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Dear Christ Church Family,

Last week, a New York Times art critic brought a copy of Picasso's *Guernica* into the subway <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v88TNB9WvJE> and asked people their opinion of the masterpiece. Picasso painted it in 1937 in response to the Nazi bombing of the country town in northern Spain. Its black and white cubism depicts people and animals suffering amidst torture and chaos. Heads are not connected to bodies; angles are contorted, everything is fractured. *Guernica* is now recognized as one of the most powerful anti-war paintings in history.

Reactions to the painting ranged from bewilderment to deep recognition and awe. Comments included, "*That makes no kind of sense whatsoever!*" and "*It's a masterpiece!*" It's worth a watch if you have the time.

I wonder what would happen if you took some representation of the gospel into the subway. What would people say? How would they react? It would need to be a fresh articulation, rather than a John 3:16 sign. Something like, "**ALL IS FORGIVEN**" or "**YOUR BURDEN HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY**" or "**RELAX, YOU ARE GOING TO BE OK.**" Not that you can capture the whole story in a quick sentence, but you can at least grab people's attention with some part of the gospel message.

I imagine that the response to the subway gospel would be similar to the response to the subway painting – from "*no sense whatsoever*" to "*masterpiece.*" St. Paul says that the message of the gospel is the "*fragrance of life*" to some and the "*smell of death*" to others. And so it is. To some Christ's death on the cross for the sin of the world is the stuff of fairy tales or the immature and irresponsible opiate of the masses. To others, it is the only and final word that matters in this world and the next.

As we begin 2019 at Christ Church, on the cusp of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding, this gospel word will continue to be preached at all times and in all places. Hopefully it will be preached in fresh and life-giving ways, but ever and always the only message that will outlast the heavens and the earth.

Ever Yours,  
Paul

**The Clergy & Staff**  
thank all those who  
dropped off Christmas  
treats to the Magruder  
House (church office).  
So kind of you!

**Newcomer Reception January 16th**

If you are new to Christ Church, please join us for an informal wine and hors d'oeuvres gathering on Wednesday, January 16th, 5:30-7pm in the Magruder House (church office) at 100 W. Jefferson St. RSVP to Courtenay Evans: [Courtenay@christchurchville.org](mailto:Courtenay@christchurchville.org) or 293-2347.

## Marilu's Message

### Women's "Anti-Resolution" New Year's Retreat

Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30- 8 pm

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>  
9am-Noon



We will meet in our very own Meade Hall in order to break our annual habit of having resolutions! This 'anti-resolution retreat' will be a time to connect with other women of our parish (and friends if you want to bring them!). Lifetime guarantee of grace and love for you and your life! There will be a nominal charge of \$20 to cover wine & cheese, dinner, breakfast and supplies. (But if you forget to register, come anyway—we just want you to come. ☺) Contact Marilu ([marilu@christchurch.org](mailto:marilu@christchurch.org)) or Amanda McMillen ([Amanda@christchurchville.org](mailto:Amanda@christchurchville.org)) for more information or to register.

### Honduras Mission Trip!

This mission trip takes us to Our Little Roses girl's home dedicated to rescuing the girl child in Honduras from situations of risk. We spend time playing with the girls in late afternoons/evenings and work on projects around the home. Days are spent at our sister church, San Jose de La Montana, working on maintenance projects and bonding with our Honduran brothers and sisters. **Dates are March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup>.** We will be holding an information session on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.** Please contact Marilu or Courtenay for more information.



### Centering Prayer Workshops

You are Invited to three Saturday mornings of Contemplative Prayer. Centering Prayer is a way to know God's presence and transforming grace in our lives more directly and deeply within. Come join us to learn more about this way to pray. No experience necessary. Please contact Marianne Gordon (co-presenter with Harrison Gordon) at [hmg2146@yahoo.com](mailto:hmg2146@yahoo.com) or 434-589-3076. Child Care will be provided. Dates: January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Our regular Tuesday 8am Centering Prayer group will resume on January 29<sup>th</sup> in the small group room (7:45am coffee; 8am prayer time begins).**



## A Word from Josh

### Holy Baptism at Christ Church

My favorite line in our entire Prayer Book comes from the service of Holy Baptism. As the sign of the Cross is made in oil on the forehead of the newly Baptized, we say these powerful words; "You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and you are marked as Christ's own forever!" No matter what comes, what ever we do, and wherever we go, "neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:39). Holy Baptism is the outward sign of this promise to us from God. If you or a loved one is interested in learning more about Baptism at Christ Church, the Clergy would love to meet with you! We schedule Baptisms at our morning services on the first Sunday of every month, except during Lent (April in 2019) and Advent (December).

### Youth Confirmation 2019

Our Youth Confirmation Class for Eighth Graders is not far off! The class will begin on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-11:00am in the Youth Room. Classes will continue every Sunday until the Bishop joins us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 service. During that time we also have a weekend retreat to Wintergreen planned for the first weekend in March! If you have any questions please contact Josh at [josh@christchurchville.org](mailto:josh@christchurchville.org) or Amanda at [amanda@christchurchville.org](mailto:amanda@christchurchville.org)

### Senior Luncheon

Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

11:30am in the Gibson Room

Please join us for our January Senior Luncheon--special guest to be announced shortly! As always, Olivia will provide us with a delicious lunch. Please RSVP by emailing [office@christchurchville.org](mailto:office@christchurchville.org) or by calling the office at 293-2347. We hope to see everyone there!

## The Parish Celebrates 25 Years with Al Loving on Sunday, December 15th



## New Adult Education Class for 2019

Marilu and Josh will be teaching a class on the Book of Philippians, beginning Sunday, Jan. 13th, during the 10 o'clock hour in the Gibson room. Join them!

## MASTER WORK SUNG BY COMBINED CHOIRS OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 7:00 PM

The choirs of Christ Church and St. Paul's Memorial have begun practicing Mozart's masterwork, "Vesperae Solennes de Confessore" in preparation for a concert on March 22 at Christ Episcopal Church. We will sing this beautiful work with full orchestra. AKA "Solemn Vespers," this master work is about 30 minutes long. In addition, Deke Polifka, Music Director at St. Paul's Memorial and Alice Layman will play a program of organ duets on the historic E&G.G. Hook organ. The entire program will last about one hour. This concert is not to be missed!

## JUNIOR CHOIR - SAVE THE DATES

The third session of Junior Choir will begin on Sunday, February 24. All children, ages 2nd grade and older (or younger with special permission) are invited to join Christ Church Junior Choir! First time participants are encouraged to give the Junior Choir a try. The Junior Choir practices on Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:50 AM, and is directed by Alice Layman.

### Session 3 dates:

Practices on Feb. 24, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17; sing at 9 AM service on Sunday, March 24

Contact: [alice@christchurchville.org](mailto:alice@christchurchville.org)



## 2019 Pictorial Directory

Whether you are a longtime member of Christ Church, or have just become part of our parish family, if you have not already submitted a photo to Courtenay Evans, our Newcomer Liaison, please do so! Email your photo to [directorychristchurchville@gmail.com](mailto:directorychristchurchville@gmail.com).

Please be sure to identify everyone in the picture. If you don't have a picture, stop by the Welcome table after church and Courtenay can take one for you.

## Altar Flowers & Wine, Wafers, Candles

If you have designated special dates in the past and want to keep those for 2019, please confirm with Lyn or Marcy. Thank you. Flowers dedicated for the high altar are \$95 and those in St. Anne's Chapel are \$60. Wine, wafers and candles cost \$100 for the month.

## MISSION & SERVICE

### Call for Volunteers! PACEM (People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry) February 16<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019

PACEM (People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry) is a collaboration of over 80 congregations in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area to provide overnight shelter for the homeless men and women in our community. In partnership with host site Wesley Memorial United Methodist, we shelter approximately 45 men for 12 hours each night. Last year over 58 Christ Church volunteers helped with preparing and serving dinner (*meal volunteers*); spending fellowship time with guests - eating together, watching Jeopardy and movies, playing games or coloring (*social volunteers*); sleeping overnight (*overnight volunteers*); or laundering clothing and towels (*laundry volunteers*). Our dates this winter will be **February 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**. Volunteering is a very fulfilling and wonderful way to get to know our Charlottesville community. Please contact Courtenay or Marilu to become involved and please indicate the volunteer role of most interest.

### New Year's Day Soup Kitchen

Every 7 years, our hosting of the Our Daily Bread soup kitchen falls on New Year's Day. This year, we made it festive with balloons, an ice cream and dessert bar, free water bottles filled with chocolates and a laminated prayer gift for each guest. Sharing love with our community neighbors who are financially challenged can be a lot of fun and connective. Here is a photo from the day:



### Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Christ Church!

Over 1600 people came through the doors of Christ Church to worship. The photos below are from the 5 o'clock Christmas Eve service. Josh is holding his daughter, Sarah Grace, during his children's homily.



## Abundant Life Ministries Update

For more than 20 years, Abundant Life Ministries <https://charlottesvilleabundantlife.org/> has been working in the Prospect/Fifeville neighborhood in Charlottesville to “demonstrate God’s love through holistic community development, seeking to reconcile people to God, themselves and one another through mutually transformative relationships”. The programs created by Abundant Life include tutoring programs at Johnson Elementary, Walker Upper Elementary, and Buford Middle School; Bible Club at Johnson; evening programs based in the neighborhood for middle school boys and girls; and an in-depth mentoring program for high school boys (STRIVE). A financial literacy program, Dollars and \$ense, is offered for adults who want to work towards home ownership. The ministry owns two buildings on Prospect Avenue and hopes to grow their presence in the neighborhood over the next few years.

Christ Church has a long-term relationship with Abundant Life which has included Fellows participation in the past, providing tutors and mentors, shopping for the annual “Christmas Store”, collecting books on “David’s Bookshelf” to give Abundant Life students, and hosting a book fair held by our youth group for the elementary age children a few years ago. Financial support has been provided as well.

Abundant Life is seeking to expand and deepen its programs with the help of community partners which include the city of Charlottesville, the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, UVa organizations and many churches. New initiatives include moving ministry offices into the neighborhood in early 2019, revitalizing the girls programs, and development of a new strategic plan.

Given the events of August 2017, the need for reconciliation and collaboration have taken on a deeper meaning in Charlottesville. Connection with Abundant Life is one tangible way that Christ Church can become respond to that. Here are some of the ways that Christ Church members can become involved:

- Tutors are needed in these programs: Johnson – 3:00-4:00 on M/Tu/Wed.; Walker – 3:15-4:15 on Tu/Wed.; Buford – 3:15-4:15 on Mon
- Bible Club helpers are needed at Johnson on Wednesdays – 2:30-4:00.
- Parishioners can shop for a Christmas store “Wish List” in late November or help at Christmas store in early December.
- Funding is needed for meals for the Financial Literacy program for second semester and for meals for the Young Ladies Program.
- Drivers are needed to transport tutors from UVa on Mon/Tu/Wed.
- Parishioners can donate new or gently used books to David’s Bookshelf in the upstairs hall outside Children’s Chapel.
- Office help is needed for Data Entry and record-keeping.

**New Executive Director Nathan Walton will be speaking at Christ Church during the Adult Education hour on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Come learn more about this exciting ministry.**

To volunteer, email [volunteer@charlottesvilleabundantlife.org](mailto:volunteer@charlottesvilleabundantlife.org). For questions or more information check out the website at [charlottesvilleabundantlife.org](http://charlottesvilleabundantlife.org) or contact Melville Krebs at [melvillekrebs@gmail.com](mailto:melvillekrebs@gmail.com)

## Ladies Night Out Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30pm: 1915 Meadowbrook Rd.

All women are invited to the home of Caroline Wilhelm for the January Ladies Night Out. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

### Here are directions sent by Caroline:

From Emmet Street/Rt 29 South, turn left at the light onto Morton Drive (Bodo’s Bagels will be on the left). From Emmet Street/ Rt 29 North, turn right at the light onto Morton Drive (Bodo’s Bagels will be on the right). Follow Morton Drive a short distance until it ends at Meadowbrook Road. Turn left on Meadowbrook Road. My house is a 2-story brick colonial and will be on the left. A sign with the house number (1915) is near the driveway. Park anywhere on the street. Parking in the driveway is fine but the first car in is the last car out. Phone 434-284-1444 for questions.





Happy New Year!

We can't believe we have a semester of the year already under our belts. The time is flying! We hope that your Christmas season has been one of rest amongst the chaos. In December we had our annual White Elephant Christmas Party and baked some Christmas cookies, too! It was a busy month and we are feeling very grateful for this ministry and the amazing students in it.

As we welcome 2019, we're gearing up for an exciting semester of more of the same. Time together and time in our city, reminding ourselves of how loved we are by our Creator. While a new year is exciting, it is also very unknown. Thank God that we have a hope in Jesus no matter what comes our way this year. This verse from Zephaniah comes to mind: "The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

In the beginning of February we'll be bringing back our annual Super Bowl Chili Sale! Keep an eye out for the church Spring Programs Guide coming soon, with details about all of our large group events this semester. As always, please reach out to either of us if you have any questions about our youth ministry or how to get involved in a small group.

Yours,  
Amanda & Nathan



## THANK YOU FROM THE PRESCHOOL!!

We would like to say **Thank You** to everyone who was able to give to the Preschool this past year. Your generosity is what makes it possible to serve the children who come to our school. We are truly grateful for the care and support we receive from you.

### **THE VESTRY**

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John Desmond, Treasurer  
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In partnership with  
Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VIP)  
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Here is the link to the Virginia Episcopalian—  
Quarterly Magazine produced by the Diocese of  
Virginia (hold control key and click on the link to  
connect. [http://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Virginia\\_Episcopalian/V-E-Fall2018-final-web.pdf](http://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Virginia_Episcopalian/V-E-Fall2018-final-web.pdf)

### **Prayer Requests**

**Pray for your fellow parishioners:** Ruth Swift,  
Deb Bobka.

**Pray for our leaders:** Donald, our President, Ralph,  
our Governor, and Nikuyah, the Mayor of our city.

**Pray for those on the Active Duty list:** LCDR  
Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John  
Warnecke's son); Col. Jason Morris (son-in-law of  
Eugene & Lanier Bogen), CPT David Downing  
(nephew of Carol & Jimmy Downing), LT Kyle  
David Wagner (son of Jeff & Christine Wagner), LT  
Thomas Campbell (son of Elizabeth Campbell),  
Ken Watson (deployed in Afghanistan), Army 1LT  
Alexander Symons & Marine Lance Corporal  
Denver Bergamin (nephews of James Moore & Sue  
Symons), USMC Conor James Nuelle (Karen  
Nuelle's son).

**Pray for the bereaved:** The Family of Kay Orrick,  
Kelly Oakes (Brian, brother), Anne & Ken Wilson  
(Bill, brother-in-law), Tyson Janney (Sally Janney,  
wife), Mike Dickens (Deborah Dickens Ramey,  
sister) The Richard Bolton Family (Nancy Jane  
Bolton, mother, grandmother), Ashlin Smith (Lloyd,  
husband), Mary Cail (Janice, mother), The Elliott  
Family (Lois), Cheryl & J.J. Kasper (Mary, mother),  
James Moore (Alvin, father); The Franzén family

(Dick & Edie, David's parents), Cate Zahl (Lucy  
Cabell Jenkins, Grandmother), The Stringfellow  
Family (Woods), The Davis Family (Lawson), The  
Smith Family (Mary Helen), The Burins Family  
(Virginia), Locke Boyer (Sharon, wife) Peter  
Ronanye (Claire, mother), The Davis Family  
(Lawson, father), The Cooper Family (Terry, father).

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,  
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Phone: 293-2347; Email:  
office@christchurchville.org



If you're new to Christ Church, we have an **Email  
Prayer Chain**. There are approximately 80  
parishioners on the chain at present. When we  
receive phoned-in prayer requests or email prayer  
requests in the office, we send them out to the chain  
as quickly as possible for prayer. If you would like  
to participate, please email  
[office@christchurchville.org](mailto:office@christchurchville.org) and we'll add you to  
the list.

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>6</b> <b>7:45am</b> HC Rite I <b>9am</b> Rite II <b>11am</b> Rite1/Baptism <b>5pm</b> HC		8	<b>9</b> Brown Bag Bible Study resumes	<b>10</b> Men's Bible Study Resumes	11	12
					<b>Women's Retreat—Friday 5:30 to 8pm, Saturday 9 to Noon</b>	
<b>13</b> <b>7:45am</b> HC Rite I <b>9am</b> Rite II/Baptism <b>10am</b> Adult Ed <b>11am</b> Morning Prayer <b>5pm</b> HC		15	<b>16</b> <b>5:30</b> Newcomer's Reception	<b>17</b> Women's Bible Study Resumes  <b>11:30am</b> Senior Lunch	18	<b>19</b> <b>Choir Retreat—9:30 to 12:30</b>
<b>20</b> <b>7:45am</b> HC Rite I <b>9am</b> Rite II <b>10am</b> Adult Ed <b>11am</b> HC Rite I <b>5pm</b> HC; <b>6pm</b> Dinner	<b>21</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Ladies Night Out	23	24	25	<b>26</b> <b>8:30—</b> Centering Prayer Work Shop
<b>27</b> <b>7:45am</b> HC Rite I <b>9am</b> Rite II <b>10am</b> Adult Ed <b>11am</b> HC Rite I <b>5pm</b> HC; <b>6pm</b> Dinner	<b>28</b> <b>6pm—</b> Region XV Meeting at Christ Church	<b>29</b> <b>8—</b> Centering Prayer Resumes	30	31		

### Weekly Events

**Tues:** **Noon—**Our Daily Bread - Interested in serving? Contact Marilu (marilu@christchurchville.org)  
**7pm** Women's Jail Ministry  
**7:30** 20's/30's meets in Magruder House (resumes January 15)

**Weds:** **11:30** Mid-week Communion  
**12:15** Brown Bag Bible Study  
**4—5 pm** Yoga in Meade Hall

**Thurs:** **7am—**Men's Bible Study—Gibson Room  
**8:30—12:30** Parents morning out (nursery)  
**9am** Women's Bible Study in Small Group Room  
**1 pm—**Men's Jail Ministry  
**6 pm—**Bell Choir (not Jan. 10)  
**7:15 pm—**Adult Choir (not Jan. 10)