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Happy New Year

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Sunday Services:  
 8 am  
 A quiet traditional Service of Holy Communion  
 &  
 10:30 AM  
 A Family Service of Holy Communion  
 with Music and Choir

**Christ Church Parish**

**Address Service Requested**

*“A joy-filled church with a heart and place for all.”*



For Christians there are two New Years to celebrate. The first is the beginning of the Christian liturgical year which began on the first Sunday of Advent, and then there is the secular new year which begins on January first. Either way we look at it, I want to say thank you to all of you here are Christ Church Parish for giving me a new start in my ministry and the renewal of joy and happiness in my life as 2016 rapidly approaches. It has been a great joy worshipping with you and visiting with a number of you in your homes. I hope to be able to visit many more of you in your homes as we get into 2016 after the business of starting a new year gets behind us. I would also like to thank those who were able to attend my open house and for making it such an enjoyable day. I'm very thankful that God blessed us with such a beautiful day. Finally, I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the generous Christmas gift that was given to me that day.

May the hope and joy of Christmas and the new possibilities that lie before us in 2016 bless Christ Church Parish as we begin our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Faithfully,  
 Fr. Stuart

**Rejoice and Be Glad:  
 for God is at Work Among Us  
 and Every Day is a New Adventure!**



Congregational Meeting !!  
Sunday, January 3, 2016  
Breakfast 9AM -  
Worship 10AM - Meeting 11AM

Vestry nominations may be made at  
the annual meeting but nominees

must have previously agreed to be considered and these names  
must be submitted for Vestry evaluation at least two weeks before  
the annual meeting to ensure the nominees have met the require-  
ments.

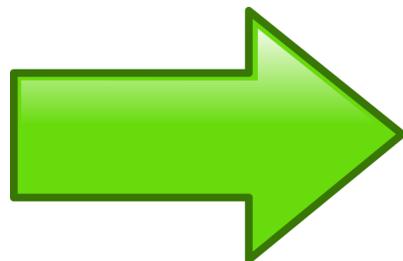
To vote at the congregational meeting, an individual must:

- 1- be an official member of Christ Church Parish (officially regis-  
tered),
- 2 - be known to the Rector as regular in worship in this Parish,  
and,
- 3 - be known to the Treasurer as a regular financial contributor to  
the Parish during the past year.

A copy of the “Duties of the Vestry” is available on the Parish  
Hall bulletin board.

Please read about our prospec-  
tive vestry nominees:

Don Stebbins, Bev Hart and  
Vel Gray!!

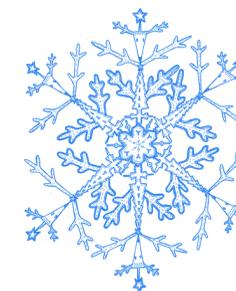


Happy Birthday

Jan 1 - Lurlene Samuel  
Jan 3 - Lee Davis  
Jan 5 - Bill Brown  
Jan 7 - Leigh Cros  
Jan 13 - Jim Knupp  
Jan 13 - Garry Clay  
Jan 16 - Donna Gates  
Jan 17 - Jerry May  
Jan 18 - Wally Horton  
Jan 19 - Andrew Horton  
Jan 23 - John Davis  
Jan 26 - Byron Parker

Anniversary  
Blessings

Jan 1 - Judy and Pete Mansfield  
Jan 3 - Micki and Garry Clay  
Jan 16 - Sallie and Robin Wells  
Jan 31 - Sandy and George Sturgill



*If we have forgotten to list your birthday or anniversary,  
please contact the Parish Office (758-2006)  
so we may correct our records.*



**NEW DIRECTORIES ARE OUT !!**

**Available in the Parish Hall hallway or Parish office...**

**NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:**

In an attempt to streamline the newsletter creation, it is recommended that we set some deadlines for input each month.

-As Soon As Possible - the best!

- Almost ideal? - by the 10th- Will it make it in? - by the 15th

**Special Calendar Notes:**

- January 3 – Congregational Meeting for Vestry nominations and election in the Parish Hall – Breakfast 9AM, Worship 10AM, Meeting 11AM
- January 9 – (Saturday) Altar and Flower Guild Annual Meeting , 9AM, All are welcome!
- January 10 – Brotherhood Breakfast – 9AM – All welcome! Ladies too !!!
- January 13 – Something NEW – 10:00AM Weekday Holy Eucharist in the chapel
- January 16 – Endowment Board Lunch Program 11:30AM All welcome!
- January 21, 22 and 23 – Virginia Diocese 221st Annual Council, held in Reston, Virginia
- February 5, 2016 (Friday) – Annual Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance

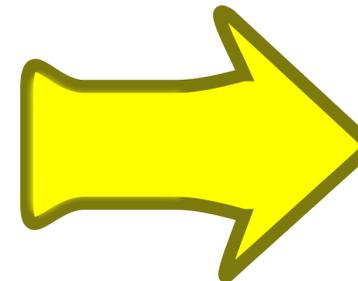


DON STEBBINS

DON, AGE 74, IS A NATIVE IOWAN, A GRADUATE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, A FORMER POLICE OFFICER AND A RETIRED FEDERAL AGENT. HE IS A FORMER BUSINESS OWNER IN THE SECURITY CONSULTING FIELD SPECIALIZING IN FACILITY SECURITY, PERSONAL PROTECTION, SECURITY TRAINING, COMPUTER SECURITY, RISK MANAGEMENT AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS. HE WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AS A CONTRACT INVESTIGATOR FOR HUD, FEMA AND A NUMBER OF LARGE CORPORATIONS.

DON HAS BEEN AN EPISCOPALIAN SINCE 1978. HE HAS SINCE BEEN A REGULAR COMMUNICANT. HE AND HIS LATE WIFE KAREN MOVED TO MIDDLESEX AND JOINED CHRIST CHURCH IN 2005. DON HAS SERVED IN THE CHOIR, ON THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE AND ON THE VESTRY. HE GAVE UP HIS POSITION ON THE VESTRY WHEN HE SUFFERED A LENGTHY ILLNESS. HE IS A PLEDGING COMMUNICANT AND A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN A WIDE RANGE OF PARISH-RELATED ACTIVITIES OR, AS HE HAS SAID, "TOILED IN THE VINEYARD OF THE MUNDANE".

DON FEELS THAT HE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE VESTRY AND TO THE PARISH. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY, IF ELECTED, TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY AGAIN.





**Bev Hart**

I am Beverly Joan Hart. I am married to Charlie Hart. I am the mother of two, the grandmother of three and the owner of a very spoiled dog. I have worked as an RN for over 50 years and

I am still working about four days a month as an occupational health nurse. I am a “cradle Episcopalian” and have found a loving, caring church home at Christ Episcopal Church. I am looking forward to serving on the vestry in the upcoming years. God Bless...Bev

**Vel Gray**

Doug and I were ordained and married (in that order) by Reverend Charles Covell at Christ Church Middlesex in 1964-65 and remained active until our move to Northern Virginia in 1968.

We became active members of Christ Episcopal-Springfield from 1968-1971. After moving to Richmond, Va., we joined Redeemer Episcopal Church. At Redeemer I taught Sunday school, was an officer in the ECW and Directress of the Altar Guild. I also served one term on the Vestry at Redeemer. In 1984 we moved to Southlake, Texas, and became active members of St. Martin's in the Field in adjoining Keller, Texas. While at St. Martin's I was active in the ECW and worked on the altar guild before becoming Altar Guild Directress there. I served on the Vestry for two terms at St. Martin's. We had a Wednesday night healing service at St. Martin's followed by a pot luck



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Dinner/Dance



Friday, February 5, 2016

5:30-10:00 pm

Music by “The Phun Doctors”

Donation per person - \$50

Black Tie (optional)

Appetizers will be served, starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner will include Caesar salad, prime rib, vegetables and dessert.

Ticket sales will begin on January 3. Contact Jean Holt at 804-366-7425 for reservations. (This will be advertised to the public on January 14, so make reservations early. Space is limited.)

Come enjoy a fun evening of great food, music and dancing!



## ECW NEWS

Ladies of the ECW enjoyed a lovely tea at the home of Jane Bunnell on December 2. Following the election of officers and an inspirational reading by Harriette Floyd, everyone enjoyed the delicious food brought by members. This was such a wonderful way to start the holidays!

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the ECW:

President: Ann Padgett, Vice President: Susan Neal, Recording Secretary: Judy Quilter, Corresponding Secretary: Sallie Wells, Treasurer: Virginia Miller

THANK YOU !!



**LADIES!!!** What could be better than having breakfast prepared for you....by a group of handsome men? We have a special invitation from the Brotherhood to join them for their breakfast program on Sunday, January 10th. There will be two wonderful speakers: Dave Cryer and Greg Chambers. 9:00AM Parish Hall



January 9th - 9 AM Christ Church Parish  
Altar and Flower Guild Annual Meeting

This meeting usually lasts about one hour and provides a time for members to share their concerns, ask questions and learn more about the work we do.

We hope you can come! Thanks, Marilyn and Cindy



supper which we attended regularly. Only once did we have all desserts for our meal, but we laughed a lot and enjoyed them anyway. When we moved back to Virginia and settled on the Gray family farm, we rejoined our 'home' church Christ Church Middlesex and have been here ever since. Here I have served as treasurer of the ECW and a member of the altar guild. I am the volunteer librarian for our church and encourage everyone to use the library as a personal resource for pleasure and/or contemplative reading. I have served two terms on our Vestry at CCP and feel blessed to have been able to do so. I feel strongly about faithfully representing the members of our congregation as a Vestry member, and I will do my utmost to serve you well should you chose to elect me to the Vestry of Christ Church Parish.



Weekday Holy Eucharist

Beginning on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., I will begin having a weekly mid-week Eucharist in the chapel in the parish hall. This service lasts about a half an hour and the propers (the lessons and collect) will be those of the saint on the liturgical calendar that is closest to that day, if there isn't someone already on that particular day. I do not have a homily at these services but instead will read about the person being commemorated.

I began attending a mid-week Eucharist over 30 years ago during Lent and it has been a part of my spiritual disciple ever since and I have missed it since I came here. Clergy cannot celebrate the Eucharist on their own and so as long as I have at least one other person in attendance I will be able to have the service. I am starting out with a 10:00 a.m. service, but if another time seems better I will be willing be move it. We may also wish to add a Bible Study either before or after it if there is any interest in that. - Fr. Stuart

## JANUARY LUNCH PROGRAM TO CELEBRATE OUR LEGACY

Back by popular demand: a Saturday luncheon and speaker sponsored by the Endowment Fund Board. Last year's event drew a record number of parishioners for a tasty meal and a helpful (and surprisingly humorous) talk on planning your funeral.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 16 at 11:30 am. We'll gather in the parish hall for some colonial fare and a program by our own Rev. Bob Pritchard and Gordon White about the history of the church, particularly in Virginia, and its impact on the parish we know and love today.

You also will learn more about a new way to leave your legacy for the generations that will follow us as we launch the 1666 Society and its Founders' Circle at this event. Be looking for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the parish hall to reserve a seat at this popular event. Questions? Contact any member of the Endowment Fund Board: Jeff Shaw, Jenni Brockman, Jack Hellems, Jim Hill or Grace Parker. See you there!



*Getting to Know You.... Please welcome our latest entry in our new column! Entries may be any length, from one paragraph to several. We look forward to learning about our fellow members. Getting to know our **Who Is Next?***

## *Moments with Moose.....*



*I went to watch a parade in Williamsburg last month. It was a new experience for me and I doubt if Mom takes me back. I did not like the loud noises but I sure liked all the attention from the crowds of spectators.*

*There were lots of newbies in the parade all dressed up for the holidays, pulling carts or floats or people. Obviously a lot of hard work went into the preparation for that parade. It seems like everything takes a lot of hard work to make things happen. Even for Mom to get herself, Dad and me TO the parade took a lot of hard work and planning. But we showed up with "bells on" !!*

*I think a big part of life is just making the effort and showing up. I help where I can, an invaluable aid for sure. The more helpers, the easier the load for everyone. And if I don't pitch in, the hard work falls to everyone else. Newbies don't get much time compared to other dogs so I want to make the most of it and "show up" for life and be a part of the gift I have every day. Mom will help me deal with any loud noises.*