

History of Christ Church

Christ Church, Martinsville, had its beginning in the winter of 1841-42, when the Rev. George Washington Dame, (later D.D.) came to "Henry Court House" to visit a former classmate. Urged by families here who had clung to their Episcopal worship since colonial times, he agreed to give Martinsville one Sunday a month from his duties in Danville. Dr. Anderson Wade, M.D., traveled by buggy to North Carolina to the nearest bishop to become the first confirmed male member and following the brief ministry of The Rev. W. E. Webb, Dr. Wade was ordained in 1848 to become the third rector of Christ Church.

In the same year the first building was erected, three blocks west of the present building, on land donated by Marshall Hairston, and the name was recorded as Christ Church. It was then Patrick Parish, one of the last divisions of the original Charles City Parish of Colonial Virginia.

The second member confirmed was Mrs. Ballard Preston of Stuart. Another member also confirmed here was the mother of General J. E. B. Stuart. These two ladies drove forty miles by buggy to attend services.

Four months after The Rev. Alfred W. Anson became Rector, the present church building was begun in 1894 on land donated by Miss Ann Marshall Hairston, daughter of the first donor. The small congregation of some seventy communicants led by the Chairman of the Building Committee, Judge Stafford G. Whittle, worked mightily to complete a building.

The structure was consecrated in 1903 by The Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of Southern Virginia.

Following The Rev. Alfred W. Anson's ministry of 26 years, The Rev. Wilfred E. Roach became Rector. The congregation grew steadily and reached 200 shortly after World War II. During the ministry of The Rev. Charles C. Fishburne, Jr., 1935-1956, the congregation of laymen and women sponsored an open evangelistic series, at which world prominent theologians offered a post-war restatement of the faith.

The subsequent growth made it apparent that expansion was imperative and the Vestry, headed by Justice Kennon C. Whittle, Senior Warden, and Mr. T. J. Burch, Junior Warden, determined to renovate the present church with needed additions with the idea that rather than build a larger structure, the congregation should establish a mission congregation when growth demanded.

Accordingly the adjoining property for parish activities was purchased in 1960, while The Rev. Philip Gresham was Rector. Under the leadership of its present Rector, The Rev. Jere Bunting, Jr., all of the parish property has undergone extensive renovation and redecorating. With the rector, the lay leadership of Mr. Clarence P. Kearfott and Mr. Thomas J. Burch, once more Christ Church has accomplished a major step forward.

AMEN.

(Information taken from a bulletin published by West Window Co. 1960-66).



High School Graduates

Violet Mazurek is graduating from Martinsville High School on May 28, 2016. Violet has been involved in several activities which included volleyball, cross country, swim and tennis. She is also an active member on the science team. She has been involved with HOSA, RELATE, and BETA club. She is also in the National Honor Society. She will be attending the University of Mississippi in the fall. Violet is the daughter of Bruce and Pamela Mazurek.

Yesid Mosquera Perea is graduating from Carlisle School on May 27, 2016. He will be attending UVA-Wise in the fall and will play for their basketball program. Yesid, from Quibdo – Choco Colombia, has been living with Butch & Virginia Hamlet for the past four years.

Ana Stone is graduating from Martinsville High School on May 28, 2016. She will be attending VCU in the fall. Ana is the granddaughter of Phil and Nancy Booker.

Peter Scott Ullstein graduated from Christ School in Arden, NC on May 20, 2016. While at Christ School he was a Dorm Prefect, Captain of the Football Team, starting lacrosse defenseman and founded the Big Brother mentoring program on campus his senior year. He played Varsity football all four years and was named a member of the NCISAA D2 All-State Team senior year. Scott will attend Sewanee: The University of The South in the fall, where he will play football and plans to study Business. Scott is the son of Peter and Ashley Ullstein.

College Graduates

James English Coleman graduated on May 21, 2016, with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from UVA. He is a graduating member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, four-year football player, received the Susan Korman Memorial Award for Athletics and also the ACC Top 6 Athletic Award. He is the son of James "Nubby" and Beverley Coleman.

Kathryn Peyton Joyce graduated on May 14, 2016, from VA Tech with a degree in Animal and Poultry Sciences, Psychology, and Horticulture minor. She will be attending the University Of Tennessee College Of Veterinary Medicine as the class of 2020. Peyton is the daughter of Amy Joyce.

Rebecca Moore graduated on May 21, 2016, from Salem College. A music major at Salem, she will be attending graduate school at Arkansas State University in the fall to pursue her Masters of Music with a Wind and Percussion Conducting concentration. She will receive a Graduate Assistantship from Arkansas State. Rebecca is the daughter of Elizabeth Moore.

Sheila Smart is a 2016 Patrick Henry Community College graduate with a degree in Phlebotomy.

Finley Simmons Trent graduated May 14, 2016, from Wake Forest with her Masters in Religious Studies. Her parents are Shelly Decker and Kyle Trent.

Erin Walsh graduated on May 18, 2016, from Columbia University School of Law. She will be working for Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York City beginning October, 2016. She is the daughter of Jerry and Jennie Blankenship and Frank and Linda Walsh.

Congratulations

TO THE

The Beverly S. Parrish, Jr.
2016 Young Christian's Award
Recipient

Violet Delanney Mazurek



Great day on the courts. Martinsville wins!

Violet Mazurek is the Conference 38 singles champion.

Violet and Vicki Easley and doubles champions.

Doubles are undefeated for the entire season!!!

Way to go girls!!!



Events in June

See also, Calendar, Special Events and News online



- 1 June** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; Book Club 6:30 pm PH. The book this month is “Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah.
- 2 June** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH.
- 5 June** — Sunday, 3 Pentecost 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II; Grace Network Sunday, and Healing Rite offered after each service.
- 8 June** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; Contemporary Music Practice 7:00 pm
- 9 June** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH.
- 12 June** — Sunday, 4 Pentecost, 8:00 am and 10:30 am Morning Prayer.
- 15 June** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **Vestry Meeting** 5:30 pm PH.
- 16 June** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH; Mission Committee meeting 1:00 pm PH.
- 19 June** — Sunday, 5 Pentecost, **Father’s Day**, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II;
- 22 June** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel.
- 23 June** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH; VLAS Meetings 10:00 am PH.
- 26 June** — Sunday, 6 Pentecost, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II with Holy Baptism.
- 29 June** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel;. **Loaves & Fishes** dinner 5:30-6:15 pm, call David Cole, 276-732-8891 to help. [Last L& F dinner before August, none in July.]



Events in July

See also, Calendar, Special Events and News online



- 3 July** — Sunday, 7 Pentecost, 8:00 am and 10:30 am Morning Prayer; Grace Network Sunday.
- 4 July** — Monday, Church Office Closed for **Independence Day Holiday**.
- 6 July** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel.
- 7 July** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH.
- 10 July** — Sunday, 8 Pentecost, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II.
- 13 July** — Wednesday, 12:00 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; Contemporary Music Practice 7:00 pm.
- 14 June** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH.
- 17 July** — Sunday, 9 Pentecost, 8:00 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II.
- 20 July** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **Vestry Meeting** 5:30 pm PH.
- 21 July** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH.
- 24 July**— Sunday, 10 Pentecost, Open date.
- 25 July**—Monday—August Newsletter deadline.
- 27 July** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **No Loaves & Fishes this month.**
- 28 July** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH; VLAS Meetings 10:00 am, PH.
- 31 July**— Sunday, 11 Pentecost, Open date.



June & July Birthdays

June 1 — Stewart Webster

June 3 — John Myers

June 8 — Jack Gardner, Lauren Jones,
Mary Ruth Reynolds

June 11 — Parham Barber, Robert Spilman , III

June 12— Will Gardner , Kenneth Moore

June 14 — Phoebe Pitzer, Eliza Walmsley

June 17 — Lee Hamlet, Mitchell Hamlet

June 21 — Jerry Jordan

June 23— JT Byrd

June 24 — Page Beeler, James Coleman,
Walter Lee Penn III

June 25—Shelly Decker

June 28 — Harmon McClain

June 30 — Collin Rachner, Landon Wagoner



July 3—Johnny Yeaman

July 6—Jeannie Odachowski

July 7— Jackie McAdams

July 8—Jinks Morris

July 10—Elizabeth Sibbick, Syndor Trent

July 11—Parker Calfee

July 13—Kelly Cain

July 17—Sharon Bushnell

July 20—Jay Franck, Mary Jo Littlefield

July 23 — Shane Boyd, Joanna Hudgins, Tyler Johnson

July 25—Gus Barber

July 29—Grace Prince, Sarah Zimmer

June / July Altar Flowers

June 5, Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Norvel E. and Dorothy B. Farrar and Willard and Julia Potter by Larry and Becky P. Farrar

June 12, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Beverly Wisenburg by her daughter, Cindy Hollingsworth

June 19, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Christine Yeaman, John W. Yeaman, and Nuel L. Wallace by Loretta, Johnny and Lori Yeaman

June 26, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for John Friedrich Piasta by His Grandparents, John and Monica Piasta and Ben and Page Beeler

The Baptismal Font Ring is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for John Friedrich Piasta by His Parents, Joe and Kathryn Piasta

July 3, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving of 55 years of Marriage. Morgan and Barbara Holland

July 10, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of A. Joy VanArman by Elizabeth and Rebecca Moore

July 17, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Joseph Coates Carter by Judy Carter

July 24, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mary and John Bevan by Jane Bevan Martin

July 31, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of Edwin Green Peen, Sr. and Laura Hairston Penn, Edwin Green Penn, Jr. and Ursula Bowe Penn and Edwin Green Penn, IV by the Family

DON'T forget Dad on June 19th



Loaves & Fishes Dinner will be held on

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm in the Undercroft.

We are seeking volunteers and desserts.

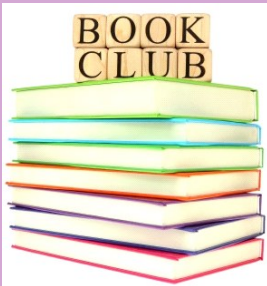
Please contact David Cole at 732-8891.

This month, Let us Pray for ...

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 Searce), Mitzi Gray, Fred Norton, George Scouras, Charles Johnson (son of Joy Johnson and brother of Ruth Foley), Lucy Lester Falk, Joy Riley, Macy Wagoner, Mary Louise Allen (former member and mother of Louise Allen), Heavenly Harris and Judy Carter.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes - 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 church office**. We anticipate confirmation classes to begin in September. Once we have interest, we will schedule an organizational session.



The CEC Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish House.

Join us this month as we discuss "Nightingale"

By Kristin Hannah.

UTO Spring Ingathering Report

Many thanks to all who donated funds from their Blue Boxes in support of the United Thank Offering's Spring Ingathering. \$290.63 was received from both services on Sunday, April 24 and May 1st.



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Grace Network 2016

Our special assignments July—September:

Bread/Pancake Mix

with 'Featured' items needed for July:

Toilet Paper & Deodorant

Grace Network Sunday— 1st Sunday of 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

Email: gracenetworkmhc@gmail.com



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

The **Youth from Bradford England** will be in our area in July. Please keep a look out for more information as it become available.

Thanks and Peace, Deb Norton

Report from Roanoke Convocation Meeting May 22, 2016

As your newly appointed CEC Chair of the Diocesan Relations Committee, I attended our Roanoke Convocation's Spring meeting held at Christ Church Roanoke on Sunday afternoon May 22nd. The Convocation President Episcopal Friar Eric Shelley welcomed lay and clergy representatives and encouraged all of us to be "more intentional" in how we connect with other churches. He asked us to support ecumenical efforts as we continue to be sent out to do God's work locally and globally. Information was distributed about grants which are available from the Global Goals Committee, successor to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Committee. These goals address opportunities to participate in missional efforts such as: how to eradicate poverty and feed the hungry in our midst and around the world. Group discussions were led by Rev Melissa Hays-Smith, Deacon and Canon Missioner from the Diocese.

Individuals spoke about a variety of topics. Godly Play was mentioned as a resource for Sunday School programs through storytelling. Applications are available for an intentional living in community at Aiden House, a newly renovated residence near Evans House in Roanoke. Some speakers addressed missional work that supports local school feeding programs as well as supporting clothing donations to families in need of financial assistance.

Christ Church, Roanoke at 1101 Franklin Road, S.W. Roanoke invited everyone to attend a service of Choral Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer 1662 led by Thomas Baugh, Director of the Parish Choir and Christopher Bono, Organist. The event begins with organ music at 4:45 on Sunday June 12th and the service of Anthems and Chants will begin at 5:00 p.m.

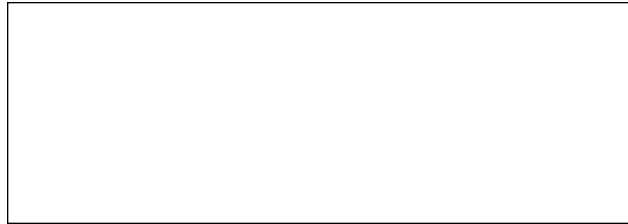
Respectfully,

Mary Ruth

Dr. Mary Ruth Reynolds, Chair

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