

THE MESSENGER

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A WORD FROM PAUL WALKER

Sharing one’s life with people who understand the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit is an integral part of experiencing the abundant life that Jesus gives us. But because we have 4 wonderful worship services at Christ Church, it is often difficult to connect with people who attend a different service. We have over 1000 members at Christ Church, so no one person will be able to know everyone. Yet, being in Christian community is one of the real blessings of being a part of a church.

Getting connected to a smaller group or ministry in the Church is one way to address the very real need for very real community. (Faux versions of community – having to always wear your mask and put your best foot forward – are available in spades in the secular world. Real community – being known and yet loved – is rare indeed.) We are working to offer you many places to connect with a smaller group within the larger body of Christ Church.

I’ll just highlight a few options for this Fall.

Weekly Evening Prayer services will be held at 5:30 PM in St. Anne’s chapel on Wednesday’s beginning on 9/3.

Monthly Healing Prayer services will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in St. Anne’s Chapel beginning on 9/3.

A Men’s Bible Study on Paul’s Letter to the Romans will be held on Tuesday mornings from 7-8:15AM in Meade Hall beginning on 9/9.

The Women’s Bible Study will continue with a study of David, beginning 9/4 on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00AM in the Gibson room.

An adult Sunday School class on Everyday Theology begins on Sunday 9/7 at 10 AM in the Gibson Room. This class will be taught by the clergy and includes the following topics: Life, Marriage, Family, Money, Vocation, and Death.

Christian Belief: An 8-week class on the basics of the Christian faith with free dinner and childcare available. Following dinner there will be a teaching and then Q & A. Wednesday evenings 6-7:30 from 9/10 through 10/29. Topics include: The God of Grace, The Cross, The Resurrection, The Holy Spirit, The Church, Scripture, Prayer, and Hope.

This, of course, does not even begin to cover the ways to connect. As you visit our new website (www.christchurchville.org), please go to the “Getting Connected” page for more info.

And as always, we are here to help and serve in any way we can.

Ever,

Paul

Office Hours: We have decided to continue closing the church office at noon on Fridays. However, as always, your clergy will be on call on Fridays if you need assistance. To find out which one of the priests is on call, simply call the church office and listen to the recorded weekend message. A contact number will also be provided.

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

I'm very excited about the upcoming program year at Christ Church. In addition to serving on Sunday mornings, I'm thrilled to be serving at the 5:00 service with Paul and Justin and look forward to leading a small group of UVA students.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 3 we are having a first-Wednesday-each-month Healing Service at 10:00 AM in St. Anne's chapel, as well as resuming our weekly Wednesday-evening service of Evening Prayer at 5:30, also in St. Anne's chapel.

On Wednesday evenings from September 10 through October 29 we're running a Christian Belief class with free dinner and childcare (see flyer on this page)--to register, just email me at dave@christchurchville.org.

Also, I'm looking forward to tag-teaming with Paul and Justin in teaching the Everyday Theology Adult Sunday School class beginning September 7, as well as the Men's Bible Study on Romans beginning September 9.

Later on in the school year, I'll be teaching a class on Holy Communion beginning October 19, and from January through April I'll be teaching the Youth Confirmation Class. I'm also very pleased that we have 15

new acolytes who will be in our Sunday morning rotation--please help them feel welcomed and appreciated as they serve among us. I remain grateful for the privilege of serving at Christ Church. Please let me know how I can better serve you.

Yours in Christ,
Dave

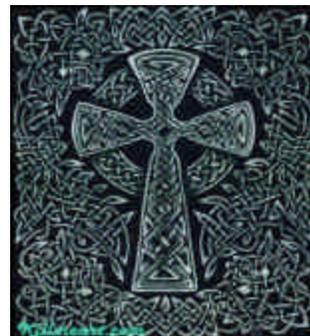
ECW Kick-Off

All of the women of Christ Church are invited to the fall planning meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). The meeting will take place on **Monday, September 8, at 6:00 pm in Meade Hall**. This is your opportunity to express your thoughts and ideas on activities sponsored by the ECW. Please come and see how you can be involved in providing a meaningful Christmas to children whose parents are spending time in regional jails. This activity is part of Christ Church's prison ministry outreach program. We will begin the meeting with a short social. Please bring, if you wish, an appetizer to share. This is a great opportunity to meet other women from the church who share the same desire to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. PLEASE COME! If you have any questions, please contact Donna

CHRISTIAN BELIEF

Beginning September 10th, Christ Church will host an 8-week class on Wednesday evenings called "Christian Belief." This is for anyone who is interested in studying the central beliefs of the Christian faith. Each session starts with a meal, followed by a teaching and then Q&A. Topics include:

Sept 10	The God of Grace
Sept 17	The Cross
Sept 24	The Resurrection
Oct 1	The Holy Spirit
Oct 8	The Church
Oct 15	Scripture
Oct 22	Prayer
Oct 29	Hope



Dinners are free and childcare is provided for ages newborn through 5th grade. Note: Grades 1-4 Children's choir will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning September 10th.

So we can plan for the meals and childcare, please register by emailing Dave Johnson (dave@christchurchville.org), and please inform us of your childcare needs and any dietary restrictions.

Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm—Meade Hall

Music Ministry News

Elizabeth and David Norfrey

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“Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!”

(Hymn 420, vs. 5, words by Fred Pratt Green)



Fall is an excellent time to try something new! As the new season begins, we invite you to get involved in a musical ensemble. It's a great way to get to know people, learn and grow musically and spiritually, and to be an active part of the community.

The Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs participate in the 9:00 a.m. service approximately once a month. This year we will offer two choirs: Grades 1-4 will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 10th, while the adults have the opportunity to attend the class taught by Rev. Dave Johnson. Grades 5-8 will rehearse on Sundays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. before Youth Group, beginning Sept. 7th. (5th graders may participate in the younger choir if that works better for the family schedule.) The choirs assist as worship leaders and offer special music at the offertory. They are instructed in vocal technique and play hand chimes, percussion and occasionally add sign language to some songs. They also study one traditional hymn each month, learning the background of the text, the hymn writers and the musical elements. Contact Elizabeth to sign up.

The Adult Choir (11:00 a.m. service; Rehearsals Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:15 a.m., open to age 14 through adult.) There is regular core group which heartily welcomes “part-timers” for special services. This month the choir is preparing for Choral Evensong, which will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. There is no audition for this group – we train! If you would like an individual consultation to evaluate your voice, please feel free to contact Elizabeth.



The **Handbell Choir** is comprised of some ringers with previous experience and others completely new to handbells. Music reading is helpful, but not necessary. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 21st. The group is preparing to participate in both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services on Oct. 26th. Contact David if you are interested in participating for the first six weeks.

The **Bach's Lunch** concert series celebrated its 20th anniversary this past May. The sampler CD containing excerpts from four of the concerts - carillon, marimba, harp and voice - is currently in production and will be available for purchase soon. This is a good tool to introduce people to Christ Church - they make great gifts for a hostess, teacher, etc. The proceeds will continue to fund the series.

Do you play the piano? Do you play another instrument that can be accompanied by piano? If so, we need you to sign up for a time slot (any length) in the **Piano Marathon Concert**, Friday, October 17th, 12 noon to 12 midnight. The beautiful Kawai grand piano in the nave (sanctuary) will be played by a number of talented keyboard players of various ages and styles. This ongoing concert is a fundraiser for the new Hook Pipe Organ. Consider sponsoring a piano key or a musician.

Singing for Non-Singers: If you are convinced you “can’t carry a tune in a bucket” or would just like to sing out with more confidence in worship or any group setting, there is hope! Contact Elizabeth for free individual or group instruction. Encouragement and improvement guaranteed!

Meet The Fellows!

I am thrilled to introduce you to the three Christ Church fellows—Terri Taylor, Davis Gouldin, and Elizabeth Jordan—who will be with us for the school year. All three will be joining Paul, Dave, and me as we all minister to students through Anglican College Ministry. They will each lead small groups of university students and meet one-on-one with students for encouragement, friendship, and prayer. But they will also be involved in ministries through out our entire Christ Church community, doing such things as teaching highschool Sunday school classes and serving as our liason to Abundant Life Ministries.

Each of the fellows has been a part of ACM for a few years as students and now we get the opportunity to have them on the ministry team. Their bios and pictures are below. Please be sure to greet them when you have the chance.



Elizabeth Jordan

Hailing from Woodberry Forest, Virginia, Elizabeth Jordan graduated this past May from the University of Virginia with a degree in History. As a fellow, she will be working closely with the women's college ministry and teaching some high school Sunday school classes. She also works

part time as a media consultant at the Virginia Center for Digital History. She's been going to Christ Church since her first year and is so excited to be working here now.



Davis Gouldin

Davis grew up in Richmond and is a recent graduate of UVA, where he double majored in Religious Studies and Music. Throughout college, he has helped lead music at the 5 o'clock service, and spent a summer working with Christ Church's youth group. In addition to his Fellows duties in the upcoming year, he will be

working with FOCUS (Fellowship of Christian Universities and Schools), an organization that ministers to middle and high school students in local private schools.



Terri Taylor

Terri Taylor just returned from two-years of teaching English in a village in Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps. Originally from Kingsport, Tennessee, she graduated from UVA in 2006 in American Studies and Religious Studies. She enjoys yoga, coffee, books, and, especially since her return to the US, grocery stores.

Prayer Requests



Pray for your fellow parishioners:

Louise Taylor, Kay Orrick, Frank Thomasson, Wally Tymoff, Bev Cibbarelli, Ruth & Emma Snyder, Sylvia Nichols, Helen Wick, John Dodge, Bill Harris, Belinda Pullen, Jean Printz, John Chappell, Mary West.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: (Unless requested, remain on list for 1 month.)

Judy Taylor (Tricia Witherow's mother), Rebecca Donaldson (Ruthana Jenkins' sister), Theo Vangelo (Liz Straight's grandmother), Regina Dowling (Ann Hardinger's aunt) and Madison Spencer.

Pray for expectant parents: Meredith & Matthew McClellan, Lindsey & Justin Holcomb.

Pray for the bereaved: Ron Hutchinson, Georgia Davidson, Betsy Boswell, Sophia Bass, Ellen Hathaway, Diane Cole, Franzén family, Davies family.

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

Musings from the desk of Carol Harrell

Our beloved parish administrator, Marcy Hooker, often regales us with stories of her hometown of Chicago: Lake Michigan, Wrigley Field, the Miracle Mile, the White Sox and Cubs – heard it all. Now, after having returned from spending two weeks there in training for Level III of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, Pam Desmond and I are believers! Chicago is a beautiful city - clean, bright, filled with flowers and friendly people.

Pam and I spent the two weeks with people from four countries and 23 states who are all dedicated to this particular work with the child. Gerald came from Melbourne, Australia; Mary from Norway, Rosa Mexico City, and Heather, Laurie and Lilia from Canada. We were also an ecumenical group – the usual Episcopalians, Anglicans, Roman Catholics along with a Baptist minister from Mississippi and a sprinkling of Methodists and Presbyterians. We learned together, studied together, prayed and played together.

Because Level III delves into Old Testament and the land of Israel in depth, we visited a local temple, Temple Solom, where the rabbi gifted us all with a prayer shawl to take back to our atria. And when we were not up into the wee hours of the morning making materials to bring home, we went on a tour of the city, shopped on the Miracle Mile (well, “window shopped” considering the prices!), and even visited the famous American Girl Store!

One of the gifts of this program for the adults who work in it is the loving, international community we are a part of. When we gather, we see a glimpse of the Parousia, a time when all people come together to recognize God in the world.

Pam and I return next year for the second half of the course. We look forward to seeing everyone again and, perhaps, getting to see the White Sox or Cubbies play too.

At the start of this Sunday school year, we invite everyone to visit the atria and the 4th and 5th grade class: come see what the children are learning and doing and discover ways you can be involved in this wonderful, joyful community. Having children in the program is not a prerequisite! Loving children is!

In His love,

Carol Harrell

Director of Children’s Formation

Arts Community Update The Garage and the Makers Series

As the school year gets started, we're beginning to hear rumblings from our arts community! This month we'll restart our monthly Makers Series as well as kick off a new art gallery/venue space in the church office garage on 1st Street.

The Makers Series is a monthly gathering that invites three local artists (a musician, a writer, and a visual artist) to share their artwork and discuss their creative process. We gather in Meade Hall on the second Friday of every month to experience and talk about art as we enjoy appetizers, drinks, and the creative ambiance. The whole city is invited, but we are especially excited about the ways the Makers Series exposes our parish to the arts and ministers specifically to the artists within our church. The first Makers Series of the school year will be on Friday, September 12 from 6-8pm. Please join us!

The Garage is the church office's garage that will now be serving as an alternative art space/concert venue/amateur movie theater/silk screen print studio/potluck dining hall/etc. We recently cleaned, painted, and refloored the space in order to get it ready to begin hosting art exhibits and activities in September! We hope that the Garage serves as a creative space through which we can serve individuals within the wider arts community of Charlottesville. We are praying that it will be a space of creative engagement and relationship built on a foundation of God's love and truth! Join us for the First Fridays opening of the new exhibit by Patrick Costello on Friday, September 5, 5-8pm. Check out the Garage's website (www.thegarage-cville.com) for the list of upcoming events.



If you are interested in the arts and would like to be involved in facilitating our arts community, email Kate Daughdrill: kate@christchurchville.org, (Director of Arts Community)! We'd love to have your help!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Days Off: Monday —Liz Edrington, Elizabeth and David Norfrey Friday —Paul Walker, Dave Johnson, Justin Holcomb	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 Marcy Hooker vacation day Noon Loaves & Fishes	3 10 Healing Serv. 4 Finance Committee Meets 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Children's Ministries Dinner	4	5 Noon—4:30 Virginia Watercolor Guild Event 6 Garage Art	6
7 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner	8 6 ECW Meeting	9 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Executive Comm. Mtg. 5 Worship	10 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class 6:30 Cherubim Choir rehearsals begin!	11	12 6 Makers Series	13 Middle School scavenger hunt.
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21 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Handbell rehearsal	22	23 Noon Loaves & Fishes	24 11:30 Holy Euch. at WCBR 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class	25	26 3 Wedding Rehearsal	27 1pm Wedding
28 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 11 AM Morning Prayer w/Euch. 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner	29	30 Noon Loaves & Fishes	Choir & Praise Band Rehearsal Schedule Cherubim Choir (currently grades 1-4) rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. (Starts 9/10) Seraphim Choir (currently grades 5-8) rehearses on Sundays at 5:30 pm. (Starts 9/7) The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 6:30 pm. (Starts on 9/21) Adult Choir—Thursdays, 7—9 pm			
Women's Bible Study Beginning September 4th , the women of Christ Church are invited to attend a weekly Bible study on Thursday mornings in the Gibson room at 9:30 a.m. This fall semester we will be studying David, a man after God's own heart. We will use a study guide by Beth Moore entitled, A Heart Like His . Women of all ages are cordially invited to join us.			Men's Bible Study Beginning September 9th , Christ Church will host a weekly Men's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings from 7:15 - 8:00 a.m. in Meade Hall. Bagels and coffee will be available beginning at 7:00 a.m. Men of all ages are invited to study the Book of Romans. Romans tells us about God, who He is and what He has done. It tells us of Jesus Christ, what His death and resurrection accomplished. It tells us about ourselves, what we are like without Christ and who we are by faith in Christ. The study will consist of teaching and discussion.			

Here's to a spectacular start to school in September...

Thoughts, Thoughts...

As school gets back into full swing again and the sting of the transition from summer freedom to steady structure begins to lessen, it can be helpful to consider how we've been created to operate within the good, beautiful order that God has given us. Sometimes the splendor of a couple of hours to hang out in a tree and ponder the spasticity of squirrels and the miracle of changing seasons is lost on us when we have more free time than we know what to do with on a summer day. But, when we're up at the crack of dawn to take notes, cram lunch into our bellies in 15 minutes, and sweat at practice for 2 hours before heading home to do some homework, time in that tree becomes even more precious and we're able to appreciate the little gifts and crazy blessings we often take for granted.

My hope is that the Lord will begin to reorient our understanding of His divine order for the world— that we might desire to live in it and appreciate its unique blessing for us in lieu of misunderstanding it as a set of rules or guidelines which affirm our Christian existence. When we begin to understand how ridiculously loved and known we are by Jesus, and that His death and resurrection begin to turn the 'ways of the world' (i.e. karma) on their head, we are set free to live by, with, and through His Spirit which is ever with us. He begins to actually make us want to do things like honor our parents and not kill our little brother or sister.

We no longer need to measure ourselves or others by our successes or accomplishments religiously or secularly; we have the enormous blessing of getting to find our identity, our worth, and our purpose in a God who cares so greatly for each one of us individually that He would forgive us of all of our rebellion and shortcomings and reconcile us to Himself through the ultimate sacrifice- all simply in the name of Love. That's grace. It makes no sense, but man, is it phenomenal. We're forgiven when we fail to follow the good order given us, and we're loved and transformed by Christ, the one who does it. Then we get to appreciate both the harassing din of the obnoxious alarm clock at 6:45am letting us know we have a full day ahead- and the special hour we get in our tree...

Liz Edrington

If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ... You have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness.
 So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. ... But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.
 -Romans 6:5,18 & 7:4,6



Chocolate fondue at the All-Youth Cookout hosted by the Freshwaters



White Water Rafting in WVA

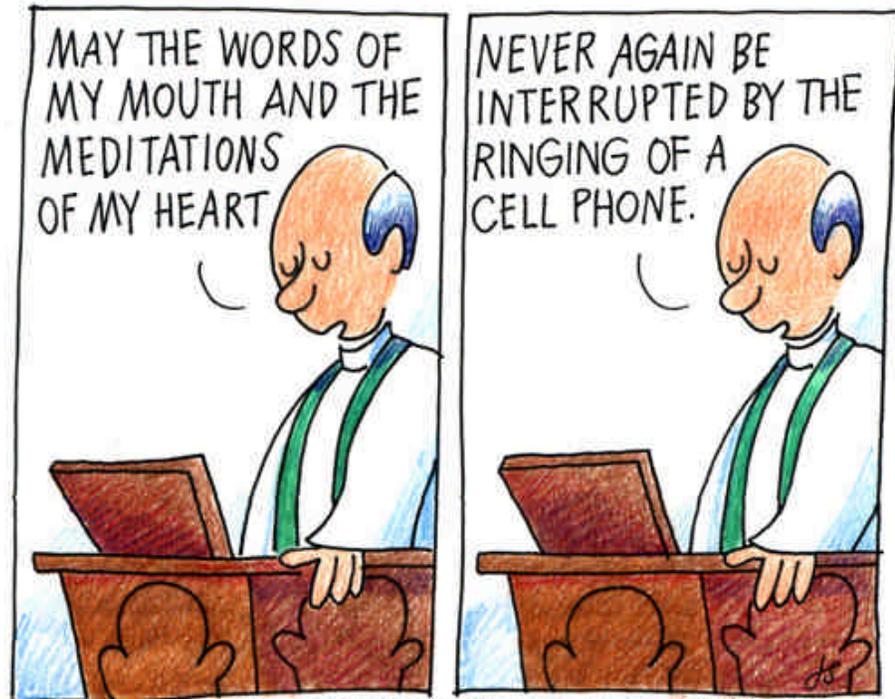


Hilary Walker and Clay Eure (Seniors!) at the Cookout

Upcoming Events:

- *Sept. 7– Youth Group & Sunday School start back up**
- * Sept. 13– Middle School Scavenger Hunt**
- *Oct. 4– High School Busch Gardens Trip**

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Vestry Meeting Highlights—August 19, 2008

- ◇ **Stewardship:** The Rev. Paul Walker announced that Bill Gordon and Jud Palmer have agreed to serve as stewardship chairs for the 2009 campaign.
- ◇ **Church Profile:** A profile committee will be formed that will represent a cross section of the church, and charged with creating a questionnaire, collating the data and preparing a report.
- ◇ **Church Programs:** The Rev. Dave Johnson discussed the list of exciting programs that will be available this fall for all age groups (see Paul's cover letter in this Messenger).
- ◇ **Outreach & Fellows:** The Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb reported that the Mission and Outreach Committee is focusing on funding organic, in-house ministries. There are three fellows who will be holding office hours to meet with students, leading small groups, etc.