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Rector's Message

Dear People of Christ Church,

Wow! It's August already - time definitely keeps marching on. I am so thankful this summer, especially, for everyone who has helped to care for one another, to teach and support our children, and for those who continue to be the Church in love and worship of our Lord. As we strive to understand what makes a faith community different from a service community, our care, worship, and compassion for each other and the community around us shows that difference.

This summer, during the months of June and July, I had the privilege of being in two Bible schools - one here at home and one in the Dominican Republic. These Bible schools were different in some ways and similar in others. It was hard work to be in the tropical heat, in a barrio, where over 80 children come from homes which we would consider cement block shacks, where neither you nor the children can drink the water; but it was fulfilling and the fellowship was joyful. It was one side of an economic and community spectrum. To be in Winchester, working with Grace Lutheran to pray, play, sing, and teach over 200 children, most of whom are not from Christ Church or Grace Lutheran, is also hard work but just as fulfilling in a very different setting. Though in different circumstances, children are the same in their love of song and play, as well as in their deep desire to know Jesus's unconditional love for each one of them.

These Bible schools are so important for children today. I find it unfortunate that we call these "vacation" Bible schools. It creates a misnomer. While these schools do go on during the summer when the kids are on vacation from school, I worry that people have come to think that these Bible schools are little more than "vacations" for their children. As I work with teachers and children and see the commitment of time and energy put into these Bible schools, I realize it's wonderfully naïve to consider Bible schools to be vacations for those leading them! I am also concerned that we lessen the value we place on these Bible schools, be it in Winchester or other parts of the world, when we hear the word "vacation." To help us affirm and celebrate the importance of Bible school for our children, I wonder what would happen if we dropped the word "vacation" or put it in quotations?

In some ways, this seems like a small concern. In other ways, it reminds us of a pervasive attitude of church as an option or something less important than other parts of life. Either way, the Bible schools are finished, and we quickly shift to August. This year, many of us will see a change in our August schedules. The school year is beginning earlier and our busy schedules start up again. Shorter summers remind us why programs such as

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Rector's Message

the Bible schools are important - lest our children miss the opportunity of community fellowship found in these experiences. Our church program schedules are also changing a bit because of the earlier school starts. While most of our program year will start in September, we have a few events happening in August to prepare for the new program year. Please be sure to read through this issue to see how we are getting ready for the program year.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Bible schools, other parish ministries, and for the care for one another you have shown this summer. As we regroup for the start of the program year, I hope that you will consider new ministries or programs in which you may want to participate. If you are trying to get your last bit of re-creation in before the start of things, I hope you enjoy the time away.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector

Highlights from July's Vestry Meeting

- The Treasurer reported on our progress paying back our endowment part of the capital campaign and appreciates people continuing to make their payments.
- Also, in the summer, annual giving typically slows down. The Treasurer reminds everyone to keep up with our giving as best we can in the summer.
- Education reported that the staff and committee will look at start dates for Christian formation programs in the future. With schools starting earlier, the committee will consider if it is also a good idea to start these programs earlier. However, for this year, the start date will be September 7.
- Stewardship welcomes the Diocese of Virginia's annual giving workshop to Christ Church. The committee and the Vestry will host the workshop and parishioners are invited to attend. (See p. 15.)
- Per recommendation from the Outreach Committee, the Vestry approved \$400 be transferred from the Outreach Committee's funds to help with the Salvation Army dinner in August. Also, the Vestry approved \$1,000 for the Navajo program. (See p. 11.)
- Parish Life invites all to the parish cookout on Sunday, August 24, following the 10:30 am service.
- Properties reports that the work on the Smith Building is underway during July. They are also working on church parking signs to help clarify which areas are reserved for Christ Church staff and parishioners.
- Rector and Vestry discussed the wonderful care and support offered among parishioners with the recent losses in the parish. The clergy and Vestry are grateful for the help and support that people gave for the funeral receptions.

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

On a recent Wednesday, the gospel appointed for the noon Eucharist was Matthew 11:25-27, which includes Jesus saying, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will." During this time, it was those who were the people in positions of power and authority, who considered themselves wise, who were missing the simplicity of the Good News that Jesus came to share; that God's love was bigger than they could imagine and that God loved all. As I pondered these verses and what they held for us today, in an age in which we've been taught since pre-school that "knowledge is power," I found myself repeating the phrase, "I want to be an infant for God!"

Infancy is a time of constant growth and learning, testing the waters and our own strength, leaning on others when we can't stand on our own. Infancy is not proud of crying for help, or laughing and smiling just because. Infancy approaches each day asking God and the world to teach us something new, to call us to different and exciting things. Every step is a new adventure in infancy. Yes, I want to be an infant for God!

I think it is in our willingness to approach our life's pilgrimage of faith with this kind of openness that allows us to accept our adoption as God's sons and daughters. When we do this, when we remember that through baptism we are called to be children of the living God, we hopefully find ourselves as infants thirsting for new experiences that shape and inform us, to know Christ and make Christ known.

For me this is the key that we take what we've learned and share it. As the psalmist writes, "We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord and the wonderful works he has done." (Psalm 78:4) As we approach the beginning of the program year, I hope we all can feel comfortable enough to be infants asking God to reveal more and more to us, reminding us that we are ever learning and growing as disciples of our risen Lord, called to faith and action.

Blessings,

Bridget

The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector

PARISH COOKOUT!

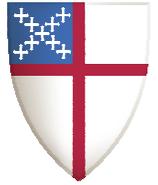
Please join us on Sunday, August 24
after the 10:30 am service in the courtyard
for a cookout hosted by
the Vestry & Parish Life committee.
Please bring a side dish to share!



Worship & Music

Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 pm, we will have our annual bishop's visitation with The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick. This is our opportunity to welcome the bishop and to share with the bishop in baptisms, confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations. Yes, the time is 3:00 pm that Sunday afternoon. We will have our normal Sunday service schedule, and then we will have a special service with the bishop later in the day.



For those of you who are interested in engaging the Christian life and service through the Episcopal Church in a more committed way, the Inquirers' Class for those considering being confirmed or received will begin on Sunday, August 10. We will meet in the Parlors immediately following the 10:30 am service. We will review the process of preparation and meeting times when we gather on the 10th. To help the clergy with material preparation required for the class, please contact Bridget or Webster at the Church Office (540-662-5843) by Sunday, August 3rd, if you would like to attend or have questions.

For the rest of the congregation, we will need your help! This is not our normal time for hosting the bishop. With three bishops and 45 Sundays a year to visit 186 parishes in this diocese, creative service times have to come about! Martha Roberson and the Parish Life committee and the Vestry will need your help with the reception, so please be generous when asked for help preparing next month!

New Youth Choir Begins in September

A **NEW Youth Choir** for youth in Grades 6-12 will begin meeting September 7th. This choir will replace Cantamus, which was a girls' ensemble. **Alleluia Singers** will now be for children in grades 2-5.

Choir Schedules for Fall:



- **Cherub Choir** (ages 2½ - Grade 1) – Sundays 9:30 am, beginning Sept. 7, in Children's Chapel; Marsha Baden, Director
- **Alleluia Singers** (Grades 2 – 5) - Sundays 8:45 – 9:25 am, beginning Sept. 7, in Children's Chapel; Sue Correll, Director
- **Youth Handbell Choir** (Grades 6-12) Sundays 4:45 – 5:30 pm, beginning Sept. 7, in bell room; Sue Correll, Director
- **Youth Choir** (Grades 6-12) Sundays 5:30 – 6:00 pm, beginning Sept. 7, in Children's Chapel; Sue Correll, Director
- **Gloria Ringers** (College Age - Adult) Thursdays 7 – 8:00 pm, beginning Sept. 4, in bell room; Sue Correll, Director

Christian Formation

Daytime Adult Faith Study for Fall

Last spring, we began a faith study using a DVD series led by Marcus Borg on adult faith. This fall, we are continuing the study using a DVD series called “Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture,” led by Walter Brueggemann. The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, beginning September 11th at 10:00 am in the Parlors. On Thursday, August 28th, Webster will lead a discussion on the prophets, their texts, and a basic orientation as background for the upcoming Brueggemann series. We will meet in the Parlors from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Summer Bible School

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 Bible school is a 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 *Weird Animals: Where Jesus’ Love Is One of a Kind*. The simple message to the children is that each of us is a unique part of God’s creation and that God loves us all equally, whether we feel left out or different, when we don’t understand, when we do wrong, and even when we are afraid. With all our individual strengths and weaknesses, we all matter and can always count on God’s love for us. Certainly that’s good news for summer or any time! Reaching out to so many children from Christ Church and our partner Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, as well as to the huge number from our community at large, takes many, many hands and all generations. We are especially grateful this year for the following volunteers and supporters: the Babb-Griffin family, Kendell Moulton, Raymond Shegogue, Toni Sloan, Michael Cipiti, Noelle Creamer, Gil & Marge Kesser, Carole Ann & Tom King, Lorna Loring, Robin & James Northrup, Teresa Seitz, Sally O’Neil, Dan & Jane Troup, Amy Whipkey, David Wingenbach, Roger Zebarth and, of course, our clergy, Webster and Bridget. Thanks, too, to all parents, grandparents, and friends who shared children with us during our fabulous week. Next year’s dates are July 6-10, 2015. Put them on your calendar now and plan to be part of the fun!



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 7TH!

Watch for Sunday School registration forms in the Tilford Room and online at christchurchwinchester.org. More information will be available soon!



DR Mission Trip

Reflection by Rosa Gibson

The passing of the peace at la Iglesia de la Transfiguración is a meaningful experience for our mission team each visit. We jostle our way through bodies to hug everyone we know and everyone we don't. It's an unabashedly loud five minutes of the greatest representation of community that I have ever seen. Every time, we are in awe of Dominican culture, and we wish that Americans could feel that same sense of community.

This year, though, I believe we have found that bond amongst ourselves. The thirteen DR Mission team members were greeted at the airport in Santo Domingo by Karen, the missions coordinator in the DR, Ashley, our missionary to Haiti, and Emily, Karen's intern for the summer and a recent graduate of Clemson University. Karen wished us well and sent us off to Baní with Ashley and Emily, and thus, we became fifteen.

Ashley had already been on this trip with us twice, so we were used to working with her. The invaluable knowledge she brought about life in Haiti helped us to be more culturally aware and more comfortable on the street. Emily's last name is Gibson, so, naturally, she became part of the family. Her infectious laugh, easygoing manner, and fluent Spanish gave her a vital role on the team and a special place in our hearts. At the end of the week, seated in a circle at a team meeting, she told us how welcome she had felt, and how easy it was to become part of our team. At first apprehensive of working with a group that already seemed so close, she found we had opened our circle to fit her in without a second thought.

All mission teams should be open-minded and welcoming, engaged and enthusiastic, just as the Dominican culture is. The "newness" that Emily and Ashley brought to our team gave us all the chance to sing new songs, play new games, turn the playground into a jungle, and discover what it truly means to be part of a community.



"Throughout this trip, I've taken time to sit and watch the children interacting with each other and with everyone else on the team. I've noticed how much the kids genuinely enjoy seeing us, and that even just giving them a hug means the world to them. They simply want to be with you. No matter if you're sitting and watching them play or playing with them."

Allison Schain

Above, DR Mission team members Kevin, Mary Margaret, Emily, Evelyn and Deb.

On the facing page, clockwise from upper left, Allison with a student, Rebecca with students, two students with their microphones, and Kathryn with students.

DR Mission Trip

Glimpses of Bible School



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

Weekdays

7:30 am Morning Prayer Pilgrim's Chapel

Committee & Group Meetings

*Many groups are on summer vacation June-August.
Please see right column for groups meeting in August.*

Adult Handbell Choir	Thurs: 7:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Knit Unto Others	1st Mon: 7:00 pm 3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Liturgical Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Community Fellowship	2nd Thurs: 7:00 pm
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am-4 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Bible Studies	Tues: 10:45 - Noon Wed: 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 am
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm
Youth Handbells	Sun: 5:00 pm

August

- 4 Knit Unto Others at 7:00 pm
- 9 Men's Fellowship Meeting at 8:00 am
- 10 Inquirers' Class meets at 11:30 am
- 11 Special Needs Service at 6:30 pm
- 12 Vestry Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 14 Community Fellowship Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 19 Knit Unto Others at 2:00 pm
Properties Committee meeting at 7:00 pm
- 24 Parish Cookout after 10:30 am service
- 26 Stewardship Workshop at 6:00 pm
- 27 Salvation Army dinner at 5:00 pm
- 28 Daytime Adult Faith Study "pre-session"
at 10:00 am



**The Rector's day off is Friday.
The Assistant Rector's day off is Monday.**

Children's Chapel

No Children's Chapel for the summer!

Nursery

Our nursery will be open but unstaffed during the summer. Parents are welcome to use as needed during the 10:30 am service. It is on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall

August Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Brown, Jody Wall, Eddie Lee
- 2 Margery Wingenbach, Kayla Richard
- 3 Gail Walsh
- 4 Jim Kriewald, Marjorie Lewis
- 6 Thomas Rockwood, Tracy Tilling
- 7 Lucia Thomas
- 8 Paula Opheim, Terry Ewell, Tyler Carroll, Elizabeth Browning
- 9 Katie McGilvray, Emily McGilvray
- 10 Barbara Johnston, Bart Hansen, Marsha Baden, Mary Gloster
- 11 Colleen Hamman, Zachary Barton
- 13 Emily Dodd
- 14 LaVerne Sargent, Shea Pearson
- 15 Kay Whitworth
- 16 Morgan Edmunds
- 20 Luke Lovelady
- 22 Jenna Logan
- 23 David Meade
- 24 Rosalie Lewis, Becky Romaine, William Major, Jr., Olivia McKelway, Dorothy Husted's 100th (Ann Taylor's mother)
- 25 Julia Menge, Nathan Cluss
- 26 Kay Keely, Mary Gage
- 27 Ellen Morgan, Clare Dame
- 28 Loring Holland
- 29 Nancy Mitchell, John Riley
- 30 Greg Hutchinson, Judy Pennypacker, Caroline Barnes
- 31 Donna Bennett, Caroline Cooper, Anna Foltz



Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 David & Stephanie McWhorter
- 2 Chris & Melissa Ferguson
- 6 Larry & Sue Correll
- 14 Roger & Helen Zebarth
- 17 Eric & Linda Seidel
- 25 David & Sara Bicking



Miss your desk job? Sign up as a Christ Church office volunteer! Shifts are three hours and you can welcome visitors, answer calls, and do any simple administrative tasks that might need to be done! Call Jim Petrie (540-662-7924) for more information.

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.

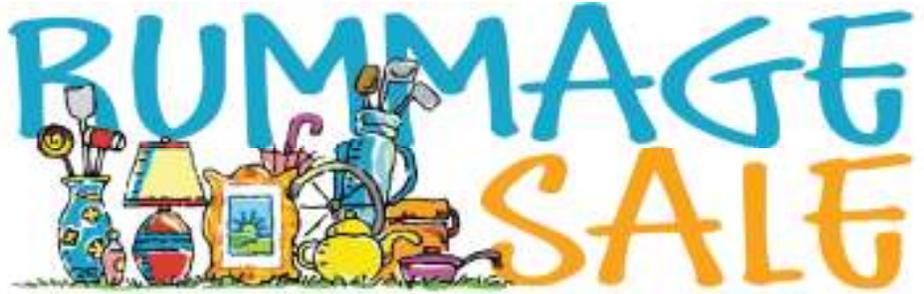


Look for Christ Episcopal Church Winchester and like us to stay up-to-date on the latest news!

Outreach Committee News

Annual Rummage Sale Coming Soon

The Christ Church 3rd Annual Attic-Basement-Closet Rummage Sale will be held Friday, October 24th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. During the last two sales, our church family has enjoyed the fun and community fellowship of an annual rummage sale



that has raised \$12,000 for Christ Church ministries. Our ABC-styled event has been a tremendous success and we hope to keep, as the saying goes, the momentum going for our event this year!

We will need volunteers in the following categories: (Please see Chris Ferguson or any member of the Vestry to volunteer.)

- Set up and take down in the Tilford Room—from October 19th (Sunday afternoon) through the 24th
- Pricing of all items donated for sale
- Cashiers
- Floor monitors to help customers and answer questions
- Drivers and Delivery volunteers for larger items
- Posting of advertising flyers in area businesses or your own business
- Support for and donation of baked goods to sell
- Kitchen support and clean up

As for donations, here is a list of what we cannot accept:

- Encyclopedias/yearbooks/textbooks—all other books are fine
- Entertainment centers
- Gas grills
- Magazines
- 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.
- Empty picture frames
- Exercise equipment

Outside of the above items, please donate only what we might be able to sell. You can drop off items for the sale in the Tilford Room on Sunday mornings beginning the week of September 1st. If you would like to make other arrangements for delivery of your donation, please contact Chris Ferguson (540-662-4219 or 978-360-4501). Please box or bag your donations, ensuring they are secure. Please mark items that are fragile. Please make sure items are clean and in good repair.

As with our 2012 and 2013 ABC sales, this should be a fun-filled, family event for all ages. Let's see if we can exceed last year's take! Our goal is to raise \$8,000! Please call Chris Ferguson with questions or suggestions you may have.

Outreach Committee News

Presenting Panda Pantry

Last January, Christ Church began a new outreach ministry to our community to help feed local children. While the school food program does a wonderful job feeding hungry children while they are at school, so many are hungry at home on weekends and other school breaks. With a grant awarded by the Diocese and financial support from the Outreach Committee, we established a ministry to provide meals for 30 children selected by the guidance counselor at Winchester's Frederick Douglass Elementary School. Thirty Christ Church volunteers purchased, packed, and delivered food weekly for students to take home over weekends and eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. The stories we heard from school staff about how important this food was to students touched our hearts.

When the new school year begins in Winchester on August 11th, we will resume the ministry and, through the support of a Rotary Club grant, expand the program from 30 to 50 students!

David and Sara Bicking will help run the program this school year. Sara says, "It takes time, energy and money to respond to this overwhelming need in our community. Feeding these children is worth every bit of our effort because it helps them to focus on their learning and, in the long run, helps them to have healthier, happier lives. If Jesus could feed 5,000 people, surely we can feed 50 children!"

With the success and expansion of the program, additional volunteers are needed! Volunteers are placed on teams. Usually, a team is responsible for only one week a month. Team members spend about an hour or so a week packing food at the Baden Center. Team leaders deliver the food packages to the school. If you would like to donate an hour of your time a month as a volunteer, please contact the Bickings (540-431-5344 or westbury106@comcast.net) or the Church Office (540-662-5843).

The ministry also welcomes monetary contributions to help to purchase the food. And, we especially need your prayers for the workers and for the children.

Support for Sustainable Gardening Program in Navajoland

The Outreach Committee has given \$1000 to the Episcopal Church in Navajoland Area Mission (Good Shepherd Mission) in Ft. Defiance, Arizona. Christ Church parishioner Keith Nelson Stroud has been involved with this mission for nine years and presented to the Outreach Committee a request from the Vicar, The Rev. Chan Anaya, for help to fund a summer consultant to help them continue to grow their very successful sustainable gardening program, *Shared Abundance Experiential Learning*.

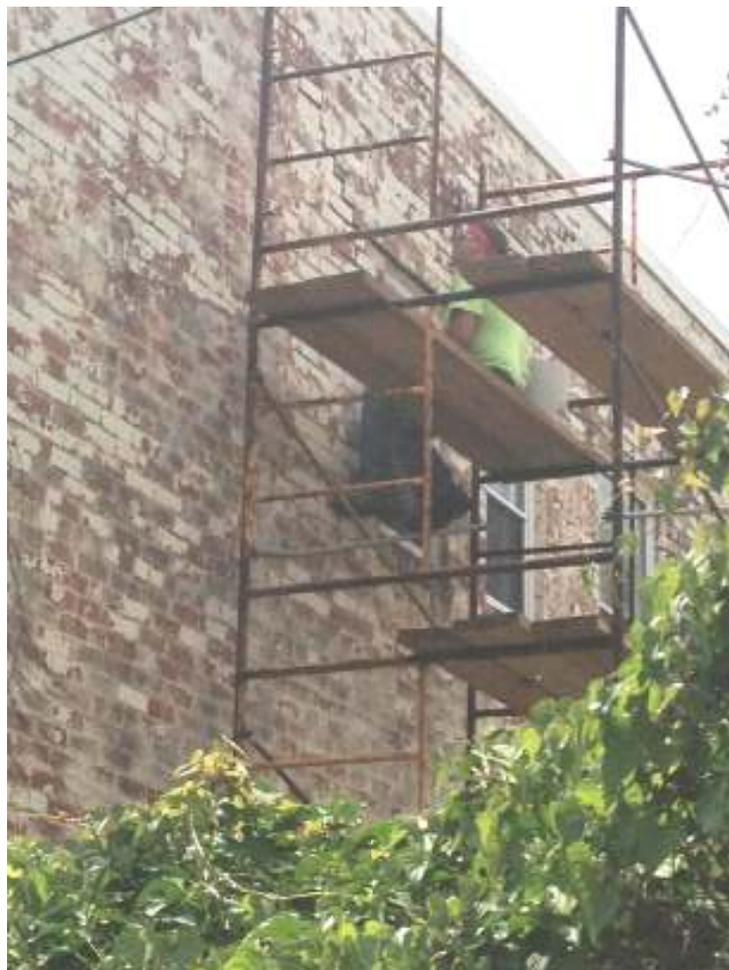
Keith said, "I have seen this program burgeon over the years and am completely convinced of its efficacy. While it has been established to serve the Navajo and to teach the rudiments of sustainable gardening for consumable food, it needs a creative and energetic leader. It is hoped that, with the proper funding, the person that they have identified as the perfect fit will be able to help the program regain its momentum and, in fact, take root as a seminal ministry at Good Shepherd and the Dine (The Navajo)."

To learn more about the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, please visit <http://navajoland.org/> or <http://goodshepherdmission.org/>.

Properties Committee News

The Properties Committee met on July 15th and discussed the following:

- The Linden tree that the City Arborist planted is not looking well and Sandy White is putting together a letter and pictures for possible tree replacement this fall.
- The bell tower painting will be completed by the end of July.
- The Smith Building brick repair work will also be completed by the end of July. (See photo to right.)
- Roger Zearth is in the process of building a sample riser for balcony.
- We are getting bids for tree removal at the back of the Baden Center.
- A full inspection of the church was completed over two Saturdays by the “company” of Baden, Wingenbach and White. A report is being prepared.
- To reduce illegal parking in our spaces, we have priced signage for the parking lots at both the Baden Center and the leased parking spaces behind the Smith Building and have forwarded that information to the Vestry for approval. We are also confirming with the City where we are able to post signs.
- A new hot water heater is needed in the furnace room because the bottom of the existing one has rusted out. It serves the Old Rectory.
- There was an electrical incident at the Smith Building which necessitated the repair of the AC unit, circuit boards in the elevator, and several computers. We are looking into a grounding system for all our church buildings.



Getting your closet ready for fall?

Donate items to The Treasure Box.

Or, come in and SHOP!

Open Wednesdays & Fridays 10-4
114 W. Boscawen Street

Parish News

WATTS First Friday in Old Town Winchester

The Winchester Old Town Merchants have designated the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS) as the beneficiary of their September 5th First Friday event. Activities will run from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on the Winchester Old Town Mall and adjacent streets. Participating merchants will contribute a percentage of their proceeds to WATTS and WATTS volunteers will be available to provide information on WATTS operations and volunteer opportunities. Posters are being displayed throughout Winchester and Frederick County announcing the event details to include the list of participating merchants. Bring your family and friends for a fun night on the town and to support WATTS and your local merchants!

Fellowship Groups Meet

The **Men's Fellowship** will meet on Saturday, August 9th, at 8:00 am, in the Tilford Room, where we will continue our discussion about the new format of our monthly gatherings. Men of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend as we outline our plans for programs and ministries for the rest of 2014 and into 2015.

Our newly formed **Community Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, August 14th, at 7:00 pm, in the Tilford Room, where we will hear from our seminarian, Rachel Shows. Rachel will recap her first year of study at the Virginia Theological Seminary, including her trip to the Holy Land and Westminster Canterbury. She will be joined by her fellow seminarian, James Rickenbaker. The community fellowship is open to everyone in the parish, so please mark your calendars!

To the Members of Christ Episcopal Church:

On behalf of the Advisory Board of the Winchester Corps of The Salvation Army, I want to express our gratitude to the members of Christ Episcopal Church for your loyal and consistent generosity in supporting our mission. Your financial gifts, your clothing donations, your leadership expertise shared with our Board, and your hands-on loving service in sharing meals with our Shelter residents all combine to give evidence of effective compassionate service to those in need in our community.



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We are especially grateful for the following members of Christ Church who serve on our Advisory Board: Joyce Casey, Doug Thomas, Carolyn Griffin, and Bill Armstrong.

Each month, our shelter residents delight in a delicious meal provided by Kay Jones and her team from Christ Church. Your work is much appreciated.

Thanks to all who assist us in any way as we continue our work in the Winchester community. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many people.

Well done, Christ Church!

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Garrett

Chairperson, Advisory Board

Please support Christ Church's monthly dinners at the Salvation Army with the envelopes in the pews.

From the Finance Committee

Budget

Six months of 2014 are over and we are just a bit better than planned! Our budget for 2014 through June planned for us to be in a deficit by about \$11,000 and our actual deficit is only at about \$4,200. Here are the summary numbers:

2014: Through June	Budget	Actual
Revenues	\$269,300.00	\$265,224.52
Expenses	\$280,279.77	\$269,465.74
Balance	\$(10,979.77)	\$(4,241.22)



Capital Campaign

We are continuing to pay back the \$300,000 we borrowed from our own Endowment Fund. The Capital Campaign debt balance to the church's Endowment Fund is \$245,000. It is expected that it will be repaid in full by 2016 when all pledged funds are received.

Other News and Information

The Finance Committee is working to develop formal documentation of all the various funds/accounts that Christ Church utilizes. Our bookkeeper, Theresa Seitz, has spent a great deal of time and effort reviewing information from Vestry minutes and other church documents starting 50 to 60 years ago and working her way to the present day.

In simple terms, there are three types of funds/accounts: 1) those used for the **Operating Budget** to pay for expenses (like our primary checking account), 2) those used for **Investments** (like our endowment fund), and 3) **Pass Through** account/funds that are used to collect monies and pay for specifically identified expenses outside of the operating budget (like gifts to pay for the Salvation Army dinners once a month).

This month, we will touch briefly on those Pass Through account/funds because they are the most misunderstood and confusing part of the church finances. Recent efforts have been made to close some of the accounts that are no longer active. At present, we have 25 Pass Through account/funds. These are termed "Temporarily Restricted Funds." By their very nature, they are "restricted" in that funds are donated for a specific purpose, and therefore must be used for that purpose. They are also "temporary" because they may have a specific life span. (We recently closed the "Sound System" account/fund because the project had been completed and was no longer active).

Current List of Pass Through Account/Funds: Below is the current list of Pass Through account/funds. Most you will recognize, but some you may not know about. Perhaps you have made a gift to help someone go on a mission trip, or for altar flowers, or for a specific outreach program (like a Salvation Army Dinner). These account/funds are for projects or mission work or other important church activities that are NOT IN THE OPERATING BUDGET. These Pass Through account/funds

From the Finance Committee

allow Christ Church to receive gifts and pay specific expenses that are outside the day-to-day operations of the church. Please look through these accounts to better understand all of the many ways certain types of gifts to the church are utilized.

Temporarily Restricted Funds
Discretionary Fund
Altar Guild & Flower Fund
Youth Group Fund
Jr. Choir Handbell Music Fund
Parish Nurse Fund
Outreach Programs Fund (Salvation Army Dinner, Angel Tree,...)
DR Mission Trip Fund
DR Scholarship Fund
Bani Generator Fund
Properties & Building Fund
Parish Weekend Fund
Fellowship Fund
Designated Gifts Fund (Special Needs Service, Shepherd's Table,...)
Smith Building Repairs
J2A Pilgrimage Fund
Gifts & Memorials Contributions (In memory of ...)
Vacation Bible School
Youth Scholarship Fund
Wreath Making Fund
WATTS Fund
South Africa Partnership Fund
Homeless Transportation Ministry
Apple Blossom Chair Fund
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Stewardship Meeting

On August 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm, members of the Diocesan Committee on Stewardship will facilitate a workshop at Christ Church on annual giving using The Episcopal Network for Stewardship's 2014 materials, "Walking the Way." The workshop is designed to complement our annual campaign through principles and practices that inspire faithful generosity. This workshop will explore year-round stewardship and discuss what is needed for a successful annual campaign. Please contact Marty Tabaka (martin_tabaka@hotmail.com or 540-722-5620) if you would like to attend.

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Parish Nurse Musings

Although we are over half-way into summer, I am hearing about more and more tick-borne diseases. I just got an update from the Virginia Department of Health and want to share a little bit with you. Lyme's Disease is the most well-known of the tick-borne diseases, but there are several other diseases attacking us here in Virginia. Ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are also very common here. The best way to prevent becoming infected is to always use insect repellent when outside, even when not in the areas we commonly think would yield ticks. If you see a tick, remove it immediately. Do tick checks on children and pets daily. Apply pesticides and reduce tick habitat. As a final precaution, check with your health care provider if you feel you have been bitten. The sooner an infection is discovered and treated, the less likely you are to have long term effects.

Be safe and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Helen Zearth, your parish nurse

