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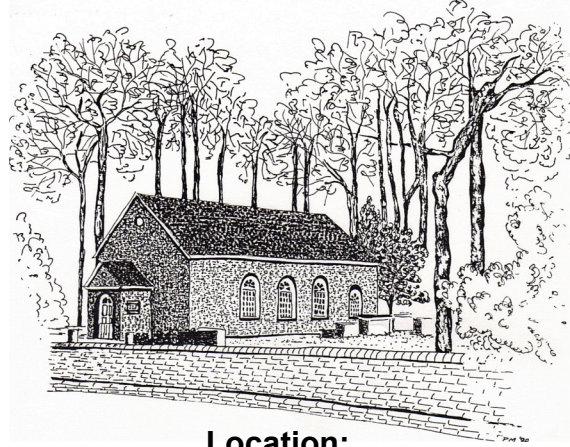
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Services:

Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 AM
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe,
Priest in Charge
The Rev. Bob Prichard, Ph.D.,
priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Peggy Moncure



The Christ Church Parish

Messenger

October 2024



“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

I am very excited to be ministering with you in this place! The Holy Spirit is here, creating positive energy and joy. I am impressed and pleased with the commitment to serving the community.

Bill Budd told you a lot about me in previous newsletters and announcements. As you know, my husband and I are native Virginians. We both grew up in Richmond and had ties to the Rappahannock River through aunts and uncles, whom we frequently visited as children. We attended Virginia colleges, and Tom lived on the Middle Peninsula for several years in young adulthood. We’ve also lived in York County, Alexandria, and Fairfax County. Some of you met my grandson, Elliot, and his parents, Megan and Bill Munkacsy, on Homecoming Sunday. They live in Charlottesville. My family lives in Richmond, and Tom’s sister lives in Heathsville on the Northern Neck. We are thrilled to be back in Virginia and with people with whom we share much in common.

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I have appreciated the warm welcome I've been receiving as I've dropped into ministry meetings. The meetings have given me a feel for all the wonderful work. I am also working to make connections with other groups in the community. A particular priority is Christchurch School, which you indicated in your discernment process was a priority. Parish members have already done great work to pave the way for further collaboration.

I am very interested in getting to know all of you. I am scheduling time to meet with each person one-on-one. Getting around to everyone takes a little while, so please be patient. If you are really eager, just let me know, and I'll schedule time with you right away. Also, please feel free to stop by and tell me about you when you see me in the office. I am also keen to know about surgeries or illnesses (if you wish to share) and will make every effort to call or visit you if you are sick.

Here is some information about where you can expect to find me:

I work out some mornings, but I am usually in the office by 9:30 Monday through Thursday. I frequently take a short break at midday to go home and walk my small dog, Trixie. I do some visitations in the afternoons, but otherwise, I return to the office. I work from home most Saturday mornings, typically finalizing my homily for Sunday. My habit is to block off 1 to 3:15 p.m. on Monday afternoons for a prayerful reading of the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday, but I can adjust this time if necessary. My Sabbath is usually Fridays, although I change this if required. Feel free to call ahead (during reasonable hours) if you want to be sure to catch me. My mobile number is 571 218 0984. **Please note:** I am **available** for urgent needs – no matter the day or time. **Urgent pastoral needs take priority** over other activities, so if you need me urgently, please call even if the hour is late. I will be very sad if I am not with you during a time of need.

I look forward to continuing to get to know all of you and ministering with you for many years.

Randi+



Greetings,

I am amazed that the church year is going by so quickly. The Vestry and the Discernment Team have successfully completed the task of searching for and finding a new Priest in Charge, and it's now back to business as usual. We are now in the midst of the Autumn part of the calendar year, with winter soon to follow. The upcoming months bring us into our annual Stewardship drive, Wings, Wheels and Keels, soon to be followed with the Oyster Festival, Marine Corp run, Veterans Day celebration and then the holidays.

Thank you, Grace, Ann, and all the other team members who made the recent Homecoming event such a success. We all enjoyed the wonderful food, camaradery, and togetherness shared with old friends.

The Vestry liaisons to the various ministries are working hard to assist the various ministries with their individual projects and report that all are progressing as planned. The latter part of the church calendar will indeed be a busy time and one that we are all very excited about and look forward to.

A few months back, I commented on the Church calendar and the process of getting a meeting or an event placed on it. For the most part, we have not had many problems or misunderstandings regarding the calendar. However, there are still a few folks who may need a refresher course, so here goes a refresher course.

* All requests to place an event on the calendar must be approved by the Vestry liaison, Karen Brown. Karen coordinates the request with ViAnn Farmer to make changes, additions, or deletions.

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*When scheduling a meeting or event, please check with ViAnn to determine if the time and date conflict. After these items are checked, ViAnn will place the event on the calendar after Karen Brown approves it.

*To be included in the monthly newsletter, all dates need to be on the office calendar before the scheduled newsletter due date.

Thanks very much for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines

Faithfully,

William A Budd
Senior Warden



Thank You for Being a Legacy Society Member



Legacy Society Members (those who donated to the Endowment or let us know that they remembered Christ Church in their estate planning) are invited to a “Thank You” reception for their support in reaching an important Endowment milestone.

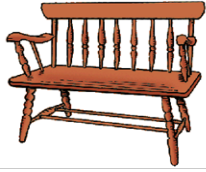
The reception is being hosted by the Christ Church Parish Endowment Fund Board on
Sunday, October 27th, 4:00 to 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall Foyer

To attend, Legacy Members may R.S.V.P to Grace Parker,
parkergrace2010@verizon.net on or before October 22nd.

Not a Legacy Society Member? Ask an Endowment Board Member how you can become one.

Christ Church Parish Endowment Board
Jack Hellems, Chair
Bill Budd, CCP Senior Warden
Grace Parker, Secretary
Jeannette Adkins
Jim Knupp

◀ September	October 2024						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	2 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Christian Education 10:15 AM Westminster Canterbury Eucharist 11:00 am	3 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	4	5 Choir Practice 10:00 am— 12:00 noon	
6 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am One Community Under God Urbanna Firehouse 11:00 am	7	8 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	9 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Outreach Committee 10:15 am	10 Marine Corp Run Reception 9:00 am –10:30 am AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	11 Finance Committee 9:30 am	12	
13 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Men's Brotherhood Meeting 9:00 am Blessing of the Animals 10:30 am Geason Funeral 2:00 pm	14 Columbus Day	15 Tech Team 11:30 am AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Vestry 1:30 pm	16 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Christian Education 10:15 AM	17 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	18	19	
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27 Holy Eucharist Services 8:00 am and 10:30 am Endowment Board Reception 4:00 pm—6:00 pm	28	29 AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm	30 Wednesday Eucharist 9:30 am Newsletter Mailed	31 Halloween AA Group 12 noon—1:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm			



From the Deacon's Bench

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I reflected on last month's message about kindness, I thought we could continue discussing it this month. Many scripture verses speak of kindness. That is one of the things God calls us to do. Again, Christ Church Parish is a place where kindness is practiced daily. You all set a wonderful example of this ministry to others.

We, of course, all know the story of The Good Samaritan. Other stories include the following:

David and Mephibosheth from [2 Samuel 9:1-13](#)

"Mephibosheth was King Saul's grandson, and Saul had been David's enemy. Even though their families had fought, David showed kindness to Mephibosheth. He invited Mephibosheth to live in the palace and eat at the king's table. David did this to honor a promise to his friend Jonathan, Mephibosheth's father. This story teaches us to be kind even to people connected to those who don't like us."

And

Dorcas Helps Others

"Dorcas (we also know her as Tabitha) was a woman who loved God and used her skills to help others. She sewed clothes for widows and others who were poor. This story shows us that even simple acts of kindness can make a big difference in people's lives. God notices our acts of kindness and cares about helping those in need."

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I'll end with a couple of kindness quotes from others:

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." **Ralph Waldo Emerson.**

"Being kind means responding to the needs of others, and people can be kind, no matter how old or young we are." **Fred Rogers**

Peace, Peg+



The Brotherhood of Christ Church Parish (Episcopal)

The Brotherhood of Christ Church Parish welcomes all men of Christ Church Parish to join our group. Our mission statement is quite simple: We promote Christian Fellowship, encourage spiritual growth, and provide service to county and community programs. Our group needs men who are interested in promoting these ideals, and we would welcome all to our monthly meetings to learn more about what the Brotherhood stands for. We meet the second Sunday of the month and our next monthly meeting is Sunday October 13th.

Oyster Festival time is upon us, and we are looking for members of the Brotherhood to sign up for the many positions we need to fill to make this year's Oyster Festival a success. We need cooks, set up and clean up personnel, runners, and counter help. Please sign up as soon as possible on the signup sheets on the bulletin board. We understand that everyone has busy schedules, so you do not have to sign up for the entire weekend. If you can give us an hour, 5 hours, or the weekend, we would appreciate it and will work with the time you can offer. We thank you in advance!

William Budd
Brotherhood President



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 Outreach Ministry held its monthly meeting on September 11. Since Rev. Randi was in attendance, we reviewed the many projects we coordinated this year. These included our partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Valentine treats presented at the Cryer Center, Teacher Appreciation Week gifts for our four Middlesex County schools, collection of school supplies for students, Robotics Camp, ongoing treats presented to students at Christchurch School, Christmas Family gifts, and the Living Nativity. Thanks to Lindsay Adkins, we have added a new group that meets here for “younger adults” entitled the Young Professionals Group.

Our Ministry will continue to support other activities such as our annual Homecoming, “One Community Under God,” regular newcomers’ receptions, the Fine Arts Camp, the Technology Days, and “Wings, Wheels, and Keels.” In keeping with our purpose of outreach to the community, we will continue developing written handouts that inform our community about our wonderful church.

Rev. Randi discussed potential new ventures with Christchurch School as she works with their new Chaplain, Rev. Jen Kimball.

Please join us on Sunday, October 6, for the annual “One Community Under God” service. It will be held at the Urbanna Firehouse beginning at 11:00 a.m. (Since Christ Church will still hold both of our regular services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., you might consider going to the 8:00 a.m. service here and the 11:00 a.m. service in Urbanna.) Our church will be providing tables/chairs and 50 lunches.

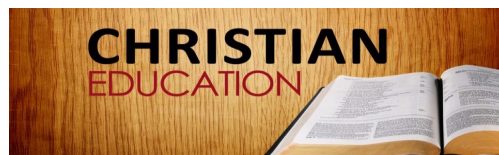
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Members of the Brotherhood will assist with parking cars, and some of our choir members will perform at the service. Please join us for this very uplifting experience. It is the only opportunity we have each year to worship together and eat lunch with other members of the Middlesex County church community.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:15, right after the Wednesday Eucharist Service. Please join us on October 9th !

Susie Loustaunau and Pam McClelland,

Co-Chairs



As we completed the Lost Christianities series, we launched into a fascinating new series of 6, MacCulloch's videos on the History of Christianity, the First 3000 years. Those of us who took EFM remember this in the third year. While reading this was daunting, the videos are delightful while packed with information. We have watched the first of the series: The First Christianity. The second we will have watch by the time you read this: Catholicism—The Unpredictable Rise of Rome. Next month, we will engage with Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire (10/2) and the 4th video: Reformation, the Individual before God (10/16).

Not only does the content span the globe and feature monks and crusaders, heretics and reformers, popes, and abolitionists, but we also get to see some of the most iconic architecture of Christianity. Come join us. No reservation required! We have moved back to our original time of 10:15 on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. And we will have the additional joy of resuming chapel services beginning at 9:30. All are always welcome!



VR, Grace



FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Each week, I send the choir an email with the history of the music for the upcoming Sunday and a video link to each hymn. Below is the Oct 6 info without the video links. If you would like to receive this each week, let me know, and I will be glad to add you to my distribution list.

Libby Boyer, Music Director

Oct 6 Music

Entrance hymn 388 *Hanover - O Worship the King* This hymn text is by Robert Grant (1778-1838), Indian-born but of Scottish descent. It is a meditation on the creation theme in Psalm 104. The tune, *Hanover*, is by Westminster Abbey organist William Croft (1677-1727).

Sequence hymn - Insert LEVAS 213 - **Children of the Heavenly Father**

This Swedish hymn was one of 650 composed by Carolina Sandell, daughter of a Lutheran minister. She tragically lost her father, and many of her hymns express that grief. This is one of them. It is beloved in the Lutheran tradition in which I was raised. I was delighted to find it in our supplemental hymnal, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. The sweet lullaby-like tune is a Swedish folk song and is ideally sung unaccompanied or with minimal instruments.

Communion hymn 472 - ***Donne secours. Hope of the World***

Our hymn of the month is also by a woman, a most noted one: Methodist theologian Georgia Elma Harkness (1891-1974) was the first woman to teach theology at an American seminary. Even though she had a PhD in Religion from Boston University, she had to attend Harvard Divinity School, Yale Divinity School, and Union

Theological Seminary (NY) with the status of “special” (non-degree) student because women were not admitted to the degree programs at seminaries. This hymn was chosen to be used at the World Council of Churches meeting in 1954. The tune first appeared in the Genevan Psalter in 1551.

Closing 397 *Nun danket alle Gott - Now Thank We All Our God*

Composed by a German Bishop during the Thirty Years War who performed 40-50 funerals a day, including that of his wife. Given the circumstances, it is amazing this hymn is so uplifting. The well-known tune has been coupled with this text since 1663 when it was first published.



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S WORK BENCH

Fall Cleaning Day - October 2nd - 9:00 a.m. until finished. . . .

Please come and be a part of this important day. We need you!

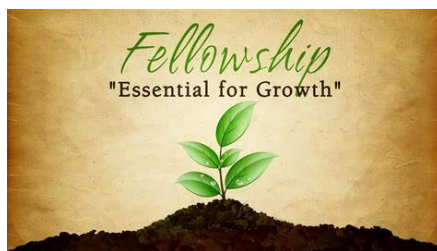
This list will be posted in the Parish Hall so you can sign up.

- Trim limbs of trees and bushes around the Parish Hall
- Pick up sticks
- Dig a trench for the ditch for proper water drainage
- Ready the Creation Care Garden for winter
- Weed control in the parking area
- Move furniture out of the nursery
- Wash windows
- Edge sidewalks
- Install a handicapped sign
- Paint handrails
- Change lightbulbs in the choir room

Contact me if you have any input or additions to this list!

Scott Holt

804-814-8126



There is a Rumor We've Got Humor!

In 1792, a Boston area schoolteacher, bookseller, and amateur astronomer, Robert B. Thomas, published his first issue of the FARMER'S ALMANAC. Apparently, there were other Almanacs on the market or coming onto the market at the time, so Mr. Thomas focused on distinguishing his from other such publications. In one of his early issues, he wrote, "We must strive always to be useful, with a pleasant degree of humor." The Old Farmer's Almanac is still around today!

To a great degree, we feel this is the mission of the Fellowship Committee...offer useful, constructive, uplifting, and informative activities with humor and grace so we can put a smile on your face! Remember the line from one of the old Motown songs that bellowed, "A smile is a frown turned upside down?" Let's review our "Learning. Loving and Entertaining Activities "for the upcoming three months:

Thursday, October 10th. This is the newly revised and official date for the famous Marine Corps Run that commemorates the passing of Lieutenant General Lewis " Chesty " Puller on October 10th, 1971. Based on our latest reports from Fort Gregg-Adams, we can expect between 200 to 225 able-bodied recruits engaged in this ceremonial Run to the church. They will be greeted by The Reverend Randi Rowe and Father Bob Prichard, who will share stories about the general's personal and private life as a member of CCP. Their stories of the life and legend of this hero will spark cheers and smiles from the Runners. The Fellowship Committee Members supply snacks, soft drinks, and multiple cups of coffee to all the Runners. After a few more comments and words of appreciation, The Marine Detachment moves back to their base, and the grounds of Christ Church Parish are once again strangely calm, yet ever serene.

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Beginning on Sunday, November 10th, we honor our Veterans for two days.

On the first day, Sunday, November 10th, we begin with a lecture featuring acclaimed author Ms. Heath Lee at 2:00 pm at the St. Clare Walker School Auditorium in Saluda. This event is open to the public with no charge for admission. Donations will be graciously accepted

Ms. Lee's book, *The League of Wives*, explains the role of a few yet powerful military wives united to affect change in the prisoner policies of the Vietnam War. The book focuses on efforts to bring home United States service members who were captured in Vietnam and held in captivity for years. This event is

On Monday, November 11th, the 8th Annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Christ Church will be held in Parish Hall. Ms. Lee will again be the keynote speaker, giving a synthesis of the story behind the *League of Wives* book. Please note that reservations must be made for the Luncheon. Call Barbara at 804-832-0016 to reserve your seat!

The December 4th Advent Dinner brings us together again for our themed Advent Dinner, which shines a spotlight on Austria and her gift to the world: the song *Silent Night*. Your Fellowship Committee cooks this one for you!

Christmas Eve, December 24th, The Fellowship Committee will serve hot tea and cider immediately after our Christmas Eve service outside the doors of our church. Please come join us for some Christmas cheer and warm smiles.

Our final event of the season is the Epiphany Bonfire on January 6th. The large blaze of dried Christmas trees and holiday greens gives a spectacular ending to the holiday season and signals new beginnings in our church and personal lives. Save your dried trees and greens for the event. Drop them off at church, or we can arrange a pick-up.

Onward Christian Soldiers into the night and the days ahead as we share the news of the Christ Child's birth.

Bev Hart and Mary Lynn Landgraf

Special October Celebrations

Anniversaries



- 3 Bob & Patty Lamb*
- 7 Ken & Jeannie Alcott*
- 9 Barry & Cathy Spence*
- 24 Bryan & Paula Saddler*
- 26 Trent & Sally Austin*

Birthdays

- 1 Debbie Davis*
- 2 Linda Parker*
- 8 Rev. Randi Rowe*
- 9 Dixon Cole*
- 10 Craig Booth*
- 19 Jody Anglin*
- 20 Rusty Spears*
- 25 Tom Clarke*
Gordon White



Matters Concerning Money

A few notes from your Financial Administrator

1. When you receive a reimbursement check, please cash or deposit it as soon as possible.
2. The Stewardship year is aligned with the calendar year. If you wish to make payments toward your 2025 pledge after Stewardship Sunday, please write “for 2025 pledge – prepayment” on the memo line of your check. Prepayments are counted as contributions in the current year, but are credited to your pledge as noted above. If there is no notation, it is assumed that any contributions through the end of this calendar year are for your 2024 pledge. If you plan to make any prepayments from a brokerage account, please call the office and let me know directly.
3. For any contribution questions at any time, please contact me or leave a message and I will return your call.
4. For those who request them, offering envelopes will be available in the narthex of the church in December.

Tonya

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 2024 are:

<u>Month Published</u>	<u>Submission Deadline is before 5:00 pm on:</u>
November	October 25, 2024
December	November 15, 2024
January 2025	December 23, 2024