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



this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

What is truth? The dictionary says that the current minister shouldn't get a raise. truth is (1) the quality or state of being true There was truth in that statement but also - the opposite of dishonesty or falsity, (2) fiction. Yes, the "stipends" were not the that which is true or in accordance with same, but in reality, the retired minister's fact or reality - the opposite of lies or fic- total compensation was far greater than tion, and (3) a fact or belief that is accept- the current minister. Had the budget comed as true.

The Declaration of Independence's most famous sentence reads: "We hold these truths (emphasis added) to be selfevident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among

Our Rector's Message for October What is truth?

18th these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of the chapter of the happiness."

of This is not a political message, but it is one that is spurred on by the back and forth Pilate political banter that we hear and see in the media on a daily basis and will until the election is over. Have you noticed that whenever one ad speaks the truth about a candidate that it is followed almost immediately by one saying that that information am a king. was false and that the claims were a lie? have learned over the years that there can be a fine line between truth and fiction.

About ten years, ago a clergy spouse complained to my friend that the current minister's stipend was much more than the retired minister's had ever been, arguing that

mittee done their research, they would have realized this. (Disclaimer - this is in no way a reflection on the great work of our Finance Committee or Vestry.) True or false accusations should not always be accepted at face value.

Right now, whether it be social, political,

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health related, or racial; individuals and John 8:31-32; So Jesus said to the Jews groups are trying to sway us in their direc- who had believed him, "If you abide in my tion using bits and pieces of truth to their word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you benefit when, in fact, the whole truth may will know the truth, and the truth will set be saying something entirely different. So, you free." as we journey through these turbulent

times, seek the truth for vourself and don't take someone else's truth at face value. Faithfully, Please, stop and listen.

Fr. Stuart

VES TRY

"We are a family of faith, growing in Christ through worship, learning and

At our September 8 Vestry meeting, we discussed Church Calendar

the application for indoor gathering that has been

submitted to the Diocese. Once our health guide- This month, we have included the Master Calendar. lines have been met, we look forward to some type The calendar has been absent since there was of indoor service. We are as anxious as everyone nothing to list. Now that most of our committees are to return to in-person worship. In the meantime, we meeting regularly, I have included their meeting are so fortunate to have a Rector who ensures we dates and times. The chairs have reserved the use have an online service every Sunday. In the peace, of the Fellowship Hall for these meetings. Our quiet, and safety of our home, we gather together to cleaning service sanitizes before and after each thank God for our blessings. meeting. We have set up ten tables, appropriately Online Directory distance with one chair at each table. Members are

To edit family or individual data, log in to the directo- about scheduling this room, feel free to call me at ry. At the top of the Home screen, there are three (804) 832-4234. horizontal bars in the top left corner. If you touch those bars, a menu will appear. Scroll down until During these challenging times, it is far too easy to you find Edit My Family and select it. You can:

1. Add or delete your photograph

2. Edit family phone number, family email, address, steadfast faith in God that we can remain together as the strong congregation that we are. Life is God's or anniversary date.

3. Add. delete, or edit individual information for gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to him. parents or children.

May God bless you,

asked to wear masks. If you have any questions

become discouraged. It happens to all of us. It is

through our perseverance, fellowship, unity, and

When we reopen, Micki Clay will be available to Pam McClelland, Senior Warden take photographs.

of Bob Guillotte, gutter drains so the water runs out to Dave South, and John Quilter, we were the woods now and does not overflow able to solve the issue of water in the into the stairwell. They also verified that basement of the Parish Hall. It turns out our sewer line from the building is that the drain line for the gutters on the clean so the sewers cannot back up insouthside of the building was plugged, to the building. These steps are now allowing the water to back up and seep part of our annual maintenance plan to into the stairwell. That water went into prevent this from happening in the futhe basement and our sump pump was ture. operating but not pumping the water out.

And as always, please let me or the Building and Grounds Committee mem-We were able to unclog both the suc- bers know of things that may require

tion and discharge of our sump pump our attention. and that is now operating correctly to remove any water that could enter the Thanks! basement. Additionally, we had Turling- Jeff Loustaunau



Do you know what this is, where

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the Junior Warden:

Thanks to the help ton Septic from Gloucester water jet the

it is and what the symbols

say when translated?

Those of you who join Fr. Stuart Sunday Morning on Facebook for our Sunday service see it each time they get online. I didn't know, so I asked! For the answer, for the reply, please go to page 5 of this Newsletter.

Oh, and by the way, The first person who texts me or emails me with the correct answer will win a guart of Christ Church Parish's world-renowned Clam Chowder!

More on Clam Chowder later.

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Share the Love

Dear Christ Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support of our recent projects:

Books - We collected many lovely books that will be delivered to Middlesex Social Services for distribution to their clients who cannot afford the luxury of special reading material. We have printed bookmarks to accompany this donation to let people know that we "Share the Love" at Christ Church Parish.

<u>Clothing</u> - We now have many bags of nice clothing that will be delivered to the Cryer Center for distribution to the people they serve.

Now let us move on to our next project.

We have purchased a large number of plain white paper placemats. They will be decorated and taken to area nursing/rehab centers to be used for serving their patients. These placemats will help brighten the day for people in these facilities. Will you please help us with this project? You do not have to be a professional artist (if you are great, but all of us can do this). Here are a few suggestions:

Use lots of colors.... pens, pencils, crayons Write out a meaningful Bible verse or other inspirational messages Draw simple pictures..... a bright sun, a flower, a boat on a flowing river, flying birds,

a smiley face 🐵

Enlist the help of children you know. People love children's artwork

Cut out pretty pictures from magazines and glue them on Use colorful stickers

The blank placemats will be placed in the large plastic box that we used to collect the books. It is outside of the double doors that face the athletic field. Please drop by, any day starting on September 16th and pick up a few. Take them home and decorate them. Decorating placemats is a great project do share with children while they are not physically attending school and fun community service!!! Please return the completed placemats to the box by October 29th.

Together, we can continue to "Share the Love" with our community and let them know that Christ Church cares. Reflect for a moment on parts of our Baptismal Covenant. "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" In my short time here, I have learned that Christ Church is a wonderful place with loving and caring people.

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people. We can show Christ's love to the community and we CAN make a difference.

Even though we are still somewhat isolated, there are many other ways we can keep in touch at this time. Those ways include:

Continuing our Shawl Ministry – St. Teresa of Avila Guild. We need prayer shawls to send out to those in our community. A few people are participating by knitting or crocheting at home now. We hope to be able to gather together in person for this in the future. Please join us now from home. More info at www.shawlministry.com

Check out our Facebook page: Christ Church Parish "Episcopal". There you will find:

Weekly church services



Daily posting of hymns and other inspiring information

Daily "Moments of Comfort"

Compline services (in "video" section") you can watch anytime for a quiet and comforting end to your day.

Coming soon: Deacon Facts and History

You do not need to have a Facebook page to access these posts. Just go to the church website <u>http://www.christchurchmiddlesex.com</u> and log on from there. If you have questions, please call, or email me:

804-869-3867 or <u>peggy_moncure@live.com</u> Peg, Parish Intern

Here's the answer to where it is, what this is, and what the symbols say when translated!!

The answer to the first questions is, obviously, the pulpit, the answer to number two is a *Sounding Board, and the third is YHWH or Yahweh. Yahweh is a noun* a form of the Hebrew name of God used in the Bible. The name came to be regarded by Jewish people (c.300 bce) as too sacred to be spoken, and the vowel sounds are uncertain. The first to text me or email me, wins a quart of Clam Chowder!

No cheating & no peeking!

 September 	October 2020					November
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Building and Grounds Committee (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 am Fellowship Committee (Conference Room) 9:30am	2	3
4 Virtual church service	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Virtual church service	12 COLUMBUS DAY (office closed)	13 Finance Com- mittee (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 am Vestry (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm	14	15 Outreach Committee (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 am	16	17
18 Virtual church service	19	20	21	22 Worship Committee (Fellowship Hall) 9:30am	23 Endowment Board (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 am	24
25 Virtual church service	26	27 Finance Com- mittee (Fellowship Hall) 9:30am	28	29	30	31
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From the Verger

Going to back church...or forward?

and we are many, for whom the rhythm of peace, or for-heaven-sake, take communthe week began with an uplifting Sunday ion. That truly isn't "going back to church," morning in our beautiful church, well without as we knew it. She says, correctly, that we that to anchor the week, we've felt some- have been changed, and much of that what adrift. I know, I know, that the church change is positive. is not the building, but still, this is NOT our normal, and not what we want to think of as our "new normal." No!

friend crvstalized a thought we can hang delight in learning that we are reaching peoonto while away from that sweet building at ple far outside our locale who tell me they Christchurch. While we are participating in adore our services and hope they will alpre-recorded services, many who could not ways be available to them in this new way. come out to church have been able to have So, my friends, let us rejoice in a new way the joy of hymns and sermons and prayers to worship as we look to "going forward to for the first time in a long time. We can church. "Blessings abound. sing, well or poorly, but who knows? We can follow our prayer books in the familiar cadence of ancient words. We can see our Rector and see a few of our friends leading the service. Those participating with spouses or friends can pass the peace. That's

pretty good!

So, at the risk of being accused of having no original thoughts, I again turn to a recent mediation sent to us by Bishop Susan. She asks that we shift our focus from longing to "go back to church" to planning to "go forward to church." Much as most of us have During this highly un- experienced, we never "go back" to a place usual time in our or an experience as it was the first time we lives, including in our knew it. We recognize that many will not be church lives, we have with us when we resume in-person services found silver linings as they take precautions to protect their amidst times of disori- health. Right now, we think we will not be entation and discomfort. For those of us, able to sing our beloved hymns or pass the

I've been delighted to experience Morning Prayer more often. I've loved hearing our organist play so beautifully so I can sing However, in the silver lining department, a along and sing along with Father Stuart. I

Your verger,

Grace



stress of Covid 19. Isolation has been one of the greatest tests for many of us since March 2020. As social beings this change has been difficult as it has removed us from our friends and families It is wise to take reasonable steps to avoid expowith no time table as to when and how we will return to normal or what will be a new normal.

In coping with this stress, I have tackled task that have been left undone for some time. Yard work is a great stress reliever for me. I have also learned a lot about virtual living. Meetings by way of Zoom have become the new normal. I

Watching the same TV program while connected by phone is another way to share with a friend. It us seems to temporarily remove the barrier of isolation. I have also learned to appreciate going to the the grocery story, waving to neighbors as the drive by my house, sitting on my boat watching the the traffic in the creek. All of these things I had learned to take for granted now have a new meaning.

sure to the disease but how we approach this task is so important. Looking for opportunities to be connected with others in a new way is both a challenge and a blessing. Panic can be avoided as God is in control and we need to remember not to be afraid as he is always with us and we are never isolated from him.

had a virtual dinner with my friend and it was Mary Jo Atterholt such a pleasure eating and talking via phone.

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back in church guickly and could support UTO. This year, 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.

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> Collection for UTO will take place mid November. We do not yet know if we will be able to return to church to collect offerings or whether we will need to mail checks. If you decide to mail your offering please send your checks to Christ Church Parish, Saluda, VA 23149 and indicate UTO on the memo line. I will send an updated and final request in November newsletter.

Notes from the Brotherhood

off the usual September collection of donations for our breakfasts. While we are not meeting, the Brotherhood is not dormant. Here are some activities going on:

November 7 "Chowder Festival"- On the Saturday that would have been the Oyster

Festival, we are selling quarts of our famous Clam Chowder. (Thanks once again to Don Harris for cooking up this Oyster Festival favorite). We will be taking preorders and delivering as a drive-through in person. the church parking lot, between 11 AM and 1 PM. Quarts are \$15 each, or \$12.50 for orders of two or more (please pay by check). Please email orders to psbrown15@gmail.com (please note if the



Report

the 2021 budget. er, pledges are essential to assuring Treasurer the sustainability of Christ Church Parish. Although we are

not open, we have continuing expenses and extraordinary expenses related to equipment purchased for online services. We hope you Phil Brown, Treasurer will soon return your pledge card, so we have an idea of funds that we will have available. If you have already returned your card, **Thank** 9 You.

date or time doesn't work for you, and we can make alternative delivery arrange-As we have not been meeting, we will put ments). Volunteers from the Brotherhood are needed to direct traffic and fulfill orders

> We have contributed \$325 towards church outreach in providing meal bags to be passed out at the Cryer Center.

> You should know that you Executive Committee "met" and approved both of these in lieu of full membership approval.

I am looking forward to meeting soon, in

Phil Brown, President



The Finance Com- A reminder that you may pay your pledge directly mittee is working on from your IRA in one payment or monthly. These payments will count towards your Required Mini-Now, more than ev- mum Distribution (RMD) and not be counted as taxable income when withdrawn. No RMD is required in 2020, but if you use the IRS short form, this gives you a different way to reduce taxable income without itemizing. The RMD is expected to return in 2021, and you could wait until January to make or begin your payment.

Thanks for all you do to keep our church going.



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 TinsPrice Per Tin <u>\$11.00</u>	Total Price \$						
<u>Whitley's Jumbo Cashews (12 oz. Tin)</u>							
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Whitley's Hot Jalapeno Ranch Peanuts (12 oz. Tin)							
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Whitley's Dark Chocolate-Covered Peanut Clusters (10 oz. Tin)							
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Whitley's Honey Cinnamon Almonds (13 oz. Tin)							
Number of Tins Price Per Tin <u>\$11.00</u>	Total Price\$						
<u>Pecan Halves (16 oz. Bag)</u>							
Number of Bags Price Per Bag <u>\$12.00</u>	Total Price						
Deadline for Orders November 1, 2020							
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Thank you, Sharon





Parish Updates

Our amazing Parish Nurse, Jean Holt, does a fantastic job of keeping us all up-to-date on our friends & neighbors who are fellow parishioners or are related. I thought I'd publish as many as possible from the past month to remind you to add them to your prayer list. As always, Jean, you're a saint! These updates are presented in order from the oldest to the newest.

Br. Christopher - Br Christopher went to VCU to be evaluated for the possibility of a liver transplant this past week. He has just gotten the devastating news that he is not a candidate for this surgery due to he is too weak to survive this type of surgery. Br. Christopher is devastated and has asked for our prayers while he and his family come to grips with this new reality in the course of his life here on earth. Our prayers continue for our Lord to surround Br. Christopher, with some form of peace and understanding and that he may find joy in each day he is here with us.

Fred Johnson - Priscilla Johnson has asked for our prayers for her friend, Fred (a former active member at CCP). Fred experienced a medical episode which necessitated that he be Med Flighted to Richmond. Our Prayers for expert care and a positive outcome.

Cathy Spence - Cathy is steadily improving since her double mastectomy and wishes to thank all of her parish family for their prayers and well wishes.

Page Wittkamp - Page reports that she is learning to live with the new hardware in her shoulder/arm and is very appreciative of the love and prayers from CCP friends.

Fred Johnson - Fred has returned home Sunday evening with the good news that he did not have a stroke. The reason for his sudden illness is still a mystery, but hope for continuous improvement with some medication changes and follow-ups with his doctor. Our prayers continue for some answers and return to well-being in his daily life.

Allison - Betty Evan's daughter, Anne, has requested our prayers for one of her friends, Allison, who is very ill. Our prayers for good care and that Allison be surrounded by our prayers and God's loving arms to find comfort and love during this difficult time.

Br. Christopher - Br. Christopher will finish with his Rehab stay and will return to his home in Charlottesville on Friday. He still gets his mail at this address—221 9th Street, SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Once he returns home and gets settled, he says that he would love to have visitors (of course, using masks and social distancing). He has not been able to have visitors while at the Rehab Facility. Our prayers continue for peace and to feel the love and caring sent his way.

A report from Grace Parker on our members at RWC -

Don Stebbins is doing well but cannot have visitors in the Assisted Living Unit during the COVID precautions.

Ginny and Homer Hartung - They are doing well and were able to meet Grace for a meal outside at a restaurant in Kilmarnock recently.

Liz Perkins - Liz can also leave the campus and joined Grace and the Hartungs for their meal in Kilmarnock.

Jim and Jewel Ray - They recently lost a son-in-law. I have not been in touch with them to find out the

disposition of their health recently. Our prayers continue for each one of them, especially during this time of isolation.

Pam and Jeff McClelland's grandson Noah - As many of you know, Noah has been battling severe leukemia for almost four years. I want to share **HAPPY NEWS** for 2020! After 3 1/2 years of extensive treatment, he had his port removed on Friday. The last day for his home treatment is September 22, his dad's 50th birthday. Thanks to all of you who gave donations and offered prayers for Noah. We do appreciate our church family. Prayers DO work.

A couple of prayer requests from Barbara Cockrell:

Janet Lundin's son, Alan, lives in California and is very close to the fire's consequences. Her **daughter** Sarah lives in New Orleans and is therefore under the threat of the latest hurricane. Our prayers for Janet's children in their respective scary situations for now and the future.

Also, on my behalf **(Barbara)** - I have not been feeling well for a while and will be having a PET stress on Wednesday afternoon. Prayers for a good solution to this would be most welcome. Prayers for Barbara to find some answers to her health issues and that she will receive caring and expert assurances.

Miller Smither - Miller was treated for a large ulcer and is being cared for at Henrico Doctor's. He hopefully will be moving to a room on a regular floor soon. Ginger expects him to return home in a few days, with a stringent diet while his ulcer heals. Our prayers continue for the healing of the ulcer and a return to a better state of health soon.

Youngest Brother of our Parish Administrator, Tonya - I found out this morning that Tonya's baby brother, Todd, faces complicated brain surgery this afternoon for a brain aneurysm. He had been in Kentucky for his work but was transferred to Indianapolis for his case's best brain care. Tonya agreed to have me request your prayers for Todd's surgery today. May the medical team treat him with expert care and for Todd and his family to feel surrounded by Our Lord's loving arms. Todd made it through the very long surgery and is now being kept sedated for healing to begin in his brain. Our prayers continue that he will be able to rest and heal and to return to his life with thanksgiving and ready for real work in his return to well-being.

Miller Smither - Miller completed his stay at Henrico Doctors Hospital yesterday and is very happy to be home again. Now to begin the healing of his ulcer and regaining some strength. Due to several dietary restrictions, both Miller and Ginger declined for us to bring meals to them at this time. Ginger said, "she's got this!" Cards, prayers, and calls are encouraged! This social distancing state takes a toll on so many who cannot see others when they most need that for support and encouragement—our prayers for a safe and steady healing and building up of strength of body and spirit.

Barbara Cockrell - Barbara has heard some initial news from her testing that no issues were apparent that would cause her symptoms that she has been experiencing for a few months. More studies of her tests and possibly more testing will be in her future, searching for answers while comforting in knowing that some concerns have been ruled out. Our continued prayers for answers and to be uplifted by the beauty of each day!

Even though we don't have a COVID vaccine, several forms of the Flu vaccine are **<u>available</u>**. Please consult with your physician as to the best direction for you to take in avoiding the flu this year

This is pretty much it for Jean's Updates this month. Many of these folks continue to need our daily prayers. Doesn't take much-" Dear Lord, we pray for healing for Our (Brother)(Sister) and ask that you watch over (him)(her). Amen. 13

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Barry & Cathy Spence 10/9 Trent & Sally Austin 10/26 Clanpin 10 Sinthelang

Debbie Davis 10/1 Linda Parker 10/2 Dixon Cole 10/9 Jody Anglin 10/10 Paige Bishop 10/24 Tom Clarke 10/25 Gordon White 10/25

More Humor!

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And they only had one job!



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 <u>psbrown15@gmail.com</u>

Please Reserve

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