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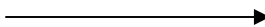
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A Word from Paul Walker

This year in our stewardship campaign we've focused on the verse, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, for God loves a cheerful giver." I like this because it emphasizes the grace in giving! Though the Bible does urge us to give 10% of our income, we do not give because we have to give; we give because we want to give. If you have pledged to Christ Church for our 2012 Mission and Ministry, we thank you for your (hopefully cheerful!) gift. If you have not yet pledged, now is the time. Did you know that we rely almost entirely on pledged income to fund our \$1.2 million dollar annual budget? **We very much appreciate giving in the offering plate, but pledging enables us to plan for our yearly budget.**

You might wonder how exactly that money is spent. Here are some snapshots of the mission and ministry of Christ Church:

- * We feed up to 150 needy and hungry people each Tuesday at our Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen.
- * We support the thriving Abundant Life Ministries located in the Blue Ridge Commons neighborhood (tutoring and mentoring of low income youth) with money, personnel, and volunteer support.
- * In the past few years, we have sent mission teams to Honduras, Jamaica, Brazil, Jacksonville, and West Virginia. This year we return to Brazil, Honduras and go to Haiti.
- * We fund an "Urban Missioner" staff position - a caring person who reaches out to those without hope or resources.
- * We regularly help people in need with rent, utilities, groceries and the basics of day-to-day life.
- * Our Church Staff is outstanding on every front. By comparison, we are "understaffed" for a church our size. Yet, everyone works with "cheerful" heart, operating as a body, helping and supporting one another.
- * Our beautiful yet OLD buildings are a great gift. Yet, proper stewardship requires constant upkeep and repair. We spend 17 percent on our property. Did you know that we host A.A., N.A., O.A., the Emergency Food Bank, and numerous local civic organizations that need a space to gather for special events? Our current renovation is funded by a separate capital campaign.

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* Each Sunday we have 4 worship services. Our average Sunday attendance during the school year is 500-600.

* We feed up to 150 college students each Sunday night and offer a dozen or so small group college Bible studies.

*Each year we have countless baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. Not to mention our ongoing pastoral care, counseling, visitations, midweek offerings, Sunday school for all ages, Bible studies, Mother's Morning Out program, Youth Groups, our Fellows Program, Young Adult Gatherings, Shawl Ministry, Casserole Ministry, Garage Concerts and Art Openings, bell choir, junior choir, adult choir, and praise band practices, Altar Guild and website upkeep! I'll stop there, but that doesn't nearly exhaust the list. Have you ever tried to park in our parking lot!!!!

Would you consider "cheerfully!" supporting the mission and ministry of your church? You may pledge securely and privately online at our website. Go to <http://www.christchurchville.org/giving/>; that will take you directly to our pledge page. Or you may pick up a pledge card in Meade Hall (on the usher's table in the back) and mail it into the church office at 100 W. Jefferson St. Cville, VA 22902. Or just call (293-2347) or email (marcy@christchurchville.org) and tell us what you'd like to pledge for 2012.

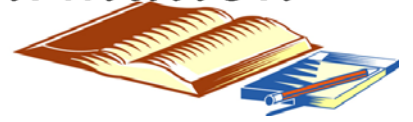
Thank you for taking the time to read this and for prayerfully considering your cheerful pledge. It is SUCH a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Rector.

Ever Yours,

Paul

Do we have your email address? Let us know if you would like to receive The Messenger electronically.

Confirmation Class



2011-12 Youth Confirmation

The Youth Confirmation Class will begin **Sunday, December 4** and run through Sunday March 18, with confirmation taking place at the 11:00 service on **Sunday, March 25**. The youth confirmation class is open to any 8th graders, as well as high school students who have not been confirmed. **Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 10:10-10:50 in the Magruder House** (across the street from Christ Church, next door to Hill & Wood Funeral Home) and taught by Dave Johnson, assisted by Win Pratt and Addie Jenkins of the Christ Church Fellows Program. We'll cover a lot of topics, including grace, scripture, *The Book of Common Prayer*, and the Apostles Creed. We're also having a weekend retreat February 24-26. For additional info or to register, please contact Dave Johnson at dave@christchurchville.org or 434-293-2347, ext. 102. Looking forward to a fun class ☺!

Please join us for our
**Thanksgiving Service on
November 24th at 10 a.m.**
Bring your family, friends
and neighbors.

*An Abundance
of Thanks*



Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 6th. Set
your clocks back one hour
Saturday night. Enjoy that
extra hour of sleep before
Church!





Children's Christmas Pageant

We are looking forward to our annual children's Christmas pageant on December 18th during the 9 am service. Our pageants vary in text but always include singing, acting and costumes—lots of fun for families. Angel Gunn will be our director for the second year. The practices will be during Sunday School (10:10-10:50) on November 13th and 20th and December 4th and 11th. Children who just come to children's chapel will learn songs and are welcome to participate. The dress rehearsal for all parts will take place on the morning of Saturday, December 17th. We invite all children of Christ Church to participate! We would like to have parent volunteers for one or more rehearsals. To volunteer, find out more, or sign up your child, email kids@christchurchville.org.

Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed for our Loaves & Fishes Ministry on the first Tuesday of the month, from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Please contact Gene Bogen at bearbogen@yahoo.com



Seniors Luncheon For Everyone!



A special luncheon to honor our Seniors (but everyone is welcome) will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 30th at noon in the Gibson room, and will feature **guest speaker Leslie Greene Bowman, President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation**. As this is also the day for our Westminster Canterbury service, we will offer rides from there to the luncheon after the service. We will also arrange to pick up others who may need it. Please contact the church office at 293-2347 to arrange a ride. RSVP for the lunch to Donna Murray: donna@christchurchville.org or call the office at 293-2347.

Coming Up Soon!

The Annual Christ Church
Greens and Goodies Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, December 4th from 8 a.m. until 1
o'clock

Greenery, Baked Goods, Gifts, Cookies,
Jellies

All provided by our own Creative
Congregation.

Please drop off your Greens, Goodies or
other treasures for the sale anytime in the
various drop-off boxes around the church!

For questions or more information, contact
Lee Taylor at 466-3512 or
e_lee_taylor@yahoo.com.



The Chancel Renovation:

The “dig” is done! R.E. Lee has poured the footings, concrete slab and begun to lay the block walls.

Nave/Narthex Renovation:

Flooring: The stone is being installed in the Narthex. The “wall” is down enabling the rest of the new hardwood floor to be laid to the front of the Nave. Once the stone is completed in the Narthex, the wood floor can be completed in the back of the Nave.

The St. Anne’s Chapel floor has been sanded, stained and finished if you would like to see what the new hardwood floor will look like!

New carpeting will be installed on the stairs to the balcony, throughout the whole balcony (reduces noise during our busiest services) and outside the vesting room out to the 2nd street entrance-way (outside of Meade Hall).

Painting: After the oak flooring’s finish coats have dried, but before repaired pews are repatriated, the whole Nave will be re-painted. It just made sense to

undertake this while all of the pews were out of the building.

Pews and Pew Kneelers: A significant number of pews required minor repairs and replacement parts. Some required more “serious” repairs. Those repairs are complete and the pews are ready to move back home.

Main Entry Steps: The ugly green outdoor carpet is being taken up and depending on what is found beneath, a textured concrete finish may be applied.

Schedule: When do we get back into the sanctuary? The **guaranteed plan** is be back in the sanctuary for Christmas weekend. The chancel may not be completely finished but it will be fine for our services.

Memorial Garden: Here’s the scoop on the garden: We need to redirect downspout into a new drainage system (to be completed in November, weather permitting). Denude all plant life, till the ground, plant new grass (to be completed in November). Fabrication of new iron gates (to be completed in the Spring). Please keep the work and workers in your prayers!

Prayer Requests

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Kay Orrick, Martha Dabney Jones, Anne Odend’hal, Paige Peyton, Carol Harlee, Marjorie Sample, Helen Wick, Ronnie Winship, Ruth Swift, Anne Worrell, Tom Bass, Rhonda Corbin.

Pray for friends and relatives of parishioners: Brenda Jones (mother of Trina Jones) Phyllis Stayton (Kathy Brust’s mother); **(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: LT Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John Warnecke’s son); Jason Morris (son-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen).

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), Caroline Wilhelm (Drayton Cooper, father) 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).

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.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Paul Walker out of office November 1-5.		1 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 –7 Women's Bible Study	2	3	4 3—5:30 Virginia Water Color Guild in Gibson Room.	5
6 UTO Sunday 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner	7	8 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 –7 Women's Bible Study	9	10 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study	11 High School Lock-In	12
13 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10 Sunday School 11 Morning Prayer 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner	14 6:30 ECW Meeting in the Gibson Room	15 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 –7 Women's Bible Study	16	17 7-8 Men's Bible Study 9-11 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Ladies' Night Out	18 Middle School Lock-In	19
20 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II & Baptism 10 Sunday School 11 Holy Communion Rite I 5 PM Holy Communion 6 PM Dinner	21	22 Noon Loaves & Fishes 3 Pastoral Care Mtg 4 Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 –7 Women's Bible Study	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 7:45 Holy Communion Rite I 9 Holy Communion Rite II 10 Advent Wreath Making 11 Morning Prayer 5 PM Holy Communion	28	29 Noon Loaves & Fishes 5:30 Vestry Meeting 5:30 –7 Women's Bible Study	30 11:15 Communion at WCBR. Noon—Senior Luncheon in the Gibson Room			

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Notes

The ECW at Christ Church presents **Greens and Goodies** on Sunday, December 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the only ECW fundraising event.

We invite members – not just the ladies – of the congregation to participate by donating homemade items to sell. Popular things include jellies and jams, baked goods of all varieties, handmade Christmas decorations and stocking stuffers. So put on your creative aprons or thinking-caps and have some fun!

Several collection boxes are stationed around the church, and you may drop-off your non-perishable articles starting anytime. Bring your baked donations around 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, or with you to church on Sunday morning. For questions, contact Lee Taylor at e_lee_taylor@yahoo.com or 594-3281.

The next meeting of E.C.W. will be on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gibson Room. I hope this time will make it possible for more women to attend. We will review final plans for Greens and Goodies and also discuss how to serve the needs of women of various ages in the congregation. I encourage you to come and bring your suggestions to this open conversation. The meeting should wrap-up between 7:30 and 8:00. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our wonderful parish.

Blessings,

Martha Smythe

marthasmythe@centurylink.net or 977-0502

November 6th—UTO Sunday

The Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO) will take place on **Sunday, November 6th.**



Simply make your check payable to Christ Church and write UTO on the memo line.

The UTO is collected twice a year—in the fall and spring. Since its inception in 1889, the UTO's goal has been to “expand the mission and ministry of the church” and to “address compelling human need.” Every penny of your thank offering goes to support grants for ministries to alleviate poverty, at home and overseas.

Please give generously on November 6th. Thank you.

PACEM—JANUARY 16-28, 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, *January 16-28*. Stay tuned!



Ladies Night Out
November 17th, 6:30 p.m.

Maria Carlton's Home
985 Gordon Hill Lane

Please bring a canned food item to donate to the local Food Bank.

Friday, November 11—8-10 PM
The Hill And Wood CD Release Show

Please join us at The Haven (112 W. Market St.) for the release of Sam Bush's debut album with his folk/rock band The Hill And Wood. **A \$10 ticket includes a copy of the new album.**



Comin' Up in the Youth Group:

Fri-Sat, Nov. 11-12

Fri-Sat, Nov. 18-19

Sunday, Dec. 4

MS Lock-In at Christ Church

HS Lock-In at Christ Church

White Elephant Christmas Party



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