

Parish Life

For the week of January 29, 2012

Foundation Sunday is Today

Today is Foundation Sunday. It offers an opportunity to learn more about the Foundation, whose mission is to restore, support, benefit, and maintain Christ Church and its buildings and grounds and to assure the faithful execution of the specific terms of gifts made to the church. For more details about the Foundation, contact Stetson Tinkham, president, at stetson.tinkham@gmail.com.

7:45 AM–1:00 PM **Infant Caring Room** (Parish House across from nurseries) This space is geared to baby care and provides a video link to the worship service.

7:45 AM–1:00 PM **Nursery Childcare** (Parish House) Infants and children through age two are in St. Matthew's Infant Room. Children ages three and four are in St. Bartholomew's Room. *As always, children of all ages are welcome at every service.*

8:45 AM–1:00 PM **Christ Church Gift Shop** open. All profits benefit Outreach & Mission.

8:00 AM **Holy Eucharist**

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

9:00 AM **Holy Eucharist**

9:15 AM **Children's Chapel** (McMurray Commons)

10:15 AM • **Sunday School for three year olds through eighth grade** (Fowler House)

- **Coffee Hour** (Meade Room)
- **Forum: Foundation Sunday—Tools for Children of Aging Parents** (Meade Room) Join the Foundation trustees and MaryAnn Griffin, director of the Alexandria Office of Aging Adult Services, for a forum about the sensitive issues surrounding children of aging parents. Learn about available resources and discover what steps can be taken now for a less stressful tomorrow.
- **Contemplative Prayer** (PH Lower Level 2) This small group experience of creating a still space where God is invited to enter in is for new as well as veteran practitioners of this ancient prayer form.

- **Second Reading: Lectionary-based Bible Study** (St. John's Room) Read ahead to next Sunday's lessons, focusing on the Epistle lesson and what application these Bible passages can have for us now.

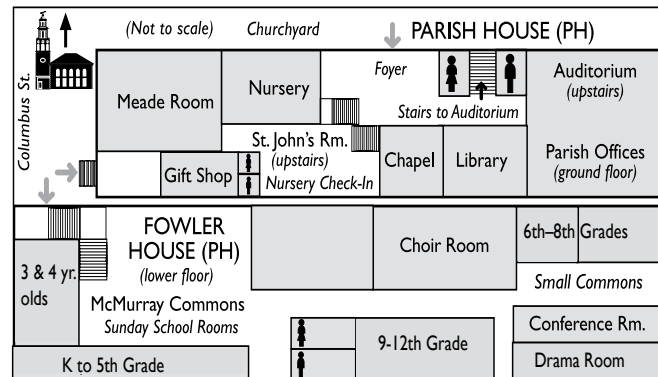
11:15 AM **Holy Eucharist**

12:30 PM • **Coffee Hour** (Library)

- **Acolyte Training & Lunch** (McMurray Commons)

5:00 PM **Holy Eucharist**

6:00 PM **Financial Peace University** (Library)



Welcome to Christ Church

A historic church and living congregation

Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people— whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith. Please join us.

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 visiting, please sign the guest book on the table in the portico.



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The garage at 117 N. Alfred St. is now open on Sundays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Cost is \$5 for the first hour and \$7 for the day.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 AM **Monday Morning Small Group Bible Study** (PH Small Meeting Room)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 PM • **Christ Church Bridge Group** (McMurray Commons)
• **Mengo Mission Committee Meeting** (Library)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:15 AM **Holy Eucharist** (Chapel)
12:05 PM **Holy Eucharist** (Chapel) Please join us at our regular Wednesday Eucharist as we celebrate The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (trans.)
5:30 PM **Cherub Choir** (Choir Room)
6:15 PM **Canterbury Choir** (Choir Room)
6:45 PM **Education for Ministry (EfM)** (Fowler Conference Room)
7:00 PM • **Christ Church Knitting Club** (FH Back Lounge Area)
• **Covenant Class** (PH Lower Level 2)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 PM **Christ Church Choir** (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM • **Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Training—Part I** (Meade Room)
• **Labyrinth Prayer Walk** (Auditorium)
10:00 AM **Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Training—Part II** (Historic Church)

A Look Ahead

Choral Evensong and Organ Recital

Join us on Sunday, February 5, for an organ recital beginning at 4:40 PM featuring Caroline Robinson, a junior at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. The Evensong service will begin at 5:00 PM, with a reception hosted by the choir to follow.



The Rev. Dr. David Gortner to Preach on Theological Education Sunday, February 5

Professor David Gortner, Director of the Doctor of Ministry programs, and Professor of Evangelism and Congregational Leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary will preach at the 9:00 and 11:15 AM services on Theological Education Sunday.

FAITH FORMATION

For additional information, please contact the Rev. Heather VanDeventer at hvandeventer@ccalex.org or 703-778-4835.

Epiphany Forum Series, Meade Room at 10:15 AM

February 5: Life at the Seminary—A Panel of Students for Theological Education Sunday

Come to hear about real life at seminary today from our current seminarian, Melanie Mullen, and our future seminarian, Emily Lukanich. Why is a residential seminary important? What makes seminary different from other graduate schools? How is it formation, not just education?

February 12: George Washington as an 18th Century Virginia Anglican

Please join Mount Vernon historian Mary Thompson for a discussion of George Washington as a Virginia Anglican. Ms. Thompson recently worked on that subject for a chapter in a book edited by historian Ed Lengel at UVA, which is due out in May. Mary last joined us in July 2010 for a discussion of her book, *In the Hands of a Good Providence: Religion in the Life of George Washington*.

February 19: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & How Pilgrimage Leads to Mission

Join us for in-person reporting from the Rev. Ann Gillespie and Jane Gilchrist on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Ann's blog during the trip provided many insights; now come hear more of the story. Why go on pilgrimage, what made this pilgrimage different, and how their connection to the Holy Land and its people is deeper than ever before are some of the topics Ann and Jane will discuss.

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OUTREACH & MISSION

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

FEBRUARY OUTREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH

Please donate dried pinto beans, canned salmon and canned chicken, or saltine crackers for our Lazarus Client Choice Food Pantry. Also, bars of soap, small packages of clothes-washing detergent, and thermal underwear would be welcomed.

YOUTH & FAMILY

For additional information, contact Mary Beth Baylor at mbbaylor@ccalex.org or 703-549-1450 x105.

No Youth Group Tonight

We Need Sunday School Teachers

Sound like a lot of work? More like a lot of FUN! Teachers are given their lesson plans and necessary materials so the time commitment is minimal. We're particularly looking for teachers to teach/shepherd 1st-5th grades during our Lent unit, February 19-April 1 (that's just seven Sundays!) The next Sunday school teacher training meeting is Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 PM. Contact Mary Beth Baylor at mbbaylor@ccalex.org.

'Da Big Game

Come join us February 5 at 6:00 PM in the Teen Center for the big game! Everyone is welcome to this family friendly event; we encourage donations of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child to cover the cost of food. Please also bring a canned good for the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Donations of football style foods including dips, chili, and drinks are welcome also.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Mark your calendars for the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Auditorium. Both junior and senior high youth groups will help cook and serve this delicious feast.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Parish Life

February 9 for February 19 issue

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

Saints Alive

Do you have a saint you'd like recognized? Please submit the information to Suzanne Froman at sfroman@ccalex.org.

Blessings on...

✦ Caroline Carbaugh, Barry Stauffer, Jean Barry, and Trish Fineran for refreshments at the 10:15 AM coffee hour the last two Sundays.

✦ All of our volunteers who worked at the reception desk at Carpenter's Shelter this past Friday.

✦ Each of you who generously gave food donations for our Lazarus guests during the month of January.

✦ Wayne Papham, Anne Shackleton, and Rose and Kevin Minor who in the last two weeks volunteered at the St. Clement's hypothermia overnight shelter.

✦ Rawles Jones for his faithful work with the ALIVE! furniture ministry that addresses the needs of many citizens in the city of Alexandria.

✦ Susanne O'Neill and all the volunteers who support the New Neighbor ESL program as they prepare for the spring semester.

✦ All those who participated in our Bag Lunch Ministry this past week: Carole Harmon, Janet Wagner, Kari Shapero, Janet Price, Sue McAnney, Andrea McNicholas, Vicki Coward, Jennifer Miller, a group from Alexandria City, and eighth grade advisories from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School.

Christ Church Caring From the Heart Wish List

This Valentine's Day, give on behalf of friends and loved ones through our special Gift Program. It's simple. Make a donation in honor of family and friends to any Christ Church *Caring from the Heart* project or ministry that matches their interests. You will receive a Valentine card to send to your loved one that describes the selected ministry and lets them know how much you care.

To order your heartfelt gift, contact Linda Dienno at ldienno@ccalex.org or 703-778-4928.



Looking for New Lay Readers and Especially Chalice Bearers

If you feel drawn to read the lessons or serve communion at Sunday worship, join us on Saturday, February 4, at 9:00 AM in the Meade Room for education and training. Questions? Contact Virginia Amos at virginia.amos@verizon.net or 703-859-6362. To RSVP, contact Cindy Wright at cwright@ccalex.org or 703-778-4936

Caring for God's Creation

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? —Mark 8:36

Traditionally, and with good reason, this scripture has been primarily interpreted as focusing on the state of our spirituality, our relationship with Jesus Christ, and our eternal souls. However, in a more tangible sense, could we not also perhaps interpret this scripture in the light of gaining all we presently desire at the physical world's expense, and yet by doing so, cause countless people in the future to forfeit their lives by inheriting a world bereft of resources?

To join our Environmental Stewardship Ministry team and actively participate in the fellowship of honoring and protecting God's creation, send an email to ChristChurchESM@gmail.com.



Gift Shop

Hours: Sunday 8:45 AM–1:00 PM

Tuesday–Saturday 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

We have returned from the Philadelphia Gift Show where we ordered some beautiful Spring gifts. Our lovely scarves, which are so fashionable, will soon arrive in spring colors. Come in and see us and get in on the last few days of the holiday sale.

Tithes & Offerings

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 sharing the journey by making a pledge; cards are in the pew racks. Contact Linda Dienno at 703-778-4928 for more information.

Sharing the Legacy

Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, Foundation

Today is Foundation Sunday. We salute the trustees, past and present, who have shepherded the Foundation since its founding in 1979. Today's Foundation traces its beginnings to a modest bequest from Mary Custis Lee, daughter of Robert E. Lee, upon her death in 1918.

The Foundation was created to: restore, support, benefit, and maintain Christ Church and its buildings and grounds; support and benefit the mission of the church outside of the parish; and assure the faithful execution of the specific terms of gifts made to the church.

Under the trustees' management, the Foundation funds are prudently invested. For the past few years, the Foundation has provided an annual income stream to the vestry for capital improvements and maintenance. Examples of improvements and maintenance include the sound system, security upgrade, roof & boiler repair, and partial funding for the new signage and website.

Trustees

The vestry selects nine trustees, all members of Christ Church, each for a three-year term and eligible for re-election to one additional consecutive term. Trustees manage the business of the Foundation, elect officers, and serve without compensation. Current trustees are:

Stetson Tinkham, *President*

Emily McNaughton, *Vice President*

Carla Rosati, *Secretary*

Anne Reed, *Treasurer*

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We ask you to consider making a bequest to the Foundation as part of your estate planning. An end-of-life planning checklist is in today's handouts. The health of our church is built on the generosity of many generations. We give thanks for those who recognize the responsibility each generation has to the future and to the continued strength of our parish.

Past Trustees include: John Ariail, Jim Arrison, David Burke, Nancy Carson, E. Tazewell Ellett, David Fenstermaker, Robert Fitton, Ralph Flynt, Craig Fritsche, Sr., John Fritsche, William Grant III, Richard Groves, Lee Guerry, Alex Hartz, Jack Hutcheson, Steve Reed, Mary Ann Roberts, Witney Schneidman, Howard Smith, Barry Stauffer, Gordon Sullivan, Rob Sult, Margaret Welch, and Jack Wilmer.