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A Word from Paul Walker

For most of us, transitions are hard. Saying “goodbye” is awkward. We do not know what is ahead and that is unsettling. Change requires the ability to adapt to new circumstances; adapting to new circumstances is stressful!

Some are graduating from high school or college; upsetting the family dynamic. Friendships are stretched and relationships have to be renegotiated. Not every friendship makes it. Not even every family relationship survives a difficult transition. This is part of the sadness of life.

At Christ Church, we say goodbye to the church as we have known it for all of our lives. For the first time in over 100 years, the interior of the church is about to change. A partition will go up below the chancel steps, sealing off the front of the church. Many memories will be sealed up as well – so many brides and grooms standing at the altar rail, so many people kneeling for communion the Christmas Eve candlelight. So many Easter Lilies flanking the altar in celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection.



Transitions are hard. We will feel like we’re camping in church from July through November! And yet, transition is part of God’s plan in life. Life isn’t meant to be static. Peter wanted to build 3 permanent tabernacles on the Mount of Transfiguration, but God would have no part of it. Transitions in life are a kind of preparation for the Great Transition we will all undergo, the transition from sin and death to life everlasting – “*in the twinkling of an eye...the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall be changed.*” (1 Cor 15:52)

In the meantime, in our goodbyes and our unknowns, God is the one constant. As the scripture says, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*”

Ever Yours,
Paul

Please note: The Messenger will be on hiatus in July. We’ll see you in August!



A Word of Farwell from Paul Music Walker

Dear Members of the Christ Church Family,

It is never easy to say goodbye to people whom you love and with whom you have worked so closely for so many years. Diane and I can only say many, many thanks for all of the blessings that you have bestowed on us during our time together, and may God also continue to bestow many blessings on this parish as you go forward with the bold new plan for the sanctuary and the organ. I leave you in very good musical hands, both for the coming interim and for the longer-term future, and look forward to hearing many good things about the music at Christ Church. And I have every confidence that once the new organ is installed and playing, you will see just what a beautiful pipe organ can do to invigorate congregational singing, support the choir, and inspire through solo playing.

Many of you have already told me that I must come back to play once the installation is complete. Since Diane and I are for the time being keeping our Charlottesville house as a rental, you can count on us being back, and there is no way that I would miss stopping by to see you all as well as seeing, hearing, and playing the new organ in its new-and-improved setting. And I already have a few pieces in mind that I think would sound fantastic on an 1860's-era Hook organ.

There's an old musical response that my mother's church choir used to sing regularly when I was growing up, and I leave you with its text: "God be with you till we meet again; with his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again."

In Christ's love and service,

Paul Music Walker
May 2011



Choral Evensong: June 5th—5 o'clock

Please join us on Sunday, June 5th at 5 o'clock for Paul Music Walker's last Choral Evensong with us, before he and Diane depart for Notre Dame. We'll have a reception for them following the service in Meade Hall. **You can help!** Please drop off plates of finger food in the upstairs kitchen that Sunday. If you have any questions, email Donna Murray at dkmurr@embarqmail.com or call her at 842-1772.



Vestry Election & New Officers

Thank you again to those who stood for election on May 22nd. At the Vestry meeting on May 24th, Mike Sadler was chosen to serve as our new Senior Warden, having served as Junior Warden. Many thanks to Consi Palmer, who served so ably in that post! Bill Blodgett has been elected to serve as Junior Warden and Jo Gitchell was elected to serve as the Register (yes, that is the correct spelling – it's in the Canons, Section 8). Dale Varga has again agreed to serve as our Treasurer.



ECW Update & June Ladies Night Out



LADIES'
Night Out

Many thanks to **Steph Johnson** for her service as the President of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at Christ Church for the past 3 years. **Martha Smythe** has agreed to serve as the new President. The ECW will take a break this summer, but will meet again on August 29th at 10:30 a.m. in the Gibson room. In the meantime, women of the parish are invited to the **June Ladies Night Out** will be at Merle Robertson's home on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. Merle lives at 1441 Glenside Green. Questions? Contact Merle at 973-2749 or Robertson844@va.net.

Update On The Youth Front



As the summer begins the Byrd family is heading south to run their surf camp, *Surf Hatteras*, in the Outer Banks for nine week-long sessions. Our own Hilary Walker will also be down working with them for her second summer

as a photographer! Please pray that the teenagers who come from all over the country and the world will feel the love of God there. The Byrds return in August, and already new exciting plans are in the works for youth group, including more Laser Tag(!), a series on *The Lord of the Rings*, and another Fall retreat to OBX! So stay tuned. In the meantime, we are very thankful to have our faithful leader **Chris Hill** (recent UVA grad & very newly-married husband of Lucy Hill!) come on board as the Summer Youth Intern. He and Liz have some awesome summer plans, so be sure to check out the calendar for details!

On **Tuesday June 7th from 5:00-7:00pm**, join us for burgers and beers at Boylan Heights! We'll have the whole 2nd floor to ourselves - the perfect beginning to summer. Kids are welcome. Come as you are. And to sign up for the Christ Church 20s and 30s email list, please contact David Zahl at dz@christchurchville.org.



Each Thursday, at 7:00 am

in the Gibson Room, downstairs

**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**



Paul and Dave are taking a well deserved break this summer from a very early morning trek to Bodos, then Meade Hall each

Thursday so we could enjoy bagels, hot coffee, and very interesting conversations about various books of the Bible (OK, this past year it was only on Mark, but we digress...).

This summer, a group of Men's Bible Study "regulars" are keeping the sessions alive by using an excellent study guide on 1 Corinthians, co-written by Paul Walker and Justin Holcomb. The study guide and our discussions are such that one would not have to have attended previous sessions; so please feel free to drop by on any early (7:00 a.m.) Thursday morning for fellowship over coffee (did we mention bagels?), and Bible study discussions which will begin around 7:15 am. If you would like to receive updates or additional information, please contact Bill Blodgett at whb5k@virginia.edu.

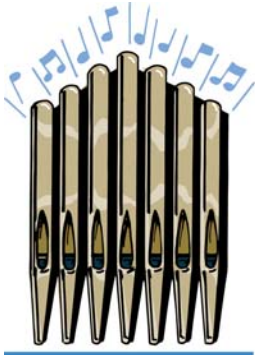
Urban Ministry Transition

Over the summer months, **Josh Bascom and Will McDavid** will be heading our urban ministry efforts. Josh has served as a fellow for the past year, already acquainting himself with the homeless community and outreach programs in Charlottesville. Will, a Georgia native, has recently finished his 3rd year at UVA where he studies religion. He will spend these summer months both working for Mockingbird ministries and teaming with Josh in service of the city's poor and homeless. Josh and Will look forward to representing Christ Church to our community and additionally aiding those Christ Church parishioners who also seek to meet the challenges that face the poor and homeless in Charlottesville.



URBAN OUTREACH

Chancel Update



ORGAN CORNER

The organ is on the premises! We took delivery in May and now await the beginning of the demo/reconstruction phase. The removal of our old organ and the chancel renovations will begin on Tuesday, July 5th. We believe by Sunday, July 10th, there will be a construction wall (complete with a viewing window) in place and the many pieces that are going to be restored and used in our newly renovated chancel will be out of the building under transformation.

The Memorial Garden renovation continues. A drainage pipe will be installed soon. The Garden will be planted, probably in September. This will allow the East side of the Church to be painted without trampling new plantings.

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To date, we have received pledges of \$451,118, leaving a goal of about \$200,000 to have the Chancel renovation and Memorial Garden improvements fully funded. Please prayerfully consider giving. Thank you to all who have pledged their support.

United Thank Offering Report

Thank you to all who gave so generously on Mother's Day for the Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering, which supports grants for both local and foreign missions. We collected \$1,050.34 that day.



Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Louise Taylor, Kay Orrick, Martha Dabney Jones, Anne Odend'hal, Paige Peyton, Carol Harlee, Marjorie Sample, Helen Wick, Jan & Tom Harrison and their family, Ronnie Winship, Ruth Swift, Anne Odend'hal.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Mary Anne Shull (Lydia Lunnen's mother); Nelson Runger, Jr. (Tom Walter's brother-in-law); Drayton Cooper (Caroline Wilhelm's father); Phyllis Stayton (Kathy Brust's mother); Ted Sloan (Liz Sloan Lichtenberger's father); Phyllis Childress (Punkie Feil's mother); Frances Hartwick (Catherine Baritaud's sister) **(Unless requested, remain on list for 1 month.)**

Pray for our leaders: Barack, our President; Bob, our Governor and David, the Mayor of our city.

Pray for those on the Active Duty list: LTJG Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John Warnecke's son); Jason Morris (son-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen), Lieut. Chris Sterbenz (husband of Meg Barkley Sterbenz).

Pray for the bereaved: Jana Early (Jerrie, mother), Karen Warnecke (Joan, mother), Daniel Thomas Moore (Carolyn Wolf, Aunt) Jan Harrison (Daniel, son),

Margaret Embree Davies (Charlotte, mother), Marvin Boswell (Rosa May Boswell Nomikos, sister & George C. Nomikos, M.D., nephew), Rhonda Corbin (Kathryn Corbin, stepmother), Merry Thomasson (Frank, husband), Eileen Wilkins (Jeanette Wilkins, mother).

Please Note: We will list the bereaved for 6 months along with the deceased **relative**, if we know the name.



REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

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.

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lyn Gunsalus on vacation May 31—June 6.	Dave Johnson vacation June 13-22.	New Orleans Mission Trip June 27-July 3.	1 10 Healing Service	2 8 AM Men's Bible Study	3	4 2 Wilkins Wedding
5 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Com. Rite II 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Choral Evensong 6 PM Farewell Reception for Paul & Diane Walker	6	7 Noon Loaves & Fishes	8	9 8 AM Men's Bible Study	10	11 5:30 McCann/Newhall Wedding
12 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Com. Rite II 11 Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 5 PM Holy Communion	13	14 Noon Loaves & Fishes	15	16 8 AM Men's Bible Study	17	18 5 Tolzmann/Goodfried Wedding
19 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II & Baptism 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion	20	21 Noon Loaves & Fishes 4 Executive Committee Meeting	22	23 8 AM Men's Bible Study	24	25 6 Covington Wedding
26 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite I & Baptism 11 Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 5 PM Holy Communion	27	28 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meeting	29 11:15 Communion at WCBR.	30 8 AM Men's Bible Study	AI Loving vacation June 23-24.	

Candidates for Ordination



Former Christ Church parishioners, Joshua Caler and Lauren Winner, will be presented as candidates for Ordination in Glen Allen, Virginia on June 4th at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Church. Christ Church parishioners are

welcome! They have asked for our prayers as they prepare for this momentous day in their lives. Joshua has accepted a curacy at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, Tennessee and will begin on Sunday, June 12th. His wife, Mary, has approximately one more year of dissertation writing. Lauren has been a Visiting Fellow for the academic year of 2010-2011 at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. Lauren's most recent book, published by Yale University Press in September of 2010, is *A Cheerful and Comfortable Faith: Anglican Religious Practice in the Elite Households of Eighteenth-Century Virginia*.

Episcopal Relief & Development

Severe storms and flooding have battered regions of the U.S. since April. If you would like to help those in need, you may contribute through Episcopal Relief and Development fund. Mail your contribution to P.O. Box 7058; Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Checks should be made payable to: **Episcopal Relief & Development**. Visit www.er-d.org for updates.



Stained Glass Window Book For Sale

We have copies of **"The Stained Glass Windows at Christ Church"** book for sale in the Church office for \$10. Proceeds will go towards maintenance of the windows.

Classics Series: July, August & September Selections (All meeting in the Gibson Room, downstairs)

(No Classics Series discussion in June....more time to finish *Brideshead Revisited*!)

On July 7, 2011, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., we'll discuss:

Brideshead Revisited, by Evelyn Waugh

On August 4, 2011, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., we'll discuss:

A Summons to Memphis, by Peter Taylor

On September 1, 2011, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. we'll discuss:

Herzog, by Saul Bellow

Refreshments will be served. Please join us even if you haven't been able to finish reading a selection before the meeting date. If you would like to receive updates on these or future selections, please contact Proal Heartwell at pheartwell@villageschool.us or Abby Farson Pratt at abbypratt@gmail.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD



OUTREACH

Christ Church has been a long-time supporter of **Abundant Life Ministries**, which is celebrating its 15 year anniversary of ministry in the Prospect neighborhood. Supporters and friends have been invited to a

dinner at King Family Vineyards on **June 17** to hear about God's faithfulness and plans for our property and to raise money and pledges for ongoing general operations. If you did not receive a personal invitation but would like to be included or just find out more, please call us at 970-2077 or e-mail us at news@charlottesvilleabundantlife.org no later than June 10. We will be happy to give you full information and would love to have you join the party!

Youth Group



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Thrs, June 9- Dude's poker night in the youth room

Sat, June 11- Wayne Lanes Bowling @6:30pm

Sat, June 18- Capture the Flag & pizza

June 26-July 3- HS Mission Trip to New Orleans

Fri, July 8- THE Harry Potter Experience (aka Interactive Harry Potter- Palooza... come dressed up, expect clips from all 7 films, brooms, house cup competitions, & more)

Thrs, July 14- HP & the Deathly Hallows Part I & pizza in the youth room

Fri, July 15- HP & The Deathly Hallows Pt. 2 (free ticket if you come for a discussion on Harry Potter & the gospel beforehand)

Sat, July 30- Service Day!

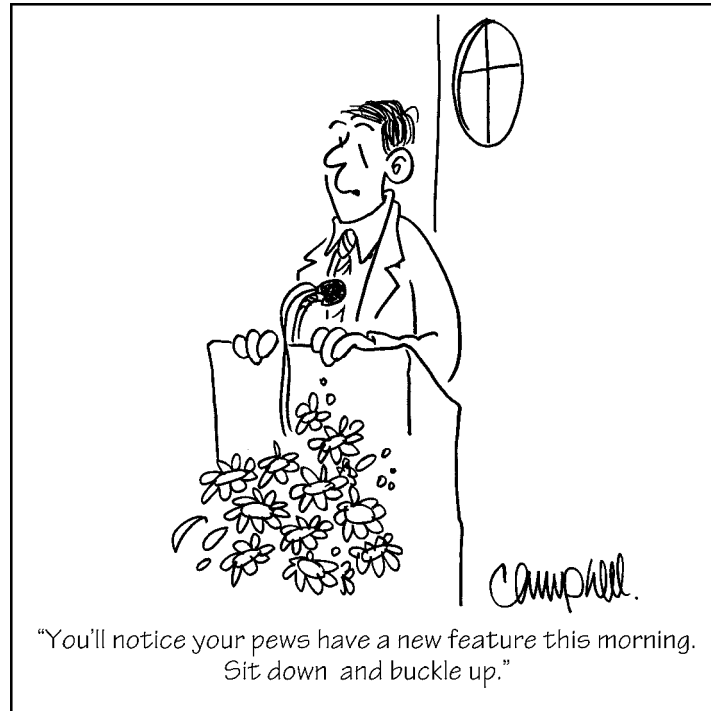
11:45am Tuesdays:
Join us for serving at our soup kitchen at Christ Church! And email us- we're here for you this summer!

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We'll give you 2 cartoons for the price of one—since we won't see you in July! Enjoy.



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