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A Word from Dave Johnson

Dear Friends,

With Paul Walker on sabbatical I will take this opportunity simply to reiterate what we try to emphasize in everything we do at Christ Church: the grace of God. In his prologue to his account of the gospel John writes, "From his (Jesus) fullness we have all received grace upon grace" (John 1:16). The grace of God is central to all we do at Christ Church—from preaching, to the sacraments, to how we treat one another, to how we welcome all who come to worship with us. Grace is the one-way love of God, the fact that we are fully known and fully loved by our Creator. Grace is unearned; it is a gift with no strings attached, no ulterior motives, no catch. Grace is the incomprehensible and unconditional love of God. In his Letter to the Ephesians the Apostle Paul emphasized the centrality of the grace of God to our salvation: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (2:8-9).

Not only is the grace of God at the heart of what we preach at Christ Church, it is the heart of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as well. In the Thirty-nine Articles, the classic distillation of Reformed Anglican theology, written by Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) and others we see that grace is at the heart of the sacraments:

"Sacraments ordained of Christ be not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they be certain sure witnesses, and effectual signs of *grace*, and God's good will towards us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our Faith in him" (BCP 872).

When we are baptized, or when we receive Holy Communion, we receive anew the grace of God in Jesus Christ, the assurance that regardless of the changing circumstances, emotional undulations or perpetual challenges of our lives, the grace of God is constant.

The ultimate expression of the grace of God is found in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross—that as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans: "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (5:8). In His death on the cross Jesus paid the price for all our sins for all time, once for all. In the Eucharistic prayers for Holy Communion we are reminded that on the cross Jesus "made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world" (BCP 334) and was "a perfect sacrifice for the whole world" (BCP 362). When we receive Holy Communion we bring nothing to the table except open hands to receive the grace of God anew, to be assured that we are loved and forgiven by God.

At Christ Church through hearing the gospel preached and receiving the sacraments, we receive anew "grace upon grace" from God—and we are set free to give grace to others as well.

Yours,
Dave

ANNUAL MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS

At the Annual Meeting on **May 6th at 10 a.m.**, Christ Church members (Any active member aged 16 or older is eligible to vote) will approve a slate of five new vestry members to replace the five who have served their three year term. The business portion of the meeting will take place during the 10 o'clock hour as per usual. **The 5 parishioners who have agreed to stand for election are: Mike Dickens, Bill Duxbury, Sean Jenkins, Bob Robison and Allison Schildwachter.**

Many thanks to our five out-going Vestry members, who have served us well: Jill Bascom, John Desmond, Punkie Feil, Jo Gitchell and Joe Jennings.

Photos and biographical information for each candidate on our home page (bottom right corner).

<http://www.christchurchville.org/wp-content/uploads/vestry-nominees-for-web-1.pdf>



Bach's Lunch 2012

Join us every Friday from 12-12:30 p.m. during May, as well as the first Friday in June for our annual Bach's Lunch series. Delicious lunches from Bagby's will be on sale for \$7, and may be eaten during the concerts. Invite all your family, friends and neighbors. We'd love to see everyone there!



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| May 4 | “High Street Trio”
(horn, oboe, piano)
Clara Mincer, Yasuko Kawasaki,
Alice Layman |
| May 11 | “Music from Old Mali”
Cheick Hamala Diabate, Senior Griot of Washington, D.C., and Bruce Penner, accompanist |
| May 18 | “Encore Trio”
(violin, viola, cello)
Jennifer Myer, director |
| May 25 | “Three Notch'd Road”
David McCormick, director |
| June 1 | “Afton String Quartet”
(with Leslie Whelan, cello) |

Ascension Day Choral Evensong—May 17th Emmanuel Greenwood Episcopal Church, 7:00 p.m.

Please come help observe Ascension Day, one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar, commemorating the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. This Choral Evensong service will be celebrated with music by combined choirs of Christ Episcopal Church, Emmanuel Greenwood, and St. Paul's, Ivy, and under the leadership of Music Directors, Larry Smith and Alice Layman. The choir will sing works by Thomas Tallis and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The service will be officiated by the new Rector at St. Paul's Ivy, Eric Lyles. A reception will follow the service.



(Turn to page 4 for more detailed information about the service of Choral Evensong).

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting

All women are invited to the last ECW meeting before summer on **Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gibson room.** We'll begin to plan fall activities. **Bring a brown bag supper!**



ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Ministries by Martha Smythe

Christ served the people around Him in many ways: healing, teaching, feeding, saving! He told His followers to serve as well. If you'd like to serve and aren't sure what to do, I'd like to tell you about a few opportunities the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has and mention a few others. Something may be just the thing for you.

Like many members of our congregation, you may navigate a packed schedule. So activities that you can do on your schedule may be just the thing.

Cards and Casseroles: Merle Robertson (973-2749) or Robertson844@va.net

Make a casserole for a sick or grieving family in our church. You can do it ahead and freeze it. Let Merle know and she'll arrange the rest with you. Be on call to deliver food when needed – perhaps between errands once in a while.

Keep a few get well cards on hand and Merle will give you the name and address of someone who'd appreciate a note.

Take a minute and call Merle.

Knitting: Merle Robertson (973-2749) or Robertson844@va.net

Knit or crochet at home, while waiting in the car, or doctor's office, etc.

Make a baby blanket or cap for one of the many newborns coming to our church family, or a shawl for someone who's ill or grieving.

If you can join the others, we meet at Merle's on the second Tuesday of the month.

Call Merle for details – and, there aren't many.

Receptions and Dinners: Donna Murray (842-1772) or donna@christchurchville.org

Be "on call" to make desserts (make ahead and freeze) or tea sandwiches for receptions.

Lend a hand cooking, serving and/or cleaning up suppers after the Sunday 5:30 service or special classes. Provide dessert. Sign up for once a month or be "on call".

Just let Donna know you are interested, and she'll add you to her list.

You can also serve through other ministries that are beyond the scope of ECW. If you don't see what you're looking for above, contact the church office (293-2347) and ask. Serving members of our church family creates a feeling of belonging, and it builds the body. We invite your participation.

Ladies Night Out

All women are invited to Merle Robertson's home at 1441 Glenside Green for **Ladies Night Out** on **Wednesday, May 30th at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a dessert or appetizer to share. **Directions from**

Merle: Coming from downtown take Park Street (which will turn into Rio Road).

After you go over the 250 Overpass go through 2 stoplights and turn right at the next stoplight on Penn Park Road. Take the first left onto River Run Drive. Go to the end and turn right on Glenside Green.

My townhouse is on the left, 1441 Glenside Green. My Telephone number is 973-2749. Park in any of the UN-NUMBERED spaces or at the curb across from my home. Note the fire hydrant close to the corner. If you are coming from Route 29 on Rio Road, turn left at the stop light onto Penn Park Road and continue as above.



Vacation Bible School

June 18-22

9 a.m. to Noon

Ages 3-9



REGISTER NOW! Christ Church is excited about Vacation Bible School this summer. We are still looking for volunteers to help out on all or some of those dates. Please email kids@christchurchville.org to register, volunteer or for more information.



"He came to set the captives free."

Come one come all! **Our last day of Sunday School will be May 20th.** We will have our 3rd annual game of Capture the Flag! Email kids@christchurchville.org for info.

All About Choral Evensong.....

What is Choral Evensong? “Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong here it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress — a conversation between God and people which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead.”

Why celebrate Evensong? Evensong offers to us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith.

How long does Choral Evensong last? Approximately 35-45 minutes

What should I expect at Evensong? Hymns, readings, Anglican chant and anthems sung by the choir

Will there be a sermon? No.

Why does the choir sing so much at Choral Evensong? In Choral Evensong the choir sings on “behalf of” the congregation. The settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) are always sung by the choir alone. The Suffrages (prayers) and the Responses between the Officiant and People are also sung between the Officiant

and Choir on behalf of the people. This allows the congregation time to meditate and enter into deeper prayer through words and music.

What does the congregation do in Evensong? The congregation joins in the singing of the hymns, the Apostle’s Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. The congregation joins in silent meditation through the prayers and canticles.

What is a canticle? A canticle (from the Latin canticulum, a diminutive of canticum, song) is a hymn (strictly excluding the Psalms) taken from the Bible.

Why is there a reception following Evensong? As important as it is for us to have time to reflect and ponder the mysteries of our lives, it is also important that we have fellowship with those in our community. The reception gives us a chance to talk and share with those who have celebrated with us.

Some of this information comes from the website of Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, Virginia and is used by permission.

UTO Sunday—May 13th

Our spring ingathering for the United Thank Offering will take place on Sunday, May 13th (Mother’s Day). Every penny of your United Thank Offering supports grants for both domestic and foreign mission work. If you are writing a check, please make it **payable to Christ Church** with **UTO on the memo line**. Thank you.

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Kay Orrick, Martha Dabney Jones, Paige Peyton, Helen Wick, Ruth Swift, Marcia Hutchinson, Florence Skove, Luke Cox, Marcy Straker.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Phyllis Stayton (Kathy Brust’s mother), Charles & Elsa Nagy (Jane Varga’s parents), Randy Brown (Lee Taylor’s mother), Joel Harrison (Tom Harrison’s son), Leonard Salmons (Uncle of Marcia Hutchinson), Lula Bradford (mother of Marcia Hutchinson) Bill MacIlwaine Sr. (Bill MacIlwaine’s father), Ann Klecan (friend of Rhonda Corbin) **(Unless requested, remain on list for 1 month.)**

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

Pray for those on the Active Duty list: LT Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John Warnecke’s son); Jason Morris (son-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen).

Pray for the bereaved: Eileen Wilkins (Jeanette Wilkins, mother) Punkie Feil (Phyllis Childress, mother), Cheryl Bradbury (Robert Roberts, father), Lee Ann Barber (Walter Bass, father), Consi Palmer (Constance Daniel, mother), Valerie Knapp (Dorothy Lind, mother)

Marianne Braun (Grace Hilliard, mother), Pat Odend’hal (Anne Odend’hal, sister), Marcia Hutchinson (Anne Salmons, Aunt), Jay Josey (Bennett Helms, stepfather), The Harlee Family (Carol Harlee, daughter, sister), The Sample Family (Marjorie Sample, mother), Evelyn Kerr (James Hastings, brother). Philip Nelson (Virgie Nelson, mother) Wally Kirtley (“Bud” Kirtley, father), Dorothy & Laura Chappell (John, husband & 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, VA 22902; Phone: 293-2347; Email: cec@christchurchville.org



If you are new to Christ Church, we have an **Email Prayer Chain**. There are approximately 75 parishioners on the chain at present. When we receive phoned-in prayer requests or email prayer requests in the church office, we send them out to the chain as quickly as possible for prayer. If you would like to participate and pray for the needs of others, please send an email to cec@christchurchville.org and we’ll add you to the list.

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Noon Loaves & Fishes 3 Pastoral Care Meeting	2	3 7-8 Men's Bible Study	4 Noon— Bach's Lunch	5 Choir Party
6 Annual Meeting at 10 am 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II & Baptism 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	7	8 Noon Loaves & Fishes	9	10 7-8 Men's Bible Study	11 Noon— Bach's Lunch	12
13 UTO Sunday 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 MP1 5 PM HC	14 6:30 ECW Meeting, Gibson Room, Brown Bag Supper	15 Noon Loaves & Fishes	16	17 7-8 Men's Bible Study 4 Executive Committee 7 Choral Evensong at Greenwood Episcopal Church	18 Noon— Bach's Lunch	19
20 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	21	22 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meets	23	24 7-8 Men's Bible Study	25 Noon— Bach's Lunch	26
27 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 MP1 5 PM HC	28 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day	29	30 11:15 Communion at WCBR 6:30 Ladies Night Out	31	1 Noon— Bach's Lunch	Marcy Hooker will be out of the office on May 7—14. Lyn Gunsalus will be out of the office on May 29—June 1.

The Fellows Review Their Year

Win Pratt: A year ago I was graduating from NC State University and had no idea what I was going to be doing next. It was pretty easy for Paul Walker and Dave Johnson to convince me to come to Charlottesville and participate in the Fellows Program; and it was a great decision. There was so much freedom to choose where and how to serve. I've spent a lot of my time here working with the youth group, taking classes, and helping with things around the church. There is a lot of downtime as well -- it's a year to take a break from the eighteen-or-so that were rigorously scheduled all day, everyday. This all reflects the grace-filled community I've gotten to experience within Christ Church. Thanks to Dave Johnson, the rest of the Christ Church staff, and the church as a whole for making the Fellows Program a great year, and letting me a part of it.



Luke Wilson: It's hard to believe my time as a Fellow at Christ Church is almost finished. The year has flown by. For those who do not know, my chosen form of ministry as a fellow has been working with the homeless population here in Charlottesville. Although it was frustrating at times, I found it incredibly rewarding in so many ways. Other aspects of my year as a fellow included a mission trip to an orphanage in Honduras, attending the Mockingbird conferences in Birmingham and New York City, taking classes at UVA, and most importantly, hanging in Dave Johnson's office and talking about how awesome Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty are. I am so thankful to have been a part of such a loving community, and I want to thank everyone for all of the love and support they have shown throughout the year.



Addie Jenkins: It's been an unforgettable year here with the Christ Church fellows program. As soon as I begin to pinpoint my most memorable moment, there are a handful of other experiences that come to mind that have significantly shaped my time in Charlottesville. Our Wednesday night dinners with parishioners have been a real treat. Such great friendships have formed over these meals! I cannot go without mentioning the Mockingbird conferences, too, which were real benchmarks of the year. And in my visits to Westminster Canterbury, I met so many special people who are a part of this church



body, but who I don't regularly see at the evening service. I will miss them and our post-service lunches at the Westminster Grille next year! Most of all, though, is the opportunity to help administer communion. This has been, by far, the most impacting part of it all---to share the sacraments each week with everyone who comes to the altar. I am so thankful to have had this year here, to experience first hand, parish ministry and the message of grace at Christ Church. The things I have learned, and the friendships I have made, will go on long past the program's end.

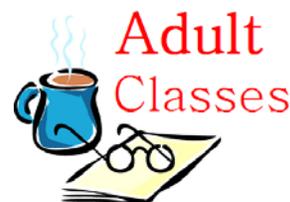
Ethan Richardson: Whether it's been setting up tables for dinners or giving a Sunday School class, being a Fellow this year has been *exactly* what I've needed. As someone who is seriously considering going into ordained ministry, it has been a chance for me to see the ins and outs of what such a life entails, on both a wide-scope scale and a day-in, day-out, tactile way. The college ministry work has offered me the chance to serve at the 5 o'clock service, to head out on a college-led mission trip to Brazil, and to lead Bible studies with the folks I met on the trip. Having Fellows dinners with parishioner families has been a huge highlight—it's not only allowed us to get to know families from Christ Church, but it's also provided one time a week where the Fellows have the chance to really bond. Meetings with Dave every week have also provided such bonding time, as well as given ample opportunities to discuss together the various discernments all the Fellows are going through, be it in the music industry, the priesthood, or urban ministry. We have laughed together, cried together, drunk way too much coffee together; most importantly, though, we've been brought closer to this amazing message of God's love and favor towards us. I cannot be more grateful for what this year has brought me.



New Adult Education Class—Begins May 13!

Join Dave Zahl beginning Sunday, May 13 during the 10 o'clock hour for 2 weeks of class on **"Faith and the Science of Anxiety, Depression and Altruism."**

The class meets in the Gibson room.



Youth Group News...



