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From the Rector

Dear people of Christ Church,

On the first Monday of this past month, a parishioner asked me if I had been helping the children get ready to sing for the 10:30 am service since I was not there for the first part of the service. They said that that is what they had heard from someone else prior to the service. I reassured them that I leave that special job for our more-than-capable Cherub Choir director, Marsha Baden.

This is a wonderful example of how stories begin and grow in a community and explains why I appreciate people communicating directly when they wish to know something. Use this example as a reminder that if something going on in the parish or during worship does not seem to make sense, be sure to ask those involved what is going on.

Furthermore, it helped me realize that my coming into the service with the children needed further explanation!

Back in the fall, we introduced the practice of having the clergy being present in the children's chapel. On the first Sunday of each month during the program year, one of the clergy leads the children's chapel, which happens during the first part of the 10:30 am service. The preacher takes the first part of the 10:30 am service (also known as the Liturgy of the Word) with the congregation. The celebrant goes with the children for their Liturgy of the Word. This gives the clergy the chance to teach the children about the church's seasons, the parts of the service, and other special things going on in our worship or in our parish life. It also gives the children the opportunity to ask questions about the worship and get to know the clergy in a smaller group setting. We have been fortunate to have other adults and youth help with the crafts and demonstrating how to stand, sit, kneel, and otherwise behave in our worship services.

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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service—

April 2 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Ecumenical Service—

April 3 at Noon at First Presbyterian

Good Friday Liturgy—

April 3 at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil— April 4 at 7:00 pm

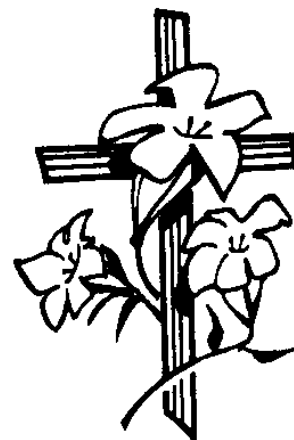
Easter Sunday Services

Ecumenical Service at 6:30 am
at Mt. Hebron

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am—Holy Eucharist
(family service)

11:15 am—Holy Eucharist
(with brass and timpani)



Happy Easter!

From the Rector

At the appropriate time, Margery Wingenbach, our director of Christian Education, comes to get the children to walk them down to the service and join their families. As the children come into the service, the celebrant goes to the altar and rejoins the community as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

I will be the first to admit that having the person leading the service change in the middle of the service is abrupt, but I suggest that this abrupt change reminds us of how we value the importance of our children in the parish. It is important for the children to know the clergy. It is also important for them to have time taken to teach them about our worship and talk about Jesus as present in both our worship and our lives. That is our charge in the service of Holy Baptism when we, the whole community, agree to support these children as they grow up in the life of the family.

The children are a part of the church family. I have heard a misnomer say, "The children and youth are the future of the church." The reality is that they are part of the church now! What we teach them and how we care for them now is just as important in our parish life, as the future when they assume other roles of leadership in the parish. The clergy are only a part of the children's chapel program. The leadership offered by the other adults involved in this ministry every Sunday is a wonderful gift for children and their families.

If anyone is interested in helping with the children's chapel program, please be sure to ask Margery Wingenbach or talk with me or Bridget.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector
rector@christchurchwinchester.org

Adult Daytime Faith Study Continues

The Thursday morning Adult Faith Study is utilizing a program through "The Great Courses." We are using selections from lectures by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson called "Jesus and The Gospels," looking particularly at his lectures focusing on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This is from the course description: "Veteran Teaching Company Professor Johnson has designed this course to examine the Gospels as literary productions. The lectures seek to encounter not the Jesus behind those compositions, but the Jesus found within them."

The study is led by Webster and meets in the Parlors on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (April 9 & 23). Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Church Office (540-662-5843).

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, we are on the brink of the first day of Spring with hopes of sunshine and warmer days despite predictions of yet another snow storm. It seems as if we have been waiting an abnormally long time this winter for the grey skies and snow to disperse and for the trees and flowers to finally begin to bloom. It has been interesting to ponder this kind of waiting as we continue our journey through Lent anticipating the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection.

For me Lent is a liminal time. Admittedly, as Easter people we walk through the wilderness with the knowledge that we are on the threshold of Easter joy. Lent is a time we walk through as we ponder what separates us from God, in a way it feels a bit like wandering through darkness. But a darkness that we know cannot consume us. Darkness in the spiritual life gets a lot of bad press, yet it quite often yields extraordinary events. For instance, look at the life of Christ. Many significant events in Jesus' life took place in darkness: his birth, his arrest, his death, his resurrection.

We approach this threshold of Easter asking God to reveal to us more and more of the Light, Jesus Christ. We spend our days during Lent waiting, waiting for glimpses of the Light of the world. Sometimes, waiting and patience in waiting are not my strongest gifts. In moments when I need be patient, especially when I need to remind myself to be thankful for these forty days in the wilderness I use these words of Paul's written to the Romans, "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

In *Where the Heart Waits*, Sue Monk Kidd writes, "Waiting is the missing link in the transformation process. Not waiting as we're accustomed to it, but waiting as the passionate and contemplative crucible in which new life and spiritual wholeness can be birthed." As I think ahead to Holy Week, this is the kind of waiting I hope we all can engage in those final days before celebrating the Paschal Mystery at the Great Vigil of Easter. Waiting with eagerness for what we do not see in the stillness and dark following Maundy Thursday through Good Friday until the new fire is lit at the beginning of the vigil. That in the darkness we may wait with hope athirst with anticipation for a spiritual awakening to accompany the renewal of our baptismal vows. That our Easter joy would be just the beginning of a new phase in our faith life.

Blessings,

Bridget

The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector
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Thank you to everyone who supported the J2A Pilgrimage Auction! We are so thankful for all who donated auction items, prepared food, bought tickets, and joined us for a fantastic time. A special thank you to Polly's Cab, Nick and Kathy Nerangis, and David and Sara Bicking for your sponsorship support. Due to the generosity of our Christ Church community, we raised approximately \$7,500 for the pilgrimage trip.



From the Vestry

The Vestry Retreat at Shrine Mont



Member of the Vestry spent the weekend of March 20-22 at Shrine Mont. In addition to doing some spring cleaning there, they spent time with The Rev. Pat Wingo, Canon to the Ordinary, who mediated conversations about leadership in the church.

Highlights from March's Vestry Meeting

- The Treasurer's report noted that expenses are right on track and revenue is just below target. We owe \$127,000 to the endowment. Pledges in the amount of \$79,629 have been made for the organ restoration project.
- The Vestry approved a donation of \$500 to FROG (see p. 10) requested by the Outreach Committee.
- Parish Life is asking committees to sign up to host coffee hour. Newcomers activities are being reviewed and a Green Team (for recycling) is being established.
- The End-of-Life planning discussion held on March 7th went well. 26 people attended and the speakers were informative.
- The Youth Hunger Games continue through Palm Sunday and will provide donations of canned food to Panda Pantry.
- Bishop Susan Goff will visit on September 20, 2015 at the 10:30 am service.

Christian Formation

Sunday School News



Mite Box Lenten Offering

As Lent ends, we have a wonderful opportunity as parents to commit once again to supporting our children's Christian formation. The commitment to regular participation in any activity is difficult in busy lives yet to grow in anything requires lots of practice and repetition. Making the effort to attend Sunday School each week is an obvious example. Another has been our practice of an annual Mite Box mission offering.

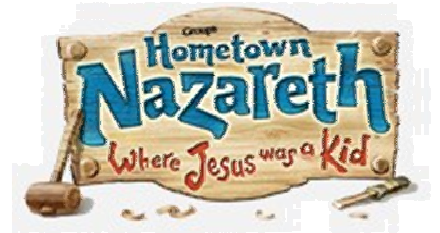
Thank you for the success of this year's focus on the Heifer Project. The preschool through grade 5 classes have been bringing in a weekly offering to fund projects that they have chosen as a group. Thus far, the #1 choice, a pig, has been funded, as well as the #2 project, an irrigation well. By the beginning of April, the classes plan to fund at least two more projects.

We will hold a celebration of the projects supported by our efforts during the Sunday School classes on April 12. If you're not in church on the 12th, offerings will be still be accepted through the first week of May. Thanks for your support!

Vacation Bible School

Everyone knows what it's like to hear stories from someone's childhood.

Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid, based on stories from Luke, Matthew, and John, takes kids back to Nazareth, where they'll discover that the carpenter's son is really God's son. They will learn about God's Word at work in a person's life, go to Fun & Games for high-energy, low-tech activities, and visit the Marketplace for snacks and crafts, and enjoy those unforgettable VBS songs.



Preparations are underway! **Registration forms** will be distributed in Sunday School classes the second Sunday in May and registrations will be available online as well as in classrooms, in the Tilford Room, etc. Our journey is July 6-10. Our program is from 9:00 am – Noon each day. We will be reaching out to the whole community, our village, together with our neighbors at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Remember, we include more than just the children of our two congregations—this is a major children's outreach. Let's include as many two year-olds through current 6th graders as we can – neighbors, visiting cousins, children of co-workers are all welcome.

Adults: VBS always needs support! The three Ts — time, talent, and treasure — can be a big part of the village that helps a child to grow spiritually. After Easter, look for news about how adults can help. We offer a huge, energy-filled, fun experience in which every parishioner can play a role. We would love to have youth who are currently in 7th grade, or older, serve as helpers in the classrooms and at games. A great opportunity for those who can only commit to help for a shorter project!

REMEMBER: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Christian Formation

Adult Forum: The Psalms

Beginning April 12, Adult Forum will focus on the psalms in the Easter Season. The Book of Psalms has been called our first hymnal. The psalms, as poetry of our worship, give voice to our joys, our sorrows, our laments, and our desire to glorify God. They are a part of our Sunday readings, and are cited in other parts of scripture. However, the psalms pose a challenge for us as we hear them in church because they are not like the other readings that we use. As we hear the psalms read in different styles of recitation or sung, we do not have the time to analyze or reflect on the poetic nature of the psalms and why we are using certain psalms at certain times of the year. Easter is one of those seasons when we want to have such a moment to appreciate the psalms. Using the psalms read on and after Easter, we will look at our first hymns and see what they teach us. Please join us in the Tilford Room at 9:30 am each Sunday with a cup of coffee as we open the Book of Psalms.

Parish Life

Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

Looking for God in Mosaics

Come one, come all, to Shrine Mont on Mother's Day weekend, May 8–10. There, you will rest body, mind, and soul in the beauty of the mountains, as you hike, read, snooze, bird-watch, sketch, eat comfort food, smell the flowers, and gather around a bonfire for S'mores. Reflect and pray in community with your clergy and fellow parishioners, or while walking the labyrinth or the Stations of the Cross. Join your kids in fun and games. Or, opt to do nothing, because at Shrine Mont, doing nothing is—*something*.

Shrine Mont affords you a wonderful opportunity to share your life in Christ with fellow travelers in the Way whether you are new at Christ Church or a longtime parishioner. It's worth the effort it takes to get away from it all. You won't forget those early mornings reading in an Adirondack chair, or celebrating Eucharist in the open-air Cathedral.

Shrine Mont is a holy hill, and you will leave it rested and rejoicing!

Please pick up a brochure/registration form in the Tilford Room, see the information on the website (www.ChristChurchWinchester.org), or call the Church Office to register.



Parish Life

The Top 5 Coffee Hour Myths



1. **Coffee hour is handled by a group that I'm not involved with. They have it under control already. MYTH!** Coffee hour is the responsibility and the joy of the entire congregation. Anyone who has ever grabbed a cookie after church knows how much it is appreciated. This lovely tradition occurs because of people who take the initiative to sign up. You are invited to be one of those people!

2. **Hosting coffee hour is stressful. MYTH!** Last anyone checked, there is no complaint box in the Tilford Room for coffee hour. Anything you do is icing on the cake; the alternative is nothing happening each week, which would be sad. Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship at Christ Church. You bring what you choose, keep the coffee flowing, and that's it. When the munchies are gone, that means you did a great job.

3. **Hosting coffee hour is expensive. MYTH!** Hosting coffee hour can be whatever you want it to be. Some folks enjoy making it a bigger affair, and hey, who minds that?! Others pick up some goodies at Costco and keep it simple. Guess what? It gets eaten and enjoyed thoroughly either way! Another great tip is to check out the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry the week before hosting. If food isn't labeled, it is fair game, and we would LOVE to see leftovers used. This is a way to help us be good stewards of the church's resources.

4. **I don't know anyone to host with, so I can't do it! MYTH!** You can suggest that any group you are associated with host coffee hour. It is so much fun to do this way, with lots of hands and friends. You can also contact any of the monthly coordinators (listed below). We will be happy to help you find a friend that would like to share the responsibility!

5. **I don't know how the coffee machine works, and I'm worried the Episcopalians will get cranky if they have to wait for their caffeine. MYTH!** There are instructions in the kitchen that are easy to follow. Any of the coffee hour coordinators will be happy to give you a tutorial on the coffee machine or any other kitchen questions. In addition, there are LOTS of people at coffee hour each week who have done it before. They are always glad to lend a hand. In fact, I've had people jump in and brew a pot (or four) of coffee without my even asking. It truly is a team mentality; you're not alone. Finally, Episcopalians are *never* cranky.

I hope you will consider making coffee hour part of your contribution to the life of the parish. It is a fun and greatly appreciated way to give back to the community! Sign up in the Tilford Room.

Submitted by Polly Nelson

Calendar and Upcoming Events

Church Services

Sunday

Holy Communion Rite I 8:00 am
Holy Communion Rite II 10:30 am

Wednesday

12:00 pm Pilgrim's Chapel
(Healing Service 3rd Wed)

Second Monday

6:30 pm Special Needs—Sanctuary

Weekdays

7:30 am Morning Prayer Pilgrim's Chapel

April

- 5 Easter Sunday
- 7 Apple Blossom seats on sale for parishioners
- 9 Community Fellowship at 7:00 pm
- 11 Men's Fellowship at 7:30 am
- 13 Special Needs Service at 6:30 pm
- 14 Apple Blossom seats on sale for everyone
- 18 Treasure Box open for Saturday hours
- 22 Salvation Army Dinner at Ft Collier Campus
- 28 Treasure Box open for Saturday hours

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 am
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Liturgical Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Community Fellowship	2nd Thurs: 7:00 pm
Men's Fellowship	2nd Sat: 7:30 am
Outreach Committee	4th Tues: 7:00 pm
Properties Committee	3rd Tues: 7:00 pm
Treasure Box	Wed & Fri: 10 am-4 pm
Vestry	2nd Tues: 7:00 pm
Women's Bible Studies	Tues: 10:45 - Noon Thurs: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm

**The Rector's day off is Friday.
The Assistant Rector's day off is Monday.**

Children's Chapel

Join us on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall from 10:30 am until the Peace. We welcome children ages 3-7. No registration is required. The service is child-sized and allows our young parishioners to explore the same Gospel we hear in the Sanctuary but with more opportunity to wiggle and talk! Our Children's Chapel leaders always welcome an extra pair of hands if you would like to join them!

Nursery

Our nursery, on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall, is open from 10:15 am through the end of the 10:30 am service to serve infants and children up to age 3.

April Birthdays

- 2 Martin Tabaka, Dan Wall
- 3 Ali Mislowsky
- 4 George Gunnell
- 6 Toni Sloan
- 7 David McWhorter, Stewart Wiley
- 8 Mary Rodriguez
- 10 Ann Carroll
- 11 Lauren Soltas
- 12 Nora Garber, Brock Whipkey
- 13 Hayden Armstrong, Alexandra Dastjerdi
- 14 Dixon Whitworth, Elizabeth Raymond
- 16 Sylvia Petrie
- 17 Doug Ewell, Dennis Wise, Ben Arthur
- 18 Kevin Kennedy, Kathy Nerangis,
Timothy Fairbanks, Maria Nelson
- 19 Michael Mohn, Dan Troup,
Victoria Ellington, Thomas Northrup
- 20 Jane Thompson, Paulette Jennis, Leslie
Harper, Tom Wise, Nathan Crowell,
Don MacDonald
- 21 Diedra Kriewald
- 22 Laken Whipkey
- 23 Ruth Gregory
- 24 Molly Whitworth, Joan Claybrook
- 27 Melissa Ferguson, Nicholas-Ryan
Herrington, John-Henry Herrington
- 30 Donna Gullstrand



Wedding Anniversaries

- 19 Bernie & Rosemary Swope
- 26 Scott and Leslie Harper
- 30 Bill and Sue Jones



Register online at www.shrinemontcamps.net.
Scholarships are available. Please speak with
the clergy.

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.

Please let the office know the school addresses of our college students.



Look for Christ Episcopal Church Winchester and like us to stay up-to-date on the latest news!

Organ Restoration

Project Update

Earlier this month, two representatives, Erik Boody and Robbie Lawson, from the Taylor and Boody Organ Company came to Christ Church to prepare for our organ restoration. They met with Dr. Kriewald and spent time going through the details of the “innards” of the instrument, measuring and photographing everything imaginable. They also reviewed the timeline for the repairs and restoration.

From their visit, we learned that the start and end dates for the project remain the same. Around the first week in June, a crew from Taylor and Boody will arrive and our organ will be completely dismantled, leaving only its shell. Each and every pipe, the keyboards and pedal board, and most of the internal mechanisms will be loaded into crates and taken to the factory in Staunton to be cleaned and restored. Once the pipes are removed, the remaining organ shell will be thoroughly cleaned to make a new home for the newly cleaned and repaired pipes. It will be a great day when we once again have our beautiful organ back, ready to celebrate our music program and to aid in our exciting liturgical life together.

For those who are not aware, Taylor and Boody is the firm that designed and built the absolutely beautiful new instrument that is currently being installed in the new chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. They also recently completed one of New York City’s finest instruments in the Grace Church (Episcopal), Manhattan. This is very reassuring for those needing reassurance, that Taylor and Boody is a highly respected and reputable firm.

From the Taylor and Boody on-site visit, Dr. Kriewald learned that our organ is one of the dustiest and dirtiest organs the representatives had seen. Combined with pipe issues that are worsening daily and other known problems with the organ, their visit reaffirmed that this work could not have waited any longer without further and even more expensive repairs being required.

The Organ Committee will keep the congregation informed about the status of the project and its progress. As of this printing, our restoration campaign currently stands at \$90,219, over halfway to our \$165,000 goal! We are so fortunate to be able to count on the generosity of our congregation. Thank you, each of you, who have already made your pledge to be an organ donor.

The gift of music in our worship at Christ Church is something of which we are very proud. We do not and cannot take it for granted. It is not going to pay for itself. As the Body of Christ at worship, it is important for each person to take his or her share of ownership in our organ restoration. As we move ahead, if you have not done so already, please be sure to consider giving a pipe (or two or ten), or any other of the parts of the organ listed on the pledge card. We want to keep our tracker organ sounding wonderful, now and for future generations.

If you have questions, or would like to ask about ways you can give in support, please do not hesitate to reach out the members of the Organ Committee, including Dr Kriewald, Harry Polling, Bryan Gray, Phil Sargent, and Tom Ellington.

Organ Restoration

Memories of a Visit to Möller Organ Company

Snapshot: Our father had died five years earlier. This summer, our mother needed a break from the urgency of caring for her two boys. I was nine and my brother, Hugh, was six years old. The time was 1934, the depth of the Great Depression. So our mother packed her two boys off to a farm near Hagerstown, Maryland to give her a much needed break.

As I walked beside the farmer as he handled a plow and a team of horses, I found out that farming was hard work and profits unsure. I had expected to see butter on the table instead of margarine. After all, this was a farm with cows, but next I learned that milk and cream were the only source of cash until harvest. To help out, the farmer's son had a job in a ready-mix concrete station near town that also brought in some much-needed cash for the family.

One day, Alban, the son, invited Hugh and me to spend the day with him at the ready-mix concrete station. Alban shot an opossum, and that animal became our lunch. While I was nibbling away at the bones, I noticed the Möller Organ Company just across the railroad tracks. I was then, and continue to this day, to be fascinated by engineering, science and technology. From my experiences in church, the organ seemed to me to be the height of high technology.

So, two ragamuffins trudged across the tracks and up to the door. I knocked. I explained to the man who opened the door that we had come to see how they build organs. The man escorted Hugh and me from department to department, from workbench to workbench. We saw a man cutting and polishing ivory veneer for the keys. We saw men roll special sheet metal into pipes as small as whistles and others taller than most rooms. Other pipes were made of wood in a wood shop. We saw solenoids being wound that would operate air valves and vanes in the completed organ. And at last, we did see a completed organ, although without all the fancy covers that you see in church. It was being tested and voiced. There they were, rank upon rank of pipes of the types we just saw being made.

I look back on that wonderful experience of two boys who had just lunched on opossum. I marvel at the interest those men took in explaining their work to us. We were treated with the courtesy that a couple of millionaires might have experienced who were about to endow a cathedral organ. Every now and then, I meet up with one of those Möller organ masterpieces. I think back to that summer afternoon in 1934 and to those excellent craftsmen who created these organs. I touch the organ, and I say a quiet thank you to those men.

George C. Stierhoff



From the Finance Committee

Budget:

Although expenses were held close to budget for the month, revenue dipped slightly for the month of February. We believe this was primarily due to the snow storms that made it difficult to attend services. Our budget through February of 2015 planned for us to end with a small surplus (positive: where revenues exceed expenses) of \$1,995. Due to the possibly weather-related delay in pledged revenue coming in, we had a deficit of \$6,296 instead of a surplus. Below are the summary numbers:

2015: Through February	Budget	Actual
Revenues	\$88,060.00	\$79,811.00
Expenses	\$86,065.00	\$86,107.00
Balance	\$1,995.00	-\$6,296.00

Capital Campaign Update:

On the \$300,000 interest-free loan from Endowment, \$203,000 has now been paid back. The outstanding balance is \$97,000.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee met the end of February to review funds and their restrictions. Work is underway to identify unrestricted funds and make them more accessible.

Organ Renovation:

\$165,000 is needed for the whole project: \$46,987 has been received thus far. Another \$43,232 has been pledged over the next three years. The amount we still need to raise to complete the project: **\$74,781.**



From the Outreach Committee

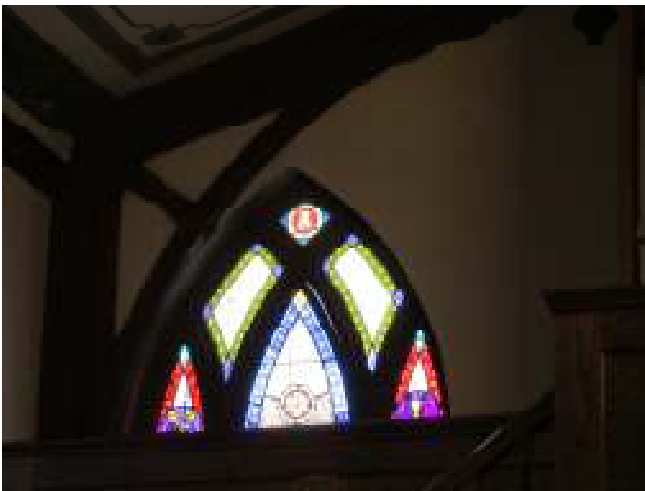


The Christ Church Outreach committee strives to help those in need locally, nationally, and internationally via funding, as well as with hands-on assistance. One of the local organizations that the committee supports is Families Reaching Out Group (FROG), which is a non-profit group whose mission is to provide support and essential items to foster children as they are placed with caring families. In many cases, the children have nothing but the clothes on their backs when they are introduced into a new foster home. FROG has opened a “shop,” called Froggy's Closet, downtown on the walking mall, serving as a donation and distribution site for providing the children with clothing and other essentials. On occasion,

Froggy's Closet also assists young adults who no longer qualify for foster care as they move on to live on their own.

The Outreach Committee invites you to visit Froggy's Closet and donate clothing of all sizes (especially 4T and 5T sizes) to help them reach as many at-risk children as possible. Also, please feel free to check out their website www.frog-kids.org or visit their Facebook page, Froggy's-Closet, for more information and items needed. Thank you for your support!

From the Properties Committee



We wanted to point out the recent patches in the sanctuary which sometimes go unnoticed. The east corner of the rear wall suffered plaster damage when the bell tower roof leaked. Following the completion of the bell tower renovation, the consultant recommended waiting at least a year to allow the wall to dry out and make sure the roof was properly sealed. We are happy to say that the roof is sealed, the wall is dried out, and now the plaster work is done. This also helps to avoid having dust in the organ as it is cleaned during the renovation. The other area patched and repainted was the wall of the side chapel.

The pointing of the masonry also continues around the parish hall and the Smith building as we work to seal the buildings from any further water penetration in the future.

Parish News

Apple Blossom Parade Chairs Fundraiser

It's that time of year again in Winchester and, once again, Christ Church will sell seats for parade-watching. Proceeds from past sales have supported everything from parish projects to mission trips. This year's proceeds will support the J2A Pilgrimage.

Many hands are needed to assist before, during and after both parades. Chairs are set up on Friday morning, May 1, at 9:00 am. We also need help selling tickets, seating people, and picking up the chairs after the parades. If you can help, please contact Bruce Trant (667-5867) or Doug Thomas (662-0278).

Parishioners are invited to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the public. Parishioners may purchase tickets, **beginning on Tuesday, April 7**, at the Church Office between 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and Friday between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale to the community on April 14.

Tickets cannot be reserved. Payment by cash or check is required at the time of sale.

Firefighters' Parade - Friday, May 1 at 5:30 pm Grand Feature Parade - Saturday, May 2 at 1:30 pm

1st Row \$4

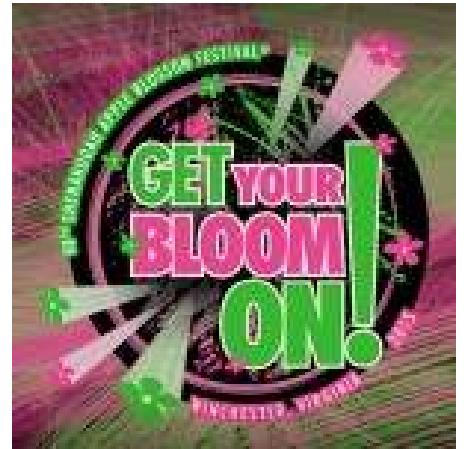
2nd Row \$3

1st Row \$6

2nd Row \$5

3rd Row \$4 - Church sidewalk only

There are three seating areas this year—along the side of the church on Washington Street, in front of the Baden Center on Washington Street, and along the bank property sidewalk across Washington Street from the church. Four parking tickets for the Baden Center lot are available for \$35 each. They can be used Friday and Saturday and each ticket includes two parking spaces—one in front and one in back.



Treasure Box News



The Treasure Box is off to a good start with the spring/summer season. Our occasional Saturday openings have been very popular with shoppers, and are bringing us some new customers as well. Thanks to the steady stream of donations, we have a nice selection of women's wear and accessories, glassware and decorative ceramics. We really need more men's ties, children's clothes, and household items such as towels, tablecloths, bedspreads or summer-weight blankets. If you have any of these things to donate, please drop them off at the Treasure Box on Wednesday or Friday between 10-4. We also plan to be open two Saturdays in April—the 18th and 28th. Saturday donations will be gratefully accepted as well.

Parish News

Fellowship Groups Meet

The **Men's Fellowship** meets Saturday, April 11, at 7:30am, in the Baden Center, where we will discuss reconciliation and what it means to men in today's society. Breakfast will be served.

Our April **Community Fellowship** welcomes Dakota, better known as Kota (pictured right), the Winchester City Police K-9 German Shepherd, and his handler, Cpl. Brittany Kotynski-Neer, as our guests. Kota was injured in the line of duty while helping Winchester Police apprehend two burglary suspects in January 2014. After months of rehabilitation, Kota returned to duty in September 2014 and was named a finalist for the American Humane Association Hero Dog Award. He appeared on the Today Show with other finalists. Kota will share his journey as a narcotics dog (though he will leave the speaking to Cpl. Neer!) and will be on hand for “pawgraphs” afterwards. Please join us on April 9, at 7:00 pm, in the Tilford Room, and spend time with this hometown hero. The fellowship is open to all---especially our young people---and refreshments will be served.



Flower Guild

Greetings! I want to thank Pam DeBergh and Judy Anderson for providing us a wonderful flower arranging demonstration in March. It was, needless to say, very fun and informative and allayed everyone's fears of flower arranging. Judy showed us the more formal flower arranging that you see on the altar many Sundays. Her use of the phrase “in the shape of a fan” made it seem so much more manageable. Pam showed us a more relaxed style of arranging that can so easily be done in the Pilgrim's Chapel. She used most of the greenery from her yard and all I need to remember is “thriller, filler and spiller” and I've got it made!

Keep a lookout for our next fun event. We plan to go visit some nice, friendly people's yards to see what great plants we can use in our arrangements. And, once again, we will have such knowledgeable people leading us, we can't help but learn a lot. Look for it sometime in May.

Also, remember that you can put all this new found knowledge to use by volunteering to arrange on a Wednesday in the Pilgrim's Chapel. We could really use your help and it will be fun at the same time. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Katie Harvard at 757-999-3816.



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Parish Nurse Musings

If you attended the end-of-life planning seminar held here in March, you heard me ask the participants why people continue to say, "Good Grief." I did not get very many comments because most people don't think there is such a thing as Good Grief, but there is such a thing! The opposite of Good Grief is Bad Grief, which can keep us from recovering from a loss for years. I want to challenge each of you to discuss with your families what grief is and what it means to each of you. I want you to discuss what you want to happen to you if you are not able to tell people what you want and who should be making those decisions. Don't let it wait until you are unconscious in the hospital and the physician and family don't have a clue what you want. That will constitute Bad Grief when your wishes are not met. Good Grief will be when you, as a special person, are remembered the way you want to be remembered. Remember, grief is not just when someone dies. It can be a failed relationship, loss of a job, changing schools, loss of income, children moving away from home (both for parents and children). How do you deal with grief? Stop and analyze it and determine to involve others in your plans and your grief. See you next month.

Your Parish Nurse, Helen