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Dear People of Christ Church,

It was wonderful to see those of you who attended our annual “end-of-summer/fall kickoff” picnic lunch at the end of August. Thank you so much to those who helped the Parish Life committee with setup, clean up and serving of the food. When we have such large gatherings, it is the participation of the parish with the “setting and clearing of the table” that makes the event a joy for the parish and no burden on any one particular group.

I also want to thank the people that have helped the Properties Committee members with some of our storage clear-out projects. The more hands and strong backs who help, the faster and safer the work gets done. In that same way, I am also grateful to those who have helped with some of the recent funeral receptions. The pastoral response our congregation offers, even when I hold a funeral service in the church for someone who may not be a member, speaks volumes of how we demonstrate our concern for families who experience loss.

One of the goals I asked the Vestry to work on through the summer was helping the committees get re-focused and clear about how the Vestry committees work and what they hope to do. In that work with the committees, two items became apparent to me since 2020. One was how much committee memory was lost due to three years of not being in the habit of being a large congregation. The other was the number of new people serving on the committees. The re-focusing of ministry among the committees hopefully helps the committees in their work, and also hopefully the parish members will also see ways to serve in the ministry opportunities the committees present.

As we prepare for the Bishop’s visit, people have asked me what difference it makes about a person being received into the Episcopal Church. While there are canons and structures that explain specifics, I start with the understanding that anyone who is baptized is a disciple of Jesus. Within the Christian community with our families of denominations, reception is a person’s choice to live out their discipleship of Jesus in this part of the family called the Episcopal Church. It is a commitment. They are not being re-baptized. They are not denying where they came from. It is where a person wants to follow Jesus now.

As we gather with our candidates and the Bishop, all of us will renew our commitment to Christ. These moments of Christian life are not static as if once received, you are “in with God.” These moments are more like spark-plugs to fire us along in our ongoing following of Jesus in worship, formation and serving. Our committees are not there to do the life of faith for us. That leads to the arrogant assumption of entitlement. Instead, the committees seek to give YOU ways to grow and participate in the family of Jesus.

I am grateful to the Vestry and committees who offer us ways to be the church. And I am excited to have a new program year starting off with plenty of ways for all of you to serve in the opportunities we have before us. I only ask that you do not assume that you know what those committees are doing or not doing. As with those who were kind enough to help with the non-exciting work of setup and cleanup from a picnic or to help hold a funeral reception for a neighbor, consider how you want to serve in our ministries and start that process with an important, humble question, “How can I help?”

Faithfully,



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Worship

Instructed Eucharist—Follow-up Conversations

Thank you to the candidates for confirmation/reception and everyone else who joined us for the Instructed Eucharist last month. Among the candidates, several questions came up around two important parts of our family faith life together which we did not have time to fully address – The Book of Common Prayer and The Bible. Since these are so important, I wanted to offer time for follow up conversations on these topics. On Sunday, September 8, from 4:00-5:00 pm, I will be having a cup of tea and conversation with people wishing to learn more about the wonderful worship resource we have with our Book of Common Prayer. Then on Sunday, September 22, from 4:00-5:00 pm, I will be having the same conversation about The Bible. I encourage all candidates and their mentors to attend these conversations. However, anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. ~Webster

Bishop's Visitation to Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson
Sunday, October 20, 2024



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Retreat at Shrine Mont

On October 6-8, 2024, Shrine Mont will be hosting a new retreat focusing on nurturing those who nurture others. It will be a program focused on self-care with opportunities for massage, yoga, and spiritual direction combined with our unique ministry of hospitality. Shrine Mont is known to be a place where guests can fill their time with one another and where that time is less about doing things and more about doing things together. Join us for the opportunity for some time in the mountains. Clergy are welcome too. <https://www.shrinemont.com/event/ministry-leaders-conference-2024/>

Adult Book Study Resumes

The adult book study resumes on Monday, September 9, at 10:00 am in the Smith Building Conference Room (and via Zoom) and continues on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month. This fall, we will be reading *Conversations with Scripture: 2 Isaiah* by Stephen L. Cook. Second Isaiah highlights priestly themes and quotes temple texts, and during the study we may rediscover the overwhelming, absolute worth of God. You can find the book on Amazon or Thrift Books. For more information, contact the rector or Pat Shaner (patriciashaner@gmail.com).

Committee News

Properties Committee: Baden Center Renovation

The Properties Committee has been busy renovating the Baden Center.

The Baden Center is the small building and parking lot located at 11 N. Washington Street, across from the church. It is dedicated in memory of the late Rt. Rev. John Baden, former rector of Christ Church and Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia, and most important of all, father of our own James Baden. This building provides a multi-purpose space for the parish to use for outreach ministries and other programs and ministries. It has a large meeting space and a basic kitchenette for parish groups to use. Its parking area and single story provide accessibility. Currently, community groups use the building every week day, as well as groups from within the parish.



The building was ready for a renovation due to mildew, water penetration, and basic wear and tear. The space had become a less comfortable meeting space. The Properties Committee reviewed the facility with contractors and did the following: removed old piping and duct work from the crawl space; installed a vapor barrier; replaced the floor with a commercial grade vinyl flooring, replaced mildewed ceiling tiles, removed old kitchen vents; replaced the roof; and repainted the facility. Special thanks to our sexton, Tuffy Whitacre, who continues to spend considerable time on this project.

To reintroduce the parish to the Baden Center, the Properties Committee will host a service of re-dedication and open house on September 22, 2024.

The Properties Committee has lost a valuable member of the team, Kevin Kennedy. Kevin died on August 20, 2024. He served in many capacities at Christ Church, but was an active participant with the Properties Committee until his passing, and his presence will be missed. The committee sends condolences to Pam and family.

Outreach Committee: September Donation Requests

The Outreach Committee is asking for donations of **small jars of peanut butter or boxes of pasta** in September for the Salvation Army's food pantry. Please bring donations to church on Sundays in September or to the Church Office lobby on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



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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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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Church Calendar

September Birthdays

- 1 Ty Lawson
- 2 Robb Russell
- 6 Joyce Casey
- 7 Joan Bronson
- 8 Sharon Lower
- 9 Vicky Arculin
- 14 Carolyn Lewis, Lindsay Pifer, Debra Shows, Dawson Wiley
- 15 Ashley Haines
- 18 Polly Nesselrodt
- 19 Cheryl Crowell, Sandy White, Pat Kofalt
- 22 Bill Major
- 25 Mary Puttock
- 27 Gus Wise, Maggie Wise
- 28 Katlyn Painter
- 29 Ann Poling, Pem Hutchinson, Adelaide Turnbull, Rick Byler



September Anniversaries

- 3 Kirk & Linda Gibson
- 4 Stephen & Nancy Brown
- 9 David & Carolyn Lewis
- 11 Pat & Mari Kofalt
- 20 John & Joan Claybrook
- 21 Steve & Terry Cluss

celebrate!

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.



Shop at the Treasure Box Thrift Shop!

Open on Wednesdays and Fridays 10—4 and Saturdays 10-1 at 114 W. Boscawen St.

Donations accepted during shop hours!

The Treasure Box Thrift Shop was very busy closing out summer with “\$2 bag sales” days. Volunteers had a wonderful time helping shoppers stuff their bags and our customers were delighted with the bargains. No matter what the weather is telling you, the Treasure Box is ready for fall, with a fresh inventory of transitional and fall/winter clothing items and home decor. Visit the shop!

We also invite you to become a volunteer at the Treasure Box. Lots of fun is had! Volunteer shifts are three hours each, morning or afternoon, and can be as little as once or month, or more. For information on volunteering, contact Sally O’Neill by email: reidybobby@yahoo.com.

The Treasure Box, located on the first floor of the Smith Building at 114 W. Boscawen Street, accepts donations of clothing and household items (during their open hours) for resale within the community. The proceeds are distributed annually to local agencies and organizations. The shop was established in 1959 and moved to its current location in 2000.

Christian Formation

Welcome back, kids!

Sunday School

Fall Christian Formation programming for children and youth begins on **Sunday, September 8, 2024**. Sunday School registration forms are available on the church website (www.christchurchwinchester.org/formation-for-children-and-youth) or in person on the 8th. Classes are preschool (ages 3-5) with Cherub Choir from 10:00—10:15 am, K-2nd grades, 3rd & 4th grades, middle school and high school. If you have questions about these classes, please contact Margery Wingenbach (Wingenbach@comcast.net) for those under 5th grade or Webster Gibson (rector@christchurchwinchester.org) for those 5th grade and up. Sunday School classes run from 9:30 am until 10:15 am each Sunday in the Sunday School Commons on the second floor of the parish hall.

Alleluia Singers

Children in 2nd-8th grade (roughly) are welcome to join the Alleluia Singers! They get together on Sunday mornings from 9:00—9:30 am for singing, playing, songwriting, movement, prayer, fellowship, and fun while learning about God and the life of the Church. The first Alleluia Singers gathering will be on September 8 in the Sunday School Commons. Contact DeLyn Celec at dcelec@su.edu if you have any questions.

Dates for your Calendar:

October 6: Blessing of the Animals at 5 pm

October 20: Bishop's Visitation: Baptism, Confirmation, Reception

October 27: Family Halloween Scavenger Hunt, 4:30 pm

November 30: Family Advent wreath-making 10:00-11:00* (brunch provided)

December 14: Family gingerbread house-making 10:00-11:30* (brunch provided)

December 15: Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am service*

December 24: Christmas Procession at 4:30 pm service*

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 - 9:25 am - Alleluia Singers

9:30 - 10:15 am - Sunday School

10:00 - 10:15 am - Cherub Choir for preschoolers

10:30-11:00 am - Children's Chapel

All meet upstairs in the Parish Hall in the Sunday School Commons and Children's Chapel.

Christian Formation

Children's Chapel

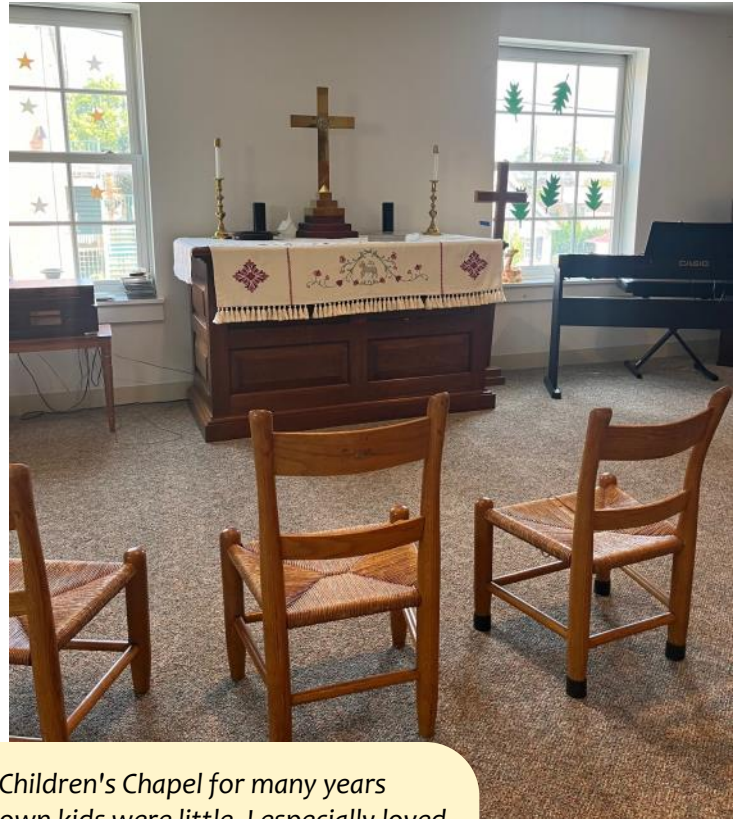
Children aged 3 to 8 are invited to participate in this 10:30 am service every Sunday in the Children's Chapel, off the Sunday School Commons, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Adapted from the order for Morning Prayer, this service contains age-appropriate lessons, activities, and music. Children are brought into the Sanctuary to join their parents during the announcements before Holy Communion. Children's Chapel is led by volunteers.

"Children's Chapel is such a great service for families with small children. It keeps our sons entertained while learning and having fun before finishing church service with us as a family. I know I appreciate enjoying the church service without worrying if my antsy children are being disruptive to fellow church-goers. Also, my sons love having extra time playing with new friends each week." ~Jillian Kalbaugh

"Children's Chapel benefits the entire family and congregation! It is a wonderful way for younger children to experience church in a way they can understand and enjoy. The stories are always fun but the highlight is typically the craft or art activity that is an important part of each week.

It allows parents the opportunity to focus on the readings instead of worrying about if their child is disrupting or distracting others.

Each week, members of the congregation tell me how much they look forward to seeing the young children enter the church wearing a high smile, jumping off the step, and proudly carrying their craft to find their parents."
~ Ann DeBergh



"I taught Children's Chapel for many years when my own kids were little. I especially loved singing the songs with the kids. Having a mini-service just for them in a tiny little chapel was just fun, and it was valuable in helping them to branch into "big" church as they got older."
~Amy Stock

"Children's Chapel is a time that offers a special worship service for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. During our time together we sing songs, read bible stories, and participate in an activity that relates to the story. My husband and I have been chapel leaders since our oldest son Landon was 5. Over the years, we have enjoyed our time reading, singing, and even acting out bible stories with the children. The children really enjoy their time together and allow them to learn about GOD's love in a lively and interactive space. One of the greatest joys of being chapel leaders is watching those children who first came to us as little 3 year olds grow up and eventually age out of chapel. We have watched many children grow up right in front of us and watch their love for the church and GOD grow as well."
~Steve and Ashley Haines

Other News

Recital Upcoming

There will be a recital here at Christ Church on Friday, September 6, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary featuring Qiuyu Li/Soprano (who you will remember from Christmas/Easter services here), Hidemi Minagawa/Pianist, and featuring German Lieder, and opera arias by Mozart, Bellini, Massenet, and Charpentier. The recital is open to the public and a freewill offering for the performers will be collected.



Sing in the Choir!

The adult choir is starting up soon, and we welcome you to join us! If you are interested in learning more about music and love to sing, you would be a perfect addition to our friendly group. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Fairfax Room and on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am before we sing at the 10:30 am service. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 4. Please contact Jean Lin (jjoyulin@gmail.com) with any questions.

Common Ground Discussion

The Common Ground discussion group continues to meet on the 4th Wednesday each month in the Parlors at 4:00 pm. New participants are always welcome to this small group which aims to facilitate discussions allowing parishioners to get to know one another better. On September 25th, the topic of conversations will be how birth order has affected you in life and your spiritual journey.

