

# Parish Life

For the week of July 25, 2010

## Christ Church Today

### THE NINTH 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)
- 9:00 AM **Youth Pilgrimage Stockholder Breakfast** (Meade Room) The J2A youth will report on their July 8–11 pilgrimage to New York City.

- 10:00 AM **Holy Eucharist**
- 11:00 AM **Reception for the Children of Chernobyl** (Meade Room)
- 11:15 AM **Coffee Hour** (Churchyard)

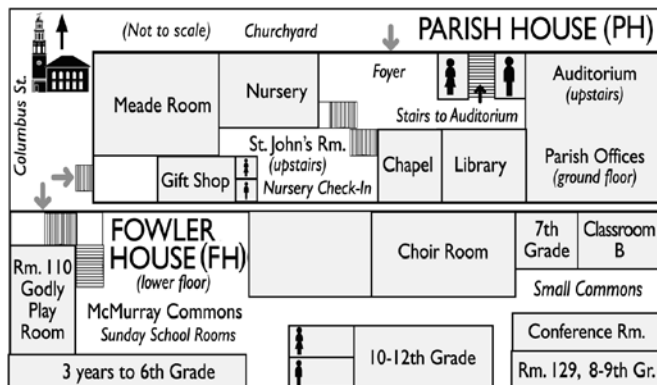
- 5:00 PM **Holy Eucharist**
- 6:00 PM **Summer Book Group** (Meade Room)  
Join guest host Heidi Christensen to talk about a story of mystery and history in *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. Heidi is the Program Manager for the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty (CIGA). She coordinates and engages U.S. faith leaders and their communities in establishing collaborative initiatives on malaria and other health issues affecting the developing world. Heidi also works with scholars and religious leaders of various traditions

exploring the theological underpinnings of interfaith activity. Previously, she managed communications and event production for the Cathedral College of Washington National Cathedral. She holds a degree in systematic theology from Virginia Theological Seminary.

## 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.



## Welcome

We welcome Alfred B. Schultz; Jessie & Carolea Scott, William G., William C., and Makayla; Gladys Mott; Brian Weyhe; and the Smith Family—all of whom visited us recently. We are honored by the presence of our visitors.

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, JULY 28

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

### THURSDAY JULY 29

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

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

When we celebrate our Open House on Sunday, September 12, we will worship in one outdoor service at 10:00 AM, and **this will be the last Sunday which will combine both the 9:00 and the 11:15 AM services.** This service of Holy Eucharist and Baptism will be followed by an All-Parish Picnic. 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

For information, contact Michele Smith at 703-778-4937 or [msmith@ccalex.org](mailto:msmith@ccalex.org).

### JULY OUTREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH

Please donate peanut butter, SPAM, salmon, tuna, Vienna sausages, and corned beef hash to help restock our Lazarus food pantry. There is also a critical need for underwear, sizes small through XX large. Please place these items in the white box on the portico any Sunday during the month.

## July 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

REMINDER: Bag Lunch Week is this week...come join the fun! 9:00 any morning. Questions? Call Michele Smith at 703-778-4937.

### 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.

## July School Supply Time

It is time to be thinking about back-to-school supplies for our friends at Carpenter's Shelter and Community Lodgings. Please donate school items during July and August. Just bring donations to church and put them in the white box in the portico.

## 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 Alexandra 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 T. Robinson Ahlstrom, Rector 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

In August, we'll feature a Just for Kids: Bible Fun & Games formation series. Our program will be relaxed and in the round in McMurray Commons/Fowler House. We will have a different activity each week: crafts, dance, story telling and so much more! Feel free to bring your child to McMurray Commons and then attend the adult faith formation in the Meade Room. Contact Family Ministry Coordinator Pattie Raynor for more details at 703-549-1450 x122 or [praynor@ccalex.org](mailto:praynor@ccalex.org).

## Saints Alive

Blessings on...

- ✦ Sue McAnneny, Patricia Bango, and Sam & Renee Brathwaite for volunteering at the Carpenter's Shelter reception desk this past Friday.
- ✦ Ann Spitler, Wendy Smith, JoAnn Ackerman, Dorothy Dodson, Jean Barry, Susan Anderson, Ruth Arnold, Mimi Vellek, Michele Bajek, and Kathy McCarthy, our hearty band of volunteers who used their wheels to deliver meals this past week to those who can not get out to shop for food for themselves.
- ✦ All the mission team members who are spending time with the residents of Our Little Roses in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Please keep them in your prayers while they are away.
- ✦ Our Lazarus Ministry counselors who faithfully minister to our guests who come to our doors each week. They truly are a vehicle of God's love to our neighbors in need.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deadline for Parish Life July 29 for August 8 issue

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

### Installation of New Rector

On Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 PM, former Christ Church clergy resident the Rev. Jared Cramer will be installed as the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, MI. The Rt. Rev. Robert R. Gepert will preside. Our prayers and presence are invited.

### Where Oh Where Is the Parish Directory?

Does it seem like a year since we started this process? It is! The good news is that we have just completed sending in changes to the first proof and hope to approve the second proof with no changes. The directory will be available in August. Thank you for your patience.

### Website Changes Coming

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

## Christ Church Choir CD Now on Sale

The choir's new CD, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* is available for sale today after the 10:00 AM service. The CD allows you to tune out the world and tune in the beautiful voices of our choir whenever you wish.

Proceeds will benefit the Christ Church Friends of Music program. Friends of Music have helped pay for big musical events such as Lessons & Carols, World Mission Sunday, and God as a Jazz Musician. These funds also have purchased computers for the young choristers' computer training lab and paid for guest musicians, such as brass on Easter Sunday. For more information, contact Music Director, Jason Abel, at [jabel@ccalex.org](mailto:jabel@ccalex.org).

## The Tutu Institute for Prayer and 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.

## 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 for a morning of hard-yet-rewarding work as we take care of the earth God has given us, please email the Rev. Nicholas Myers at [nmyers@ccalex.org](mailto:nmyers@ccalex.org) by Friday, July 30. The group meets at the N. Frederick St. & 11th St. N. entrance to the park.

## 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).

Although I've never had a formal, paid sabbatical, I take a very purposeful sabbatical every day during my early morning—4:30 AM—workout at my local gym. During 60-80 minutes of cardio, I sometimes read, listen to the morning news, review my upcoming day, work through issues or problems that have been bothering me, or just let my mind relax and go where it will. The hard physical exercise has a calming effect on me that pretty much lasts throughout the day. Stressing my body for an hour or so de-stresses my soul by giving me uninterrupted time to look at things from different perspectives, try different solutions and responses, and even think about new dreams. As nonsensical as it may sound to some people, my early morning gym routine gives me a mini retreat to start off each day—kind of like my own peculiar type of matins.

—Tykie Tobin

## Gift Shop

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.

Your Gift Shop also has a lovely selection of bridal shower and wedding gifts. There are beautiful serving pieces, photo frames, vases, and much more. A watercolor of Christ Church makes a unique gift for those couples married in the church.

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

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## 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.