



TIDINGS

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

September 2014

RenewalWorks:

An Important Step to Our Future

It is time to take that next big *leap of faith*. Beginning with our Fall Harvest Dinner, we will take stock of what it means to be a Christ centered community. Throughout the fall, a group of parishioners will be reflecting on where we are and to where we are being called. This leap of faith begins with a survey and, to that end, we really need your help. Between Sunday, September 21st and Sunday October 12th we are asking each and every adult parishioner to set aside thirty to forty minutes to take a spiritual life survey. This survey focuses on you; your own spiritual life; and how Christ Church helps you to grow spiritually. The survey results will help shape decisions about how to create the best possible ministries and programs. Your feedback will directly impact how we allocate our resources to further our spiritual journeys and how we shape our common life together. Our Vestry voted unanimously to engage in this process as we discern the future for Christ Church and seek to become the kind of church that can participate in the work that God is doing in our community and region. So, please plan to set aside this time as an act of Christian stewardship and participate in the online survey as your *leap of faith!*

Saying Goodbye to Lynn *Sunday, September 28th at 5 PM*



After two plus years of ministry with us at Christ Church, we say goodbye and Godspeed to our wonderful associate rector, the Reverend Lynn Hade, who has been called to serve as the rector of the Church of the Advent in Hatboro, Pennsylvania. Plan to join us on Sunday afternoon for a festive service of evensong at 5 PM, followed by a reception in Etherton Hall honoring Lynn and her ministry with us. For more information on Lynn's parish, log onto: adventhatboro.wordpress.com



Sunday, September 21st at 5:00 PM

The Annual Fall Harvest Dinner

It's time for our annual Fall Harvest Dinner, hosted by our Vestry, during which we explore our parish's priorities and goals for the coming year. The evening begins with Evensong at 5 PM, followed by libations and dinner in Etherton Hall.

Save the Dates

Sunday, September 7th

The Program Year Begins

Services at 8 AM and 10:15 AM
Christian Formation at 9:15 AM

Sunday, September 14th

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans

With pipe and drum at 10:15 AM

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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

Submissions to the *TIDINGS* monthly parish newsletter are due on the **10th of the previous month**. Please email items for publication to peterhouck@aol.com or leave in newsletter editor's mailbox located at the parish house

Newsletter editor: Peter Houck



Pray As You Go

It is the name of one of my favorite websites -- a Jesuit initiative from England that publishes daily recorded meditations on Scripture in the wonderful, creative style of the Jesuits. But I borrowed it for this essay because, well, I am going. In another month or so, I will be in a different parish with a different set of Christians. Because I have already begun to fall in love with them, I am excited to know them better and to begin our work together. Because I have fallen in love with you, people of Christ Church, I am sad to leave behind the friendships we have formed and the work we have done together.

And so, I pray as I go. I pray for you as you begin the exciting exploration of your life in Christ that begins as you undertake the Renewal Works project. I pray for you as you face illness, or the illness of a spouse, as children leave for college, as new homes are celebrated and new ministries undertaken. I pray for Mark, as he manages the many activities of this parish as the sole clergy -- there is much work to be done in this busy place, and he will need your help and support to get it done. Oh, and as long as we are on the topic of Mark, I pray that he doesn't break any more bones in the near future. Can a priest say (and I know, totally out of context for the sport), "May the shin-guard be with you?" Hmm, what will I do without my brother-in-Christ to tease mercilessly?

As long as we are on the topic, I want to say this about prayer: it is more than wishful thinking. So, asking you to pray with me, as I go and you stay, is no mere nicety. Of course, there is no easy way to explain prayer, how or why it works, how to do it, when to do it or what to do it for. More than anything else, it is probably best described as simply being with God -- taking the time to sit quietly, or walk with an inner stillness and an open heart, and be with God. It is telling God about what is on your heart with the trust that our Creator is still creating, and will create, in some form, a response to the pain, joy, longing, gratitude or desire to which we give voice. Listening to your heartbeat and knowing that the blood it moves also moved through Jesus. Listening to the chirp of the crickets and knowing that no death brings the death of life itself. Letting yourself find rest there. Letting yourself be refreshed there.

There are so many things to be praying for and about in our world these days. You and I -- our life together and our soon-to-be life apart -- among them. And so, I pray as I go, and I ask you to join me, so that the love of God that has linked us may continue to flourish, and the blessings of that love may continue to be discovered. Amen.

-- Lynn

This Just In: Parish Directory Update -- Plans are underway to update the parish directory, with the goal of distributing the updated directory in early 2015. Many hands will be needed to help with photo scheduling, day-of registration, proofing and other tasks. Please contact Jim McCloud at: jasmcccloud@mc.com to volunteer or for more information.



Summer Fades to Fall

Summer has spawned its own genre of books generally known as “beach reading” — light, frothy novels that are quick to read and good humored. I glanced at a few of these books on segregated display tables at the Barnes & Noble stores in Utica and Boston, and in Wellesley Books. I then gravitated to the display of non-fiction books marking the 100th anniversary of World War I (the war that was to end all wars). Nevertheless, eventually I settled on two books, *To Rise Again at a Decent Hour*, by Joshua Ferris, and *The Opposite of Loneliness: Essays and Stories*, by Marina Keegan, neither of which is really beach reading. The latter was written by a talented young woman who had graduated from Yale in May 2012. By the time she graduated,

Marina had interned for *The Paris Review*, had starred in and published a play, and had been hired by *The New Yorker*, where she’d interned the summer before. Five days after graduation, Marina was killed in a car crash on Cape Cod while traveling to her father’s 55th birthday party. She was just 22. After her death, an essay titled “The Opposite of Loneliness,” which she’d written for the *Yale Daily News*, went viral and was read by 1.4 million people in 98 countries. Less than two years later, that essay and other stories were published in book form and adorned by a slipcover with a photo of Marina—this beautiful young woman—looking out at you, dressed in a short skirt and bright yellow coat. In “The Opposite of Loneliness,” she wrote:

“We have these impossibly high standards, and we’ll probably never live up to our perfect fantasies of our future selves. But I feel like that’s okay. We’re so young. We’re so young. We’re twenty-two years old. We have so much time.”

When a young person dies, much of the tragedy lies in her promise—what she might have done. But Marina left a large body of writing. She was a writer and yet, the tragedy—what we have lost—is what she might have done if she’d lived another 50 years.

Each of us has experienced loss; perhaps not the loss of a young child, but maybe the loss of a spouse, a parent, or a dear friend. We treasure the time we spent with them and wonder what we’ve lost with their death. To quote from our Prayer Book, we know that life for us “has changed, not ended.” Yet, the loss remains; whether we want to acknowledge it or not.

In many regards, Christianity is about trusting that life does not end at our earthly death or the death of those dear to us. The Easter narrative takes us through Jesus’ death and resurrection. The dark hour is followed by daybreak—darkness is overpowered by light. Of course, our faith is only as deep and as strong as we make it. Loss can sometimes expose our faith as being less deep than we’d hoped. Our spiritual well-being, much like our physical bodies, needs to be exercised and nurtured. Personal prayer—setting aside time each day to open ourselves to God’s presence—helps to deepen our faith, as does reading and engaging with scripture. Just as swinging a golf club or tennis racquet, riding a bike, or lifting weights keeps us physically fit, disciplines like prayer and reading the Bible keep us spiritually fit. This month I am asking that each of you take the time to evaluate your own spiritual life via an anonymous “spiritual life survey.” While this survey will allow you to explore your own faith it will also allow us, in the aggregate, to get a sense of our parish as a whole.

September always brings with it new possibilities, new experiences and occasionally some changes. This fall is no different, as we celebrate the exciting news of Lynn Hade being called as rector. This is a wonderful opportunity for Lynn, albeit one that results in a loss for our parish. Lynn’s ministry has touched many of us, especially her small group work and community involvement. I credit Lynn’s focus on personal spiritual formation as helping to guide where we, as a parish, need to move for our future. So, as we begin a new program year at Christ Church, let us prioritize our own spiritual journeys. We are only given so much time on this earth, and to quote Marina Keegan: “We can’t, we MUST not lose this sense of possibility because in the end, it’s all that we have.”

-- Mark Nestlehutt

Remember: Fall Harvest Dinner – Judy Parker

Fall is coming, and so is our Fall Harvest Dinner! Save the date: Sunday, Sept. 21st. The evening begins with a special service of Evensong with the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir at 5:00 p.m. followed by refreshments and fellowship at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 pm in Etherton Hall. The vestry will be providing a baked ham and beverages. You can help by bringing:

PARISH LIFE

A-F: dessert; **G-L:** fruit salad, pineapple chunks, apple sauce, etc.; **M-R:** green salad, string bean salad, three-bean salad, etc.; **S-Z:** side dish, e.g.: baked beans, mac & cheese, potato casserole, etc.

If you will need transportation or child care, please contact Carol Osborne in the parish office at 410-745-9076. We hope to see you there. **Below:** Jim Proctor captured these images at the 2013 Harvest Dinner.



Giving for Good in the Hereafter – Phil Webster



Irmy Webster (faithful Docent Chair and Layweeder) and I (not nearly as good a parishioner) recently made a gift to Christ Church of two life insurance policies we don't need any more. Their cash surrender value will go into the Christ Church Heritage Endowment Fund, to serve the parish in perpetuity.

Why did we do it? First of all, Jim McCloud, Judy Sandground, and Hank and Linda Spire sensitized us to why building the Parish endowment is critical to Christ Church's long-term health. Second, Mark Nestlehatt, in his latest Annual Report to the Parish, impressed us with his overview of our parish model, Bay Hundred demographics, and past and future trends; and in this way, he really got us thinking – what can we do as Christian stewards to assure that our parish will survive and prosper for the next 350 years? Third, we have always believed in paying back for the blessings God has given us, and that every generation must pass on experience, accomplishment, teaching, example and treasure that benefits following generations.

Left: Irmy and Phil christening the Princess Irmy, a kayak they purchased for the Sultana Education Foundation. Photo provided by the author.

Mark, in his latest Annual Report, mentioned present and future challenges that are societal and cultural in nature. Other reasons come down to dollars, pure and simple.

So, imagine a Christ Church Heritage Endowment Fund of \$2 million, rather than the approximately \$1 million the Parish currently has, throwing off \$100,000 a year at 5%, rather than the current \$35,000, to the Operating Fund. That might change some of the possible financial effects of the demographics and trends Mark described so well.

Someone once said that money is the mother's milk of a non-profit. Without it, at Christ Church, you don't have buildings, staff, worship, ministry, music, youth education, outreach and fellowship that are the glue of a successful parish. This parish rallied once before in our 22 years in St. Michaels (and many times in its church history), restarting the Parish Hall campaign in Mark's first six months here after it had stalled, and finishing the project quite quickly. Building the Heritage Fund to ensure Christ Church's future is our new challenge, and is eminently as achievable. Army and I encourage our fellow parishioners to prayerfully consider making a planned gift to Christ Church and to join us at the first meeting of the new 1672 Society in November. A planned gift is Giving for Good in the Hereafter, and it will make you feel so good!

Stephen Ministry – Mary Jane Wyant

THINK STEPHEN! Currently we have four Stephen Ministers paired with care receivers, and we have 'room' for a few more care receivers! A Stephen Minister generally meets once a week for about an hour with someone in a stressful time of life, such as illness, divorce, relocation, unemployment, empty nest, new baby, etc. If you know someone who needs a confidential, supportive relationship, a listener and not an advice-giver, please contact Lesley Moyer (443.786.4624) or Mark Nestlehutt (410-745-9076 ext. 302 or revmark@christstmichaels.org)

What Did You Do this Past Summer? Did you and your family have an especially memorable experience this past summer, either at home or away? If so, please share your photographs and a description of the event(s) in an email to the editor, so that our readers can gain an appreciation of your experiences. Tidings will include accounts of your adventures in coming issue(s). Please send your contributions to PeterHouck@aol.com, attaching the photos as jpg attachments. We look forward to seeing them! -- Editor.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/1	Wally Doolin, Jeff Hart	9/15	Barbara Sheridan
9/4	Lyn Barrett, Ellery Hickey, Nancy Sipe	9/16	Harry Seemans
9/5	Jessica Morris, Jono Morris	9/17	Hank Spire
9/7	Will Newberg	9/18	Phil Parkinson, Thomas Underwood
9/8	Helen Dettbarn	9/19	Howard Zwemer
9/9	Donald Roe	9/21	Dorothy Mowry
9/10	Sandra Brodell, Sherry Jeffery	9/23	Linda Seemans
9/11	Larry Sanford	9/24	Bob Burger, Cathy Mendenhall, Bill Sutton
9/12	Marie Martin, Peggy Rogers	9/25	Melissa Panebianco, Cynthia Principi
9/13	Bonnie Booth	9/29	Lisa Felts, Sheila Vaughan
9/14	Lucy Morris, Myron Walker		



Anniversaries

9/3 Jim & Pat Ellis; Jim & Dale Hanlon; Hank & Linda Spire; 9/5 Richard & Carol Hill
 9/7 Jim & Susan Vail; 9/9 Jim & Pamela McCloud; 9/11 Bud & Anne Keiser; Frank & Jane Hopkinson
 9/12 Michael & Michelle Clark; 9/15 Donald & Ann Roe; 9/24 Ab & Di Kingman; 9/27 Andrew & Christine Parish
 9/28 Robert & Sheila Vaughan; 9/30 Charlie & Katie Cricks; Leo & Elizabeth Foulds

From the Parish Register:

Baptism: Louisa Elizabeth Violet Child, August 3, 2014
Wedding: Mary Theresa Anderson-Ginder & William Millington Ginder, August 9, 2014
Burials: David L. Christianson, June 14, 1927 – July 3, 2014
 James Strawbridge Maffit, October 29, 1942 – July 29, 2014
 Mary Elizabeth Jacoby, May 4, 1921 – August 6, 2014

Back-to-School! – Gillian Whyman

Summer must be coming to an end, and well it is for all our students. For the past month, our shoppers have been filling up with school supplies, inventory has been kept, and finally we are ready. During this week, volunteers will finish moving and sorting the supplies, and the backpacks will be assembled. After we have finished, we will then deliver everything to our three schools, along with the money to cover so much for the school year.

All of this is only possible because of the generosity of our congregation and others. We have raised \$11,649.57 as of Tuesday, August 12, an amazing amount. To everyone who gave a donation, to our volunteers and our speakers: Thank You. In the words of our young speaker from last week “So that was what Back to School is about; now I know. It changes worried and scared faces into great big smiles.”

Contact Gillian Whyman {410-690-4502} or Judy Sandground {410-745-5118} if you have questions.

REACHING OUT

St. Michaels Food Pantry – Beth & Howard Eckel

Activity at the Food Pantry has been brisk. We were again fortunate to have Alice Petizon take over management operations while Beth and Howard were north at their Lake Ontario summer home. Alice and her husband, Bob, assisted by Neil and Susan Armstrong, kept the pantry shelves well-stocked and the freezer filled with chicken and hamburger patties. Our volunteers stayed busy each Monday and Thursday, plus Saturday at the Farmers’ market, gathering fresh produce donations from the farmers for the pantry. We are ever-grateful to Carol Bean and her terrific group of farmers for sharing their weekly bounty, helping to provide healthy offerings to the pantry clients. The Pantry Board has agreed to send a donation to Fresh Farms Market in support of its year-long project, sharing local farmers’ harvests and produce preservation with neighbors-in-need. **Right:** A Royal Oak UMC Youth Group delivered supplies to the pantry in late March 2014.



Pantry Outreach: From January until August 2014, the pantry served 1,258 clients, representing 2,945 family members. The pantry also made a contribution of \$500 to St. Paul’s by the Sea in Ocean City, whose community pantry was destroyed by fire early in 2014. They have gradually reestablished their pantry facility. Many thanks to our continued band of faithful volunteers who served throughout the summer: Bill Corba, Diane and Phil Dinkel, Lee D’Zmura, Babs and Fred Humphrey, Katie Hunnicutt, Carol Kilbourn, Lois Lindsley, Pamela McCloud, Linda Norris, Linn Ong, Alice Petizon, Judy Tanczos, Chris Whyman, Esther and Bob Ziegler. We always welcome new volunteers. If you can help, or for more information, please contact Pamela McCloud (pmccloud@mac.com) or Beth Eckel (hleckel@verizon.net).

Disaster Preparedness Displays at Fall Forum

-- Linda Norris

Please come visit the Disaster Preparedness information table at the forum on Sunday, September 14. We will have the Bay Hundred map showing our residences, as well as their relationship to various flooding scenarios. There will also be lots of other information to help you prepare for a

disaster and develop your own plan.

Left: Rescue workers in downtown Crisfield, MD after Hurricane Sandy. Source: Google Images.



PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

This information covers management techniques for addressing all types of disasters. For instance did you know that feeling your hair stand up during a thunderstorm is an indication of an imminent lightning strike? You are advised to get as low as possible and on the balls of your feet. Also, did you understand that during power outages, gasoline pumps won't work, and therefore it is recommended that you always keep your gas tank at least half full? Committee members will be available to answer questions as well as to receive any suggestions that you may have. We hope to see you there!

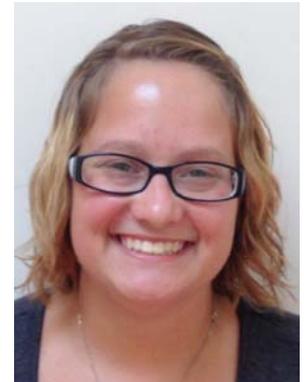
Our Awesome Child Care Providers: Ellie Fletcher & Katie Swann

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Elizabeth Fletcher

One of our priorities and obligations as a parish that welcomes and values children is in providing a safe and caring environment for them in our worship services, church school classrooms, and in our parish nursery. At Christ Church we provide professional child care in our nursery from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon every Sunday morning. We continue to benefit from the services of Ellie Fletcher and Katie Swann, who have been with us for a full year. In addition to their Sunday mornings with us, Katie and Ellie work at the St. Michaels' YMCA Child Watch facility.



Katlin Swann

Save the Date: Annual Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral Saturday, October 11th from 8 AM to 4 PM

Each year in October, the Washington National Cathedral—officially known as the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul—welcomes acolytes from across the country for a very special acolyte festival. Hundreds of parishes from as far away as California bring their acolytes to Washington, D.C. for this event.

This year, Christ Church will take another group of acolytes to the event. Our plan is to travel by car to attend the service and the workshops. So, mark your calendar and hold the date for the 2014 National Cathedral Acolyte Festival on Saturday, October 11th!

Photo by Phil Parkinson



re:form Sunday Morning Youth Group Moves Upstairs!

This fall, our Sunday morning Youth Group moves into a newly refinished space on the second floor of the Parish House complex. Thanks to generous donations by some parishioners, our Youth Group has a fabulously appointed new youth room. **re:form** is a discussion-based curriculum for young people in 6th-9th grades that uses short DVD and YouTube videos to engage our faith with the current culture. So, please join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM.



Christian Formation for Children -- Lynn Hade

Our 2014-2015 children's program will once again center on stories, utilizing children's literature, the Beulah Land Bible stories and the ever-popular Veggie Tales to explore themes in faith and life. Teachers Jessica Morris, Pat and Larry Lowe, Lee Thomas and Susan Armstrong will be assisted by Ashleigh and Brandon Kerrigan, Mimi Sanford and Zoe Thomas for the fall term. Church School begins Sunday, September 7, beginning at 9:15 am, with pick – up at 10:00 am. Please note that we are in a new room this year—right next door to the choir room on the second floor.

Right: A drawing of St. Francis of Assisi from one of the children's books



Adult Christian Formation: Christ Church Retreat, October 15, 2014

9: 15 am – 4:15 pm, at the *Diocese of Easton Retreat Center*

The Inner Journey: *What are your pathways of renewal?*

What are pathways that lead us to renewal . . . ones that lead to the Source of life, a center where we are refreshed, renewed, and nourished so we may live the life that our loving Creator designed for us? The “inner” journey connects us with the Source that promises to accompany us as we journey our everyday “outer” world. Our morning and afternoon times will flow in a cycle of gathering, opening to the Spirit, creative exploring, sharing and then closing with thanksgiving for the day and a Holy Eucharist. Come and be led by the Spirit to explore ways to the divine Presence and to experience the deep richness of connection.

Breaks, lunch and honoraria are covered by the \$50 registration fee. Scholarships are available. To register, please email Lisa Rey at lnrey@aol.com

Introducing our Leader

The Rev. Torrence Harman is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director and experienced group and retreat leader. She is a graduate of the Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program and has participated in their trainings on spiritual direction of groups and retreats. She currently serves as rector of two small rural parishes in historic Lancaster County, Virginia and has served as a Spiritual Discernment Facilitator for parishes in the Diocese of Virginia for eight years. Prior to seminary and ordination in 2004 she was a family law attorney and certified mediator for approximately twenty years.

The Discernment Committee: What's Happening?

– George Dixon, Senior Warden

This is a short update on what's happening with the Diocese Discernment Committee. What the Diocese of Easton has decided to do by taking a pause before proceeding to elect a diocesan bishop is innovative and creative. The Discernment Committee, with both clergy and lay members, is the center point of this effort and is actively engaged in the work of transition following the resignation of Bishop Shand. With the full support of our Bishop Provincial Henry Parsley, the committee is making progress. Key to the success of the transition is bringing each parish congregation into the discernment thinking. Bishop Parsley and the Discernment Committee will hold discussion meetings at not-yet-selected sites in the southern, central and northern parts of our diocese in three separate Convocations on September 30, October 1, and October 6, 2014. The locations for each will be announced shortly.....so stay tuned.

Mark and the wardens encourage you to attend one of these meetings.

"Most unworthy -- Save his soul, O Christ, for thy own merits. Tread upon the salt without savor."

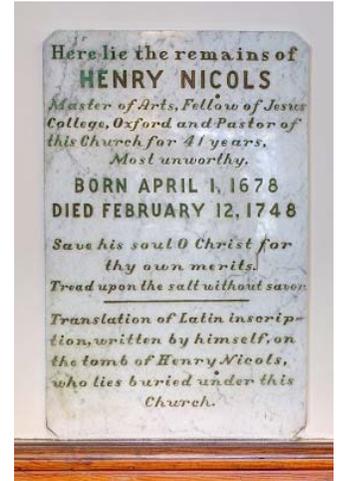
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Docents' Guild – Linda Makosky

These words, the epitaph of the Reverend Henry Nicols, Rector of Christ Church from 1701 to 1748, appear on a tombstone-like plaque set into the wall at the rear of the church, near the main entrance. **Right:** A photo of the plaque was made by Jim Proctor.

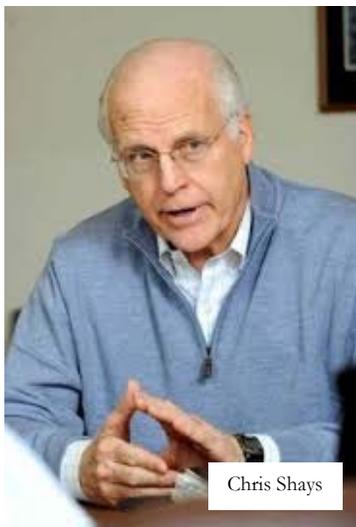
"What is the meaning of these phrases?" docents are frequently asked. We explain that in his will, the Rev. Nicols requested that he be buried under the floor of the Parish Church, "that persons might walk upon his tomb." His request was honored, and the wall plaque offers a translation of the Latin epitaph he composed for himself.

The actual vault can be seen rising from the current floor of the crypt, where it has survived successive rebuildings of the church, and further excavation of the crypt during the reconstruction and renovation of 1987. A rectangular concrete structure the length of a human body, it is covered by a three inch thick granite slab with decorative carving and the Latin text. Interesting descriptions of the life of the Rev. Nicols and his contributions to the development of Christ Church can found in the booklet, "In the Beginning," by Alice Cohee.



Reverend Nicol's descendants are still drawn back to Christ Church. When on docent duty recently, Rachel Gruenberg had the pleasure of meeting a Nicols (or Nichols) family member who had just returned from residing abroad. He brought his young daughter to view the tomb and wall plaque. Following standard procedure, they visited the parish office for permission to enter the crypt and were escorted by Carol Osborne to have a look at the tomb structure.

Docents say that such surprise events occurring during their duty are one of the main reasons they enjoy this ministry. All parishioners are invited to become docents and have interesting experiences. Please call Scheduler Lillian Watts at 410-745-9999 or email her at <lilliw@atlantibc.net to learn more.



Men's Club Breakfast, Sept. 13th – George Dixon *Former Congressman Chris Shays*

Welcome back from summer travels, family visits, and the enjoyment of another summer on the Eastern Shore. The Men's Club is pleased to kick off the 2014-2015 program year with an exceptional speaker and a timely topic.

The 2014 mid-term elections, coupled with the political climate in Washington, call for a speaker with clear insights into the issues that will shape the elections. Former Congressman Chris Shays, Republican from Connecticut, 1987-2009, fits that description. A respected former congressman and a former member of the Connecticut House (1975-1987), he has 34 years of experience at both the State and Federal levels to bring clarity to what appears to many to be a very frustrating political gridlock in Washington -- impacting both our domestic and foreign policies; hampering solutions to important issues; and being more partisan than bipartisan. From 2007 to 2009, Chris Shays was the only

Republican elected to Congress from New England. Women are welcome to attend.

Make your reservation now! Call George Dixon at 410-745-6307 or e-mail at: georgedixon@mindspring.com. Join your fellow parishioners. Bring a friend to join you. Have a hearty breakfast for only \$12 and listen to a great speaker. Saturday, Sept. 13, 8:00 am in Etherton Hall. (Yes, we have, after nearly ten years, raised our price to \$12. The objective is to offer a quality breakfast each and every time, and food costs have gone up.)

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	2 8 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Blue Crab Coffee Co) 10:30 AM Wardens Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Society of Eastern Shore Board Meeting	3 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 8 PM AA Meeting	5 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Leist/Wiegard Wedding Rehearsal	6 3 PM Leist/Wiegard Wedding
7 13 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Group 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist & Comm. of Christian Formation Leaders 11:30 AM Lemonade	8 5 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision	9 8 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Blue Crab Coffee Co) 10 AM ECW Board Meeting 12 PM ECW Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM Vestry Meeting	10 <u>TIDINGS DEADLINE</u> 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 3 PM Disaster Preparedness Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	12 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10 AM St. Anne & Joachim Crab Feast	13 8 AM Men's Club Breakfast; Speaker: Former Congressman Chris Shays, R-Conn.
14 14 Pentecost <u>Kirkin' O' the Tartan</u> 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 Ice Cream on the Lawn 12 PM Worship & Music Meeting	15 9 AM St. Michaels Art League Meeting 5 PM Christmas in St. Michaels Meeting	16 8 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Blue Crab Coffee Co) 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	17 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 8 PM AA Meeting	19 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM 3 rd Annual Bay Hundred Christian Women's Retreat (Solitude Point)	20 8 AM – 4 PM 3 rd Annual Bay Hundred Christian Women's Retreat (Solitude Point)
21 15 Pentecost 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 Lemonade on the Lawn 12 PM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 5 PM Evensong 6 PM Fall Harvest Din.	22	23 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 4 PM Christmas in St. Michaels Board Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	24 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 8 PM AA Meeting	26 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	27 9AM 'Ringing at the River' 5 PM "Altars in the World" Service
28 16 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Group 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist & Claudia's Baptism 11:30 AM Lemonade 12 PM Prayer Chain Meeting 5 PM Lynn Hade's Farewell	29	30 8 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Blue Crab Coffee Co) 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	Morning Prayer Monday – Friday 9 AM Reminder: All meetings/room usages are to be scheduled through the Parish Office at 410-745-9076.			



Ministry Areas of Christ Church

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum	Ray Wasdyke
Adult Inquirers	Mark Nestlehutt
Church School:	
Ages 3-Grade 4	Lynn Hade
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	Esther Ziegler

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Hour	TBD
Communications	Jim McCloud
Covenant Churches	Mark Nestlehutt
Disaster Preparedness	Linda Norris
Docents' Guild	Irmy Webster
Episcopal Church Women	Pat Martin
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	Lisa Rey, Carolyn Wasdyke

PASTORAL CARE

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

STEWARDSHIP

Finance Committee	Tom Orem
Property	Elizabeth Foulds, Ray Wasdyke
Stewardship	Lisa Felts, Tom Mendenhall
Tellers	Larry McCanna

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Acolyte Guild	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	Bob Burger

Finances for Seven Months Ended July 30, 2014

Revenues

Actual – Current Month	\$ 48,792	
Budget – Current Month	47,144	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	1,648	Favorable
Actual YTD ***	244,239	
Budget YTD	249,263	
Over/(Under) YTD	(5,024)	Unfavorable

Variiances

Pledges

Actual – Current Month	33,409	
Budget – Current Month	39,186	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	(5,777)	Unfavorable
Actual YTD	302,242	
Budget YTD	320,586	
Over/(Under) YTD	(18,344)	Unfavorable

Expenses

Actual – Current Month	56,793	
Budget – Current Month	52,359	
Over/(Under) – Current Month	4,434	Unfavorable
Actual YTD	369,413	
Budget YTD	368,411	
Over/(Under)	1,002	Unfavorable

Excess of Revenues over Expenses or (Expenses over Revenues)

Actual – Current Month	(8,001)	
Budget – Current Month	(5,215)	
Over/(Under) – Current Month	(2,786)	Unfavorable
Actual YTD	(125,174)	
Budget YTD	(119,148)	
Over/(Under) YTD	(6,026)	Unfavorable

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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