

# Parish Life

For the week of August 1, 2010

## Christ Church Today

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7:30 AM–12:30 PM **Infant Caring Room** (Parish House across from nurseries) Watch, listen, pray, and sing along with the rest of the congregation. As always, children of all ages are welcome at every service.
- 7:30 AM–12:30 PM **Nursery Child Care** for infants and children through age two in St. Matthew's Infant Room and children ages three and four in St. Bartholomew's Room. (Parish House)
- 8:45 AM–12:00 NOON **Christ Church Gift Shop** open. All profits benefit Outreach & Mission.

8:00 AM **Holy Eucharist**

8:45 AM **Coffee Hour** (Library)

10:00 AM **Holy Eucharist**

11:15 AM • **Coffee Hour** (Churchyard)  
• **Just for Kids: Bible Fun & Games** (McMurray Commons) Our program is relaxed and in the round. Each week has a different activity: crafts, dance, story telling and so much more. Bring your child and then attend the adult faith formation in the Meade Room.

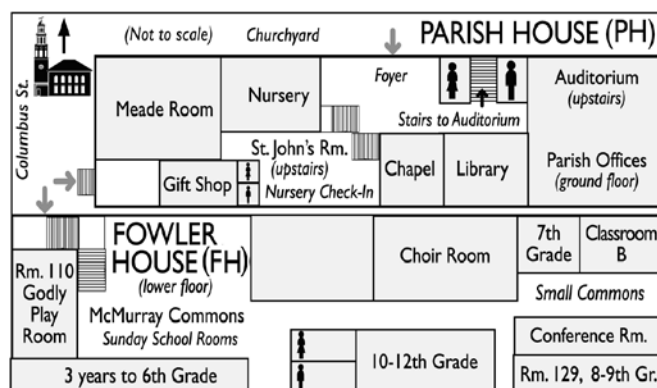
11:30 AM **The Big Questions Forum:**  
**'Til death do us part.' Really? Where is God when we say 'I do'? Forum leader: the Rev. Ann Gillespie** (Meade Room) Why do more than 50 percent of marriages fail? What does the church say about marriage? What can you tell about a marriage from the outside? What makes a marriage healthy and long lasting? And what does God have to do with all of it? Come with your spouse (or to find one) as we explore the role of spirituality in marriage today.

5:00 PM **Holy Eucharist**

## Welcome to Christ Church

A historic church and living congregation, we seek to embody God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever they are and wherever they find themselves on their journeys of faith. You are invited to join us in your spiritual journey toward the call of Christ.

For information about Christ Church or membership, please complete the Welcome Card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate. If you are new to our community or just visiting, please sign the Guest Book on the table in the portico.



## Christ Church Choir CD

The choir's new CD, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* is available for sale today after the 10:00 AM service.

Proceeds will benefit the Christ Church Friends of Music program. For more information, contact Music Director, Jason Abel, at [jabel@ccalex.org](mailto:jabel@ccalex.org).

Please share this *Parish Life* with a neighbor or a friend.



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### Free Parking

Cunningham's Funeral Home on Sundays until 1:00 PM. From Washington St., take Cameron St. two blocks west, turn right on N. Alfred St., and right into lot.

## This Week at Christ Church

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

- 7:15 AM **Holy Eucharist** (Chapel)  
12:05 PM **Holy Eucharist** (Chapel)  
Please join us at our regular Wednesday Eucharist as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ (trans.)  
7:00 PM **Christ Church Knitting Club**  
(FH Back Lounge Area)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

- 12:05 PM **B.Y.O.B. Bible Study** (Meade Room)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:30 AM **Labyrinth Prayer Walk**  
(McMurray Commons)

To learn about other upcoming Christ Church activities, go to the web calendar at

<http://historicchri.mhsoftware.com/viewcal.html>.

## A Look Ahead

**Open House—Sunday, September 12**  
One Outdoor Service at 10:00 AM Followed by an All-Parish Picnic

This will be the last Sunday that will combine both the 9:00 and the 11:15 AM services. An All-Parish Picnic will follow this service of Holy Eucharist and Baptism. Although we encourage everyone to attend the outdoor service, we will still offer Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Open House is a joyful opportunity to celebrate who we are, to reach out to the surrounding community, and to commission our ministries as a community of faith for the program year.

### FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact the Rev. Erika Takacs at 703-778-4935 or [etakacs@ccalex.org](mailto:etakacs@ccalex.org).

### B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Bible)

Bring your Bible and lunch and join us on Thursdays at 12:05 PM in the Meade Room for a lunchtime Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

### The Big Questions

How do we as Christians answer some of the most profound questions of our existence? Come learn about what our faith has to say about war, marriage, death, money, and other religions. Bring your own thoughts, questions, and answers for an engaging and faithful conversation following the 10:00 AM service in the Meade Room.

- August 1 'Til death do us part.' Really?  
Where is God when we say, 'I do'?'  
August 8 Is money *really* the root of all evil?  
August 15 Should Christians participate in war?  
August 22 What about *them*? What does the Church say about other faiths?  
August 29 What happens when we die?

### Last Book Group for the Summer

For August 22 we'll read *The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis. Join us in the Meade Room at 6:00 PM.

### OUTREACH & MISSION

#### AUGUST OUTREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH

Donations are requested for popular food items including canned salmon, canned tuna, and Vienna sausages. And, school supplies are welcomed and encouraged.

### August Outreach Service Opportunities

- FRIDAYS, CARPENTER'S SHELTER RECEPTION DESK  
Call Mary Ann & Jeff Bier at 703-548-1349  
WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS LAZARUS MINISTRY  
Call Mary Dixon Hutcheson at 703-778-4939  
FRIDAY EVENING MEALS AT CARPENTER'S SHELTER  
Call Dorothy Friedlander for August 6 or  
Mary Dixon Hutcheson for August 20  
BINGO NIGHT AT LADREY SENIOR HIGH RISE  
August 12—Call Trish Fineran & Nick Wasilewski  
at 703-360-5893.  
MEALS ON WHEELS, August 18—Call Michele Smith  
at 702-778-4737.

#### Vestry

Liz Rudolph, Senior Warden  
Brian Wommack, Junior Warden  
Jim Totten, Treasurer  
Jeff Dienno, Paula Dubberly,  
Dorothy Friedlander, Elaine Ho,  
Laura Humphrey,  
Ann McMurray, Ridge Multop,  
Betsy Thompson, Bob Thomson,  
Joe Walsh

#### Clergy

The Rev. Pierce W. Klemmt,  
Rector  
The Rev. Ann Gillespie,  
Associate Rector for Worship  
& Pastoral Care  
The Rev. Erika Takacs,  
Associate Rector for Faith  
Formation & Evangelism

The Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon,  
Director of Foundations  
for Spiritual Leadership

The Rev. Dr. Diane G. Murphy,  
Priest Associate  
M. Jason Abel,  
Director of Music

#### Clergy Residents

As a teaching congregation,  
Christ Church offers  
experience in ministry and  
mentoring, as well as support by its  
members in developing the spiritual  
leadership of these residents:  
The Rev. Nick Myers  
The Rev. Justi Schunior

## Library Work with Seniors

Ladrey social worker Emily Josa would love to hear from you if you enjoy library work and teaching computer and Internet skills to senior citizens. Call her at 703-549-7115 for details.

## ALIVE! House Wish List

The ALIVE! House is home to several families who are on the journey to self dependency. Items that are needed at the house include dishwashing and laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, large and tall trash bags, and Tylenol for adults and children. Please put any donations in the white box in the portico marked ALIVE! House.

## Housing a Young Scholar

In the fall, George Washington's Alexandria Academy will open its door to a new generation. The Academy is a coeducational classical school and is looking for a few local families interested in boarding a young scholar from China, France, or downstate Virginia. Boarding fees will be paid. For further information, contact the rector, T. Robinson Ahlstrom at [tr@alexandria-academy.org](mailto:tr@alexandria-academy.org).

## YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact the Rev. Erika Takacs at 703-778-4935 or [etakacs@ccalex.org](mailto:etakacs@ccalex.org).

## Summer Sunday Nursery Hours

Through September 12, the nursery will be open from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

## Just for Kids: Bible Fun & Games

On Sundays in August, we'll feature a Just for Kids: Bible Fun & Games formation series in McMurray Commons. Our program will be relaxed and in the round.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deadline for Parish Life

**August 5 for August 15 issue**

Please send announcements to [sfroman@ccalex.org](mailto:sfroman@ccalex.org). Submissions exceeding 50 words will be edited for length.

## Volunteer Docents Desperately Needed

We are in desperate need of volunteer docents Monday through Thursday morning from 9:00 AM until 12:00 NOON. A friendly face and a hospitable manner are all that's needed to welcome visitors into the church we love. If you can lend a hand—even for just a day or two—please contact Linda Dienno at 703-778-4928 or at [ldienno@ccalex.org](mailto:ldienno@ccalex.org).

## Saints Alive

Blessings on...

- ✦ Greg Perron & Katherine Clark, new volunteers for the Carpenter's Shelter Reception Desk.
- ✦ Our mission team as they continue their visit with the girls of Our Little Roses, San Pedro Sula, Honduras.
- ✦ Sue McAnney, Patricia Bango, and Sam & Renee Brathwaite for volunteering at the Carpenter's Shelter Reception Desk.
- ✦ Paul Schwartz, our newest volunteer in the Lazarus Ministry Client Choice Food Pantry.
- ✦ Richfield Farm, Manchester, MD and Bigg Riggs, Loom, WV at the Crystal City Farmer's Market (Tuesdays, 3:00–7:00 PM), for the generous donation of produce for our Lazarus Client Choice food market.
- ✦ Carol Donlan and the Communications Committee for the discovery work they are doing to enhance our website.

## Where Oh Where Is the Parish Directory?

We have completed sending in changes to the first proof and hope to approve the second proof with no changes. The directory will be available next month. Thank you for your patience.

## Website Changes Coming

The Communication Committee is launching a sub-committee to look at our website and propose changes. If you are interested in helping, contact Carol Donlan at [ckdonlan@verizon.net](mailto:ckdonlan@verizon.net).

## Outdoor Service Project

Join the Environmental Stewardship ministry team and the Christ Church Young Professionals for an outdoor service project, Saturday, August 14 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON to help remove invasive plants from Lacey Woods Park in Arlington. If you would like to join us email the Rev. Nicholas Myers at [nmyers@ccalex.org](mailto:nmyers@ccalex.org) by Friday, August 6. The group meets at the N. Frederick St. & 11th St. N. entrance to the park.

## Welcome

We welcome Krista Huffman; Ramez Salama; and Rachel Johnson—all of whom visited us recently. We are honored by the presence of our visitors.

**The Tutu Institute for Prayer & Pilgrimage**  
**15-Day Pilgrimage to South Africa (SA)**  
**January 14–28, 2011**

Join the Rev. Mpho Tutu & the Rev. Katherine Stiles for a 15-day retreat to South Africa.

**Registration deadline:** September 1, 2010

**PRICE:** \$6000 based on double occupancy or \$6800 based on single occupancy.

A \$1000 non-refundable deposit is due by the registration deadline. Visa and MC accepted. Price includes round-trip airfare from Dulles International Airport, accommodations in SA, travel and ground transfers in SA, museum and tour fees, safari, and most meals in SA. For more information, registration forms, and tentative itinerary visit our website at [www.tutuinstitute.org](http://www.tutuinstitute.org) or contact us at [info@tutuinstitute.org](mailto:info@tutuinstitute.org) or 703-677-5642.

**Stewardship Committee—**  
**Probably not what you think!**

I suspect most people think of the Stewardship Committee as the group that focuses exclusively on the annual pledge drive—toiling away each year to get more people to fill out the cards and commit the funds that are needed to run the church.

But, that's not the whole story or even the central part of the story. Before we even think about a pledge drive, we focus on what stewardship really means: the care we give ourselves and one another, and how we use our resources in response to God. We believe that a Christ Church in which the people are cared for, are able to care for others, and are determined to align their resources with their faith, will have no trouble with money. In fact, it will be a place of great abundance, a courageous, powerful force in the world for Christ.

We are still a long way from figuring out how to do all of this—how to deepen connections among the many, many people in our parish and to strengthen the link between faith and giving in an uncertain world. We need more of you to participate and to share ideas to bring stewardship to life. Come to our next meeting—Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 PM. It's probably not what you think.

—Janet Osborn, Stewardship Chair

**A Time Apart—Reflections from the**  
**Rector's Sabbatical Committee**

To uphold our rector, the Rev. Pierce Klemmt, on his sabbatical and to invite each of us into our own Sabbath practices, the Sabbatical Committee will share reflections and stories in Parish Life and Rejoice over the next several weeks. We invite each of you to explore your own yearnings for Sabbath and to share your stories by contacting us at [cary.kelly@verizon.net](mailto:cary.kelly@verizon.net).

Sabbath and sabbatical are tough practices for many of us to consider. Time away is a challenge in most of our lives. Even 30 minutes in a day for reflection, rest, or just being seems elusive. Being fully present where we are is another kind of Sabbath—a sabbath from worry, preoccupation, and crowded brains. Lauren Winner offers some provocative and humorous reflections on this topic in her book *Mudhouse Sabbath*. On the surface, this book is about an Orthodox Jew who became a Christian. However, as you dig into the text, you will find a familiar exploration of daily life and how we integrate our faith into life issues like boredom, dieting, fashion, and grocery shopping. It is an engaging commentary on the choices we make, often unconsciously, about faith, order, community, and identity. Begin your Sabbath practice today by taking time to read this little gem of a book.

—Cary Kelly

*Gift Shop*

It's not too difficult to think *Christmas in July* or *August* at the Philadelphia Gift Show when we see such unique and beautiful gift items. The Gift Shop has many new items in already and we will be gradually adding more as they arrive. The Gift Shop now has the book *Forty-Nine Poems* by Cynthia Hearne Darling. The book is a compilation of poetry that showcases experiences, emotions, and observations from the author's life. Please stop by the shop soon—we'd love to see you.

Sunday Summer Hours 8:45 AM–12:00 NOON;  
Tuesdays-Saturdays 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

*Tithes & Offerings*

Have you completed a pledge card for 2010? The tithes and offerings of all who worship at Christ Church support its outreach and mission activities and allow us to do God's work in the world. Please consider contributing to further that work by completing your 2010 pledge card and returning it to the Stewardship Office. Pledge cards are located in the pew racks inside the Invitation to Generosity envelopes. Additionally, Linda Dienno at 703-778-4928 will be glad to respond to requests for more information or additional cards.