

Parish News



News & Events at Christ Church

A Letter From the Vestry on Parish Safety Measures

In response to a directive from Bishop Skirving our parish is responsible for all safety concerns. The Christ Episcopal Church Vestry has deliberated the issue of parish safety especially around the time of worship and special events that take place on our parish campus.

The Vestry accepts the tremendous responsibility of ensuring the safety of our adults, and our precious children. To that end, we recommend that the parish take the following measures to be implemented this year. The first recommendation will be implemented on a trial basis during the remainder of the 2018 calendar year. If it is working out well, we will adopt this measure as a line item in our operating budget.

1. Engage an off-duty police officer from the Elizabeth City Police Department, or off-duty deputy sheriff from the Pasquotank County Sheriff's office to be present at the parish on Sunday mornings between 8 am and Noon. Officers will also be engaged for certain worship and fellowship special events during the course of the year. The officer will be in uniform and will have their automobile parked on McMorrine Street. Christ Church's Parish Administrator, Kim Willis, will coordinate the schedule with the ECPD or PC Sheriff's Office, and their respective departments will be responsible for the officer to be on time. The departments are liable in all matters involving actions taken on our premises.
2. Christ Church has recently installed five security cameras that can be monitored with an app remotely. We have also added a new audio/visual monitor system on the Parish House's McMorrine Street entrance. The doors to the Parish House are to be locked during the 10:30 worship. The off-duty officer will be responsible for making sure all ingress/egress possibilities to the Parish House are locked during the worship hour. Parishioners that know the mag-lock code can enter. Visitors that do not know the code can press the monitor and the Children's Sunday School leaders and the Nursery leaders can open the door if they deem it appropriate. If they do not feel comfortable opening the door, they can invite them to attend the worship service, or return to the Parish House after the worship service.
3. Christ Church will add additional cameras to monitor the doors on the east side of the sanctuary and the playground. This will require adding more wi-fi via a new router, with possibly extenders required, as well.
4. The ECPD requested that we designate "safety zones" for persons to gather outside the parish in case of natural disas-

A Bishop's Meanderings.....

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of my favorites. It is so easy for us to identify with these two defeated disciples, their eyes blurred with tears, half-heartedly stumbling along toward the village of Emmaus, all their hopes crushed by the tragic events of that cross in Jerusalem. This was not the way it was supposed to end! All their hopes had been pinned on Jesus as the Messiah to redeem Israel, as the solution to the tragedies and despair of their lives, but the result had been a cross raised on a hill outside the city wall, shattering their dreams.

But they were wrong. God had said "yes" to their hopes and yet they didn't see it. That is because it was not what they wanted or anticipated. They saw the suffering and death of Jesus as the *absence* of God and were therefore blind to the new life of the risen Christ. Like them, we want the hurt to stop, for the suffering to end, and we believe it is God's job to take care of this, to make our lives as easy and comfortable as possible. Remember how Jesus tried to teach his disciples about the suffering that was to come before his entering into glory? They would have none of it! And what was true 2,000 years ago remains true today. We have real problems connecting God with the suffering in this world despite the silver crosses we wear around our necks, the very symbol of God's suffering in his own encounter with human sinfulness.

As long as we see suffering and loss as things to be avoided, or at least dealt with as quickly as possible, we will not experience the fullness of life God intends. Henri Nouwen spoke of the powerful human tendency to want to move out of suffering as quickly as we can. He believed this is a mistake because lying in our suffering is the seed of new life, which will never flourish except through our partnership with God in the midst of the pain. Even God allowed three days of waiting between the crucifixion and the resurrection. Was that waiting period meant to teach us something? Easter faith reminds us that, in the end, all will be well, but in the meantime we will experience the fullness of life, in all of its pain and joy, only when we live each moment of life in partnership with God.

In Christ's love, + David

VESTRY INFORMATION

Vestry Report

The monthly vestry meeting was held on April 23. The following are highlights of some of the business discussed in the meeting.

Parish Security and Safety:

A security and safety audit was done by Sr. Warden David Wright and Fr. Chip with church member and retired city police officer, Rick Pureza. The audit covered the main church and Parish House. The audit was reviewed by the Vestry and the following decisions / actions were made for both security of the property and safety of our members:

1. The Memorial Garden gate will have a new lock installed and the gate will be locked when the church offices are closed. For those members who wish to visit the garden when the church is closed, keys will be made available. Rick Pureza stated that the garden area is susceptible to unlawful activities with its lack of visibility, especially at night.
2. Security system / alarm decals will be placed in exterior windows and door glasses of the Parish House and church as a deterrent to criminals for breaking and entering – Rick Pureza stated most criminals will not risk entry into a building that is monitored with an alarm and window decals are effective.
3. Additional motion-activated wireless cameras are to be installed in back of the church and the Todds Pharmacy building for the alleyway area
4. No trespassing / loitering signs will be installed in the alleyway area back of the church to give the police the legal authority to keep out unwanted activity.
5. Install motion sensor lighting at the McMorrine Street and Cloister doors night security
6. A uniformed, off-duty police officer and vehicle will be hired for Sunday services to be on and around church property for the security of our parishioners. Rick Pureza stated that the “gold standard” and most effective method to give protection to the church family is the presence of a uniformed police officer. The Vestry approved hiring an off duty officer for Sundays for the remainder of the current year with an evaluation to be made at year end. The officer and vehicle will be at the church from 8 am to 12 noon at an estimated cost of \$100 per Sunday.

Buildings and Grounds:

The “Dandar” building renovations continue with an estimated completion date of May 15th; progress is as follows:

- Concrete handicap ramp will be installed in the alleyway; there was not enough room for a lift to be installed at the main entrance
- A new concrete slab was poured in the alleyway.
- Exterior windows are installed and exterior metal

awnings are expected within the next week.

-Paint priming of the interior is done; ceiling tile grids installed.

-Remaining work scheduled – ceiling lighting; ceiling HVAC ducts; ceiling insulation; interior trim and doors installed; wheelchair ramp installation; floor installation and final interior painting.

-The number 5 HVAC unit in the Parish Hall (2nd floor) has to be replaced; there is not sufficient money in the Buildings and Ground Committee budget for this year to cover the \$5,000 cost, but it is hoped that parishioners will make donations to cover the cost.

-Two large ceiling fans are planned for purchase and installation in the Parish Hall to help with the distribution of air in that room for both cooling and heating.

-The new handicapped parking space has been designated with signage by the City in front of the Parish House. The space is the last one on the corner at the intersection with Fearing Street. There is still a handicapped space designated in the church parking lot next to St. Philip’s.

Financial:

As of the end of March the following balances were reported:

- General Operating fund \$15,611.97
- Checking account \$60,944.21
- Rental property \$14,128.55
- St. Philip’s fund \$715.13
- Palladium Advisors investments \$766,693.64
- Robinson Charity Fund \$11,851.35

Children & Youth Programs:

The summer Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 11th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and is open to church member and non-member children.

Parish Life:

The annual end of the year picnic will be held on Sunday, May 20th from 5 pm until 7 pmat the home of Joe and Carolyn Peel on Rivershore Road .

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Air Condition Needed in Auditorium

Whew! Currently, there is no air conditioning in the auditorium and this summer we have Vacation Bible School, a visit from the Bishop with a reception and a wedding! It will cost approximately \$5,100 to replace the unit which we currently do not have in the budget.

Is there anyone who can help donate toward this endeavor?

Thank you!

Building and Grounds Committee

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ters and fires. These have been designated as the St. Philip's parking lot and the park between the Parish House and Eclectic Jewelry (the old bus station).

5. The Memorial Garden gate will be re-keyed the same as the McMorrine Street entrance and the gate will be locked after church worship and business hours. Any parishioner who wishes to have a key to visit loved ones who are interred in the Memorial Garden after hours will be given a key for entry.
6. Security system stickers identifying camera surveillance on premises will act as deterrent, along with a motion sensor light on the McMorrine Street Parish House entry.
7. A panic button option will be investigated to be utilized as an instant 9-1-1 message to the ECPD, as is used in convenience stores and banks.
8. A protocol will be developed for securing all parish buildings, turning off all lights, and adjusting all thermostats after worship and all associated events are finished on Sundays.

The Christ Church Vestry is devoted to serving the entire parish, and appreciates all input regarding the matter of parish safety and all other issues that pertain to the well-being of the mission of our beloved parish.

If you wish to express your thoughts, please send them to our Parish Administrator, Kim Willis. Her email address is administrator@christchurchcity.org. You may also contact anyone of our Vestry members at anytime by phone or email.

Thank you,

The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church

The Formation of a Church

Sunday, May 20th, is the Day of Pentecost - a major, major celebration in the Church year when we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to Christ's disciples, which empowered and enabled them to "go into all the world." Starting on this most remarkable day, those early disciples set about to form the church which has continued on to today.

An *Anglican Digest* article a few years ago provided an accurate description from Acts 2: 42-47 which I believe contains the fundamentals for any church, including our **Christ Church, wanting to be Christ's presence in this world.**

1. It was a learning church. The people persisted in listening as the Apostles taught.
2. It was a church of fellowship, with a great quality of togetherness. The members clearly cared for one another.
3. It was a praying church. The members spoke to God before they attempted to speak to each other.
4. **It was a reverent church. The church's sense of respect and reverence for the Lord caused a climate of awe in the community.**
5. It was a church where things happened. The people expected great things from God as they attempted great things for God.
6. It was a worshipping church. Both at the temple and from house to house, the members taught about God and the Good News of Jesus Christ.
7. It was a happy church. Gladness abounded. The members rejoiced in the Lord, and His goodness.
8. It was a growing church. Because the early church had the marks of a true church, the Lord blessed it by adding to its membership each day other people who were accepting Christ as their savior.

As we seek God's will for this church and our lives, it would be good to hold these basic fundamentals as our standard, our plumb line, to embrace them as our own. And, as we come together to face this task together, we ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to follow the example of those first Christians. *Fr. Jim McGee, Rector Emeritus*

YOUTH & CHILDREN

May Activities *Call Becky for more details 334.652.9330*

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| May ? | End of the Year Party |
| May 27 | Youth Service 10:30am |

VBS Helpers Needed

Vacation Bible School will be at Christ Church this summer from June 11-14...9:30am-11:45am!!

Please let us know if you can help be a team leader, a music helper or snack helper. Sign up on the bulletin board in the parish house or email whitneylee108@gmail.com.

Family in Need

The mother of one of the La Casa students is dying of cancer. She is a young mother with a husband and four children. Her dream is that after her death her husband and children can go back to their native country where extended family can help them get through this terribly sad situation. Any donations are welcome.

Make checks payable to Julie Robinson with "A Mother's Dream" in the memo line.

Please contact Julie Robinson, 203 Dogwood Trail Elizabeth City, NC 27909; 252-339-1437;

jules27909@yahoo.com for more information.

2018 Egg Hunt at the Harriss/Smith Farm



Thanks to the Calder's for great pictures!!!

All are welcome to a

CLERGY DAY

a renewal of ordination vows
and blessing of Chrism

THURSDAY - MAY 10TH
11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
107 LOUIS STREET - GREENVILLE

CLERGY ONLY DETAILS:

- 10:00 AM Start Time
- No Vestments Required
- Lunch Provided for Clergy
- Chrism Oil will be provided, if desired
- RSVP Required: Email Hannah no later than Monday, May 7th at hjaman@diocese-eastcarolina.org or call at 252-522-0885 ext 228



Baptism of Peyton Paris and Camilla Poullet.



Baptism of Russell Wayne Ward, son of Matthew and Kate Jackson Ward.



Thanks so much to Katie and Bob for their help with the Office Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!

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ALBEMARLE YOUTH CHOIR

SONGS OF JOY & HOPE

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH @ 3PM
Free Concert - accepting canned good donations

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
200 SOUTH MEMORHINE ST. ELIZABETH CITY, NC



Fr. Chip and other local men participating in "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" - the Albemarle Hopeline fundraiser.

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 The Rev. Jim McGee preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 3:00 pm AYC Spring Concert at CEC 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>7 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Prayer Circle 12:45 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Apta at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>9 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am EC Rotary 11:30 am Bible Study 2:00pm Episcopal Foundation Mtg 5:30 pm Chancel Choir practice</p>	<p>10 CLERGY DAY 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Stained Glass Class at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 8:30 am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>12 8:30 am Morning Prayer</p>
<p>13 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:00 am Mothers Day Breakfast 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Instructional Eucharist 9:45 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 3:00 pm Fr. Chip—Sunbury 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>14 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Prayer Circle 12:45 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>15 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Apta at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>16 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer 11:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Stained Glass Class at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>18 8:30 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm USA Dance</p>	<p>19 8:30 am Morning Prayer</p>
<p>20 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Instructional Eucharist 9:45 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 5:00 pm End of the Year Picnic 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>21 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Prayer Circle 12:45 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>22 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Apta at SP 10:00 am Commission on Ministry-Kinston 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>23 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am EC Rotary 11:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Chancel Choir practice</p>	<p>24 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Stained Glass Class at SP 5:30 pm SOULS 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>25 8:30 am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>26 8:30 am Morning Prayer</p>
<p>27 Youth Sunday! The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Sunday School 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY—Office Closed 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Prayer Circle</p>	<p>29 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Apta at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>30 7:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Morning Prayer 11:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Chancel Choir practice</p>	<p>31 8:30 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Stained Glass Class at SP 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>		

May Schedule of Duties for Sunday Services

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Acolytes 10:30 Crucifer	TBA	Brogan Williams	Olivia Sanders	Taylor Flach
Torchbearers	Worth Elliot Logan Elliot	Whitney Williams Caleb Williams	Liza Gillam Layton Elliot	Hayden ray Lauren Flach
Altar Flowers	Albert and Carolyn Gard	Mr. and Mrs. George Jack- son	Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Madrin	Mr. and Mrs Mickey Golden
Coffee Hour	Edla Stevens	Cynthia Mastro	Helen Gibson	Janie King
Eucharistic Visitor	Doreen Davis	Hunter Michael	Craig Umphlett	Jane oden
Greeters 8:00	Sue Scurria	Janie King	Sue Thomson	Gail Payne
Greeters/Oblations 10:30	Joe and Carolyn Peel	William and Elizabeth Carter	Joe and Cynthia Mastro	Tark and Maria Pharr
Lay Readers 8:00	Gail Payne	Larry Payne	Everett Thompson	Peter Thomson
10:30 LC	Maria Pharr	TBD	Craig Umphlett	Timm Pridgen
10:30 PC	Bettie Lyons	Mickey Golden	Ceci Austin	Tony Flach
Ushers 10:30 (Head)	Andy Elliot Pat Harmon Lisa Harmon-Wakefield	Gary Cooper Lennie Hughes, Jr Steve King.	Phil Donahue Danny Jennings James Jones	David Harris Arthur McPherson Tark Pharr
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
04.23.18 – 05.06.18	Edla Stevens, Beth Forman, Peggy McPherson, Sue Scurria, Cynthia Mastro, Joyce Wheeler			
05.07.18 – 05.20.18	Sue Thomson, Beverly Madrin, Kim Cooper, Holly Wright, Natalie Peel, Nona Smith			
05.21.18 – 06.04.18	Jane Harris, Nell Morrison, Lisa Geffert, Michele Flach, Billie Masoka			
Linens Keeper-May	Betty MacKenzie			

IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER:

May Birthdays

- 1 Dillon Jones
- 2 Georgene Falcon
- 3 Madeline Umphlett
- 5 Dawn Cogger
Ruth Goetz
- 6 Caroline Lamb
- 7 Skipper Hall
- 9 Joe Hales
- 10 Mary Black
Matt Williams
- 14 Olivia Sanders
- 15 Lennie Hughes, Jr.
- 16 Betty Ingram
Cameron Pureza
Addie Hayes
- 17 Kristy Hornthal
- 19 Alvin McPherson
- 20 Jonathan Bunn
Ellie Hornthal
Britt Biggs Myers

- 22 Lynn Nash
Parker Bunn
- 23 Jo Ann Austin
Parker Bunn
- 28 Ann Hughes
John David Melton
- 30 Butler L. Sharpe, III
Leah Jones

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. Thank you!

May Anniversaries

- 2 Maria and Tark Pharr
- 4 Natalie and John Peel
- 5 Edla and Bill Stevens
- 21 Barbara and John Waldo
- 24 Tracy and John Dean
- 26 Cynthia and Joe Mastro
- 27 Mary and Ron Black
- 30 Michelle and Tony Flach

Parishioners in Assisted Living

Residents of Brookdale of EC, 401 Hastings Lane:
Barbara Conger, Rodney Foreman, Pat Harris, Catherine Nixon

At Home

Flora Robinson, 201 E. Main St., PO Box 186, EC 27907
Ann Hughes, 1514 Crescent Dr., EC 27909

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