



Christ Episcopal Church Chronicle for Oct. & Nov. 2024

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The bat swings and we hang onto our seats to see if it connects with the ball. When it doesn't we clap and say, "good swing", "the next one is yours" and "keep your eye on the ball". And if they strike out we say, "that's okay, good try". We can watch the little league games and the youth sports with this mentality of practice makes perfect or get out there, have fun and learn. The kids are allowed to make mistakes and those who are there to support them are sorry not to see them succeed but love them anyway.

What if in our adult lives we could remember that more? Why do we place guilt and shame on ourselves or others when they make a mistake? Why do we worry that others will look at us negatively for those mistakes? I am not saying we shouldn't learn and grow from our mistakes, but the positivity and encouragement that we give to our youth should go further than just our youth.

Our family has been overwhelmed with the love, kindness and support shown to us through our unexpected blessing. This was a time when we could have been booed off the field and been made fun of. I personally felt like we had struck out and were letting our team down. However, we have been met in the dugout and in the stands with love and hugs. *"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". John 13:35*

In the last few weeks members of our local community were rocked as a former Chatham High student committed suicide after beginning college. We don't ever know what people are going through in their lives and how our words may affect them. Remember that our job as Christians is to show love to each other. When you step up to the plate of life and are waiting for that ball to come from the pitcher, will you swing or wait for it to pass you by and if you strikeout hold your head high and hope that the fans will cheer you on just the same. When they don't, remember God loves you just the same and with Him all things are possible.

As we enter into the last quarter of the year and our world continues to be rocked with division, I hope we will remember these words in all that we do.

"Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love". 1 Corinthians 13:13

Faithfully in His service,
Kristi Ross, Senior Warden



We will be celebrating St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals during the service on **October 6th**.

Please plan to bring your pet or a picture of your pet for a special blessing. Our pets are like family to us, and it is a fun day to share in the joy they bring to us daily.

Christ Church will be collecting pet food and other items for the Pittsylvania Pet Center and will have a special collection that Sunday to provide a financial donation as well.



The ECW is holding their annual blood drive on **Sunday, October 27th**. Please consider donating if you are able and spreading the word to those in the community. The bloodmobile should arrive after church that Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenza in the Narthex if you are able to participate.



On **Sunday, November 10th** the ECW will be throwing a small joint baby shower for Anna Ballenger and Mary Ross. They are both expecting in December, 4 days apart from each other. Anna and Mary are both having boys and are registered on babylist.com. Please speak to Anna's mother Cathy or Mary's mother Kristi if you have any further questions. It will be wonderful to celebrate these girls and their upcoming bundle of joy.



The Craft group continues to meet **every other Saturday from 10 to 12**.

There is something about gathering with friends to work on projects that brings out the best kind of fellowship. We laugh a lot, learn new skills, share events in our lives and sometimes share our sadness. We are a group practicing prayer and outreach. Please consider giving us a try, and feel free to come just for the fellowship. All are welcome.



We will be collecting non-perishable food items on Sunday, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.



The church is also hoping to make a financial donation to God's Storehouse to allow them to purchase fresh meats. Cash donations in any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Kristi Ross if you can help.

This is an important outreach opportunity for our church and a great way for us to support the community.



The ECW spent the past couple of months with final preparations for our Bingo Fundraiser, which was held on Friday, September 7, 2024. What a great time it was for all! A Huge Thanks goes out to Janis Chenery for all she did to make this fundraiser a great success, from putting the prizes together to making her lists so we knew what

needed to be done and for her smiles when someone yelled BINGO!! A big thank you goes out to Bob Chenery who was the MC, calling out the numbers, to John Ross who pulled the numbers, and to Hannah and Abigail, who helped their dad. Thanks to Sherry Gott who called out the prizes for each game and made sure it got to the winners. Thanks go also to all those who helped setting up tables and chairs, buying the food, cooking, serving and cleaning up, selling tickets, donating the prizes, working the floor, reading off the correct bingos, and delivering the prizes. As people left, many asked when we were going to do this again! We made enough money to be able to honor this year's outreach projects.

At our October 20th meeting we will be planning our Christmas Party, to be held at the beginning of December. In November we will be looking into Outreach Projects for next year and electing the ECW Officers for 2025.

All women in the church are members of the ECW.

- Lu Sullivan & Sherry Gott

ECW Prayer: Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in our mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son, Jesus. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. -Amen





We will have our annual **Giving Sunday on November 24th** and will be collecting the 2025 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 church service, we will celebrate with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. There will be a sign-up sheet on the credenza in November for the dishes needed.



The loose collection on this Sunday goes to the Sullivan Music Fund in honor of our many servants throughout the church. Please plan to join us this Sunday as we celebrate all our many blessings as a church family.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



October

Lu Sullivan	1
Jace Chatin	3
Dinah Anderson	6
Michael & Laura Boyd - Anniversary	11
Brandon Hall	13
Elliot Haney	17
Julia Fifield	19
Anna Ballenger	24
Eddie & Leilani Cochran - Anniversary	25
Laura Boyd	25
Catherine Daniel	25
Elizabeth Daniel	25
Frank Anderson	28
Wayne Richard & Jennifer Cuff - Anniversary	30

November

Porter Sands	1
Mary Kaye Huecker	6
Chris Smith	8
Nancy Seagle	11
Jackie Wilson	12
Eddie Cochran	13
Joe Northen	15
Rev. Cleon & Pauline Ross - Anniversary	15
Wayne Richards	16
Kristi Ross	16
Sydney Brummett	21
Gary Sullivan	26
Dr. Jamie & Angie Daniels – Anniversary	28
Natalie Benz	29
Mary Biddlestone	29



Sunday school resumed on Sunday, September 7th. We began looking at the word “believe” and what we as Christians and Episcopalians believe and what we personally believe. We expanded upon that by looking at what the Bible says about believing and how our belief is part of our faith.

We are looking forward to another great year of Sunday school and learning and growing as a group together. As youth members are getting older, I am looking forward to not only addressing Bible stories, but how we can apply them every day.

We are hopeful to try to do a few youth activities this fall as time and schedule permits. Please continue to pray for our youth members. I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

- Kristi Ross

The Sunday morning Bible Study group meets each Sunday at 9 a.m. All are welcome to join us.



During the next 3 months, the group is studying the Sunday morning lectionary. We are using four guideposts in reviewing these writings: Theological Perspectives, Pastoral Perspectives, Exegetical Perspectives, and Homiletical Perspectives. The Bible Study lasts 45 minutes, allowing us time to get to worship on time.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**
Blessing



On Sunday, August 11th the church celebrated back to school Sunday. Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe was with us to offer a special blessing and prayer to our youth members and any adults who are involved in education. There was a small gift given to youth members who were in attendance. If you have a youth member or an educator who was not there, please speak to Kristi Ross and she can get you a gift for those individuals. Please keep our teachers, school, staff and students in your prayers throughout the year.



October/November 2024 Service Assignments

Date	Reader	Chalice	Elements	Servers	Ushers	Altar	Hostess
October 6 10:00 am HE	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	John Benz	Pat Irwin	Janis Chenery
October 13 10:00 am HE	Bob Chenery	Shaun Anderson & Mary Ross	Marge Fifield & Pat Irwin	Catherine Daniel	David Hill	Sarah Oakes	Marge Fifield
October 20 10:00 am HE	Lu Sullivan	Bob & Janis Chenery	Jerry & Sarah Oakes	Abigail Ross	Jake Howard	Lu Sullivan	Bonnie Hill
October 27 10:00 am HE	Janis Chenery	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	Shaun & Dinah Anderson	Mary Ross	Jerry Oakes	Pat Irwin	Pauline Ross
November 3 10:00 am HE	Marge Fifield	Shaun Anderson & Mary Ross	Bob & Janis Chenery	Brantley Boyd	John Ross	Marge Fifield	Nancy Sands & Pat Irwin
November 10 10:00 am HE	Sherry Gott	Bob & Janis Chenery	Marge Fifield & Pat Irwin	Catherine Daniel	Shaun Anderson	Sarah Oakes	Cathy Hyler & Kristi Ross
November 17 10:00 am HE	Jason Hall	Sarah Oakes & Marge Fifield	Cathy & Michael Hyler	Abigail Ross	John Benz	Lu Sullivan	Dinah Anderson
November 24 10:00 am HE	Kathy Hoffman	Shaun Anderson & Mary Ross	David & Bonnie Hill	Brantley Boyd	David Hill	Marge Fifield	Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Blessing of the Animals Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe Coffee Hour following	7	8 Tuesday Fellowship Lunch Bunch Tokyo Grill 12:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
13 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe Coffee Hour following Vestry Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Gene Anderson Coffee Hour following ECW Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
27 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Coffee Hour following ECW Blood Drive	28	29	30	31		

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3 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School All Saints' Sunday Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe Coffee Hour following	4	5	6	7	8	9 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
10 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Grayce O'Neill Rowe Coffee Hour following Baby Shower	11	12 Tuesday Fellowship Lunch Bunch Santana's 12:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Rev. Gene Anderson Coffee Hour following	18	19	20	21	22	23 Crafting Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
24 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Giving Sunday Rev. Gene Anderson Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal	25	26	27	28	29	30