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Dear People of Christ Church,

Believe it or not, I am already looking ahead to the fall schedule of events. The one which needs the most preparation time is the Bishop's invitation. I have not heard what the specific date is, but since part of the invitation is presenting candidates for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation, I need time to prepare the candidates.

I use the name "enquirers class" for those preparing because I find that to be an accurate description. Whether it be reception where a person is coming into the Episcopal Church from another denomination, confirmation where it is a person's first time seeking to express their faith as an adult, or even reaffirmation where Episcopalians get a reminder of who we are and what we do, all of these involve asking questions – enquiring. Questions range from "how does our worship inform our faith?", to "what is the difference between ministry in the name of Jesus verses any other service group?", to "what gifts do we have to bring and how do we?" to even more personal or broader questions. In many ways, I find this a time to explore our faith as adults with life experiences and not just what we were taught as children. It is also an invaluable opportunity for individual reflection on our faith journey.

At the end of the day, as the candidates stand before the bishop and the congregation for confirmation or reception, the candidate is showing their desire to follow Jesus in this part of the family called Episcopalian. There is no final exam to pass or fail. There is no doctrine claiming that you have learned all there is to know following Jesus. Rather it is a sacramental moment for each person to have a time to be "sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, be penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord" (BCP, 860).

The action of confirmation and reception also prays for the Holy Spirit to continue to empower us to do our ministries. Part of that empowerment of ministry in the parish is how we participate specifically in the governance and ministries around the parish. Examples are listed below for serving in parish leadership, voting and being a part of ministries around the sacraments. Part of that empowerments may be to continue ministries outside the parish or ways that we serve around the parish work. It is a moment when we get to celebrate our commitment to serving Jesus through Christ Church.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church, if you have children growing up in the Episcopal Church, or even if you find yourself in a time of wanting to re-examine or explore a different part of your faith journey as an Episcopalian, the enquirer's class is for you.

Our first gathering to discuss the class and the calendar of events will be Sunday, May 19 at 930am in the Pilgrim's Chapel. Some people have already spoken with me about their desire to be a part of this process. Others have asked other questions about the class. The best way to find out is to be there.

My hope is to have various gatherings at different times of the summer to focus on the areas of preparation which work with summer schedules. And then we will focus on a final schedule in the fall. If you have questions, please call me at the office. And once we know the visitation date, I will let you know.

Faithfully,



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# Christian Formation

## Summer Camp at Shrine Mont

Shrine Mont Camp is an Episcopal summer camp for campers ages 7-17 in Orkney Springs, Virginia. With over 60 years of history, Shrine Mont camps offer various programs that fit campers for all ages and backgrounds. In sessions, we walk together as one body and grow in our faith, all while engaging in exciting activities to build a fulfilling summer camp experience.

The Diocese of Virginia's summer camp program at Shrine Mont exists to promote the emotional and spiritual development of children, youth, and young adults through the fostering of a safe and positive environment for all. It is the goal of this program to encourage the growth of relationships with self, others, and God.

Shrine Mont Camps Over the Years:

**1961** - The Rev. James Lincoln holds camp on the present site of St. George's Camp with campers sleeping in tents.

**1962** - First permanent camp building is in place under the supervision of Mr. Lincoln and Shrine Mont Director Wilmer Moomaw. St. George's camp dedicated and Choir Camp, predecessor to Music and Drama (MAD) Camp, opens.

**1964** - The Rev. Churchill J. Gibson, Jr. begins serving as chaplain.

**1968** - St. George's becomes coeducational, adds two cabins and Lincoln Pavilion expands capacity to 40 campers.

**1973** - Wilderness Odyssey, predecessor to today's Explorers' and Explorers' the Great Camps, opens.

**1974** - Shrine Mont purchases Orkney Springs Hotel property, including Bear Wallow Camp facility.

**1980** - Art Camp opens.

**1988** - St. Andrew's Camp founded.

**1989** - Choir Camp becomes MAD camp.

**1999** - St. Elizabeth's Camp meets for the first time with five campers and five volunteers.

**2007** - St. Sebastian's Camp (successor to Soccer Camp) opens.

**2012** - Celebration of 50 years of camps at Shrine Mont!

Learn about the camp sessions and register on the website: [www.shrinemontcamps.org](http://www.shrinemontcamps.org). Financial assistance may be available for campers. Please contact Webster at 540-773-5562.



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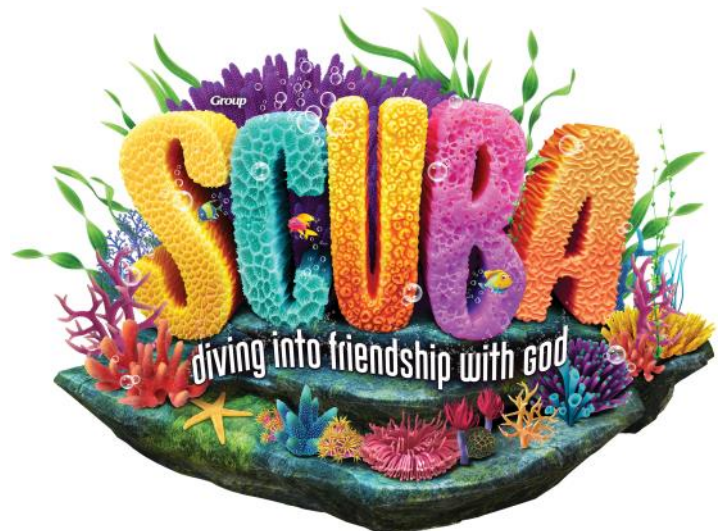
## Vacation Bible School 2024

*Mark your calendars for **Scuba: Vacation Bible School**. It will be held July 8-12, 2024. There will be classes for kids from age 2 and up to those who will just be finishing 6th grade. It's 9:00 am to noon each day, FREE, and all kids are welcome!*

In partnership with our neighbors at Grace Lutheran, we are planning classes for preschool (beginning with age 2) through kids who have completed 6th grade. It's a fun time of scripture-based learning with lots of music, arts and crafts, games, and yummy snacks from 9:00-noon for the entire week with no fees. It's open to all - neighbors, visiting cousins, friends, etc., are invited to come. Registration forms are on the website.

VBS is a huge program and it takes volunteers from both congregations to staff and help those mornings. Consider the gifts you can share with the children. Maybe you enjoy teaching or being a teacher's assistant, or maybe can you be a helper in the kitchen to prepare snacks, or help out with games, or possibly man the registration desks for last-minute signups. It takes many adults and youth to make it all happen smoothly, so think where you fit in and contact Margery Wingenbach ([wingenbach@comcast.net](mailto:wingenbach@comcast.net) or 540-667-0386).

The last day for Sunday School  
& Children's Chapel will be  
Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.  
Happy Summer!



# Church Calendar

## Services at Christ Church

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
in the Sanctuary

Holy Eucharist at Westminster-Canterbury  
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10:30 am



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and like us to stay up-to-date on the latest news!

The Church Office is open Tuesday—Thursday  
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
Call ahead before you visit!

## Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am via Zoom
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Daytime Faith Study	2nd & 4th Mon: 10:00 am
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am—4 pm Sat: 10 am—1 pm
Women's Book Studies	Tues: 10:30 am—Parlors OR First & Third Thursday at 5:30 pm —Parlors



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## May Birthdays

- 1 Michael Phelps
- 2 Anne Drury, Pam McKinley, Katy Wiley
- 3 Jo Pilette
- 4 Karen Jagiello
- 8 Jackson Stock
- 13 Teresa Jacobsen
- 14 Liz Lindon
- 15 Allison Schain, Kathryn Ellington
- 18 Zoe Conrad
- 19 Linda Russell
- 21 Bobbie Gouldthorpe
- 22 Jack Applin, Linda Miles, Bob Puttock
- 24 Wilborn Roberson
- 26 Kay Wise, Greg Jacobson, Tonia Graves
- 27 Sara Bicking, Tim Waldie
- 28 Alix Cooper
- 29 Bill Drury, Walt McIntosh,  
Caroline Wingenbach

## May Anniversaries

- 8 Jim & Ann Taylor
- 14 Rob & Trish Boyd
- 18 Dan & Jody Wall
- 19 Gerald & Cheryl Crowell
- 24 Michael & Janie Mohn
- 28 Mark & Nancy Baker

### Please Note:

We will publish birthday and anniversary information only with explicit permission. Please contact the Church Office if you wish to be added to or deleted from these lists. Please keep the Church Office informed of any changes to your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.



If you would like to recognize a graduate this spring, please email [communications@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:communications@christchurchwinchester.org).

*The*  
**TREASURE**  
**BOX**

**Shop at the Treasure Box Thrift Shop!**  
Open on Wednesdays and Fridays 10—4  
and Saturdays 10-1 at 114 W. Boscawen St.  
Closed May 3-4 for Apple Blossom.

## Committee News

### Outreach Committee Collecting Donations for CCAP

**In May, the Outreach Committee asks for donations of children's clothing.** CCAP is in great need of children's sizes 2T and 3T clothing items, including shorts, shirts, pants, dresses, and pajamas. Gently used and new items will be greatly appreciated and quickly distributed! Please bring donations to church on Sundays in May or to the Church Office lobby on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### Properties Committee Begins Work at Baden Center

The Vestry approved up to \$21,520 for the Baden Center flooring repair and up to \$3500 for ceiling and lighting work. The work will begin around May 15, with an estimated completion by end of June for the floor and July for the ceiling. The Baden Center at 11 N. Washington Street serves mainly as a community outreach facility and is used Monday through Friday by various groups, which have been offered space in the Fairfax Room to continue their meetings during the renovation work this summer.



# Committee News

## Smart Communications

Christ Church uses several methods to communicate with parishioners—some more secure than others. Anytime we use email, church-related or not, we must be vigilant to protect our personal information. Even phone calls can be a threat these days. We wanted to share some very basic information about staying safe when using email, the Internet, and responding to phone calls.

The Federal Trade Commission explains **Pfishing** this way: When internet fraudsters impersonate a business to trick you into giving out your personal information. Some examples of pfishing emails are:

- *"We suspect an unauthorized transaction on your account. To ensure that your account is not compromised, please click the link below and confirm your identity."*
- *"During our regular verification of accounts, we couldn't verify your information. Please click here to update and verify your information."*

The senders are “phishing” for your information so they can use it to commit fraud. These emails are crafted to look authentic. **Don't reply to email, text, or pop-up messages that ask for your personal or financial information. Don't click on links within them either – even if the message seems to be from an organization you trust.** It isn't. Legitimate businesses, banks, even the IRS, don't ask you to send sensitive information through insecure channels. Opening a file from someone you don't know could expose your system to a computer virus or spyware that captures your passwords or other information you type.

**Vishing** is a type of identity theft scam that uses the phone to obtain personal information. This scam relies on techniques to trick you into providing information that others can use to access and use your important accounts. If you receive a phone call asking you to call and you suspect it might be a fraudulent request, look up the organization's customer service number and call that number rather than the number provided in the solicitation email or phone call.

### Here are some tips:

- Scrutinize emails before opening them. Delete email and text messages that ask you to confirm or provide personal information (credit card and bank account numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords, etc.).
- **Don't reply, and don't click on links or call phone numbers provided in the message.** These messages direct you to spoof sites – sites that look real but whose purpose is to steal your information so a scammer can run up bills or commit crimes in your name.
- Area codes can mislead, too. Some scammers ask you to call a phone number to update your account or access a "refund." But a local area code doesn't guarantee that the caller is local.
- If you're concerned about your account or need to reach an organization you do business with (including the church), **call the number on your financial statements or on the back of your credit card.**
- It's always important to have updated anti-virus software, anti-spyware software, and a firewall on your computer. Keep your passwords secure. Backup important files.
- Be cautious about opening attachments and downloading files from emails, regardless of who sent them. These files can contain viruses or other malware that can weaken your computer's security.

**Please treat any communication from Christ Church with the same scrutiny that you would any other email or phone call.** If you have any questions about an email or phone message from the Church Office, please call us at 540-662-5843 and ask about it.

## Other News

### Last Call for Parish Weekend

Our annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont will be May 10-12, 2024—Mother's Day weekend. Our theme this year is **Fun with Fiestas in the Church**. We will have crafts for the children to help get the decorations made for the party on Saturday evening. While the children work, the mothers are invited for wine tasting at one of the local wineries. There will also be time for play, porch rocking, and hiking. You can even go so far as to work on a puzzle or take a nap.

This is one of the best ways to have family time, even to bring grandmothers along for the weekend. If need be, the retreat finishes early Sunday, so it is easy to get back for local Mother's Day dinners that evening with more stories to share about the Shrine Mont experience. This is the opportunity to retreat from daily routines and enjoy fun and fellowship and experience the hospitality of Shrine Mont. To encourage families to come this year, we are fortunate to be able to have all parish youth and young children come with no expense to the parents. That shows how important the ministry of this retreat is to the parish.

To learn more, Shrine Mont's website is [www.shrinemont.com](http://www.shrinemont.com). On the site, you can learn about The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, an open-air cathedral of the Diocese of Virginia, that was consecrated in 1925. Plus, there are maps of the facilities and information about on-site and local activities.

To register, please fill out the registration form which can be found on the church website.

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MOUNTAIN**  
FROM BIRTHDAYS TO CHRISTMAS TO EASTER  
AND MORE



Christ Church Parish Weekend  
at Shrine Mont  
May 10-12, 2024 • Orkney Springs, VA

