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From the Rector

Dear People of Christ Church,

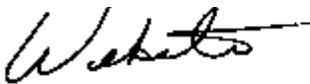
As we head into November and December, which will quickly bring us into a busy holiday schedule, outreach programs, and new opportunities for Christian formation and fellowship, I wanted to give you an update on some items people have asked me about. First of all, I want to thank the Vestry, the people leading book studies, and helping with youth group, and the other rummaging projects around the parish for offering the time and effort to make these ministries happen. I also want to thank all of the clergy who are helping with the church services as well. When Christ Church has a vacancy in the assistant rector position, I rely on the people around the parish to help fill in and lead. For me, this offers a reminder that the parish is not based on the clergy, but on the community of faith at Christ Church.

I hope this time also encourages people who may be hesitant to become involved in programs or ministries to take the risk and become involved in some new way in the parish. You will find several ways as you look through this newsletter. This can be as simple as cooking a turkey or pie for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner or helping with the setup of the rummage sale for one hour (or ten hours!) that first week of November, or joining us for a book or Bible study or a fellowship group. I often find that people who take the risk, be it large or small, discover the difference between going to church and being part of a church. The risk invests us in being a deeper part of our claim that we are a church family, part of the body of Christ.

Starting in January, I will begin the process of looking for the next assistant rector to come to Christ Church. Since this position is designed to help new clergy have their first experience in serving a church, I work with the diocese and the seminaries to find graduating seminarians who may enjoy having their first ordained time of service in Winchester. The hope is to have the new assistant serving here by June or July. I will keep you informed as that process moves ahead.

The next few months become active in a lot of ways around the parish. Thank you for being a part of making ministry happen through these activities. Of course, with November 5 being our stewardship pledge in-gathering day, I would be remiss in not reminding you of how your stewardship of giving in time/talent and also treasure is so important for what we do for our Lord in the ways that we serve. This becomes our way of reflecting God's love in the world as we seek to be the Church.

Faithfully,



The Very Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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From the Diocese



223rd Annual Convention

Christ Church, Glen Allen

On Saturday, November 4, the Diocese of Virginia will gather for a one-day session at Christ Church, Glen Allen, near Richmond. The one-day convention allows the diocese to engage in the process of shifting the annual convention from the last weekend of January to November.

Some items that will be discussed at the convention include learning about changes caused by the shift in the calendar and elections to the Standing Committee and other elections for the different committees and leadership of the diocese. We will also learn about the restructuring of the regions of the diocese from the current 15 to 17 regions. Christ Church will be in the new region of the northern Shenandoah Valley in the Winchester Region. The new structure will go into effect after the convention.

Bishop Shannon Johnston recently sent a letter out informing the diocese of the retirement of The Right Reverend Ted Gulick as Assisting Bishop and announced the call for starting the process to elect a bishop suffragan. The letter is posted at www.thediocese.net.

In his letter, the bishop writes, “With Bishop Gulick's impending retirement comes the need to assess our capacity in diocesan ministry and leadership. After thoughtful consideration, it has become clear to me that we need to return to a third full-time bishop. The Standing Committee has offered its consent and the Executive Board has unanimously endorsed my request for the Annual Convention to call for the election of a second Bishop Suffragan in 2018. A resolution from the Standing Committee was submitted to that effect and will be considered by the Convention on November 4.”

For those not familiar with the terms of Diocesan, assisting, and suffragan: *“A diocesan bishop is the ecclesiastical authority in a diocese, elected by the diocese to serve until he or she retires or dies. A bishop suffragan is elected by a diocese to assist the diocesan bishop. Neither an assistant nor a suffragan has the right of succession. A bishop coadjutor is elected to succeed a diocesan bishop and traditionally assists the diocesan for a specified period of time before being installed as the diocesan. An assistant bishop is an already-consecrated bishop appointed to serve a diocese, often for a specified period of time.”*

Bishop Johnston concludes, “When the need, vision, opportunity and means converge, we must act on it with confidence. I ask that you keep this request and, if approved by the Annual Convention, the ensuing search for our second Bishop Suffragan in your prayers.”

The clergy and lay deputies of Christ Church will make a presentation to the parish during the Adult Forum on November 5 to recap their experience at Convention.

Christian Formation

Sunday School News

Looking ahead, sign-ups/casting for the annual Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 pm service on Christmas Eve will begin Sunday, November 12. Check the bulletin board in the Commons. There's an opportunity for everyone who wants to participate – animals to angels, speaking and non-speaking parts, visiting grandchildren, friends, etc. Rehearsals will take place in December. As always, volunteer help is encouraged and welcome.

Classes and Children's Chapel will observe a regular schedule Thanksgiving weekend. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3 this year.

Women's Book Study

Women of all ages are invited to the Tuesday morning Women's Book Study, which begins again November 7 at 10:30 am in the Parlors. We will be using Ellen F. Davis's book, *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* (available at local bookstores or Amazon).

The introduction of the book explains: "This is a book about getting, and staying, involved with God—what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like, why anyone would want to do it anyway. It is at the same time a book about reading the Old Testament as a source of Good News and guidance for our life with God. The key piece of Good News that the Old Testament communicates over and over again is that God is involved with us, deeply and irrevocably so."

If you would like to know more about the Tuesday study, contact Cathie Russell (540-665-5759) or Katie Clark (540-450-0290).

Another Women's Book Study group is meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Parlors. Their book is Marcus Borg's *Speaking Christian*. Please

Sunday Adult Forum

We will use the new program, "The Challenge of Paul," from the publisher of "Faith and Reason," which has been popular with our Adult Forum in the past. 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.

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

Youth Group

Sunday Evening Youth Group continues to meet every Sunday at 6:00 pm, with occasional changes to our start time depending on what we are doing that week. Youth in grades 6-12 gather for community service, worship, fellowship, study, and food! We invite youth families and anyone else to sign up to provide dinner for a Youth Group meeting as a way to provide encouragement, nourishment and energy for their brains and general well being. If you would like to help with a Sunday evening dinner, please visit the Youth Program page on the website (www.christchurchwinchester.org/youth-program).

Outreach

Executive Committee Formed

You may remember that the Vestry took steps to reorganize the leadership around our outreach work by establishing a Vestry Outreach Executive Committee. As the outreach programs of Christ Church have grown in number of opportunities, financial support, and members involved over the past few years, the Vestry and leadership of the Outreach Committee met to discern a more effective way to make sure these ministries have necessary support and oversight by the Vestry. The executive committee was established to make sure this support happens.

The Vestry wants to thank everyone who expressed a willingness to have their names considered for serving on the Outreach Executive Committee. The Vestry appointed the following people to serve: Cheryl Crowell, Chris Ferguson, Katie Harvard, Pam Kennedy, Farley Massie, Linda Miles, Jim Taylor, and Jeremy Welts. The committee has been getting up to speed with the leaders of the various programs, learning what the Vestry wants them to do, and beginning the process of considering new ways to grow the outreach program in the life of the congregation. Several outreach projects currently need your support including Angel Tree, WATTS host week, and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner (see p. 10)!

WATTS Meeting



Christ Church Host Week December 9–16, 2017

This winter, Christ Church will again host the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS) in our Parish Hall. Our host week is Saturday, December 9 to Saturday, December 16, 2017. This ministry provides much needed thermal support to homeless adults in Winchester and Frederick and Clarke Counties.

We will meet on **Sunday, November 12, 2017 from Noon to 1:00 pm in the Commons** (upstairs in the Parish Hall) to provide a short WATTS overview, identify specific tasks, and begin our planning for the upcoming season.

Thanks to all who supported WATTS in the past. Please consider helping again this season. If you have not participated yet, this is a good time to start. Please contact Chris Ferguson (CFerguson@zwickerpc.com or 978-360-4501), Marty Tabaka (martin_tabaka@hotmail.com or 540-771-0187) or Pat Kofalt (patkofalt@gmail.com or 540-722-0429) for additional details.

Outreach

Angel Tree

It's time to go Christmas shopping! The Outreach Committee invites the entire congregation to join in the ministry of the Angel Tree where we have an opportunity to give a Merry Christmas to children in our community who have little or nothing. This year you can select your "Angels" in the Tilford Room on **November 19 and November 26.**

Participating in the Angel Tree Ministry with the local Salvation Army is a traditional opportunity and blessing for parishioners to help families in need by providing gifts at Christmas. The Salvation Army, through an interview process, registers children who reside in Winchester, Frederick or Clarke Counties to receive holiday assistance. The Salvation Army expects there will be more than 900 children in our community who qualify this year. Many of these children have a parent or parents who work, but can barely feed and clothe them, and cannot provide anything extra at the holidays. To support this community need, individuals and families at Christ Church will have the opportunity to select the name of a child or children "to adopt."

"Angel" cards with the children's first names, ages, and some gift suggestions can be picked up in the Tilford Room on Sunday, November 19, and Sunday, November 26, following both services. Members of the Outreach Committee and volunteers will be available to help with your selection, offer suggestions, and answer questions. It is suggested that each child receive some new warm clothing and a few toys – board games, books, riding toys, doll babies, purses, trucks, etc. Please do not be offended or think poorly of the children if their toy requests are "pricy items." Remember the effect of advertising and how it targets certain high-ticket items throughout the holiday season, and what children hear from each other. The suggestions are just that – guidelines – and each Christ Church participant can decide what they purchase.

Final collection day of the gifts is **Sunday, December 10**, when you return and check in your "Angel's" gifts in the large plastic bag (which will be provided to you). The number of the "Angel" should be prominently displayed inside the bag that you return to the Tilford Room. Please do not wrap the gifts. You may include rolls of wrapping paper to help the Salvation Army.

We can also accept donations by check in the collection plate on any Sunday. It is important that you place the note "Angel Tree" in the memo line.

Jim and Ann Taylor need additional volunteers after each service on November 19 and 26 to assist in the distribution of "Angel" cards. On December 10, we need volunteers with cars, large vehicles, or pickup trucks to transport the gifts and bicycles to the Salvation Army collection center. A big "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who helped so generously last year. Join us again, please.

Please sign up to help in the Tilford Room (look for the Christmas tree!) or contact Jim Taylor at 703-403-5264 or Ann Taylor at 703-622-7059 to offer your time to assist with this generous ministry. If you have any questions, please call Jim or Ann.



Calendar and Upcoming Events

Church Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

12:00 pm Pilgrim's Chapel
 (Healing Service 3rd Wed)

Second Monday

6:30 pm Special Needs—Sanctuary

November

- 4 Annual Convention—Glen Allen, VA
- 5 Daylight Savings Time ends,
2018 Stewardship Pledge In-gathering
- 7 Election Day—Voting in Tilford Room
- 10-11 Rummage Sale and Bake Sale
- 12 WATTS Meeting at Noon
- 13 Special Needs Service at 6:30 pm
- 14 Vestry Meeting
- 19 Angel Tree Ministry begins
- 23 Thanksgiving service—10:00 am

Committee & Group Meetings

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**

November Birthdays

- 2 Jody Armstrong-Jones
 5 Stephanie McWhorter, Kenneth Vicchio
 6 Charlie Gaynor, Laura Button-Cain, Benjamin Cluss
 9 Mariel Becker-Welts
 10 Delores Wheatley, Bill Jarvis, Scott Arthur
 11 Katherine Clarke
 13 Nicole Francis, Will Armstrong, Jeffrey Dodd
 14 Bill Old, Kim Pifer, Marrea Riggs
 15 Alex Giller
 16 Jason Conrad, Ann Taylor
 17 Farley Massey, Dottie Lou Crisp
 18 Steve Martin, Koy Mislowky, Wendy Breslin
 19 Steven "Tuffy" Whitacre
 20 Diane Pacelli, Rosa Gibson
 21 Joy Nesselrodt
 22 Alex Waldie, Graham Giller
 23 Arlene Hill, Christopher Ferguson
 24 Emilie Pifer
 25 Dorothy Gibson
 26 Sally O'Neil
 27 Dennis Shows
 28 Shannon Dodd
 29 Jay Russell, Marilyn Sanin
 30 Ned Howard



November Anniversaries

- 10-Nov Christopher & Adelaide Turnbull
 28-Nov Nick & Kathy Nerangis
 28-Nov Frank & Sandra Armstrong
 30-Nov Robb & Cathie Russell

Attie Basement Closet
Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

Friday, Nov. 10, 4-9 pm
 Saturday, Nov. 11, 8-12 pm at
Christ Episcopal Church
 in the Parish Hall, 132 W. Boscawen

A Sneak Peek at what's on Sale!

- Artwork
- Books
- Clothing
- Collectibles
- Dishware
- Electronics
- China and Kitchen Items
- Furniture
- Garden shop,
- Linens,
- Men's tools and accessories
- Toys

Come to the ABC Rummage and Bake Sale at Christ Church to benefit our Ministries!

Did you know?

In the Episcopal Church in the United States, the correct usage is that "Episcopalian" is used only as a noun and "Episcopal is used only as an adjective.

Examples:

*"This is an Episcopal church.
 I am an Episcopalian priest."*

Examples:

*"I am an Episcopalian.
 We're all Episcopalian."*

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. Please let the office know the school addresses of our college students.

Finance

The Financial Report

Budget Performance

The first three quarters of 2017 are complete and **actual performance is still better than the budget plan!** However, at the end of September, our net position, the difference between Revenue (money coming in) and Expenses (money going out) was \$ - 42,282.

For the third quarter, when summer attendance and revenues are down while expenses remain at normal levels, our budget plans for us to have a large deficit (plan was for a deficit of almost \$58,000). The 2017 budget plans for a strong fourth quarter and year-end revenue to catch up and equal expenses for the year. The summary table below shows actual versus budget at the end of September.

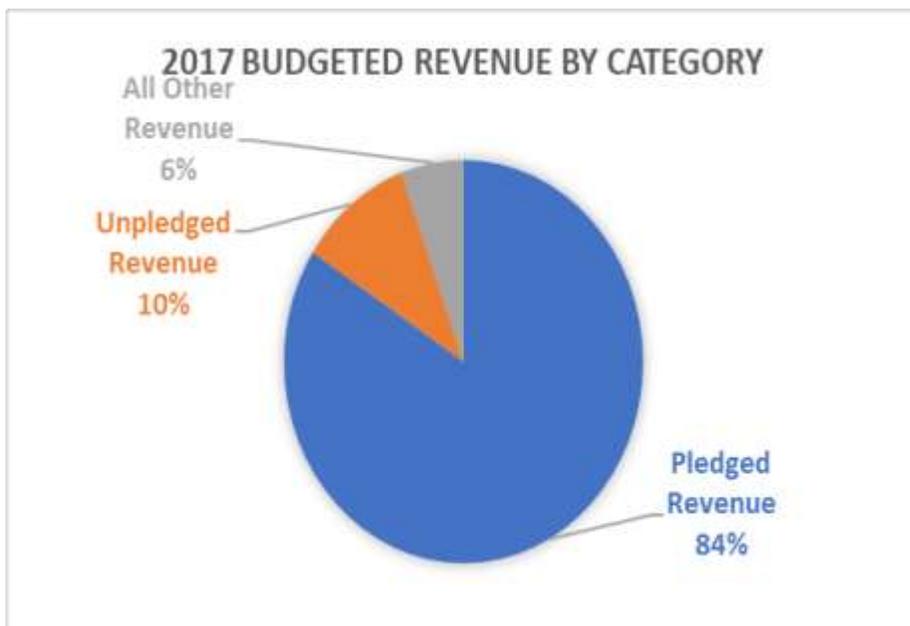
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Revenues	\$390,824.87	\$399,202.00	(\$8,377.13)
Total Expenses	\$433,106.94	\$457,175.58	(\$24,068.64)
Net Position	(\$42,282.07)	(\$57,973.58)	\$15,691.51

Stewardship and the 2018 Budget

The Stewardship Campaign for 2018 is underway. As the year 2017 closes, the 2018 Budget must be developed, submitted to, and then finally approved by the Vestry. The Operating budget is VERY dependent upon the successful outcome of the Stewardship Campaign.

The Stewardship Campaign determines the expected amount of PLEDGED Revenue for the coming year. Pledged Revenue is the most certain, and by far, the largest component of total revenue and is a fundamental building block of the church operating budget process.

The chart below shows that for the 2017 budget, Pledged Revenue was 84% of the total expected revenue for the year.



By making a pledge to Christ Church for 2018 during the Stewardship Campaign, you help provide KEY information for next year's operating budget.

Stewardship

Being Involved

Hello,

Marty Tabaka asked Robb and me to share with you our involvement as members of Christ Church and the feelings that come from being involved. When we first came here to church it was to worship, and we found the worship, preaching and music very uplifting. From worship, we went to Coffee Hour and found fellowship and the joy of making new friends. We continue to find strength and solidarity in praying with and for friends on the prayer chains, and satisfaction in serving others in the many outreach ministries. There is growth in understanding our faith through the Sunday morning classes and Bible study group. Then came the desire to share past church leadership experiences with this parish.

But the most dominant feeling we have about being members of Christ Church is gratitude. We are so thankful to be part of this community of faith where people love God, love each other and love our neighbors. This love comes from our gratitude to God for blessing all of us, and it pours out in our worship, fellowship, outreach – and our generous giving that sustains this place, our staff, and the many ways we all seek to “be the church.”

Every Sunday for as long as I can remember, I sang “Praise God from whom all blessings flow....” Even though we don’t sing the Doxology here, we can stop and appreciate all of the blessings that God bestows upon us here in this place. In response, our grateful praise and financial giving should flow abundantly.

“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.”

Cathie & Robb Russell



Please return pledge cards by
November 5.



Plan for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner

LET'S GIVE
thanks
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
DINNER

presented by the Frederick & Winchester Church Partners, Corporate Sponsors, & Business Supporters

WHEN
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11:30AM-2:00PM

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RESERVATIONS
FOR MEAL DELIVERY
Accepted October 31-November 22

Christ Church will participate in the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Winchester. The annual dinner is on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, from 11:30 am—2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian. Each Thanksgiving many volunteers from community churches and businesses, gather to give back. Giving back brings us great joy!

Christ Church has been tasked with providing 20 cooked turkeys for the dinner and cooked pies (apple, pecan, or pumpkin). We will coordinate donations of food from Christ Church in the coming weeks.

Volunteers are also needed for all types of jobs, including delivery drivers, turkey bakers, turkey carvers and many more. You can sign up directly online at fpcwinc.org/communitythanksgivingdinner. **Again, please do not sign up for food donations online.** We will do that here at Christ Church.

They have t-shirts for volunteers this year, too!

Monetary donations are appreciated as well. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with Community Thanksgiving Dinner in the memo line. We will forward any checks collected at Christ Church to First Presbyterian or you may mail them to First Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601.

If you would like more information or have a question please call the Church Office at 540-662-5843 or Chris Ferguson at 540-662-4219. We encourage you to be part of giving back to our community and experiencing the joy that comes with it.



Parish News

Women's Lunch Group



The women of Christ Church are invited to join us for lunch on the first and third Thursdays of each month, (November 2 & 16) at 11:30 am at the Firefly Café and Bakery (3035 Valley Ave.). Friendly, familiar Episcopal hostesses will welcome you! Please RSVP on the website (www.christchurchwinchester.org) if you will attend. Look for the pink button at the bottom of the home page!

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship for November falls on the day of our annual rummage sale (November 11) and all men of the parish are encouraged to come out anytime that morning to participate in the fun and help the shopping public. Food will be available all day!

Treasure Box News

The Treasure Box would like to thank Paulette Jennis for her years of service and for helping to make the Treasure Box become the success that it is today.

Come join our group of Treasure Box Volunteers and help us make a difference in our community. Volunteer for three hours once a month on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. It's a great way to have fun, get to know other women, and contribute to the community! Anyone interested in serving as a board member is also encouraged to call us!

Contact Kay Jones (540-450-0284), Sally O'Neil (337-739-0074), or Carole Ann King (540-486-8579).



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Open Wednesdays &
Fridays from 10-4

CCAP Collection for November

In November, CCAP has asked us to continue to help with Thanksgiving dinners that CCAP helps so many with. Please donate cake mixes or boxed desserts.

And, as cold weather is not far off, CCAP is also asking for warm socks for their clients.

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. There is a bookshelf in the foyer of the Parish Hall marked CCAP. Please leave items there and thank you for your generosity! Contact Jim Taylor (703-403-5264) with any questions.

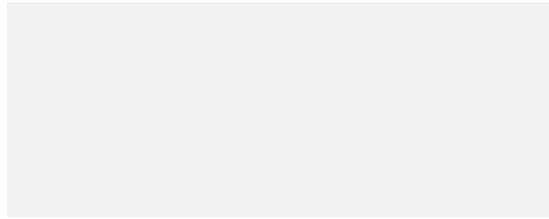




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Parish Nurse Musings

As we continue to pray for the victims of the Las Vegas shooting and their families, we are reminded again that an active shooter situation can happen anywhere. Please keep in mind the following should you ever find yourself in this situation:

If you can evacuate, do it! Hopefully, you have been aware of your surroundings and possible exits. Dial 911 if possible and stay on the line, giving as much information as you can about location and what is happening

If evacuation is not possible, hide! Find a place to “shelter down” out of the shooter’s view, behind a large item if possible. Try to be as quiet as possible.

Finally, as a last resort, take action by trying to disrupt or incapacitate the shooter. Be as aggressive as possible. Yell. Throw things. Whatever you can do.

Remember that victims are usually selected at random and events evolve very quickly. Always, when out in the community, be aware of your surroundings and have a plan in mind.

See you in church!

Your Parish Nurses – Helen & Rosalie

