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Insert: November Calendar

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A WORD FROM PAUL WALKER

Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." - Judges 6:15

"Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong." Many have sung this line from the children's song, *Jesus Loves Me*, and perhaps a few have even believed it. And yet, given the choice, who would really choose his or her own weakness over strength? That is not the way of the world, nor is it the way of the self-oriented heart. Weakness is embarrassing; weakness is to be hidden away.

When faced with a challenge, it makes so much more sense to marshal your resources, summon your strength, and put your best foot forward. In a world where we are taught to play to our strengths, who would choose the weak to do the job of the strong?

God would, apparently. As we read in the account from Judges, to Gideon's astonishment, an angel of the Lord appoints him to deliver Israel from the strong and oppressive hand of the Midianites. After the Midianites had *"overpowered Israel"* for 7 years, the Lord was on the move to save His people. As His instrument, He chooses Gideon, whose clan is the *"weakest in Manasseh."* And if that weren't bad enough, the appointed deliverer is the *"least in (his) father's house."* God chooses the least of the least and the weakest of the weak.

There is only one reason to trust in this way of madness, this counter-intuitive preference for weakness over strength. And that is the reason God gives the bewildered Gideon: *"I will be with you."* God does not offer a detailed explanation of His rationale, nor does He outline a plan for how He intends to accomplish the task at hand.

Instead He simply offers Himself: *"I will be with you."* And it is enough; or rather, He is enough. God is actually much, much more than enough, for He fills up our weakness with His strength. His power is made perfect in our weakness.

"I will be with you." Simply put, it is our weakness that allows us to be with God. It is weakness that allows the little ones to belong to God. Little ones like the Apostle Paul who did not hide away his weakness but boasted all the more gladly in it. Little ones who know, though it is not the way of the world, God chooses what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. And, little ones like Gideon, whom the angel calls a *"mighty man of valor."*

Yours in Christ,
Paul

A Note from Dave

In October we concluded our 8-week Wednesday evening teaching series, Christian Belief. A special thanks to Donna Murray for preparing wonderful dinners each week and thanks as well to her helpers: Susan McConnell, Merle Robertson, Karen Warnecke, Laurel Bradley, Anabel Bowen, Ellen Hathaway, and Caroline Wilhelm (if I forgot anyone, my apologies). We had between 40 and 50 people each week from various generations and services and enjoyed the dinner, time to build friendships, and learning more together about some of the basics of our Christian faith as we covered the God of Grace, the Cross, Resurrection, the Holy Spirit, the Church, Scripture, Prayer, and Hope. We'll have a similar mid-week offering at Christ Church in the winter or spring.

My family and I remain thankful to worship and serve God with all of you at Christ Church.

Gratefully,
Dave

Advent Wreath-Making



We will have an intergenerational Advent Wreath-Making gathering in Meade Hall on Sunday, Nov. 30th at 10 a.m.

Please consider saving greenery from your yard so that we will have enough for all who wish to join us. And if you would be willing to help with this event, we would welcome your assistance!

United Thank Offering

The Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will take place on Sunday, Nov. 16th. UTO envelopes will be placed in the church, but you do not need one to make a donation. Simply make your check payable to Christ Church and write UTO on the memo line.

Parish Members Invited

The Rev. Canon Henry N. F. Minich will celebrate 50 years of ordination on Saturday, Nov. 15th at 11:00 a.m., St. Paul's Church on K Street (2430 K St., N.W.) in Washington, D.C. Your presence and prayers are sincerely requested.

Mosaic Update from Justin & Lindsey Holcomb

Lindsey and I started Mosaic, a non-profit organization, in 2007. Mosaic initiates sustainable projects in southern Sudan and Uganda and partners with organizations to enact creative strategies to serve those who are suffering in these areas. The image of a "mosaic" expresses the beauty that emerges when broken and fragmented bodies, communities, and regions experience health, healing, and social justice. But, it also symbolizes the means for serving these areas—numerous organizations coming together in partnership and network to join resources for the sake of human rights and peace.

I have been traveling to southern Sudan and Uganda every summer since 2001 to teach pastors and train chaplains in the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army. In 2006, Lindsey and I visited together and after that trip she had the idea to start Mosaic.

Thanks to the faithful support from Christ Church and the numerous donors, we have been able to develop projects and partner with existing ones in southern Sudan and northern Uganda:

- A Women's Center and an ESL program building in southern Sudan.
- A tailoring and literacy program, which enlists twenty southern Sudanese women every four months to receive instruction in tailoring, English language and writing, and entrepreneurship. During the program the women practice their skills by sewing clothes for an orphanage in northern Uganda and at their graduation ceremony they receive a sewing machine and start-up capital to begin small businesses.
- A mosquito net campaign to reduce the risk of disease, infection, and malaria. Mosaic has distributed over 5,700 mosquito nets, but many more are needed. In July 2007, the cost of mosquito nets dropped to \$4 each.
- An after-care home in Gulu (northern Uganda) for former girl abductees of the Lord's Resistance Army.

To learn more about Mosaic's projects please visit www.mosaicpeace.org

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.)

Music Ministry News

Elizabeth and David Norfrey

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*“O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.”*

(Blue Hymnal 680)



Hymn-of-the-Month

The children’s and youth choirs have learned that the great hymn of the faith, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” was written on a dare! Around 1700, a young English boy named Isaac Watts was attending a church in which the only permissible hymns were settings of the psalms. Upon complaining that the music at church was “boring,” his father suggested that he write his own song! Isaac wrote a poetic paraphrase of Psalm 90 that was set to the familiar majestic tune of the same era known as “St. Anne”; he wrote more than 600 more hymns, perhaps the most popular one being “Joy to the World.”

The choirs identified “home” as place of safety, comfort and joy; The hymn calls God our help, our hope, our shelter and our Eternal Home – not just a dwelling place, but a relationship.

Youth Choir (gr. 5-8) sings on Nov.9; Children’s Choir (gr. 1-4) sings on Nov. 23

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. If you know someone in either age group that likes music, please encourage him/her to give it a try!

Adult Choir News

The Adult Choir recently welcomed back tenor David Franzen. Part-time, seasonal help is welcome as we prepare for Advent and the Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 21st. Join the choir for the season by attending a portion of Thursday evening rehearsals for 4-6 weeks. Contact Elizabeth for more details.

Adult Handbell Choir News

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. The group is currently preparing for the Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 21st and would welcome two more people. Give it a try!

Coming Soon: Bach’s Lunch 2008 CD

Once again our May noontime concerts were professionally recorded by Jeff and Beth Gayman of Humble Beginnings Productions. A sampler CD containing an hour of music from the carillon, harp, marimba and voice concerts will soon be available for purchase (\$10), helping to fund the 2009 concerts. Pick up a CD for your own enjoyment and buy some for Christmas gifts! Watch the bulletin for details.

Piano Marathon Report

Beautiful music filled the sanctuary for seven hours on Friday, October 17th. Thank you to the following people who shared their gifts of music: Timothy Allen, Sam Bush, Nicholas Franzen, Kathryn Humphreys, Peter Owen, Stephanie Owen, Charlotte Paris, Anna Wilhelm, Ben Wilhelm; and guest musicians Dr. Beth Cantrell, ‘cello (accompanied by Elizabeth), Emily Cantrell, viola, Deborah Gayman, viola, Ethan Wagner, ‘cello, (accompanied by David), Bernard Hankins, piano. Thanks to hosts Jane Varga and David Kovacs and to hospitality chair Kate Daughdrill. We are grateful for the donations of finger foods and financial gifts to the Organ Fund totaling \$1,000.

Profile Committee Formed

A committee has begun work to gather information to establish a profile of Christ Church. The committee consists of Betsy Boswell, Bob Huston, Carol Harlee, Chris Eure, Christian Carter, Josh Goldschmidt, Kathryn McCann, Libby Palmer, Melville Krebs, and Zach Williams with Bob Garland serving as the Chair.

It is important in the life of any parish to periodically self-evaluate, establish goals, and survey our needs, likes and dislikes. The last profile of Christ Church was done over 13 years ago and certainly a lot has changed since then.

The purpose behind the establishment of the Profile Committee was three-fold: 1. It was requested by the Bishop as part of Paul's appointment as "Priest-in-Charge". 2. It will serve as a guide for Paul if he is appointed Rector at the end of his two-year term as "Priest-in-Charge". 3. It will serve as the Profile of Christ Church in the unlikely event that a traditional search must be conducted for a Rector in the near future.

Members of the Committee welcome your input to this important process in self-evaluating and discerning the future of Christ Church. You may contact Bob Garland at bgarlandjr@aol.com or 293-2045.

Bob Garland, Jr.

Arts Community Update—From Kate Daughdrill

In case you haven't heard, Christ Church is now facilitating a community art space and concert venue! **The Garage** is the tiny single car garage on 1st Street that backs up to the Magruder House. We put in a new floor and have been having creative gatherings in the Garage for the past few months. We've had a great turn out but would love to get even more people involved!

We have many exciting events going on this month:

Nov. 7: The Garage Goes Dressy – Art Opening: 6-8pm
Dusty Brown (NYC) and Joe Pollock

Concert: 8-10pm

Nov. 14: A Mattress on the Floor, My Vision of Heaven –
Art Performance: 6-8pm

Jameson Zimmer – Concert: 8-10pm

Dec. 5: Redeemed Trash – Art Opening: 6-8pm

Dec. 6: Advent Listening Party and Hymn/Carol
Sing-A-Long – 6-9pm

Please join us for an upcoming event! "The Garage Goes Dressy" art installation on November 7th should be an especially exciting evening...during which the Garage will be covered with a giant dressy outfit! Visit the Garage's website to learn more and get more details on upcoming events. www.thegarage-cville.com

Prayer Requests



Pray for your fellow parishioners: Louise Taylor, Kay Orrick, Frank Thomasson, Wally Tymoff, Ruth & Emma Snyder, Sylvia Nichols, Helen Wick, John Dodge, John Chappell, Ellen Sadler, Alison Ianelli, Katherine Willard and William Muller.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: (Unless requested, remain on list for 1 month.)

Judy Taylor (Tricia Witherow's mother), Theo Vangelo (Liz Straight's grandmother), Regina Dowling (Ann Hardinger's aunt) and Madison Spencer, Genny & Tim Sutko (Marcy Hooker's niece & brother) Tim Turner (Judy Drayer's nephew), Mary Minge Douglass (Melville Krebs' mother), William Muller.

Pray for expectant parents: Lindsey & Justin Holcomb.

Pray for new babies: Madeleine, born to Kristin & Daniel Moore; Eden, born to Jill & Alec Smith; Cathryn, born to Monique Van Landingham & Russell Riley; Robert McClellan, born to Meredith & Matt McClellan.

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, Ruthana Jenkins, the Lucas family, the Simeone family, Sara Daniels' family and the Kennan family.

**Please make your requests for prayer known to us: 100 W. Jefferson St. / Charlottesville, VA 22902;
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Christ Church Prison Ministry Update

With just three months into the prison ministry at Christ Episcopal Church much has occurred.

Angel Tree

There are 25 individuals/families signed up to sponsor children with incarcerated parents this Christmas. There will be a Christmas party for the children and their caregivers on December 6th at Christ Church from 1-3:30 pm. Please consider participating in the Angel Tree program this Christmas as we still have several children in need of a sponsor. Sign up with a friend, your family, or individually. For many of these children whose parents are incarcerated these will be the only gifts they receive this Christmas.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child this Christmas (2 gifts at \$15-20/gift) please contact Lindsey Holcomb at lindseyvardy@yahoo.com or 434-466-6785.

Books Behind Bars

140 total books delivered in September

75 books delivered to Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW)

65 books delivered to Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ)

*Donate new/gently used books to the church office or church building (narthex). Please refrain from donating books that depict violence/murder/crime.

Bible Studies

Lindsey Holcomb began leading a bible study on healing from abuse for women at FCCW.

Two UVA male students, Sam Pierce and Kelly Cavender have gone through the orientation/background check process to each lead a bible study for men at ACRJ. Additionally, they will co-teach an ESL class to male inmates.

Kelly Pippin, a UVA female grad student is currently going through the orientation/background check process to teach in the GED program for female inmates at ACRJ.

*If you are interested in leading a bible study, serving as a mentor, or teaching a class at either the women's prison or local jail please contact Lindsey for more information, lindseyvardy@yahoo.com or 434-466-6785.

Working Together to Bless Children

“A Texas couple and their four children pack toys and school supplies in shoe boxes and bring them to a special dedication service at their church. Volunteers in Michigan promote Operation Christmas Child in their community by holding a ‘giant packing party’ that fills 2,150 gift boxes. In the Colorado Rockies, a youth organization and a senior citizens group sort through boxes on the assembly line at a processing center in preparation for shipment to hurting children overseas” (as well as our own Native American children).

“In every step in the journey of a shoe box, there are thousands of caring people involved in the process of packing, collecting, and preparing boxes for distribution in some 100 countries around the world.” And it all begins with an individual or a family selecting and buying gifts to go into the shoe boxes.

Last year was the first time that Christ Church participated in this project. Facilitated by the 4th and 5th grade class, parishioners donated shoe boxes, toys, school supplies, toiletries, books, stuffed animals, and wrapping paper. The 4th and 5th grade class, led by Joe Jennings, Andy Krouse, and Rosanne Simeone, wrapped the donated boxes in beautiful Christmas paper and filled each box with the items donated. When all was finished, we had over 35 boxes to be delivered to the distribution center here in Charlottesville.

It is time again to begin collecting boxes, paper, and supplies for Operation Christmas Child. The 4th and 5th grade class will once again facilitate this drive. There will be boxes to hold the donated supplies placed in Meade Hall and outside the classrooms and atriums and the shoe boxes beginning on Sunday November 2. They will collect all of the supplies and boxes through Sunday, November 23. On that Sunday the kids will pack and wrap the boxes, getting them ready for delivery.

We invite every family to participate in this wonderful outreach. Let's surpass our last year's total and share the message of Christmas with children around the world.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” James 1:17, NIV.

Carol Harrell, Director of Children's Formation

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

*Christ Church
Women's retreat*

*Friday, Feb. 27 and
Saturday, Feb. 28*



**Baby Shower for Lindsey
and Justin Holcomb**

**Sunday, Nov. 9
12:30 pm
Gibson Room**

**All ladies are invited!
Lindsey and Justin are
registered at Babies R
Us and Target.**



ATTENTION ALL LADIES!

November Ladies Nite Out
Friday, Nov 14th
December Ladies Nite Out
Friday, Dec. 5th
For more information,
email Steph at
cvillesteph@embarqmail.com

ECW Happenings...

WHAT IS ECW?

ECW, if you are a lady, is you. The name stands for "Episcopal Church Women". ECW claims all ladies in church as members. ECW sponsors and gives to many outreach needs, in-reach needs and various other activities. Some of these include: prison ministries, Abundant Life, Our Little Roses Orphanage, CEC women's' Bible study, PACEM, United Thank Offering, Greens and Goodies, Women's retreat, Anglican College Ministry, and the emergency food bank, to name a few. This group for women is looking for more women who want to serve our church and our community. We currently are seeking all ladies to become an active part in this vibrant ministry!! And we want YOU! Please notice in the Sunday Morning Bulletin, on the Bulletin Boards, on the Web Site and possibly, your email, ways you can experience the fun, loving comradeship of your sisters at Christ Church. If you want more information about ECW, please contact Christie Walker or Steph Johnson—they are more than willing to help you.

Shawl Ministry

This ministry is a group of women who get together to knit or crochet items to be given to those who are sick or bereaved or baby items to share in the joy of new babies. Even though it is called the Shawl Ministry it is not limited to shawls alone. We make baby blankets, baby hats and baby sweaters. Each item is prayed over and blessed by those who make them. While working, we visit, share and enjoy good company. We welcome anyone who is interested in this ministry. We meet at the Jefferson Heights Apt. 3rd floor on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. For More information, contact Merle Robertson at Robertson844@va.net.

Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study
Led by Carrie Souter
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Gibson Room
Please Join Us!
**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST**

CASSEROLE MINISTRY

This fabulous idea is the brainchild of our wonderful Merle Robertson. Basically, people from Christ Church bring freezable casseroles to Merle or the church. Merle makes sure people in need, from our community, receive these dinners at a much needed time in their lives. If you know of anyone who could benefit from receiving these dinners, please contact Merle. Also, if you would like to contribute a casserole, please contact Merle. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

**Greens-n-Goodies
Sunday, December 7th**

The Christ Church ECW is planning their Annual Greens and Goodies Christmas Bazaar to benefit Christ Church. If you are interested in making a contribution or participating, this is a great chance to get connected. The sale is planned for Dec. 7th, from 8am to 12 Noon. We need committee members, help with setting up or, just folks to bring items to donate for the sale. Collection of items will happen at the church on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 12 to 3pm. Questions: Contact Karen Warnecke at 295-9294 or Deborah McAndrews, phone 293-2290, or send an email: deb-orahmcald@earthlink.net. Thanks!!

Items requested include: Greenery, Baked Goods, Gifts (Creativity welcomed!), Cookies, Jellies, etc.

IN ADDITION TO OUR TRADITIONAL OFFERINGS AT "GREENS-N-GOODIES..."

Lunch will be served from the downstairs kitchen. Menu includes vegetable beef soup, pulled pork platter with sandwich, beans, and cole slaw (all homemade), and hot dogs with chips for the children. You can eat in (Monticello Room) with your family (we'll clean up the mess!) or take it home.



Logan, Clay, and Allie chowing down on some massive turkey legs



Landon, Chase, Hilary, Ben, Addison, Clay, Blake, Cam, Sam, Mel, Ben, Logan, Allie, Kasey, Dave, and Margaret



Sam, Blake, and Addison getting ready for the rides

Busch Gardens '08

Our trip to Busch Gardens this year was a fantastic one; we had fun singing songs and doing hand-claps in line, shouting out random ninja noises, getting hurled through the air on coasters, and loading Allie up with jackets, sunglasses, backpacks, and zillions of plastic blue lunchboxes. It was nice to really let loose after a long week which ended in SATs for several of the kids.

Before we left for the trip, the cliché statement, “life is a rollercoaster,” began rumbling around in my head. I think most of us can identify with this statement, as life brings its ups and downs, its exhilarating moments and its fear-inspiring moments. So my question was, “How does Jesus fit into this roller coaster metaphor?” Is He watching us holler and hold on for dear life? Is He the ground on which the entire structure of the coaster is built?

The conclusion I reached is that He is like the safety harness which holds us in for the entire ride and allows us to experience every part of it. For those of us who enjoy the exhilaration, it permits us to fully experience and enjoy the ride. For those of us who are not so sure about coasters, it is something to which we can cling and hold onto for comfort (although it will not let us go regardless of our strength in holding). Either way, we must all put our trust in those harnesses to fully experience the ride (versus watching from the sidelines) and to prevent death. And that correlates with Jesus’ promise to us in John 10:10 which says that He has come that we may have life to the full—twists, turns, drops, raises, and every part of the coaster of life.

He truly is the ‘Love who will not let us go,’ and the words of Hebrews 6:19 couldn’t say it better: “We have this hope as an **anchor** for the soul, firm and secure.”

-Liz

!HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN NOVEMBER 21! !

Members of the Parish (and your friends!) are invited to a
Hymn Sing: Featuring Bifrost
 on Tuesday, November 11th
 7 p.m. in Meade Hall

BIFROST ARTS is a non-profit organization dedicated to the renewal of enthusiasm and excellence in sacred music. To that end, Bifrost has recorded an anthology of hymns and sacred songs titled “Come O Spirit!”

Throughout the month of November, musicians from BIFROST ARTS will appear in select cities for a time of prayer, singing, and teaching. These events are called *Hymnsings*. Come with your heart ready to sing!



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Vestry Meeting Highlights—October 21, 2008

Under Justin Holcomb's leadership, the Christ Church Fellows reported on their areas of activity:

Kate Daughdrill is developing venues for arts engagement with the city of Charlottesville.

Elizabeth Jordan is oriented toward undergraduate small group Bible studies.

Terri Taylor is focusing on PACEM—People and Churches Engaged in Ministry (including women's homelessness) and helping to develop community for the 20/30 year-old attendees of Christ Church.

Davis Gouldin is focusing on music ministry and FOCUS—Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools (high school students).

Stewardship

Bill Gordon reported that 97 pledges have committed to \$394,000. Despite the uncertain financial times, leadership is encouraged with this strong beginning. The stewardship campaign will run through November 2nd.

Clergy Reports

Bible studies and programs are being offered most days of the week. These groups are well attended and serving a cross-section of Christ Church parishioners. The development of smaller communities is one of many the fruits of these studies.

Building Maintenance

John Warnecke reported that the porch of the Magruder house is in compliance with the Board of Architecture review. The church complex roofing is being comprehensively reviewed. A prioritized list will direct needed repairs.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses and income are balanced and on target for the current year. The 2008 Diocesan pledge has not yet been completed, but will be as funds become available.