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## The Restoration of the Christ Church Organ

Installed in 1981, our tracker pipe organ has served us very well. Thirty-four years have passed and it needs a tune up. It's like a car at 250,000 miles. It has had regular oil changes, grease jobs, and occasional new tires, but now our organ needs more than that to keep it running in good order for another 30 years.

### What needs to be done?

#### Repair bent and collapsing pipes:

There are pipes that are bending and collapsing. Metal fatigue happens with most anything metal – railroad tracks, bridges, skyscrapers, and organs. The pipes need attention. Some of our pipes are bending, and some have already collapsed. They need to be straightened; some need to be replaced. Racks will be installed on some of the larger pipes to help keep them straight, lessening the possibility of them bending or collapsing in the future. If this isn't corrected, the organ can quickly become unplayable. Already, there are notes that don't play because of this problem. It will only get much worse without being repaired.

#### Clean the organ:

After 34 years, the inside of the organ is quite dirty. You would not go inside it with your Sunday clothes on! It is filled with dust and needs a thorough cleaning. Dust is in the pipes and every place else. It alters the sound, and even worse, dust can cause a pipe to play when you don't want it to or stop a pipe from playing.

30+ years of existence has also taken its toll on the exterior of the organ. Its unstained solid cherry case, the body of the organ, needs cleaning and polishing, just as any fine piece of furniture needs TLC. The exterior pipes need cleaning to restore them to their original luster. Pipes with dents need to be repaired.



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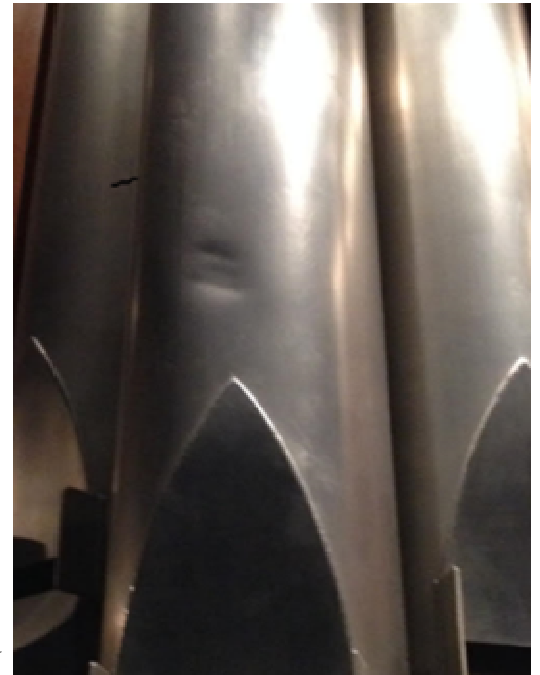
## Organ Restoration

### **A new combination (often called “stop”) action:**

A horn, signal lights, brakes, and mirrors all are needed to drive a car safely and efficiently. An organist needs similar assistance to play the organ. The aid most used are called pistons. Pistons allow for quick and smooth changes in sound and volume. The current system which was “state of the art” when it was installed, is slow, noisy, and often fails. As you need reliable brakes on your car, an organist needs a reliable combination action system. Our old system will be replaced with a fast, reliable, relatively quiet digital system, something that wasn’t available when our organ was installed because computers were still in their infancy.

### **Install lights inside the organ:**

When the organ was installed, lights produced so much heat that they would literally affect the pipes of the organ in their sound. So, no lights then. Now with LED technology, the lights are much cooler and able to be installed in the organ and above it in the ceiling, allowing the tuner and all others to see well, eliminating the need for lights to be temporarily installed with cords running through the interior, which is time-consuming and unsafe, yielding less than optimum results.



### **Make pipe and tonal modifications:**

Our organ has an abundance of high pitches and has less in its “middle” and lower sounds. This tonal design was popular and sought after in its day. Over the past 30+ years, tastes have changed, the demand on the organ has changed, and the acoustics of the church have changed, changing the sound of the organ. Modifications will make the organ sound warmer and will give a tremendous boost to the organist in programming literature,

accompanying the choir, and in accompanying congregational singing. The tonal combinations and possibilities will increase exponentially.



## From the Rector

Dear People of Christ Church,

I have been asked by several of you about the sabbatical mentioned in the Vestry minutes for January. Actually, there have been three questions: When are you going? What will you be doing? What is a sabbatical?

Taking the last question first... As the word “sabbatical” indicates, it is associated with the ancient faith practice of Sabbath. In creation, when God is done after six days, God rests on the seventh. All of us are called to honor that day and keep it holy. This is also reflected in the ancient wisdom of allowing the fields to rest in the seventh year after six years of harvest. In my letter of agreement with Christ Church, the sabbatical is set for a time after my sixth year here. So, sabbatical has to do with resting, and it has to do with replenishing. It’s not a vacation—vacating everything to rest. Just as the garden soil needs to replenish the nutrients to be able to provide the plant food for growth, sabbatical is a time to refresh in ways of ministry and gain new tools to bring into ministry. Sometimes clergy go abroad to study or teach in a foreign country, or go on a pilgrimage - to replenish, to gain perspective, to find new ways to engage in ministry.

What will I be doing on sabbatical? I, too, will take time to rest and refresh and grow my tools of ministry. In addition to spending time with the family and doing some family projects, I will also participate in a Spanish immersion program with one week at a language school in Guatemala, followed by two weeks of working on construction and ministry projects at a school in the northern part of the Dominican Republic. As some of you know, building projects are a refreshment for me. I have also wanted to improve my Spanish, use of which is a constant reality in our own community. When a friend mentioned the chance to help in the Dominican Republic, I was excited for the opportunity.

As for when, while dates are not finalized, I am looking at being gone for a portion of June, all of July, and part of August. Sabbaticals usually vary from one month to six months. My sabbatical is six weeks, which works well for me and my family. Going into my eighth year here, this is a good time for this refreshment and renewal.

The conversation about sabbaticals for clergy is going on around the church. Bishop Johnston mentioned the importance of clergy taking their sabbaticals at our fall clergy retreat this year. He brought it up for two reasons: the need for clergy to refresh, and the ongoing problem around churches (not just Episcopal churches) with clergy burnout. At diocesan council, Bishop Johnston formally announced that he will be taking his sabbatical from September through December, as he completes his eighth year as bishop. In many ways, the sabbatical is the best way to serve the church and its clergy by keeping clergy refreshed and renewed in ministry, just as congregations continue to find ways to serve the world in fresh new ways.

The Vestry and I will keep in touch with you as we have specifics for my sabbatical. I am fortunate to have this opportunity and I appreciate the Vestry and parish for supporting me in it.

In the meantime, our ministries thrive, we worship our Lord, we care for our facilities and instruments, and take care of all of those other parts of our life that help us to be the Church. With Lent upon us, we have the opportunity to reflect upon ourselves and see where Jesus calls us to grow in new ways in our own lives. All of this, for me, is reassurance that the Holy Spirit does not work through one person in the church, but through all of us as we make the love of God known in and around our parish family.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector  
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## From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

It feels as if I just put away my Christmas decorations and here I am considering our Lenten journey that begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Ash Wednesday is a beginning, a beginning that says “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. We are human and prone to failure. We are human, and unable to make of ourselves anything else. Dust reminds us of the messes we make in life, the messes we sometimes make of life. No matter how hard we try not to, we leave bits of dust, of mess, behind us wherever we go. That is why the Ash Wednesday liturgy has within it the long confession. It is an invitation for us to own up to the inevitable messiness of our lives.

But, it is important for us to remember that confession always ends with absolution, with a declaration of forgiveness, with a word of grace and wholeness. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. These words themselves contain both confession and absolution, law and gospel, in equal measure. They echo the story in Genesis in which God took a lump of clay, a bit of dust, and breathed life into it, into us. We are dust, but we are very special dust, we are dust filled with the breath, the spirit, the very life of the creator God. And when we die, we in all our dirty dustiness will return to our maker, to God. Far from being rejected for our dustiness, we will be gathered back to the one who gave our dust, who gave us, our very lives.

In the meantime, between birth and death, between dust and dust, we live in the world as imperfect human beings, as fractured angels, as what Luther called being a saint and sinner at the same time. All too often we see ourselves and our God at one end or the other of the holiness spectrum. Either we see God as a stern and unbending judge and ourselves as miserable sinners or we see God as an indulgent grandparent who excuses our every mistake on the strength of great love and ourselves as sweet, harmless, and innocent little saints. And the truth lies somewhere in the vast empty space in the middle, both for God and for us.

Yes, God is righteous and holy. Yes, God does hate sin and demands justice and obedience. Yes, we do often fail to measure up. And yes, God does love us with a complete and unconditional love, a love that casts our sin deep into the sea, as far from us as the east is from the west. And the problem is we can't find a nice middling image for God, halfway between these two extremes; there is no middle position. God is not either/or; God is both/and. God is both judge and savior, just as we are both saint and sinner.

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. We are dust beneath God's holy feet and we are dust that has had holiness breathed into it. The God who condemns is also the God who saves, both, at the same time. Our Lenten journey is a journey to the cross, to the place where the ultimate mystery of God's eternal love is revealed. The cross is the place where God's judgment of sin and God's forgiveness of sin merge into the form of the crucified Christ. Luther said that there is only one place we can look and be certain that we are seeing God. There is only one place where God's justice and God's steadfast love can be clearly seen together. That place is Christ upon the cross.

Lent is a season that summons us to focus on the fullness of the Christian faith as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. So, please, please, remember that you are dust. And please, please remember, to dust you shall return. We are dust, holy messy dust, filled with the breath of our Creator, called by that same Creator into a life-giving relationship.

Blessings,



The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector  
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## From the Vestry

### What is this Morning Prayer on the Calendar?

The last several years, there has been an offering of the Daily Offices at Christ Church. These are generally said in the Pilgrim's Chapel for Morning Prayer. Evening Prayer is offered during Advent and Lent each year. Several in the congregation have asked why we set aside time for Morning and Evening Prayer at Christ Church. The simple answer comes from Marion Hatchett's book *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*. He tells us there are two basic elements to the daily office – a “setting apart of certain times of the day for prayer” and “frequent repetition of the songs and traditions of the community.” Hatchett provides a more in depth answer using some 60 odd pages to explain the Daily Offices and those interested should consult his commentary.

The Daily Offices are not unique to the Episcopal Church. Hatchett tells us we owe our present Daily Offices to both our Jewish and Roman Catholic worship heritage. In both worship traditions, times were set aside for daily prayers either in corporate or in private. These services have gone through many changes over the millennia. In short, early Christians adopted Jewish daily worship traditions, in part or in whole. These early Christian traditions were modified over time for monastic, congregational and private worship.

Perhaps the greatest modifications came after the Reformation. Thomas Cramner condensed the seven daily offices of the Roman Catholic Church into two daily services. These two services eventually became Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. The 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) added back some of the deleted service periods. Specifically, the 1979 BCP has in addition to Morning and Evening Prayer, prayers for Noonday and



Compline. The Noonday prayer service is for, as the name implies, the middle of the day. Compline is a prayer service for individuals or groups traditionally said at the end of the day.

We at Christ Church continue the prayer traditions of the last five millennia by offering Morning and Evening Prayer. I invite you to join those of us who gather to recite the prayers in the morning and in the evening. There is no better way to start and end your day.

*Tom Ellington, Senior Warden*

### Highlights from January's Vestry Meeting

- The Treasurer reported that year-end support was generous and resulted in a surplus over budgeted figures. This surplus was applied to the sabbatical reserve, the properties reserve, and the operational reserve.
- The Vestry unanimously approved the recommended 2015 budget.
- The Vestry approved the contract and initial payment for the organ renovation project.
- The Properties Committee reported that mortar replacement is complete and that they are watching the replacement tree planted along Washington Street before Christmas as it was damaged.
- The Outreach Committee celebrated the Panda Pantry with a party to honor volunteers in December. 30 guests attended.
- Thanks were shared for everyone who made Christmas so special this year—the youth who filled in when others were ill, Dr. Kriewald who played through a fever, and all of the First Night volunteers.
- The Vestry retreat is scheduled for March 21 at Shrine Mont.



# 2015 Annual Meeting

## Vestry Nominees

Our Christ Church Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 8, 2015. It is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am in the Tilford Room, with greetings and coffee at 9:15 am. Thank you to the members of the Vestry who have completed their service on the Vestry: John Applin, Bill Endorf, Ann McQuinn, and Sandy White. These are our seven nominees for Vestry. We will also have the opportunity for nominations from the floor at the meeting should there be any.



**Ashley Bingaman** has been a member at Christ Church for five years and has served as YASC Missionary, Choir, Youth Group Leader, Sunday school Teacher, LEM, LEV, DR Missioner, and helped with several outreach programs. She also served the Diocese of Haiti – church musician, reader, organized church music concerts, VBS.

Ashley grew up in Sterling, Virginia and came to Winchester in 2003 to study at Shenandoah University. In 2010, she began attending Christ Church and was baptized and confirmed into the church in April of 2011. She spent the past two years serving as a Young Adult Service Corps missionary for the Episcopal Church in Haiti. She currently works as a teacher's assistant for special education at the Middleburg Community Charter School.

Ashley brings a unique insight and knowledge of the larger church, with a particular focus on outreach and mission. Along with her knowledge of the church, she studied non-profit arts management and has taken courses in fundraising and development, project management, and marketing.



**Martha Babb Griffin** has been a member at Christ Church since 1963, serving as a Sunday School teacher, on the Properties Committee, Education Committee, as an LEV, and on the Vestry (Junior Warden 3 years). She also served as Sunday School teacher and Youth Group leader at Christ Church, Alexandria, and as an usher at Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke.

Martha was born and raised in Winchester, graduated from Mary Washington College, lived and worked in Northern Virginia 18 years. She married Jim Griffin in 1999 and returned to Winchester in 2002, working at various non-profits until 2009 when she became employed by Shenandoah Univ.

Martha has a lifelong connection to and love of this parish – the people and the properties. She takes her Baptismal vows very seriously and one way of living them out is to help guide this parish to ensure we all continue to serve Christ and this community to the best of our ability. She is able to balance the connection to our storied past while moving us forward in new and exciting ways.



**Tom King** has been a member at Christ Church for two years, since moving here from New Jersey. He is a member of the choir, Saturday men's fellowship group, and the centering prayer group. He is also an LEM. He and his wife help serve dinner at the Salvation Army and are part of the Christ Church WATTS team.

He has been an Episcopalian since age 13 and served on the vestry, as a Eucharistic minister, and sang in the choir at All Saints, Syracuse, NY; Trinity, Hartford, CT.; and St. Peter's Morristown, NJ. He taught Sunday school at St. Peter's, as well as J2A. He was elected as St. Peter's delegate to Diocesan convention for several terms. He is a graduate of Education for Ministry.

Tom and his wife, Carole Ann, have been married for 35 years. In his work life, he was a credit manager for Sharp Electronics for 25 years and retired in 2009. They have two children and four grandchildren. He has a BS degree in management with a specialization in accounting. Tom considers the church as his avocation and would be honored to offer his experience in parish life as a member of the vestry.

## 2015 Annual Meeting



**Chris Northrup** has been a member at Christ church for 26 years. He has helped with Youth Group, Sunday school teacher, LEM, Vestry member, Worship Committee, WATTS Night Manager. In his youth, he was an acolyte and choir member, and then served as an LEM at Kenyon College. He was born and raised in Parkersburg, WV. Baptized and confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church. He majored in Religion at Kenyon College.

Chris has been married to Robin for 26 years and they have four sons. He has had two careers: teaching/coaching/camp directing and sales/fundraising—integrating both to run sports camps for youth. He is an avid athlete and believes sports are a great way to bring people of different backgrounds together. He considers himself a seeker and is very tolerant and accepting of others' beliefs and convictions. He is a consensus-builder and works to hear all voices and make them heard, using his varied church and real world experiences.



**Barry Schnoor** has been at Christ Church two years. He is currently involved in CCAP and the WATTS program. Prior experience includes as Vestry member/Jr Warden at St Paul's Charlottesville, VA, Jr Warden/Sr Warden at Grace Church, Millbrook, NY, Youth Group Coordinator at St Paul's, Charlottesville, VA, and Choir member and Confirmation instructor at Grace Church, Millbrook.

Having grown up in Iowa and Nebraska, Barry is now in his 19<sup>th</sup> year as a Virginian, with 7 years in the Navy, 10 years in facilities management at UVA, and in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Winchester. He is husband to Diane, and father to Miranda (15) and Ella (12). He is employed by Shenandoah University as their physical plant director. Barry brings a love of the ministry of Christ and an appreciation and understanding of the Vestry's role in the life of the Church.



**Karey Starnes** has been a member at Christ Church since she moved to Winchester in 2012. She is an usher, reader/intercessor, and LEM, and recently joined the choir. She also supports First Night, WATTS, Panda Pantry, and CCAP and helps the reception committee. She grew up in Northern Virginia, taught school in Loudoun County, and worked for the federal government. She has been an Episcopalian all her life, though did not attend church for over 30 years prior to the death of her husband in 2003. In 2004, she retired after a 30+year career in the government (in human resources, administration, program planning and budgeting and tech support), joined Rotary, and returned to church: first with St Paul's Bailey's Crossroads (vestry, altar guild, sesquicentennial committee), and in 2009, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria, VA (usher, flower Guild, fundraising and receptions). Other interests include Colonial Garden Club and volunteering at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. I am committed to serving my church and my community.



**Ned Stock** has been a member at Christ Church for seven years. He has served as a Sunday School teacher, with Stop Hunger Now, and Coventry Group. He was an acolyte at St. Peter's in Purcellville and Church of our Saviour, Oatlands.

Ned was born and raised in Leesburg, VA. He moved to White Post at the age of 18 and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College. He has a JD from Mississippi College School of Law. He is an associate broker with Exit Realty Talbot and Company, Inc. Ned came to Christ Church in 2007 when he married his wife, Amy. He has a 13 year-old step-daughter, Olivia, and a five year-old son, Jackson.

Ned is a hard worker who is not afraid of challenges. He is good at looking outside the box to solve problems. He also likes to help others and give back to the church and God.

## 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

### February

- 8 Annual Meeting between services
- 9 Special Needs Service at 6:30 pm
- 14 Men's Fellowship Meets at 7:30 am
- 17 Knit Unto Others meets at 2:00 pm,  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 18 Ash Wednesday (Services at 7 am, Noon, 7 pm)
- 19 Community Fellowship—Tilford Room
- 23 Lenten Book Study begins (Baden Center)

### Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Contemplative Prayer	Sat: 9:30 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

### *Save the date:*

*J2A Pilgrimage Silent Auction  
March 14, 2015  
6:00—9:00 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.



## February Birthdays

- 1 Kay Teachout
- 2 Al McGilvray, Jr.
- 4 Ward Heffern
- 5 Scott Harper
- 6 Dee Johnston, Sean Raymond
- 7 Bobby Arthur, Becke Bronson,  
Bebe Tischler
- 8 Bill Endorf, Glen Opheim
- 11 Rebecca Gibson, Scott Gregory,  
David Wingenbach
- 12 Tricia Glass, Ann McQuinn, John Lewis,  
Sally Megeath, Bernie Swope
- 13 Joyce Byrd
- 14 Martha Griffin, Lucy Rockwood
- 15 Dino Morgoglione, Frederick Mueller
- 16 Bruce Trant, Teresa Barton,  
Ashley Bingaman
- 17 Sarah Browning, Detra Michaels,  
Stephen Brown
- 18 Zoe Giller
- 19 Bruce Allen, Willie McGilvray
- 20 Elle Hamman
- 23 Richard DeBergh, Roger Zebarth,  
Bill Jones
- 25 Beth Conrad
- 27 Tyler Barnes



## Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Steve & Neile Grady Martin
- 3 Jim & Sylvia Petrie
- 4 John & Mary Margaret Applin
- 8 Martin & Nancy Tabaka
- 12 Dan & Mary Gloster
- 13 Dennis & Bobbie Bromley



Register online at [www.shrinemontcamps.net](http://www.shrinemontcamps.net)



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

## Christian Formation

### Sunday School News

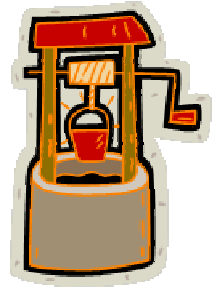
Are you already making summer plans? Then it's time to remember that **Vacation Bible School** will take place the week of July 6-10. Put it on your calendar now!

#### Epiphany to Lent Lessons

During Epiphany, we explore many of the stories of Jesus' teaching and healing, working to understand Jesus' ministry as *God with Us*. It's a great time to re-read these stories with our children and share them together. Our children are guaranteed to amaze you with what they understand and what they help us understand.

#### Lenten Mite Box Offering

Our yearly Lenten Mite Box offering will begin February 22. Expect your children to bring home information on his/her class's choice of a goal on the 15<sup>th</sup> so they'll be ready to begin on Ash Wednesday. Each class member will be asked to bring in a weekly offering so we can continuously measure how close we are to our class goal. Classes will learn the project they have chosen helps others and offer prayers together for the recipients of our gifts. Expect a weekly update from your teacher. Please help us remember that weekly offering! The offering will conclude the Sunday after Easter. As always, anyone is invited to participate!



### Themes of Lent in the Gospels

Lent is described as the time of preparation for the events of Holy week, culminating in the betrayal, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the three Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke - there are many similarities, as well as differences. Through comparison of the Gospels, we will look at what they have in common and the insights we gain from each one. We will begin at 9:30 am in the Tilford Room on Sunday mornings. Please grab a cup of coffee and join us!

### Adult Daytime Faith Study

The Thursday morning Adult Faith Study is trying a different format utilizing a program through "The Great Courses." We will use 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month (February 12 & 26). Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Church Office (540-662-5843).

## Christian Formation

### Lenten Book Study: Politics, Religion, Music and Art from the Book of Revelation

The last book in the Christian New Testament is a masterpiece of political and religious theater aimed at the heart of the Roman Empire. The book is also an attempt to shore up the very earliest Christian communities who were up against a very large and aggressive oppressor in Rome.

Outside of the original intent of the writer, the book is filled with the musical texts of the early church in what the author calls, “the new song.” Many of these texts have been used in church liturgies and also are easily recognized in such great works as Handel’s Messiah. Artists have also been intrigued by the imagery in Revelation and John’s arresting visions have been interpreted by many artists’ pallets through the years. The discussion will examine the political and religious intent of this visionary mystic, and also attend to the music and art that has emerged from this literature.

The book of Revelation was written by a political exile named John on the Roman penal colony at the island of Patmos in the Aegean at the end of the first century. John houses his polemic against Rome in the passionate and violent language of the hidden word pictures of an “apocalyptic” mystic. At the same time, he both prods and comforts the small churches on the mainland in Asia Minor, now present day Turkey, with a heavenly vision of the destruction of their oppressors opening the way to a Christian paradise on earth.

Diedra Kriewald will provide the discussion around the mystical and apocalyptic texts. Musical commentary about the hymnic verses and musical themes in the Book of Revelation will be led by James Laster and Jim Kriewald. Alice Lees will provide welcome leadership about the art and artists who have chosen material from the Book of Revelation.

The biblical text to be studied each week will be provided. No other books are needed. The New Revised Standard Translation of the New Testament will once again be the sacred translation of record. Other study bibles are also welcome.

Everyone will be welcome! This course begins on Monday, February 23, and will meet on four more Monday nights in Lent from 6:30-8:15 pm in the Baden Center. (The last meeting is March 23.) We will begin with a Lenten meal of soup, bread, wine, bottled water, and soft drinks. We will conclude each night with Compline.



Diego Velázquez -  
1599-1660, “John of Patmos”

## From the Finance Committee

### 2014 Budget & Actual

**WOW – What a great finish at year-end!** Our budget for 2014 planned for us to barely break even with \$15 left over if we exactly hit our budget totals. Due to a tremendous December, we actually finished ahead (revenues exceeded expenses) by \$14,852.

The table below shows year-end detail totals of all budget categories:

<b>2014</b>	<b>Jan - Dec Actuals</b>	<b>Jan - Dec Budget</b>	<b>Jan - Dec Actual - Budget</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$580,353</b>	<b>\$569,300</b>	<b>\$11,053</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Total Personnel</b>	\$390,096	\$391,845	<b>(\$1,749)</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	\$26,768	\$22,200	<b>\$4,568</b>
<b>Property/Maintenance</b>	\$42,935	\$44,840	<b>(\$1,905)</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>	\$22,826	\$21,500	<b>\$1,326</b>
<b>Christian Education Expenses</b>	\$10,012	\$10,800	<b>(\$788)</b>
<b>Music Expenses</b>	\$10,010	\$10,500	<b>(\$490)</b>
<b>Worship</b>	\$946	\$1,200	<b>(\$254)</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	\$1,191	\$500	<b>\$691</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	\$56,200	\$56,200	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	\$447	\$800	<b>(\$353)</b>
<b>Parish Life</b>	\$1,888	\$2,500	<b>(\$612)</b>
<b>Communications</b>	\$2,167	\$2,900	<b>(\$733)</b>
<b>Operational Reserve</b>	\$0	\$3,500	<b>(\$3,500)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$565,486</b>	<b>\$569,285</b>	<b>(\$3,799)</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$14,867</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$14,852</b>

Contribution statements were mailed in early January showing giving records for all of 2014. Please look over your statements and notify Theresa Seitz if you feel an error has been made.

## From the Finance Committee

### 2015 Budget

**A budget for 2015 has been submitted to and approved by the Vestry!** The table below shows total revenues and total expenses as planned for 2015. The detail line-by-line totals for this 2015 budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting in February. Though a very small positive balance is shown (about \$600) this is essentially a balanced budget for 2015.

	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$579,583
<b>Expenses</b>	\$578,997
<b>Balance</b>	\$586

### Capital Campaign Update

We continued to receive funds for the Capital Campaign in late 2014. This money was then paid back to our endowment.

As you may recall, we originally had to borrow \$800,000 (\$500,000 from the bank and \$300,000 from our endowment) to pay for the Bell Tower and other structural work that needed repair. The Capital Campaign was then conducted to pay back the bank loan first and then the 'self loan' from our endowment. We finished paying off the bank loan in January of 2014 and began to pay back our endowment self loan.

At year end we still owed \$197,000 to our endowment. Since the Capital Campaign will run through at least 2016, it will be some time before this loan is completely paid back. Capital Campaign updates will be made periodically in the Angelus to show our continued repayment progress.



*If you have questions about this financial information, please submit them by e-mail to Theresa Seitz at [tseitz@christchurchwinchester.org](mailto:tseitz@christchurchwinchester.org)*



## From the Properties Committee



The Properties Committee has been working for quite some time on addressing one of the greatest challenges for our buildings—water. Water penetration is always bad for any building and it is even worse for older buildings. As part of the work to end the water penetration in our buildings, brick masons have been working on replacing or re-pointing the mortar, as the weather permits.

The picture to the left shows mason Marty Cook working on the exterior of the Page Chapel in December.

The photo above is the front of the Smith Building where bricks have been replaced and mortar added.

Also, the committee is exploring replacing the lights in the church utilizing LED technology as it becomes more affordable. It is more energy efficient than our current lighting. The committee will continue such projects in order to be better stewards of our resources and of creation.



## Parish News

### Fellowship Groups Meet

The **Men's Fellowship** Group meets on Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 am, in the Baden Center to talk about hope in today's society and what it means to men in our complicated world. Breakfast will be provided.

The February **Community Fellowship** welcomes Tim Faith as our guest speaker. Tim is a past participant of WATTS and has turned his life around. He will talk about Christian faith as a homeless person and explain life on the streets of Winchester. This fellowship is open to everyone and will be held on Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 pm in the Tilford Room

### Treasure Box News



The Treasure Box is pleased to report that its 55th Anniversary year ended with revenues sufficient to, once again, distribute \$12,000 to community charities. Of that amount, \$3500 will go back to the church to support the following: \$1500 to the general fund as a revenue tithe; \$1000 for WATTS host week expenses; \$500 for the Panda Pantry ministry; \$500 in food cards for the clergy to distribute as needed.

February will be clearance month at the Treasure Box with deep discounts storewide! We have an excellent selection of men's and women's jackets, women's slacks, men's shirts, ties, and bow ties. Occasionally, we may have the shop open on Saturdays when volunteers are available. Watch the "community events" page of the Winchester Star for these announcements. Please remember the Treasure Box as you clean out and de-clutter this winter. Nice quality spring and summer clothing will be needed for the new sales season beginning in March. Donations are gratefully accepted Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am—4:00 pm.

### Christmas Brunch Celebration

Following the Christmas Day service, over 40 people celebrated the joyous holiday by joining together in the Tilford room for a fabulous brunch. Wonderful ham, breakfast casseroles, baked pastries, fruit, and laughter were shared. This event is for everyone who wants to add a little "sparkle" to Christmas Day. Next year, why not join us?





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## Parish Nurse Musings

There is ice and snow all over! Just some tips... If you start to fall, protect your head and crouch down and try to do a roll. Try not to arch and fall backwards. Take your time after the fall and check limbs, head, etc. Get up slowly from a kneeling position and crawl away from the ice if you can. If there is an object or someone to assist you, please try to get up with help. If you ache or are very bruised, put ice on the spot. If it doesn't get better, see someone as soon as you can.

Remember if you hit your head, look for the following signs of a more serious problem—vomiting, too dizzy to walk, or being unconscious for any time. Get to the ER immediately or call 911. If these symptoms don't appear, you should still rest and not try to do too much. This applies not only to falls on the ice and snow, but being hit in the head with a baseball, soccer ball, or football for our sports players. If the head was hit, but everyone seems recovered, still monitor for three weeks. "Post-concussion disorder" may not show up for 24-72 hours. Be safe and enjoy the winter!

Helen, your Parish Nurse

Note: The Zebbarths have disconnected their land-line phone. If you need to reach Helen, please call the Church Office and leave a voicemail for her or speak with the clergy.

**Thinking of Spring already?**  
**Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont**  
**May 8-10, 2015**