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Dear Friends,

In the light (or gloom) of Black Friday brawls and all things cyber or electronic on every Christmas list, I was touched by a Christmas gift recently brought to my attention. It was a pocket-sized Book of Common Prayer, given to a 6 year old boy in 1922. The inscription reads, "Dear Jack, Merry Christmas. Love, Mother."

From the Rector



The 90 year old little black leather-bound prayer book is remarkably well preserved, not having gone out of style. Granted, like the MacBook, there have been updated versions: 1928 and 1979. But the essence remains the same because the BCP, like the Bible, contains the story that is so poignantly felt at Christmas.

That is the story of God's inexhaustible love for an exhausted world. Although we have turned away from God and turned against each other, God has turned toward us, born of Mary in a Bethlehem stable. Even then, things did not go well for God. As we read in John's prologue, "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him."

Still, our rejection did not stop God – He came just the same. Like Christmas in a Grinched and giftless Hooville, He came just the same. Hearing the story of His one-way love for us yet again this Christmas season, just might make you stop and wonder,


*"Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
We would embrace Thee with love and awe;
Who would not love Thee, loving us so dearly?"*

O come, let us adore
Him, Christ the Lord.
Merry Christmas.

Ever Yours,

Paul

We hope that you and your family and friends might be able to join us for Christmas services at Christ Church. Please note the schedule inside on page 2.



CHRISTMAS



**CHRIST CHURCH
ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE**

- Dec. 2nd** 10 a.m. Advent Wreathmaking
- Dec. 5th** 6 p.m. Vestry/Staff Christmas Party
- Dec. 7th** 7 p.m. Carol Sing (meet at The Garage)
- Dec. 9th** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Greens & Goodies Sale
- Dec. 13th** 7-9 p.m. 20's-30's Party
- Dec. 16th** 9 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 23rd** 5 p.m. Lessons & Carols (Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir)
- Dec. 24th** 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (traditional service with choir and organ) **Music begins at 4:30 p.m.** Nursery provided at 5 pm only.
9 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (traditional service with choir and organ) **Music begins at 8:30 p.m.**
- Dec. 25th** 10 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Children's Christmas Pageant



THE
**CHRISTMAS
Story**

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Pageant during the 9 o'clock service on Sunday, December 16th. Come and see the story of Jesus' birth as told by the Christ Church children! Rehearsals take place during Children's Chapel and Sunday School each Sunday leading up to the pageant. We will

have a Dress Rehearsal (meet in Meade Hall) for all participants at Christ Church on Saturday, December 15th, from 10-Noon. All participants need to be there!

Other Sunday School News

There will be no Children's Chapel or Sunday School on December 25th or January 1st. **We will resume on Sunday, January 13th.** See you in the New Year!



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 2012

Kathryn Caine and her children, Evans and Isabelle, teaching a song to the cast.

You won't want to miss this year's pageant!



**Come to the
Greens &
Goodies
Christmas Sale!
Dec. 9th
8 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

Christmas Bazaar!



Especially Popular Donations: homemade baked goods; handmade gifts, cards and knitted items; holly and other greens; gently loved toys; collectibles; decorations and ornaments Mr. Hobbs' wreaths and cutting boards will also be available. Please drop off your Greens or Goodies in the designated box located in the church library or on Saturday, December 8th between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Perishable items should be delivered on Saturday only. Thank you.

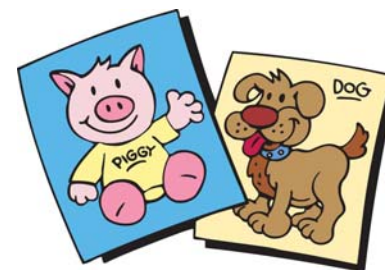
For questions or more information, contact Martha Smythe at 977-0502 or marthasmythe@centurylink.net.

A Message from Dave Johnson 2013 Supper Clubs

In response to an expressed desire from many at Christ Church for additional opportunities for fellowship, we are organizing supper groups for January to May 2013. These supper clubs will be for 8-10 people or so and will meet about once a month for a dinner, rotating at the homes of those in the groups. Each group will have a leader to coordinate things. This is open to adults of all ages from new-comers as well as long-term members. It's a great way to make new friends or strengthen current friendships, and to just have fun getting to know people at Christ Church. If you're interested in being part of a supper group or leading one, please contact me at dave@christchurchville.org and we'll go from there. Thanks.



Renovations are underway for Christ Church Preschool as we prepare to open in January! We were so blessed to receive many of our materials and supplies through our Angel Tree Project. Thank you to all who donated gifts and funds. We are so thankful for your love and support. If you are interested in more information, please contact Sallie Campanelli at preschool@christchurchpreschool.org.



PRESCHOOL News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SPECIAL MASTERWORK FOR LENT



On Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m., the Adult Choir will sing Fauré's "Requiem" with orchestra and soloists. This is a beautiful masterwork, absolutely suited for the season of Lent, and we invite everyone to come hear our offering of music.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

"Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." He told an interviewer, "It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death and someone has called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience."

We will welcome singers into the choir who would like to join in the singing of the Requiem. Attendance at practices (Thursday evenings) in January and February will be required, as well as a Fauré Retreat (at the church) on Saturday, January 12. Please contact Alice Layman if you would like to participate.

Attention—Women!

The women of the parish are cordially invited to the home of Merle Robertson on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 p.m. (1441 Glenside Green).



Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please contact Merle at 973-2749.

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. You may 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 stoplight onto Penn Park Road and continue as above.

**St. Nicholas
Toy Sale**



The Schoolhouse Thrift Shop at Rio (1147 E. Rio Rd.) The Thrift Shop will hold its 21st Annual "St. Nicholas Toy Sale" on Saturday, **December 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** They would love our donations of NEW or LIKE-NEW toys,

books, games, dolls, puzzles, or anything that might be on a child's wish-list. **Questions? Call Jackie Gitchell at 973-4651.**

Abundant Life: It's not too late to shop for the Abundant Life Christmas store. Individual student's wish lists are still available. Please contact Melville Krebs (977-4812) or mdk2n@cstone.net for more information.

Preschool Angel Tree: See the tree in Meade Hall with items you can purchase and donate to the Christ Church Preschool, which begin in January 2013.

**PACEM 2013
(People and
Congregations
Engaged in Ministry)**



**HOMELESS
SHELTER**

Christ Church will once again assist with caring for the homeless during the cold winter months.

**Save the Dates!
January 19 through February 2nd.**

Questions or need more information?
Contact Josh Bascom at 434-806-6000 or bascom.josh@gmail.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). **(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) LT Chris Sterbenz (husband, Meg Barkley Sterbenz), 2LT David Downing (nephew of Carol & Jimmy Downing).

Pray for the bereaved: Jana Early (Hugh Jones, father), Paul Wood (Susan Copeland, niece by marriage), Larry Saunders (Brenda Bulluck, sister) Matt McClellan (Don Jefferis, step-father), 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), John Watterson (Roberta Watterson,

sister-in-law; Susan Thomas, cousin), Steph Johnson (Debbie Mort, sister), The Kelley family (Mrs. William E. Kelley, friend of Christ Church), The Calver family (Evelyn Calver), Elizabeth Bradley (Dennis & Nancy Babb, parents), Georgia Davidson (Emily Kicklighter, sister), Nancy Gordon (George Hamner, Sr., father), Seymour Young (Seymour Young, Sr., father) Tom Bass (Sophia, wife), Jennifer Porter (Sandra Cooper, mother), Charlie Owen (Jack, 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.

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Advent Wreath Making 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	3	4 Noon Loaves & Fishes	5	6 7 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 Book Club	7	8 2-5 Concert in Meade Hall 7pm Zephyrus Concert in Nave
9 Greens n Goodies 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 MP 5 PM HC	10	11 Noon Loaves & Fishes	12	13 7 Men's Bible Study	14	15 2pm Private Baptism
16 7:45 HC Rite I 9 Christmas Pageant -HC Rite II 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	17	18 Noon Loaves & Fishes	19	20 7 Men's Bible Study	21	22
23 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 HC Rite I 5 PM Lessons & Carols	24 Christmas Eve Services 5 pm & 9 pm Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Service 10 am Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27	28	29
30 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 11 MP 5 PM HC	31					

Christ Church Financial Update

As of November 30th, we have received 188 pledges totaling \$742,942. Thank you! Of those 188 pledges, 26 are new. These new pledges are a wonderful reflection of the growth God has given us at our church. The Vestry has calculated that we will need a minimum of \$972,000 in pledge income for the General Budget they have set of \$1,257,250 (see income & expense chart adjacent). In addition to the pledge income we receive during the course of a year, donations come in through loose plate offerings, non-pledged income, trust income, donations for flowers, etc. This helps to make up the difference between the pledge income and the set budget goal. We are grateful to those parishioners who have made their pledges for 2013. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider pledging and send in your card (or email it in) as soon as possible so that we can plan our operating budget for the new year.

According to IRS regulations, all contributions for 2012 must be received in the Church Office in 2012 (or postmarked in 2012). We will send out one last statement of giving to our parishioners with outstanding pledges in the beginning of December. As always, your statement of giving for all of 2012 will be mailed out within the first two weeks of January.

Did you know that you could make a contribution to Christ Church (for our College Ministry) through the UVA Fund? Our account number with them is FSOD487. Their contact information is: 434-243-9000/alumni-assoc@virginia.edu.

Income

Pledges	\$972,000	77.31%
Loose Plate	\$33,000	2.62%
Non Pledge Income	\$100,000	7.95%
College Ministry Support	\$56,500	4.49%
Rental Income	\$26,000	2.07%
Trust Income	\$15,000	1.19%
Endowment Fund Income	\$30,000	2.39%
Altar Guild Income	\$4,500	0.36%
Fellows Income	\$20,000	1.59%
Interest Income	\$250	0.02%
Total	\$1,257,250	100.00%

Expenses

Clergy, staff, taxes & insurance	\$766,520	61.95%
Administration & Supplies	\$28,200	2.28%
Property (includes mortgage)	\$224,230	18.12%
Mission & Outreach	\$132,900	10.74%
Sunday School	\$2,500	0.20%
Youth & Confirmation	\$12,500	1.01%
Hospitality	\$11,600	0.94%
Music & Supplies	\$13,000	1.05%
Worship Expenses	\$12,400	1.00%
Adult Education	\$3,000	0.24%
Stewardship	\$400	0.03%
Debt Reduction	\$20,000	1.62%
Brokerage fees & Interest	\$10,000	0.81%
Total	\$1,237,250	100.00%

The Annual Garage Carol Sing



On Friday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m., gather 'round The Garage for some carols to celebrate the holiday season. After we cozy up and sing a few tunes together, our caroling selves will walk over to some local spots (restaurants, bars, etc.) to spread the cheer, as is the caroling tradition.

Dress Warm. Hot Chocolate Served. Bring Your Instrument (if you have one). Invite your friends!

Come all ye Christ Church 20s & 30s!

You are warmly invited to a Christmas party on **Thursday, December 13th from 7-9 pm** at the home of Cate and Dave Zahl (1810 Winston Rd, just off Rugby). Santa will be providing beverages, but we could use some help with appetizers and

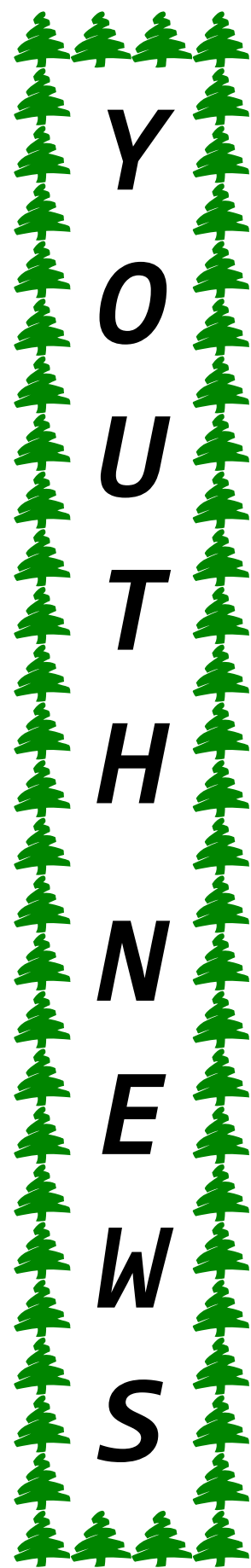


**20's-30's
Christmas Party**

desserts. Please email Sarah Siebels at sarahseibs@gmail.com if you'd be able to bring something. Also, do RSVP to Dave Zahl at dz@christchurchville.org as soon as you know whether or not you can attend. Hope to see you there!



Middle School Lock-In—November



MS & HS Youth!

The Christmas Season is here, and it's time to spread Christmas Cheer. Please check out our different opportunities for both middle and high schoolers to jump into the Christmas Spirit.

Dec 7th, Friday, Garage Christmas Carol Sing, meet at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church Garage.

Dec 9th, Sunday, Christmas Spirit Ice Skate & Movie, meet at 1:00 p.m.

Dec 15th, Saturday, Angel Tree gift shop & *The Hobbit* movie, meet at 3:00 p.m.

Dec 16th, Sunday, **Christmas Party**, meet at 6:45 p.m.

Confirmation 2013!

For 8th grade and other youth seeking confirmation, here is the vital info:

Jan 13 confirmation class begins.

Feb 22-24 is the weekend of our confirmation retreat.

April 28 is Confirmation Sunday.

For questions regarding confirmation or to sign up, please contact our Youth Minister, Brooks Tate: brooks@christchurchville.org



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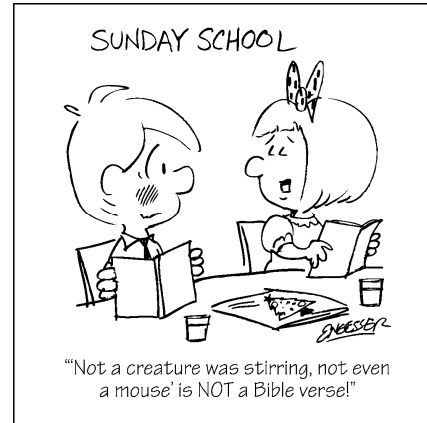
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The Lighter Side of Life



Christmas Poinsettia

Name of Donor: _____

Address: _____

Number of Christmas Poinsettias: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$15 per plant): _____

Choose one (please keep it brief) :

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

Order Your

Poinsettias

Make check your payable to Christ Church, indicate Poinsettia on the memo line of your check, and return your form **no later than Sunday, December 16th**. Place in the Sunday offering plate or mail to: 100 W. Jefferson St., 22902.