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Spring and Summer bring with them wonderful local fresh garden vegetables that are available at the local farmers' markets and roadside stands. Here we find fresh corn, squash, green beans, tomatoes, asparagus, zucchini, and an assortment of other fruits and vegetables fresh off the trees, vines, or stalks. But we need to remember that this produce didn't just happen. Months ago, people began tilling the soil and preparing it for planting. Maybe there was some winter growth that needed to be removed, or rocks and sticks that had to be gathered up. Rows were laid out and fertilizer fed the soil. Seeds and plants had to be purchased, planted, watered, weeded, and mulched in order to produce a healthy yield. All of this happened before we ever got to see these fresh items by the road and on our tables.

Jesus often used the everyday activities of our lives to teach us about our life in the Kingdom of God. In other words, our lives and our church's life isn't something that we should take for granted like fresh vegetables at the farmers' market. Our spiritual life just doesn't happen, it needs preparation and constant attention in order to produce a healthy harvest. Sometimes we need to clear the brush that has built up in our lives. Other times we need to remove the rocks and sticks that trip us up and cause us to stumble. Worship, Communion, and studying the Word of God are the fertilizer that help us to grow. Words of love and encouragement are the water and the sunshine that keep us strong.

And finally, the joy that we receive comes from sharing the produce of our faith with the world around us. May you have a bountiful harvest!

Christ Church Parish

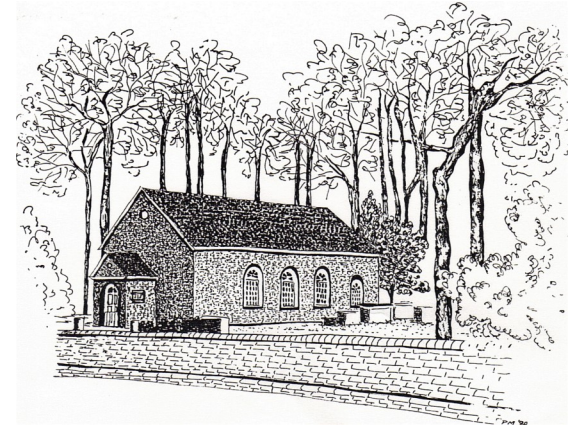
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Sunday Services:

8 am

A quiet traditional Service of Holy Com-

THE BOTHERHOOD — A final note from John Quilter

▫ Thanks to all who supported the Brotherhood and its activities during my time as President. The ladies who got up early to prepare our breakfasts — thank you Ellen Johnson, Jean Hill Anne Wilcox, Helen Tarran and Judy Quilter. Special thanks to Jim Dudley, Jack Tarran, Jim Hill and the “glue” who works tirelessly from year-to-year — Mike Floyd.

I would also like to thank John Hilliard (President) and Jeff Loustaunau (Vice President) for their commitment to the Brotherhood next year. I assure you I'm “all in” to make your tenure run smoothly and help in anyway I can. John Quilter

BEING IN CHARGE — RIGHT TO THE END It's not unusual for successful people to want to be in charge, especially when it comes to the way they want things done. One area we've noted is “...If you don't do XX, I'm coming back to XX” Well, without the threats, our church has a vehicle to help you do the planning for your memorial/funeral service. This not only allows **YOU** to be in charge and convey your wishes, it also is a huge help to whomever is responsible for figuring out what your favorite hymns are, and you feel about Rite I or Rite II, or whatever it might be. Many would be appalled to learn their children **STILL** aren't listening and don't have the first idea what their preferences are. Sooo, Father Stuart is now accepting appointments and has revised our Final Decisions document to help the two of you communicate and document just how you want things done. **None of us know the day or the hour. Let us help you be in charge!** **Endowment Board**



John and Susan Hilliard are again requesting Parish help in supplying packages of new socks and undergarments (all sizes, male/female) to help needy people in Appalachia. Please leave contributions marked "RAM" (Remote Area Medical) in the church library. Checks will also be accepted made out to John or Susan, who will supply tax receipts for all contributions.



BBQ Chicken Dinner - Christ Church Parish Hall - Friday, July 21

The Membership Committee is preparing a delicious summer meal consisting of Shenandoah Valley "Dave Shirkey" BBQ Chicken, corn on the cob, salad, hush puppies, and ice cream. Your ticket will include 2 beer or wine tickets. Other beverages include tea, lemonade and water.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Church Calendar for July, 2017

July

6	6:45	Weekly BSA troop meeting
9	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10	6:00	Vestry meeting
12	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
13	6:45	Weekly BSA troop meeting
16	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
16	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
19	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
20	6:45	Weekly BSA troop meeting
23	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
23	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
26	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist

JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don Stebbins, 7/2
Vivian Milby, 7/2
Kathy Clark, 7/2
Jeff Loustaunau, 7/9
Sally Austin, 7/10
Jeff Shaw, 7/10
Chris Jones, 7/11
Brenda Brizendine, 7/12
Teetie Bunting, 7/13
Evelyn Turner, 7/14
Judy Quilter, 7/15
Cindy Naylor, 7/23
Harriette Floyd, 7/25
John Quilter, 7/25
Marcia Pritchard, 7/28
Evie Wilton, 7/30
Jane Bunnell, 8/25

AUGUST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jack Fackler 8/1
Jack Tarran, 8/2
Jean Hill, 8/2
Anne Wilcox, 8/2
Betsy Evans, 8/2
Jenni Brockman, 8/9
Gibbie Mangum, 8/11
Linda Irwin, 8/11
Kelly Pollok, 8/12
Virginia Bishop, 8/12
Ginger Hellems, 8/13
Jon Bonner, 8/13
Barbara Cockrell, 8/18
John Hilliard, 8/20
Roseanne Moncure, 8/21
Clayton Neal, 8/22
Jack Hellems, 8/23

(Endowment fund continued)

The endowment fund must reach a total of \$250,000 before the church can utilize the earnings to address the ministries and challenges ahead. Your continued generosity will assist in reaching the required minimum principle.

The 1666 Society recognizes individuals that remember Christ Church in their estate plans with a documented planned gift to the endowment fund. It can be **your way to ensure** the future viability of our beautiful colonial church. Planned giving can allow you to enjoy your assets during your lifetime and remember the church at life's end. Planned giving vehicles can be bequests, annuities, charitable trusts, life estates and insurance.

The Episcopal Church Foundation website has helpful information regarding charitable trusts and other instruments and brochures. The website is www.episcopalchurch.org/planned-giving/types.

Please contact the church office (758-2006) to obtain an enrollment form for the 1666 Society and/or have an endowment board member contact you confidentially to discuss planned giving.

Please remember to discuss your intentions with your accountant, attorney and family. Christ Church is not in the business of giving tax advice.

Church Calendar for August, 2017

August

2	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
3	6:45	Weekly BSA troop meeting
6	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
6	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
10	6:45	Weekly BSA troop meeting
13	8:00	Holy Eucharist Rite I
13	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
14	6:00	Vestry meeting
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CHRIST CHURCH ENDOWMENT GETS A LATE START

The footprint of Christ Church Parish dates back to a wooden church built in 1666. In fact, we celebrated our 350th anniversary with the Most Reverend Michael Curry conducting the service. Christ Church is rich in history with many distinguished members. One would think that surely, somewhere along the line there was an established endowment now valued in the millions.

Our endowment fund, currently valued at \$133,429.00, was established in 2011 to fund challenges and ministries for future generations beyond annual operating needs.

Prior to 2011, the church benefitted from generous members who supported ministries and improvements on a need basis. This kind of support is always welcome, but it does not set aside funds for future needs. In 2010, an Endowment Feasibility Committee was established to determine the feasibility of an endowment fund for Christ Church Parish. The vestry accepted the committee's recommendation and established the Christ Church Endowment Fund and the Endowment Board in 2011. The Endowment

The fund was established as a true endowment. The principle cannot be invaded except for dire emergency or major capital improvement. The Endowment Fund Board and the vestry have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure funds are managed wisely and distributed in accordance with established policy. The spending policy established there would be no distribution of earnings until the principle balance totals \$250,000.

Contributions **you make** will be allocated within one of the following six designations per your wishes:

1. Undesignated—Intended to be used where the need is greatest;
2. Church maintenance and historic preservation;
3. Worship and music;
4. Outreach and new mission;
5. Christian education of congregation and staff; and
6. Capital building for new or existing capital projects.

This brings us to 2017

The Endowment Fund Board hosted a celebration for the Founding Circle members of the 1666 Society in January. Sixty-seven individuals qualified as Founder's Circle members of the 1666 Society by either making an outright gift to the Christ Church Endowment Fund or notifying the board that provisions have been made for the church or endowment fund in the indi-