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A WORD FROM PAUL WALKER

In a time of financial and national crisis, the Secretary of the Treasury made a bold move. I'm not talking about the 2008 Wall Street Bail Out, I'm referring to the 1861 order from Secretary Salmon P. Chase to James Pollack, the Director of the Mint.

As the Civil War was just beginning, Chase wrote, "*Dear Sir: No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except for His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition.*" As a result, the Treasury produced the first American coin bearing the motto, "In God We Trust."

It's a motto worth remembering as our current economy is in flux. We are entirely dependent on the strength and defense and provision of God. This is what we believe as we begin our Stewardship Campaign at Christ Church. More than ever, now is the time to trust in God's call for us to tithe to the work of the Kingdom inside and outside the walls of the Church. As you make your pledge, returning to God a tenth of what He has given you, you are in a bold, terse and practical way declaring "In God We Trust."

Markets will go up and markets will go down; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. May our trust be in Him alone.

Yours in Christ,
Paul

Sharing Christ's Love

Christ Church recently had the privilege of sending badly needed funds to Haiti, in order to help the people who are starving to death daily. Through our connection with Dr. Mike Dickens, a Christ Church Vestry member who has made several medical mission trips to Haiti, we were able to send the funds directly to The Orphanage and School of Grison-Garde in Haiti, a cooperative project supported by The Robert Ford Haitian Orphanage & School Foundation. The collection from one of our 5 o'clock services was set aside for this purpose. We are thrilled to report that over \$5,800 was collected. We received a thank you letter from Dr. Raymond Ford, President of the Foundation. Dr. Ford wrote, "Over 250 families have already received significant food donations and over 1000 will be served by your gift. You are well acquainted with the incredible dignity and spirit of the Haitian people and know that our prayers for them seem to fall silent on a world deafened to their plight. Christ's mission on this planet must call us to answer those prayers — that is what your church is doing. We will never waste a penny of your gifts."

A Letter from Dave

Dear Friends,

Beginning on October 19 I'll be teaching a five-week adult Sunday School class on Holy Communion. The two classic marks of the Christian Church are the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments. Every Sunday at Christ Church we have four services, and at each of these services we celebrate Holy Communion, so a deeper understanding of Holy Communion can be helpful as we receive God's grace and worship Him in response. During this class we'll take a look at Holy Communion in Scripture, the Early Church and the English Reformation. We'll also look in detail at the theology of the Eucharistic prayers used most often at Christ Church from The Book of Common Prayer, as well as examine what receiving Holy Communion means. Here's the schedule:

- 10/19 Holy Communion in Scripture and the Early Church
- 10/26 Holy Communion in the 1549 and 1552 English prayer books
- 11/2 Eucharistic Prayer I (Rite I Holy Eucharist, BCP 333-340)
- 11/9 Eucharistic Prayer A (Rite II Holy Eucharist, BCP 361-366)
- 11/16 Receiving Holy Communion

We'll meet in the Gibson Room from 10:10-10:50, and each week I'll distribute hand-outs, so if you miss a class you'll be able to see what we covered. I hope you'll join us.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,
Dave

Update from Justin

The semester is in full-swing and so is the 5pm service, which averages approximately 300. Most at this service are university students (undergrad and grad students). In addition to the weekly service, they are also being served through one-on-one meetings with me, Paul, Dave, and the three Christ Church fellows. There are also numerous small group Bible studies for them. For example, Dave Johnson leads a group of guys studying Philippians and Elizabeth Jordan (Fellow) leads five small groups for women and they are studying Romans. And there are more groups emerging every week. In addition to the ministry to university students, we have noticed a growing number of non-undergrads and young families attending. Because of this, Terri Taylor (Fellow) helps in gathering this group of 20 to 30 year old non-students for social and service events. They meet for apple picking at Carters mountain and service projects through Love INC. And out of this group, a Wednesday night Bible study has started (looking at the Ten Commandments and Jesus) and others are on the way.

If you are interested in getting plugged in to any of these small group Bible studies or events, please contact me (Justin Holcomb) at: justin@christchurchville.org or by calling 434-989-7055.

A Special Reminder

Please remember to pray for the Hornsby family, who are on a year-long mission trip to Uruguay.
Parents: Jonathan (ministry to homeless men) & Paige (ministry to women's groups)
Children: Emily, Jane & Nathan (with their parents); Charlotte (in school in the U.S.)

37th Annual Charlottesville-Albemarle CROP Hunger Walk—Oct. 12



The annual CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12th. Last year's local walk raised a record-high \$36,437. Twenty-five percent of this money has been distributed to our Community Meals on Wheels and the Emergency Food Bank. The rest of this money has been used by Church World Service (CWS) to help hungry people, including refugees and victims in war-torn areas and those suffering from natural disasters and epidemics. For more information, contact Christ Church parishioner, Ashlin Smith, at 293-6435 or: Hsmith@cstone.net.

Music Ministry News

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*“Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices.”*

(Blue Hymnal 397)



Hymn-of-the-Month

Each month, the children's and youth choirs study one hymn in depth. In September, the Youth Choir learned that “Now Thank We All Our God” was composed around 300 years ago by a German pastor as a family table grace during the Thirty Years War, a time of great tragedy and devastation. A few years later it was set to music and published in a hymnbook. It then became a national German hymn of praise that has been sung at many important milestone events, such as the end of Hitler's regime and when the Berlin Wall came down. It has been translated into many languages and is found in the hymnals of most Christian denominations. In times of blessing and prosperity as well as in hardship, difficult economy, sickness and dying, let's sing this hymn, remembering that God has always cared for us and will continue to do so.

Youth Choir (gr. 5-8) sings on Oct.12; Children's Choir (gr. 1-4) sings on Oct.26

Youth Choir (gr. 5-8) meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p.m., right before youth group. Children's Choir (gr.1-4) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during Adult Education class. Both groups are trained in techniques for healthy, beautiful singing; learn to play instruments such as handchimes, handbells, percussion and guitar during the year, and study a Hymn-of-the-Month. There are also fun activities planned to build community. If you know someone in this age group that likes music, please encourage him/her to give it a try!

Choral Evensong, Thursday, October 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, **October 23rd**, there will be a Choral Evensong at **7:00 p.m.** (Please note new day/time from previous seasons.) This beautiful service of sung Evening Prayer is a great way to “take a breath” in the midst of a busy week. The Rev. Paul Walker will officiate and preach. The Adult Choir will sing *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by English composer Thomas Morley and the *Pilgrim's Hymn* by American composer Stephen Paulus. Barbara Chapdelaine will be the guest organist. Please join us, and invite family, neighbors, and friends to experience the beauty of traditional Anglican worship.

This fall, the choir has welcomed new members Lena McNicholas and Siggy Thornhill and welcomed back Sue Honour. Did you know that part-time, seasonal help is also welcome? The Choir will soon begin preparing for the Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 21st. Anyone who would like to join the choir for the season (by attending a portion of Thursday evening rehearsals for 4-6 weeks) is encouraged to do so.

Adult Handbell Choir rings at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Oct. 26th

The Handbell Choir (**Sundays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**) is great way to meet new people, try a musical instrument that doesn't require prior music lessons (music reading is helpful but not absolutely essential), and spend an hour a week forgetting the stresses of your life by concentrating on something else. This fall the group has welcomed some new people and still has room for 1-2 more ringers. On the last Sunday of this month, the group will ring the prelude and on one hymn at both services and will also join with the Adult Choir on the anthem, *A Jubilant Song*, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Preparation for the Lessons and Carols service, Dec. 21st has already begun. Give it a try!



HelpWinnebaRead...join the mission!

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

As a family, the Hathaways feel God has placed Nana Gharthey in our lives and hearts and has given us an interest in Nana's desire to build a library for his people in Winneba, Ghana. We have talked with Mission and Outreach and Christ Church wants to support Nana as well. So we would like to invite you to join us with Nana. **First, we are planning an informational gathering at our home on Thursday, Oct. 16th at 6:30 p.m. (3157 Dane Court, Keswick).** Right now we would love for any who feel they also may share this interest to help Nana, and Winneba read, to give us a call.

- We need lots of prayer as we discern the details of God's plan
- We need individuals with the gifts of organizing for correspondence here in the church walls and beyond.
- We need tech-savy help in creating a webpage for HelpWinnebaRead.
- We need visual folks who can help create a "picture of the face of Winneba" to illustrate needs logistical and financial.
- We thought it might be cool to develop a pen pal program with our youth.

- It would be great to have folks work out a venue for Nana possibly with Festival of the Book or....
- Possibly some may feel called to journey to Winneba.
- There are surely many other needs that we have yet to realize and God may call you to offer those gifts.

Nana is so patient and faithful and keeps saying, "in God's time..." HelpWinnebaRead needs a total at this time of approximately \$350,000 to open the doors of this library. Christ Church Mission and Outreach donated \$2,706 seed money in 2007 and plans to send along another \$3,300 this year, but before Winneba can break ground, we need about a third of the total cost.

If you are interested in helping or just learning more please contact Nana at 434-296-0083 or email ngharteyk@embarqmail.com, or the Hathaways at 434-971-9292 or email cvilleheels@comcast.net. Look for updates in the bulletins or just send us your email to receive information as we progress.

Thank you for your prayers!

In Christ,
Ellen, Curtis, Anne Clark & Brooke Hathaway



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, Belinda Pullen, Jean Printz, John Chappell, Ellen Sadler, Judy Hodge, Tom Bass.

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, Genny Sutko (Marcy Hooker's niece).

Pray for expectant parents: Lindsey & Justin Holcomb.

Pray for a newborn: Ila Byrd (born September 25 to Hannah and Ross Byrd).

Pray for those on the Active Duty list: Ensign Matthew Warnecke, US Navy; deployed to the Persian Gulf (Karen & John Warnecke's son), Jason Morris and Ed Ledford (sons-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen).

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

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

Vestry Highlights—September 16, 2008

- Treasurer, Dale Varga, distributed and discussed detailed financial reports. These expansive reports reflect a desire on the part of the Vestry to be fully informed when making financial decisions and plans. Mr. Varga's Executive Summary (available from the church office) provided a narrative analysis of the statements. Presently, the church has low cash reserves, but that is counterbalanced with the current vibrancy and growth in the church.
- The Stewardship Campaign will be underway the month of October under leadership from Bill Gordon and Jud Palmer.
- The Profile Committee has been selected with representation from various ministries and services. Its first meeting is scheduled for October 3rd under the leadership of Bob Garland.
- The Clergy reported on full participation in the many new programs being offered.
- Junior Warden, John Warnecke, reported that leaks in the roof have been identified and repairs will be underway.
- Stephanie Johnson and Christie Walker will be the new Co-chairs of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Kemp Hill, Register

Do you have a few hours to spare once a month helping others? Team I of Loaves and Fishes (our soup kitchen) is in need of 2 volunteers to work the first Tuesday of each month. The hours are 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Donna Murray at: dkmurr@embarqmail.com or phone 434-842-1772.



You are warmly invited to attend the **Piano Marathon** on **Friday, October 17th, 2:00-10:00 p.m.** Invite friends, family members, neighbors, coworkers, too! This is an all-church event, sponsored by the Music Ministry and Arts Community. Pianists of all ages representing the various worship services – children, youth, college students, adults - will share their gifts in a variety of musical styles. In addition, there will be special guest cellists, accompanied by the piano.

During the first 10 minutes of each hour, you will be warmly greeted with refreshments in the narthex at the High Street entrance *a la* Bach's Lunch concerts. For the remaining 50 minutes of the hour, there will be music provided on the beautiful Kawai grand piano. Feel free to come and go.

This event will not only build community, but will also be a fundraiser for the new Hook pipe organ. Be an "organ donor" and support your local musicians as they give their time and talents! Throughout the marathon, there will be periodic updates posted of contributions to the organ fund.

If you have fundraising ideas or questions about the musical participation, contact Elizabeth Norfrey at davidneliz@christchurchville.org If you would like to help serve as a greeter and/or donate finger foods and other refreshments, contact Kate Daughdrill at kate@christchurchville.org or call the church office at 293-2347. We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Days Off: Monday—Liz Edrington, Elizabeth and David Norffrey Friday—Paul Walker, Dave Johnson, Justin Holcomb</p>			<p>1 10 Holy Eucharist with Healing 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class</p>	<p>2 9-11 CY&FS Donovan Room</p>	<p>3 6-8 Garage Art Exhibit Opening (Garage is located next to Magruder House—Church Office)</p>	<p>4 High School Trip to Busch Gardens</p>
<p>5 Stewardship Sunday 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Education 11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>6 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Endowment Committee Meets</p>	<p>7 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Endowment Committee Meets</p>	<p>8 10 Shawl Ministry 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Crop Walk 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Education 11 AM Morning Prayer w/ Holy Eucharist 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>13 Paul Walker continuing education week. Back in the office on October 20th.</p>	<p>14 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Executive Committee Meets</p>	<p>15 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 2-10 pm Piano Marathon!!</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Education 11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>20 Marcy Hooker serving at Credo. Back in the office on Nov. 4th.</p>	<p>21 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>22 10 Shawl Ministry 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class</p>	<p>23 Messenger Deadline Lyn Gunsalus out of the office. Returns on October 27th. 7 Evensong</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Rite II/Baptism 10:10 AM Christian Education 11 AM Morning Prayer w/ Holy Eucharist 5 PM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Dinner</p>	<p>27 Bible Studies at Christ Church</p>	<p>28 Noon Loaves & Fishes</p>	<p>29 11:15 Holy Eucharist at WCBR 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Christian Belief, dinner and class</p>	<p>30 1-5 CY&FS Meade Hall Messenger Mailing</p>	<p>31</p>	
<p align="center">Bible Studies at Christ Church Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m.—Men's Bible Study in Meade Hall Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.—Women's Bible Study in the Donovan Room Wednesdays at 8 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study in the Donovan Room Thursdays at 9 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in the Gibson Room.</p>						
<p align="center">Music & Choir Opportunities Sundays at 5:30 p.m.—Youth (grades 6-12) choir rehearsal (sings at 9 on 10/12) Sundays at 6:30 p.m.—Handbell rehearsal—High School and up (ringing on 10/26 @ 9 & 11) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.—Children (grades 2-5) choir rehearsal (sings at 9 on 10/26) Thursdays at 7 p.m.—Adult Choir rehearsal (8 p.m. rehearsal on 10/23 due to Evensong)</p>						

Fall's Here!



Bananarama

One fine Sunday evening in September, the high school youth group set off to measure various and sundry items in downtown Charlottesville. The catch was, they were to measure the heights, lengths, widths, and distances in bananas. Hopefully they had a good time measuring strangers, signs, walls, and outdoor seating areas of restaurants- but the activity had some connected thoughts behind it: how does the world measure us, how do we measure others, and what are God's 'measurements'?

So much of the 'American way' preaches that money, success, achievement, image, popularity, and even family are acceptable items with which we can measure ourselves and others. Through this, we begin to believe that our worth, purpose, and hope are tied up in these things. Not that they can't be good things, but they are not where we should find our definition. These measurement/judgment devices are really just bananas. They taste good to some and are useful for the occasional baked good; but when it comes down to it, they're really actually ridiculous to use for measuring.

They're not designed for that.

In thinking about God's 'measuring,' what comes to mind for me is the verse from Romans which says that "There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus (3:23-24)." We have all been held up to God's perfect law, and we haven't been able to meet it (to 'measure up') because of our sin- the brokenness in each of us. BUT- through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for each of us, the law is fulfilled, and we are made worthy sons and daughters of God by His blood. We are seen through His righteousness- deemed, or 'measured' to be holy. Amazing. We then get to see others in light of that sacrifice made for them and us, and it changes the way we measure. My prayer is that God will help us to see others more and more in light of His love and sacrifice instead of our bananas.

Upcoming Events:

- *Oct. 25- Middle School Reverse Trick-or-Treating
- *Nov. 7-9- Young Life Fall Weekend (H.S.) at Rockbridge
- *Nov. 21- High School Lock-In
- *Dec. 5- Middle School Lock-In



Middle School Video Scavenger Hunt
Sept. 13



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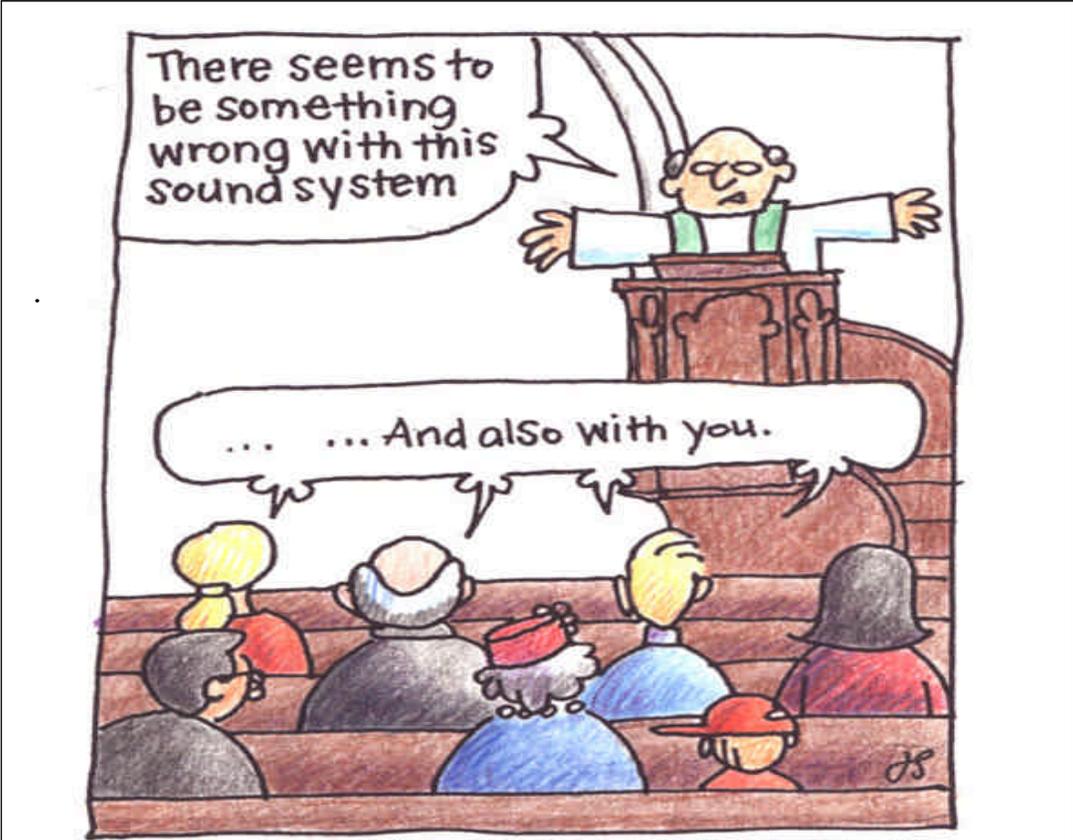
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