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Dear Friends,

We are into a new year and a new decade, but the need of the “old, old story” has never been greater. I’m more convinced than ever of the truth and power of God’s Word, as well as our daily need to be sustained and nourished by His love and grace.

There is a deeply encouraging snippet in the “Suffrage B” section of the Morning Prayer Service in the Book of Common Prayer. We pray in call and response *“Lord, show us your mercy. / For we put our trust in you. / In you, Lord, is our hope; / And we shall never hope in vain.”*

And we shall never hope in vain. This means that our hope in the Lord (whatever form that takes for you) is always brought to fruition. Hope is *always* the right posture when our hope is in the Lord. The psalmist says **“We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.”** (Psalm 33:20-22)

So hopeful! And we shall never hope in vain.

Ever Yours,

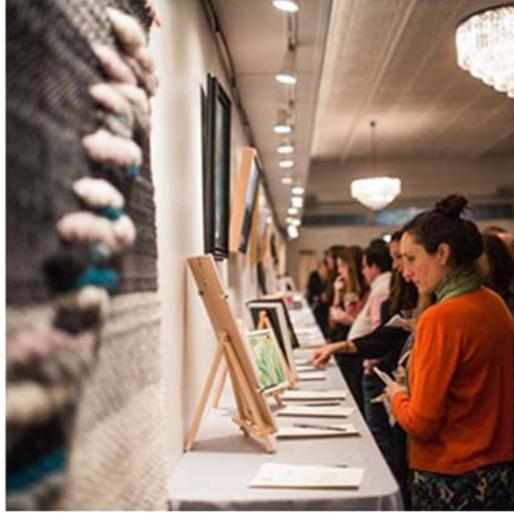
Paul

Newcomer Reception & Parish Suppers

Our plan for this new year is to have a total of 6 parish suppers on the first Wednesday of the month, followed by talks. The suppers will take place in the months of Feb., March, April and Oct., Nov. Dec. The first one on Wednesday, Feb. 5th will also feature a newcomer meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. in the Donovan room adjacent to Meade Hall, with the rest of the parish joining us for supper at 6pm. **Save Feb. 5th!**

MARILU'S MESSAGE

Saturday, January 18th is the 10th Anniversary of the opening of The Haven in downtown Charlottesville. I am currently serving as the Chair of the Board. This organization is very near and dear to my heart, and our valued partner, because of the grace-filled care given to those who find themselves without housing. In celebration, there will be a live auction by New City Arts from 6:30-8:30 pm at



Common House and a Silent Auction evening at the Old Metropolitan Hall from 7:30-10 pm to benefit the Housing2Home program (Housing2Home) which provides the items that transform 'housing' into a 'home.' The Live Auction will feature a marble bust made by presidential portrait artist Kehinde Wiley. I will be at both events and would love to see you there to support The Haven with us in offering grace to the homeless. For more info, here's the link: <https://newcityarts.org/>

Special Prayer Request

Please pray for the Christ Church group going to Israel for approximately 10 days. Along with me, the leaders will be Dr. Mike Dickens, Senior Warden Mike Smith, Courtenay Evans and Pat Campbell. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for all of us!

A WORD FROM JOSH

February Senior Luncheon

Please join us on Thursday, February 20th for our monthly Senior Luncheon. Speaker details will be forthcoming, so watch your Sunday bulletins for that information. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson Room with a delicious meal prepared for us by Elizabeth Butler. Please RSVP to lyn@christchurchville.org See you there!

New Adult Education Class

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 19th, I will begin leading a three-week course on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). This exciting offering will cover the history and theology of the BCP, a guide to personal use of the BCP, and conclude with an instructed Eucharist (Communion). Join me in the Gibson room from 10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Youth Confirmation Class Begins Soon

Youth Confirmation Class for 8th graders begins **Feb. 9th, 10:10-10:50 a.m. in the Youth room.** Contact Josh or Amanda with questions or to sign up.
josh@christchurchville.org;
amanda@christchurchville.org

Volunteering with Abundant Life!

Abundant Life is in need of tutors and Bible Club volunteers at Johnson Elementary (K-4), Walker Upper Elementary (5-6) and Buford Middle School (7-8). Tutors work weekly with one student with the hope that each tutor can commit for at least one year. Bible Club volunteers hold a support role on a bi-weekly basis. The kids learn a lesson, play outside, or make a craft.

Here is the schedule:

Johnson Elementary: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00pm (Bible Club volunteers meet at the Abundant Life house).

Walker Upper Elementary School and Buford Middle School: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm.

Please email Amanda Mcmillen amandamcmillen1@gmail.com or Courtenay Evans courtenay@christchurchville.org

The Parishioners Fund Is Up and Running

The Rector has appointed a three-person Committee of Directors to administer the fund. Roger Authers, Caroline Wilhelm and Jeff Wagner will work with parishioners in need of emergency short-term financial help. If you are in the midst of a financial crisis, please speak to Paul Walker or one of the Directors for details. Since the fund was launched in 2018, the principal has grown to \$120,000, generating \$6,000 for disbursement according to the guidelines. And if you are able, please donate to the Parishioners Fund to increase the principal. The more we invest, the more funds we will have to help our church family.

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE PEOPLE OF ABACO

(For the people from Christ Church who gave funds
to help them in their crisis.)

Dear Caring Friends,

We are so grateful and deeply appreciate your expression of kindness and generosity to each of us.

We never thought it would be you who changed our lives! There are so many people we thought could have but didn't, and then our paths crossed after Hurricane Dorian and so suddenly our whole world is better because of you!

You have created a song in our hearts and you are an instrument of joy to each of us.

You have changed our lives without even knowing us and we can never express how much that means to each and every one of us.

We can't imagine how things would be without people like you! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!!!

May God bless you abundantly!

The People of Abaco (In the northern Bahamas)



WATERCOLOR CLASS

2020 Watercolor Class begins February 8, from 1-4 p.m. in the Monticello room downstairs, (where our soup kitchen takes place). This class is for beginners, or return students, interested in learning how to paint. The goal is to break the initial ice between the student and technique, using paint and a brush, mixing color, and beginning drawing. The course will be taught using practical assignments, working from life, and some examples from art history. Materials can be bought during the first class. Some may be purchased at Art and the Box in Ivy Shopping center. To register, email Lyn: lyn@christchurchville.org. For questions about the class, please contact Liz Peak: lizpeakcross@gmail.com.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER GREAT FOR KIDS!!!

Everyone in the parish is invited to a **FREE** pancake supper on **February 25th**. **No need to RSVP, just come.** We will enjoy a time of fellowship beginning at **6 p.m. in the Gibson Room.**



NO Nursery—we want all ages to attend. It's a great event for young families—there are always lots of kids!

The Clergy & Staff wish to thank all those who dropped off Christmas treats to the Magruder House (church office). We so appreciate your many kindnesses.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES February 26th

- Noon** Ash Wednesday Liturgy & Holy Communion Rite I (**Nursery provided for this service only.**)
- 7 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Liturgy & Holy Communion Rite I

MISSION & SERVICE

Mark your Calendars - PACEM (People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry) February 15th-21st

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 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 15th-21st. Volunteering is a very fulfilling and wonderful way to get to know our Charlottesville community. We are currently most in need of social and overnight volunteers! For more information please contact either Marilu or Courtenay or click on the sign-up genius below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e48a8ab2aa1ff2-2018>



Thank You to Our Daily Bread Christmas Eve Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers of Our Daily Bread who prepared and served a meal for community members on Christmas Eve! And to all who donated socks and gloves for Christmas presents given to our guests during lunch on that day - everyone was so grateful, as were we! Thank you!!

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville is Looking for Receptionist Volunteers

Receptionist volunteers (RVs) serve in Habitat Charlottesville's main administrative office at 919 West Main Street. Key responsibilities of the RV are making sure visitors and callers feel welcome and heard; and connecting them with the appropriate Habitat staff member based on their inquiry. RVs ensure a positive first-time experience for visitors and callers while also performing other helpful tasks to help operations run smoothly. RVs serve 4-hour shifts, from 9-1 pm or from 1-5 pm. Shifts are available Monday through Friday. RVs are expected to serve at least one shift every other week. If you are interested in joining Habitat as a receptionist volunteer, please email Amy Allamong, Volunteer Program Manager, at volunteer@cvillechabitat.org, or call the office at 434-293-9066.

Downstairs Kitchen Renovation

With great excitement, the downstairs kitchen is undergoing a major renovation by Element Construction. By February, we hope the kitchen will be completed to a level of use and new features will include a commercial dishwasher, washer/dryer and a new design to create greater ease and efficiency in the kitchen - aiding in the number of meals produced each week!



JANUARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

by Amy Avery, Director of Children's Ministries

Happy New Year! I hope that your Christmas and holiday celebrations were filled with many blessings! It is always so fun to celebrate the holidays with children and we had so much fun with the children of Christ Church who came together for the Christmas Pageant. It's always one of my favorite parts of the holidays.

This year we got to have two infants play Baby Jesus and we had over 100 children in the pageant (see photos below.)



Baby Jesus portrayed by Keene Richardson (left) and Wells Hall (right) held by Kinsley Garland as Mary.



As we look into 2020 please make note of the following dates on your calendar.

VBS 2020 will take place June 8-11.

Holy Communion Instruction will take place March 1 - March 29 at the 10:00am hour. Children will participate in 5 consecutive Holy Communion Instruction Classes. Please email Amy at childrensministerville@gmail.com if you would like your child to participate.



JUNIOR CHOIR BEGINS JANUARY 19TH

The third session of Junior Choir will begin Sunday, January 19. The dates for this session are January 19, 26, February 2, 9; sing in church at 9 am service on February 16. Children ages 2nd grade and older (or younger with special permission) are invited to join. The choir practices on Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:50 AM, and is directed by Alice Layman. Contact Alice with questions: alice@christchurchville.org.

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity to the preschool Angel Tree this year. If you haven't had a chance, please take time to visit our website and see our December 2019 video; it will show you how your donations are at work, and I guarantee it will warm your heart as you see the children at work and play in this beautiful school that you all have made possible. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the opportunity to serve the children of our community.

<http://www.christchurchpreschoolville.com/>



The Preschool enjoyed Pajama Day in December!



Happy New Year, students and parents!

We have a lot on the horizon in 2020! This past month we celebrated the Christmas season with our annual White Elephant Party, and had a blast exchanging the silliest gifts, including an actual white elephant and a roll of flex tape. The gifts only get more creative each year!



This month, we're looking forward to our Super Bowl Chili Fundraiser! Each year, the youth work together to cook *a ton* of chili, then sell it on Super Bowl Sunday after each church service to raise money for our summer high school mission trip. This year we're

traveling to the Eastern Shore in Virginia, and the money we raise will go towards scholarships for the trip! **If you'd like to place a chili order, please see the order forms on the Welcome Table at church, or just send me an email directly: amanda@christchurchville.org with the number of veggie or meat servings you'd like and which service you'll pick them up after. Thank you for your support!**

We were excited to get back into the swing of Sunday youth group last week for the new year! Now meeting from 6-7:30pm, youth group continues to be a great time each week for games and Bible study. We've finished our "Emotions & the Gospel" study and are starting a new study this spring, "The Names of Jesus", looking at the different names that Jesus has in the Bible and what they teach us about God.

As always, if you have any questions about youth group or our events, please reach out to us at any time. We are so thankful to be able to hang out with this group of kids each week!

Yours,
Amanda & Nathan

Upcoming Events in Jan/Feb:

Jan 30th: Chili Cooking Day with youth

Feb 2nd: Chili pick up day after church services (*pay what you will to support our mission!*)

Feb 9th: 8th Grade Confirmation Begins (10:10-10:50 am in youth room)

Feb 19th: Youth Group serves dinner at PACEM

Feb 29th: Rise Against Hunger

**please contact us if your child is available to volunteer at any of these events! Thank you!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Deb Bobka, Jack Callahan.

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); Brigadier General, USMC, 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: Tara, Liza & Johnny Little (John, husband, father), Mary Sandiford (Sarah, cousin), The Worrell Family (Anne), Susan & David Albaugh & Family (Marjorie, mother, grandmother), Catherine McFarland (Betsy, mother), Ethan Richardson (David, stepfather), Consi Palmer (James, brother), The Janney Family

(Tyson), Anne Dodge & Family (John, husband, father), The Baliles Family (Gerald, husband, father), Bob Hoadley (Carole, wife), Christine Wagner (Norma, mother), Anne Hindman (Ken, husband), Bob Michie (Carolyn, wife).

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:
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 and we'll add you to the list.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

For those who may be new to Christ Church, we try to have a Ladies Night Out during the church year once a month (not in summer). Typically, the host provides drinks and the guests bring a dessert or appetizer to share. If you would be willing to host one in your home, please contact Pam Calary, who is coordinating the host schedule. Her contact info is: pcalary@hotmail.com or 813-362-2954.

Pastoral Care email (read by ministers only):
pastoralcare@christchurchville.org or call our minister phone line at 434-806-9088.

In partnership with
Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VIP)
Counseling Option: Meet with Counselor
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Monday & Friday appointments
Contact 434-409-1640 or salthisar@vipcare.org

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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/VE-Fall-2019-lores-final.pdf

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 7:45am HC Rite I 9am Rite II 10 Adult Education 11am HC Rite I 5pm HC; 6pm Dinner	20 Church Office Closed Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25
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23 7:45am HC Rite I 9am Rite II 10 Adult Education 11am HC Rite I 5pm HC; 6pm Dinner	24	25 6 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	26 ASH WEDNESDAY Services at Noon and 7pm	27	28	29 Rise Against Hunger

Weekly Events

Tues: **Noon**—Our Daily Bread - Interested in serving? Contact Marilu Thomas
8am Centering Prayer (7:45am coffee) in Small Group room
7pm Women's Jail Ministry
7:30pm 20's/30's group meets

Weekly Events

Weds: **11:30** Mid-week Communion
12:15 Brown Bag Bible Study
Thurs: **7:00 am**—Men's Bible Study **
9:00 am Women's Bible Study**
2:15 pm—Men's Jail Ministry
6:00 pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat: **1 to 4pm**—Water Color Class