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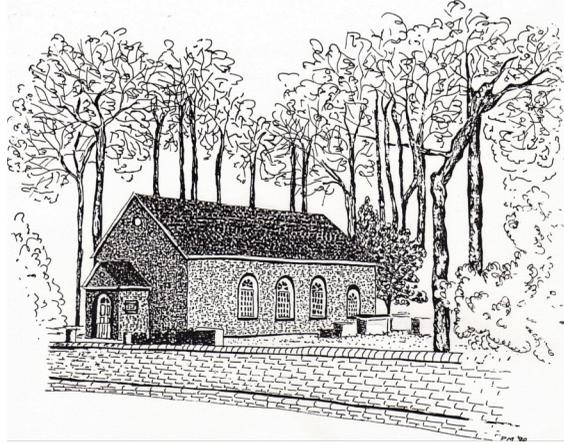
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A joy-filled church

June 2018



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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

The Rev. Stuart Wood

Priest in Charge

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Reflections from an inspiring month.

During the month of April we celebrated Easter, I traveled to the Republic of Ireland, and I returned to finish off the month with a Sunday evening Celtic service. It was definitely a month of “highs” for me.

It is simply awesome to reflect on the way that Easter and our Lord’s resurrection has changed the history of the world. Visiting monastic sites around Ireland and realizing their tenacity to overcome overwhelming obstacles is so inspiring. Time and time again the monasteries and the villages around them were pillaged and burned, people killed and

their valuables taken. Each time they took what they had left and rebuilt and continued to worship, teach, share the faith and give to the poor and needy. They lived the words of Joshua, chapter 1 verse 9 “I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Ireland has passed down to us the legacy of individuals such as Patrick, Brigid, Columba, and Ciaran who founded the monastery of Clonmacnoise where some of the oldest and most decorated Celtic stone crosses are found.

But my trip had a sad side to it as well. Driving through the countryside on the tour we saw many churches that were closed, or churches that had services only several times a year. Beautiful ancient buildings that are closed due to the lack of parishioners. Where persecution and invasion couldn't stop the spread of Christianity, secular interests, political differences and apathy are succeeding.

There is a revival of Celtic Christianity that is renewing and refreshing. From the early monastic writings to new contemporary writers, people are finding ways to experience God through old ways of thinking that are being rediscovered and made new for today.

This is what I hope people will experience in the several Celtic services that we are planning to have each year. I was thrilled with how well the one in April was attended and the wonderful feedback that was received.

I would like to end with a sample of some of the wisdom from the 4th/5th century, "St. Ninian's catechism."

Question: What is best in this world?

Answer: To do the will of our maker.

Question: What is his will?

Answer; That we should live according to the laws of His creation.

Question: How do we know those laws?.

Answer: By study – studying the Scriptures with devotion.

Question What tool has our Maker provided for this study?

Answer: The intellect, which can probe everything.

Question: And what is the fruit of study?

Answer: To perceive the eternal Word of God reflected In every plant and insect, every bird and animal and every man and woman.

**Faithfully,
Fr. Stuart**

A REMINDER

Yes, I know this is only June and the Trash and Treasure sale is not scheduled until August 18th. But, I'm sure you could use a reminder to start looking for those treasures you put away after last Christmas, or after your honeymoon. We have set aside space for your treasures in the parish hall storage area and will make sure they are well cared for. No clothing, please.

Brotherhood Picnic

Remember, the entire congregation and guests are invited to attend the Annual Brotherhood Picnic scheduled for June 24th from 4 to 6:00 p.m., at the Maritime Museum in Deltaville. They haven't finalized the menu yet, but I think it's gonna be finger lickin good, especially with the beverages they are providing. Set-up volunteers please be there at 3:00 p.m.

A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING

Deadlines for submission of articles for the CCP Newsletters are as follows:

Ideal deadline — Prior to 10th of month

Almost ideal — Prior to the 15th

Maybe it will make it — Prior to the 22nd of the month.

E-mail to: ccpnews2017@gmail.com.

CCP Remote Area Medical Team

Now is the time to ensure you have purchased socks and underwear for the needy men, women and children of Appalachia. Our team will be visiting Wise County, Virginia on July 19-22, 2018, to provide medical and dental assistance and deliver a collection of all sizes of newly purchased underwear and socks. Please leave your purchases in the church library in the original packaging, clearly marked "Remote Area Medical." Thank you. CCPRAMTEAM.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

My request in the May issue for someone to take over publishing the newsletter obviously wasn't of much interest since I received zero responses. This will be the last issue of the newsletter for which I am responsible. It was fun while it lasted, but I am no longer able to do it. Jack Tarran

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I thank Garry Clay for giving me the opportunity to learn how to do something I never dreamed I could do. After a year and a half of turning out the newsletter and having fun doing it, I say "Thank you Garry Clay, thank you."

I would also like to thank Fr. Stuart for putting together his wonderful monthly messages and the sermons he provides for us every Sunday. And lastly, I would like to thank Susan Guillotte for helping me to get started in the newsletter business and Mike Floyd for the many times he bailed me out of errors and false starts I had in the learning process. Thank you Susan and Mike for being so willing to step up and help me out when I needed you.

Christchurch School

In the May edition of the newsletter we ran an article asking parishioners to bake 110 dozen cookies for the students at Christchurch School to help boost their morale as they started final exams. The response was amazing. The women of the church and maybe some men, baked their little hearts out to provide delicious morale building cookies to the students of CC School. The photo below shows members of the Outreach Committee getting bags of cookies ready for delivery. From left to right, Jean Holt, Bev Hart, Susie Loustaunau, Jeff Loustaunau and Bert Butler. The second photo shows the very enthusiastic response from students as the cookies are delivered.



**Church Calendar
For June 2018**

Date	Time	Event
3	8:00A	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
3	10:30A	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
4	8:00P	AA Meeting
5	12:00P	AA Meeting
6	9:30A	Mid-Week Eucharist
7	6:45P	Weekly BSA Troop 341 Meeting
10	8:00A	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10	10:30A	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11	8:00P	AA Meeting
12	12:00P	AA Meeting
13	9:30A	Mid-Week Eucharist
14	6:45P	Weekly BSA Troop 341 Meeting
17	8:00A	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
17	10:30A	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
17	0001A	Fathers Day — All Day

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Date	Time	Event
18	8:00P	AA Meeting
19	12:00P	AA Meeting
20	9:30A	Mid-Week Eucharist
21	6:45P	Weekly BSA Troop 341 Meeting
24	8:00A	Holy Eucharist, Rite I - Healing Prayers
24	10:30A	Holy Eucharist, Rite II Healing Preayer
24	4-6:00P	Brotherhood Annual Congregational Picnic. Enjoy!
25	8:00P	AA Meeting
26	12:00P	AA Meeting
27	9:30A	Mid-Week Eucharist
28	6:45P	Weekly BSA Troop 341 Meeting

HAVE A GREAT MONTH OF JUNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Floyd 6/1
Buddy Wyker 6/4
Pam McClelland 6/11
Libby Allen 6/12
Roxie Joes 6/13
Anne Lewis 6/14
Amy Schacht 6/16
Sarah Geeson 6/21
Ginny Hartung 6/23
Peggy Dent 6/26
Howard Reisinger 6/27
Mike Gorin 6/30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bob & Barbee Phipps 6/2
Doug & Brenda Brizendine 6/3
Clayton & Susan Neal 6/10
Paige & Virginia Bishop 6/13
Rich & Ann Donoff 6/13
Bill & Jackie Brown 6/15
Fred & Suzanne Berry 6/17
Jim & Lydia Dudley 6/19
John & Susan Hilliard 6/20
Dave & Anne Wilcox 6/23
Bruce & Susan DeSimone 6/28
Chris & Roxanne Jones 6/28

