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Rector's Message

Dear People of Christ Church,

To begin a busy October, we have our annual service of the Blessing of the Animals on October 4, which is a tradition associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Each year, I am asked these questions: From the adults, “Do we do exorcisms to drive the devil out of their pets?” And from children, “Will my pet go to heaven?” These questions provide a wonderful teaching moment about something we often forget – that creation is good and the hazard of personification is when we take personification literally.

In the stories of creation, as God goes through the days of creation, God is content, excited, and perhaps even relieved that what God is creating God deems to be good. I would like to think that part of what makes creation good is the fact that God’s creativity involves God being in relationship with whatever God creates. So with all of creation, as we consider the great mystery of death, God claims all of God’s creatures. Why? Because that is God’s prerogative as creator. If we open up the concern about heaven to be more than if it is up or down, and focus more on God’s claim on creation, then death as part of God’s creation means God’s creatures, pets included, are always claimed by God.

However, the human struggle—which is our human broken condition beginning in the third chapter with Adam and Eve—reveals challenges we, God’s creatures made uniquely in God’s image, face because of hubris and temptation. The Biblical witness shows again and again how we break with God. Personification (the practice of representing a thing or idea as a person in art, literature, etc.) is a way to safely explore issues of human struggle because the issue is kept at a distance often done in the stories and movies of animals struggling with human issues. *The Lion King* and *Brother Bear* are good examples. Often, for children (and sometimes adults) the personification is so effective that try to place our human brokenness onto the other animals of God’s creation. Thus, the human anxiety of being accepted by God knowing how messed up we are is placed on the rest of creation as well.

The reason for the exploration of this issue is that we can confuse what we are doing at the Blessing of the Animals. We are not forgiving animals their sins. Our sins are not their sins. We need to seek forgiveness, not the animals. Rather, we are simply giving thanks to God for the gift and blessing of our pets. If anything, this is a service of stewardship to remind all of us of our charge in creation to be stewards of God’s creation. We have a charge to care for our pets because we have the blessing of companionship from the pets. We cannot

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Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4

3:00 pm in the Courtyard



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From the Rector

allow our sins of human arrogance, selfishness, and hubris to be used against our pets, or the rest of creation because all of creation suffers from our abuse of that basic charge to be stewards of this dominion called God's creation.

If you wonder about this understanding of our need to care for God's creation going even to the extent of how we seek to bring ourselves back into relationship with God, then you are on the right track. The full expression of God, self-revealed in Jesus, reminds us that God's commitment to us is 100%. We should reflect such commitment toward God, and even with one another, because we have the blessing of our lives and the lives of those around us. To express that love, we give – give of ourselves in relationships, showing up as people, and making offerings of ourselves to God in what we do, who we care for and how we share.

Is this leading to a reminder about annual giving to God through the church? You bet! Just as we say thank you to God for our pets and this grand creation (no better work of divine art than a tree in the Valley in the fall!), we also give thanks for one another in our fellowship with the Oktoberfest dinner. We also give thanks to God in how we learn to care for our health and well-being through events such as the Health Fair. As the organ goes back in and all of our programs of fellowship, formation, service and worship go on, I am so grateful for you participating in the life and witness of our Lord through our parish family.

So, please reassure your children that God always claims God's creation. Our struggle with human sin is not the same for the animals. I pray that we may all learn that our sinful condition often hurts God's creation, intentionally and unintentionally. Our charge is to apologize, and turn to different ways to care for God's creation. Why? Because we can and we are supposed to. The exercise of stewardship is not optional for us; it is necessary. Otherwise, we get so out of shape from stewardship that we fail to realize the beauty of giving to God from whom we have received so much.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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Highlights from September's Vestry Meeting

- The Communications Committee is collecting information about updating the church's now obsolete phone system.
- The annual stewardship campaign gets underway in October with the Oktoberfest dinner, a brochure and pledge card mailing, and updates to the website.
- The Properties Committee and Finance Committee are cooperating to establish a list of priorities that need to be addressed from a risk prevention and management perspective.
- Upcoming events in October include the Blessing of the Animals, the health fair, and the rummage sale.
- The Junior Warden is working on assembling a committee devoted to care of the church courtyard.

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is something about water. How it can both invoke a sense of fear with its sometimes unseen depths and tumultuous waves and yet the rhythm of those same waves that can provide a sense of comfort and overwhelming awe at God's creation? Water plays an important role in the stories of our scriptures. We read as the people walk across the dry ground as the waves are pushed back escaping the slavery of Egypt and walk further on the journey to the Promised Land. When the people are thirsty, God provides water for them to drink. Jesus is baptized in the river as the Holy Spirit descends upon him and his ministry begins to take further shape. These are just a few of the places in scripture that water provides what is necessary for the people and helps them continue their journeys.

There are also points where water calls the people of God to let go of the need to control and whatever is frightening them and instead to trust. In the gospel according to Matthew, we read as Jesus sends the disciples ahead of him in a boat to the other side of the lake and as night fell the boat was far from the shore. The story goes on to say how in the early morning light Jesus began walking toward the boat and the disciples who mistook him for a ghost. Jesus speaks to them saying, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter, ever the front man, tells Jesus that if it truly is him, for Jesus to call him out of the boat and Peter will walk to him. Peter's walk to Jesus is going just fine until he drops his focus from Christ and instead lets the crashing waves and swirling wind distract him.

Another of my favorite water scenes comes from Luke chapter five. In this story, Jesus is standing by the lake and observes two boats of fishermen washing their nets after an unsuccessful day of fishing. Jesus asks to go out in one of the boats and teaches the people gathered on the shore line. Then he tells Simon to, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." The fishermen do as Jesus says, and they end up catching more fish than they know what to do with. It's this amazing moment of faith in the promised abundance that God creates for all. Where the fishermen had experienced and felt scarcity, God provided abundantly.

I think many of us can identify with Peter. We want to follow Christ, we want to trust as we walk in faith, but those crashing waves and swirling winds of this world and our lives pull our focus away. Like the fishermen, we have probably found ourselves exhausted and doubtful that the abundance is there. And in those times, we search for the safety of the shore, removing ourselves from the deep waters. But God calls us out of our comfortable shallow waters, those places we feel safe and secure, to venture into the depths of God's abundance. The beauty of grace is that our God is a God of countless second chances. God calls us each day to live bravely, trusting in the promise of abundance letting go of our fears and to be changed by the living water that has been given to us.

Blessings,



The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector
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Attention Youth –
Look for information about
the PYM Senior High Weekend.
It's November 6-8
at Shrine Mont.
Registration and flyers are in
your Sunday School rooms.

Pastoral Care

About the Discretionary Fund

Clergy discretionary funds are a well-established tradition in the Episcopal church, but one that is not well understood. Most of us are correctly aware that the discretionary funds are used to help the poor. Many, incorrectly, believe that discretionary funds may be spent absolutely any way the clergy wish.

The principle purpose of the discretionary fund is to aid the poor and assist members of the parish and the larger community who are in need. The discretionary fund may also be used for any legitimate business of the parish as long as it does not personally benefit the members of clergy who are authorized to distribute the funds. However, from a stewardship prospective, the discretionary fund should not be used for activities that rightfully belong to the operating budget. For example, the speaker's honorarium for the parish weekend should be paid out of the parish weekend budget and not the discretionary fund.

The discretionary fund is maintained through designated gifts to the discretionary fund. The Vestry has voted to restore the practice of having the unspecified plate offerings on the first Sunday of each month go towards the discretionary fund. This practice begins this month on Sunday, October 4. Contributions to the church are always welcome, especially to either the General or the Discretionary Fund. These contributions are made preferably through checks payable to "Christ Episcopal Church" with the fund specified in the memo line. Such contributions are tax deductible.

Please note that any checks written as payable directly to the clergy (or any cash specifically addressed to the clergy), by IRS rules, must be declared as income, just as tips are income to wait staff. Such gifts to the clergy are not tax deductible.

Cook for The Shepherd's Table

Do you like to cook? Do you like helping others? The Shepherd's Table ministry at Christ Church is well organized and makes it very easy for its volunteers to be involved with the church and do Christ's work helping those in need. As a mom who works full time, I was a little anxious when I was asked to consider joining this ministry. As it has turned out, this is one of the easiest and most rewarding things I have been able to do. This is how it works:

Someone in our church family has a need. They may be ill, recovering from surgery or for any other reason find themselves unable to prepare food for themselves or their family for a short period of time. An email goes out to our large group of volunteers letting everyone know how many meals are needed, at what times, where they should be dropped off, and if there are allergies that should be avoided. At this point, it is entirely up to me as a volunteer to determine if I have the time right now or not. If not, I can just skip it and wait for an email another day when my schedule is more flexible. If I do have time, I simply follow the link in the email to TakeThemAMeal.com where I can see the requested schedule and its details. I sign up for one meal, indicate what I'm going to bring, and click OK. It really is THAT EASY. Sometimes, I just double whatever we were going to have for dinner anyway. And the last time, I really lucked out when my daughter did all the cooking for me! It has been a great way to get her involved as well.



Please consider joining our crew at the Shepherd's Table. For more information or to sign up, just email us at shepherdstable@christchurchwinchester.org. - *Ann Wallinger, Vestry Member*

Christian Formation

Sunday School News

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

This year, we have a preschool class (ages 3-5) led by Beth Conrad, a primary class (K-grade 2) taught by Betsy Young, and an elementary class (grades 3-5) with Julie Constantino. Teachers for our youth classes are Rebecca Gibson for grade 6-8, assisted by Bryan Gray and Barry Schnoor, Ashley Bingaman and Sue Jarvis in grades 9-10, and Martha Griffin with grades 11-12. All are ready with energy and talent to minister our young people wherever they are in their Christian formation.

We encourage and welcome volunteers to substitute! It's easy, a short commitment and lots of guidance is provided. Already in this session, we thank Betsy Podelik and Katy Schain for their help as substitutes. Thanks for stepping up, ladies!

Children's Chapel is back in session, too, on the second floor of the Parish Hall from 10:30 am until the Peace each Sunday. We welcome children ages 3-7 for Children's Chapel. Our leaders this year are Ashley Haines, Betsy Podelik, and Amy Whipkey. Our clergy will lead Children's Chapel one Sunday per month. Parents, these volunteers would love an extra pair on hands any Sunday morning you would like to join them!

Adult Forum for October

Please join us each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Tilford Room for Adult Forum. Here's what's planned for this month:

October 4: We will finish our exploration of "Dysfunctional Family is a redundant statement: a Scriptural witness."

October 11: The Rev. Webster Gibson will have a presentation on his sabbatical from this past summer.

October 18: No Adult Forum. Please visit the annual Health Fair, hosted at Grace Lutheran Church.

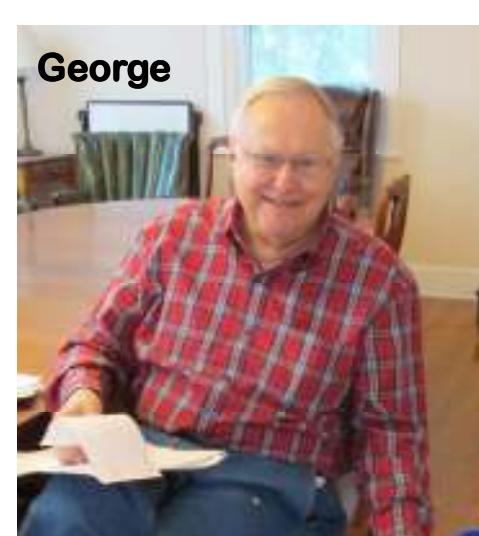
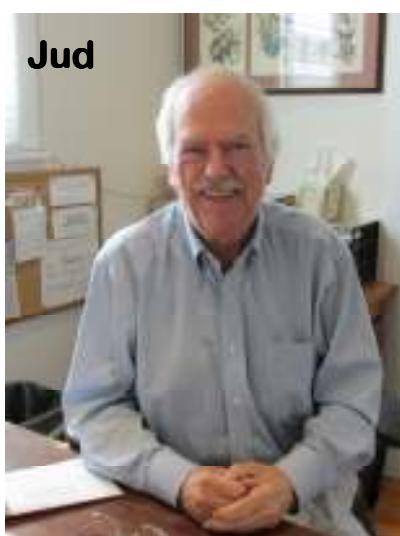
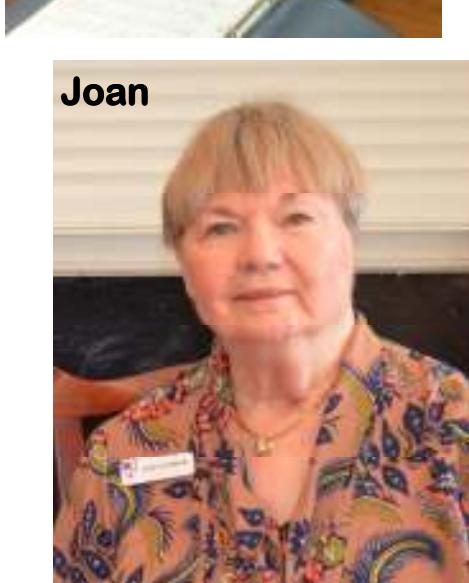
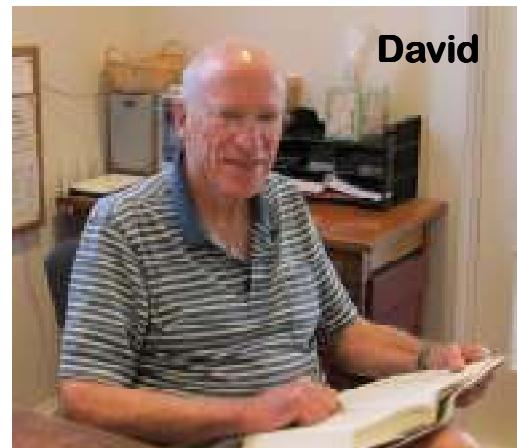
October 25: No Adult Forum due to Rummage Sale, but there will be plenty of items to peruse from the sale!

Adult Daytime Faith Study

Our Adult Daytime Faith Study continues with the lecture series by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson called, "Jesus and The Gospels." We will be studying the Gospel of John this fall. While Matthew, Mark and Luke are sometimes called "photos" of Jesus, John's Gospel is called a "painting." Come and see why John's Gospel is different from the other Gospels in some ways, but also part of the same witness of Jesus.

The study is led by Webster and meets in the Parlors on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (October 8 & 22) at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Church Office (540-662-5843) or email Webster at rector@christchurchwinchester.org.

Thank You Christ Church Office Volunteers!



These outstanding volunteers run the Church Office reception desk during the week—answering phone calls, assisting visitors, assembling bulletins, folding newsletters, shredding papers, etc. They are all extremely helpful to the staff and make each day in the Church Office pleasant and efficient! Please thank these parishioners for the gifts of time and talent that they give to Christ Church! And, special thanks to Jim Petrie who runs this program!

Barbara



Judith



Ann



Jim



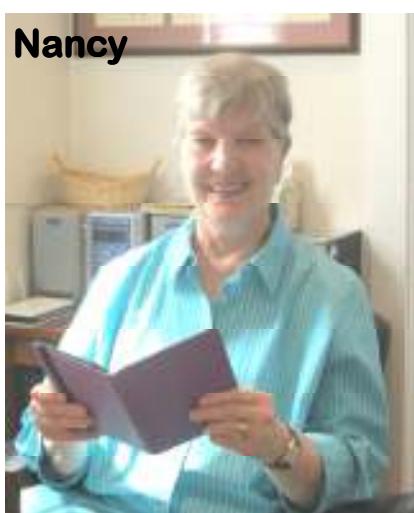
George



Dick



Nancy



Arlene



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

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 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
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 this fall
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Bible Studies	Tues: 10:45 - Noon Thurs: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm

October

- 4 Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 pm
- 8 Community Fellowship at 7:00 pm
- 10 Men's Fellowship at 7:30 am
- 18 Health Fair at Grace Lutheran
- 22 ABC Rummage Sale Preview at 6:00 pm
- 23-24 ABC Rummage Sale (See p. 15)
- 28 Salvation Army Dinner—
Ft Collier Campus
- 29 Oktoberfest Dinner

Save the Date!

Newcomer event
NOVEMBER 8 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE
IT WILL INCLUDE A LIGHT LUNCH AND TOURS OF THE FACILITIES. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME! WE HOPE THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME NEW FRIENDS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

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

Children's Chapel

Join us on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall from 10:30 am until the Peace. We welcome children ages 3-7. No registration is required. The service is child-sized and allows our young parishioners to explore the same Gospel we hear in the Sanctuary but with more opportunity to wiggle and talk! Our Children's Chapel leaders always welcome an extra pair of hands if you would like to join them!

Nursery

Our nursery, on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall, is open from 10:15 am through the end of the 10:30 am service to serve infants and children up to age 3.

October Birthdays

- 2 James Baden
3 Elena Conrad
4 Bettie Johnston, Patricia Barnes,
Martha Roberson, Danielle Armstrong
5 Janine Higgins, Gwynne Koonce,
Daniel Gibson
6 DeDe Whitham, Deanna Pifer,
Jennifer Pettit
7 Steve Johnston
8 Rosemary Swope, Pam Kennedy,
Dan Gloster
9 Loretta Johnston, Sarah Jones-Purdy
10 Pam DeBergh, Marcus Kitchen II
11 Grace Howard, Elizabeth Miles
14 Margaret Kesser, Sarah Bower,
Edward Browning V
15 Catherine Gregory
16 Dick Arculin
17 Mary Beth Compton
18 Pat Riley
19 Robert Riggs
20 Katy Schain, John Wiedower,
Reed Wiedower
21 Megan Conlon
22 Susan Howard, Mona Pressley,
John Applin
23 Barbara Austin
26 Rachel Shows, Bill Thompson, Tom King,
Stewart Boyd
27 Doris Trant
28 Cathie Waldie
29 Judy Whiting
31 Amy Stock, Frank Armstrong III,
Sue Jarvis



Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Ned & Amy Stock
8 Dennis & Debra Shows
14 Bill & Sue Jarvis
18 Frank & Barbara Ruppert
21 Al & Susan McGilvray
27 Robert & Marrea Riggs



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!

From the Stewardship Committee

Our 2016 Stewardship Campaign features parishioners from various generations talking about what stewardship means in their life.

Please visit the website for all of their stories:
[www.ChristChurchWinchester.org/Programs/
Stewardship](http://www.ChristChurchWinchester.org/Programs/Stewardship)



From the left: Margaret, Scott, Ben, Susan, Bobby, Susan

THE ARTHUR FAMILY

“Giving through the Generations’ certainly applies to our family. Christ Church has been the focal point for generations back to the early 1800s on the Knight side and early 1900s on the Arthur side. Over the years, our families have given, received, and are very grateful for the many blessings that God has brought to us. It has enabled us to have the courage and strength to move forward every day into the future. Christ Church is a special building with a willing and faithful congregation, wanting to strengthen their faith by serving others.”

- Susan Knight Arthur, Scott & Margaret Arthur

MARIE GIBSON

“Church has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember. I have been an acolyte since I was seven, I have been a member of the youth group, and I am a part of the Parish Youth Ministries committee. I was a camper at St. George’s camp and St. Sebastian’s camp. I also have been a volunteer counselor at St. Elizabeth’s camp for the past three years, and last summer I went to the Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia. All of these things have helped make me who I am today. I give my time to the church because I feel called by God and have seen my family give their time, talent, and treasure to fulfill their duties as devoted Episcopalians through the years. As a 17 year old, I feel I understand what good stewardship means and look forward to continuing to grow and give through the years.” - Marie Gibson



From the Stewardship Committee

THE ROBERSON FAMILY

"Having both grown up in the church, giving was just something we always did. Every Sunday, we watched as our parents and grandparents dropped their pledge envelopes into the collection plate. But, as we have become adults, married, and had children of our own, what inspires us to continue to give is more than just emulating our parents and grandparents.

The church offers us much more than just a place to worship on Sunday mornings. As a family, we participate in the life of the parish through education, youth programs, spiritual development, committee work, and outreach. It is important to us that our children grow up nurtured by the formation that the church provides.

We understand the need to offer our support financially to keep the doors open and the programs running. Additionally, it is our responsibility to participate in and sustain activities that are ongoing in our church and in our outreach opportunities to the local community and beyond. Through the process of interacting in our church programs, we nourish ourselves."

- Wilborn & Martha Roberson



Wilborn, Sara & Martha seated. Holt and Michael standing.



Christ Church 3rd Annual



**Thursday, October 29th—5:30 pm
In the Tilford Room**

The Stewardship Committee is again hosting the enjoyable Oktoberfest Fellowship dinner. All are welcome for a night of German food and fun. This is a BYOB event—feel free to bring your favorite German beer or wine! The menu will include: brats, pork loin, applesauce, sauerkraut, potatoes, and dessert. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP by October 22. A sign up sheet will be located in the Tilford Room, or call the Church Office (540-662-5843) if you plan to attend. Join the fun!

From the Finance Committee

2015 Budget & Actual: Take notice of the Adjusted Net Total* - At their meeting in late August, the Finance Committee voted to postpone any decision about moving the “Brickwork” Capital Expense out of the operating budget until year-end. If 2015 revenues exceed expenses for the full year, then some or possibly all of this brickwork charge may be absorbed into operations for 2015. This would leave the investment funds to be available for other capital repair items.

The same story continues... Some revenues have been received early and total revenues still exceed budget while true operating expenses are very close to plan – resulting in our being ahead of budget even with the brick repair work still included in operations.

The Adjusted Net Total* removes the brickwork expense. The table below shows current details of all budget categories.

2015	Jan - Aug Actuals	Jan - Aug Budget	Jan - Aug Actual - Budget
Total Revenues	\$324,675.52	\$309,170.00	\$15,505.52
Expenses			
Total Personnel	\$236,480.28	\$237,594.43	(\$1,114.15)
Utilities	\$17,468.52	\$16,815.00	\$653.52
Property/Maintenance	\$36,198.30	\$23,690.00	\$12,508.30
Office Expenses	\$15,159.86	\$13,266.00	\$1,893.86
Christian Education Expenses	\$6,954.02	\$7,775.00	(\$820.98)
Music Expenses	\$4,202.31	\$4,600.00	(\$397.69)
Worship	\$509.03	\$605.00	(\$95.97)
Stewardship	\$29.40	\$150.00	(\$120.60)
Outreach	\$26,349.25	\$26,600.00	(\$250.75)
Pastoral Care	\$642.74	\$600.00	\$42.74
Parish Life	\$388.34	\$1,070.00	(\$681.66)
Communications	\$779.24	\$758.00	\$21.24
Total Expenses	\$345,161.29	\$333,523.43	\$11,637.86
Net Total	(-\$20,485.77)	(-\$24,353.43)	\$3,867.66
Masonry Expense*	\$10,905.00	\$0.00	\$10,905.00
Adjusted Net Total*	(-\$9,580.77)	(-\$24,353.43)	\$14,772.66

From the Properties Committee

Properties Priorities

The Properties sub-committee met on August 19, 2015 to go over the newest building priorities list based upon the inspections completed by James Baden, David Wingenbach and Sandy White. The list is divided into three sections.

Safety: Includes phone and electrical system updates (in process), courtyard plantings, rectory porch, storage area for combustibles, smoke detectors, anti-tip for stoves, glass in chapel door, asbestos in lower sanctuary, old lead paint, and elevators in two buildings

Building “envelope” and structures: Includes concerns about asphalt shingles at the Baden Center, roof paint and repair seams on church (completed), exterior trim rafters, floor joists, cracks in exterior walls, and brick (completed) in sanctuary, sagging lintels (fixed), foundation work, and stained glass frames in need of painting

Function, energy-efficiency, and quick fixes: Involves the toilets in the vesting room, plaster on walls under sanctuary, water heater venting door (vents not large enough), insulation under Baden Center floor, attic roof vents in sanctuary, window upgrades, and ventilation in upstairs bathrooms and floor drains.

—Submitted by Sandy White

Organ Restoration Update

On Tuesday, September 22, Taylor and Boody Organbuilders returned to Christ Church with new pipes and a master carpenter who will build casing for the organ pipes as the process of re-building the organ begins. Here are some photos as they got started:



Parish News

Alleluia Singers Meet

The Alleluia Singers and their parents will meet with our new Alleluia Singers Choir Director, DeLyn Celec, on Sunday, October 4, at 8:45 am in the Children's Chapel on the second floor of the Parish Hall. DeLyn will talk about the rehearsals and events for the year. Children in grades 2-8 are welcome. Younger children can participate in the Cherub Choir under the direction of Marsha Baden.



Fall Camp 2015

Fall Camp 2015 (October 26-29) at Shrine Mont welcomes Ed and Kathleen Kilbourne as keynoters this year. Sister Madeline Mary of the Community of St. Mary will be chaplain and special music will be provided by Tom Davidson and Missy Stratton Morgan. Fall Camp is sponsored by the Tri-Diocesan Council on Aging. Please pick up a brochure in the Tilford Room for details on workshops and registration!

Fellowship Groups Meet

Our **Community Fellowship** program for October welcomes Adam Tabaka, the son of Marty and Nancy Tabaka. Adam has a master's degree from George Mason University in International Commerce and Public Policy. He will speak on his experience in Cuba prior to the normalization of diplomatic relations between the U.S. government and Cuba. Adam's time in Cuba was sponsored by George Mason and his presentation will provide insight into life in Communist Cuba. Our fellowship will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 pm, in the Tilford Room. All are welcome.

The **Men's Fellowship** will meet Saturday, October 10, at 7:30 am, in the Baden Center. We will discuss the word "conscience," and how Christian men interpret its meaning in today's society. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Breakfast will be served.

HealthFair

8:30 am—Noon,
Sunday, October 18
Grace Lutheran Church
26 W. Boscawen St.

Flu Shots \$10

Vendors attending have included:

Adult Care Center, Animal Assisted Therapy, Blue Ridge Hospice, Concern Hotline, Hand & Stone Massage & Facial Spa, Jazercise, Jones Funeral Home, KinderMusik, Life Net Health, Lutheran Family Services & Essential Pieces, March of Dimes, Medication List Reviews, Ombs Funeral Home, Thrivent Financial, VH Rehab Services, Winchester Book Gallery, Winchester Family Health Center, The Willows, Chest Pain Center, Valley Health Bariatric Program

Parish News

New for the ABC Rummage Sale!

Our 4th Annual ABC Rummage Sale is fast approaching and will be upon us before we know it! We are blessed to have an abundance of quality products to sale because of your generosity and Melissa and I are optimistic that our goal of \$10k will be met!

We are adding two new features to our event this year. The first is an early-bird special preview for the parish—and only members of the parish—to enjoy on Thursday evening, October 22, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Admission is free, though we will have a free-will offering basket for anyone wishing to make a donation for the good of the cause. We will be set up for business that evening so come prepared to have some fun and do a little shopping!

In addition, we are blessed to have three very talented artists in our congregation: Alice Lees, Julie Read and Nancy Tabaka. These wonderful ladies have agreed to provide a work of their art for a silent auction program to begin on Sunday, October 4. The silent auction will run through the close of business on Saturday, October 24. Bidding sheets, along with a pre-determined buy-it-now option, will be available starting on the 4th. Information about the artwork will be available every Sunday through the 24th.

We will also have up for auction a Eugene B. Smith work of art (donated by Michael and Janie Mohn), a piece from the Navaho Indian Reservation (donated by Jim and Diedra Kriewald), and a beautiful and original work of art depicting Beth, everyone's favorite vendor at the Winchester Farmer's Market, by Edward. W.T. Thomas, ca. 1997 (also donated by Jim and Diedra Kriewald).

Melissa and I are really excited about this event and we thank the entire parish for their generosity and participation. We have some outstanding and beautiful items for sale and we have enjoyed our journey, making new friends along the way.

We will see you at the sale! — *Chris and Melissa Ferguson*



Treasure Box News

The Treasure Box is well stocked this month with a nice collection of fall/winter merchandise. If you need a nice jacket or snow/ski type pants, you may be in luck for an exceptional buy. Also, the children's corner is unusually well stocked with books, games, and clothing from toddler to preteen. Saturday openings have been so popular that volunteers have stepped up so the shop can be open from 10-1 every Saturday between now and Christmas! However, we will not be open on Rummage Sale Saturday, October 24. We invite all parishioners and friends to come treasure hunting with us Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-4, and Saturdays from 10-1. And, once again, we say thank you for your quality donations that keep our customers coming and charitable giving dollars growing!



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Parish Nurse Musings

I have three things to ask you to remember and to participate in with me:

1. Please thank Jerry and Joyce Casey for all the cups of coffee and treats they prepare each Sunday morning after the 8:00 am service. We all love to enjoy a treat and coffee.
2. Please thank Chris and Melissa Ferguson for their work on the now annual ABC Rummage Sale for our church. The number of hours they spend organizing, sorting, pricing, and moving things around is unbelievable. It's a success each year, and will be again this October, because of their leadership and hard work.
3. Please join me for the annual Health Fair at Grace Lutheran on Sunday, October 18, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We have wonderful vendors for you to meet again this year. Flu shots will be given in my office that day and every Sunday after that between services and after the 10:30 service. The cost will be \$10.00. Save Medicare money and pay for these!

See you next month!

Your Parish Nurse, Helen