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A WORD FROM PAUL WALKER

Wait. Advent is a time to wait. Children wait for Christmas. Sometimes, adults wait for Christmas...to be over! Advent is a time to wait.

Who likes to wait? Wait in line, wait for the doctor, wait for test results, wait for a promotion, wait for him to call back, wait for your heart to heal, wait for it to warm up. Wait for your son to be born or your grandmother to die.

Dr. Seuss captures our difficulty with waiting in *O The Places You'll Go*. On the road of life everyone encounters the Waiting Place. *"Everyone is just waiting. Waiting for the fish to bite, or waiting for wind to fly a kite, or waiting around for Friday night, or waiting, perhaps, for their Uncle Jake, or a pot to boil, or a Better Break, or a sting of pearls, or a pair of pants, or a wig with curls, or Another Chance. Everyone is just waiting."*

Again, who likes to be in the Waiting Place? As Tom Petty sings, *"the waiting is the hardest part."* Waiting is the hardest part, especially when you are in some situation that needs help. Lord, grant me patience... NOW!

John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus with this question: *"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"* Sometimes when we linger too long in the Waiting Place, we ask the same question. Lord, how long? Is there Anyone Else up there who can get some results?!?

And yet, for sure, Advent is the time to wait. But Advent assures us that we wait for help that is sure to come. We are not just *"Waiting for Godot"*; we are not just characters in a meaningless world waiting for someone who will not arrive. Ultimately, we wait for Jesus to *"come again in glory to judge the living and the dead"*, as we say each week in the Nicene Creed. Then every tear will be wiped from every eye. Then all things will be perfectly restored. Then there will be no more waiting.

But for now, this Advent, and really until He comes again, we wait. My prayer for you in the Waiting Place is from the prophet Isaiah: *"those who wait upon the Lord shall gain new strength."*

Yours in the Waiting Place,

Paul

Advent/Christmas — Mark Your Calendars



- Dec. 19th** **9 a.m.** Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 19th** **5 p.m.** Lessons & Carols (Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir)
- Dec. 24th** **5 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service (traditional service with choir and organ) **Nursery provided at 5 pm**
- 10 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service (traditional service with choir and organ)
- Dec. 25th** **10 a.m.** Christmas Day Service

Evensong Service—Dec. 5

Join us on the first Sunday of December at 4 o'clock. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!



Christmas Pageant News

The Christmas Pageant will be performed during the 9 o'clock service on Sunday, December 19th. It's not too late: we still have room for angels, shepherds and animals! If you want to participate, please contact kids@christchurchville.org. Rehearsals take place during Sunday School (10:10-10:50 am) each Sunday leading up to the pageant. We will have a Dress Rehearsal (meet in Meade Hall) for all participants at Christ Church on Saturday, December 18th, from 10-11:30 am. We would love for everyone to be there!



Christmas Program

Other Sunday School News

There will be no Sunday School December 19th through January 2nd. See you on January 9, 2011!



The Annual Christ Church Greens & Goodies Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 5th
from 8 a.m. until
1 o'clock



Greenery, Baked Goods, Gifts, Cookies, Jellies
All provided by our own Creative Congregation.

Please drop off your Greens or Goodies on Saturday, December 4th from 12 Noon until 3 p.m.

For questions or more information, contact Lee Taylor at 466-3512 or e_lee_taylor@yahoo.com.

Carillon Open House



Have you ever wondered about those beautiful sounds emanating from our bell tower? Clair Holland, a very dedicated parishioner, has played songs for us on our carillon for many years at Christ Church. We are so grateful for her music ministry. Clair has graciously agreed to have an **Open House on Greens & Goodies Sunday, Dec. 5th, after the 9 o'clock service up until 10:30 a.m.** Join Clair in the tower for an up close and personal view of this fascinating instrument.

Christ Church 20s & 30s:
Save the date! **Thursday
December 16th**, you are
invited to a Christmas
party at the home of
Dave and Cate Zahl.
7-10 pm at 1810 Winston
Rd, just off Rugby.
Sweaters encouraged.

More details to fa-fa-fa-
fa-follow... Email Dave Zahl at
dz@christchurchville.org to sign up for the updates.



Hey! 20's-30's!



Financial News!



Don't Forget
Your Tithe

We are grateful to those parishioners
who have made their pledges for 2011.
If you have not done so, please
prayerfully consider pledging and send
in your card as soon as possible so that
we can plan our operating budget for
the new year. Thank you.

Thank you for your
continued generosity to
Christ Episcopal
Church! According to
IRS regulations, all
contributions for 2010
must be received in the
Church Office in 2010 (or postmarked in 2010). We will
send out one last statement of giving to our pledging
parishioners in the beginning of December. As always,
your statement of giving for 2010 will be mailed out
within the first two weeks of January.



Attention!

UVA Alumni!

Did you know that you could
make a contribution to Christ
Church (for our College
Ministry) through the UVA
Fund? Our account number
with them is FSOD487. Their contact information is:
434-243-9000/alumni-assoc@virginia.edu.

PACEM UPDATE

This year's **PACEM**
(People And
Congregations
Engaged in Ministry)
effort—to provide
food and shelter to the
area homeless during
the winter months—is
already underway!



Neighborhood
Missions

Daniel Moore and Willis Logan (two parishioners in the
ordination process) along with Brooks Tate (our Urban
Missioner and Fellow) are serving as this year's Christ
Church coordinators. Along with Church of Our
Savior, we **successfully hosted a women's shelter
just a few weeks ago—thanks to all those who
served!** Our next PACEM stint will be from **January
15 to 28**, when we will be teaming up with Wesley
Memorial United Methodist Church for a **men's
shelter**. We are in need of parishioners (individually or
in groups) to serve through preparing a dinner, spending
the night, helping with laundry, or just visiting with the
men in the evenings. To sign up for or learn more
about these opportunities, contact Daniel, Willis, or
Brooks.

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Willis Logan: gwillislogan@gmail.com

Brooks Tate: brookstate57@gmail.com

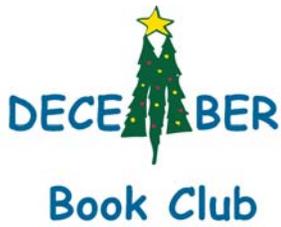
Attention—Women of the Parish

There will be no
ECW meeting in
December, but the
women of the parish
are cordially invited
to the home of Lee
Taylor on Dec. 9th
from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Lee lives at 108 Robinson
Woods. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



If you have any questions, please contact Lee at
e_lee_taylor@yahoo.com or 594-3281.

Classics Series



On Thursday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Donovan Room, the Classics Series book discussion group will focus on the Christmas related works listed below. If you have never attended the meetings, it doesn't matter. Please come!

A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens)

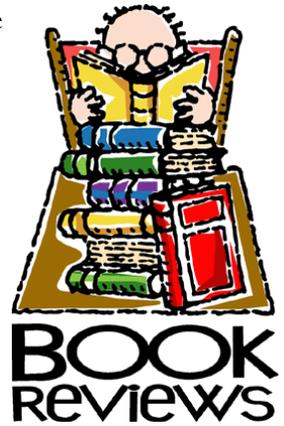
The Gift of the Magi (O. Henry)

A Child's Christmas in Wales (Dylan Thomas)

Refreshments will be served and all are invited.

Questions? Please contact Proal Heartwell at pheartwell@villageschool.us or Bill Blodgett at whb5k@virginia.edu.

The word's out! This month we will whet your appetite for one of C.S. Lewis' many unique books (he wrote over 30). Some books are forever, and these fit here. An incredible range of topics—children's stories, war-time reflections, thoughts on prayer, science fiction, and miracles. Many of these reflect his progress from atheism, finally to "joy" as a Christian. *Mere Christianity*, *Surprised by Joy*, *Weight of Glory*, *Till We Have Faces*—are only a few to challenge your thinking, and which touch on every aspect of our lives. He was truly a unique and memorable author. Why not look into *Joyful Christian?*—a compilation of short readings from many of his other books (see pages 74 and 183). Helpful wisdom for day to day living. If you can, read at least ONE of C.S. Lewis' books this new year. Over 50 authors have written about him and his extraordinary life.



Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Louise Taylor, Kay Orrick, Frank Thomasson, Martha Dabney Jones, Anne Odend'hal, Paige Peyton, Carol Harlee, Marjorie Sample, Helen Wick, Jan & Tom Harrison and their family.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Adriane Neumeister (Jan Harrison's daughter-in-law), Edward (Kate Franzén's nephew), Stuart (Jackie Gitchell's son), Anne Snyder & Denise Palmer (daughter, daughter-in-law of Libby & Bill Palmer).
(Unless requested, remain on list for 1 month.)

Pray for our leaders: Barack, our President; Bob, our Governor and David, the Mayor of our city.

Pray for those on the Active Duty list: LTJG Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John Warnecke's son); Jason Morris and Ed Ledford (sons-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen), Michael; Michael Miller (grandson of John & Carolyn Miller), Erin Smythe, Green Beret Medic (nephew of Martha Smythe), Lieut. Chris Sterbenz (husband of Meg Barkley Sterbenz).

Pray for the bereaved: Carol Innes (father, Edward Forrester), Ruth Snyder (sister, Emma Jean), Vin Cibbarelli (Bev, wife), Cullen & David West (Mary, mother), Richard Douglas (Margareta, mother), Libby Palmer (George Brinton, father), Lena McNicholas (Mickey Cantrell, brother), Lee Ann Barber (Ann Bass, mother), Mike Kavanaugh (Tim, brother), David Drayer (Margaret, mother), Jana Early (Jerrie, mother), Karen Warnecke (Joan, mother), Daniel Thomas Moore (Carolyn Wolf, Aunt) Jan Harrison (Daniel, son).

Please Note: We will list the bereaved for 6 months along with the deceased relative, if we know the name.



Please make your requests for prayer known to us: 100 W. Jefferson St.; Charlottesville, VA 22902; Phone: 293-2347; Email: cec@christchurchville.org

Organ Update

It was noted in the Nov. Messenger that the Organ Committee was awaiting the results of the core drilling performed to determine whether it was possible to excavate a full basement under the chancel without endangering existing structures and accomplish it in a reasonably economic fashion. The results suggest that excavation of space necessary for a full basement is possible, although the process will take longer than originally estimated.

Construction on our current edifice began in Sept. 1895 without subsequent major renovations; thus, your Organ Committee, in collaboration with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee, agreed that now is the time to begin the process of addressing the long overdue restoration and upgrades necessary to keep the edifice of Christ Church beautiful and functional for the next one hundred years, beginning with the construction of the larger basement room. This room will not only house the organ blower, but provide the necessary space to house our future HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning), electrical panels and central plumbing, as well as providing much needed storage space.

The recent meeting of the Organ Committee with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee allowed an opportunity to develop a timeline for the construction and organ installation that least disrupts Christ Church's daily schedule, including our weekly Sunday worship services, as well as our long range schedule such as weddings, etc. The resulting timeline extends our original timeline approximately six months, with a June 27, 2011 start date. The chancel renovation necessary to accommodate the new organ is estimated to take 20 weeks, which means that actual organ installation should begin shortly after next Thanksgiving, with installation of the casework and pipes completed just prior to Christmas next year. The several week toning process will complete the installation in February 2012. This schedule provides ample time to complete the construction without having to work on Saturdays and eliminates the necessity for overtime, which obviously saves money.

Most importantly, this timeline provides six months, January through June, to run a major capital campaign to defray the cost of the organ and the chancel renovation. Consi Palmer, among her many contributions as Senior Warden, has begun to organize a fund raising committee that will endeavor to raise the million dollars budgeted for the project. Over the past five years, without any organized fund raising campaign, Christ Church has been blessed by the generosity of parishioners devoted and passionate about elevating our music capabilities to a level that makes music a pillar of strength and attraction for Christ Church. More than half of the \$1,000,000 of our goal has already been achieved. Though the price tag appears high, one must realize that our refurbished (totally rebuilt Opus 472-1868 Hook organ, except for the pipes, which are the old pipes, but of superior quality compared to newly constructed pipes) organ was contracted for approximately half the cost of a totally new organ. The approximate half million dollars saved by contracting with Andover is, coincidentally, the same amount necessary to refurbish the chancel and at the same time build the all important basement needed to house future utility replacements.

The following testimonial from our esteemed Music Director, Paul M. Walker, clearly makes the case that the addition of this incredible instrument will indeed enhance our worship experience.



On November 11, I was able to play our new organ up in the Andover Organ Company shop in Massachusetts. Our new instrument is going to be everything we had hoped for and more. Visually it is stunning, with beautifully made casework that will match our current wainscoting, nicely draw attention to the Beatitudes window that it will frame, and really "shine up" our chancel. Although only about two-thirds of the pipework was ready to play the day I was there, everything that I heard was a joy to listen to: sweet, characterful soft stops, fabulous solo reeds, a full, rich "hymn-playing" sound, and an imposing "full organ." Good musical instruments, unlike so much of what is manufactured in today's society, improve with age; over time the sounds they produce grow richer and more mature, and I could hear this in many of the stops on the organ, most of which date from the 1860s. Also, because it is considerably larger than our current instrument--three keyboards instead of two supporting a total of 38 stops--it will allow for the playing of vastly more literature than is possible currently. Many thanks to the church for sending me up to play it. I think we can all be excited about the organ's arrival and installation, and once it is in place we will see worship at Christ Church immeasurably enhanced in even more ways than we can now imagine.—Paul Music Walker

And we've pasted a link to our website below so that you can hear what the organ sounds like! By the way, nice playing, Paul!

http://www.christchurchville.org/?page_id=273



DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 Healing Service	2 7—8 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30—11 AM Women's Bible Study 7 Classic Books	3	4 Greens and Goodies Drop Off Date
5 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10 Greens and Goodies sale 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner	6	7 Noon Loaves & Fishes	8	9 7—8 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30—11 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 LNO (p. 3)	10	11 3 Blue Ridge Chamber Orchestra Concert
12 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 Holy Eucharist with Communion 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner	13	14 Noon Loaves & Fishes	15	16 7—8 AM Men's Bible Study	17	18 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (p. 2)
19 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Christmas Pageant/Holy Communion Rite II 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Lessons & Carols	20 Messenger Deadline	21 Noon Loaves & Fishes	22	23 Lyn Gunsalus vacation day	24 5 Christmas Eve Service 10 Christmas Eve Service Office Closed	25 10AM Christmas Day Service 
26 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 11 Morning Prayer with Communion	27 Office Closed	28 Noon Loaves & Fishes	29 11:15 Communion at WCBR.	30 7—8 AM Men's Bible Study	31 First Night Virginia Office Closed	

“Hey Buddy, wanna pick some snowberries?”

-Arctic Puffin

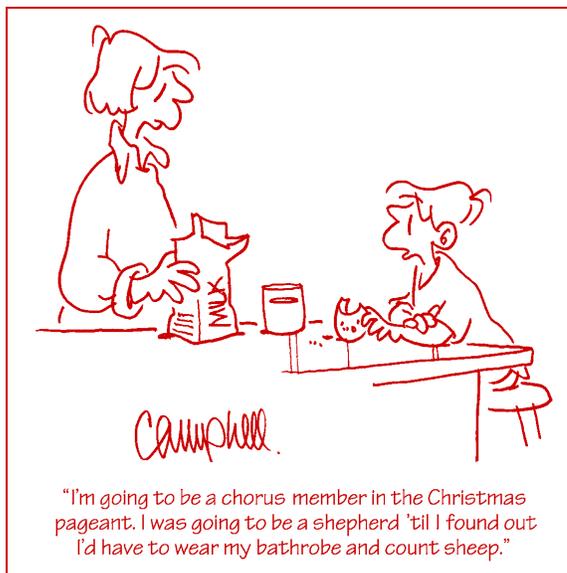
Sunday, Dec. 5- 6:45-8pm
 ... it's the
**All-Youth
 Christmas &
 White Elephant
 Extravaganza!**
 *Bring a \$7-\$15 wrapped gift and expect
 delicious holiday goodies!



Voyage of the Dawn Treader.
CS Lewis wrote it.
They made a movie out of it.
It's awesome, so we're going to see it.
Sunday, Dec. 12 in the late afternoon.
Get ready.



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Christmas Poinsettia



Name of Donor: _____

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Number of Christmas Poinsettias: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$15 per plant): _____

Choose (please keep it brief) :

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

Make check your payable to Christ Church, indicate Poinsettia on the memo line of your check, and send in your form **no later than Wednesday, December 15th.**