

June 2018

Parish News



News & Events at Christ Church



The Rev. Chip Broadfoot
Rector

Living Merrily

We live in polarizing times. “Which side are you on?” is the question of the day. We ask it in kindergarten...do you pull for UNC or NC State? In Middle School we ask are you a Republican or a Democrat? We are forced to make decisions as to which side we’re on from an early age.

The Beatles had a hit song back in the 60’s, *Revolution*. An excerpt of the song’s lyrics are, “You say you want a revolution. Well, you know. We all want to change the world. You say you got a real solution. Well, you know. We’d all love to see the plan.”

Our Presiding Bishop has certainly made revolutionary news lately. He’s on the speaking circuit and being interviewed by all kinds of media outlets. I was proud of the fact he preached at the Royal Wedding that was watched by billions (visit www.episcopalchurch.org to hear the Bishop’s homily). He is an inspirational guy. He and some twenty-five other diverse faith leaders have a plan. It’s revolutionary, and it’s called Reclaiming Jesus (you can Google it). Reclaiming Jesus. www.reclaimingjesus.org

The plan says, “It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography (we could insert sports teams, too) – our identity in Christ precedes every other identity.”

We know the world can do better. Bishop Curry has a plan, called Reclaiming Jesus. How would *you* go about changing the world?

A movie I recently watched may be the answer to what I’d do. I was watching a classic movie this past week, *Merrily We Live*. It’s a 1938 comedy, starring Billie Burke (she played the Good Witch of the North in *The Wizard of Oz* only a year after this film). She played Mrs. Kilbourne, a dizzy society matron, from a family of great wealth. She, her husband, and three grown children lived in a mansion with servants and a butler – America’s Downton Abbey, if you will. Only, Mrs. Kilbourne had the habit of bringing in ne’er do wells, hobos, and tramps that landed on her doorstep of her home, and they’d end up being hired on as a Chauffeur, or Houseman, or some other household staffer. It was, however, wearing thin for the Butler, who was the head of the staff.

The show opens with the Butler packing his bags one morning because he was leaving. He couldn’t stand it anymore. The last tramp Mrs. Kilbourne brought in had stolen every bit of the family silver. The eldest child, played by the beautiful Constance Bennett, came downstairs and saw the Butler packing. She admonished him for leaving...and so he stayed. Everyone started coming down for breakfast, first the youngest sister, then the brother, and then the dad...and the Butler had set the table with wooden spoons and spatulas for flatware (which I thought was resourceful and hilarious at the same time!).

When he explained that all the silver had been stolen by last wayward staffer, every one in the family blamed mom. They decided to ask her to stop doing this. When mom joined everyone for breakfast and was told what happened, she just shrugged it off. It was as she was thinking the thief needed the silver more than they did. It seemed embedded in this comedy there was a beautiful hidden message...a revolutionary one, at that.

The message was that Mrs. Kilbourne’s capacity for love was the driving force in her charity for people who needed a helping hand. Her ability to love made her blind to the temptations of the world. Her ability to love made her powerful... and as a result of her love, everyone lived “merrily.” Love is a powerful catalyst for change.

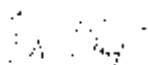
Bishop Curry’s message in the Royal Wedding homily was about the “power of love.” He said the love that Harry and Meghan had for one another would be a powerful catalyst for change in this broken world. It is starting with the fact that an African-American, Meghan Markle, was now in the royal family. This marriage has given the world some hope.

And so does John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.”

God loves this world so much that he didn’t give up the family silver; He gave his Son! Can you imagine?

The power of God’s loving act, the life of his Son Jesus Christ, changed the world forever. And we are disciples of Jesus Christ. It’s our faith, that we be “in Christ;” and in the words of St. Paul, “not *conformed* to this world, but *transformed* by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable, and perfect.”

So, you say you want a revolution! Let’s love like God loves and change this world for good...and *live merrily forever*. Blessings,



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WITH BISHOP SKIRVING
JUNE 24, 2018
10:30am with Reception afterwards

VESTRY INFORMATION

Vestry Report

The monthly vestry meeting was held on May 21. The following are highlights of some of the business discussed in the meeting.

Security and Audio

The following security and audio installations/improvements have been made for the church and Parish House:

-Wiring has been installed in and under the church to provide Wi-Fi in the Parish House and the nave. It is expected that the Wi-Fi will also be available for St. Philips too.

-New computer modem and router have been installed in the Parish House with remote operation capability for the router

-The non-managed Ethernet for the computer has been replaced with a new “power over the Ethernet” that will send an alert when anyone unplugs or plugs into a port to gain access to the church computer network.

-Changed out cable to provide a higher grade for increased speed of data transfer on the computer network

-New hard-wired cameras have been installed for security (a) outside of the front door on McMorrine Street, (b) in the hallway between the nursery/Sunday school rooms and the music room in the Parish House, (c) outside of the back door of the Parish House (near the water fountain) focused on that entry door and Fearing Street, (d) camera outside of the club room of the Parish House covering the jewelry store and Todds Pharmacy parking area, and (e) two cameras covering the playground area. All installed for security.

-Improvements have been made to the audio system in the church – new mixers, switches etc.

Financial Reports

The financial reports for May were approval.

May Reports

General Operating expenditures were higher than revenues:

Revenues \$33,194.

Expenditures 63,579.97 NOTE – the contractor for the “Dandar” building renovations was paid a 2nd draw of \$33,160 not reimbursed yet, making the actual month’s expenditures \$30,419.97.

Checking account balance \$16,291.24

Rental property fund balance (\$-17,463.96) NOTE – negative balance because no money has been transferred out of the investments to cover the 2nd contractor’s draw for the “Dandar” building

General Operating Fund balance \$18,887.08

St. Philips fund balance \$1,074.11

Palladium Advisors endowment investments funds balance \$761,943.61

Dandar Building Renovations

Work continues on the renovations to the former Dandar Dental office building next to Todds Pharmacy. It is antici-



pated that that the building will be ready by July 1 for the two new tenants to occupy. The tenants will be True Images and Music Off Main. The Vestry was given a tour of the building at the end of its meeting.

Noted areas of completed work in the building included:

LED lighting in the ceilings

HVAC ceiling duct work installed

Flooring installed

Steel doors for rear of building received for installation

Handicap access ramp completed in alley

Pending work includes:

Completion of interior painting

Installation of outside awnings for windows

Installation of ceiling acoustical tiles

Installation of cabinets – which are on site

Installation of ceiling insulation

Total expenses made to date on the “Dandar” building

\$87,358.95.

Buildings & Grounds Items

New 4 ton air condition unit has been ordered for the Parish Hall (2nd floor) at a cost of \$4,825

Payment for the new air condition unit was made possible

by church members’ contributions of \$2,900 and \$1,000 from the Episcopal Church Women; additional contributions are welcome to offset the balance being used from budget adjustments.

Two ceiling fans for the Parish Hall are still being looked into for size and appearance for purchase and installation.

Wrinkles in the carpet in the nave are being removed to prevent trip hazards.

Vacation Bible School

There are almost 40 children signed up to attend VBS in the week of June 11th. Volunteers are needed to assist with the school. Contact the parish administrator to sign up to help.

Annual Retreat

There are 50 individuals signed up to attend the church annual retreat at Trinity Center.

Member Pledge / Giving Report

The 2017 year report was reviewed with the following pointed out:

Total pledges for the year \$306,186

Total pledge units 105

Approximately 1/3rd of the total church family member units did NOT pledge in 2017

The 2017 year ended with a shortfall of (\$-5,243.50) of the total pledged – HOWEVER when overpayments by members in 2017 are considered the true SHORTFALL from the pledges not paid was (\$-14,550)

The shortfall in collection of pledges in 2016 and 2015 were near (\$-16,000) for each year

The shortfall in the pledges not paid makes it very difficult to prepare a church budget and operate within the budgeted dollars.

Investment Endowment Fund

It was reported that the annual meeting with the investment advisors for the church endowment fund was held in May

with Palladium Advisors. The investment committee members were pleased with the management by Palladium with the return for 2017 year of 13.79% on the invested money. It was agreed by the Vestry that the endowment fund should be higher if it is going to be able to help with funding the needs of the church in the future. It was agreed that if church members would leave money in their estates it would be most helpful to growing the endowment so that it can meet the future needs. The stewardship program for this year will include planned giving.

Discovery Weekend – 2nd

A second Discovery weekend is scheduled for August 10 – 12, 2018.

NEW A/C WAS INSTALLED IN THE PARISH HALL ON MAY 31ST!
THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED MONEY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

B&G Committee

New Summer Hours for Morning Prayer!

All are welcome for Morning Prayer at St. Philip's Chapel at 7:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, Memorial Day (May 28) through Labor Day (September 3).



United Thank Offering Ingathering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. It has become a worldwide effort to meeting compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church—for men, women and children throughout the world. The UTO is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God. United with the prayers and offerings of Episcopalians, its ministry reaches around the world. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

This year, the UTO ingathering is scheduled for Sunday, June 10. An envelope will be placed in the 27 May Sunday Bulletin. Boxes will also be available for the children in Children's Chapel room. Your contribution will enable the UTO to achieve its mission. Please make checks payable to Christ Church with UTO in the memo. Thank you for supporting the United Thank Offering.



A Bishop's Meanderings.....

This will be a more personal writing than usual. Many of you are aware that I am just emerging from an extremely painful, frustrating, and depressing chapter of my life due to multiple surgeries and the accompanying complications. Please understand that in no way do I feel sorry for myself, and I am very aware of many wonderful people who have a much tougher road than I have. What I want to share are some learnings I have as a result of this experience.

Many times in my life I have said to friends who have endured some pain or suffering, "John, I am so sorry for what you have been through. You have certainly been in my thoughts and prayers." I am now more aware than ever how little that gesture means. John's suffering is in the past, but I was not there for him, or at least he had no way of knowing that I cared. Why didn't I call? Why didn't I take the few minutes required to say, "John, I am thinking about you. Is there anything I can do?" I'm not sure I know. In my own experience, I was surprised both by who reached out and who did not. I don't say this with any sense of judgement at all, but it was curious, and I bet many of you have had this same experience at some time in your life.

What I do know is, that after a time of suffering, we all find ourselves thinking of people we know, people we would count as our friends. We picture their faces and remember times together when health was not the issue. We wonder if they know we are hurting. Do they really care after all? For me it was not hurt or irritation as much as a little surprising confusion. I think most of us just assume, "Well, I'm sure they are really busy."

Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, in his wonderful sermon at the Royal Wedding on June 19th, spoke of God's love in the world. It gives life, transforms, makes new, and is the most powerful reconciling and redemptive power in the world. But, my friends, it must be expressed personally and directly for that power to have the effect God intends. God can only do that through us.

My point is that oftentimes what is not said has much more power than what is said. Please, dear friends, when someone you know has a problem you are aware of, and you find yourself thinking about them, maybe thinking, "I wonder how John is doing," pick up the phone. When you think of them or say to yourself, "You know, I really ought to give John a call," do it. Not email, not a card, not only a prayer list, but an old-fashioned phone call. Imagine that Jesus himself wants to reach out and touch that person and is asking you to allow him to do so through you. We are the physical Body of Christ in this broken world. What a blessed responsibility.....

In Christ's love, +David



Potato Festival Potato Peeler Winning Team



Baptism of Hattie Hunter Michael and Ellis Pinner Michael



2018 Parish Picnic



YOUTH & CHILDREN

Nursery Notes

Congratulations to Kira Burns for finishing at COA. She is on her way to ECU next year and we will miss her! Thank you so much for a wonderful year of Nursery songs, videos and fun.

Welcome back to Reinga Hammond! She is excited to see how much everyone has grown. She loves the new chalkboard but wants to remind everyone that we do not want crayons in the Nursery!

We are enjoying warm weather- please remember your sunscreen and water. We can go out on the playground and see the Maypole.

Lots of baby and toddler friendly activities coming up in June: VBS- Vacation Bible Shindig- is June 11-14 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. If you haven't preregistered, please do so. We hope everyone can come 4 days. But even if you don't pre-register, everyone is welcome, ages 2 to 10 years, for all or some days.

Some of us will be traveling to Camp Trinity for Parish Beach Weekend.

Some of us will be at the Beach Towel Mission Trip.

Despite all this travel, the Nursery is open every Sunday from 9 to 12 noon.

Katie King

VBS Helpers Needed

Vacation Bible School will be at Christ Church this summer from June 11-14...9:30am-11:30am for ages 4-9.

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.



EYC Call Becky for more details 334.652.9330

Please pray for our youth and chaperones who are attending the Beach Towel Ministry Mission Trip June 23-30, *Becky and Chip Broadfoot, Logan and Worth Elliott, Katie King, and Caleb Williams.*



"..PRAISING GOD AND HAVING FAVOR WITH ALL PEOPLE.."

You probably think I'm hung up on the Acts of the Apostles; maybe so, but I do believe they provide for us valuable clues as we make Christ Church into the church God would have us to be.

As an example in Acts 2:43-47 we read: *"And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."*

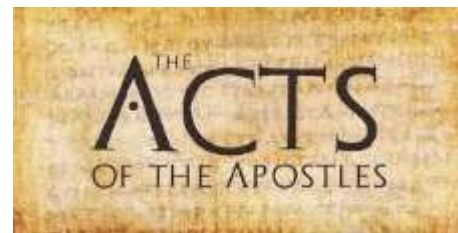
What a community! A community where there was no one in need - materially or spiritually! This early Christian community was not a commune, but it was a community. They had their separate homes - another translation reads, *"break bread from house to house."* And they considered nothing as their own, even though it really was in their possession. Obviously, it was this free assent of the will, concerning their own possessions, which enabled the early Christian community to meet the material needs of their members out of their own resources. On the spiritual side, it seems that their de-

votion to the teaching of the Word of God, to worship and prayer, and to the Eucharist, provided for the spiritual needs of their members.

One thing is clear -- God found these communities to be both a safe and serving environment into which He could *"add to their number day by day those who were being saved."* What a wonderful description of the Church.

The question which faces all Christians in the world today is this: Can such a Christian community exist in our 21st Century society now? If not, why not? What, then, can we do? The question which faces us here at Christ Church is this: Can we be such a community here? Wouldn't it be wonderful!! I pray that we can all have the faith and devotion and heart of those early Christians! And may God guide and strengthen us on our journey.

Fr. Jim McGee, Rector Emeritus



June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 10:00 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>4 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Prayer Circle 9:00 am Staff Meeting 12:45 pm</p>	<p>5 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Apria at SP 9:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Bible Study 7:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am</p>	<p>7 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Stained Glass Class at SP 9:30 am Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>8 Morning Prayer 7:00 am</p>	<p>9 Morning Prayer 7:00 am</p>
<p>10 The Rev. Chip Broadfoot preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Chapel UTO INGATHERING 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Prayer Circle 9:00 am VBS 9:30 am</p>	<p>12 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Apria at SP 9:00 am VBS 9:30 am Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>13 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Bible Study 7:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am VBS 11:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Stained Glass Class at SP 9:30 am VBS 9:30 am Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 Morning Prayer 7:00 am USA Dance 7:00 pm PARISH</p>	<p>16 Morning Prayer 7:00 am RETREAT AT TRINITY</p>
<p>17 The Rev. Somy Browne preaches 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 10:00 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE & Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>18 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Prayer Circle 9:00 am Staff Meeting 12:45 pm Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>19 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Apria at SP 9:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Bible Study 7:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am</p>	<p>21 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Stained Glass Class at SP 9:30 am Newcomers Meet & Greet 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>22 Morning Prayer 7:00 am</p>	<p>23 Morning Prayer 7:00 am YOUTH MISSION TRIP</p>
<p>24 BISHOP SKIRVING VISITS! 8:00 am HE @ St. Philip's 10:00 am Chancel Choir 10:30 am HE -Confirmation & Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>25 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Prayer Circle 9:00 am</p>	<p>26 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Apria at SP 9:00 am Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>27 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Bible Study 7:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am</p>	<p>28 Morning Prayer 7:00 am Stained Glass Class at SP 9:30 am SOULS 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Morning Prayer 7:00 am YOUTH MISSION TRIP</p>	<p>30 Morning Prayer 7:00 am YOUTH MISSION TRIP *No Morning Prayer 6/27 through 7/2</p>

June Schedule of Duties for Sunday Services

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Acolytes 10:30 Crucifer	Trevor Pharr	Brogan Williams	Olivia Sanders	LP Hornthal
Torchbearers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ellie and James Hornthal
Altar Flowers	*Mrs. Dillion D. Pollard; Audrey Bennett	Jo Ann and Rodney Foreman	Mrs. Walter Lowry, Jr., and family	Nell Morrison
Coffee/Hospitality	Sue Thomson	Becky Elliott	Billie Masoka	Bishop Reception
Eucharistic Visitor	The Madrins	Amber Seneres	Maureen Donnelly	Tony Hornthal
Greeters 8:00	Sue Thomson	Sue Scurria	Gail Payne	Sue Thomson
Greeters/Oblations 10:30	Sharon and Glenn Roth	Amber Seneres family	Doreen Davis and Jim Hathaway	Diane Cameron and Dorsey Harris
Lay Readers 8:00	Todd White	Rachel Gragson	Sharon Greene	Gail Payne
10:30 LC	Tony Hornthal	Bettie Lyons	Timm Pridgen	Sharon Greene
10:30 PC	Maria Pharr	Maria Pharr	Bo Setliff	Craig Umphlett
Ushers 10:30 (Head)	Jim Hathaway John Peel Don Prentiss	Phil Hornthal Alex Rich Brian Smith	Mickey Golden David Smithson Ron Turlington	Buddy Madrin Craig Umphlett Joyce Wheeler

Altar Guild	
05.21.18-06.03.18	Jane Harris, Nell Morrison, Lisa Geffert, Michelle Flach, Billie Masoka
06.04.18-06.17.18	Jane Umphlett, Dianne Wells, Sylvia Williams, Doreen Davis, Sharon Greene
06.18.18-07.01.18	Anna Biggs, Lydia Gardner, Maria Pharr, Portia Riddick, Sally Bruderle, Dru Thompson
Linens Keeper-June	Todd White

IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER:

June Birthdays

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| 1 O.C. Abbott | Chase Hartley |
| 2 Jim Hathaway | 18 David Wright |
| Barbara Waldo | Justin Berry |
| 4 Brian Harris | Kristin Bunn |
| 5 David Harris | 20 Michele Flach |
| Grace Wood | 21 Maggie Rudd |
| Jan Hepworth | 22 Jackson Bunn |
| 6 Anna Biggs | 23 Lauren Flach |
| Kim Parrish | 27 Britt Berry Godfrey |
| Patrick Sanders | 28 Betty MacKenzie |
| Liza Gillam | |
| Patrick Turlington | If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. Thank you! |
| 7 Lee Gutman | |
| Meredith Umphlett | |
| 8 Brian Smith | |
| 9 Harrison Melton | |
| 10 Stedman King | |
| 12 Allen Wood | |
| 13 West McNair Jackson | |
| 14 Tony Dean | |
| 17 Lang Hornthal | |

June Anniversaries

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| 2 Nell and John Morrison | 25 Anne and Luther Sanders |
| 3 Betty Jennings and Mark Washburn | 27 Ann and Lennie Hughes |
| 5 Roy and Mickey Golden | |
| 7 Sarah and Chris Noble | |
| 10 Robert and Mary Gillam | |
| 14 Beth and Danny Jennings | |
| 16 Marion and Lee Gutman | |
| 19 Hunter and Greg Michael | |
| 21 Carolyn and Joe Peel | |
| 23 Lisa and Chuck Wakefield | |
| Brian and Ashley Auten | |
| 24 Patsy and Jerry McGee | |

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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