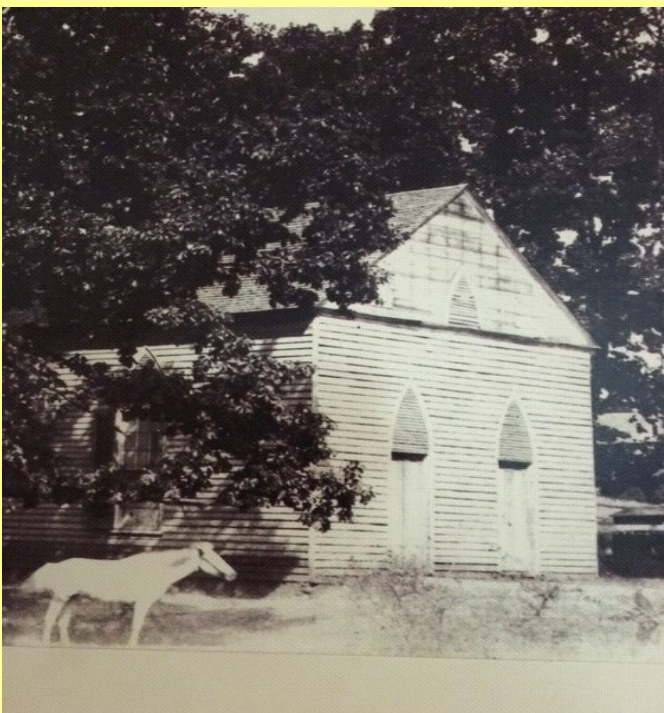


Christ Church Celebrates 175 Years

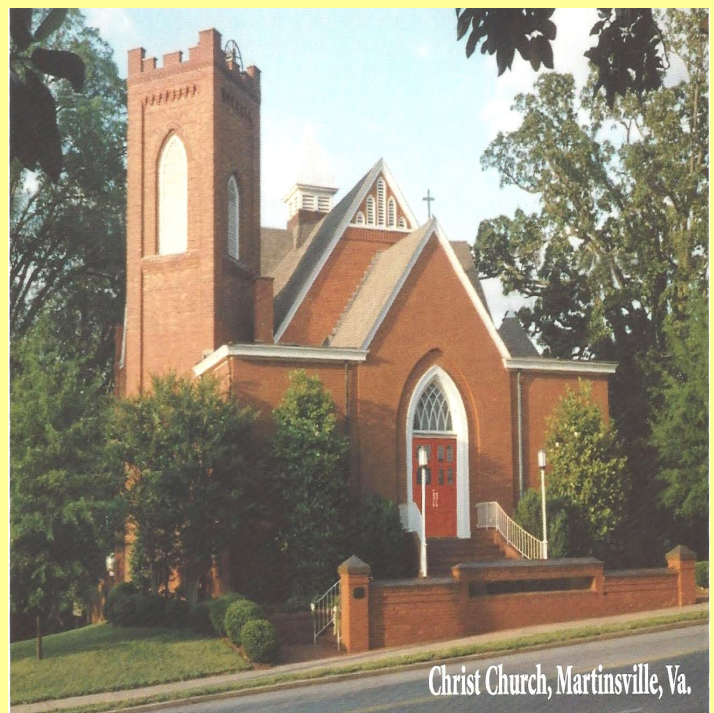
The first Episcopal services in Martinsville were held in July, 1841, by Dr. George Washington Dame of Danville at the home of Dr. Anderson Wade. This year we celebrate the 175th anniversary of that first service, the origin of our church. **Our 175th Anniversary Celebration Service will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 6th, 2016.** Projects are underway in preparation for the Celebration Service, and for the many special events during the months preceding that service.

Work has begun updating the timeline on the walls of the Undercroft. We have sixteen years to add to our history on eight feet of wall space. Take a look at the timeline as it stands today and notice the intertwining of world, local and church events for each decade. Which events of the past 16 years do you consider important enough to include? If you have photos, documents, or ideas, please give them to Marty Gardner, our chairman, or to committee members Sue Rosser, Melinda Penn and Jean Morris. If you're interested in the portrayal of our church history, please join us in making decisions about events to include.

During the fall, we'll have wonderful music, choral performances, very special surprise guests and speakers, children's entertainment, youth contributions (perhaps a time capsule?), and many more events. This is an important milestone for our church which all of us and our families will enjoy celebrating.



First Christ Church Building



Christ Church, Martinsville, Va.

Grace Network, May 2016

Our special assignment through June:

Beef Stew or Sugar

with 'Featured' items needed this month:

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Grace Network Sunday—first Sunday each month—bring your food donations, or buy a grocery card to donate.

Thanks to all for your support!

Grace Network: 433 Commonwealth Blvd.

Ph.: 638-8500 Hours: M-F: 9 am -12:30,

Thurs: 4 -7 pm



The Christ Episcopal Men's Club will be meeting on **Monday, May 16, 2016**, in the Undercroft of the Church with fellowship beginning at **5:30 pm** and dinner at **6:30 pm**. The cost for the dinner will be \$15. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board in the Narthex and on the church website under volunteer.

Team #2

Will Zimmer, Ben Lewis, Bo Setliff

Tom Eplett, Tommy Hudgins, Bob Bushnell

Please remember to invite a friend!

How to Contact Us:

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Offices at 311 E. Church Street,

in the Parish House

Phone: 276-632-2896

Email: office@christchurchmvl.org or
financial@christchurchmvl.org

Music: music@christchurchmvl.org

Website: www.christchurchmvl.org

Mail: Christ Episcopal Church 311 E. Church Street,
Martinsville, VA 24112

Events in May

See also, Calendar, Special Events and News online

- 1 May** —Sunday, 6 Easter, Rogation Sunday, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II; Grace Network Sunday and Healing Rite offered after each service; Youth Sunday School 6:00 pm in the PH.
- 2 May** — Monday, **Deadline for Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. Award recommendations.** Children/Youth Choir 3:30 pm.* **Remaining May schedule to be determined.**
- 4 May** —Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; Book Club 6:30 pm PH. The book this month is "Still Life with Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlen.
- 5 May** — Thursday, Men's Bible Study 7:00 am PH; Adult Choir 7:00 pm.
- 6 May** — Friday, **Deadline for Graduates information for Recognition Sunday bulletin.**
- 8 May** — **Mother's Day** Sunday, 7 Easter, The Sunday after Ascension Day, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II.
- 11 May**— Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; Contemporary Music Practice 7:00 pm.
- 12 May** — Thursday, Men's Bible Study 7:00 am PH; Adult Choir 7:00 pm.
- 15 May**— Sunday, Pentecost, Whitsunday, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II; Youth Sunday School 6:00 pm in the PH.
- 16 May**— Monday, Men's Club Dinner 5:30 pm Undercroft; Team #2 this month.
- 18 May**— Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm PH.**
- 19 May** — Thursday, Men's Bible Study 7:00 am PH; **Mission Committee Meeting 1:00 pm, PH; Adult Choir 7:00 pm.**
- 22 May**—Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Recognition Sunday, Liturgy of the Word & Administration of Holy Communion 8:00 am and 10:30 am; **RECOGNITION/YOUTH & PARISH LIFE PICNIC!** Picnic will be held outside after the late service or in the UC (in case of rain).
- 23 May**—Monday, **JUNE/JULY Newsletter deadline** 12:00 noon.
- 25 May** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **Loaves & Fishes** dinner 5:30-6:30 pm, call David Cole, 276-732-8891 to help.
- 26 May** —Thursday, Men's Bible Study 7:00 am PH; VLAS Meetings 10:00 am; Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm.
- 29 May**—Sunday, 2 Pentecost, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II.
- 30 May**—Monday, **Memorial Day Holiday** Office is closed.

May Birthday's

- May 2 — Parker Hynes, Zach Keyser
May 3 — Bob Bushnell
May 4 — Marty Gardner, Linda March,
Sophia Mazurek, Macy Wagoner
May 5 — Barbara Holland
May 7 — Joanna Keyser, Harold Williams
May 8 — Mary Miles Hooper, Scott Ullstein
May 11 — Ginger Brown
May 14 — Milt Barber, Ann Mason Smith
May 16 — Dan Prince, Anne Spilman
May 18 — Lydia Boyd, Hadden Probst, David Pulliam
May 19 — Debbie Toms
May 20 — Tom Howland
May 21 — Allison Trent
May 22 — Linda Gray, Nathan Toms
May 27 — Betsy Smith
May 30 — Paul Toms, Jr.
May 31 — Dink Gardner, Pat Walmsley

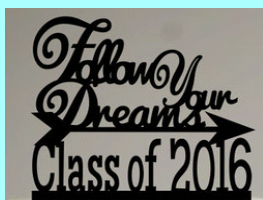
Please let us know of any birthdays omitted.



Recognition/Youth Sunday and Picnic

The church will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with a picnic following the **Trinity Sunday**, May 22, 2016, 10:30 am service. The picnic will be held outside weather permitting.

Your help will be needed with picnic fixings. Check the church's website under Volunteers at <http://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=123> or contact Alison Calfee at sleepyjay@hotmail.com with questions or for more information.



Flowers for May

Sunday, May 1st

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Minnie Brown Hart by Lucy Hart Davis

Sunday, May 8th

Given in Thanksgiving for the marriage of Elizabeth Rankin Hooper and Brent McCormick Lacy and in Loving Memory of those who were not with us for this joyous occasion but whose spirit and love are in our hearts:

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Myron Hooper
Mr. and Mrs. William Raymond Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick Lacy
By the Hooper and Lacy Families

The Narthex Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Stafford Gorman Whittle, III and Elizabeth (Betty) Martin Whittle and Stafford Gorman Whittle, IV by Mary Clark German

Sunday, May 15th

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Kathryn R. and J. Carlton Wooldridge, Sr. by the Family

Sunday, May 22nd

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul B. Toms and May Hooker Toms by the Family

The Narthex Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Curtis & Estelle Bryant by the Family

Sunday, May 29th

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mrs. Ann Carroll Wise and Mr. and Mrs. T. Woodson Gardner by Mr. and Mrs. Woodson S. Gardner and family



**Recognition Sunday is Coming-
Beverly Parrish Award Recommendations
requested by Monday, May 2nd!**

On **Sunday, May 22nd**, we will recognize our young people in Sunday School, Altar Guild and our High School and College Graduates. The Beverly Parrish Young Christian's Award, our highest honor for a Christ Church youth, may also be awarded that day. **Qualifications for a young person to receive the Beverly Parrish Award:**

I. Service to Church (the Christian Spirit and Christian Leadership)

1. The Christian spirit: Acceptance of responsibility for Church, Sunday School, and other duties; Sense of acceptance of duty to God; Sense of reverence; Sense of loyalty to the Church; Humility and unselfishness; Friendliness and cheerfulness; Bible learning, prayer.
2. Participation in Church Activities: Choir, Crucifer, Acolyte, Youth Group, Young Altar Guild, Chalice Bearer, or Lay Reader;
3. Serving on committees;
4. Serving as a leader in Youth Group;
5. Serving at church activities such as Loaves & Fishes, mission trips;
6. Attendance in Sunday school and at church services

II. Service to school: Conduct/behavior; Special academic achievements; Extracurricular activities; Leadership experience; Sportsmanship/athletics; Artistic expression

III. Service to Community: Participation as a volunteer; Participation in organizations (Scouting, etc.); Participation in summer/part-time employment; Participation in local arts groups; Participation in civic groups.

You may send your recommendation to the church office by hand or by email to office@christchurchmvl.org, or the Senior Warden, Susan Critz at susancritz@gmail.com. If you mail your recommendation, please remember to use our office mailing address: 311 E. Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112.

Graduates' Information Needed:

May 22nd - Recognition & Youth Sunday!

Please mark your calendars now to be a part of our annual celebration of our Youth Recognition, Awards and the Parish Picnic! In addition to Sunday School recognition of our children, we will salute all of our graduates, whether from high school, college, graduate, professional or adult programs.

Please send your graduates information by Friday, May 6th by email to office@christchurchmvl.org We will be thrilled to share your good news!

This month, Let us Pray for . . .

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah "Lou" Shelton; Clay Gravely, Julia Hall, Sean Mahoney (nephew of Steve and Carol Ann Mahoney), Pat Featherstun, Scott Prince, Michelle Barker (friend of Deborah Scearce), Mitzi Gray, Sherman Witt, Fred Norton, George Scouras, Charles Johnson (son of Joy Johnson and brother of Ruth Foley), Leora Carlton (great niece of Cindy Hammond), Lucy Lester Falk and Joy Riley.

*Please call the Church Office, 632-2896, for prayer requests.
Names listed one month unless requested otherwise.*

You may now request Intercessory prayers at each Sunday service by writing in the names of those in need of prayer on the day's page in the Intercessory Prayer binder in the Narthex, before entering the church.



We are working on updating the Parish Directory and need changes to your contact information. Please email the church office at office@christchurchmvl.org OR christchurchmvl@gmail.com or call 276-632-2896 if any changes have been made to your phone number(s), address, name change, email, etc. since July 2013. Thank You!

Financial Information for March 2016

March	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$29,082	<u>Budget</u>	\$22,050
Year-to-Date	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$75,360	<u>Budget</u>	\$66,150
March	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$18,841	<u>Budget</u>	\$21,891
Year-to-Date	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$59,272	<u>Budget</u>	\$65,673

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes Dinner will be held on

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Undercroft.

We are seeking volunteers and desserts.

Please contact David Cole at 732-8891.

CHURCH CAMPS AND RETREATS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Episcopal Church provides an abundance of healthy activities for young people during the summer. Please check out the following:

Camp Kanuga -- <http://www.kanuga.org/camps-and-outdoor-education/camp-kanuga/dates-rates/>

VBS—June 27th thru July 1st at First Presbyterian Church from 9:00 am—12:00 noon. <https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/childrens-ministry/vbs/cave-quest.do>

Summer Camp @ Phoebe Needles: http://phoebeneedles.org/summer_camps.html

Thanks and Peace,
Deb Norton



The Bishop's fall visitation is scheduled for November 20th.

Any adult or child (over the age of 12) who is interested in confirmation should contact the office via email at office@christchurchmvl.org or call 276-632-2896.

We anticipate confirmation classes to begin in September.

Once we have interest, we will schedule an organizational session.

DON'T forget Mom on May 8th



UTO Spring Ingathering has been extended until Monday, May 2nd

Please bring your donations to church on Sunday or to the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday, May 2nd. The birds are home again and singing sweetly in the trees. Let us give God thanks for the gifts of sight and hearing. As we place our silent offering in the **Blue Box**, we pray for those who cannot see or hear God's handiworks. There are blue boxes and envelopes in the Narthex and the church office for your convenience.



RESURRECTION OF THE RECTORY

Easter VI 2016

The Search Committee eagerly awaits information from the Diocese on prospective candidates for our new rector and should have some in May, very soon.

Our Profile is on the National Church website and candidates are being vetted by Bishop Mark Bourlakas and Rev. Jonathan Harris before forwarded to the Search Committee.

We have made it known that we do have a rectory, and it is part of the “package” at Bishop Mark’s suggestion. He has stated that this is becoming more attractive to prospective priests, with the change in the length of service in one place, as well as the housing market in many areas. The savings to Christ Church is estimated to be between \$12,000-\$15,000 annually in housing allowance and taxes. This is extremely important in these economic times.

Our new rector will have a beautiful, newly renovated home in a good neighborhood, in walking distance from many amenities and extraordinary convenience to work – housing that will not require search or purchase when the rector moves in and no sale or worries when he or she moves on.

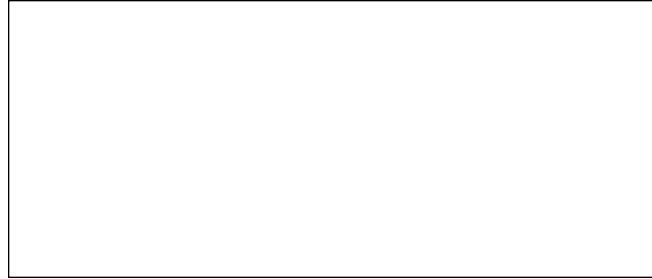
Under the experienced guidance and supervision of our Junior Warden, Trent Bowles, great progress is being made in the Resurrection of the Rectory. Generous parishioners have given funds sufficient to install an updated electrical system, as well as an energy efficient gas heat pump and cooling systems replacing the boiler.

Debbie Lewis and Carol Deaton are coordinating the “extreme makeover”. The kitchen is being totally remodeled as are the two and one half baths. The Landscaping Committee, under the leadership of Cari Zimmer, is working on a plan for beautification to the outside.

A special “Thank You” to those who have made a donation or pledge to give in 2016 and 2017. We are still in need of more funds. Please prayerfully consider a gift toward this most important project. Please contact Sue Rosser at 638-1531 if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.



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May's Newsletter

