

Parish Life

For the week of August 29, 2010

Christ Church Today

- 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 Childcare** for infants and children through age two in St. Matthew's Infant Room and for 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)

11:30 AM **The Big Questions Forum: What happens when we die?** Forum leader: The Rev. Erika Takacs (Meade Room)
Our Christian faith is grounded in the belief that Jesus Christ has offered us eternal life in the gift of our baptism. But what will that eternal life look like, and when does it start? Come learn what the Bible, Christian tradition, and contemporary theologians have to say about life after death.

5:00 PM **Holy Eucharist**

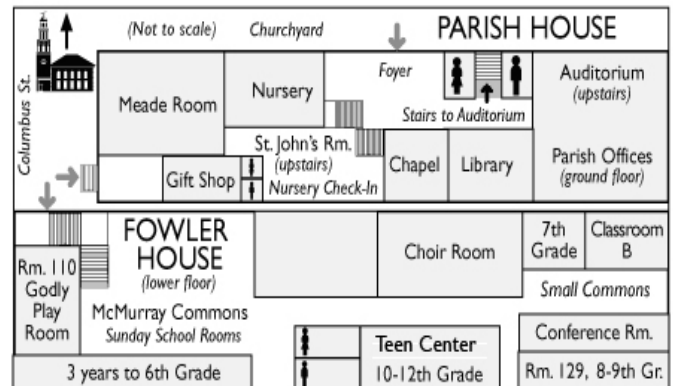
Welcome

We welcome Alfred B. Schultz; Brenda Sol; Marfé Ferguson Delano; Sharon Thrasher; David Thrasher; and Christine Hall—all of whom visited us recently. Our visitors honor us by their presence.

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. Please join us in your spiritual journey toward the call of Christ.

For information about Christ Church or membership, 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, sign the Guest Book on the table in the portico.



Gift Shop

New items are arriving daily! We have a selection of puppets for your youngsters along with an offering of children's pewter cups, spoons, tooth-fairy boxes and much more. The Pretty Tools are must-see, then must-buy items. The Christ Church Choir CD is also for sale.

Sunday Summer Hours 8:45 AM–12:00 NOON;

Tuesdays–Saturdays 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

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



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Alexandria, VA 22314

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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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:00 PM **Family Ministry Team Meeting**
(Fowler Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:15 AM **Holy Eucharist** (Chapel)

12:05 PM **Holy Eucharist** (Chapel)

7:00 PM **Christ Church Knitting Club**
(FH Back Lounge Area)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:30 AM **Labyrinth Prayer Walk** (Auditorium)

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

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

A Look Ahead

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpacks and school bags to the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, September 5, when we'll offer a blessing for all of our students as they begin another school year.

A Service of Hope and Remembrance

Join us on Saturday, September 11, at 12:05 PM in the church for a service of remembrance and hope marking the ninth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Virginia, and the crash in Shanksville, PA. We gather on this anniversary as friends, neighbors, and Christians to remember the dead and commit ourselves once more to justice and peace.

Children in the Churchyard

Join us in the churchyard from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, for the fourth annual Children in the Churchyard. Part of the Alexandria Festival of the Arts, this is our opportunity to have festival visitors and the neighboring community use our space as a respite area for families. Come on out and enjoy the fun that includes games, activities, and a Moon Bounce.

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 the 9:00 and the 11:15 AM services.

For the picnic, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will grill hotdogs, vegetarian Not Dogs, and hamburgers. We need sides and desserts to complete the picnic fare. If your last name begins with an A through Q, please bring sides—potato salad, macaroni salad, chips & dip, fruit, stuffed eggs, or any other favorite picnic dish. If your last name begins with an R through Z, please bring a dessert.

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.

Looking for New Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers

If you feel drawn to read the lessons or serve communion at Sunday worship, join us on Saturday, September 18, 9:00–11:00 AM in the Meade Room for education, training, and help as you discern your calling to these ministries. Questions? Contact Virginia Amos at Virginia.amos@verizon.net or 703-859-6362. To RSVP, contact Adrienne Allen at aallen@ccalex.org or 703-778-4936.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Returns

Since 2008, more than 100 people have taken an honest look at their financial health by participating in the 13-week course addressing personal financial concerns. This series is offered again on Monday evenings from 7:00–8:45 PM from September 13 through December 13. The registration fee of \$99.51 per individual or family unit, covers the cost of the materials and can be referred to time and time again. Please contact Linda Dienno at LDienno@ccalex.org or 703-778-4928 for more information or to register.

Vestry

Liz Rudolph, Senior Warden
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Laura Humphrey,
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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

FAITH FORMATION

For information, please contact the Rev. Erika Takacs at 703-778-4935 or etakacs@ccalex.org.

Get Out and Give Back—Discover Your Most Natural Way to Serve

Join Jane Collins on Sunday, September 19, at 10:15 AM in the Meade Room for a 45-minute overview of her *Get Out and Give Back* workshop designed to match you with the type of community service most compatible to you, and including a comprehensive list of places and ways to serve. Jane, a retired Air Force colonel, writes the *Get Out and Give Back* newspaper column, and also writes about charity and philanthropy for *Washington Life Magazine*. Please email Jane at jane@getoutandgiveback.com to register by **September 12**.

Interested in Deepening Your Faith Journey? Come to JFC!

Journeys of Faith in Community (JFC) offers the opportunity to enrich one's own spiritual journey by learning from those who have walked before us. Come hear the stories of biblical figures, early Christian fathers and mothers, theologians, and contemporary Christians—and see what their stories have to offer you. This class will include time for feasting and fellowship as well as time to share in small groups. The 10-week course begins on Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 PM in the Meade Room. To sign up, please contact the Rev. Erika Takacs at 703-778-4935 or etakacs@ccalex.org.

New Covenant Class Begins September 22

Covenant is a 10-week series designed for adult seekers that gives an overview of the Episcopal Church's worship, thought, and practices. It runs on Wednesday nights from September 22 through December 1 at 7:00 PM in the Parish House Lower Level Room 2. For more information, contact Linda Fischer at lkairos@verizon.net.

OUTREACH & MISSION

For information, please contact Michele Smith at 703-778-4937 or msmith@ccalex.org.

AUGUST OUTREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH

Donations are requested for popular food items including canned salmon, canned tuna, and Vienna sausages. We welcome school supplies for the families at Carpenter's Shelter and Community Lodgings.

Saints Alive

Blessings on...

- ✦ Patricia Bango, Don Hilty, Katie Perron, and Joan Evans for volunteering at The Carpenter's Shelter reception desk. Also, thanks to Ann McMurray, Mary and Jeff Bier and Stetson Tinkham for their recent volunteer efforts at the desk.
- ✦ Tory Kornick, daughter of head Lazarus counselor Tara Knox, for faithfully volunteering this summer with our Lazarus Ministry. Prayers and best wishes go with her as she enters her second year of college.

Make the Difference of a Lifetime

Tutor a first or second grade student in reading for half an hour once or twice a week and make the difference of a lifetime. Developing strong reading skills early is critically important for later success. Alexandria Tutoring Consortium is active in most of the Alexandria schools, tutoring is done at the school, curriculum and support is provided. For more information, or to register, go to www.alexandriatutors.org or call 703-549-6670 x119.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Regular Nursery Hours Return

On Sunday, September 19, the nursery childcare hours return to 7:30 AM–1:00 PM.

A Call for Sunday School Teachers

Our children and youth need faithful, committed disciples to lead them in their faith formation journey this year. If you have a call to serve our children and families, please consider spending a year team-teaching in our Sunday school. To volunteer or to discuss your discernment, please contact the Rev. Erika Takacs at 703-778-4935 or etakacs@ccalex.org.

It's That Time of Year...

to Register for Sunday School!

Sunday school registration is open! We will have a registration table in the churchyard at our Open House service on Sunday, September 12, but you can register at any time. Registrations are available online and on the children's literature cart in the church portico on Sunday mornings. Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 19.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Parish Life

September 2 for September 12 issue

Please send announcements to sfroman@ccalex.org. Submissions exceeding 50 words will be edited for length.

Christ Church Guest Organist's Play to Appear at the Kennedy Center

The Washington Shakespeare Company will present Arthur Roach's new play, *Redd Reidenhude*, at the Kennedy Center's Page-to-Stage Festival on Saturday, September 4, at 4:30 PM in the Terrace Theatre. Free admission, and there is free shuttle bus service to the Kennedy Center from Foggy Bottom Metro. Arthur has been the regular substitute organist at Christ Church for a number of years.

SAVVY Seniors Welcome You!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 14 at 11:30 AM in the Auditorium for our fall luncheon. Our speaker will be Jeff Reed of *Mount Vernon At Home* who will discuss how people not wishing to move into a retirement home can remain in their homes. Please RSVP to Bev Conlon at 703-768-7715.

Newcomers' Brunch

If you are new to Christ Church and are interested in learning more about this parish and meeting some new people, join us at our Newcomers' Brunch on Sunday, September 19 at 10:15 AM in the Auditorium. There will be wonderful food and the opportunity for informal conversation with other newcomers as well as current Christ Church parishioners. Bring your questions and your ideas—but most of all bring yourselves. We're looking forward to getting to know you better. Respond to Membership Coordinator Suzanne Froman at 703-778-4930 or sfroman@ccalex.org.

Feeling Called to Quiet Ministry? Consider Chancel Chapter

Setting the Lord's Table for Holy Communion is prayerful behind-the-scenes work of hands essential to liturgy. We are eager to teach a new cadre of quiet servants what it means and how to do it. Interested? Contact Eleanor Wilson at 703-931-9017, or Maryann Jones at mj94@comcast.net or 703-548-2016, or Adrienne Allen at aallen@ccalex.org or 703-778-4936.

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 is sharing reflections and stories in Parish Life and Rejoice until his return.

A TIME TO REMEMBER

The Rector's sabbatical has given many of us an opportunity to think about just what sabbatical or Sabbath means and how we can incorporate even bits of one into our own lives. Today, I will take some quiet time to remember my parents who would have been married 57 years today. They are no longer living, so I have the opportunity to steal away some time in my own head and heart to remember them. This is a short silent Sabbath that feeds me with joy, some sadness, and opportunity to reflect on the years since their deaths and even my birth. Memory is a gift that blooms in quiet reflection.

—Cary Kelly

Help the Child and Family Network Centers

Please help support the Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC) with the Harris Teeter and Safeway back-to-school fundraising programs that remit a portion of a sale to CFNC.

For Harris Teeter, simply give the cashier your Harris Teeter VIC Card and CFNC's number 6467 at check-out, or link your Harris Teeter VIC card directly to CFNC online: http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx.

For Safeway, register your card at <http://www.escrrip.com> and select CFNC: Group Number: 500004246. Then, purchase products marked with yellow school bus tags between August 11 and September 14. Bring your receipts to church anytime before October 11 and put them in a specially marked box at the Welcome Table.

Please contact Geoff Giovanetti at 703-329-1523 with any questions.

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.