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A Word from Paul Walker

Every New Year's Eve I like to spend a chunk of time reflecting on the year that has just passed. What were the milestone moments? What were the valleys of darkness? Which scenes from 2011 will prove to be epochal, years from now?

Every New Year's Day I like to spend another chunk of time thinking about the year that lies ahead. What is in store for me, for my family, for Christ Church? What hopes will be realized? What misfortunes are lurking around the year's hidden corners? What will bewilder, delight or distress me as I reflect back on the year next New Year's Eve. As Shakespeare says, "*O, that a man might know / the end of this day's business ere it come!*"

Of course a man won't know, can't know. And in the end, I don't think a man really wants to know. After all, it was Julius Caesar who said those lines, and we all know what happened to him on the Ides of March!

There is one thing that we can know for sure as we peer into the unknown of 2012. As we read in the Scripture, "*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.*" (Lamentations 3:22) Because God's goodness is at the beginning, middle, and end of every day's business, we may say with the prophet, "*The LORD is my portion,*" says my soul, "*therefore I will hope in him.*"

A happy and hopeful New Year to you!

Ever Yours,

Paul

The staff and I wish to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and many kindnesses shown to us during this Christmas season, and throughout the year. We count ourselves blessed to serve with you in this place.



Alice Layman, New Minister of Music

I am very much looking forward to returning to Christ Church on January 16. After a sixteen year absence, I am excited to come back and continue the fine tradition of choirs (Adult, Junior and Bell), as well as over-seeing the carillon and Bach's Lunches. I will be working to develop an Organ Concert Series with the arrival of our new Hook and Hastings organ this year! Recruitment for the choirs, especially Junior Choir will be another primary focus. There are so many ways to give to the music program; please prayerfully consider what you can offer – time and/or talent – and communicate with me!



A Note from Alice Layman

A little background about me: I first came to Christ Church almost 30 years ago (1982), and my job then was Junior Choir Director and organist (husband, Steve, was Choir Director). With the birth of our first daughter, Laura, in 1986, I quit my office job at Crutchfield and took over directing the Adult Choir. In the late 1980's, the Bach's Lunch Series was inaugurated and has been a viable program ever since (30-minute Friday noon concerts by local musicians, in May, with box lunches for sale).

During my 14 years at Christ Church (1982-1996), the music program was constantly evolving. The Junior Choir was up to 30 singers, and for a few years we even had two Junior Choirs (younger and older). The Adult Choir was strong, with emphasis on excellence in choral singing, and we made time for social time as well. The Bell Choir remained active. In 1983, Steve Layman instigated a Concert Series which probably paved the way for the Bach's Lunch Series that began in 1988. Throughout this time and for many decades, we have been fortunate to have the talented Holland family (Clair, Clair and Martha) always available to play the carillon.

I look forward to seeing my 'old' friends (not too old; the phrase "60 is the new 40" means more to me now than ever, this year especially!), and I look forward to making many new friends. I hope to encourage more singers to join Adult and Junior Choirs – if you have any interest, please let me know (email me through the church website).

One of my first tasks will be to reconvene the Organ Committee, as we will need to select a recitalist to inaugurate the new organ with a Dedicatory Recital. This committee will also be essential in planning the new Organ Recital Series. Former and new members will be welcome on this committee.

Interruptions! INTERRUPTIONS!!

Interruptions seem to have mushroomed in the digital age, and so have the challenges we all face in dealing with them.



In simpler times, interruptions were limited to children, husbands, food on the stove, laundry, a few phone calls tethered to the wall and the occasional visitor or restless pet. For us career women, the list included co-workers, bosses, customers, but little more.

Then – a mere thirty-five years ago – came microwaves, and in rapid succession cordless phones, cellphones, home faxes, email, and an array of iWhatever. Suddenly, interruptions started following us around the house, into the yard, then along in the car.

Some women seem to handle interruptions politely, kindly, almost eagerly. I find my responses much farther down the graciousness spectrum, with grumpiness and impatience being more typical. How are we as Christian women called to reply to interruptions?

Come to the Women's Retreat to share your experiences, hear those of other members, and reflect on Christ's examples as he ministered to us needy humans with love and forbearance. This promises to be an intimate and meaningful gathering.

Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gibson Room – Ladies' Night Out. Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Saturday, February 25 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Meade Hall. Lunch will be provided. Free will offering to defray costs. All women of Christ Church and their friends are invited.

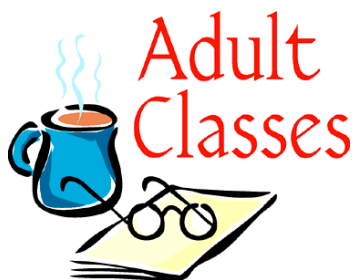
RSVP to Lyn Gunsalus at the church office:
lyn@christchurchville.org or 434-293-2347.

Save the Date! - Saturday, February 4th 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. 5. Questions? Call Hock at 996-3333.

Thinking of Membership at Christ Church? Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are an adult and have been thinking about becoming a member of Christ Church, we will offer evening classes beginning in February to prepare for the Bishop's visit on Sunday March 25th. Please save the following 4 Wednesday nights on your 2012 calendar: Feb. 29, March 7, March 14 and March 21. We will have dinner at 6 p.m. provided by Donna Murray, followed by class. We will end by 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Walker at 293-2347 or paul@christchurchville.org.



Adult Classes

New Adult Education Class Beginning January 15th



"This American Gospel"

Starting Sunday, Jan. 15 and running for six weeks, David Zahl and Ethan Richardson will be 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. If you are familiar with the show, you know how captivating and touching it can be. Gibson Room at 10 a.m.

All women are invited to Merle Robertson's home at 1441 Glenside Green for **Ladies Night Out** on Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 6 p.m. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

Women's Fellowship



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. My Telephone number is 973-2749.

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 stop light onto Penn Park Road and

Men's Bible Study

Join men of all ages on Thursday mornings from 7-8 a.m. in the Gibson room as they continue their study of the Book of Acts.

UVa Undergraduate Retreat Feb. 18-19

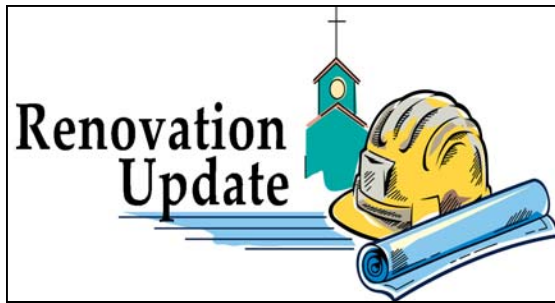
Our second annual student retreat happens the third weekend of February!

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.



Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to the Thursday morning Bible Study, beginning Jan. 12; 9:30-11 a.m. Using a study guide (\$11), they plan to focus on how to take time in a busy world to study God's Word. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Souter: carriedish@aol.com. Childcare provided!



The Chancel Renovation:

The renovation work in the Nave is complete.

The chancel (Altar area) will be completed by January 9th. We are not going to install the reredos, lectern or communion rail until the organ is installed. This will give Andover (our organ installers) plenty of room to install the wood casing, organ pipes and console without have to maneuver around or possibly damage these pieces. The organ will be installed starting January 10th and will take two weeks. The installers will spend another two weeks partially voicing the new organ. They then need to leave us to be about their work tuning a multitude of organs on the East

Coast in preparation for Easter. The pulpit will be installed at the end of January along with the communion rail and reredos.

Barring any unforeseen delays, we should be back in the Nave permanently on Sunday, February 5th.

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.

Wishing all of you and your families a glorious Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

To God Be The Glory!

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Kay Orrick, Martha Dabney Jones, Paige Peyton, Marjorie Sample, Helen Wick, Ronnie Winship, Ruth Swift, Marcia Hutchinson.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Brenda Jones (mother of Trina Rogers), 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), William Varga (Dale Varga's father) **(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).

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.

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	2 Office Closed	3 Noon Loaves & Fishes	4	5 7-8 Men's Bible Study	6	7 11 Private Baptism
8 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II & Baptism 10 Sunday School 11 MPI 5 PM HC	9	10 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Executive Committee	11	12 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	13	14
15 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC	16	17 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meets	18	19 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	20 Paul on Mission Trip to Haiti—returns 1/28	21 4 English Speaking Union event
22 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 MPI 5 PM HC 6 PM Dinner	23	24 Noon Loaves & Fishes	25 11:15 Communion at WCBR.	26 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	27	28
29 7:45 HC Rite I 9 HC Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 HC Rite I 5 PM HC 6 PM Dinner	30	31 Noon Loaves & Fishes				

Clothing & Toys Needed: Honduras Mission Trip

Christ Church will once again be partnering with St. James Episcopal Church, Richmond for a week-long mission trip to Honduras. Our trip will revolve around work with and service to Our Little Roses, a home for 60 - 70 girls, ages 2 - 17 for approximately half of each day. This time will be spent connecting with the girls through games, worship, and Bible study. The other half of each day will be spent working at San Jose de La Montana, a squatters' church in Noueva Prima Vera. It is a rock solid congregation, part of the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras. **Prior to and in support of the mission, Vestry member Punkie Feil is leading a drive to ship brand new or almost new toys and clothing for the girls at Our Little Roses. A large box for donations will be placed in the church office. For more information about this mission for the mission, email Punkie at punkiefeil@gmail.com.**

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 will be teaming up with Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church for two weeks, *Feb. 18-March 2*. We need volunteers to make food, do laundry, and visit with the guests, but **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.



Christmas Pageant 2011

Many thanks to all the children and parents who participated in the pageant.
It was glorious!

In Youth Ministry News...

The Yucatan

The low-down:

Dates: June 30 - July 7

Cost: \$830 plus airfare

Registration Deadline: February 1

Deposit: \$250

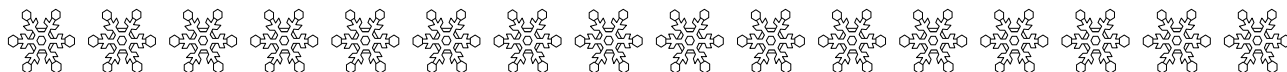
It's time to sign up for the summer mission trip!

We are really excited for the high school mission trip this summer to the Yucatan Peninsula. Our own volunteer leader Lucy Hill was on staff with the organization that leads us (and has led many of our past trips), "Son Servants", and she raves about this particular location (the town is called Xocenpich):

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Xocenpich is safe, tiny, and adorable, and the work is really rewarding--it's very easy to see that you're making a difference. The sleeping arrangements--in hammocks--are super fun, and it is not debated at all that the free days in the Yucatan are by far the most awesome. I mean, one of them involves climbing on Mayan ruins and the other one is jumping into an enormous Mexican sinkhole....beat that. Oh, and the food is amazing, and there's a mariachi band at the end. A legit, 12-man mariachi band in shiny pants. It's also a safe part of the country...

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Winter Events:



Mon, Jan 16

HS Ski Trip



Sat, Jan 21

Laser Tag 12:30-5:30



Sat, Feb 4

Chili Cookin' 12-4pm



Fri-Mon, Feb 17-20

HS Breakaway



Tues, Feb 21

HS PACEM 6pm



Thrs, Feb 23

Confirmation PACEM 6pm



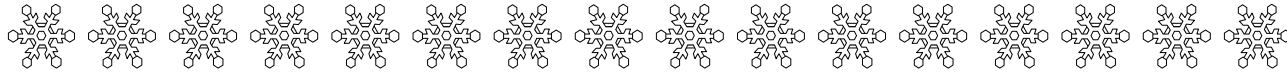
Fri-Sun, Feb 24-26

Confirmation Retreat



Fri, Mar 23

The Hunger Games



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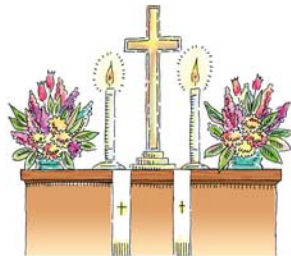
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Altar Flowers & Wine, Wafers & Candles

If you would like to sponsor flowers on a given Sunday(s) or wine, wafers and candles for an entire month, please call the church office at 293-2347 or send an email message to the office at cec@christchurchville.org.



2012 Schedule

Even if you have been dedicating flowers year after year, we appreciate having your confirmation, as situations do change from time to time. Once we are back in the church, the cost is \$60 for the high altar and \$50 for St. Anne's Chapel. Currently, in Meade Hall, we have only the \$60 flower arrangements. Wine, wafers and candles cost \$100.

The Lighter Side of Life

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SERIOUSLY, JOHN, YOU NEED TO DITCH THAT
CAMEL HAIR AND TRY SHEEP

Giving Statements for 2011

Financial statements for 2011 donations will be mailed to parishioners mid-January.