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A Word from Paul Walker

The Diocese of Virginia strongly encourages clergy to take a sabbatical every 5 to 7 years. That time has come for me. Actually, my upcoming sabbatical will be my first full sabbatical in 16 years of ordained ministry. While I will deeply miss being with you during this time, I am looking forward to having a season set apart for rest and renewal.

I plan to be on sabbatical from April 16 to July 31. My exact plans are still coming together. But, here's a start:

- I plan to work on another book. Instead of producing a third book of sermons, I've been encouraged by a publisher to use the themes of my last 7 years of sermons and produce a kind of Christian Living book – short, meaningful chapters, designed to make the message of grace more accessible than a book of printed sermons.
- I will study the collected works of the theologian Robert Farrar Capon.
- I have 3 off-site weddings (April, May, June).
- Christie and I will travel (sans children!) together to an undisclosed location (please don't let the children know where we're going....).
- I will spend time in June with my dear friend Drew Rollins, the Episcopal Chaplain for LSU in Baton Rouge. We've been close friends since 4th grade.
- There will be fly fishing involved in nearly every endeavor (maybe not the weddings).
- We have a family trip planned (with Merle) to California the last 2 weeks of July.

As you know, we have an extraordinarily talented staff at Christ Church. Dave Johnson and Dave Zahl will assume the preaching duties with their usual excellence. The Vestry and the Wardens will continue their stellar leadership. I trust that it will be business as usual at Christ Church from April to July.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. And it goes without saying that I deeply appreciate the opportunity to have a sabbatical. I feel certain that it will only strengthen (if possible!) my love and affection for our church family.

Ever Yours,

Paul

Wednesday Night Newcomer's Dinner and Adult Confirmation Class

by Dave Johnson

During Lent, Christ Church will host a four-week series of dinners and teaching for newcomers, as well as those adults wishing to be confirmed on March 25. If you've been coming to Christ Church for a year or so and would like to learn more about us, or if you have been interested in becoming a member, or for anyone else who'd like to come out—all are welcome. These evenings will run from 6:00-7:30 on Wednesday's Feb 29 through March 21, and will include free dinner and childcare. For more info or to register, please email Dave Johnson at dave@christchurchville.org.



Shrove Tuesday

Everyone in the parish is invited to a **FREE** pancake supper on **February 21st**. We will enjoy a time of fellowship beginning at **6 p.m. in Meade Hall**. Please contact our Hospitality Minister, Donna Murray, at 842-1772 or send an email to

donna@christchurchville.org if you plan to attend so that she can plan the proper amount of food. **NO Nursery—we want all ages to attend. It's a great event for young families—there are always lots of kids running around!!!!!!!**

Schedule of Services February 22, 2012

**Ash
Wednesday**

Noon Ash Wednesday Liturgy & Holy Communion Rite I
(Nursery provided for this service only.)

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy & Holy Communion Rite I

Ladies, There's Still Time!

The **Women's Retreat** will be **February 24 and 25**. Our plans are shaping up and I want to share them with you.

First, on Friday, February 24 at 6:30 PM join us for a brief evening of socializing and fun. Bring appetizers and desserts, and we'll provide beverages. It's Ladies' Night Out, but in Meade Hall rather than someone's home. Please come, even if you cannot join us on Saturday.

Saturday promises to be a rewarding and thought-provoking day. We'll convene in Meade Hall at 8:30 AM for coffee and refreshments and sing our hearts out with Kathryn Caine.

Melville Krebs will speak first about the sorts of interruptions we experience and raise the question of "whose time is it anyway?"

Carey Morton will explore the monumental ways God interrupts us with his "invitations" to grow and change.

Abby Pratt will share ways women she knows handle interruptions with grace and love and also draw on examples from women in scripture.

After each speaker, you will have the opportunity to discuss what you've heard and your feelings and thoughts. During the period for refreshment that follows, you may choose to pray and be prayed over, contemplate art by Ellen Hathaway, listen to music, or take a walk.

Communion will follow – in the renovated church! We will wrap up by 1:30 PM with lunch prepared by Donna Murray. A free-will offering for food and supplies will be received.

We still have room and you still have time to RSVP Lyn at the church office: 293-2347 or by email at lyn@christchurchville.org. RSVPs will ensure that we have enough food and space prepared.

I hope you will come. Please invite your friends to join us, too.

Blessings,
Martha Smythe

MUSIC UPDATE by Alice Layman

NEW ORGAN: Since January 9th, Ben Mague and workers from Andover Organ Company have worked six days a week to build the beautiful organ cases and install about half of the 2,194 pipes for our new Hook and Hastings organ. For the first two weeks in February, the tuning/voicing specialists will be working to get the organ in playing condition.



We will be able to return to the church on Sunday, February 19. Even with only half of the organ playable, it will be very exciting to begin using our new organ.

The remaining pipes will be installed and tuned/voiced after Easter, with an estimated completion date of May 15, 2012. We will plan a celebratory Prelude and Postlude the first Sunday that the organ is ready.

We are planning a full Dedicatory Recital to be held in Fall, 2012, to be played by a professional organ recitalist and to show off the new organ in all its glory. The Organ Committee will reconvene to work on planning the recital and to work on planning other recitals to showcase the organ. Our new organ is truly going to be considered a gem in our community, if not in our state!

For more information about our new organ, please read this article from the Andover Organ Company Newsletter: <http://www.andoverorgan.com/news.html>

ADULT CHOIR is going strong with about 28 singers. We will always welcome new singers. Please contact Alice Layman at alice@christchurchville.org if you are interested in Adult Choir. Practices are held on Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. The Adult Choir sings for the 11:00 a.m. service as well as a few other special services.

Singers are needed for the **JUNIOR CHOIR**. We are in the process of planning the best practice time for the most singers, with the goal of practices starting again mid-February. Alice Layman plans to contact all families with children in grades 2-8!

Christ Church Goes to Haiti—by Sam Bush

Five of us had the privilege of joining a team of doctors down in Haiti as a part of a Methodist mission trip aptly titled The Haiti Mission (THM). Christ Church has long been supporting the medical ministry through parishioner Mike Dickens M.D. who has been making trips to Haiti with THM for years, but this was the first time a group from Christ Church was represented. Paul Walker, Addie Jenkins, Sam Bush and Elly Palmer served as helping hands at the clinic, located an hour from the northern city of Cap-Haitien - weighing children, taking blood pressure, splitting pills in the pharmacy and assisting the dentist in residence while Doctor Dickens and Elly, a nurse at Georgetown University Hospital, provided first-rate medical assistance. Over 2,500 people were seen during the 5-day period, each doctor serving nearly 100 patients per day. Not only did the trip serve as an eye-opening experience for all of us; it also rekindled a relationship between Paul and Pere Bruno, the priest who hosted Paul and Christie 23 years ago during a 6-month service trip. Having witnessed the overwhelming need of Haiti and the resources that we're capable of sharing as a church, Christ Church is very much looking forward to continuing the support of both The Haiti Mission and Pere Bruno's ministry. **(See Dr. Mike and Sam below in action!)**



The Chancel Renovation:

Are we there yet?
We're almost there!



The organ tuners/voicers are here doing their meticulous work giving voice to our magnificent organ. I'm not sure how many of the 2,194 pipes will be active initially, but all will be installed and voiced after Easter. (see Alice's article on page 3)

The reredos is in place, the pulpit is almost complete. Pews are being re-fashioned to accommodate the choir, lectors, and acolytes. The communion rail is to be installed. All of this work will be completed the week of February 13th. We should be back into the church permanently on Sunday, February 19th after a cleaning crew led by Hock Hockensmith clear up all evidence of construction dust! Thank you one and all.

All Saints Memorial Garden:

We have a full stand of rye grass and the garden looks great. The drainage work will start until sometime this month. The iron gates being designed by Madison Spencer are almost ready to give to the fabricator. The fabricator is our own parishioner, Paul McGill.

This year, because of budget constraints, we will be doing the garden in three phases as monies come in for each phase.

- Phase I - install an irrigation system and fabricate the iron gates—funded!
- Phase II - install landscaping
- Phase III - install hardscaping, benches, lighting and fences around the cremains.

To God Be The Glory!

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Kay Orrick, Martha Dabney Jones, Paige Peyton, Helen Wick, Ronnie Winship, Ruth Swift, Marcia Hutchinson, Florence Skove, John Chappell, Luke Scott, Marcy Straker.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Phyllis Stayton (Kathy Brust's mother), Charles & Elsa Nagy (Jane Varga's parents), Randy Brown (Lee Taylor's mother), Joel Harrison (Tom Harrison's son), Leonard Salmons (Uncle of Marcia Hutchinson), Lula Bradford (mother of Marcia Hutchinson) Bill MacIlwaine Sr. (Bill MacIlwaine's father), Birgie Nelson (Philip Nelson's mother). **(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), Marcia Hutchinson (Anne Salmons, Aunt), Jay Josey (Bennett Helms, stepfather), The Harlee Family (Carol Harlee, daughter, sister), The Sample Family (Marjorie Sample, mother), Evelyn Kerr (James Hastings, 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.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Marcy Hooker will be on vacation from Feb. 6-17.</p>			1	2 7-8 Men's Bible Study	3	4
<p>5 Super Bowl Chili Sale! 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC 6PM Dinner</p>	6	7 Noon Loaves & Fishes	8	9 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	10	11
<p>12 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 MPI 5 PM HC 6PM Dinner</p>	13	14 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Executive Committee	15	16 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	17 High School Breakaway	18 College Retreat
<p>19 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC 6PM Dinner</p>	20	21 Noon Loaves & Fishes 3 Pastoral Care Meeting 6 PM Free Pancake Supper!	22 Ash Wednesday Services Noon 7PM	23 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	24 6:30 Ladies Night Out in Meade Hall (see p. 2)	25 Women's Retreat (see p. 2)
<p>26 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 MPI 5 PM HC 6 PM Dinner</p>	27	28 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meets	29 11:15 Communion at WCBR 6PM Dinner (see p. 2)	PACEM—Feb. 18 through March 2.		

A Letter from Carol Harlee's Family

To the Dear people of Christ Church:

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of your love and caring of Carol especially during her last days. By today's standards her life was short (52 years) but you and I know she lived life to the fullest. Christ Church was an integral part of that life.

Special thanks to Rev. Dave Johnson for his many, many home visits; to the service's pianist Emily Guffey; and to so many who contributed food, flowers and their help with the lovely reception.

As Carol would say, Vaya con Dios.

Sincerely,

Joyce Harlee, Robert Harlee, Lynn Bichajian, Amy and Laura Bichajian, and Charlie Bichajian

PACEM: February 18 – March 2, 2012

The past few years we have had many people from Christ Church help out with **PACEM** (People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry), a local ministry that serves the homeless by providing shelter during the coldest months of the year. This year, Christ Church is teaming up with Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church for two weeks, *Feb. 18-March 2*. At this point, we **especially need help with the laundry duties**. We are responsible for washing the guests' bedding and providing them with a laundry service. Most volunteers take the bags of clothes to a commercial laundry mat and knock it out in a couple of hours. For more information, contact Josh Bascom at bascom.josh@gmail.com or 434-996-6028.



A New Date! Saturday, February 18th 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Hock Hockensmith is organizing a cleaning crew to dust, vacuum and spruce up the church before we move back in on Sunday, Feb. 19. Questions? Call Hock at 996-3333.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Punkie Feil and Cleve Brannock wish to thank all those who have given toys and clothing for the Christ Church mission trip to Honduras March 3-10, which we will do in partnership with St. James Episcopal Church, Richmond. The trip will revolve around work with and service to Our Little Roses, a home for 60-70 girls, ages 2 - 17. Your gifts will mean so much to these girls, so again, thank you!



MISSION OFFERING

UVa Undergraduate Retreat Feb. 18-19

Our second annual student retreat happens the third weekend of February! We meet at the church at 11am on Saturday the 18th and caravan to where we'll be spending the night, Tommy and Kemp Hill's beautiful farm "Montana," which is roughly an hour away. We will return the following day at the same time. The theme this year is "Grace and Relationships" and the cost is \$25/person, which includes meals. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot ASAP by emailing Dave Zahl at dz@christchurchville.org. And rides are available - just email Mary Boyce Hicks at mbh@christchurchville.org if you need one. Students are welcome to come for just the Saturday or Sunday portions. Just let us know.



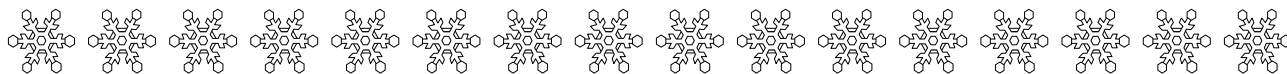
Adult Class: "This American Gospel"

David Zahl and Ethan Richardson are teaching a class based around the popular NPR program "This American Life." Each week we'll listen to a different human interest story that's been featured on the show and discuss how it illustrates such Christian themes as forgiveness, grace, love, identity, death, adoption, and others. The hope is to ground the Gospel in the concerns and demands of everyday life, and have some fun doing so. Gibson Room at 10 a.m.

In Youth Ministry News...



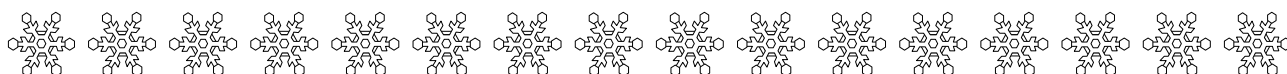
Well it's **February**, which, to be quite honest, is usually one of the dreariest months of the year, but not this year! There are tons of things going on in youth-world from **retreats**, to **laser-tag**, to **Super Bowl chili-making**, to volunteering at the local **homeless shelter**, which are bound to keep us warm and lively all through this cold winter month. And if that isn't enough for you, check out this bundle of awesome. On January 17th, the Byrds welcomed **Susannah Virginia** into the world at a whopping 10 pounds 7 ounces. She and Hannah are doing so well and Ila is **LOVING** her long awaited role as big sister. There's something about looking into the eyes of a newborn that puts everything into perspective. God is good.



Winter Events:



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| Sat, Feb 4 | Chili Cookin' for Yucatan 12-4pm |
| Sat, Feb 11 | Laser Tag 10:30-3:30 |
| Fri-Mon, Feb 17-20 | HS Girls Breakaway Retreat |
| Fri, Feb 17 | HS Dude Night! |
| Tues, Feb 21 | HS PACEM Volunteering 6pm |
| Thrs, Feb 23 | Confirmation PACEM Volunteering 6pm |
| Fri-Sun, Feb 24-26 | Confirmation Retreat |
| Fri, Mar 23 | Movie Night: <i>The Hunger Games</i> |



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The Lighter Side of Life



"These are the final figures for
the building fund expenses."

