

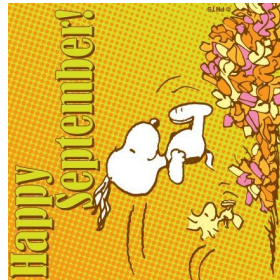
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Christ Church Parish

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



Location:

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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



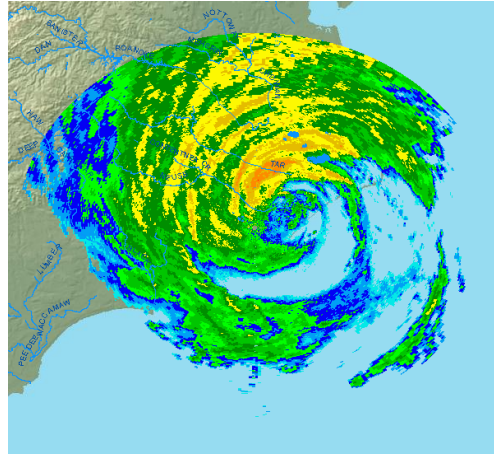
We had a very special visitor.....

The church congregation was delighted with a visit from Nigel Mac-Fall of London at the end of July. Nigel is the fifth generation grandson of Duel Pead, the third minister of Christ Church spanning 1683 to 1690. A copy of Pead’s portrait was given to the church and may be seen in the Parish Hall.

We were overwhelmed by Nigel’s generosity. He made a presentation in the 10:30AM service of a generous gift of a beautiful engraved silver plate. He also gave our church a gift of 4 Maundy coins (watch for more information on the coins in a future newsletter). It was a delight to have him visit with us at the coffee hour after the service.

More information regarding his visit and his journey to discover our connection with his ancestry may be found at www.SSentinel.com if you have an online subscription. The Southside Sentinel did an excellent article by Larry Chowning in their Aug 4 issue. A few copies are available to purchase at the Sentinel office and we have saved a copy for our Parish Hall Library.

This could be an excerpt from a news article from the Richmond Times Dispatch:



“ A major class 5 hurricane, Jezebel, just blew through Middlesex County, VA. Major damage was done to much of the county including the Middlesex County Office Building, the Historic Court House as well as the new Court House. Also suffering significant damage was Christ Church School and Christ Church Parish’ s worship building (which is over 350 years of age), the Parish Hall and Office Building. ”

Think about that for a minute. It could be truly devastating and what if our insurance doesn’ t cover everything we thought it would? That would be even worse, wouldn’ t it? Where would that large sum of money come from to replace the slate roof on the church, for instance? Could it be as much as \$90,000 or \$100,000? Yes, it could. Well, I suppose we could borrow it but that would be a major budgetary hit, wouldn’ t it? We could ask congregants but once again, that’ s an awful lot to ask of a small congregation like we have.

What about this idea - the church, sometime in the future, decides that they need and want to upgrade our organ? That’ s probably pretty expensive, isn’ t it? I doubt if that fits into the budget, now or later.

Now think about this. What if there was a way today that parishioners could leave something to the church for the future use after they are gone? Wouldn’ t it be great if congregants had a way to handle future financial commitments without going into debt over their ears, either themselves or the church? Well, there is and it is the Endowment Fund.



- Sept 4 - Jackie Brown
- Sept 4 - Marian Goodloe
- Sept 5 - Barbara Shaw
- Sept 6 - Liz Perkins
- Sept 7 - Micki Clay
- Sept 7 - Bain Bronner
- Sept 14 - Betty Evans
- Sept 17 - Theresa Liverman
- Sept 18 - Bob Montague
- Sept 22 - Sallie Wells
- Sept 23 - Ray Mills
- Sept 24 - Janet Lundin
- Sept 25 - Jeff McClelland
- Sept 25 - Bill Cawthorn
- Sept 26 - Mary Buxton
- Sept 29 - Sheila Gammel

- Sept 2 - Susie and Jeff Loustaunau
- Sept 4 - Kathy and Tom Clarke
- Sept 10 - Jewel and Jim Ray
- Sept 15 - Sheila and John Gammel
- Sept 15 - Karen and Mike Gorin



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



Special Calendar Notes:

- **Sept 7 – CHANGES FOR ALL WEDNESDAYS!! Holy Eucharist is now at 9:30AM and the new meeting time for the knitting group on Wednesdays will be at 1:30PM !!**
- **Sept 16 – Annual Steak Dinner 5:30 to 8:30PM Tickets available while they last!**
- **Sept 25 – Stewardship Sunday! Please join us! Breakfast at 9AM, One service at 10AM**
- **Oct 2 – Annual Blessing of the Animals at the 10:30AM service**

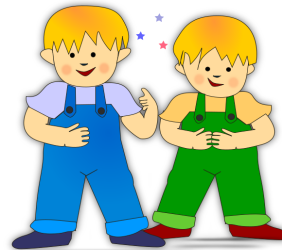
Brotherhood

All Men of the Church are members of the Brotherhood. Our meetings are at 9 AM on the second Sunday of the month. We come together for breakfast, a meeting, and usually a speaker to talk about what's going on in the community. Please join us for our first meeting on Sunday, September 11.

The Brotherhood is involved in Church activities and community outreach. Our big fundraiser is the annual Urbanna Oyster Festival which will be on November 4th and 5th this year. This project requires a lot of help. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Parish Hall soon. This experience guarantees meeting new friends and a great time. We will begin our planning at the September meeting.

Updates on events will be by emails and the monthly newsletter. I look forward to working with you!

John Quilter



You just know that a church with 350 years of history will continue to be loved and cherished as we do today. Sal and I feel that we need to be conscientious enough to contribute not only for today's needs (Be ready – stewardship Sunday is coming!) but also that we have a responsibility to make sure that our Church and Church Family remain as strong and vibrant as it is today. Part of that responsibility includes a financial commitment to the future of Christ Church Parish and it can be done easily by way of your will.

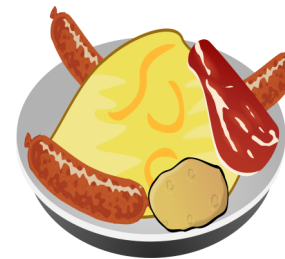


Sal and I have made our commitment. Have you? If yes, thank you!!! If not, we urge you to do so, now while you are thinking about it.

Robin makes a good point. There is a great way for Christ Church members to remember the church after they are gone. Simply by completing a change of beneficiary form for an IRA, a brokerage account or savings account. Make all or a portion of the account payable to the Endowment Fund.

In this way you make a future financial commitment to ensure the well-being of our church. If you have an existing will or trust, this is an easy way to do so and become a Founders' Circle member of "The 1666 Society". Just as Robin and Sallie Wells and others have done, you have until December 31 to make a bequest and join the Founders' Circle. "The 1666 Society" will remain open in perpetuity but 2016 is the only year in which you can join the Founders' Circle.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jack Hellems, Endowment Board Secretary



Please save Sunday, September 25 --

Your gifts are the life's blood of our community of faith. You make it all possible. We cannot do it without you. Your gifts fund worship in our beautiful church, pay our Priest as well as maintain our historic facilities.

Please mark your calendar – Stewardship Sunday is September 25th. Breakfast is at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall and Worship service is at 10:00 AM in our beautiful church.

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL by John and Susan Hilliard

Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps (RAM) is an international organization which provides free medical and dental care as well as health education to those areas of the world in which poverty is a way of life. Locally, RAM partners with the Health Wagon in Wise, VA the third weekend in July each year to treat patients who arrive by car and even on foot to receive their yearly care. By Friday morning, opening day, the patients begin streaming into the Wise County Fairground, many having slept overnight in their cars or camped out in tents or in the back of their truck. Volunteers, both lay and professional, from all parts of the United States bring their care and skills to do what they can in just three brief days. VCU and Bon Secours are two heavily involved participating organizations.

John and I join Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Midlothian, helping distribute gently used clothing, shoes, boots as well as new socks and underwear to help patients who are so very grateful. This year the Redeemer team, composed of people from many churches took a tractor trailer full of these items. Anything remaining at the end of the weekend is always given to shelters and organizations in the Wise area for distribution throughout the year as needed.

On Saturday, after all the shoes and boots had been distributed, a lady came by the clothing tent, asking only for a pair of shoes for her husband who wore a size 14. A gentleman of the Redeemer team who also wore the same size, gave her the shoes off his feet!

One of Redeemer's faithful couples sold their beautiful home last year to buy a different house having a larger basement to accommodate the wife's project, "Rocks for Socks" whereby she and her helpers create one-of-a-kind jewelry to sell in Midlothian, raising money throughout the year for socks and underwear for the Wise RAM patients. These are true examples of "faith in action" !

Christ Church has again stepped up and shown their generous spirit. Church members donated socks and underwear, cash and checks totaling about \$700 for the 2016 event. Each year seems to bring an increase in generosity! According to RAM's 2016 statistics, 2,111 patients were treated and the total value of the medical and dental care was \$1,213,309 !

For more info, please visit ramusa.org or thehealthwagon.org Thank you!

Cyber In-Security?

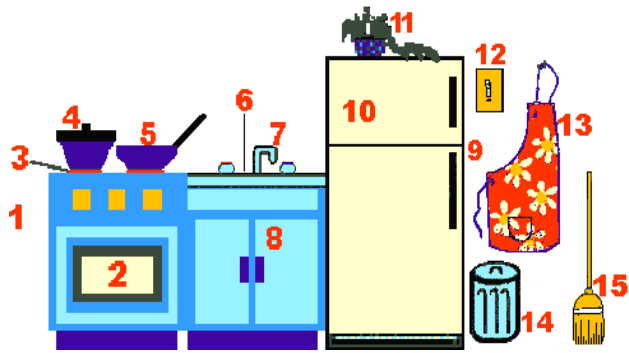
Tip: Yes, Virginia, there is a "Reply All" option but do we really want to use it? They say it should never be used if someone has sent you an email BCC because you won't be able to tell who you are replying TO. One suggestion is to never "Reply All" to an email unless you are certain it will go to persons in a select group for which the email is appropriate.



Be Involved!

Would you like to do more in and for our community of faith? Just ask. You are welcome! Committees and activities are listed on the Bulletin Board in the hallway of the Parish Hall under "Be Involved". Just ask Fr. Stuart, any Vestry member or Stewardship Committee member. Thank you for being an active part of us!





Christ Church Parish

Kitchen -

You all know that we are blessed to have the wonderful kitchen that we do. It makes what we do as far as meal preparation so much easier. We are constantly changing things up to make it even better. We are hoping that the vestry will see their way through to procuring a new stove for us in the future.

Fr. Stuart asked me to fix lunch for him on 6/21 for his Clericus meeting in the Parish Hall which I gladly did. I spent a good bit of time with the inventory sheet, attempting to update our “reserves”. There are a number of needs that will be addressed shortly. Along these lines, I would like for kitchen users to let me or Bobby Guillotte know of specific needs either for general daily use or for specific events. One or the other of us will make sure it is taken care of.

I am trying to standardize on what we keep in the kitchen and the list hanging on the wall is our best shot at this time. If we are missing something or even getting low on something we should have at all times, please let me know.

I also have a request to make of all users. If we can make a real attempt to make sure everything is where it needs to be in the cupboards, drawers and shelves, we will have less outages and fewer overstocks.

Thanks for your help in advance!

Robin Wells



Dear knitters, stitchers and all those with a love of those wonderful fibers –

We will continue to meet on the **1st Wednesdays of the month**, just slightly later in the day. Our **new time will be 1:30pm**, meeting in the church library. We welcome all who would like to gather for time to work on your projects while chatting and connecting with friends, old and new.

Interested in learning (or re-learning) to knit or stitch? This is the place to come for lots of support from some fabulous talents. This group is comprised of many talents from our church family AND our community. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th at 1:30pm. Mark your calendar and join us!



In Memory of September 11, 2001

“Magic of Music” Night -
Saturday, October 22, 2016
6:30 - 9:00 PM
Christ Church Parish Hall



Come enjoy an evening of “magical music” for this 3rd annual event sponsored by our Christ Church ECW. This year’s talented performers are: Amy Henderson, Gary Archer and Clayton Neal.

The doors open at 6:30. Tickets include light refreshments and will be available after September 16th for \$20. Call to reserve your seat: 804-286-9121 Proceeds support community projects.



Usher Needs - We have a limited number of opportunities to join the Usher Ministries group. For you 8:00 AM folks, we have a pretty immediate need for an usher in February. For all of you 10:30 AM attendees, we have a need for one person to help Mike Floyd in July and a need for December ushers. December is a busy month and there are probably at least two additional services that need ushers. With that in mind, there will definitely be sharing of duties.

Please give Robin Wells a call at 804-832-3849 with your commitment to serve. Also, if you want to usher but the openings above don't work for you, let me know what does and I am sure we can work a swap of schedule!.....We'll save the Frisbees until the Annual Ushers Picnic!

Moments with Moose.....



She is ALREADY planning it !!! As soon as she finds out the date, Mom schedules a bath for me. This year's Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 2, and yes, you guessed it, I am included. Don't get me wrong; I love all the attention and the "wafer" I get and the blessing itself is very important but.....a bath???

Mom says her Mom used to tell her "Cleanliness is next to godliness." I looked it up to make sure. Apparently someone named John Wesley wrote it. He lived from 1703 to 1791. No doubt he was trying to talk HIS kids or pets into taking a bath too.

Mom also said that a long time ago, a dear friend of hers told her to "give God your best" so I guess I'll do the same. I would think that just the smile of my wagging tail and my happy disposition would be enough but Mom says that smelling nice would be a good idea too.....see you there!

