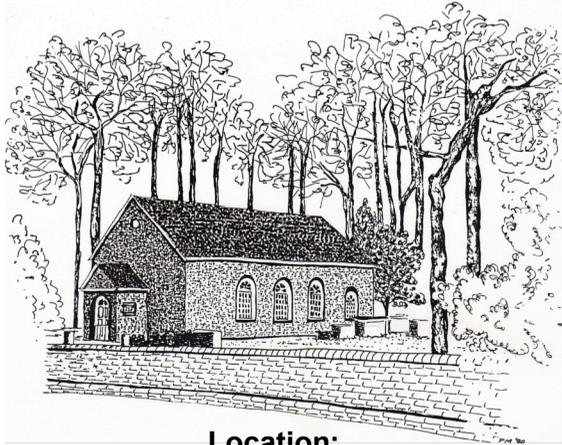




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Sunday Services:

During the Covid-19 Pandemic an Online Service will be held at 10:00 AM
The Rev. Stuart Wood, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Bob Pritchard,
Priest Associate
Peg Moncure, Parish Intern

Join us for our Sunday On-Line Facebook Service
<http://www.facebook.com/christchurch.parish/>

Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) Middlesex Monthly Newsletter for November of 2020

Our Rector's Message for November *"I sing a song of the saints of God"*



November 1st brings us to the beginning of a new month and the celebration of All Saints' Day. Each year, on that day, I remember those in

the parish who have journeyed on to God's nearer presence. Until the last few weeks, it was only Susan Neal that was on that list. Susan was a saint in many ways, but I remember her passion for helping those in need. Her ability to write successful grants, her work with the Cryer Center, her gifts shared with Christ Church Parish, and her love of husband and family is a blessing to all of us.

Sadly, the last few weeks have added to that list of the faithful departed. For years, Margaret Brown was a faithful member of Christ Church Parish and brought her gifts of music to our worship as organist. Through the years, Brenda Knupp brought beauty into peoples' homes with her skill as an interior decorator and as a faithful friend and spouse to

Jim. Paige Bishop, a lifelong Episcopalian who served the church with love and devotion over the years as an acolyte, lay reader, and Vestry member. He served his community for years on the fire department and as bailiff here in Middlesex, County. He was a devoted husband, father, and brother. And then there is Vivian Milby. Her smile brought sunshine into any room. She was another example of Christian living in her marriage, a mother, a dedicated member of the church, and a faithful and loyal friend.

There were others, whose family ties to Christ Church Parish brought them home to rest among the other saints of God in the hallowed grounds surrounding the church over the past twelve months. Their stories known only to their families and to God alone; Jordan Blackburn Mills, Lester Eugene South, and Porter Wesley Moore.

As we remember these and all thy saints, we pray that we may be inspired to live as they have lived in the faith of Christ. Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, but life everlasting.

Faithfully,

Fr. Stuart

VES TRY

‘We are a family of faith, growing in Christ through worship, learning and service, who strive to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.’

The Vestry held its regular monthly meeting on October 13. Among the items discussed was our current financial situation. We are hoping to receive more pledges before December so that we can finalize the 2021 Annual Budget. We discussed the status of COVID-19 in Middlesex County. Fr. Stuart and I are monitoring this very closely. The Building and Grounds Committee (headed by Jeff Loustaunau) has been working on several projects. These projects include fixing a water problem under the Parish Hall, replacing the stair risers on the steps leading to the Boy Scout entrance to the Parish Hall, and working on the project to enable “live streaming” services from both the Parish Hall and the Church. The Fellowship Committee is exploring the possibilities of improving the signage in front of our property. The Outreach Committee will be preparing and distributing gift bags with ingredients for dinner at the Cryer Center. These bags will also include a keychain with “Share the Love” on one side and “Christ Church Parish” on the other.

We will hold outdoor services on Sundays at 10:00 (**weather permitting**). It was so wonderful to see 33 parishioners at our

first service. All of us felt very thankful to be together. Clayton Neal provided the sound equipment so that we could all hear the service. For those of you who arrived early, he played some great, lively music. Fr. Stuart pointed out that it had been seven months since our last worship service. Fortunately, we have wonderful “virtual” services every Sunday, which allows us all to worship together differently. Thanks to our “GEEK SQUAD” (Mike Gorin, Jack Fackler, Mike Floyd), we will soon have live-streamed services for you to enjoy at home. All of this will hold us together until things get closer to normal (whatever that is).

Some of you have asked how St. Paul’s Church is doing. Rev. Dunn reports that they are holding some outdoor services. Even though his congregation is most anxious to be in their brand-new building, using the altar furniture purchased with funds raised in the “Share the Love” concert, he does not feel that it is safe to do that. We still have plans to continue our partnership with St. Paul’s, including Rev. Dunn and Fr. Stuart doing sermon at each other’s Church. If I drive by St. Paul’s after dark, it is inspirational to see the lit cross over

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Newsletter Input for November Newsletter from the Junior Warden:

As we prepare for the fall and winter, you will see that we have had our groundskeeper, Jimmy Bristow, trimming the shrubs and re-mulching the beds around the Parish Hall. We do need some clean-up of branches and debris in the cemetery that we’ll try to take care of as we clean up the leaves.

Just as an FYI - although I don’t think I have ever seen anyone use the drinking fountains in the foyer of the Parish Hall, we have turned off the water to them as a COVID precaution. So, if you’re needing water, keep a water bottle handy.

Bob Guillotte and I have replaced the two center risers on the steps up to the Fellowship Hall at the Boy Scout entrance. They were sagging badly and had rotted to where you noticed they moved when you stepped on them. The steps are now very sound.

There is much going on in the area of

Church Sunday Service - Links

Below are two links. The first will take you to the Christ Church Parish website’s menu selection for the church service video, where you will have to click on a second link to go to the video on Facebook. The second link should take you directly to videos on our Facebook page.

<http://christchurchmiddlesex.thediocese.net/Worship-Services-on-Facebook/>

https://www.facebook.com/christchurch.parish/videos/?view_public_for=1034815926571047&ref=page_internal

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door of the beautiful little white church.

You may have noticed a new little tree planted in the field in front of the church planted in honor of our beloved Susan Neal. Clayton writes the following:

Following Susan's death on Easter Sunday, the Neal family received a Southern Magnolia tree from a dear friend in Northern Virginia. Pam McClelland graciously accepted the responsibility to "babysit" it until early October when the tree was planted on CCP's property near the flagpole. Many thanks to all who assisted in making the planting possible. Many years from now, the tree should flourish to a height of 50 feet. The Southern Magnolia has been known to symbolize womanly

beauty and gentleness.... that's Susan for sure. "Put on your big girl boots and Live Life" (Susan).

Our family Thanksgiving celebrations may be quite different this year. There are many ways to keep in touch with your loved ones. We can still manage to DO things with just a few reasonable precautions. We can manage to LOVE someone, for the world is full of people who need to be loved. And we can manage to LOOK FORWARD to things that mean something to ourselves and others.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Pam McClelland

Senior Warden



Church Committees

We have several committees at Christ Church Parish that provide many opportunities for all of us to get involved. Even during these times, many of these committees have found ways to carry on with some activities safely.

Here are brief descriptions of our current committees, including committee chairs.

Building and Grounds

The mission of this committee is to

enhance and maintain the buildings and grounds of Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) to support the mission of the Church. Members respect and promote the Parish's historic nature while making it a warm and inviting facility of worship and community outreach.

Jeff Loustaunau, Junior Warden & Chair
(207) 469-8454 pjlous71@gmail.com

Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee, in cooperation with the Rector, Junior Warden and the Parish Administrator, has the overall responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Christ

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Church Parish Cemetery. The key responsibilities are • Maintenance of the cemetery grounds, • Maintenance of permanent records of lots sold or transferred and all burials, • Establishment and enforcement of cemetery regulations concerning lot purchases, burials, and maintenance practices, • Investment of income received from donations and lot sales for the perpetual care of the cemetery.

Dave South, Cemetery Chair
(804) 776-6983 Marsouth05@aol.com

Fellowship (formerly Hospitality Committee)

In coordination with our Rector and Vestry, the Christ Church Parish Fellowship Committee's mission is to plan, organize, and implement activities that encourage fellowship and support among our members and welcome visitors/guests to our faith community.

Bev Hart (Co- Chair) (804) 306-4560
beviehart@aol.com Mary Lynn Landgraf
(Co- Chair) (703) 981-3914
marylandgraf46@gmail.com

Finance

This committee's responsibility is to oversee the establishment of policies and procedures regarding all financial matters of Christ Church Parish. Members work with the Treasurer to ensure that such policy and procedures shall be in accord with the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, the Diocese of Virginia's Manual of Business Methods, and good business practices.

Jeff Loustaunau, contact person
(207) 469-8454 pjlous71@gmail.com

Outreach

The Outreach Committee's primary focus is on outreach to the community. They sponsor numerous projects each year, such as collections for the Cryer Center and other community agencies. Welcoming students from our neighboring Christchurch School with activities that show our support. Also, collecting food/ other goods to support our larger community.

Committee Chair: Jean Holt
(804) 366-7425 jeanholt23043@gmail.com

Worship and Pastoral Care

This committee works with the Rector in planning the worship and liturgy of the Church. They discuss ideas and opportunities for the creative use of liturgy to enhance worship and to educate the congregation about the meaning and purpose of their faith and traditions. They work with the Rector to plan and implement educational opportunities that are attractive, constructive, inviting, and enriching for participants.

Committee Chair: Grace Parker
(770) 351-5310
parkegrace2010@verizon.net

If you are interested in getting more information about or joining a committee, contact the chair. We will send out a more formal way of volunteering in early January.



This year has certainly halted our regular activities. I have called Kathy Newcombe and Elizabeth Anderson regarding our holiday meals that ECW provides for two less fortunate families. These meals will continue as usual.

There have been concerns about our annual Christmas ECW luncheon. This will be rescheduled until next spring. Hopefully, a vaccine will be available by then, and

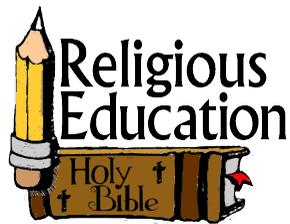
it will be more practical for us all to be together.

We are fortunate to have the majority of our ECW board returning next year. I will be stepping down and Karen Brown will be president. We are looking for volunteers for Vice President. Virginia Miller will be Treasurer again but would appreciate a replacement if a volunteer is available. Sallie Wells has agreed to continue as Recording Secretary, and Cathy Spence has agreed to continue as Corresponding Secretary.

If ECW would consider baking a choice of pecan pie or rum cake or both, we could sell for \$10.00 each on Nov.7th in the church parking lot with Brotherhood's Chowder sales. Please drop off at parish hall that week, prepackaged.

Enjoyed listening to Nicole play her saxophone!

Thank You all for your support! Karen



Catechism Corner—The Daily Office #2 of 3

Building on September's historical review of the Daily Office, we now take a look at it from today's view.

Contents: Prior to the 1850s the standard Sunday service in the Anglican Communion was Morning Prayer + the Great Litany + the first half of the Communion Service. It was at that point that the House of Bishops in the U.S, decided that one could read either the

Eucharist of Morning Prayer on Sunday, but did not need to do both. For the following century, most Episcopal parishes adopted a rotation of services at their main Sunday services. The 1979 Prayer book-our current edition--was the first to call for celebration of the

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From the Verger

As Thanksgiving and Christmas rapidly approach, our thoughts turn to family gatherings and the whole sense of being in community. We experienced a truly wonderful outdoor service today (October 18th), and it, too, caused me to reflect on the importance of community. We have done well, I believe, in bringing our services to your home via the pre-recorded videos. Today, however, brought clearly to me how much I have missed being with you "in community."

I have had a long-standing debate with some of our congregation who eschew Morning Prayer, contending that they can "do" that service perfectly well alone on their decks. I know you can "do" that; however, the element of community is missing. Just maybe there was someone who needed to see or be with you, and you were missing. It is true that whenever ANYONE is missing, we are less whole.

We are going to miss our community for a while still longer...dear Lord, don't let it be too much longer! For the safety of all, I have reluctantly cancelled my own Thanksgiving gathering of friends from all over. But in whatever way you safely can be in community with someone. Even my monastic friends long to come together in community. We are better together. May we soon know that joy and never again take it for granted. The Verger

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Catechism Corner

Eucharist on every Sunday and Major Holy Days, with the reading of the Daily Office only appropriate for congregations that had already participated in the Eucharist.

The Anglican practice of saying daily morning and evening prayer derives from the pre-Reformation canonical hours, of which seven were required daily: Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline. They derived from the earliest centuries of Christianity, and before that, hours of prayer in the Jewish temples.

The first BCP in 1549 radically simplified the services, combining the first three services of the day into a single service called Mattins (now Matins) and the latter two into a single service called Evensong (formerly essentially Vespers). The rest were abolished or incorporated in the two major services. The BCP of 1552 renamed the services to Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, and set the pattern of daily worship which has been basically unchanged in most cathedrals, church schools, and other large churches ever since. The 1979 BCP does, however, offer a four-four office in rite two by adding noonday prayers and Compline. Some Episcopal religious orders follow the four-four pattern in their com-



In our desire to reach out to our community during this time of isolation and limited resources and to be able to include our congregation in continuing to "Share the Love," we have developed a new project. We have tried to coordinate this project to take place in the Fall, not during the holidays when there are so many activities already planned. With the ECW and Brotherhood's support, we will be distributing a small bag (containing a 6-8 serving soup mix, cornbread mix, fruit, and a heart key chain- with "Share the Love" on one side and Christ Church Parish on the other side. These bags will be in addition to the Cryer Center's regular Grocery pick-up, as a gift from Christ Church Parish.

How can you participate? Read on!

We have **100 gift bags** to brighten up with some Fall Stickers. If you would like to help us **decorate these bags, please contact** Jean Holt at jean-tholt23043@gmail.com or text (804) 366-7425 to work out details for getting a **pack of 10 bags** and some stickers to decorate the bags for a nice Fall appearance. Bags will need to be completed before **October 26th**. This is an easy project

that could be accomplished by those unable to leave their homes (Jean can deliver a pack of bags to you), and those who wish may pick up a package of bags from the church.

On **Monday, October 26th, at 9:00 am**, we need **eight volunteers** to help to assemble these bags. We will do this in the cleaned Parish Hall, wearing masks and remaining socially distanced during the process.

On **Tuesday, October 27th**, we will need two volunteers to help set up a small tent at the Cryer Center (around 9:00 am) and two volunteers to help take the tent down and return it to the CCP (around 1:00 pm).

We will need **2 -3 volunteers** to distribute the bags to the cars as they drive through the grocery line from **9:45 am until we run out**.

To Volunteer for packing the bags on October 26th or working on October 27th, please contact Ann Padgett—(email: 4pars4me@gmail.com or Text: 804-824-4565).

All volunteers will follow Covid safety procedures.

Editor's note: By the time you receive this Newsletter, these events will have already taken place. I include for those of you who have not seen what



ENDOWMENT FUND

2020 has been a year most of us would like to forget. The Covid-19 Pandemic has affected countless individuals and families and has caused many hardships such as illness, unemployment, loneliness, depression and death in many cases. As 2020 draws to a close, many of us are thinking of estate planning, taxes and starting the New Year with a fresh start. This is the perfect time to remember Christ Church in your legacy planning. All too often many of us have good intentions to remember Christ Church Parish in our estate planning, however, often we forget to follow through with our intentions. If your estate planning documents are in place and to your satisfaction, you can still easily leave a bequest to your beloved Christ Church Parish simply by making Christ Church as one of your beneficiaries on an insurance policy, a savings account or even a checking account. These require NO changes to your major estate documents, but are normally just a simple form you can download and fill out to include Christ Church as a beneficiary.

As a member of Christ Church Parish, you may have been involved in or inspired by some special area of the ministries of this beautiful and historic church. There are any

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHRIST CHURCH PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

number of ways that you can continue to support that ministry as part of "Your Legacy" by specifying them in your bequest and/or your memorial contributions to those ministries. There are multiple categories that you can select from including Worship and Music, Outreach, Christian Education, Capital Improvements, Cemetery and Maintenance and Historic Preservation. In the event you are uncertain as to where you would like to designate your funds, you can always designate them to a category called "Undesignated" (where the funds could be most needed).

If you have any questions, any member of the Endowment Fund Board can help you. Members include, William Budd, Chair; Page Wittkamp, Secretary, Phil Brown, Treasurer, Lydia Dudley, Vestry Rep., Dave Wilcox; Fr. Stuart Wood, Rector. Christ Church thanks you for making our future more secure for future generations.

We are not financial planners, so as always, please consult with your attorney or other professionals for the most beneficial advice for both parties.



Not only the squirrels... Your ECW ALSO gathers nuts in the fall for you! The freshest pecan halves, peanuts and almonds are available for sale as one of our important ECW fundraisers. These items are delicious and popular as gifts, snacks for football games, or holiday baking. Please take the print and fill it out and leave it in the office, or mail to Grace Parker at 15 Bayberry Pointe, Urbanna 23175. Nut orders will be ready for pick up before Thanksgiving, right after the pecan harvest! (Please note that we have reluctantly raised the pecan price by \$1 as the cost has also risen for several years....but they're still a bargain!) Yum



**CCP ECW
2020 Nut Sales**



Whitley's Salted Peanuts (20 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin **\$11.00** Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Jumbo Cashews (12 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin **\$11.00** Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Hot Jalapeno Ranch Peanuts (12 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin **\$11.00** Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Dark Chocolate-Covered Peanut Clusters (10 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin **\$11.00** Total Price \$ _____

Whitley's Honey Cinnamon Almonds (13 oz. Tin)

Number of Tins _____ Price Per Tin **\$11.00** Total Price \$ _____

Pecan Halves (16 oz. Bag)

Number of Bags _____ Price Per Bag **\$12.00** Total Price _____

Deadline for Orders November 1, 2020

Name _____ Phone _____



I hope our ECW members have been collecting for the November UTO gathering. Since we don't know when and if we will be in church, I suggest several ways to offer your

the Parish Hall, you may do so Monday thru Thursday from 9 to 12 thru Thursday, November 19th. You may mail your check to Christ Church Parish, P.O. Box 476, Saluda, VA 23149, and indicate UTO on the memo line. Please mail your checks by Thursday, November 19th.

donation. I suspect many did not obtain a UTO box or envelop, but that's not necessary. Just make out your check to Christ Church Parish with UTO in the memo line.

UTO Grants are focused on COVID-19 relief projects, so your contributions enable UTO to give out grant money to places and people in desperate need of help. This is our only collection for 2020, and your donation does make a big difference.

If we have church on November 8th, 15th and 22nd, please bring your box or check and give to Sharon Colston.

If you wish to drop off a box or check at _____ Thank you, Sharon



The Altar Guild will, from time to time, submit pictures and descriptions of some of the lovely communion serving pieces Christ Church Parish owns and, in many cases, we are using these pieces regularly, and some used only on special occasions.

ALTAR GUILD

This piece is a contemporary sterling silver footed flagon with a hinged cover surmounted by a cross with "c" scrolls on the top. The monogram is "IHS," and it is engraved on the side. The inscription on the inside of the foot rim reads, "Presented to Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia in memory of John Bristow Clerk, 1701-1715 by his Descendant of the Ninth Generation, Gordon Woolley."



OUTDOOR SERVICES and BLESSING of the ANIMALS

It is with great pleasure that I announce that we have permission to have worship services outside. We have held one such Service very successfully, with 33 attendees all practicing proper Covid-19 protocols.



The Online services will still occur on Facebook, but THE OUTDOOR SERVICES will be an opportunity to come together [WITH RESTRICTIONS] and worship.

The Outdoor Services will be held at 10:00 AM, and it will have communion, but with the bread being the only element distributed. There will be no singing or physically passing of the peace.



You will need to bring your lawn chairs, and you will also need to wear facemasks and maintain the proper social distancing. We will have hand sanitizer available. The Service will be in booklet form for single-use, and so there will be receptacles to recycle the used bulletins and the paper holders for the individual wafers. Knowing that it will be cool to cold, these services will not last more than 40 minutes and closer to 30.



We had a wonderful time with the Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot and hope that these services will help us re-connect us.

The information for the Online Service will be sent out by email well in advance of the Service.

God Bless, Fr. Stuart

◀ October	November 2020						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Virtual worship service	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8 Virtual worship service	9	10 Finance Committee (Fellowship Hall 9:30am) Vestry (Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm)	11 Veterans Day (office closed)	12	13	14	
15 Virtual worship service	16 Fr. Stuart gone	17 Fr. Stuart gone Worship Committee (Fellowship Hall 9:30 am)	18 Fr. Stuart gone	19 Fr. Stuart gone Outreach Committee (Fellowship Hall 9:30 am)	20 Fr. Stuart gone	21	
22 Virtual worship service	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day (office closed)	27 Endowment Board (Fellowship Hall 10:00 am)	28	
29 Virtual worship service Advent begins	30						



Bert Butler & Steve Richardson 5-Nov

- Bruce Desimone 1-Nov
- Bert Butler 2-Nov
- Miles Libbey 5-Nov
- Susan Dugan 7-Nov
- George Sturgill 8-Nov
- Bob Barlowe 9-Nov
- Robin Wells 9-Nov
- Laure Jones 19-Nov
- Pete Mansfield 20-Nov
- Rich Donoff 24-Nov
- Ginger Smither 24-Nov
- Louise Eichenlaub 27-Nov
- Karen Brown 30-Nov
- Bev Hart 30-Nov



A reminder that the Brotherhood is holding a "Chowder Fest" on November 7, 2020. We are selling the same clam chowder that we sell annually at the

See the Order Form on the following page.

Oyster Festival. Chowder is in quart containers, which are suitable for freezing. The cost is \$15 for one quart or \$12.50 per quart for two or more quart orders (checks made out to Christ Church Brotherhood preferred). Pick up is in the church parking lot between 11 AM and 1 PM. No need to leave your vehicle – we will bring your order right to you. If for some reason you cannot come, let us know, and we can arrange delivery. Quarts are in limited supply, so order now at psbrown15@gmail.com. See you on November 7.

Brotherhood of Christ Church Parish Clam Chowder Sale

Saturday, November 7, 2020
 Drive Thru Pickup In The
 Christ Church Parish Parking Lot
 56 Christchurch Lane, Saluda, VA

1 Quart \$15.00

or

2 or More Quarts \$12.50 each

Order Early! Reserve you Chowder Now!
 Send Orders to psbrown15@gmail.com

Please Reserve

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