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Dear People of Christ Church,

I am blessed, as are you, to have a Vestry who has been so willing to serve in a crazy moment in our parish family life. Even as we hear good news of the vaccinations and begin to see one another, finally, without masks on, we are not done yet. The Vestry is diligently working with the clergy about re-starting safely while monitoring health markers with the infection. This is not an easy process.

People have asked me how this process feels. I find that I am reminded of when I first came to Christ Church. I had to learn how the community functioned. I had to meet the people. I had to learn what the parish enjoyed doing. I had to work with the community on our gathering in worship, in fellowship and in prayer. And here we go again.

I have appreciated those who have sent emails occasionally to the staff and clergy to let us know what has been going on. It reassures us that you are in contact and helps us know what we can do to help, if anything. It has also helped me to see how your world has changed while my world has been changing at the same time. It is not like our lives have stopped and when we worship together again, we simply pick up again like nothing has happened. We re-gather as changed people with a new sense of renewed commitment to serve our Lord, perhaps in a new or changed way.

We are beginning that process of moving from surviving a pandemic apart to worshipping and serving our Lord together. The Vestry and the committee leadership have changed over the past 12+ months. They may not have met regularly. They may have had to do some things differently over the past year. Without meeting in person, it is hard to keep up with a group as people come or go in the life of the parish. It can be a name dropped from an email list, a change of email, a move in location, a change of the phone. Without meeting in person, you and I need to help one another to keep in touch!

As committees begin to meet in person, as we make plans for projects or programs, if you were on a committee before or were part of a project before and have not received an email or call from the committee chair, please make it a point to reach out to the chair or project leader if it is something you still want to do.

Here are the people to contact should you want to be involved or have questions as we re-start:

Vestry: Katie Harvard, Dan Gloster, Teresa Jacobsen (Senior Warden), Tom King, Joan Bronson, Steve Martin, Bob Puttock, Jody Wall, Scott Arthur, Sandy White (Junior Warden), Pam Kennedy and Clare Dame.

Committee Chairs: Mary Margaret Applin (Education), Sue Jarvis (Pastoral Care), Martha Griffin (Outreach), Jody Wall (Parish Life), James Baden (Properties), Marty Tabaka (Stewardship), Pete Gronauer (Finance) and me, Webster Gibson (Worship).

And please contact Noelle in the Church Office (540-662-5843, Ext. 4) if you need to update your contact information or need help contacting any of those listed above.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
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From the Clergy

This month, we embark on the longest season of the church year - the season after Pentecost. It takes up close to half the year, and it can sometimes seem like a bit of a slog. After the drama of Holy Week, the celebrations of the Easter season, the remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, this long green season can seem as though there isn't as much happening, as though church is perhaps less important for a few months. But if we push through our initial reaction, I think we can find something to learn anew from this season - about the continuing presence of God in our own lives.

In thinking about the season after Pentecost, I turned to Acts and thought about the early chapters of Acts, which record what happened after the first Pentecost. Beginning in Acts 3, the first disciples find themselves sent out on mission - but much of what this mission looks like is the ordinary work of being the church they have already been doing. Acts records them healing, caring for those in need, proclaiming the Gospel, and trying to organize their growing community. The presence of the Holy Spirit is with them not only in the highly dramatic confrontations with their opponents, or the miraculous healings, but in everything they do, even the everyday work of feeding those who need food.

These chapters of Acts offer a model for us as well, as we think about how the Holy Spirit is calling us to live here and now. For us, as for the first disciples, the Spirit is with us in every way that we live out our faith. As we hope to bring more and more ministries back - sometimes in new forms - we will all have new chances to think about how we live our faith out. You may find yourself called into ushering for our worship services, or participating in a book study, or helping with an outreach project. All of our calls to ministry - whether they are part of the life of Christ Church, or something we discover on our own, are chances to respond to the Holy Spirit nudging us into doing the work of God.

And what I hope we learn from doing that work, what I continue to learn in doing that work, is that God is always inviting us to deeper relationship with God and with our neighbors. Any ministry we take on is ultimately a chance to learn about God, about ourselves, about each other. Through them, we contribute to becoming a community that really knows one another, and strives to know God together. I'm sure this was true for the first disciples as well. They built new relationships with each other as they built up the early church (and yes, handled the conflicts that came with that). So let's not take this long season after Pentecost as a chance to put our lives of faith on hold. Instead, let's listen for where God is calling us, take up the work the Spirit gives us, and be the church, growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Martin Geiger, Assistant Rector
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Note to Sunday School families:

Thanks to all who helped with our Children's Time videos! We are taking a break for the summer. Please watch for information on special services for families and other activities for kids during the summer. If you are not on our Sunday School email list, please contact Noelle in the Church Office at 540-662-5843, Ext 4 or communications@christchurchwinchester.org.



There's still space on the mountain.

Register for Shrine Mont Summer Camps.

Music News

Historic Organ Bench Received

Mike Robinson, author of the five-volume Winchester Tales book series, was searching Ebay for historic Winchester items when he found an organ bench marked "Christ Episcopal Church No. 684" for sale in Arizona. Winchester Tales Facebook page members raised \$450 to purchase it and group member Melissa Gittens traveled to Arizona, with her dog Moonpie, and retrieved the bench.

Robinson believed that this bench was built for an 1886 remodeling of the Christ Church sanctuary. Upon further inspection with Bynum Petty, the keeper of the Moeller Organ Company records, this bench was built for the 1906 organ (opus 684) that filled the Page Chapel, with the console just behind the pulpit. Interestingly, it was a hydro-Moeller— meaning that turning a wheel would tap into the Winchester water supply, thereby starting the organ blower. By the 1920s, the instrument was fitted with an electric blower. Our current organ was installed in 1981 and lovingly renovated in 2015.

The 1906 Moeller organ bench is now on display in the Fairfax Room. All are welcome to see it!

Ted Dix, Director of Music



From the Outreach Committee

CCAP Fundraiser—Bike or Volunteer!



Frederick County Parks & Recreation (FCPRD), CCAP and Winchester Wheelmen present a scenic ride through Frederick County as a fundraiser for CCAP. The ride is Saturday, August 28, 2021, and is a self-paced ride of 10, 30, 50 or 70 miles. You can sign up to ride with FCPRD.

If you're not a cyclist, you can support the effort as a volunteer! Help is needed along the course. Teams of five will hand out water and snacks to riders at various stations and help to keep track of the riders' progress. Teams will work in two shifts. If you'd like to be on a Christ Church team, contact Jim Taylor at annjimtaylor@verizon.net.

Donation items for CCAP this summer: In June, maybe you could join another family and donate a pair of **steel-toed boots**? In July, **Deep Woods Off** or other bug repellent is requested. Please bring donations on Sundays or to the Church Office foyer at 114 W. Boscawen Street on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to noon.

And check out CCAP's great new website: www.ccapwinchester.org.

Church Calendar

Sundays @ Christ Church

Sunday, June 6: Services at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am **WITH** masks & distancing
Reservations required

Beginning on Sunday, June 13:

8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
Masks required for the unvaccinated only, no distancing or reservations required

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Livestream
See www.christchurchwinchester.org for link.

11:30 am Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
WITH masks & distancing
Reservations required

Please refer to email updates and website for updates and changes.



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Committee & Group Meetings

Online Bible Study	Wed: 10:00 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm (Resuming in July)
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Book Study	Thurs: 6:00 pm – 7:15 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.
The Assistant Rector's day off is Monday.
The Church Office is open Tues-Thurs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It's always a good idea to call ahead!
Church Office Tel. 540-662-5843

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Church Calendar

Birthdays

June 1 Woody Baker, Jim Taylor
 2 Bernice Brown, Nancy Tabaka
 3 June Davies
 4 David Bicking
 10 Gerry Kiefer
 11 Evelyn Gibson
 12 Kay Jones
 14 Jennifer Mathias
 16 Gerald Crowell
 18 Jim Wiedower
 21 Suzanne Pettit
 22 Christopher Francis
 23 Kathryn Schain
 24 Maria Tedesco
 25 Walter Jagiello
 26 Bill Wiley
 July 1 Ann Crocker
 2 Betty MacDonald
 3 Gil Kesser
 5 Jim Laidlaw, Mark Pennypacker, Sr.
 6 George Gibson
 7 Nick Nerangis, Philip Sargent
 9 Eve Brown, Bob Mitchell
 11 Pat Leinbach
 14 Kirk Gibson, Linn Power
 15 John Claybrook, Ron Mislowsky
 17 Julie Read
 18 Karey Starnes, Rebekah Wiedower
 19 Stacy Talbott, Luke White
 21 Kylie Moore
 22 Holt Roberson
 23 Robin Koneczny, Cathie Russell
 25 Arthur Sperry
 25 Lynn Huff
 30 Doug Thomas
 31 Tim Whipkey



Anniversaries

8-Jun Bill & Katy Wiley
 9-Jun Tim & Cathie Waldie
 9-Jun David & Margery Wingenbach
 9-Jun Tom & Lori Ellington
 10-Jun Joe & Caroline Wingenbach
 12-Jun Jim & Martha Griffin
 12-Jun Dick & Katie Clarke
 13-Jun Rob & Susan Ross
 16-Jun Don & Betty MacDonald
 16-Jun Bob & Nancy Mitchell
 19-Jun Bill & Anne Drury
 19-Jun Nelson & Barbara Keech
 20-Jun Mark & Judy Pennypacker
 26-Jun Ashley & Betty Futral
 29-Jun Doug & Lucia Thomas
 6-Jul Webster & Rebecca Gibson
 7-Jul George & Tricia Glass
 7-Jul George & Joan Burgess
 9-Jul Gary & Susan Sheppard
 16-Jul Jim & Diedra Kriewald
 22-Jul Pete & Mary Pat Gronauer
 24-Jul Tim & Amy Whipkey
 25-Jul Lynn & Maureen Huff
 30-Jul Steve & Loretta Johnston
 30-Jul Roger & Pamela Lamborne

celebrate!

Please Note:

We will publish birthday and anniversary information only with explicit permission. Please contact the Church Office if you wish to be added to or deleted from these lists. Please keep the Church Office informed of any changes to your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

From the Treasurer

Update through April

The table below shows the summary Revenue and Expense totals for Actual and Budget for the first four months of 2021.

2021	Apr Actual	Apr Budget	Apr Diff
Revenues	\$ 196,598	\$ 146,910	\$ 49,688
Expenses	\$ 181,235	\$ 175,958	\$ 5,277
Net Position	\$ 15,362	\$ (29,048)	\$ 44,410

Actual Revenue is almost \$50,000 ahead. Some of the reasons are:

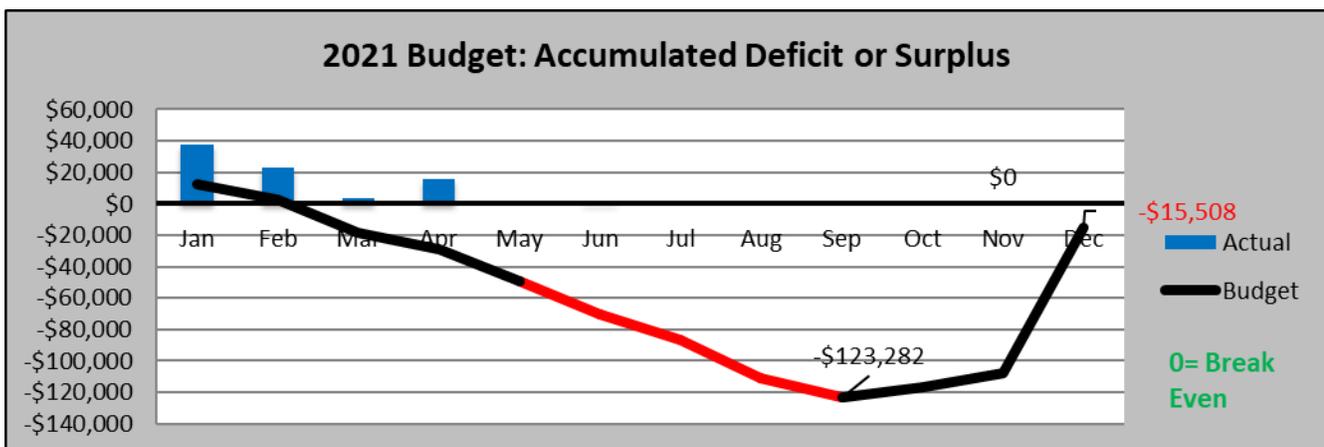
- 2020 pre-paid carry over pledges from late 2020 = \$9,980
- 7 pledges paid much earlier than expected this year = \$22,000
- An unexpected un-pledged gift = \$6,000, and
- Plate offerings starting earlier than budgeted

Actual Expenses are about \$5,300 OVER budget. Some of the reasons are:

- Utilities are over by about \$3,000
 - ⇒ Indoor services have started earlier than budgeted
 - ⇒ Electric and gas budgets for 2021 were estimated for the NEW HVAC system
- Property and Maintenance are over by about \$5,000
 - ⇒ Annual payment for security system was paid early = \$5,000
 - ⇒ Unexpected elevator repair = \$1,000

Slow Summer Months Ahead. PLEASE KEEP UP with your pledges and donations during our slow revenue months!

The red section of the Budget line on the graph below shows that from May to September our expected expenses will be about \$70,000 more than our expected revenues. This is the historical pattern related to “normal” (pre-pandemic) summer attendance being low resulting in lower revenues each month. Meanwhile, expenses during the summer remain at their normal levels.



Stewardship

Giving to the Glory of God

What does this mean? Giving to the glory of God? The answer will be different for all of us, but let's consider "gifts."

A true gift is something given out of love with no expectation of how the other will use the gift. It is an expression of love and affection. The intention is not to buy love from the recipient, but rather to show what the recipient means to you.

Our lives are the ultimate gift of God, which are freely given by God to us. God has a hope with this gift - that we will grow into the full potential that God gives us and that we will continue to grow towards that potential by seeking God's love and wisdom. Another part of God's hope is that we will seek to be in a deeper relationship with God, where we love God as God loves us.

But we are free to do as we please with our lives, the gift from God. We can turn from God. Much of the early part of the creation story is what happens when we turn from God. In fact, much of the Bible as a whole shows our turning from God. And yet, thank God, by the grace of God, God is also determined to call us back into relationship with God. This is witnessed in the people of Israel called as God's people with the hope that the other nations of the world would see the benefit of being in relationship with God and those other nations would turn back to God. Jesus, that scandal of particularity, where the Church follows God's redemptive love in Jesus, is another creative expression of God's love for us, the gift of love that keeps seeking after us. While we have the gift of life freely given, God's love for us hopes for us to use our gift of life to love God back.

When we make a commitment to follow Jesus, when we make a commitment to love God as God loves us, again, that love we offer back is a gift. It helps us to remind ourselves how important God is to us. It helps us express my love, your love for Jesus, our risen Lord.

The Gospel in that is that we give out of love. We cannot buy God's love - don't need to. We cannot get God to love us more than others - God loves all of God's creation (probably why God thinks it is good). We simply give to God out of love with a reassurance that God already loves us.

The uniqueness of the Church as disciples of Jesus, the body of Christ, means that our Church family gives us a means of expressing a depth of loving God in how our family is able to make God known in the world around us. Called together in our worship to love and be loved by God, sent out as people fed by God's love, making sure future generations can know of God's love, all of those things happen because we give of ourselves, our time, our talent, and our money to make sure the world knows God loves us and we love God and we want others to be a part of the great experience.

We don't give to a particular line item of a budget, or to a particular ministry of God's Church. We give to the WHOLE Church to make sure that the whole Church has the means to make the love of God we know known to the rest of the world.

"Giving to the Glory of God" is giving with a deeper understanding and affection than we have in other organizations around us. Not that those other groups don't serve a purpose or ideal which we share, but they do not exist to worship God and make the world aware of God's abundance. So, being a people of God, our gift of ourselves is significant. It should be among the larger parts of our schedules, our financial contributions, and where we explore what new things we can do apart from our jobs. What do we want in return for this gift? Only for God to know that we love God. And for us to know that God's love for us began before we even started, and is so much greater than we are that we can only benefit.

~ The Rev. Webster Gibson

From the Parish Nurses

Buggin' Out this Summer

Summer is here and so are the bugs. The cicadas have come and will go soon. Now, we will contend with the ants, wasps, yellow jackets, and ticks. Ticks are especially problematic as tick bites can cause Lyme Disease.

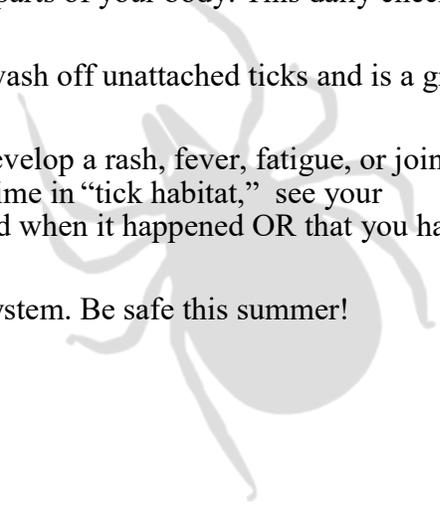
The best way to avoid Lyme Disease is to avoid tick bites. Ticks are hidden in grassy, bushy, or wooded areas and even come in from your backyard with your dog. What to do?

- Wear bug repellent. Use EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-methane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. Apply to yourself and your family as directed.
- Check for ticks daily. Check your body thoroughly after being in areas where ticks may be present (even your yard). Use a hand-held mirror or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body. This daily check reduces the chance ticks will transmit Lyme Disease.
- Shower within two hours of coming indoors. Showering may help wash off unattached ticks and is a great opportunity to do a tick check.
- Call your doctor if you get a fever or rash following a bite. If you develop a rash, fever, fatigue, or joint/muscle aches within several weeks of removing a tick or spending time in "tick habitat," see your healthcare provider. *** Be sure to mention your recent tick bite and when it happened OR that you had spent time in places where ticks live.

If left untreated, Lyme Disease can affect the joints, heart, or nervous system. Be safe this summer!

See you in church!

Your parish nurses, Rosalie and Helen



Sale!

The Treasure Box is excited about the upcoming Church Courtyard clothing sale, rain or shine, on June 12, 2021! The event will be held in the courtyard (between the church and parish hall) from 10:00 am—4:00 pm. Shoppers will be able to fill a bag for \$5.00 (cash or checks only, sales tax included).

The Shop is having this sale to reduce our clothing inventory. At this time, we cannot accept any donations.

The Treasure Box Board hopes that the shop will be able to re-open soon and, at that time, will be able to again take donations. We also hope that members of the community will join us for this sale event so that the shop can continue to support the church and the community with charitable outreach. And as always, thanks to all of you who do support the shop by volunteering, shopping, and donating. If you wish to volunteer to help with this sale, please contact Sally O'Neil 337-739-0074 or reidybobby@yahoo.com.

June 12, 2021

10:00 am—4:00 pm

Christ Church Courtyard, rain or shine