

THE MESSENGER

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**May's Messenger
deadline to submit
articles: April 21st.**

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The Gospel + Love = Changed Lives

I'd like to begin by saying once again how incredibly thankful Christie and I are to have been called to serve the people of Christ Church. The love and affection that God gave to us 13 years ago when Jeffrey called me to be the Assistant has deepened and matured. We are grateful for the Vestry's prayerful and dedicated work in issuing this call, as well as Bishop Shannon Johnston's clear and gracious leadership. We are overwhelmed by the expressions of love and welcome by the congregation. And, of course, we praise God for working out His perfect and sovereign will in our lives and the life of this congregation. And by His grace, we look forward to a long and fruitful season of ministry at Christ Church, continuing the tradition of witness and worship begun here in 1820.



**Pastor's Message
for April**

What will this ministry look like? Only God knows! But I know that all we are and all we do will be centered on **preaching the gospel and loving people**. By "gospel", I mean the message articulated in the "comfortable words" proclaimed after the absolution in our beautiful Rite I Communion Service, and rendered perfectly by the Apostle Paul in Romans 5: "*while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" It is the constant radiation of this message that softens and turns our self-interested hearts, producing in us love for God and love for others. When we have been so loved by God, how could we not want to share that love with others? As we read in 1 John, "*we love because we have first been loved.*"

When the gospel is preached and people are loved, then lives are changed. All of this, of course, is by the power of the Holy Spirit. So today, as we are launched into a new chapter of life and ministry at Christ Church, our trust is *entirely* in God.

Ever yours,

Paul



We had a wonderful time at the five Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers. At each of these gatherings we shared a delicious meal, got to know one another better through ice breakers, worshiped, learned from

Scripture, and concluded by passing the peace with one another. The theme of the teachings was from the Last Supper when Jesus commanded His disciples, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another" (John 13:34b-35). Each week we emphasized a specific way that we can love one another in response to God's loving us through Jesus Christ in the same specific way: welcoming one another as God has welcomed us (Romans 15:7); forgiving one another as God has forgiven us (Ephesians 4:32); putting the interests of others before our own, as God did for us (Philippians 2:4-11); serving one another as God in Christ served us (Mark 10:45 and John 13:14); and praying for one another as Jesus prays for us (James 5:16 and Romans 8:34).

Thanks so much to Donna Murray, who prepared all the meals, and to those who helped her: Libby Palmer, Bowie Carpenter, Caroline Wilhelm, Marian Lynch, Steph Johnson, Susan McConnell, Merle Robertson, Anne Wilson, Deborah McAndrews, and Jill Bascom. Also, thanks to those who led the music for us: Charlotte Paris, Bill and Laurie Duxbury, Chris Campanelli, and Timothy Allen. You all did a wonderful job!

I am very excited to be serving at Christ Church with Paul Walker and Justin Holcomb, and look forward with great anticipation to all the Lord will continue to do here!

Yours in Christ,
Dave Johnson

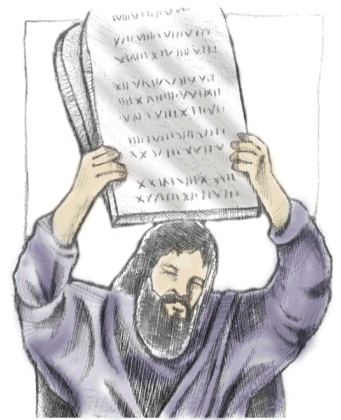
Adult Confirmation/Reception

If you are an adult, who wishes to be confirmed or received on **May 4th**, when Bishop Shannon S. Johnston will be visiting Christ Church, please make your wishes known to Dave Johnson. He may be reached at 293-2347, Ext. 102 or by email at dave68@ntelos.net.



New Adult Class

Paul and Justin will co-teach a class called "The Ten Commandments and Jesus." The class begins on Mar 30th and will last 5 weeks. We will focus on what the Old Testament says about the Ten Commandments, what Jesus said about them, how the New Testament refers to them, and how the fruit of the Spirit relates to them.



These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.
Deuteronomy 6:6

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners:

Louise Taylor, Kay Orrick, Frank Thomasson, Wally Tymoff, Bev Cibbarelli, Betsy Tremain, Ruth & Emma Snyder, Helen Wick, Alison Iannelli, Alice Davis, Punkie Feil, Ack Barr, Karen Marsh, Marie Wood.

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

Judy Taylor (Tricia Witherow's mother); Frances Hutchinson (Ron Hutchinson's mother); Kaki Pearson (Kay Orrick's daughter), Ashleigh Lindstrom, Amy Carter Pharr (Janice & Rick Carter's daughter), Jack Blackburn, Lisa Goodman (Betsy Boswell's sister).

Pray for the bereaved: Randy Rinehart.

Pray for expectant parents: Susan & David Murphy.

Pray for a newborn: Josephine Marie Straight, born March 12 to Liz & Jesse Straight.

Pray for those serving in the military:

Tyler Scott (Mike Scott's cousin) and Michael Miller (Carolyn & John Miller's nephew) serving in Baghdad.

Please make your requests for prayer known to us: 100 W. Jefferson St. / Charlottesville, VA 22902

Phone: 293-2347 / Email: cec@ntelos.net

Music Ministry News—Elizabeth and David Norfrey

Thanks to Music Ministry Participants

We write this during Holy Week, giving thanks to God for the approximately 40 participants in our four music ministry groups that have offered their time and talents for His worship at this holy season of the year. We could not do what we do without your help, support and participation.

New day/time for Cherubim-Seraphim Choir

Due to sports conflicts this spring, we are going to try **Sundays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** for rehearsal time for the rest of the school year (begins March 30th.) This group is open to children and youth in grades 2 through 8 (and beyond). They learn proper vocal technique, ring choir chimes, and worship God using both traditional hymns of the church and contemporary praise songs. The group participates at the 9:00 a.m. service once or twice a month. The choir has also been asked to sing for a wedding on May 31st, so we will be preparing for that. Come join us for the next couple of months!

Youth Guitar Class

There has been some interest expressed in Beginning Guitar Class for middle school and high school students. For more information and to coordinate a day/time, contact Elizabeth.

Handbell Choir has spring openings

The Handbell Choir will finish up the season by ringing in worship on May 18th. Two or three more ringers are welcome to join us for this 5-week unit, beginning Sunday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (No rehearsal on Mother's Day, May 11th.) Music reading is helpful but handbell experience is not required. It's a great way to meet new people! Contact David for more information or to join the group.

Bach's Lunch is Coming!

In just a few short weeks we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Bach's Lunch concert series, each Friday in May at noon. This year there are five Fridays, and here is the line-up:

May 2: David Breneman, carillon. David is the carillonneur at Luray Caverns and will play a varied program. This concert (and lunch) can be enjoyed from the sanctuary or from McGuffey Park!

May 9: Michael Bulski, marimba and hammered dulcimer. Michael is on the faculty at Emory in Atlanta.

May 16: Tapestry Handbell Quartet from Portsmouth, VA.

May 23: Emily Ricks, harp. Emily is student at UVa. Emily will also play in worship on May 18.

May 30: Keith Wagner, voice (baritone) accompanied by David Norfrey, piano. Keith is a frequent soloist with the Virginia Consort here in Charlottesville. He is a graduate of our alma mater, Westminster Choir College and is a pastor in Madison, VA.

How you can help:

- ◇ Invite friends and family to attend these free concerts, which are culturally enriching as well as a great way to welcome people into our beautiful sanctuary. Pray for good attendance!
- ◇ Donate chicken breasts for the lunches and/or volunteer to help coordinate and serve the lunches. Contact Donna at dkmurr@embarqmail.com for more details.
- ◇ Help to sell Bach's Lunch 2007 CDs for a couple of hours on a Saturday this month in front of Hiner's Bookstore (near Whole Foods) to raise money as well as advertise this year's series.

Proposed Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation Of Christ Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, Inc.

In the Articles of Incorporation of the Christ Church Endowment Fund, distributions to Christ Church are restricted to just interest on the “corpus.” At the time the Articles were written, the “corpus” funds were held entirely in bank savings accounts and CD’s. However, many years ago, a majority of the funds were reinvested in mutual funds and other higher-yield investment products. As a result, the total funds have grown dramatically. The drawback is that the “interest” limitation no longer makes sense since very little of the new growth is interest. Worse, because the existing by-laws do not address dividends, capital gains, and changes in investment value, no one now is even certain how much of the current total balance comprises the “corpus”; indeed, if today you asked each of the five board members for the current balance of the corpus, you would probably get five different answers. The proposed amendment redefines the corpus so that it can be easily determined. The amendment also changes the method of distributing funds to the church to remove the “interest” limitation. The new method is more flexible and brings it into line with how distributions are done from similar endowments at most other churches.

The proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the members of the Endowment Fund board last June and is now respectfully submitted to the membership for final approval. A vote to approve the change will be taken at the annual meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 2008. The existing Article III and proposed Article III are listed on page 5, side by side for your review.

In addition, the first sentence of paragraph 5 of Article VI is proposed to change as follows:

Old: “A nominating committee, consisting of the director of the senior most class, shall receive nominations from and by lay member of Christ Episcopal Church in good standing and select at least three candidates for nomination and presentation of their names to the Board.”

Proposed: “A nominating committee, headed by a director from the senior most class, shall receive nominations from and by lay members of Christ Episcopal Church in good standing and select candidates for nomination and presentation of their names to the Board.”



THE WORD (By Julia McGill)

“In the Beginning, was the Word.”

The Word caused a flood, and a drought;

The Word fed the Israelites in the wilderness, and starved them in Jerusalem;

The Word made a mighty king homeless, and a homeless musician king;

The Word caused a 15-year old girl to renounce motherhood, and gave a 90-year old woman her first child;

The Word brought one man to death, and another back to life;

The Word ordered one man to travel, and one man to lie still;

The Word united one empire and divided another;

The Word told one man to renounce arms, and a girl to take up arms;

The Word commanded a man to leave his home, and a woman to establish one;

The Word spoke to one man as loud as thunder, and to another in a whisper;

The Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

The Word.

Original Article III

The Board of Directors (the Board) shall not be obligated to make any distributions until the corpus of the fund exceeds \$100,000.00. In determining this initial sum, the Board shall add accumulated interest to any corpus, so that the initial corpus of \$100,000.00 includes such accumulated interest. After the fund reaches \$100,000.00, then accumulated interest shall not be made a part of the corpus, except as specifically provided in these Articles.

After such time as the corpus of the funds exceeds the above amount the Board shall distribute to the Treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church on a regular basis to be determined by the Board being, no more than quarter-annually and no less than semi-annually, accumulated interest on the corpus of the fund. The board shall obtain a receipt for each distribution form the Treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church.

Furthermore, at the time of the second and each subsequent distribution, the Board shall receive a statement executed by the Treasurer of Christ Episcopal that the prior distribution was used for the purposes and in the manners set forth in Article II herein. The Board shall make no distribution until such statement is received. If no distribution is made because no statement is received, then any accumulated interest will be added to the corpus and become a part thereof. The Board may elect to terminate future distributions until the Treasurer provides such a statement, or until the Treasurer certifies that the use of future distributions are planned in accordance with Article II. The next distribution by the Board shall then be as if it were the first distribution referred to herein.

No portion of the corpus of the fund shall be distributed except for catastrophic reasons and except in accordance with Article X. What constitutes a catastrophic reason is within the discretion of the Board. However, the Board is to be mindful that it is charged to keep the corpus intact if at all possible and that a catastrophic reason for distribution should be something such as the destruction of all or a major portion of the building of Christ Episcopal Church.

Proposed Article III

The corpus of the fund is hereby defined to be \$500,000 or two-thirds of the total value of the fund as of the end of the prior calendar year, whichever amount is greater.

Unless the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church declines a distribution, the Board shall distribute to the Treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church on a regular basis to be determined by the Board but not less than annually an amount up to but not exceeding five percent (5%) of the total value of the fund as of the end of the prior calendar year. However, such regular distributions shall never include any portion of the corpus.

Furthermore, prior to each distribution, the Board shall receive a statement executed by the Treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church certifying that the prior distribution was used for the purposes and in the manners set forth in Article II herein. The Board shall make no distribution until such statement is received. The Board may elect to terminate future distributions until the Treasurer provides such a statement or until the Treasurer certifies that the use of future distributions is planned in accordance with Article II. The next distribution by the Board shall then be as if it were the first distribution referred to herein.

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A vote asking to ratify these changes will taken on May 7, 2008 at our Annual Meeting. Please send any questions or comments to Joe Jennings, President of the Christ Church Endowment Fund in care of Christ Episcopal Church, 100 West Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

APRIL 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Days Off: Monday —Liz Edrington, Elizabeth and David Norfrey Friday —Dave Johnson, Paul Walker, Saturday —Thomas Dixon | | 1 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Endowment Fund Commission Meeting 5 Executive Com. Meets 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:15 Praise Band Rehearsal | 2 10 AM Shawl Ministry 5:30 Evening Prayer | 3 9 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 Evening Prayer 7 Adult Choir Rehearsal | 4 5:30 Evening Prayer | 5 |
| 6 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 11 AM Morning Prayer w/Euch. 5 Holy Eucharist/Dinner 5:30 Cherubim/Seraphim Choirs 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:45—8 Both Youth Groups | 7 5:30 Evening Prayer | 8 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:15 Praise Band Rehearsal | 9 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Catechesis Training | 10 9 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 Evening Prayer 7 Adult Choir Rehearsal | 11 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:00 Maker Series | 12 |
| 13 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:45 Liturgy of Palms McGuffey Park & Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 1 Catechesis Training 5 Holy Eucharist/Dinner 5:30 Cherubim/Seraphim Choirs 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:45—8 Both Youth Groups | 14 5:30 Evening Prayer | 15 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry meets 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:15 Praise Band Rehearsal | 16 10 AM Shawl Ministry 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 UVA 4th Year dinner | 17 9 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 Evening Prayer 7 Adult Choir Rehearsal | 18 5:30 Evening Prayer High School Bowling at Wayne Lanes | 19 |
| 20 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 10:10 AM Get to Know Us class 11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 5 Holy Eucharist/Dinner 5:30 Cherubim/Seraphim Choirs | 21 5:30 Evening Prayer | 22 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:15 Praise Band Rehearsal | 23 5:30 Evening Prayer 6 Catechesis Training | 24 9 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 Evening Prayer 7 Adult Choir Rehearsal | 25 | 26 1-3 —Farewell BBQ for College Youth Leaders |
| 27 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:10 AM Christian Ed 11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 5 PM Holy Eucharist/Dinner 5:30 Cherubim/Seraphim Choirs 6:45-8 HS Youth Group | 28 5:30 Evening Prayer | 29 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:15 Praise Band Rehearsal | 30 10 AM Shawl Ministry 11:15 Communion at WCBR 5:30 Evening Prayer | All times are PM unless noted. Messenger article deadline: April 21st.. | Save the date! Our Annual Meeting is Wednesday, May 7th. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Business Meeting follows dinner | |

In Youth News...

Confirmation Retreat-

The Confirmation Class spent all of the first day of April out at the Krebs' fabulous cabin at Wintergreen after a snowy drive up the mountain the evening before. We basked on heated bathroom floors, we discovered exactly how witty 'Apples to Apples' can make you, we played some intense rounds of 'Nerts,' we hijacked the golf course for some football, we created & shared timelines of our lives with one another, and we ate some seriously delicious chili... it was one amazing retreat. Many thanks again to the Krebs for their incredible hospitality!



Meet Ethan Richardson,

our new addition to the Christ Church Youth Team...



(Ethan and Liz in St. Andrews, Scotland)

If you don't know him, you'll want to know him... he's not one to pass up. He'll be here this summer and next year to serve and love and do all of the wonderful things we youth leaders get to do.

A Few Fun Fast Facts:

- *He studied in only the best city in the world this fall (Edinburgh) & developed a Scottish accent to rival mine
- *He hails from Lexington, Kentucky
- *He's a 3rd year Religious Studies/English major
- *He loves music, mountains, bowties, whistling, photography, backpacking, & random adventure

UPCOMING SWEET STUFF:

- High School Bowling at Wayne Lanes in Waynesboro Friday, April 18- and let me tell you, if you've never been, you're missing out big-time. \$1 games, \$2 shoes... you just can't beat it. They know me there... and my feet...

- End of the Year Open Mic BBQ—join us 1-3 pm Sunday, April 27 for a cookout and celebration of the amazing & entertaining talents the Christ Church youth have amongst themselves... and say good bye to your college leaders for the summer...

-Youth Group Dates:
April 13th & 20th



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Watch your Sunday bulletins for information about the Habitat Cookie Sale to benefit our mission trip to West Virginia this summer.