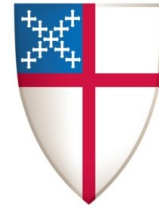




The Christ Church Parish

Messenger

May 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

We often think of Easter as one great day of feasting and celebrating that Jesus is Risen. But, in the Christian Church, Eastertide is a whole season of celebrating Jesus's victory over death. The season begins on Easter Sunday and lasts 50 days until the Day of Pentecost, June 8 this year. It is a time to reflect on all God has given us, including God's ongoing Presence in the world and the ultimate triumph of love over evil. It's also a time to reflect on how we can show the Light of Christ to the world.

Here are a few characteristics of Eastertide.

- We light the Paschal candle every Sunday. Paschal means related to Easter or Passover. The Paschal candle emphasizes that Jesus is the Light of the World and is a risen and continual presence in our lives.
- The liturgical color is white. White symbolizes purity, joy, and victory over death. It also symbolizes light, specifically the radiance of Christ's resurrection and the light of Christ that shines in the world.
- It is a time to renew our faith and understanding of the Resurrection's implications for daily life.

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the early church, Eastertide was a period of ongoing formation for the newly baptized.

- Eastertide consists of seven Sundays, with Easter Sunday being the first Sunday. The first part of Eastertide (the first 40 days up until Ascension Day) commemorates Jesus's time with the apostles after his resurrection before he ascended.
- The Feast of Pentecost is not included in the seven Sundays of Easter but is celebrated at the end of the Easter season. The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek meaning fiftieth. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and is considered the birthday of the Church. The liturgical color for the Feast of Pentecost is red, which symbolizes the fire of the Spirit.
- The first reading is typically taken from the Acts of the Apostles instead of an Old Testament book. Bible scholars believe that Acts was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke and that Luke and Acts were once one book, which we have separated for purposes of our Bible. Acts narrates the events following Jesus's Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost and offers a model for us as disciples today.

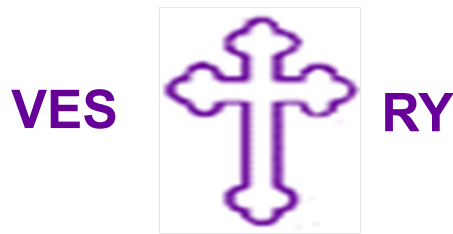
I was delighted to see the good attendance on Easter Sunday and the second Sunday of Easter. I look forward to seeing all of you for the remaining Sundays of Eastertide and Pentecost.

Randi+



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.



The celebration of Holy Week in April has concluded, and what a blessed time it was at Christ Church Parish. The Lenten dinners that led up to Holy Week were memorable. Our guest speaker, The Reverend Doctor Bob Prichard, gave wonderful, thought-provoking lectures that inspired many of us to put on our thinking caps and enter into lively discussions. This was a truly memorable Lenten season and enjoyed by all at Christ Church Parish. Heartfelt Thank You go out to the various ministries that made our dinners memorable and delicious. Many hands helped to make these dinners successful, and speaking on behalf of the Vestry, we appreciate your efforts.

Holy Week was indeed a remarkably busy time in the Parish, with many folks coming and going, all attending to some tasks that helped to make the week very special. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Easter Vigil were all special and meaningful to all who attended these events. The Great Easter Vigil was an incredibly early service, especially one that was moving. We all managed to weather the early morning service and were treated to a wonderful Easter morning breakfast arranged by the Fellowship Committee. In case you missed the breakfast, it started with coffee, champagne, nine types of quiches, fresh fruit, and some wonderful pastries and chocolates. I promise you that nobody went home hungry after that feast!

On a profoundly serious note, we are all so extremely fortunate to worship as we do at Christ Church Parish and enjoy the wonderful fellowship with our Christ Church family. We are grateful to the Reverend Randi Rowe, Deacon Peg Moncure, and the many folks in our church community who worked tirelessly to make these events happen.

William A. Budd
Senior Warden



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S WORK BENCH

Easter was a wonderful time to celebrate. Many thanks to everyone for the Spring Clean-up that made the church look beautiful and inviting. Thanks for all you do!

Based on current projections, the HVAC unit in the Parish Hall will be replaced soon. We appreciate everyone who contributed to its replacement.

You may have seen the new picnic tables. We will sand and paint them and place them in their permanent location under the trees. If you would like to help us paint, please give me a call.

Finally, notice the beautiful cross in the Parish Hall hung on the wall above the stage. This is a special gift from Nigel.

Scott Holt

804-814-8126

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:15 AM in the fellowship hall. We will soon finish our series on The Surprising Lives of the Saints. In May, we will be watching modern saints like Absalom Jones and Elizabeth Ann Seton.

We will be looking for your suggestions and recommendations for our next round of study, which we will begin in June. No reservations are required, and there are no tests! Just come and learn and discuss those surprising saints!

Consider ways in which you will help

"The Fine Arts Camp"

June 16th – 22nd, 2025



There are many opportunities, daily, multiple days, entire week, big and small. All will be rewarding experiences that contribute to the camp's success. Let Peg know your availability and the times and days that work with your schedule and talents.

PRIZES!

We will need prizes for our campers:

Ask area businesses to donate something, and we will list their business in our Saturday program.

You may donate items yourself.

Small prizes are offered for daily incentives. Items such as candy, colored markers, small stuffed animals, special pencils or pens, etc., always thrill the campers.

Bake cookies, brownies, etc., for dessert so the Kitchen Team can concentrate on meal preparations.

Larger Prizes for Daily Door Prizes—We encourage our campers to work together, help each other, and be kind to everyone. When we see good things happening, we award tickets to the campers involved. At the end of the day, the tickets are used for the large prize drawing.

Thanks in advance for any help you may be able to give. Please contact Deacon Peg at 804-869-3867 or peggy_moncure@live.com and let her know how you can help.



NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS' RECEPTION

WHEN AND WHAT TIME?

SUNDAY – MAY 18TH from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

WHAT'S THE EVENT?

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS RECEPTION

This is an opportunity for our entire Congregation to Meet, Greet, and Welcome our new members and visitors whom we have not yet met.

WHO IS INVITED?

New members and visitors who have joined our congregation or attended our services over the past year and are invited should receive a written invitation.

The remainder of our congregation is asked to bring wine or beer for refreshment and one of your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share with everyone.

WHERE?

Our Parish Hall Foyer and Fellowship Hall. **SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

◀ April	May 2025					June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Family Ministry 1:00 pm AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	2 Concert Night 7:00 pm-9:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	3
4 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Daughters of the King 9:00 am	5 Cinco De Mayo Tech Team 10:30 am CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	6 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	7 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Elephants 10:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Westminster Canterbury Eucharist 11:00 am CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	8 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	9 CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	10
11 Mother's Day Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Brotherhood Mothers Day Breakfast 9:00 am Taizé Service 7:00 pm	12 CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	13 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	14 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Outreach Ministry 10:15 am CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Young Professionals 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	15 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	16 CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	17 Armed Forces Day
18 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Daughters of the King 9:00 am New Members Reception 4:00 pm	19 Finance Committee 9:30 am CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	20 Fellowship 9:30 am AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Vestry 1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	21 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Christian Education 10:30 am CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	22 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm CCS Yoga 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Endowment Board 5:30 pm	23	24
25 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Newsletter Articles Due	29	30	31



We handed out Easter treats after the 10:00 AM service on Easter Sunday.

DeLois Greenwood created beautiful baskets of goodies to leave for teachers to honor them during “Teacher Appreciation Week”.



These will be delivered to Middlesex Elementary School, Middlesex Middle School, Middlesex High School, and Christchurch School as our Ministry’s annual thank you to our wonderful teachers.

Creation Care Garden Updates from Alyson Holt

Spring is here, and the garden planting season is in full swing!

Our first harvest has taken place, with heads of lettuce and radishes delivered to the Cryer Center. We will plant tomato and pepper plants in the coming weeks and start growing cucumbers and squash.

During the summer months, we will participate in the Urbanna Farmer’s Market, on the second Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM, to spread the word about our Creation Care Garden and our church. We will invite community members to join us in gardening and hopefully attend our church. To kick off this project, we invite the community and all parishioners to a “**Garden Party**” on Sunday, June 1st, to stop by and see the garden. The event will be from 4 - 7 PM, weather permitting. We would love to see you there.

Our next Outreach Ministry meeting is on May 14th at 10:15 AM. Please join us!

DeLois Greenwood and Pam McClelland, Co-chairs



The Fellowship Committee invites the community to a fun evening of music and camaraderie on Friday, May 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Christ Church Parish. Doors open at 6:30 PM, and the concert begins at 7:00 PM.

Come one and all to this fun musical evening of regionally acclaimed local musicians! Be prepared for entertaining music featuring the sounds of Peyton Brabrand, Roxy Coke, and Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys.

The evening will begin with a stellar performance by tenor saxophonist Peyton Brabrand. His music is rooted in the sounds of legendary saxophonists Stan Getz, Root Sims, and Ike Quebec.....all performed in Peyton's unique style that transports listeners to the smoky jazz clubs of yesteryear.

A special solo performance will also be provided by a young, local, rising star, Roxy Coke. Roxy is a singer-songwriter who delights audiences with her vocal talent and soulful delivery of tunes from various genres, including classic rock, pop, country, and Americana.

The newly revised Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys, an 8-time award winner of the Best of the Rivah Country, will conclude the concert with their unique brand of sonically wooden "Rivahdacious" music. The band consists of its original members, Clayton Neal and Gary Archer, plus the addition of Clark Robins on Djembe and Billy Buddy on upright bass.

There is no fee for the concert, but donations will be graciously accepted. Food and beverages will be for purchase. We will also feature a Silent Auction. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Foundry Middlesex.

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Date: Friday, May 2nd

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Come early, as seating is limited.

The concert begins at 7:00 PM.

Where: Christ Church Parish Hall, 56 Christ Church Lane, Saluda

Tel: 804-758-2006

Join the fun and relax in style wearing a smile!

The Great Vigil of Easter proved to be as moving and powerful as promised. The almost 2-hour Easter service from the second century ended in a full hot breakfast as prepared by the Fellowship team. A variety of hot quiches, coffee cakes, grits, Little Smokies, fresh fruits, juices, coffee, fresh whipped cream, and champagne gave a festive air to this beautiful Holy Day. Please join us again next year for this most special evening.

Bev Hart and Mary Lynn Landgraf





This bent wood cross, made by Nigel MacFall, now hangs beautifully in our fellowship hall. Nigel and Andrea gifted this to Christ Church before Easter. It looks as if it were made specifically for this spot! Thank you, Nigel and Andrea!



ENDOWMENT BOARD



Bequests Secure Christ Church Parish's Future

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust.

There are a number of ways you can make a bequest to Christ Church Parish Endowment Fund.

Specific Bequest. A specific bequest involves making a gift of a specific asset such as real estate, a car, other property or a gift for a specific dollar amount. **Percentage Bequest.** Another kind of specific bequest involves leaving a specific percentage of your overall estate to charity.

Residual Bequest. A residual bequest is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests. A common residual bequest involves leaving a percentage of the residue of the estate to charity.

Contingent Bequest. A contingent bequest is made to charity only if the purpose of the primary bequest cannot be met. For example, if the relative is not alive at the time of your death, the bequest be made to the charity.

Bequest Benefits

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

Christ Church Parish Endowment Board

Jeff Shaw, Chair

References to the Number 12 in the Bible

The number 12 is found in 187 places in the Bible. It is considered a perfect number because it symbolizes God's power and authority and the completeness of the nation of Israel as a whole.

The number 12 holds significant meaning in the Bible, often symbolizing God's appointed authority, chosen leaders, and perfect organization. Here are some, but not all, instances:

- Jacob had 12 sons, who became the 12 tribes that formed the foundation of Israel.
- Jesus chose 12 disciples to spread His teachings.
- The New Jerusalem, described in Revelation, has 12 gates and 12 foundations.
- 12 Baskets of Leftovers remained after Jesus fed the five thousand.
- Elijah built an altar with 12 stones when calling down fire from heaven.
- The Bible includes 12 minor prophets, such as Hosea, Joel, and Micah.
- Jacob had 12 sons, each of whom represented a tribe.
- God specified that 12 unleavened cakes of bread be placed every week in the temple.
- Christ's bride, the church, wears a crown containing 12 stars.
- The new Jerusalem, made in heaven and brought to the earth by God, has 12 gates.
- 12 names in the Bible that have only two letters: Ai, Ar, Ir, No, Og, On, Pe, So, Ur, and Uz.
- The 12 patriarchs from Jacob (Israel) are Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Heber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- 12 people are in scripture as being anointed for a unique task or responsibility. They are Aaron, Saul, David, Solomon, Absalom, King Jehu of Israel, King Joash, and King Jehoahaz.
- When the Israelites wandered in the desert, they had 12 spies go and scout the Promised Land.
- Solomon appointed 12 district governors over Israel.
- When Israel returns after their captivity in Babylon, Ezra creates 12 priests.
- A tree of life will be in the new world God brings at the end of time, with 12 fruits.

Special May Celebrations

Anniversaries



13 Rick Smith and DeLois Greenwood

14 Sharon N. Colston and Miles A. Libbey

15 Mike and Harriette Floyd

19 James "Jim" and Jean Hill

20 Scott and Alyson Holt

22 Jeannette and Charles Adkins

26 Howard W. and Joyce M. Reisinger, Jr.

27 The Rev. Dr. Robert W. and Marcia Prichard

28 James A. "Jim" and Ann T. Padgett

Birthdays

1 Judith W. "Judy" Mansfield

12 Suzette "Suzi" Hootor

14 Mary Jo Atterholt

The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Prichard

Victoria Rosendahl

17 Helen Tarran

22 The Rev. Elisa Wheeler

25 The Rev. Robert "Bob" Phipps

28 Cean Cawthorn

Ginny Gale

31 Barbara Gill

Renee Loustaunau



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>
June 2025	May 28, 2025
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.