

Christ Church News and Views

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Our mission is to grow spiritually in the Christian faith, to support one another and to spread God's love throughout our community and the world by our example and deeds.

From the Interim Rector



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

With summer now full upon us (even if the Calendar just about says so) thoughts of some “lighter” reading fill our minds. By the same token, it’s a time to ponder our continuing call for our own newness and re-birth—which never ends, regardless of the season. To help spur on that reflection, here is an original article from Regina Brett, age 90, of Cleveland Ohio—which she wrote as her ‘odometer rolled over to 90:’

1. Life isn’t fair, but it’s still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won’t take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It’s more healing than crying alone.
8. It’s O.K. to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won’t screw up the present.
12. It’s O.K. to let your children see you cry.
13. Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be secret, you shouldn’t be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don’t worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn’t useful, beautiful, or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn’t kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It’s never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don’t take no for an answer.

21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets,
and don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
31. However good or bad a situation, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you, because of who God is,
not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative—dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you have loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come.
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow. But it's still a gift. Savor the summertime—and the anticipation of something new.

Faithfully, Pastor LindaK

NEED FOR A REGISTRAR

Christ Church is in need of someone to volunteer to serve as Registrar for the parish. The Registrar records the minutes of meetings of and major decisions of the vestry, insures that the minutes are archived, and oversees the other record-keeping aspects of parish life (as recorded in the Parish Register), often in conjunction with designated staff members and committee members.

Serving as the Registrar is a good way to increase your involvement in parish affairs and to be of assistance to the parish community. The Vestry meets once a month and the Registrar attends to take minutes and publishes the minutes for Vestry's approval at the next meeting. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Interim Rector Linda Kapurch or Peyton Robertson, the Senior Warden.

VESTRY RETREAT

The Christ Church Vestry met at on June 9, 2019, at the home of Elsie and Bill Whitman for a Vestry Retreat which addressed important issues facing Christ Church and our way ahead on them.

Church Leadership

Peyton Robertson opened the meeting with a video addressing leadership principles introducing the first topic of Church leadership. The vestry reviewed the roles of the Rector, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer, the Registrar and the Vestry. Concern was expressed about not having a volunteer for the Registrar position and the Vestry discussed some approaches for filling the position.

Peyton Robertson discussed the need for the Vestry to read documents, such as minutes and Warden reports, made available before the meeting to expedite the process of meetings. He asked for a commitment to pre-read in advance of meetings.

Peyton also suggestion using google technology such as Google mail and docs to increase efficiency by sharing documents and editing them. Vestry members will be given an invitation to the Google account. The Secretary will have to have access and be notified of this change in procedures. Peyton also pointed out that there is wireless in the Sunday School Building and the Vestry is able to use laptops or I-pads to improve efficiency.

Betty Colhoun has worked with the Secretary on a new format for the weekly bulletins. Betty, new format will be evaluated. The Interim Rector asked the Vestry for input for what should go into the weekly bulletins.

Committees

The Vestry set as an objective of solidifying leadership and membership of committees and subcommittees and outlining work for the year ahead. The Interim Rector suggested that the Vestry focus on the Committee level with a Vestry member responsible for one committee. The Vestry agreed to the following assignment of responsibilities: Events Committee – Susanne Talbott, Administrative Committee – John Colhoun, Communications Committee – Peyton Robertson and David Bush, Finance Committee – Melissa Robertson, Fund Raising Committee – Elsie Whitman, Christian Formation Committee – Cindie Brown, Outreach, Mission and Social Ministry Committee – Tony Gamboa, and Church Campus Committee – Shelly Collinson.

Parish Directory

The Vestry agreed that publication of a new Parish Directory is an important action item as well as necessary consolidation of data bases. Peyton Robertson agreed to assist David Bush with this matter. The Interim Rector pointed out that is was essential to have the new Parish Directory for the new Rector.

Budget Update

The Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer will conduct a midyear budget review and draft a revised budget for presentation to the Vestry in early July.

Outreach

Two possible new outreach efforts were discussed: helping the Bunche Center on Mill Swamp Road and addressing the Opioid Crisis in some way. It was agreed to follow up on these outreach opportunities.

Fundraising

The vestry agreed to review the traditional fundraising events, Homecoming, Celtic Concert and Yard Sale and identify possible alternatives for revenue generating activities. The Treasurer pointed out that we could use fundraisers at the beginning of the year since the main events occur later in the year. Possibilities discussed were musical events early in the year, additional Choose it or use it, and 5K in Galesville.

Next Vestry Meeting. The next Vestry meeting will be July 18, 2019

THOUGHTS ABOUT CHURCH

Nine o'clock on Pentecost Sunday and I am idly considering not going to church today. Perhaps, maybe, I don't know. Should I go, should I stay home and tend to chores or sit and read the paper with another cup of coffee? Many Sundays, I don't consider whether or not to go, I simply go. Or, I go because I am reader or on altar guild duty. It's Pentecost, do I have something red to wear? Or, stay home? Then, I remember the banner, the long bamboo pole with even longer streamers of red and yellow that Shelly made to represent the flame—the Holy Spirit. Suddenly, I long for that visible representation of an inward and spiritual grace, those long streamers wafting over the congregation from high above us. I grabbed a red scarf and went to church. And as the procession passed me, a streamer—a bright tongue of holy fire lightly brushed my forehead. Amen.

STAIR

STAIR is a one hour, 2 day a week after-school tutoring program for 2nd graders who are reading below grade level. Students are referred to us by their reading teachers and parents give permission for tutoring. Tutors are assigned a student at the beginning of STAIR and the tutor and student work together all year long. STAIR is a commitment. Tutors can volunteer one day a week, in which case you "share" a student with another tutor, two days a week, or as a substitute tutor filling in when the assigned tutor is absent. STAIR begins in early October and runs through mid-December. We begin again in January and stop in mid-May. Both student and tutor gain from this experience! We have a prescribed curriculum and require that all tutors are background checked through Anne Arundel County Schools All tutors must attend a two+ hour training session before tutoring. Training for new tutors is held on the campus of the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis at 171 Duke of Gloucester Street 21401. Training dates for next school year are Sept. 5, 12, 17, 25 from 4-6 pm.

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Church Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 .	2 . 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 10:30 am Int./Adult Ballet	3 . 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	4 . OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day	5 . OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	6 . 11 am Galesville 4 th of July Parade Join the Christ Church Float
7 10:00 am Morning Prayer, Rite II <i>The Rev. Michelle Doran</i> Guest Officiant	8 .	9 . 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 10:30 am Int./Adult Ballet	10 . 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	11 .	12 . OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	13
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Tuesdays and Thursdays are 10 am - 2 pm

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