focuses on times of transition. At Christ Church, Winchester the transition focuses on the influx of new people with new industries coming to this area. Local leaders are anticipating somewhere in the neighborhood of 80,000 people.

Part of my task is to help the congregation and leadership of the Church think of ways to be welcoming. I am doing this by asking a series of questions. They are:

- Who are we?
- Who are our neighbors?
- What is God calling us to do?

We begin with telling the story of who we are. You have been so helpful in pushing pins into a map of this area and putting dots on a time line to show when you were baptized and when you first came to Christ Church, Winchester. These are the beginning steps of giving you a mosaic picture of who you are as a faith community.

So, that is a little of what I am about while I am with you. There is an abundance of generosity and caring here at Christ Church. Thank You!

Abundant blessings of comfort and challenge,
Rev. Jane Piver+

Christian Formation

Sunday School



Vacation Bible School is coming July 8-12! Mark your calendars now for **ROAR: Life is Wild * God is good.** Look forward to tons of learning and fun in our yearly program and its outreach to our community's children. Do you often think you would like to work with our children's program but aren't able to take a role during the regular program year? VBS is for you! Come on and volunteer! We need lots of help in many ways and virtually everything is provided including plans, materials, all kinds of support and lots of fun. Call or text Margery Wingenschach (540-667-0386) to see how you could be a part!

Lenten Mite Box Offering

Our individual primary and elementary classes will begin their offering on March 10. Children are again encouraged to bring their offering in weekly so they can measure how they are progressing toward their goals. The offering will conclude the Sunday after Easter.

As always, you don't have to be a child to participate! Make a dollar a day part of your Lenten practice. Like the widow's two mites, it doesn't seem like much and will make a huge contribution to our effort.

Schedule Note:

Remember that Daylight Saving Time begins March 10!

Dates and rates are live for Shrine Mont Camps 2019 at www.shrinemontcamps.net! Registration is ongoing. There is a new registration system, so please allow a few extra minutes to register as you familiarize yourself with the new system. If you have issues registering, please email Megan Nolde (mnolde@thediocese.net), and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Christ Church enjoys being able to offer scholarship assistance. Please ask Webster!



Adult Forum in March

Our Adult Forum on Sunday mornings has been discussing who we are, where we are, and what we might be called to do. In the season of Lent, there are readings offered in the lectionary for the days of Lent. These readings of Scripture offer many things for us to remember when we talk about self reflection, worship, parts of ministry which are important reminders to give us food for thought as we explore our Christian lives in ministry. Please join us to see where the paths of our February theme and Lent cross one another.

Adult Forum is Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Tilford Room with coffee!

Outreach News

The Important Role of CCAP in our Community

CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) is a ministry of 45 worshipping communities in Winchester and Frederick County that have come together to support our neighbors in need with financial, material and other assistance. They are a non-profit, faith-based, charitable organization that is funded by area churches, a synagogue, businesses, civic groups, bequests, and private individuals. They receive no funding from local, state or federal government agencies, nor are they funded by the United Way. They say, “As an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff, we are able to put 97% of every dollar donated right back into the community. The remaining 3% is used for postage, insurance, office administration and telephone expenses.” You can learn more about CCAP from their website (<https://ccapwinc.org/>) or on Facebook.



Volunteering at CCAP

Parishioners Wayne McKinley and Jim Taylor volunteer at CCAP as drivers, both making as many as 35 trips a year. They drive a variety of people to a variety of places, as they explain, but often take people to the bus or train stations in Martinsburg or Frederick. They also drive folks to doctor’s appointments, often in Charlottesville. Jim has driven as far as Ohio and back for one CCAP client! They use a van that is owned by CCAP.

While the reasons for each trip vary, the stories are always interesting, according to these two. And, if you know them, you know that they always offer compassion. Both say that while some drives are more challenging than others, clients always express gratitude and that this time spent driving offers them a chance to do a little something for someone in need.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Webster preached recently about how helping and working together on outreach projects gives the Christ Church community the chance to get to know each other and build relationships. We meet other members of the congregation and find areas of common interest. Volunteering with CCAP is a great way to build relationships! CCAP needs volunteers for many tasks—drivers like Wayne and Jim, people to sort clothes, work in the food pantry, folks to make deliveries, people to greet and interview clients, and to receive donations.

There is a new opportunity at CCAP which allows them to keep the baby/toddler clothing room open on Friday mornings between 8:30 and noon. The Outreach Committee is looking for two volunteers every Friday to help in the baby/toddler room. Every Friday is available but you can volunteer just one Friday a month. Couples can fit in nicely, or we can make up teams from all the volunteers who contact the Church Office at 540-662-5843.

If Friday mornings don’t work for you, CCAP also has a huge need to help sort donated clothing for their clients. The Outreach Committee would love to find several volunteers who can help at least one day per week for 4 or 5 hours sorting clothes at the CCAP facility on North Kent Street. Training will be provided and relationships will be formed! Add your name to the list in the Christ Church office by calling 540-662-5843.

Any questions should be passed along to Jim Taylor at annjimtaylor@verizon.net.

Outreach News

Donations for CCAP

March is the time of year which begins a migration amongst our less fortunate and homeless neighbors. As the weather temps begin to warm up, the WATTS program, which provides temporary shelter at local churches, has ended for another year. CCAP picks up the mantle to meet the needs of the new season. Many of the clients of CCAP will be migrating into the woods around us. The new living arrangements require **Waterproof Tarps** and **Poly Rope** to secure the tarps. This need is fairly specific. Please see pictures below. These two items can be purchased at the Harbor Freight Tools store at 1131 Berryville Ave. (Rt. 7), just west of I-81. The 4 mil tarp is the Blue Waterproof 11' x 17' size with grommets (cost \$12.99) and the Poly Rope comes in 100 ft. yellow lengths (\$3.99). Please leave your donations on the shelves marked "CCAP Donations" in the foyer of the Parish Hall (under the window).

CCAP will again be giving away **Easter Baskets** to children in early April. Join the Outreach Committee's effort to supply Easter baskets to CCAP. We are asking you to bring donations to the Tilford Room. Needed items are individually wrapped Easter candy, children's Easter story books, seasonal coloring books and colored pencils, markers and baby-safe stuffed animals, as well as the baskets to be filled. Additional items for the baskets are fun socks, sidewalk chalk, a \$5.00 gift card to McDonald's or Five Below and baby-appropriate toys. The age range for the baskets begins at baby's first Easter to 12 years old. The baskets will be given away at CCAP. Help us by bringing in the supplies by Sunday, April 7. Please volunteer to help assemble the baskets on Monday, April 8, in the Baden Center.



If you have any questions or suggestions, text or call Jim Taylor at 703-403-5264.



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



- 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 8 Assemble Easter baskets for CCAP
- 10 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 14 Lenten Program (see Rector's letter)
- 28 Lenten Program

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:50 am
Contemplative Prayer	Wed: 1:00 pm
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**

March Birthdays

- 1 Janie Mohn, Brandi Vicchio,
Lindsay Fairbanks
- 2 Sandra Armstrong
- 3 Gwendolyn Conrad, Michael Roberson
- 4 Daniel Rupert
- 6 George Glass, Kent Stevens
- 8 Dreusilla Koonce, Connie Pettinger
- 9 Robin Northrup
- 11 Susan Sheppard
- 12 David Lewis
- 13 Steve Cluss
- 15 Mary Stevens
- 16 Ellen Ford
- 19 Eddie Richard
- 20 Isabella Vicchio, Frank Baxter
- 21 Richard Lewis, III
- 24 Ned Browning
- 25 Sam DeBergh, Haley Jacobsen
- 27 Lori Ellington, Jack Nelson
- 28 Ann Thomas
- 30 Margaret Trueblood
- 31 Deanna Stouffer



March Anniversaries

- 16 Jim & Rebekah Wiedower

CELEBRATE!



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

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

January Actual is Ahead of Budget

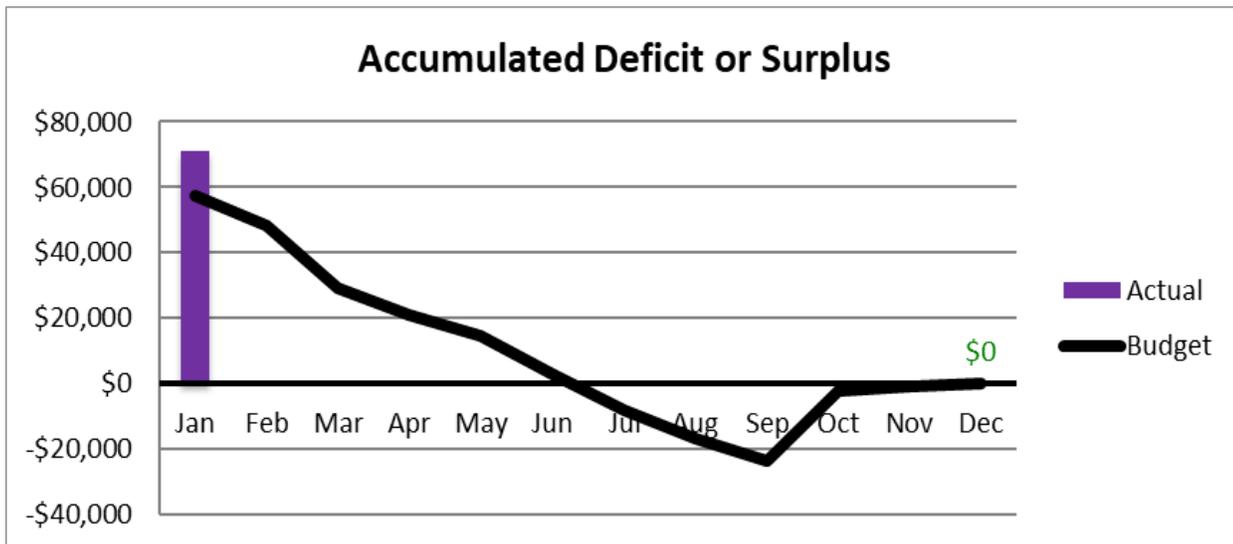
2019	Budget	Actual	Differ Act-Bud
Revenues January	\$59,860	\$71,251	\$11,391
2018 Carry Over / Budget Challenge	\$46,653	\$46,653	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$106,513	\$117,904	\$11,391
Total Expenses	\$48,978	\$46,800	(\$2,177)
Net	\$57,535	\$71,104	\$13,568

The first thing to notice in the table above is that the Budget Challenge (an account name used to show the amount needed to balance the budget for the year) is shown in January as being met by the 2018 Carry-Over (from the 2018 Surplus). The \$46,653 amount is shown in the revenue column for both the Budget and the Actual. This was done to reflect the decision to use some of the 2018 surplus to help balance the 2019 operating budget. You will be able to see the impact this has on the full year **Accumulated Deficit or Surplus** graph that is shown below.

The actual results for January show that we received total revenue about \$11,400 more than was budgeted, and that actual expenses were below budget by about \$2,200. The net total result for January has Actual \$13,600 better than Budget.

Looking Ahead in 2019

The graph below shows the impact of carrying over \$46,653 from the 2018 operating surplus in the month of January for 2019. The budget (solid black line) for 2019 shows the church is expected to have a positive cash position through the first half of the year. The summer months, when attendance is down and revenues are low, will be a time of deficit as total accumulated expenses exceed total accumulated revenues. Then in the final quarter of 2019, historically due to year-end giving, the plan is for revenues to equal expenses at year-end for the budget to break even.



Properties News

Improvements in the Fairfax Room

With the church foundation walls sealed and painted, the basement under the Sanctuary has lost the musty smell and darkness of years past! We have created a spot for parents to change a diaper or sit a bit. The restrooms are available in the back, and the choir still uses the space for their robes and music. The basement is wired for sound so that you can hear the services in the Sanctuary. The stairs down to the basement are in the back of the Sanctuary. Come down and see the space one Sunday!



Parish News

Online Parish Directory

Good news! Our new Lifetouch mobile directory is ready!

Our mobile directory contains contact information for families of Christ Church and is an easy-to-use tool to help you stay connected. You will also see portraits of all our families that participated in our recent photography event. What a great way to connect names and faces!

To access the mobile directory:

1. Click on the red button that says Parish Directory on our website: www.christchurchwinchester.org.
2. Enter your access code: 19CCW (Please do not share this code outside the parish.)

Once you are logged in, you can scroll through the directory, search by name, view family profiles, email/call/map, and view the staff page. There is an onscreen guided tour that will walk you through each of these areas.

To update your contact information, please contact Noelle in the Church Office (communications@christchurchwinchester.org or 540-662-5843).

Tip of the Month

Use the website:

www.ChristChurchWinchester.org

Many people use a church's website to get a sense of the community and what a parish has to offer, but if you are already attending services at Christ Church, you may also find the website more useful than you realize.

You can use the website to sign up to receive weekly email updates from Christ Church. There is a link on the home page to click and submit your email address. You can unsubscribe at any time if you don't like the emails on Thursdays.

You can access Sunday bulletins on the website and also listen to sermons. This is great if you miss a Sunday at Christ Church.

For those who serve at Christ Church, you can check the LEM, usher, acolyte, and Altar Guild schedules. You can see who is hosting Coffee Hour. And, you can access the complete Christ Church calendar to see what's happening and coming up. This newsletter is online if you'd like to read it on the go.

If you have questions about Christ Church ministries, check the website for information. Even if you don't find the answer you're looking for, you'll find ways to contact the clergy, vestry or staff for that help!



Parish News

Men's Fellowship Meets

The Men's Fellowship will meet offsite for their March 9, 2019 gathering at Perkins Restaurant (711 Millwood Ave., near Apple Blossom Mall) at 7:30 am for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion of the movie, *The Bells of Saint Mary's*. All men of the parish are welcome to attend and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Please see Chris Ferguson with any questions.

Women's Lunch Group



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

Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont



Our annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont will be May 10-12—Mother's Day weekend. The weekend will be full of prayer, fellowship, s'mores, hiking, napping, games and puzzles.

Shrine Mont is famous for their home-cooking and their own apple butter. Shrine Mont's website is 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.

Brochures and registration forms will be available soon!

When Spring Cleaning...

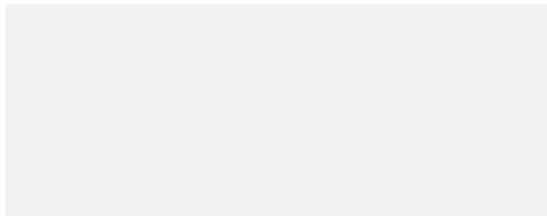
It's not too early to start thinking about the annual Christ Church Rummage Sale, which will be held at the end of October in 2019. Donations are accepted year-round to ensure the church has a sufficient supply of quality product on hand to raise as much money for our church ministries as possible! Questions concerning donations may be directed to Chris Ferguson at Chrisferguson_41@msn.com or 540-550-8308.



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Parish Nurse Musings

Identity theft is becoming a huge issue for many people. I have been told by several parishioners that they have had their identities targeted. I have a little booklet on how to avoid this and I will share some of the things with you. It is a federal crime and should be reported if you suspect you have been targeted. Don't share any personal information with anyone. When at the store checking out watch the person behind you. Often they are gathering data from your credit card, check, etc. Whenever possible have your cart behind you, between you and the person behind you. Don't answer the telephone if you don't know who it is. If you do answer don't say anything because if you say hello or anything they can record your voice to use at another time with another member of your family. Shred documents. Dumpster diving is becoming popular. Check your bank account or credit card account at least monthly. Carry as little information with you as possible. When at a hotel if you receive a call from the desk asking you to verify something, go down to the desk. It probably isn't real. Don't respond to anything on your computer that you don't recognize. If you are a victim call the company and ask to speak to the fraud department. These are just a few ideas. If you want to read the entire booklet I will be glad to share it with you.



See you in church!

Your parish nurses, *Helen and Rosalie*