

# Christ Church Parish

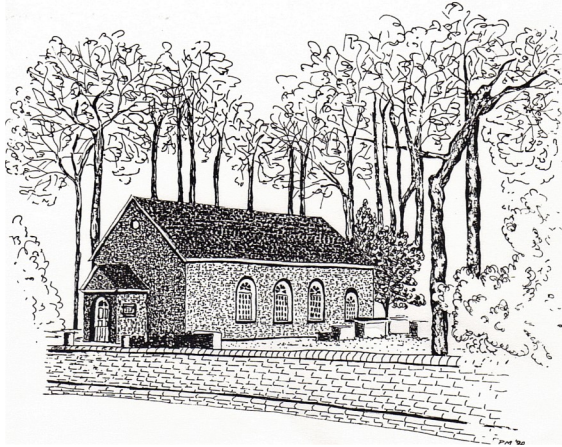
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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself...”

Samaritans were a despised and rejected people and yet Jesus taught us quite clearly that all people are our neighbors.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

## Father Stuart's Message for September 2017

Each Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. service we hear these words at the beginning of Rite I:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

When a lawyer put Jesus to the test asking, "who is my neighbor" Jesus responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan. As you may know, the Samaritan was about the last person on earth that this man would have considered to be his neighbor. Samaritans were a despised and rejected people and yet Jesus taught us quite clearly that all people are our neighbors.

Our own baptismal covenant directs us to strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Thankfully, I was raised to love all people and to see everyone as my neighbor. But in spite of that, I find that I still struggle with "preconceived opinions that aren't based on reason or actual experience but which can still lead to a dislike, hostility, or unjust behavior deriving from unfounded opinions toward others," or in a single word "prejudice."

## GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND RESERVE A TABLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15TH GAME DAY!



Our upcoming game day, luncheon and fashion show is scheduled for September 15th. Tickets are available at 25\$ per person. Seats are also available should you choose to come solely for lunch and the fashion show. Contact Grace Parker if you are interested.

**Tha Tha Tha Thats all folks . Jack T., Editor & typist  
Mike F. Fixer & teacher**

## Be looking for the 2017 Nut Sales Order Form —



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The forms will soon appear in the church bulletins and also will be available during coffee hour. These nuts are great for baking as well as great gift givers. The ECW thanks you for your continued support.



### Bake Sale Items Needed for ECW Participation in

**Wings, Wheels and Keels Held at Hummel Field in Topping on September 30th, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Bring baked goods to the Parish Hall on Friday from noon till 2 pm. Or bring them to our tent on Saturday morning. We will also need help setting up a tent and two tables and chairs. We can gain access to our site at 6:00 am Saturday morning. Check in at Vendor Registration and receive parking passes and registration. Contact Susie Loustaunau **for further info**

I love history and I literally grew up on the Petersburg National Battle Field Park where the Crater is located. I played in the forts and on the earthworks, in the trenches, and was surrounded by images of the Civil War. Many of my ancestors fought for the Confederacy and that is something that I can't change any more than I can change history.

But the violence that we see growing across our country is hurtful and simply un-Christian in character. Robert E. Lee wrote in a 1869 letter regarding war monuments, "I think it wiser, moreover, not to keep open the sores of war, but to follow the example of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, and to commit to oblivion the feelings it engendered."

Though our Judeo-Christian heritage often has us looking back to the mighty acts of God and celebrating them in special feasts and celebrations, it also calls us to look forward to the fulfillment of God's promises, to be reconcilers, and to love one another as he loves us.

Hanging on to prejudice and grudges are no way for us to fulfill these promises of the peaceable Kingdom of God because to borrow again from the words of Robert E. Lee, this will only "separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness God has granted us in this world; to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbours, and to devastate the fair face of this beautiful world!" - Dec. 25, 1862

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always.

Fr. Stuart



## COMING SOON

Say goodbye to the well-used handicapped ramp at the side door of the parish house next to the parking lot. With three accessible entrances we no longer need the ramp. For his Eagle Scout project, Jerry Lindsay will remove the ramp and replace it with a new deck and steps somewhat larger than the present deck. Obtaining sufficient funding will be one of the tasks in the project. Jerry is a good example of the leadership in our favorite Boy Scout troop.

**A REMINDER —** Stewardship Sunday, 24 September, Breakfast and meeting at 9:00 and one service at 10:00.

**Hopefully some chuckles —** Miss Betty Boop sang “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery in the parish hall.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

I'm really not picking on the choir — I just thought these were funny.. Jack T.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 2017

**Marian Goodloe, 9/4**

**Sheila Gammel, 9/29**

**Jackie Brown, 9/4**

**Catherine Spence, 9/30**

**Barbara Shaw, 9/5**

**Liz Perkins, 9/6**

**Micki Clay, 9/7**

**Bain Bonner, 9/7**

**Betty Evans, 9/14**

**Theresa Liverman, 9/17**

**Bob Montague, 9/18**

**Sallie Wells, 9/22**

**Ray Mills, 9/23**

**Janet Lundin, 9/24**

**Jeff McClelland, 9/25**

**Bill Cawthorn, 9/25**

**Mary Buxton, 9/26**

## Happy Anniversary

**SEPTEMBER, 2017**

**Jeff and Susie Loustau, 9/2**

**Oliver and Kathryn Clarke, 9/4**

**Jim and Jewel Ray, 9/10**

**John and Sheila Gammel, 9/15**

**Mike and Karen Gorin, 9/15**

**Jeff and Pam McClelland, 9/28**

## Tid Bits of Info

Congratulations to Andy and Ellie Wilton who were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, August 26th by our own Father Stuart.

We welcome Scott Parnell, the new chaplain at Christ Church School, who has recently been attending our services. Scott will be ordained later this year at the school.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Connecting Threads** — Our group now meets bi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the library. We have knitters who do needlepoint, one who does beautiful X-stitch and many other talents are also represented. Love to have you join us for some fiber frenzy and conversation. We are open to all so bring a friend and tell your neighbors about us. Call Jean Holt if you have questions.

**Automated Phone Service** —To ensure the best communication for all members of our congregation, we will soon be offering an automated telephone service. Our church already has some effective methods such as the monthly newsletter, the website, periodic e-mail and church service announcements. However we have no way to contact you in the case of emergency closings, last minute reminders or important announcements. This phone service will allow one person to deliver clear, concise and timely messages to everyone via telephone. You will be receiving a letter explaining more about this service. There will be a form to complete and return to the church office. We ask that you decide on one phone number per household. If you choose not to be contacted, you can indicate that on the form.

Thank you in advance for helping us to provide this very effective communications tool.

The Christ Church Vestry

## Church Calendar for **September** 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
3	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
7	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
10	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
13	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
14	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meetingg
17	8:00	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:30	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
20	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
21	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting
24	9:00	Stewardship Breakfast Meeting
	10:00	Combined 8/10:30 Eucharist Svc
27	9:30	Mid-week Eucharist
28	6:45	Weekly BSA Troop Meeting

## NOW IS THE TIME TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

The Christ Church Endowment fund recently surpassed \$140,000. The Enabling Resolution for that fund requires a principle of \$250,000 be preserved before the church can use the earnings. Help us reach that \$250,000 goal.

Through your generosity an undesignated gift will allow Christ Church to meet its most pressing needs and challenges of the future. You may also direct your gift to one of the following ministries that may be dear to you:

(1) Undesignated; (2) Maintenance, upkeep, and historic preservation; (3) Worship and music; (4) Outreach and new missions; (5) Christian education; (6) Capital improvements, and; (7) the Cemetery.

The Christ Church Endowment is able to accept gifts in many forms, including cash, appreciated stock, annuities and trusts. Please seek the guidance of a qualified estate planner. Your church is not in the business of giving tax advice.

The Endowment Board