



Christ Episcopal Church Chronicle for Oct & Nov 2017

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STEWARDSHIP

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

– C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

What does stewardship look like in our lives today? Unfortunately, many Christians today only associate the idea of stewardship with sermons they have heard about church budgets and building programs. Most of us only think of stewardship when we get the letter from the Church asking us to prayerfully consider our pledge for the coming year.

While the vestry is thankful for your pledge cards filled out faithfully each year in order to aid us in developing a budget, I would like you to consider the giving of your time and talent to the church also. Many of you are already giving of your time to various duties around the church, such as the ECW or the garden or music and the choir and altar guild, as well as coffee hour.



This fall I would like to form a “paint and pizza” group to work on repairing and painting the walls in the bathrooms, entrance ways, and hallways, as well as any other areas that might need it.

Anyone who is interested in helping can contact me @ 434 836 1951 (H) 631 953 5086
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In His service and yours, John Fifield, Jr. Warden



Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday
October 1st**

We will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, who was the patron saint of

Italy and later became associated with patronage to animals and the natural environment. St. Francis organized the first live Christmas nativity scene in 1223. He died on October 3, 1226 while listening to a reading of Psalm 142 that he had requested.

Please bring your pets from home for a special blessing This Sunday.

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st - 10 a.m.

Youth Group

Wednesday, October 11th - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15th - 5:30 p.m.

ECW Meeting

Sunday, October 15th - 11 a.m.
Sunday, November 12th - 11 a.m.

ECW Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, October 21st - 5-7 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th - 6 p.m.

Giving Sunday

Sunday November 19th - 10 a.m.



The Episcopal Church Women

The ECW met on Sunday, September 17th after a summer hiatus. Final plans are in the works for our cookbook, *Simple Soups and Scripture*. We hope to have the cookbooks ready in time for Christmas gifts.



Our fall fundraiser, the spaghetti supper, is set for **October 21st from 5:00 to 7:00pm**. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 1, \$6:00 for adults and \$4:00 for children under 12. Please plan on picking up tickets to sell to your family and friends. We will also have flyers available.

Thank you to everyone who donated or tried to donate blood during the ECW Blood drive on Sunday September 10th.



There was a short discussion about having a yard sale. We are looking at possibly having a yard sale in the spring.



The ingathering for the UTO boxes will be **Sunday, Oct. 29th**. There is still time to pick up a UTO box on the credenza, to fill with coins in thanksgiving for all your blessings. These monies collected through the United Thank Offering transform lives in the United States and around the world.

Our annual ECW Christmas Social will be held on **Friday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m.**, and will be catered by Alma Shumate.

A huge thanks goes out to all who made Homecoming Sunday such a great success. The food was great and the camaraderie was even better.

The next ECW meeting will be October 15th.

-Lu Sullivan, ECW President



Christ Church will be supporting the local organization "God's Storehouse" again this Thanksgiving. Please have your donations brought in by **Sunday, November 12th** so we may deliver them in

time for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The church is also hoping to purchase and donate several turkeys to God's Storehouse. Any cash donations to help us complete this task would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to John Ross or John Fifield if you can help.

This is an important outreach opportunity for our church and a great way for us to support the community. Together we can help more people than we could on our own.

We are going to try and concentrate on specific food items every 2 weeks to donate, but any donations are appreciated.

Oct. 1st & 8th - Starches, such as Pasta, Rice, & Potatoes.

Oct. 15th & 22th - Proteins: Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, etc.), Peanut Butter & Powdered Milk

Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th & 12th - Soups, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Jellies & Cereal

Also, God's Storehouse is always in need of empty egg cartons to send home eggs that local farmers donate.



Communion Classes

The children are growing up fast around our church. Did you know there is a communion education program for kids looking to begin taking Communion? I have had the opportunity to go through these lessons in the past and would like to look at doing classes for those interested this Fall/Winter. If you have someone who is ready to begin Communion please contact Kristi Ross.



Giving Sunday November 19th

Most of us don't think of our annual giving as "acts of generosity." Often we consider them more as a duty or obligation to our parish. Remember Christ's teaching, "It is better to give than to receive." Sunday, November 19th we will have our annual Giving Sunday and will be collecting the 2018 pledge cards during the service. Every moment, every dollar, and every ounce of energy we offer in service to another nourishes a body, mind and soul.

Following the service we will be holding a **Thanksgiving Luncheon** with our church family. The church will be providing the meat for our feast. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We are so blessed to call on each other as family and let us give thanks for our many blessings together.



The Youth Group met in August & September for their regular meetings. The meetings began with the youth led Evening Prayer service. After the service they enjoyed a dinner while watching part of the Iseado series on Kindness and Joy, which referred to the events leading up to and after Jesus' birth.

In August, we discussed the importance of kindness and ways of spreading that kindness in each day. We finished our meeting with making cards that can be given or sent to those looking for or needing a smile. A way for our youth group to spread kindness!

In September, we began making Chrismon ornaments for the Christmas trees at church. We will be working on these ornaments for the next few meetings to prepare for the Christmas season. It was so much fun to watch the kids create something with their imagination.

The Youth group meets once a month from 5:30-7:30 and is open to all children 6 and up. We would love to have you join us. The Evening Prayer service at 5:30 is open to all who would like to worship with us. If you would like to come help or be a part of this group please let John or Kristi Ross know. As always please keep the youth ministries in your prayers.

- John & Kristi Ross



*Sister Margaret Ann
Florida. Hurricane Irma*

Not everyone can pick up a chain saw and help clean up after a Hurricane or other natural disaster. But we can help support organizations that do.

Thank You to everyone who contributed to the **Hurricane Special Collection**. Christ Church collected \$1,278. This money was donated to God's Pit Crew to allow them

to continue providing assistance to the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

On this year's **Angel Tree** will be items to help support God's Pit Crew and their Blessing Bucket ministry and items again for the Closet of Blessings. Both of these organizations help people locally and around the country in their time of need. Just one angel item makes a difference in the lives of those who receive.





Birthdays & Anniversaries



October

Lu Sullivan	1
Dinah Anderson	6
John Riddle	7
Sheryl Grekos	9
Luke & Ivey Burris - Anniversary	10
Michael & Laura Boyd - Anniversary	11
Ivey Burris	12
Brandon Hall	13
Larry & Faith Stamps - Anniversary	13
Julia Fifield	19
Anna Ballenger	24
Eddie & Leilani Cochran - Anniversary	25
Laura Boyd	25
Catherine Daniel	25
Elizabeth Daniel	25
Frank Anderson	28

November

Porter Sands	1
Nancy Seagle	11
Jackie Wilson	12
Eddie Cochran	13
Steven Oake	13
Rev. Cleon & Pauline Ross - Anniversary	15
Kristi Ross	16
Sydney Brummett	21
Gary Sullivan	26
Eleanor Bogart	28
Dr. Jamie & Angie Daniels – Anniversary	28
Natalie Benz	29
Mary Biddlestone	29
Marty Wilson	29
Rick & Anna Riddle – Anniversary	30

On Wednesday, August 9th Michael & Laura Boyd welcomed a little girl, Raylin Jenna Boyd, to their family. Raylin weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 22 inches long. Both Laura and Raylin are doing well and her big brothers are excited to have a little sister.



Please join the Boyd Family on Sunday, November 5th for the Baptism of Raylin during the 10 a.m. service.



On Sunday, August 20th Alan and Nancy Sands celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary with a vow renewal during the 9 a.m. Service. Nancy and Alan were joined by close friends and family in addition

to their Christ Church family to celebrate. Nancy and Alan read their favorite Bible passages during the service and their grandsons were able to participate by bringing up the Elements. Nancy had brought their wedding album to share with all in attendance. Congratulations Nancy and Alan on 50 years of marriage!



The church is looking for those willing to help serve as church stewards in the way of chalice bearers, readers, ushers, and element presenters. By serving in these capacities you can share your individual talents with the church. There are many ways you can help and if you are interested or would like more information please contact John Ross or John Fifield to discuss this further.



Sunday School is back in session! We kicked off the first week with a round of Sunday School Jeopardy. The kids did great and remembered a lot from previous years. We will be working through the Old Testament stories this year in Sunday School.

Sunday School takes place during the beginning of the church service in the Fellowship Hall for children ages 3-18. We love to see the table full on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping teach some lessons or have any ideas for lessons please contact Kristi Ross.

It is a pleasure to spend this time with our youth. Please keep the youth of this church and our Sunday School in your prayers.

- Kristi Ross



On Sunday, August 13th our church recognized those students and teachers heading back to school this year. Father Bob Hamilton prayed over our students and teachers blessing them for the upcoming year.

The students were given pencils, candy and a bookmark to start the year off right and teachers were given a 7Up bottle with words of wisdom for a great year and a gift card for supplies. Our College students are listed on the weekly prayer list. Please add our college students as well as all of our children and teachers to your weekly prayers.



Bible Study



Mother Helen is leading a Bible Study in Barksdale Hall on Wednesdays from 4-5 P.M.

For more information please contact Mother Helen. 799-3048
hlkmckee@hotmail.com



Olivia Grekos, daughter of Dr. Paul Grekos and Sheryl Grekos, was married to Drew Arnold on Saturday, September 23rd.

The wedding took place at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany with many friends and family in attendance. May God Bless them in their marriage.



*And now these three remain:
Faith, Hope and Love.
But the greatest of these is Love!*

-1 Corinthians 13:13



Homecoming was celebrated at Christ Church on Sunday, September 24th. This Homecoming celebrated the 95th Anniversary of Christ Church! The church and Fellowship Hall were decorated beautifully and it was so nice to have so many in attendance. The new organ was dedicated and blessed during the service and we were very thankful to have Kathy Northen there to play the organ for us. Joe Northen & Gary Sullivan did a wonderful duet as well.

There was a reception following the service with wonderful dishes to share and a great opportunity to fellowship with each other. A slideshow of pictures on the TV from the church throughout the years was enjoyed by all. There were old photo albums that were pulled out to look through during the reception. Thank you to all the many hands that made this day "light" work so that we could celebrate the past and the present of Christ Episcopal Church.



Christ Church History

John was doing some research earlier in the year on specific times that things had occurred in the church to include in Vestry material and had asked me what I remembered. When we were at church one day I found myself taking a trip down memory lane. I sat in a chair and opened the first photo album that I had come to and began to flip through the pages. There were old newspaper articles and pictures of Bazaars, work days, stews, picnics, housewarmings, parties and vacation Bible school. My heart smiled as I remembered the times that I had participated in many of those events as a kid and young adult.

I showed several pictures to John and he was surprised to see what some current members looked like way back when. Needless to say time flew that day and we had to run off to the next activity, but the images of that photo book followed me that day and many days since. My heart felt so full of love for this church not only for the past but the love and admiration for the fact that through the storms that we have weathered this church and some of the people are still here today.

I have been asked several times since Cleon left the church why we stayed at Christ Church and didn't follow them to Halifax. The answer is simple, always has been...this is home. What does that mean? Well, when I think of church I think of the people whom I see sitting in the pews around me each week, I feel the love and support of those who are friends, and I watch my children fall in love with the same things that I did as a kid. Heck, some of the same crayons I used as a kid were still in the crayon tin when I started teaching Sunday School.

So, that day that I pulled a photo album off the shelf turned into the idea of beginning the church history in the weekly emails. Not only did John dive into the pictures, but began reviewing our history through Vestry meeting minutes and Newsletters. Let me tell you that has been quite interesting to see the historians at work in recording our history, the path the church has taken, and

what happened in the lives of the parishioners over the years. There was even an article I had written in one of the newsletters about a camping trip that has not been forgotten!

You see this church isn't about the person who stands in the pulpit each Sunday delivering the message, while that certainly helps us grow spiritually. It isn't about the food at the end of the service during Fellowship Hall. It is about the faces and stories of the people who walk through the doors and do the best they can to continue to help this church thrive through famine or feast. It is the love, dedication and fellowship of the people in this church that have made and do make Christ Church our home. Thank you for filling my heart with joy!

- Kristi Ross



All that being said we need someone to carry on the tradition and be our church historian. There are many loose pictures and digital pictures that need to be organized and placed

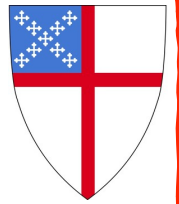
in albums. Also, expanding upon the written history that has been included in the weekly updates. So that we could have something that showcases who we are for our 100 year anniversary in 2022. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please speak with John Ross or John Fifield.



Williamsburg - February 1986

Entire group that appeared before Diocesan Council for recognition of parish status for Christ Church, Danville

ECW Spaghetti Supper



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3245 Franklin Tpke., Danville (corner of Ridgecrest Dr.)

Saturday, October 21st

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$6.00/adult

\$4.00/children 12 & under

**Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Dessert & Drink**

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Christ Episcopal Church - October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> The Rev. Helen McKee Coffee Hour following	2	3 Noon Lunch Tokyo Grill	4	5	6	7
8 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer & Sunday School <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Bob Chennery Coffee Hour following	9	10 Noon Lunch Checkered Pig	11 Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> The Rev. Helen McKee Coffee Hour following ECW Meeting	16	17 Noon Lunch Villages	18	19	20 Set Up for Spaghetti Supper 4:30 p.m.	21 Altar Guild 9:00 a.m. ECW Spaghetti Supper 5-7 p.m.
22 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> The Rev. Dr. Janet Fuller Coffee Hour following	23	24 Noon Lunch Wendy's	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> The Rev. Helen McKee Coffee Hour following	30	31 Noon Lunch Ciro's				

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			1	2	3	4 Daylight Savings Ends 2 am Nov 5th Set your clocks back before bed!!
5 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>Raylin Jenna Boyd Baptism</i> The Rev. Helen McKee Coffee Hour following	6	21 Noon Lunch Ruebens Too	8 Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> The Rev. Bob Hamilton Coffee Hour following ECW Meeting	13	21 Noon Lunch O'Kellys	15 Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Altar Guild 9:00 a.m.
19 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>Giving Sunday</i> The Rev. Helen McKee Reception Following	20	21 Noon Lunch Tokyo Grill	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School <i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i> Coffee Hour following	27	28 Noon Lunch Checkered Pig	29	30		

October & November 2017 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
October 1 10:00 am HE	Nancy Sands	Shaun Anderson & John Fifield	Cort & Linda Oake	Anna Ballenger	John Benz & Luke Burris	Sarah Oakes	Linda Oake
October 8 10:00 am MP	Shaun Anderson				Shaun Anderson & John Fifield	Nancy Sands	Kristi Ross
October 15 10:00 am HE	Bob Chenery	Joe Hile & Sarah Oakes	Mollie Huemoeller & Nancy Seagle	Jake Howard	David Hill & Cort Oake	Dinah Anderson	Nancy Sands
October 22 10:00 am HE	Janice Chenery	Shaun Anderson & John Fifield	Jackie & Marty Wilson	Anna Ballenger	Joe Hile & Jerry Oakes	Marge Fifield	Dinah Anderson
October 29 10:00 am HE	John Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Mary Ross	Shaun Anderson & John Benz	Sherry Gott	Cathy Ballenger
November 5 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Joe Hile & Sarah Oakes	David & Bonnie Hill	Jake Howard	John Fifield & Cort Oake	Mollie Huemoeller	Laura Boyd
November 12 10:00 am HE	Mollie Huemoeller	Shaun Anderson & John Fifield	Bob & Janis Chenery	Anna Ballenger	Joe Hile & David Hill	Sandy Isom	Karla Brummett
November 19 10:00 am HE	Nancy Sands	Bob & Janis Chenery	John and Marge Fifield	Mary Ross	Jerry Oakes & Jackie Wilson	Sarah Oakes	Thanksgiving Brunch
November 26 10:00 am HE	Shaun Anderson	Joe Hile & Sarah Oakes	Cort & Linda Oake	Jake Howard	Luke Burris & John Benz	Nancy Sands	Janice Chenery