



TIDINGS

The Newsletter of Christ Church – St. Michael's Parish (Episcopal)

April 2014

Holy Week at Christ Church

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil



Parishioner and former Vestry member Linda Norris, who was the vision behind our successful annual Maundy Thursday agape meal.

Holy Week is an eight-day week that both begins and ends on a Sunday. The first is called *Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion*, and the second is *Easter Day*. Within that week occur several unique and special services or liturgies. One of these is the agape meal that begins our *Maundy Thursday* service, which concludes with the stripping of the altar and the beginning of the night vigil, or watch. At noon the following day we offer the *Good Friday* liturgy and at 5 PM we offer the *Stations of the Cross*, which traces the final hours of Jesus' life leading up to the crucifixion. On Saturday, the eve of Easter, we celebrate the *Great Vigil of Easter* and the first celebration of the Eucharist beginning at 8 PM. All four of these services are part of the "Sacred Triduum" and enhance our experience and celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Day. Please plan to join us this year during these special Holy Week services that occur between *Palm Sunday* and *Easter Day*.

Youth Sunday is April 6th

We are holding our annual Youth Sunday during our monthly Parish Family Eucharist. Zoe Thomas will be preaching at both morning services and we will dedicate a special frontal created by our children. A reception in the Church School rooms follows the second service. Please join us in supporting our children and youth!

Holy Week & Easter Day Services

Sunday, April 13th
Palm Sunday

- 8:00 AM Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist & Sermon
- 10:00 AM Liturgy of the Palms in Church Cove (Muskrat Park) with Covenant Churches
- 10:15 AM Sermon, Holy Eucharist & Reading of the Passion

Thursday, April 17th
Maundy Thursday

- 6:00 PM Agape Meal – Etherton Hall
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy
- 8:00 PM Vigil/Night Watch (thru 11 AM on Good Friday)

Friday, April 18th
Good Friday

- 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy
- 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th
Holy Saturday & Easter Eve

- 8:00 PM The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday, April 20th
Easter Day

- 6:00 AM Sunrise Service at CBMM
- 8:00 AM Easter Eucharist & Sermon
- 9:30 AM Easter Family Eucharist with Children's Homily & Choirs
- 10:30 AM *Easter Egg Hunt*
- 11:00 AM Festal Easter Eucharist with Sermon & Chancel Choir

April 6th Evensong Service
"Martin Luther King, Jr."
Sunday at 5:00 PM

Followed by sherry & sparkling water served in the nave.

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Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Thursday
Weekly Service Schedule:
Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM Mondays through Fridays
Holy Eucharist (Londonderry) – 1:30 PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

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The Power of the Cross

St. Paul wrote in his First Letter to the Corinthians: “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18) Foolishness, yes; mystery as well. Over the centuries of the Church, each age has struggled to understand just how it is that the cross saves. Not the resurrection, but the cross. The answers to the question, “How does the cross save?” have been shaped in each age by how sacrifice mattered. In the earliest years of the Church, there was still a strong connection with the idea of sacrificing something valuable--an animal, or a portion of grain, as a symbolic act of thanksgiving to God for all the ways in which God loved, guided or forgave human hearts. Thus, Jesus, someone precious to us, offers himself in thanksgiving for God’s love of humanity, the

cross being the completion of a sacrifice that has included years of arduous work and tangible suffering. Related to the notion of thank offering is sin offering. In that case, something valuable is sacrificed in order to rebalance the scale that has come out of balance due to our sin.

In other ages, there was a strong notion that one sacrificed to preserve the honor of someone or something of greater value than oneself. A heroic deed, thereby risking death, to preserve the honor of one’s family, or king or country or, in the case of Jesus, one’s heavenly father. At still other times, the notion of scapegoating was applied to the crucifixion of Jesus. This is the ancient practice of people symbolically attaching the sins of the village or tribe to a goat or some other living thing, with the understanding that when the goat was slaughtered, or banished to the wilderness, the people were free of those sins and ready for a fresh start. But all of these understandings of the cross made more sense in the past than they do today.

What are some ways that we can understand anew both the mystery and the power of the cross? One more contemporary understanding of the cross focuses on the relationship of Jesus with the disciples following his resurrection. That, although the disciples abandoned Jesus in their time of tribulation, Jesus did not abandon them. This understanding of the cross teaches that by reconciling with the disciples who had abandoned him, Jesus breaks the cycle of retributive violence. The teaching of this understanding of the cross is that never again does humanity need to feel compelled to punish those who have harmed them, for Jesus has shown the power of forgiveness to put an end to cycles of violence. Jesus himself has broken the cycle of “an eye for an eye.” Another contemporary understanding focuses on the moral aspect of Jesus’ life. In brief, the understanding is best captured by the statement, “Jesus lived a life worth dying for.” In following the Way of Jesus, we are invited to do the same.

What all of the various ways of understanding the cross have in common is that Jesus voluntarily gave up his power in order to achieve a greater good--the salvation of the whole world. That God gives up power in order to reconcile himself to humanity can serve as an invitation to explore how we, as humans, can give up some of our own power in order to reconcile ourselves with that which has less power than us. As St. Paul reminds us, it is a foolish idea, but only to those who are perishing in the quagmire of the pursuit of worldly power. For those who have known the beauty of reconciliation, or the beauty of loving sacrifice--the healing found in being at one with others and with God-- it is the very power of God. -- Lynn+



Long Walk to Easter

One of my more formative experiences was a fellowship with the Church of the Province in Southern Africa where I split my time between the Cathedral Foundation in Cape Town and a black township outside Pietermaritzburg in South Africa. It was shortly after the end of Apartheid and the election of Nelson Mandela as President. In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Mandela wrote, “There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere, and many of us will have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death again and again before we reach the mountaintop of our desires.”

Every year, by design, the church offers its faithful the opportunity to pass through the valley of the shadow of death before reaching the mountaintop of our desires. In Lent, each of us confronts our fears, our failures, and our shortcomings as we use this time to examine our lives, our relationships, and our part in this drama called life. Our faith and trust in Jesus is also tested during this season—especially as we move into Holy Week with Jesus’ crucifixion on Good Friday. The despair of the cross and crucifixion always stand before the joy of the Resurrection and Easter. Of course, we may be tempted to avoid the bad parts. It can be easy to ignore Lent as too somber and too depressing; and to cut straight to the joy of Easter Day. The theologian H. Richard Niebuhr wrote in his book, *The Kingdom of God in America*, (1938) that modern Christians want to believe that “a God without wrath brought men without sin into a Kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a Cross.” And 75 years later, we are even more likely to desire a faith that goes from *feast to feast*. Many adults seem to seek out a “precious moments” version of spirituality along the lines of the *Precious Moments Bible* of their childhood—the version that edits out the truly challenging aspects of a life of faith.

In his *New York Times* op-ed article “Alone, Yet Not Alone,” the columnist David Brooks examined the strong vein of hostility against orthodox religious believers in America today, especially among the young. When secular people are asked by researchers their impression of devout Christians, the words they offered include “judgmental, hypocritical, and out-of-touch.” For whatever reason—bad theology, religious stereotypes, church scandal—there is a huge gap between the way many believers experience faith and the way that faith is presented to the world. Quoting Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Brooks writes that when a lively faith is replaced by creed, when worship is replaced by discipline, when love is replaced by habit, when religion speaks only in the name of authority, rather than in the name of compassion, then our faith can appear dull, oppressive and insipid. And yet, there is a silent majority who experience faith that is attractively marked by combinations of fervor and doubt, clarity and confusion, empathy and moral demand. Looking at Catholic songwriter, Audrey Assad, Brooks reflects on her own journey from a fundamentalist Protestant prone to black-or-white dichotomies, to deciding between being an atheist or a Catholic. She chose the latter, because she embraced what she called the paradoxes of faith—the difficult, challenging, even maddening aspects of a faith-filled life. As such, the lyrics of her songs dwell in the parts of Christianity she doesn’t understand—the paradoxes and mysteries.

Of course, if we never go deep into our faith and experience the *fasts* of life—those intentional times of self-denial—then we never fully appreciate the *feasts*. Our faith becomes like the seed the sower scattered on the rocky ground. It sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, the seeds were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

It is, indeed, a long road to Easter, and one that is meant to give us the space to reflect on our lives; both where we are and where God wants us to be. We can then use this period of time to intentionally get our lives and relationships in order, as we prepare to proclaim yet again, “Christ is risen!” not merely out of habit, but out of a deep love and experience that lives at the very center of our lives.

-- Mark Nestlehutt

A Special Wedding Invitation:

We ask you to be present
as we exchange our
marriage vows

Lynn Susan Freeburger
&
Edmund Bruce Partridge

Sunday, the 27th of April,
two thousand fourteen
10:15 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter
(during the service of Holy Eucharist)

PARISH LIFE



Volunteers Needed for Lemonade on the Lawn! – Carolyn Houck

Do you, or you and your children, enjoy lemonade and cookies on the lawn after the 10:15 service (or cider in the hall during colder weather)? Then consider signing up to host the refreshments, if you have not already done so. The burden is light – setting up the table, providing a few packages of cookies or other treats and a couple of jugs of lemonade or cider. To reserve a date, call Carolyn Houck at 410-745-8434 or email her at cwhouck1@gmail.com.

Above: Social interaction during a Special Lemonade on the Lawn celebrating Bishop Shand's visit on May 29, 2011. Photo by Elizabeth Foulds.

A Word from the Senior Warden: *The Parish and the Diocese*

Let's be honest. Most of us pay little attention to what happens at the diocese, right? We enjoy Bishop Shand's visits to Christ Church and then go back to focusing on our parish. Well, the next two years will be a bit different. Bishop Shand retires on July 1st, and we will have a Bishop Provisional -- a temporary Bishop who will serve for 18 to 24 months. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Easton (similar to a vestry for the parish) will interview candidates recommended by the National Church. The candidates are mostly retired bishops, many having experience with parishes or dioceses in transition. The Standing Committee will select one candidate, and a special Diocese Convention will meet and affirm the Standing Committee's choice. So by next fall, we will have a Bishop Provisional.

But why do all this work and then two years later have to do it again? The reason is the diocese needs the time to think about what direction it should take to best serve God's will in the post-Bishop Shand months to come. This will be a time of reflection, self-study and planning across the Diocese to optimize our future ministry.

We don't have all the details right now, but individual parishes will participate in this process leading to the selection of a new permanent Bishop. You have heard discussions about our diocese merging with another -- Maryland or Delaware are most frequently mentioned. That will be part of the discussion, but that is a long process. The important focus I suggest for all of us is how we make our diocese a vibrant, proactive ministry for Christ on the Eastern Shore. Your wardens and representatives to the Convention will keep you informed; but it's important for each of you to reach out to the them to express your opinions.

As this edition of the Tidings goes to press, we will be participating in a diocese-wide meeting of wardens and treasurers to share with the diocesan staff ideas cutting across a number of areas, including the Bishop's transition. I will report back to you on this meeting.

God's Blessing,
George Dixon

Are you expecting a second lifetime...

... on this earth? If you are and have figured out how to make a second lifetime happen, please share your secrets. For most of us, however, the idea is enticing but not realistic, and so we move to our Plan B. Plan B is the reality that some day we will no longer be here. A recent *N.Y. Times* article suggests that a person of character has “commitments to transcendent projects that cannot be completed in a single lifetime.” Consider that thought: a commitment to something that cannot be completed in our lifetime – something bigger than ourselves, something that we want to continue beyond the time that we are here. Maybe that something for you is Christ Church and its mission of outreach to bring the love of Christ to those less fortunate in our community. If you are considering your legacy and how you might include our church, please contact Jim McCloud 410-745-3576 or Judy Sandground 410-745-5118, our 1672 Legacy Society Co-Chairs.

Save the Dates: An Iconography Workshop

An Iconography Workshop will be held at Christ Church-Etherton Hall the last week in July, starting July 28; running Monday–Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. A picture of the Icon of Jesus which we will “write” (paint), will be in the May Tidings along with more information. You need not be an artist or have ever picked up a paint brush! -- Julie Hart, Iconographer

Spring Rummage Sale Is Almost Here!

-- Judy Sandground

We start by setting up on April 27 -- the Sunday after Easter. Donation drop off days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (April 28, 29 & 30). Sale days are Friday and Saturday (May 2 & 3). Please start collecting all those gently used items that you no longer use or want. And please plan to stop by and help out for awhile –

it’s a great way to reconnect and make new friends; plus it’s a wonderful opportunity for outreach in our community. All proceeds from the sale are given to charities assisting children, families and the elderly. Because of the fellowship provided by Rummage Sale activities, we will not have an ECW meeting in April. Our May meeting will be with the ladies of St. Luke’s. Once again they have invited us to lunch on May 13. Look for more details.

Above and below are some scenes from last year’s Spring Rummage Sale. Bud Keiser made the photos.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

4/1	Lee D'Zmura, Richard Hill, Robert Wilson	4/13	Ebby duPont
4/2	Phyllis Kennedy, Bob Perkins, Hanna Woicke, Sara Walker	4/14	Jack Austin, Tom Campi, Clyde Sisk, Charles Wieand
4/3	Alexis Clark, Emily Middleton, Spencer Parish, Hugh Spencer, Bill Woods	4/15	Jane McConnell
4/4	Mike Kerrigan, Michael Lynch, Pat Martin	4/16	James Atkinson, Bill Wilson
4/5	William Moyer	4/18	Steve Florkewicz, Mary Lou McAllister
4/7	Katie Edmonds, Andrew Parish, Elizabeth Simoncini	4/20	Amy Dunn, Bud Keiser, David Shaw
4/8	Roger Valentine	4/21	Terry Fulton
4/9	Eugene Guthrie	4/22	Paul D'Zmura
4/12	John Booth, Dianne Shaw	4/25	Alex Middleton
		4/27	Sally Calkins
		4/28	Steve Fegan
		4/29	Will Donald, Gillian Whyman

Anniversaries

4/3 Chet & Bernice Walk; 4/19 John & Katie Hunnicutt; 4/22 George & Tellie Dixon; 4/28 Steve & Claire Brien

REACHING OUT

Stephen Ministry – Mary Jane Wyant

At an adult forum, a presenter talked about the school weekend meals that are available for children to take home. Some families avail themselves of this opportunity, while others who qualify are...well...too proud. They have their pride, but not the food for their children.

It struck me that this also relates to the Stephen Ministry. There are those who “qualify,” but ... are also too proud. They have their pride and sense of self-reliance, but not the “food.” What does it say about our faith, when we are too proud to accept help? When we are embarrassed to avail ourselves of the strengths provided by a community of faith? While it is fine to be self-reliant, and to do what we can, there are those times we feel overwhelmed, those times when having a confidential companion, trained in Christian care, would help us through a difficult time.

Who will know that you have a Stephen Minister? No one. You are free to talk about it, but the Stephen Minister is not. For more information, please contact Lesley Moyer (443.786.4624) or Mark Nestlehutt (410-745-9076 ext. 302 or mark@christstmichaels.org)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation for Children

-- Lee Thomas

Happy Spring! Let me start by thanking my teaching assistants during the month of March – Roger and Pat Lowe, Jessica Morris, Eleanor Magee, and Beth Driggs. We shared stories of Daniel and Jonah, made lion sock puppets (see photos on the next page), baked pretzels and cookies, and designed our altar frontal for Youth Sunday. April starts off with Youth Sunday on the 6th (we had to reschedule from March 30th). We're still planning for the event, so I don't know any details yet, but the children and our Youth Choir will surely be the focus of the day. The rest of the month will be our preparations for Palm Sunday and Easter!

Church School Activates Sock Puppet Creations -- Photos by Jessica Morris



L-R: Logan Rogers, Eli Mabe, Lucy Morris, Fiona Cooper, Eli, Logan and Lee Thomas



Youth Ministry News:

Time to Stuff those Easter Eggs!

Youth Group Event: Sunday, April 13th after the 10:15 am Service

One of the more fun annual service projects for which we are responsible is the stuffing of the Easter Eggs that are used in our annual Easter Day egg hunt following the 9:30 AM service. Each year the members of the youth group stuff 600 eggs. So, plan to join us on Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday) after the second service. We will meet in Etherton Hall, and friends are always welcome.

Youth Confirmation Course — Bishop Shand Visits Sunday May 4th

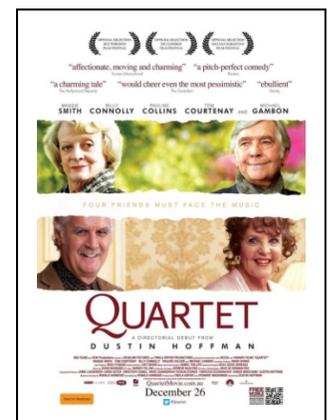
Calling all 9th and 10th graders! It's time to prepare for Confirmation. Bishop Shand makes his official visit to Christ Church on Sunday, May 4th. Confirmation is the rite reserved for those who were baptized as infants or young children and wish to affirm their baptismal promises in the presence of a Bishop. As we look forward to Bishop Shand's visit, those young people in grades nine or higher who wish to explore Confirmation are invited to meet with Mark to begin the process. We will meet on Monday afternoons from 5:00-6:00 pm beginning March 24th. If interested, please email any questions to Mark at mark@christstmichaels.org.

re:form Continues to Meet on Sundays at 9:15 am

Please join us in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings throughout the program year for our re:form Youth Course for all students in grades six through nine. Friends are always welcome!

Adult Christian Formation/Popcorn Theology: *Quartet* Apr. 7th

Our 2014 Popcorn Theology Lenten Series concludes on Monday, April 7th with the film *Quartet*. Directed by Dustin Hoffman (who was making his directorial debut) *Quartet* focuses on Beecham House, a home for retired musicians. The rumor circling the halls is that the home will soon play host to a new resident. Word is, it's a star. For Reginald (Tom Courtenay) and Wilfred (Billy Connolly) this is typical gossip, but they are in for a shock when the new arrival is none other than their former singing partner, Jean Horton (Maggie Smith). Can the passage of time heal old wounds? The movie begins promptly at 7:00 pm and is followed by a discussion on the religious, ethical and spiritual themes from the film. Please join us and bring a friend. *Lars and the Real Girl*, canceled because of snow on March 17th, has been rescheduled for Monday, April 14th.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Docents' Guild – Linda Makosky

Some fortunate visitors to Christ Church this spring will be greeted by a team of two. Jill Poe and her constant companion service dog, Lefty, have joined the Docents' Guild and are looking forward to their first shift. **Right:** Jill Poe and partner Lefty in a photo made by the author.

"It was something I could do," Jill said, "because I am only in town on weekends and Lillian needed someone on Saturdays." Returning to Talbot County after a unique career as a professional equestrian and instructor, Jill was attracted to Christ Church by memories of childhood friends. "I like the church," she said. "I went to school in St. Michaels, and after school, I followed the Etherton children to the parish house." ("Father Don" Etherton was Christ Church's rector for 30 years.) As she looked forward to docent service, Jill commented on the peaceful feeling the church evokes. "I thought, if anyone came in, it would be fine, but if no one comes, that's fine too."

Starting May first, docents will be present in the church every day from two to four o'clock. New docents are needed because former docents have retired. The duty is light, just one afternoon a month. Please call our scheduler, Lillian Watts, to volunteer (410-745-9999). Or email her at lilliw@atlanticbb.net. Our handbook provides background material; no memorizing is necessary. Become a docent and experience that peaceful feeling as you wait for visitors.



Wed., April 16, Men's Club Meeting, 11:45 am at Scossa Restaurant, Easton

– George Dixon

We are all getting older -- some more quickly than others. We each face choices of staying in our present home, moving to a retirement community, downsizing to a smaller home, and in many cases these decisions are complicated by family pressures of "Come live close to us..." Aging in place is one of these options. Based in Washington, DC, the **National Aging in Place Council** seeks to be a primary information resource for seniors to remain active and healthy throughout

their retirement years and have the information needed to make the right decision for them along their journey. This meeting is open to spouses and members of ECW.

Our keynote speaker, **Marty Bell** (seen at left above) is the executive director of the National Aging in Place Council. Marty's role with NAIPC has placed him in the forefront of the "aging in place" issues across the United States: housing, financial (both for the seniors and their families), health, transportation, and education. He is also senior vice president, Communication and Marketing, of the National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, and thus brings another aspect of the complicated aging in America story. Following Marty's talk, he and several members of our local chapter of The National Aging in Place Council will have an open discussion about the issues seen nationally and the issues we see here on the Eastern Shore. Before devoting his skills and talents to the challenges of aging, Marty was a successful author and journalist.

This is a topic of interest to many parishioners and friends of Christ Church. We are collaborating with the ECW for this event, and their members are encouraged to attend. Likewise, Men's Club members are urged to bring their spouses. Again, this Men's Club event will be at 11:45 am on Wednesday, April 16th, at Scossa Restaurant on Washington St., across from the courthouse in Easton. We have arranged for a special menu from Scossa's gourmet chef for \$20.00 per person. Our thanks to Burgess Kegan for arranging this event. Make your reservation now! Call George Dixon at 410-745-6307 or e-mail at georgedixon@mindspring.com

March 8th Men's Club Meeting

On March 8, Town Creek Foundation's executive director, Stuart Clarke (seen at right), told the assembled group about his foundation's work, which is now focused on environmental issues affecting the Chesapeake Bay. Town Creek Foundation is deliberately spending down its endowment of \$44 million in grants to such organizations as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Riverkeepers, while also encouraging through other grants the work of State and academic institutions which have the same goals. In this regard, the foundation has made grants to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to encourage its development and implementation of sound regulatory policies. It also supports the work of the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Sciences at Horn Point and works toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the state. Finally, the foundation supports efforts to alter public and political attitudes toward the support of policies which accept and maintain environmentally friendly practices.



Annual ECW Luncheon on Feb. 11th – Pat Martin

On February 11, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Christ Church hosted their annual luncheon for the women of St. Michaels. There were 75 women in attendance, representing Christ Church, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Union United Methodist Church, New St. John's United Methodist Church, Gospel Tabernacle Apostolic and St. Michaels Chapel. It was a special time for women to share common interests and enjoy socializing. Entertainment for the group was provided by students from St. Michaels Middle - High School under the direction of Amy Martin. The audience was treated to a sampling from the production *Godspell*. Photos below were made by Elizabeth Foulds.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">Morning Prayer Monday – Friday 9 AM</p>		<p>1 10:30 AM Wardens Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Mtg 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6 PM Covenant Churches Lenten Program @ New St. John's UMC. 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Society ES Board Mtg</p>	<p>2 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 3 PM Disaster Preparedness Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>
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<p>13 Palm/Passion 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Church School; Youth Grp. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 Cider in Hall 12 PM Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>14 5 PM Confirmation Class 7 PM Popcorn Theology: <i>Lars and the Real Girl</i></p>	<p>15 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 4 PM Christmas in St. Michaels Board Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 6 PM Agape Meal 7 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy 8 PM Night Watch Begin 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>18 Good Friday PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 12 PM Good Friday Liturgy 5 PM Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>19 Easter Vigil 8 PM The Great Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter</p>
<p>20 Easter Sunday 6 AM Sunrise Svc. 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM Holy Eucharist 12 PM Pastoral Care Team Meeting</p>	<p>21 Easter Break PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 9 AM – 1 PM St. Michaels Art League Meeting 5 PM – 6 PM Christmas in St. Michaels Meeting</p>	<p>22 Easter Break PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>23 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Thomas/ Davis Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 5 PM Thomas/ Davis Wedding</p>
<p>27 2 Easter 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Group 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Cider in the Hall 12 PM Prayer Chain Meeting 5 PM 'Altars in the World' Service Rummage Sale Set-Up</p>	<p>28 Rummage Sale Set-Up 5 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>29 Rummage Sale Set-Up 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>30 Rummage Sale Set-Up 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>			



Ministry Areas of Christ Church

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum	Ray Wasdyke
Adult Inquirers	Mark Nestlehutt
Church School:	
Ages 3-Grade 4	TBD
Youth Group	Mark Nestlehutt
Youth Confirmation	Mark Nestlehutt

OUTREACH & WIDER MISSION

Back to School Project	Gillian Whyman, Judy Sandground
Children's Home Found.	Nance DuPont, Martha Austin
El Hogar Project	Bill Corba
Environmental Issues	Margie Steffens
Episcopal Relief & Dev.	Pamela McCloud
Grants Committee	TBD
Habitat for Humanity	John Hunnicutt
Honduran Dental Mission	Jim Campi
St. Michaels Food Pantry	Beth and Howard Eckel
Talbot Interfaith Shelter	Pamela McCloud
United Thank Offering	TBD

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Hour	Mike Clark
Covenant Churches	Mark Nestlehutt
Disaster Preparedness	Linda Norris
Docents' Guild	Irmy Webster
Episcopal Church Women	Lynn Freeburger
Lay Weeders	Lin Clineburg
Lea Library	Robert & Marilyn Barrett
Lemonade/Cider in Hall	Carolyn Houck
Men's Club	George Dixon
Parish Paparazzi	Jim Proctor
<i>Tidings</i> Newsletter	Peter Houck
Welcoming Committee	Cathy Mendenhall

PASTORAL CARE

Eucharistic Visitors	Jessie Weddle
Pastoral Care Team	Mark Nestlehutt
Prayer Chain	Mark Nestlehutt, Lynn Hade
Stephen Ministry	Lesley Moyer

STEWARDSHIP

Finance Committee	Tom Orem
Property	Elizabeth Foulds, Phil Dinkel
Stewardship	Jim Vail, Lisa Felts
Teller	Larry McCanna

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Acolyte Guild	Sparrow Rogers, Ann Roe
Altar Guild	Judy Hause
Choirs:	
Chancel & Youth	William Thomas
Handbell	Lynne Phillips
Euch. Ministers & Readers	Alison Sanford
Flower Guild	Susan Armstrong
Greeters/Oblation Bearers	Carolyn Houck
Ushers	Robert Burger

Finances for Two Months Ended Feb. 28, 2014

Revenues

Actual – Current Month	\$ 35,754	
Budget – Current Month	31,117	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	4,637	Favorable
Actual YTD ***	134,667	
Budget YTD	137,390	
Over/(Under) YTD	(2,723)	Unfavorable

Variiances

Pledges

Actual – Current Month	34,080	
Budget – Current Month	25,878	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	8,202	Favorable
Actual YTD ***	130,678	
Budget YTD	130,063	
Over/(Under) YTD	615	Favorable

Expenses

Actual – Current Month	48,265	
Budget – Current Month	57,539	
Over/(Under) – Current Month	(9,274)	Favorable
Actual YTD	108,983	
Budget YTD	112,822	
Over/(Under)	(3,839)	Favorable

Excess of Revenues over Expenses or (Expenses over Revenues)

Actual – Current Month	(12,511)	
Budget – Current Month	(26,422)	
Over/(Under) – Current Month	13,911	Favorable
Actual YTD	25,684	
Budget YTD	24,568	
Over/(Under) YTD	1,116	Favorable

*** YTD revenues include prepaid pledges in the amount of \$68,245, which were received in 2013, covering pledges for 2014. Amounts were recorded as Revenue in January 2014.

Staff

The Reverend Mark S. Nestlehutt, *Rector*
The Reverend Lynn A. Hade, *Associate Rector*

Mr. William R. Thomas, *Director of Music*
Ms. Carol A. Osborne, *Parish Administrator*
Mr. George E. Short, *Sexton*

Vestry

George Dixon, *Senior Warden*
Pat Martin, *Junior Warden*
Larry McCanna, *Treasurer*
Nancy Besso, *Registrar*

Elizabeth Foulds 2015
Tom Orem 2015
Sparrow Rogers 2015
Hanna Woicke 2015

Katie Hunnicutt 2016
Alison Sanford 2016
James Vail 2016
Ray Wasdyke 2016

Don Buxton 2017
Jim Fulton 2017
Pamela McCloud 2017
Judy Parker 2017

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