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A Word from Paul Walker

Dear Friends,

I'd like to begin with a huge "THANK YOU" for the opportunity to take such a wonderful sabbatical. It was a true gift and I'm deeply grateful. The staff and lay leadership of Christ Church are just phenomenal. I'm profoundly grateful for all who shouldered the responsibility while I was allowed a time of rest and renewal.

I'd also like to say that the sabbatical only deepened and confirmed my belief that Christ Church is a very special place. Some rectors come back from sabbaticals either depressed to be back or looking around for a better deal. I feel that there is nowhere in the world I'd rather be and nothing in the world that I'd rather be doing. The only downside to being away for 3 1/2 months was that I missed people.

I've also come away from this time of renewal and study more firmly convinced in the core message of the gospel – "*we love because He first loved us.*" (1 John 4:19) This message popped up in unusual places. We walked into the Hard Rock Café in Hollywood to be greeted by a bright neon sign that said, "*Love All, Serve All.*" I thought - there's a distillation of the church's mission in the world. Love All, Serve All.

Upon my return, Mike Sadler, our wonderful Senior Warden, shared his vision for us at Christ Church: "*serve the Lord with a humble heart.*" I couldn't agree more. This is indeed possible because we have first been loved by the One who came not to be served, but to serve.

Ever Yours,

Paul

The Church
Office
will be closed for
Labor Day
weekend
Friday,
August 31st
and
Monday,
September 3rd.



Rev Ross Moughtin, Vicar of Christ Church, Aughton, in the Diocese of Liverpool, writes:

Just two years ago Bishop Shannon Johnston opened our just completed Ministry Centre here in the market town of Ormskirk, just north of Liverpool. Our two dioceses are linked.

On his return Bishop Shannon suggested that we at Christ Church link up with your church in Charlottesville. On this basis my wife Jacqui and I came over in June to spend a delightful four days with you, to see where the Holy Spirit may be leading us.

As we left Charlottesville heading for Pittsburgh, Jacqui commented: "The church at Charlottesville is very like ours – and very different!" Certainly we share the same Lord and a very similar understanding of what it means to serve him but in very different contexts."

One of the surprises of my visit is that it enabled me to see my own church in a very different light, not least the place of our church school which has only just been awarded the highest accolade by a government inspection team.

So we look to God for his guidance and trust that we will develop a fruitful relationship.

May I take this opportunity to thank those from Christ Church who made us so welcome and gave so freely of their time and attention, most of all Dave and Steph Johnson who worked so hard so we could meet so many of you and to David, Kate and Nicholas Franzén for their remarkable hospitality.

Cheers,
Ross

Photo from June 25th Staff Picnic at the Hill's home. Ross (tallest man, white shirt) & Jacqui Moughtin (royal blue shirt, white pants). P.S. Stop hiding Al. We see you!

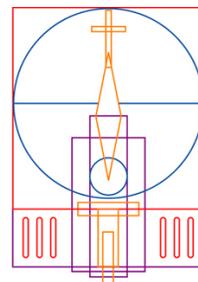


That guy on the right looks a lot like our Rector! Paul emerged briefly from the Witness Protection Program, I mean, his sabbatical, to be with us.



How can I get involved at Christ Church? What do you have going on that I might be interested in?

Come to the Parish Hall (Meade Hall) on September 9th between 8:30-12:30 p.m. and find out!



**I N T E R -
C H U R C H
A C T I V I T I E S**

Coffee and treats will be served!

**Coming in September:
A New Website for Christ Church**

We have been hard at work this summer on a new and improved Christ Church website. In addition to a much sharper appearance and easier navigation, the site will feature playable (and searchable) sermons and choir recordings, an interactive calendar, and a prominent menu of current announcements--not to mention a fully updated database of Christ Church ministries and service opportunities. The site is scheduled to launch in early-to-mid September. Stay tuned for updates!



The 2012-2013 Fellows Program (Now in it's 7th year!)

Laura Perkins graduated from UVA in May 2011 with a BA in English and Masters in Secondary English Education. This past year, she worked at GraceWorks, an after school program for disadvantaged kids. She loves to read, sing, travel, and play soccer. She is excited to learn and serve at Christ Church this coming year, and feels so blessed to be a part of this amazing church community.



Sarah Seibels grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and graduated last May from UVA with a degree in Art History and Economics. After a period in which she encountered the importance of the Church and regular, Christian fellowship, the Fellows program at Christ Church emerged as an unforeseen and exciting opportunity. She loves reading, her large extended family, corny jokes, the countryside around Charlottesville, and good BBQ. Though *The Screentape Letters* and *A Room with a View* are two old favorites, these days she cannot stop talking about *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Salinger's *Franny and Zooey*. She cannot wait for this year to begin and looks forward to engagement with both the amazing staff and parishioners at Christ Church.



Will McDavid grew up in Macon, Georgia and graduated last spring from UVA, majoring in Economics and Religious Studies. His hobbies are reading, writing, hiking, and all things related to food, except for the Food Network. He became involved in Christ Church a few years ago through meeting upperclassmen and a few Fellows, and he's thrilled to get a taste for ministry and to continue his involvement with the church's community. He'll also be working part-time with David Zahl at Mockingbird Ministries.



Braxton Puryear grew up in Madison County, Virginia and graduated this August from the University of Virginia with a BA in Economics. While at UVA, he was a member of Kappa Sig, a volunteer at Johnson Elementary School, and a manager at Trinity Irish Pub. He loves the Hoos, playing and watching sports, hiking, and slowly teaching himself to play the guitar. Braxton is looking forward to the upcoming year with Christ Church and the opportunity to give back to the church community that was such an important part of his time as an undergrad.



Men's Bible Study

The men of the parish are invited to come and study the Pauline epistles, beginning with Galatians. The first meeting will take place on Thursday, September 13th from 7-8 a.m. Coffee and bagels available at 7. We'll meet in the Gibson Room.



Bible & BREW

Women's Bible Study

The Christ Church Thursday morning Women's Bible study will begin it's next session on September 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Gibson room. We will meet that day to hand out books and lay out plans for our regular Thursday meetings. This will be a casual get together with time for chatting as well as prayer. Our text this year will be Ann Spangler's *Women of the Bible*. On September 13th we will begin our study in earnest, and will continue to meet regularly on Thursday mornings in the Gibson Room from 9:30-11. Childcare will be provided. All women are welcome! Please join us! Call Carrie Souter if you would like her to order a book for you, or if you have any questions about the study (434-974-6529).



Fall Mockingbird Conference at Christ Church!



On Friday September 28th and Saturday the 29th, Christ Church will be hosting the Fall Mockingbird Conference. As you may know, Mockingbird is the resource and media ministry headed up by our very own Dave Zahl, and it is devoted to connecting Christian truth with the realities of everyday life. If you're not a reader of their website, www.mbird.com, we highly recommend you become one! Mockingbird also holds bi-annual conferences around the country, and this will be their first time doing so in Virginia. The theme of the event is "Hope Amidst the Ruins", and our main speakers will be RJ Heijmen, Matthew Sitman and Paul Zahl. There will also be a number of breakout sessions run by members of Christ Church staff, on topics ranging from Grace with Daughters and Sons to the Life and Work of William Faulkner to the Music of the Beach Boys to the Pros and Cons of Social Media to the TV of

HBO. We could not be more excited to finally introduce Christ Church to this exciting homegrown ministry.

The event will run all day on Friday (9am-8pm) as well as the morning hours on Saturday (9am-12:30pm), and the cost is \$50/person, which includes lunch and dinner on Friday. For more details, or to reserve your spot, please visit the conference website at conference.mbird.com. And if you have any questions, feel free to send Dave Zahl an email at dz@christchurchville.org. Even if you can't attend the entire event, be sure to stop by and say hello—the full schedule is available online at conference.mbird.com or on paper at the church office.

Important: Quite a few out-of-towners will be joining us for the conference, and we would love to show them some CEC hospitality. If you have a guestroom that you would like to make available for Thursday and Friday nights (9/27&28), please contact Kemp Hill at hkphill@yahoo.com.

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Kay Orrick, Martha Dabney Jones, Paige Peyton, Helen Wick, Ruth Swift.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Randy Brown (Lee Taylor's mother), Lula Bradford (mother of Marcia Hutchinson), Tommy Lynch (Mariann & Tom Lynch's son). **(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), 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), Jana Early

(Hugh Jones, father), Paul Wood (Susan Copeland, niece by marriage), Larry Saunders (Brenda Bulluck, sister) Matt McClellan (Don Jefferis, stepfather), Karen Davenport (James S. G. Davenport, father), The Fishwick family (Lucy Fishwick, mother, grandmother) Marcia Hutchinson (Phyllis Salmon, Aunt), Bill MacIlwaine (Bill MacIlwaine Sr., father), Liz Sloan Lichtenberger (Edward William Sloan III, father), Mark Krebs (Edward, brother).

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.

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dave Johnson on vacation August 2-25.	Marcy Hooker on vacation Aug. 6-10.		1	2	3	4
5 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	6	7 Noon Loaves & Fishes	8	9	10 Wedding Rehearsal 5 p.m.	11 Williams Wedding 6 p.m.
12 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 MP1 5 PM HC	13	14 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4PM Executive Committee meets	15	16	17	18 11 a.m. Private Baptism
19 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	20	21 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry meets	22	23	24	25
26 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 MP1 5 PM HC	27	28 Noon Loaves & Fishes	29 11:15 Communion at WCBR	30	31 Church office closed for Labor Day weekend.	

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has not been meeting during the summer, but we had a virtual email meeting and agreed to collect non-perishable groceries for the Emergency Food Bank (EFB).

Christ Church had been the site for families to pick up food from the EFB for quite a while. This month, EFB moved its pick-up location to 900 Harris Street, but we still are eager to support its work.

The EFB is a 100% volunteer organization that provides groceries to area families in need of food – once a month, no questions asked. If a church or social service organization requests it, additional food is made available. More than 16,000 people were served in their most recent fiscal year, representing a 12% increase over the prior year.

These are the most needed items:

- Canned tuna, chicken, vegetables and fruits
- Boxes of cereal and pasta
- Various condiments

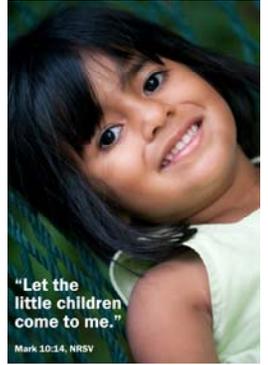
Please bring your donations to Christ Church. Boxes are by the exit leading from the sanctuary to Meade Hall and by the main bulletin board. Members of the ECW will deliver the food to the EFB warehouse on Angus Road.

Thank you for supporting our community.

Martha Smythe,
President, ECW

Christ Church Preschool Update

We would like to share with everyone what has been happening with our new preschool. First of all, for those who have missed previous announcements, **Christ Church is opening a preschool.** Since receiving an anonymous grant in the fall of 2011 for the specific purpose of beginning a preschool, work has been done by our Rector, Paul, and our preschool committee to get our school up and running. The school will be housed in the upstairs of the Fitzhugh house. We will be operating from 9 am until 12 pm, 5 days a week for 3 and 4 year olds. Sallie Reeves (soon to be Sallie Campanelli!) is going to be our Head Teacher. Sallie has been teaching for the past 6 years (most recently at St. Anne's-Belfield), and is currently working on her Master's in Education at UVA.



Our desire is to offer our community an education model combining different philosophies but founded on the truth of the Gospel. In addition to serving Christ Church families, we hope to serve children and families in our area who would not otherwise have access to preschool. To that end, we are partnering with The International Rescue Committee to make our school available to refugee families.

Steps are now underway to begin our renovation of the building, and we will open the school in January, 2013 with a small group of refugee children. This will give us an opportunity to devote our full attention to acquainting the refugee community with our school and to learning how we can best serve their needs. Then, in September, 2013, we will open with a full class of children from Christ Church and children from refugee families. Our ideal class size will be 4 refugee students and 12 Christ Church students.

Please contact us with any questions that you may have about the school. We will continue to post notices in the Messenger. We can be contacted at 293-2347 or by email at kids@christchurchville.org. Please ask for Christie Walker or Kemp Hill or Sallie Reeves.

Children's Sunday School Starts September 9th



We are excited to welcome your children back! **New this fall** will be a class for children who will be 3 by September 30th. Each Sunday we hope to continue to share with our children the vastness of God's love as communicated through stories in the Bible. Classes will run from 10:10 –

10:50 in the age groups listed below. If you would like your child to participate, please e-mail your child's name, birthday and the grade they will be entering this fall. kids@christchurchville.org

- 3 and 4 year olds (Lead Teacher: Christie Walker)
- K, 1st and 2nd graders (Lead Teacher: Kemp Hill)
- 3rd, 4th and 5th graders (Lead Teacher Ethan Richardson)

Yucatan 2012—Youth Mission Trip Report (by Lucy Hill)

It's hard to believe that it's been a month since our youth mission trip! This year, six world travellers—Stephanie Owen, Glen Walker, Sydney Taylor, Maddy Eure, and Lucy Hill—ventured to Mérida, Mexico, for an eight-day adventure.

Since the trip's first full day fell on Sunday, we celebrated the Sabbath with our first recreation day: a visit to the Mayan ruins at Chichén Itzá. At the ruins, we explored the ball court, ziggurats and other sites, all while chasing iguanas and haggling with market vendors. That evening, we got our first glimpse of our worksite as we worshiped at the church where we would be working. It was a simple, beautiful service full of thanksgiving to the Lord for bringing a team of complete strangers to help improve God's house somewhere far away from home.



For the next five days, we returned to the church, where only through the Lord's help were we able to complete our work project: building a roof on a new sanctuary, eight meters high. The process was difficult (and not made easier by the incredible heat!), but by the end of the week, we'd laid beams and cement blocks, poured cement, and sealed the roof with two layers of sealant. The Son Servants staff later told us that on Friday night, the congregation held a dedication service in their newly finished sanctuary that lasted well past midnight. In the afternoons of our work days, we were broken into teams and took turns going back to the church to help run a Bible school ministry for local children. By the end of the week, we had over 40 kids coming for Bible stories and lessons, crafts, and games!

One of the most meaningful parts of the week for me (Lucy) was watching our girls come together as a group, make new friendships and strengthen old ones, and, especially, to interact with the Mexican people with whom we came into contact. I was blessed to observe our girls struggle through the language barrier to reach out to befriend Jorge, our wonderful fruit-break facilitator, or to act silly to convey the message of God's love to the children at the Bible school. Equally moving was the faith of the congregation of the church that we worked on: since the Son Servants group was smaller than usual, the organization was not able to fund the project entirely as they usually do. To make up for the financial shortfall, the Mérida church literally emptied its coffers to chip in. Additionally, several members (including Jorge, who lives on about \$18 a month) took an entire week off from work to serve us fruit, help with the children's program, or join in pouring cement on a hot roof. When I asked Jorge about how these sacrifices would affect them—financially, with job security, etc.—he simply shrugged and said, "God will provide. He always has—why would He stop now?" This attitude was echoed all around. The childlike trust that the Mexican congregation openly displayed in the Lord was an example to everyone who saw it, and proved to be as much—if not more—of a blessing to us as the roof was to them.

Despite the bug bites and muscle aches, everyone agreed that this summer's mission trip was an amazing experience. We continue to pray for our new friends from Virginia and Mexico, and for the growing church we worked on in Mérida. Many thanks to our Christ Church family for your support and prayers! We're already looking forward to next summer!

Vital Statistics

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The Lighter Side of Life



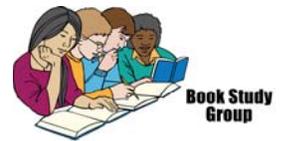
Save the Date Ladies!

The September Ladies Night Out will take place on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Valerie Knapp. Valerie lives in the Overlook condos right beside State Farm on Pantops Mountain. Her address is 332 S. Pantops Dr. Her phone number is: 227-0526. Email: gmma12@hotmail.com. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided.



September Book Club

The Christ Church Book Club will meet in the Donovan room at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 6th. Newcomers are welcome! Selected poems of Elizabeth Bishop will be discussed. For more detailed information, contact Abby Farson Pratt via email at: abbyfpratt@gmail.com.



Al Loving on Leave

Our Facilities Manager, Al Loving, is having shoulder surgery and will be out until after Labor Day. Al has specifically requested that we not send him food, but if you would like to send him a card, his address is:

167 Miles Lane
Faber, VA 22938



Youth Service Project

Last month, our Christ Church youth bagged groceries at Whole Foods to help raise money for the Jefferson Area Children's Health Improvement Project. Such a worthwhile venture!





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August 2, 2012

Christ Episcopal Church
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Dear Friends,

It is time to say good-bye and thank you. The Emergency Food Bank is deeply indebted to you and grateful for the 11 ½ years during which you so generously donated not only your space, but also the support of your congregation and clergy, as well as the ongoing assistance from your staff.

You graciously opened your doors to us on November 1, 2001, giving us office, distribution and storage space, all critical to our operation. Equally important was your downtown location. Before Christ Episcopal, our distribution operation was located at Church of the Incarnation off of Rt. 29. Statistics clearly show the impact that you had on our ability to serve our community. In our last full year at Incarnation, we served 5,564 people. In our first full year at Christ Episcopal, that number almost doubled, to 10,397. Our clients found your location much more accessible; you were closer to a bus stop, and closer to their homes. Looking at the span of years we were together, almost 42,000 clients passed through your doors to receive grocery bags full of food. When you multiply this number to include families, not just the head of household, we served 141,300 adults and children. You truly enabled us to expand our mission and serve record numbers every year.

We leave with mixed emotions. As we enter our 40th year of operation, we are very excited to have our own space with our name above the door. Yet, we will miss the warmth we experienced every day at Christ Episcopal. You welcomed us, and we felt at home. We had Al, Marcy and Lyn to help whenever needed, and the overarching support of Rev. Paul Walker. Ultimately, we felt embraced by the congregation itself, both as volunteers, and through the many small kindnesses that individuals bestowed upon us.

Please come and visit us at our new home, 900 Harris Street. It will make leaving easier.

With deep gratitude,

Diane Bisgaier
Chair, EFB Board of Directors

For more information, please call 434-979-9180 or visit our web site <http://avenue.org/efb/>
The Emergency Food Bank's Combined Virginia Campaign code number is 3935.