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The Journey of Lent

Dear People of Christ Church,

I'll borrow the old adage from the postal service: "Neither rain nor sleet nor snow will keep us from our appointed rounds." Lent is like the postal service — nothing stops Lent from coming! And it is coming up fast. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is on March 4th and Ash Wednesday follows on March 5th.

We are very fortunate this year to have a wide variety of Lenten programs, from personal reflections and worship to study and fellowship to ways to broaden your experience in the journey of Lent. This variety reflects the reality that no one size fits every person for observing Lent. The prayer book's Ash Wednesday call to Lent is clear: *"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word..."* (BCP, p. 265). How each of us does these observances in a meaningful way for us varies from person to person. Hopefully, one of the Lenten options will appeal to you.

Two of the most common questions I find myself answering during Lent are, "What are the forty days?" and "Do I take up something, give up something, or both?" Both of these are good questions. People often forget that Sundays are not counted in Lent. It does not matter what one gives up or takes on or both as long as they understand it should force them to remember what our Lord gave and offered for us. These questions can distract us from the loftier question, "What does this mean?" After all, forty days is symbolic language meaning a long time. It is a substantial amount of time to engrain or lose habits. It is a practice that should challenge us so we remember. In a Greek world, it is the *Kronos*, the chronological time which gives a structure, but it is also *Kyros*, or

Ash Wednesday

Services at 7:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

Services During Lent

Weekdays during Lent
in the Pilgrim's Chapel
7:30 am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
Procession of Palms
to the downtown mall
10:45am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Holy Week Services

Holy Week Noonday Eucharist:
Monday, April 14 through
Wednesday, April 16
in the Pilgrim's Chapel
Maundy Thursday Service—
April 17 at 7:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy—
April 18 at 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil—
April 19 at 7:00 pm

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MARCH 2014

Rector's Message

God's time, that changes us as the Holy Spirit moves about in our lives. We do not want to get lost in the minutia of the details lest we miss the meaning of the season.

This year, I plan to take on a discipline of fasting and give up the habit of watching TV. In some ways, these seem silly. In other ways, I find such practices bump into my habits and make me think. The idea is not the magnitude, but the reminder of a time of reflection. Your options are yours in which to engage. Jesus does not care what we do. After all, Lent begins with the reminder not to do pious acts to show off. Jesus does care that we seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus and our understanding of what his life, death and resurrection mean for us.

I pray that you will have a holy Lent. Please join us on Shrove Tuesday to clean out the pantry of syrup and pancakes! Then join us in other offerings to help each of us have a holy season of Lent.

Faithfully,

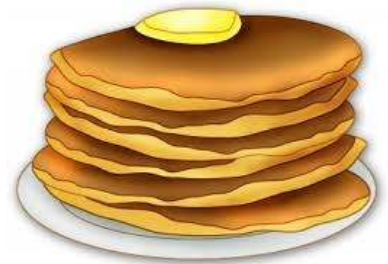


The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, March 4th in the Tilford Room. Everyone is invited for pancakes, sausage, bacon and other treats served from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm.

The event is hosted by the Vestry. Donations will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will support our mission programs.



Please join us!
Wednesday, March 5th
7:00 am, Noon, & 7:00 pm

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have never lived or worked in a building in the midst of a restoration project until these past several months. I have never had to look at my bookshelves and wonder, “What books do I absolutely need for the next six months before it is sealed behind plastic?” It is an interesting experience, to say the least, to be relocated to a temporary office. What I’ve learned so far during this time is that there are many layers to this old building that houses our offices and it has been interesting to watch bits and pieces being peeled back so that the vital work of restoring it can be done. And the truth is that I’ve had to undo the tape and search for books and materials that I could not have known I would need.

As we approach Lent, I have been thinking about this theme of restoration. For me, Lent is a time when we dig beneath the surface and clean house as we ask God to “Create and make in us new and contrite hearts...” (Collect for Ash Wednesday, BCP, p. 217). It is our time to intentionally seek to find that which hinders our relationship with our loving Creator. Ultimately, I find this time of reflection allows us to see just how loving and forgiving God is. It is not meant to hold us back our shame us with past sins, but instead to give us perspective, to help us delight in the grace and mercy of the Lord.

We have to first peel back the layers that we can see on the surface; we dig deep, we uncover, we remove. Then we begin the restoration – we clean up, we polish, we refurbish, we fix what was once broken and we put on fresh layers. This is how restoration works.

The psalmist cries out to God for restoration, “Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved” (Psalm 80:18). During the season of Lent, we are called to this kind of restoration. We are called to take a look at our lives, to repent of our sins and seek forgiveness, as we ask God to restore us. This means we have be willing to do the work; work that can sometimes seem overwhelming, dirty, an unending. But the end result is that when restoration begins, we, just like a building being restored, put on fresh layers; fresh layers of love, of hope, and of purpose. For me, that is beauty of Lent – we come out of it with fresh layers restored by God!

I’ll share a favorite prayer of blessing of mine that helps me face the spiritual work of restoration:

A Blessing For Solitude from *To Bless the Space Between Us* by John O’Donohue

May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul.

May you realize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of their universe.

May you have respect for your individuality and difference.

May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the façade of your life there is something beautiful and eternal happening.

May you learn to see your self, with the same delight, pride, and expectation with which God sees you in every moment.

Blessings,



The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Assistant Rector

Save the date!
J2A Pilgrimage Fundraiser Dinner
on March 16th!

Christian Formation

Children's Sunday School News

Lenten Mite Box Offering: Last year we tried an experiment with our children's Mite Box offering which was very successful, so we are going to do it again! Sunday School classes (preschool through grade 5) will select their own projects for their Mite Box intention. Instead of offering toward one general goal, we will ask each class member 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 will 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!

Vacation Bible School: Thinking of warmer weather? Vacation Bible School is coming July 7-11, 2014. Mark your calendars now for *Weird Animals!* Look forward to tons of learning and fun in our yearly program and its outreach to our community's children. Want to help? Contact Margery Wingenbach (540-667-0386).

New Daytime Adult Faith Study

We have had requests for a faith study offering during the day. We began at the end of February with Marcus Borg's DVD and study guide called, "Embracing an Adult Faith." We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Parlors of the Old Rectory. (Meetings this month are March 13th and March 27th.) All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Webster at the church office (540-662-5843).

Shrine Mont Summer Camps

Shrine Mont hosts a number of summer camps sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia. Brochures with the rates are available in the Tilford Room. Sessions for the older youth fill up quickly, so be sure to register early. For information, questions, or a Summer Camps brochure, please talk to one of the clergy or contact the Diocesan Program Office:

By Email: contact Meg Schwarz (mschwarz@thediocese.net)

By Web: shrinemontcamps.net

By Phone: 1-800-DIOCESE or 804-643-8451, x1043

Scholarship assistance is available through the Diocese and Christ Church. Please call the Church Office (540-662-5843) with any questions!

Christian Formation

Sunday Lenten Adult Forum—Simple Gifts

Stewardship in the church is often focused on the fall annual giving campaign, exploring our faith and money. However, stewardship is not seasonal; it's ongoing, engaging every part of each one of us in our relationship to God. It is our time and our talent and our money that we offer to God who has offered us so much (including our very existence). Questions often come up about what Christian living has to do with our time and talent. What do we mean by talent? How do we mean giving of time? What could I possibly offer?

With these questions in mind, we will have one offering for the Adult Forum in March to explore our stewardship of time and talent. The familiar Shaker hymn by Elder Joseph explores this question of gifts:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

We have to search and discern our gifts that we bring. We know when we find those gifts when we find a sense of fulfillment. It is a sense of love and delight.

To help with this, we will explore scripture, hear stories from other journeys, and experiment with ways to identify our spiritual gifts. The hope is that we will have a deeper sense of our ability to give to God from our full selves in a simple way which is not simplistic, but meaningful. Please join us in the Tilford Room from 9:30 am until 10:15 am on Sundays.

Music News

Cantamus (girls grades 6-12) and **Alleluia Singers** (children and youth grades 2-8) will sing during worship on Sunday, March 23rd. They will also sing on April 13th for Palm/Passion Sunday and on Easter Sunday, April 20th. All children and youth interested in singing in one of these choirs are invited to join us on Sunday mornings in the Children's Chapel from 8:45 am to 9:25 am.



Gloria Ringers and Alleluia Ringers will play during worship on Sunday, March 30th. **You are not too late** to join one of our bell choirs! **Alleluia Ringers** (grades 5-12) meet the same Sundays as Youth Group. Come ring bells and stay for youth group dinner and evening activities at 6:00 pm. We rehearse in the Bell Room from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **Gloria Ringers** (adults) rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Sue Correll at 703-395-4923 or sueellen.correll@gmail.com.

Vestry

Meet the Class of 2017



Congratulations to our four new Vestry members: Kathi Adams, Chris Ferguson, Bryan Gray, and Wilborn Roberson. And, thank you to all of our candidates for this year's Vestry election for their willingness to serve. More than 60 parishioners attended the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9th, and took part in the election process.

Thank you to our Vestry members who have finished their terms—Leslie Harper, who worked extensively with the Parish Life committee, Marty Tabaka, whose work with the Stewardship Committee saw great results, Pete Gronauer, who finished his Vestry term but will remain onboard as Treasurer, and David Wingenbach who helped with the Properties Committee.

The Class of 2017, and current Vestry members, will participate in an orientation session to be scheduled soon. Vestry members signed up for committee positions during the February meeting. The Christ Church Vestry also goes on a retreat each spring.



Highlights from February's Meeting

- New members of the Vestry (Kathi Adams, Chris Ferguson, Bryan Gray, Wilborn Roberson) were welcomed.
- Webster reported on the annual meeting with Diocesan Council. The format was different this year and focused more on discussion than lecture. There were many opportunities for participation including collecting and presenting youth feedback. It was stated that the Diocese is doing well financially.
- The Vestry approved committing \$2,000 to Outreach for the backpack ministry for school year 2014-2015 to enable the committee to apply to seek qualification for Rotary grants. If selected for a grant, the local Rotary will provide a grant of \$3,000 and seek a matching grant from their Rotary District - another \$3,000 - with the stipulation that a Rotarian oversees financial aspects of the project. Conrad Koneczny has offered to fill that need as he is on the Vestry, serves on the Financial Committee, and is a Rotarian.
- The Special Needs Service will celebrate 10 years this May. Members of the Vestry are challenged to attend this service at least once, preferably three times. This service is on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- The Treasurer's report was reviewed, revealing that we are ahead of projections so far this year.
- All members of the Vestry signed up for worship, lock-up, and committee positions.
- Reflections on the annual meeting were discussed including areas of improvement for next year.

Youth Winter Retreat



18 youth from Christ Church, with chaperones Bridget, Bryan Gray, Sandy White, and Kevin Lona-baugh, spent a snowy weekend at Shenandoah National Park.



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 During Lent

7:30 am Morning Prayer Pilgrim's Chapel
5:30 pm Evening Prayer Pilgrim's Chapel

Committee & Group Meetings

Adult Handbell Choir	Thurs: 7:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed: 7:00 pm
Adult Forum	Sun: 9:30 am
Alleluia Singers	Sun: 8:45 am
Knit Unto Others	3rd Tues: 2:00 pm
Liturgical Bible Study	Wed: 10:30 am
Men's Fellowship	2nd Thurs: 7:00 pm
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 Wed: 6:15 pm -7:30 pm
Daytime Faith Study	2nd/4th Thurs: 10:00 am
Youth Group	Sun: 6:00-7:30 pm
Youth Handbells	Sun: 5:00 pm

March

- 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 7 First Meeting of Friday Evening Discussions in Lent
- 13 Daytime Adult Study at 10:00 am
- 16 J2A Pilgrimage Fundraiser Dinner
- 20 Men's Fellowship Group at 7:00 pm
- 23 Cantamus and Alleluia Singers sing for worship
- 27 Daytime Adult Study at 10:00 am
- 28-30 PYM 6th & 7th Grade Weekend
- 30 Bell choirs play for worship



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 is open from 10:15 am through the end of the 10:30 am service to serve infants and children up to age 3.

March Birthdays

- 1 Janie Mohn, Kamran Dastjerdi, Brandi Vicchio, Lindsay Fairbanks, Joan Carlson
- 2 Sandra Armstrong
- 3 Gwendolyn Conrad, Michael Roberson
- 4 Helen Bird, Daniel Rupert
- 6 George Glass, Mark Pennypacker
- 8 Bill Easton, Dreusilla Koonce
- 9 Bo Brown, Robin Northrup
- 11 Susan Sheppard, John Dastjerdi
- 12 David Lewis, Sam Flotz, Angela Webb
- 13 Steve Cluss, Patrick Goodman
- 14 Gene Babb
- 16 Ellen Ford, Bobbi Bromley, Kevin Pettit
- 19 Eddie Richard
- 20 Isabella Vicchio
- 21 Richard Lewis, III, Webster Gibson
- 22 Clyde Pressley
- 24 Ned Browning
- 25 Sam DeBergh, Haley Jacobsen
- 27 Lori Ellington, Mark Schurig, Jack Nelson
- 28 Ann Thomas
- 29 Donna Lee
- 30 Margaret Trueblood



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

Wedding Anniversaries

- 16 Jim & Rebekah Wiedower
- 27 Doug & Terry Ewell



Summer Vacation Bible School

**Are you already making summer plans?
Vacation Bible School will be the week of
July 7-11. Put it on your calendar now!**

Save the Date!
**April 26, 2014 will be the day we
come together to prepare meals for
the hungry.**



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.

Outreach

WATTS Recap



Our fifth annual WATTS host week (February 10 to February 17, 2014) was both challenging and hugely successful! It was a superb Christ Church team effort and proved the adage that “many hands make light work.” Over 100 Christ Church parishioners and volunteers from partner churches and organizations worked together during extremely challenging weather conditions to provide shelter, sustenance, and fellowship to our homeless sisters and brothers from Winchester and Frederick County. We housed about 35 guests, including three women, each night. Most significantly, during the February 13th snow storm, close to 20 Christ Church volunteers man-

aged to find their way to the Parish Hall to help shelter 30 WATTS guests throughout the day. Thanks go to our WATTS Partner Churches: Life in the Word of Jesus Christ Church and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, and to the Shenandoah University student nurses (who coordinated two WATTS guest hospital referrals), the Shenandoah University Religion Club, the Christ Church Youth Group and Sunday school students, McDonald’s and the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, the Christ Church Knit Unto Others Group, and all the Christ Church volunteers for giving their time, labor, materials, and money. All of these efforts ensured that the Christ Church WATTS week brought a significant level of comfort to the neediest members of our community and, given the severe weather, undoubtedly saved lives. Thanks to all who supported the Christ Church WATTS week.

WATTS Bingo Fun

Question: *What good can come from weeks of cold and snowy weather?*

Answer: *Nearly 100 people come to play bingo! Just what the doctor ordered for cabin fever!*

Heartfelt thanks are offered to all who helped with the event and all who came to play! Special thanks to our celebrity bingo caller extraordinaire – Nick Nerangis! Many, many folks helped with the event—planning, setting up, cleaning up, and working in the kitchen. Others donated sodas, collected money, baked lots and lots of cookies, and brought in prizes. And even more folks made donations at the door. The result was loads of laughter, fun, and cash. All of the proceeds will be used to offset the costs of housing, feeding, and providing personal items to our WATTS guests. The congregation of Christ Church is awesome. You get it!



Outreach

DR Mission Team 2014 Plans for Summer

Once again, through the prayer and support of Christ Church and our family and friends, Christ Church will send a mission team to Bani and serve the community of La Iglesia Episcopal de la Transfiguracion. Our trip is June 22 - July 1, 2014. We are planning a Bible school and will let you know of other projects we may be working on as well. The team members from Christ Church are Tom Ellington, Kevin Lonabaugh, Ann Taylor, Mary Margaret Applin, Deb Shows, Katy Schain, Rebecca Gibson, Webster Gibson. Youth team members are Allison Schain, Kathryn Schain, Rosa Gibson, Evelyn Gibson, George Gibson.



For those who wish to make donations to our Vacation Bible School, we will soon publish a list of craft supplies needed—Crayola crayons, scissors, glue sticks, and construction paper will definitely be on the list for anyone who wants to get started early!

We are also planning a yard sale in May to raise funds for the trip. Please set aside any items that you would be willing to donate. Watch for more information in coming weeks.

Backpacks Bring Smiles!

January 2014 brought snow and cold temperatures to Winchester. It also brought Christ Church's first delivery of weekend food for 13 families with children at Frederick Douglass Elementary School chosen to participate in the Backpack Ministry. As Dr. Catlett, the guidance counselor, presented each child or (set of siblings) with a backpack or two, she explained that it was something special for them to take home. One little boy gasped with delight and pleaded with Dr. Catlett to let him see what that "something special" could be. When he unzipped the bag, he gasped and clutched the bag tightly to his chest. "Is this for me? Is all of this for me to take home?" he asked. She assured him as he was getting on the bus, smiling from ear to ear, that all of it was for his family.

Several of the children who receive backpacks walk to and from school every day rather than riding a school bus. Because the bags were very heavy, a teacher and Dr. Catlett volunteered to carry the bags for the children and walked the students to their homes. As they were leaving the school, one little fellow crossed the driveway entrance in front of the school (with the adults toting the bags) and excitedly said, "Can I have mine now? I can carry it!" He was told, "No, it's too heavy." After crossing the next street, he asked again, "Can I carry it now? I can do it." Again, he was told, "No. It's too heavy." This scene played out after crossing EVERY street until, finally, he was given the bag in front of his house. When he took the bag he exclaimed, "Wow, this sure *is* heavy," and then ran into the house smiling from ear to ear!

The BIG news is that Dr. Catlett, the office staff, the teachers who helped, and all those from Christ Church who are part of this ministry were also smiling from ear to ear!

From the Finance Committee

Budget

Christ Church, we're off to a good start for 2014! Results for January are right on budget. Actual revenues were just slightly higher than budget and actual expenses were just under budget.

January	Budget	Actual	Difference
Revenues	\$45,975	\$46,274	\$299
Expenses	\$42,845	\$41,948	\$897
Balance	\$3,130	\$4,326	\$1,196

Looking ahead, if past history is repeated and our budget for 2014 holds true, the next several months will fluctuate — where expenses exceed revenues some months and revenues exceed expenses other months. For most of the year, the accumulated expenses will exceed accumulated revenues. Then at year-end, revenues catch up to expenses, resulting in a balanced budget.

Capital Campaign – Loan Repayment

Last month, we hoped to report in this Angelus that we had completed the repayment of the \$500,000 BB&T bank loan and would have started to pay back \$300,000 to our own Endowment Fund as well.

Good News! A final payment was made to BB&T in January to retire that loan, and \$10,000 was paid back to the Endowment Fund. Only \$290,000 remains to be paid back to the Endowment Fund.



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

From the Properties Committee



The Smith Building repair work is now well underway. After an extensive analysis process, we solicited bids from 11 local contractors. Six responded with sealed bids which were opened at a Properties Committee meeting. Shockey had the best bid (lowest and least encumbered) and the Vestry approved their award from the Properties Committee recommendation.

Work began on February 10th, and although weather has caused some delay, the work is moving along. We anticipate that work will be complete mid-March.

My thanks to the Properties Committee, Vestry, and those in the office who have all been so cooperative. To minimize the disruption to work in the church office, we have accelerated the process as much as possible and I appreciate everyone's help!

Doug Thomas



The Men's Fellowship Group welcomes Winchester resident, Dan Rodgers, as our speaker at the March meeting on Thursday, March 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Tilford Room. Dan will be speaking on the history of early flight in Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley.

All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

Parish News

Friday Evening Discussions in Lent

Jesus of Nazareth was crucified on a Friday before Passover around 30 C.E. Since that time, the Church has paid special attention to the spiritual formation of its members during the five Fridays of Lent, culminating in Holy Week with a call to walk the “Way of the Cross” and to attend the Good Friday Liturgy.

In this spirit, Christ Church will host a simple supper and study/discussion in the early evening for the five Fridays before Holy Week on this topic: “They followed the Christ into Suffering” -- a study and discussion of selected ancient and medieval Christian lives through spiritual biography. The group will meet in the Baden Center from 5:30 pm to 7:45 pm.

The schedule will be as follows:

- 5:30 pm – A simple supper with homemade soup, bread, and salad until all are filled, with wine, water and soft drinks for beverages
- 6:15 pm – Singing of Lenten songs and hymns (led by Jim Kriewald)
- 6:30 pm – Study and discussion of the study theme (led by Diedra Kriewald)
- 7:30 pm – Compline with Intercessions

Weekly Discussion Topics:

- March 7 Introduction to the theme, “They followed the Christ into Suffering,” by looking at the end of the apostolic church with the execution of the first generation of leaders and missionaries from 64 – 155 C.E.
- March 14 “They followed the Christ into Suffering” through the martyrdom of Christian men and women from 165-313 C.E.
- March 21 “They followed the Christ into Suffering” – the Outliers (heretics, alchemists, occultists, witches, herbalists, midwives, and cats) in the Middle Ages
- March 28 “They followed the Christ into Suffering” – the Bible Translators (Waldo, Hus, Wycliffe, Tyndale and Cranmer) in the late Middle Ages and Early Reformation
- April 4 “They continue to follow the Christ into Suffering” – Persecution of Christians in the 20th and 21st Centuries

Study material, reading assignments, and questions for discussion will be sent by email to participants in time to read before each Friday. Three suggested books for the Lenten study are: (1) For all Friday discussions: Robert Ellsberg, *All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Witnesses and Prophets of our Time*; (2) For March 21: Jeanette Winterson’s *The Daylight Gate*, a bestseller in the UK : “After the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, every Catholic conspirator in England fled to a wild, untamed place far from the reach of London law. On Good Friday, 1612, deep in the woods of Pendle Hill, amid baptismal pools and low, thick fog, a gathering of thirteen is interrupted by the local magistrate,” and arrested for witchcraft; (3) For April 4: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*.

Parish News

Register for Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont

Call the church office now to register! Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont will be May 9-11, 2014—Mother's Day weekend. Have an excuse not to go this year? Think twice!

- Spend Mother's Day weekend away? Yes, get Mom away from the chores at home and let someone else cook.
- Tired after Apple Blossom? It's the perfect way to re-charge.
- Too many activities to do there? Not really. Your presence is only requested for three meals and the Rector may give you a pass on any of these if you'd prefer.
- It's only for families? Nope. There are activities for everyone. You can join in with the families there or enjoy some solitude.
- Feel like you won't know everyone? All the more reason to go! You will certainly know them when you return!

No, the swimming pool won't be open and there's no cell service, but there's hiking, fishing, games, porch rocking, napping, even golf nearby. Plus, there's BBQ, meatloaf, roast beef, fried chicken, pancakes...

If you'd like to learn more about the weekend, please talk with Martha & Wilborn Roberson, Kirk & Linda Gibson, Conrad & Robin Koneczny, Margery & David Wingenbach, or Rosa Gibson. Or, call the church office at 540-662-5843. To learn more about Shrine Mont, visit www.shrinemont.com.

Easter Flowers



If you would like to help adorn our Easter altar in thanksgiving or in memory of someone special, please take an envelope from one of the tables in the rear of the sanctuary, complete it, include your check made payable to Christ Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. **Minimum donation for lily and tulip plants will be \$12 EACH this year.** You may put the envelope in the offering plate or bring it to the Church Office Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. **All envelopes must be received by Monday, April 7, 2014.** Please contact Lucia Thomas (thomaslfl@comcast.net) or the Church Office (540-662-5843) with any questions.

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Parish Nurse Musings

It is that time of year again when we will be Walking To Jerusalem! For those of you unfamiliar with this activity, we sign up and get a passport and, as a congregation, we do activities that will give us “miles.” These activities can be walking, running, swimming, biking, physical education at school, and a host of other activities. This year, we will count the amount of vegetables and fruit we consume during the walk. The journey is about 6,000 miles from Winchester to Jerusalem and 6,000 back. We will start the week of Ash Wednesday and return by Palm Sunday. To participate, please sign up on the sheet in the Tilford Room starting Sunday, March 2nd. Please give me your name, e-mail address, and telephone number.

You will be assigned a number to use during the walk. Each week, you will e-mail me your number of miles or put them on the sheet in the Tilford Room by that Sunday. We will compile the number of miles all of us have traveled and post our progress on the wall of the Tilford Room by the following week. It is fun to see our progress! I want to encourage you to be a part of this healthy Lenten venture. More later! See you on the road to Jerusalem and back.

Helen Zebarth, your Parish Nurse

