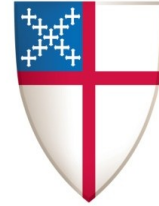




The Christ Church Parish

Messenger

June 2025



“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”

The Lord



be with you.

From Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe, Priest in Charge

Pentecost is often referred to as the “birthday of the church.” Occurring 50 days after Easter, it is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit and were empowered to spread the Gospel. Pentecost also is sometimes called Whitsunday because of the white vestments worn by those who are baptized on this feast day. Pentecost will be celebrated this year on June 8. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red and traditionally, we wear red on that day to remind us of the “tongues of fire” that accompanied the descent of the Spirit. I hope to see everyone in red that day.

The time beginning the Monday after Pentecost is most commonly referred to as Ordinary time and extends throughout the summer and fall until Advent. The term “ordinary” refers to the sequential numbering of the weeks, not common or unimportant. Ordinary time, sometimes called Kingdomtide or Trinity season, highlights the growth and maturation of the church and its faithful. It emphasizes our living out our faith in everyday life, not just during special occasions such as

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Eastertide and Christmas. The liturgical color for Ordinary time is green because it symbolizes growth and hope. The readings we'll hear in worship during this season will present the life and work of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.

Randi+

SPECIAL NOTE

Darby Lancaster will marry Scott Ridings at a private service on June 21. We will bless their marriage at the 8 am service on June 22. Please come to wish them well.



Mid-week Eucharist

Please remember that we have a midweek Eucharist here at Christ Church. The service is at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and is celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTIAN ED TURNS THE PAGE

Christian Ed finishes our current series on the saints on June 4. We will skip the normal next date due to the Fine Arts Camp. Resuming on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (July 2nd and 16th) at 10:15, in the Great Hall, our next series will be again on the Saints, based on Martin Scorsese's 8-part docudrama. Starting with Joan of Arc, the series will explore John the Baptist, Sebastian of Rome, and Maxmillian Kolbe. The final four will feature Francis of Assisi, Mary Magdalene, Moses the Black, and Thomas Becket. Reviews have been very positive with excellent remarks on the lack of stereotypes for these historic figures.

We have found these video series to be educational and thought-provoking. Everyone is welcome to any or all sessions. Just come to see for yourselves



The Christ Church Vestry has been highly active over the last few months, planning and implementing activities and events for our Christ Church Parish. Working together with the many ministries within our church family, we have been and continue to be a highly active community. Since last month, we have successfully had a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast sponsored by the men's Brotherhood. The breakfast was delicious, and we were able to honor several Mothers and guests. The Fellowship Committee hosted a fun concert evening in early May, where our own Clayton Neal and his band performed music for a packed parish hall. The evening was enjoyed by many folks from outside our church community, as well as several parishioners. The Elephants were also active, hosting a New Members "Meet and Greet" Reception on May 18. The turnout was exceptionally good, and we had a good time meeting and greeting new members as well as reconnecting with current parishioners.

The Vestry is continually seeking new ways to enhance our church community, and numerous new ideas and concepts are currently being explored. One exciting new idea we are working diligently on is developing a part-time Family Ministry Position. We are in the very early stages of developing this program and cannot say too much yet, however the idea is to grow our Episcopal church community by working together with a family minister with a background in reaching out to folks looking for an Episcopal church home as well as reaching out to families with children and young adults. This concept is exciting, and Vestry has formed a committee to research and develop this concept. In the event you have any questions or concerns regarding this program please reach out to me, or Tom Clarke and we will be happy

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to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, your Vestry will continue to work hard to ensure our church community will be interesting, growing and performing the Lord's work.

Faithfully,

William Budd
Senior Warden





From the Deacon's Bench

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

Fine Arts Camp

Please pray about and consider ways in which you can help with Fine Arts Camp, taking place from June 16th through 22nd. We need more volunteers. As of now, we have 25 campers (no more than 30 will be accepted)

- * Sign up to help daily during camp. You do not have to work every day. There are many jobs, some big and some small. Please let me know, and we will arrange a time and day that works with your schedule.
- * We need prizes for our campers:
- * Small prizes for daily incentives. Examples – candy, colored markers, small stuffed animals, special pencils or pens, etc.
- * Larger prizes for Daily Door Prizes – We want to encourage our campers to work together, help each other, and be kind to everyone. We will give out tickets when we see good things happening. Those tickets will be used for the drawing at the end of each day.
- * Bake (or purchase) cookies, brownies, etc. for desserts so the Kitchen Team doesn't have to worry about that while preparing meals.
- * We will send campers home each day (Monday through Friday) with a “snack to go” bag. Some of our children don't have a lot of food options at home. So, it is helpful for them to have access to unrefrigerated snacks such as small cheese/cracker kits, peanut butter crackers, cookies, Goldfish crackers, nuts, granola bars, juice boxes and other small snacks. Donations of these types of items are much appreciated.

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Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to provide. Please let me know how you will help.

Prayer Requests

We will start sending out periodic lists of prayer requests to all parishioners. If you have a prayer need for yourself, a family member, or a friend, please send that information to me. We will send those out to our church family. We will need the following information:

- * Name(s) and if it is for yourself or how they are related to you (first and last name or just first name if you wish)
- * What is the need? (you can be specific or not list details, God knows the need)
- * Please only send in the information you feel comfortable sharing publicly. We will print what you send us.

Please let us know when you would like the request to be removed.

Please send this information to me at: peggy_moncure@ive.com

Peace, Peg+

◀ May	June 2025					July ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Daughters of the King 9:00 am Garden Party 4:00 pm—7:00 pm	2	3 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	4 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Christian Education 10:30 am Westminster Canterbury Eucharist 11:00 am	5 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Family Ministry 1:00 pm—2:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	6	7
8 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Daughters of the King 9:00 am	9	10 Tech Team 10:00 am AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	11 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Outreach Ministry 10:15 am	12 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	13 Set up for Marine Corp Puller Celebration in Parish Hall—Evening	14 Flag Day Marine Corp Puller Celebration in Parish Hall 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
15 Father's Day Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am	16 Art Camp 9:00 am—3:00 pm	17 Art Camp 9:00 am—3:00 pm AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	18 Art Camp 9:00 am—3:00 pm	19 Juneteenth Art Camp 9:00 am—3:00 pm AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	20 Art Camp 9:00 am—3:00 pm	21 Summer Solstice (Summer Begins) Art Camp 9:00 am—11:00 am
22 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Art Camp Picnic 11:30 am—1:00 pm	23 Finance Committee 9:30 am	24 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Vestry 4:00 pm	25 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Newsletter Articles Due	26 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	27 Newsletter Article Submission	28
29 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am	30					



The purpose of the Outreach Ministry is to help those in need in Middlesex County. Our mission is to strive to love God and our neighbors through service to our community. We provide activities that encourage others to join us in this mission. We meet monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. Anyone who feels this calling is invited to join us.

Some of our spring-to-fall activities include the following:

Creation Care Garden

Many thanks to Alyson for her hard work maintaining and enlarging our wonderful garden. Thanks, as always, to her fantastic assistant, Scott. The **Garden Party on Sunday, June 1**, was such a great way to advertise this to the community. Many people are unaware that all the fresh produce is distributed directly to the Cryer Center Food Pantry. What a wonderful gift to the recipients. Nothing beats fresh, handpicked vegetables!

School Supplies Collection

Our annual school supply collection will take place **from August 1 to August 10**. We will deliver your donations to Social Services on August 11 for distribution to students before the start of school on August 18. As soon as we receive the detailed list of supplies needed, we will send it out and also post it next to the collection box outside Peg's office in the hallway of the Parish Hall. Our wonderful congregation has always been so generous with this collection. Thank you in advance.

Fine Arts Camp (June 16-22)

Many members of our Outreach Ministry will be volunteering for this amazing camp. Thanks to Peg for organizing this annual event. Please let her know if you can volunteer during that week.

Hartfield Volunteer Barbecue Dinner (July 19)

We will be supporting this community event by setting up a table to display the various events at our church. We will be listed in their flier as a sponsor and will provide homemade desserts for this function.

One Community Under God (Sunday, October 5)

This annual event will be held at the Urbanna Fire Station on **Sunday, October 5**. It will begin at 11:00 am. This is the only time each year that our Middlesex community gathers together to worship God. This year, Rev. Randi will join pastors from other churches to lead the services. We encourage all members of our congregation to participate with us on this special day.





Help Us Update our Christ Church Website – Join the Committee!

Dear Christ Church Community,

We are embarking on a three-phase update of our existing website and are assembling an ad hoc committee to help guide this important work over the coming months.

We invite volunteers from all backgrounds—whether you are tech-savvy or simply passionate about ensuring our website reflects the life and mission of Christ Church. The committee will choose a team leader and meet periodically to provide input on content, design, and usability as we enhance our digital presence.

If you're interested in serving or would like to learn more, please contact:

Jeff Lousaunau

pjlous71@gmail.com

Or any member of the Tech Team before Friday, June 13th.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support Christ Church's ministry and outreach in a meaningful way.

Faithfully,

Your Christ Church Tech Team



"Blue skies, nothing but blue skies", boats, baseball, and beaches-----our glorious summer has arrived where time is spent in tandem with Mother Nature in the great outdoors. While you're outside in the sunshine and breezes, look around at the abundant fields of grain, corn shooting up, and vegetable gardens producing summer edibles and floral delights. Do we not live in our own modern-day Garden of Eden?

It is also a time for reflection. We can add "B" to the list above, and that "B" would be the BIBLE, the ultimate source of spiritual nourishment and sustainment, hope, and promise, not just for this season but until the end of time. Grounded in the knowledge of the Bible with Love and Grace given to us, we can appreciate all that we are given on this earth and learn to live harmoniously in both community and proximity.

The Fellowship Committee held its first concert, auction, and hot dog event on May 2nd in the Great Hall. Its success can be measured in several ways, with the first goal of community outreach achieved. Over half of the attendees were from Middlesex County and surrounding areas and were not members of our church. The second success story can be focused on the outstanding music presented by Peyton Brabrand, a saxophonist. Roxy Coke, singer and guitarist, and our all-time favorite band, Jumbo Lump Daddy, and the Backfin Boys. What a night and what fun we had!

Do not despair, as we are working to set up a massive Back to School cover dish on Sunday, August 17th, after church. We will offer meat, and you are welcome to bring sides, desserts, or whatever else makes you happy to share with us.

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The event acknowledges this turning point in summer leisure and focuses on academic experiences and Fall sports in our schools. The Outreach Committee will continue to collect for their projects with Social Services, so please continue to support those efforts. The Fellowship Committee will collect sporting goods, basic school supplies, and funds for haircuts/vouchers at local salons and barbers. More specific information on our collections and needs will be shared in the July newsletter.

October and November are our busy months with the Marine Corps Run in October and the Veterans Luncheon on November 11th, preceded by an author lecture on the evening of November 10th.

Our Advent calendar has openings on December 3rd and 10th to host a dinner themed with Advent customs in the country of your choice. Fellowship will tackle the December 17th date, highlighting Advent events in Spain, and treat attendees to homemade Paella.

Happy summer days and warm greetings from your Fellowship Committee!

Jeanette Adkins, Lindsay Adkins, Bev Hart, Clayton Neal, Amy Schacht, Ann Wilcox, and Mary Lynn Landgraf



**The Brotherhood of Christ Church
Parish (Episcopal)**



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S WORK BENCH



ENDOWMENT BOARD



Special June Celebrations

Anniversaries



*2 Robert & Barbee Phipps
12 Steve & Jackie Gahan
Craig & Lisa Booth
13 Rich & Anne Donoff
15 Bill & Jackie Brown
Rusty & Tonya Spears
17 Fritz & Suzanne Berry
19 Jim & Lydia Dudley
20 John & Susan Hilliard
28 Chris & Roxie Jones
Bruce & Susan DeSimone*

Birthdays

*1 Mike Floyd
3 Greg Rollins
6 Scott Campbell
11 Pam McClelland
12 Libby Allen
13 Roxie Jones
Beverly M. Barnhard
14 Janie Allen
Judi Snider
Arthur Wilton
16 Amy Schacht
23 Ginny Hartung
Mike Moore
26 Katy Breuer*



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WELCOMED!

This newsletter is for information and articles that are germane to Christ Church Parish. If you are a member of Christ Church Parish you may submit an article of interest for consideration to be published in the newsletter.

To ensure that the newsletter is published and distributed in a manner that all will receive it before the month it pertains to begins, the submission deadlines for 2025 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
July 2025	June 27, 2025
August 2025	July 28, 2025
September 2025	August 27, 2025
October 2025	September 19, 2025
November 2025	October 27, 2025
December 2025	November 25, 2025
January 2026	December 29, 2025

All submissions are to be emailed as a **word document** to jeff.of.jamaica@outlook.com Pictures may also be submitted and will be used on a “space available” basis.