



Christ Episcopal Church Chronicle for May 2017

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I was recently reading an article titled "Part-Time Hours, Full-hearted Ministry" about the rising trend in mainline church that only have part-time clergy. It mentioned specifically the Episcopal church where 48% of congregations have no paid full time priest. The story wasn't all doom and gloom, but talked about how some churches are flourishing. In these churches, the laity are reclaiming ministries that had been delegated to the clergy.

The hardest part for congregations is switching from being Consumers to being Practitioners. "Consumers-of-faith model, where you go and consume whatever is prepared for you and go home" is still successful in large churches where you don't know the person sitting next to you in the pew. But, for small churches like ours, we need members to be Practitioners of the Christian faith with hands-on involvement.

I believe Christ Church is on its way to fully embracing the new reality of being a small church. We will always need a priest, whether it's full-time, part-time or supply to perform the Holy Eucharist, but the laity (that's you and I) have been and will continue to take care of the other ministries. I am very proud to be a member of a church where, whenever something needs to be done, several hands go up to volunteer.

We will continue to have opportunities to change or add to our church ministries over the summer and during the yearly fall Stewardship campaign. I would like to thank everyone who has taken on these duties and kept Christ Church strong over the last 5 years.

With the Grace of God,
John Ross, Senior Warden
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You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. -John 15:16

Starting May 28th the Sunday service time will change to 9:00 a.m.

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- Upcoming Events**
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- Shared Eucharist at Epiphany**
- Sunday, May 7th - 10 a.m.
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- Vestry Meeting**
- Wednesday, May 10th - 6 p.m.
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- Youth Group**
- Wednesday, May 17th - 5:30 p.m.
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- Youth Sunday**
- Sunday, May 21st - 10:00 a.m.
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- Homecoming**
- Sunday September 24th
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- ECW Blood Drive**
- (Mid September)
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Youth Sunday May 21st 10 a.m.

Christ Church will be celebrating the youth members of our church by having them take an active role in the worship service. The kids will not only be serving as acolytes but will lead us in the beginning of the service, serve as ushers, read

the lessons, give the sermon and be chalice bearers. We will also be singing some of the contemporary songs that are used at the youth led monthly Evening Prayer service. Please plan to attend this service and support the future of our church!

There will be a picnic following the service with lots of fun and games. We are planning to have outdoor games and a bounce house has been rented for the afternoon. We are still looking for more outdoor lawn games and another set of corn hole boards would be greatly appreciated.

The picnic will include hamburgers and hot dogs. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. A sign up sheet will be in place next week so you can indicate what you would like to bring.

Please pray for good weather so that we can celebrate the youth and our active church family. We are looking forward to a great event. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact any of the members listed below.

Thank you!

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John Fifield - Activities 836-1951
ribsmoker1@gmail.com

Kristi Ross - Service 836-1362
kristiross@me.com



The ECW met on Sunday, April 23rd. Plans were firmed up for the blood drive and the spaghetti supper. The blood drive will be held in Mid September, date to be announced later in the summer. A sign up sheet to donate blood will be put out mid August. We need to have at least 10 people signed up. The spaghetti supper will be held in October, date TBD. This will be our fall fundraiser. As soon as we have these two dates set, we will get them out to you all.

Youth Sunday is May 21st. Barbara Clark will coordinate the food. A sign up sheet will be out soon.

Looking Forward: There will be a luncheon for Homecoming Sunday, September 24th. Bring your favorite covered dish.

The United Thank Offering Blue Boxes will be handed out in September, for an October ingathering.

Our next meeting will be June 11th. We will not be meeting July or August.

Lu Sullivan,
ECW President



*Birthdays &
Anniversaries*



May

Haylee Brummett	1
Lucas Fifield	9
Becky Searce	13
Corinne Mitchell	16
Hannah Ross	19
Jerry & Sarah Oakes – Anniversary	23
Jacob Fifield	25
Blake Boyd	26
Katie Haney	26
Bob Chenery	31

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group met on Wednesday, April 19th for their monthly meeting. We began the meeting with our youth led Evening Prayer service. After the service, we feasted on a

KFC dinner that was enjoyed by all. During dinner we continued to watch our Iseado series this month on Believe. The Bible Story of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus gives “The Beatitudes” to his followers. We went through a discussion on what each one means and what it means to be “blessed.”

After our clean-up the kids participated in a church scavenger hunt. The kids split into 2 teams of 3 and had 15 minutes to find 25 items located around the inside of the church. They had to try and find and take a picture of it. The teams did great. Both teams could not find 2 items, but great fun was had by all!

The next Youth Group meeting is May 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for the youth group or would like to be involved in this ministry.

John & Kristi Ross



The Sunday School class finished up Lent with studies on Holy Week and our personal relationship with Jesus. We used the donated Resurrection Eggs to discuss the last week of Jesus’s life

and the sacrifices that He made. We explored the meaning of the empty tomb and the reason that Jesus deserves our love and respect in return. On Easter Sunday, we learned a little more about Easter symbols and why we see things like Bunnies and Eggs and Lilies.

We will be finishing up Sunday School on May 21st for the Spring. We will resume after Labor Day. The next few weeks we will be preparing for Youth Sunday and discussing our beliefs as well as how important the youth are to the church. Please join these awesome kids and give them your support on Sunday, May 21st. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to participate please let me know. As always please continue to pray for our youth and the youth programs of this church.

Kristi Ross

A Big Thank You!! to John Benz, John Fifield, Cort Oake, Jerry Oakes, Hannah, Mary, John & Kristi Ross for helping spread mulch on March 29th. The weather cooperated and the job went quicker than expected. We even had time to watch Jerry climb onto the roof to replace some shingles. Also thank you to Shaun Anderson for delivering a large load of mulch beforehand, and then bringing more and finishing one last section after returning from vacation.



Mulching Day



The Generosity of Christ Church is Amazing!!

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”
- Matthew 25:40 CSB



172 pounds of food was collected during Lent and donated to God's Storehouse.

*Thank you for helping us stock our shelves!
Your kindness and generosity is helping us reach out to those in need.
May God Bless You!*

-Karen Harris

Although Christ Church is not currently having a food drive, donations are always appreciated and will be delivered in the church's name.

Please continue to bring in empty egg cartons.



Thank you to all who collected and donated to the Lenten Coin Folder project this

year. \$316 was collected and the church added \$34 from the outreach section of our budget. That will be a total of \$350 that we raised to help out a local ministry that helps those in need throughout the United States. For further information about the important ministry that God's Pit Crew provides please look for the pamphlets on the wall outside of the church office. Hopefully, we can continue to support this organization in other ways in the future.



A member of Gideons International joined us on April 23rd to speak about the work of their organization. We received \$135.42 in the loose collection that week. Combined with some outreach money and a personal check written to Gideons, Christ Church members donated \$225 that will help continue their ministry.



Epiphany Episcopal School of Danville is collecting Box Tops

Ever wonder what those little coupons were for on top of General Mills products? The Clip program allows schools to earn cash by clipping and submitting the Official Box Tops for Education "Box Tops" from the packages of hundreds of participating products.

There is a collection jar on the counter in Barksdale Hall if you would like to help.



Please continue to bring in your plastic grocery bags to help support Epiphany's "The Disciples Lunch" program. It helps our local community members in need with nourishment to make it through another day. For some individuals, this may be their only meal of the day.

There is a box located in Barksdale Hall for this collection.

Congratulations to Rev. Bob & Janet Hamilton on becoming Grandparents!

Robert Haskins Bell was born in Richmond on April 12th and weighed 7 lbs 5oz. He was three weeks



early but we understand he and his parents John and Kathryn Bell are doing great.

*Thank you Lord,
for this new life.
We praise and
thank You for
Your good and
perfect creation.
-Amen*

Happy 90th Birthday Helen Lugar



On Sunday, April 9th we celebrated longtime member, Helen Lugar's 90th Birthday. Helen was presented with a gift from the church and a beautiful cake was shared by all to celebrate this momentous

occasion. Happy Birthday Helen! We love you and it was great to have you with us in church!

May 2017 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
May 7 10:00am HE	Shared Eucharist at Epiphany Church						
May 14 10:00am HE	Mollie Huemoeller	Joe Hile & Sarah Oakes	Luke & Ivey Burris	Anna Ballenger	John Fifield & David Hill	Lu Sullivan	Mother's Day Reception
May 21 10:00am Youth Sunday	Julia Fifield & Jake Howard	Anna Ballenger & Kayleigh Hall	TBA	Jacob Fifield, Julia Fifield & Jake Howard	Natalie Benz & Hannah Ross	Sarah Oakes	Youth Picnic
May 28 9:00 am HE	Nancy Sands	Shaun Anderson & Lu Sullivan	Bob & Janis Chenery	Kayleigh Hall	Cort Oake & Jerry Oakes	Marge Fifield	Bonnie Hill



HOLY WEEK

The church was decorated magnificently to appreciate God in all His Glory! Barksdale Hall was filled with yummy treats to share.

The music was beautiful with voices lifted together in praise. The children were excited and the Sunday School class was outgrowing the table. The joy of Easter Day was present in our church.

A big thank you to all who helped prepare the church for this glorious day and helped throughout the week to prepare for the different services and events. Thank you to all who donated candy, helped fill eggs, and hide eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. The kids had a great time and we were blessed that the weather cooperated and we were able to do the hunt outside. Also, a special thank you to our Easter Bunny for making an appearance again this year!





Easter Flowers

*In memory of Laura Hile
Given by Joe Hile*

*In memory of George & Louise Fraser and Alex Mitchell
Given by Sherry Fraser Gott*

*In memory of Robert Biddlestone and Miriam Dendy
Given by Mary Biddlestone*

*In memory and thanksgiving for Hubert & Julia Chenery and Lawrence & Anne Jones
Given by Bob & Janis Chenery*

*In memory of a wonderful dad and husband Ian Ballenger
Given by Cathy and Anna Ballenger*

*In loving memory of Dorothy Masino Meadows
Given by Sarah, Jerry & Maggie Oakes*

*In thanksgiving for our sons Steven & Brent
Given by Cort and Linda Oake*

*In thanksgiving for our many blessings most especially Mary, Hannah, Abigail, our family, and our church family
In memory of our loved ones that are no longer with us Given by John & Kristi Ross*

*In memory of Samuel Clark and Mary Carter Stone
Given by Barbara Clark*

*In memory of Ryan Buck
Given by Lu & Gary Sullivan*

*In memory of Peggy & Hersch Falkovitch, Charles, Ursula, Stephen and Mary Beth Fifield
In thanksgiving for our many blessings Given by John and Marge Fifield*

*In loving memory of Don Haney
Given by Kathy Haney*

*In thanksgiving for our family
Given by David and Bonnie Hill*

*In memory of my parents, Robert & Doris Murphy
Given by Pat Irwin*

*In loving memory of Andy, Trey, David, Sparky & Allison, In honor of my mother
With profound gratitude for all my family Given by Pam Boor*

*In thanksgiving for our children, parents, siblings & Nanny
In memory of our beloved grandparents, Andy Boor, Doug Howard, & David Hoskins
Given by Jason & Kati Hall*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Eat Out to Help Out Noon Lunch Checkered Pig	3	4	5	6
7 Shared Eucharist at Epiphany 10:00 a.m. 115 Jefferson Ave. Reception following <i>There will be no service that Sunday at Christ Church</i>	8	9 Noon Lunch Tokyo Grill	10 Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Mothers Day The Rev. Bob Hamilton Reception following	15	16 Noon Lunch Village's	17 Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Altar Guild 9:00 a.m.
21 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday The Rev. Helen McKee Reception & Activities following	22	23 Noon Lunch Wendy's	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Memorial Sunday The Rev. Helen McKee Coffee Hour following	 Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>	30 Noon Lunch Ciro's	31	Please come to The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany On May 7th to share some fellowship with the other Episcopal church in town. Street parking and parking lot accessible from Jefferson Avenue		

Eat Out to Help Out!

On Tuesday, May 2, these restaurants will donate 10% of their total sales to God's Storehouse

Brewed Awakening

The Brown Bean @

Gingerbread House

Checkered Pig BBQ & Ribs

Chatham Public House Restaurant

Chatham

Cici's Pizza

Danview Restaurant Inc.

Dell'Anno's Pizza Kitchen

Main St & Brosville Station

El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant*

Farmhouse Restaurant

Franks Italian Restaurant

Gina's Family Restaurant

Golden Leaf Bistro*

Golden Skillet

Piney Forest Rd. and Hwy 29 (Chatham)

Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant

Kentucky Fried Chicken

Memorial Drive and Piney Forest Road

Little Caesars – *Southwyck Plaza*

Los Tres Magueyes

Los Mariachis

Main Street Coffee Emporium

Mary's Diner

Me's Burgers and Brews

Nonni's Italian Eatery

O'Kelly's

Piney Forest Rd, S. Main St. and Brosville

Pino's Pizza

San Marcos Mexican Restaurant

Coleman Market & Hwy 29 (Chatham)

Stateline Diner

Taco Bell

Riverside Dr. and Piney Forest Rd.

The Schoolfield Restaurant*

The 616 ** (May 4th)

Village's Pizza

Western Sizzlin

Westside Diner

* Reservations

Suggested

** For May 4th only

Reservations suggested.

