

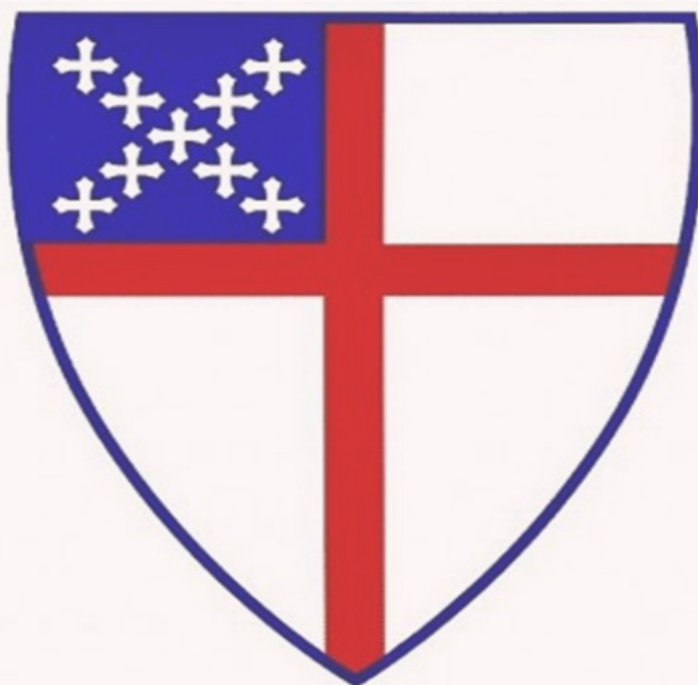
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—321 EAST CHURCH STREET—MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

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Christ Episcopal Church



**Celebrating
175 Years
1841—2016**

Martinsville, Virginia

**Christ Episcopal Church, Martinsville
2016/2017 Event Schedule**

Join us as we celebrate our 175th Anniversary

2016 Schedule

- Sunday, August 7th Annual Church Picnic at Wayne and Carolyn Byrd's Farm
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. *Contact the church office for directions.*
- Sunday, September 11th Reverend Ed Covert – Christ Episcopal Church
Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast 9:00 am in the Undercroft
Reception following the 10:30 am service
- Saturday, September 17th “One Word” with Martha Bourlakas at 11:00 am in the
Undercroft—Tickets \$15.00, which includes lunch. Tickets can
be purchased from the church office, Sue Rosser or Beth Sibbick.
- Sunday, September 25th Bishop Mark Bourlakas – St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Friday, September 30th “Art on the Half-Shell” (Fall Flavors) **TENTATIVE DATE**
- Sunday, October 16th Reverend Nicholas Hull's first Sunday service –
Christ Episcopal Church
Reception following the 10:30 am service
- Sunday, October 23rd Bishop Heath Light – Bishop Light has also asked to speak
during our normal education time. – Christ Episcopal Church
Reception following the 10:30 am service
- Sunday, November 6th All Saint's Day – Christ Episcopal Church
Bishop George Packard
Special music program planned
Reception following the 10:30 am service
- Sunday, November 13th Annual Meeting – in the Undercroft at 9:00 am
- Sunday, November 20th Bishop Mark Bourlakas – Christ Episcopal Church
Confirmations
Reception following the 10:30 am service

2017 Schedule

- Friday, February 24th Mardi Gras Progressive Dinner – **TENTATIVE DATE**
- Sunday, April 16th Easter Breakfast

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Emmanuel Chapel

The Anglican Church, the only recognized religious institution in Virginia from the colonial period until the revolution, found itself more and more as a symbol representing the oppression of British rule. So, by 1776 Anglicans were often equated with loyalists and through the revolution fell into unpopularity among the citizenry, especially with the rural settlers. For that reason few congregations survived the war years intact and it was only after the fervor began to die down and the country began to grow, that small parishes sprung up in the towns and villages throughout the state. Thus, as our church history has taught us, it was some fifty-eight years after we had won our independence that our parish began its tentative journey to its present status. From the 1841 gatherings in private homes, to the beginnings of a church building in 1847, by 1900 we were in our present building which, though modernized, remains remarkably true to its original design.

Little known, but clearly documented, Christ Church while in its early years of growth embarked on a venture of establishing a mission church, far away in the town of Ridgeway! In February of 1869, just 22 years after acquiring the land for our original building, the Rev. John R. Lee, Rector at Christ, led a group of trustees who acquired a tract of land on Marrowbone Road at or near the town of Ridgeway *establishing Emmanuel Chapel*. This plot, sold by King and Ann Jones, was a rectangle of 120 feet wide and 195 deep, amounting to just over a half acre, coincidentally about the same size of the original church plot at Church and Moss Streets. Apparently there was no building on the land when acquired.

The Trustees of Emmanuel Chapel, in addition to Rev. Lee, were Susan M. Martin, Matilda Penn, Susan J. Hairston and George H. Watkins. Scarcely anything is known of the purpose and growth of this little mission but it is mentioned in the Report of the 76th Council of the Virginia Episcopal Church wherein Bishop Whittle reported that on October 13, 1871, he “consecrated Emmanuel Chapel Ridgeway and preached. Rev. J. R. Lee, Rector assisted.” This would suggest the actual building was completed some two years after the mission was started. Two years later, things didn’t work out as well since Bishop Whittle reported on September 12, 1873, that he “was prevented by rain from visiting Emmanuel, Ridgeway” Luckily, the next day on the 13th he preached and confirmed one at Christ Church, Henry Courthouse. (That’s us).

There is no documentation of the progress (or lack thereof) after the 1873 mention by Bishop Whittle, but apparently it did not go well as by 1894 the remaining Trustee, George H. Watkins, on behalf of Christ Church had to bring an action in the Circuit Court to appoint a special commissioner to sell the property. The Court ordered that T. G. Burch be named as the special commissioner to sell the Chapel property upon terms he deemed best. This would imply that the trustees were no longer functioning and that there were little or no members remaining.

On April 15, 1897, less than thirty years from its founding, the last vestiges of Emmanuel Chapel, Ridgeway were extinguished when Mr. Burch conveyed the original property to Dr. J. Beverly DeShazo. The building constructed on the tract was still in existence as the deed refers to the conveyance of land and the “appurtenances thereon” which means there was a structure on the property. The sale brought \$200.00, which is further evidence that more than raw land was conveyed. There is antidotal word that the building was eventually sold to a Baptist or Primitive Baptist congregation but it appears Dr. DeShazo sold the building to George R. Jones and it was moved to a lot on Magnolia Street where it burned in the 1920’s. Dr. DeShazo, a prominent physician, built his home on the tract once serving the Chapel.

More information as to this interesting mission into the outlying lands of Henry County would surely be discoverable by a more thorough scouring of early church and courthouse records. Any volunteers?

Note: I have used the spelling *Emmanuel* but the early deeds variously used *Immanuel* or *Emanuel*.

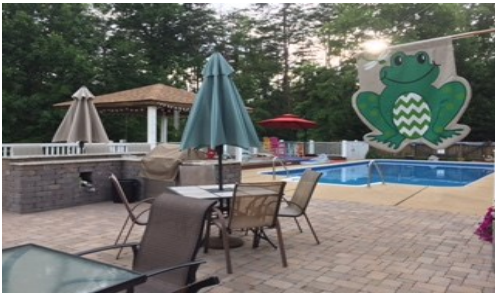
Researched and submitted by John Swezey



Parish Life of Christ Church invites you to join us for an afternoon at *Wayne and Carolyn Byrd's farm* for our Annual Church Picnic.

Date: Sunday, August 7th (Rain Date August 21st)

Time: 3:00 pm—7:00 pm



Swimming, horseshoes, games, cookout, fellowship and more!

Parish Life will provide the following items:

Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, chopped onions, condiments, forks, plates, napkins and beverages

Items Needed:

Deviled eggs, pasta salad, vegetable salad, potato salad, slaw, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce sliced onions (for burgers) and desserts.

BYOB—beer, wine, etc.

Sign-up at the following link to bring something: <http://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=132>

Please sign-up at the following link to attend so that we can get an accurate count for food purchases:
<http://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=131>

PLEASE RSVP TO ATTEND BY MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST AT 10:00 AM.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BYRD FARM

3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville, VA 24112

- ◆ Go 57 East for approximately 3 miles towards Chatham. Take a left on State Road 657 Dyers Store Road past the fire house.
- ◆ Go 2 miles. Take the 1st turn on the left, Greenhill Drive (between 2 white houses)
- ◆ Turn on 1st driveway on the left (1/4 mile long driveway)

Look for green arrows directing you the entire route!

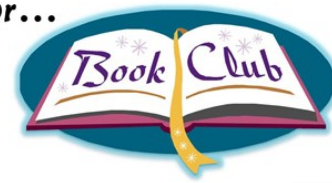
Events in August

See also, Calendar, Special Events and News online



- 3 August** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; CEC Book Club Movie Night 6:00 pm, Parish House. Showing the movie “Bridge of Spies”.
- 4 August** - Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH.
- 7 August** — Sunday, 12 Pentecost 8:00 am and 10:30 am Morning Prayer; Grace Network Sunday. Annual Church Picnic at Wayne & Carolyn Byrd’s Farm 3:00-7:00 pm.
- 8 August**— Monday, Men’s Club Dinner with fellowship at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. \$15 donation.
- 10 August** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; Contemporary Music Practice 7:00 pm. Henry County & Martinsville first day of school.
- 11 August** - Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH; Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm.
- 14 August**— Sunday, 13 Pentecost 8 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II with Rev. George Pruitt presiding.
- 17 August**—Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **Vestry Meeting** 5:30 pm PH. Carlisle first day of school.
- 18 August** — Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH; Mission Committee meeting 1 pm PH; Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm.
- 21 August** — Sunday, 14 Pentecost, 8 am Rite I; 10:30 am Rite II with Contemporary Music. Rev. Ron Johnson presiding.
- 24 August** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **September Newsletter deadline at 12:00 noon.**
- 25 August** - Thursday, Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am PH; VLAS Meetings, 10:00 am PH; Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm.
- 28 August** — Sunday, 15 Pentecost, 8:00 am and 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word and Administration of Holy Communion;
- 31 August** — Wednesday, 12 Noon Day Prayer, Chapel; **Loaves & Fishes** dinner 5:30-6:15 pm, call David Cole, 276-732-8891 to help. **Need help to serve, clean up and desserts.**

Book Club is
for...



...you!

CEC Book Club will have a Movie Night on **Wednesday, August 3, 2016**, in the Parish House at **6:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to see the film “*Bridge of Spies*” starring *Tom Hanks*. Please bring a dish and beverage or dessert to share.

All are welcome and bring a friend.

Men’s Club Dinner

The Christ Episcopal Men’s Club will be meeting in the Undercroft on **Monday, August 8, 2016**, with Fellowship at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6:30 pm. \$15 donation. The speaker will be Tom Eplett and he will be discussing the *American Beer Industry*. Put it on your calendar and make plans to attend. **Team #2** is responsible this month. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex and online.

Please remember to invite a friend!

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes Dinner will be held on

Wednesday, August 31, 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.

August

Birthdays

- August 1 Will Prince
- August 2 Debbie Norton
- August 3 James McClain
- August 5 Dr. Philip Sprinkle
- August 7 Fred Woodson
- August 9 Sallie Hall, Dave Sweet
- August 10 Janet Hudgins, Sally Lewis
- August 14 Baylie Coleman
- August 16 Phil Gardner, Hillary Mazurek
- August 19 David Mullins, Andrew Zimmer
- August 20 Emmye Byrd
- August 21 Olivia Odachowski
- August 22 Lewis Pitzer
- August 23 Thom Puckett
- August 24 Lester Coleman
- August 28 Bo Setliff
- August 29 Debbie Lewis
- August 31 Cari Zimmer



Please let us know of any birthdays omitted.

Financial Information for Bulletin for June 2016

June	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$17,270	<u>Budget</u>	\$22,050
Y-T-D	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>\$129,351</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$132,300</u>
June	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$17,371	<u>Budget</u>	\$21,891
Y-T D	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>\$111,976</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$131,346</u>

This month, Let us Pray for . . .

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah "Lou" Shelton; Clay Gravely, Julia Hall, Sean Mahoney, Pat Featherstun, Scott Prince, Mitzi Gray, the Norton family, Charles Johnson, Lucy Lester Falk, Joy Riley, Mary Louise Allen, Judy Carter, Dan Prince, Richard and Avenell King, Paul Huckfeldt, Karen Lackey, Martha Edmiston, Derrick Stoneman, George R. Lewis and Phoebe Pitzer.

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

Confirmation Class



Confirmation classes will start **Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 am** in the Parish House for any adult or child 12 years or older that is interested in being confirmed when the Bishop visits on Sunday, November 20th. If you are interested in taking the confirmation classes and haven't already signed up, please contact the church office.

acolyte training



There will be an Acolyte Training on **Sunday, September 25th at 10:00 am** in the church. Please plan to attend.

Available Special Memorial Flower Dates

The following special memorial flowers are available in 2017 should anyone wish to memorialize a family member or friend. This memorial can be in "Loving Memory of" or in "Thanksgiving for" and on a one-time or yearly basis.

1st & 2nd weeks of July

Please contact: Deborah Searce at office@christchurchmvl.org or (276) 632-2896 to reserve one of these special memorials.

Please note the flower memorial procedures:
Weddings, funerals, baptisms and holidays may take precedence over any memorials.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Memorials and Altar Guild at CEC.

Grace Network 2016

Our special assignments August–September:
Peanut Butter (up to 28 oz.) OR Bread/Pancake Mix
with 'Featured' items needed this month:
Hand Soap & Toothpaste

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: gracenetwkmhc@gmail.com

How to Contact Us:

**Christ Episcopal Church, 321 E. Church Street—
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



Altar Flowers

August 7, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of Theophilus F. Gilliam
by the Family*

August 14, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Long, Sr.
by Hank and Kathy*

August 21, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of Grace Booker Johnson and
Bradley T. Johnson, III
by Zenita Johnson*

August 28, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in Loving Memory of John Pannill Yeaman, Sr.
by Loretta, Johnny and Lori*



Altar Guild Needs Cans

Please save tall juice cans, tall vegetable cans or large plastic or metal coffee cans (48 oz. or more) for the Altar Guild. You may bring them to the office.



OUR ONE WORD

MARTHA BOURLAKAS



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17TH

11:00 AM

**Tickets: \$15
which includes lunch**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL
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In 2014, Martha created a spiritual community for women called Our One Word, a hospitable, no-guilt, no-expectation, thinking, feeling shelter for cultural and religious growth. By focusing on one significant word each week, women can effectively face what is disarming, confusing and distill what is meaningful, hopeful. Martha now leads Our One Word retreats across the country.

This event is being sponsored by CEC's ECW Committee.

Tickets can be purchased at the church office (311 E. Church St.)
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
or by contacting Sue Rosser at 276-226-5530 or Beth Sibbick at 276-634-7088.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Book Club Selections for Fall 2016

The CEC Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month
in the Parish House Library at 6:30 pm.
All are welcome and bring a friend!

- September 7th *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates* by Brian Kilmeade
A new nation is challenged by four Muslim powers and what
Happened when a president decided to stand up to intimidation.
- October 5th *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain
A record setting aviator in Kenya and her struggle to prove herself.
- November 2nd *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
A true story about the potential for mercy to fix our broken Judicial System.
- December 7th *Dime Store* by Lee Smith
Lee Smith's life in the mountains of Virginia

For more information please call Virginia Huckfeldt at 276-632-0087 or email rnginnyh@gmail.com.



United Thank Offering
Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

The Lord is positioning His church to become people of action who will advance the kingdom of God. We are Christ's ambassadors; we are called to represent His rule. Wherever we are, the kingdom of God is, also. God has chosen, purchased, acquired, consecrated and set us apart in order for us to move forward in purpose and action, completely trusting in the Lord, and knowing that we cannot do anything in and of ourselves. God not only wants us to walk in an intimate, personal relationship with Him, but from this place, we are to also move forward with the mentality of standing in the earth for Him and advancing the Kingdom of God. He is calling us to open our hearts and hear His plans and purposes, to get in there with Him and to effect change.

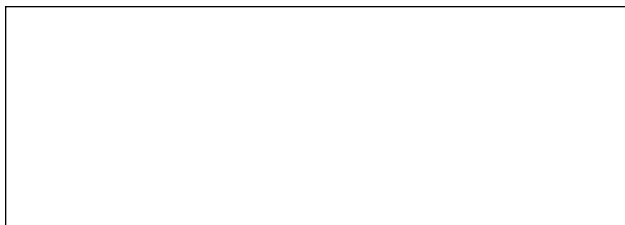
At the 2015 48th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, The United Thank Offering celebrated a historic milestone of serving the needs of God's people for 125 years. We have and will continue to embrace this rich legacy and seek God's guidance to fulfill UTO's renewed mission. The women and men who labored before us, and those currently called on behalf of this ministry, know we serve an awesome God who has made available to us favor, creativity, power, wisdom, strategies and all we need to transform the world. No matter where we are placed in our neighborhoods, businesses and churches, God has equipped and anointed us for our assignment. We have touched so many across the world through our work and look forward to many, many more years of service.

Mary Ruth Reynolds, CEC UTO Coordinator



**Mountain Valley Hospice now has an office location at the
Patrick Henry Mall and is soliciting for in-home visitor
volunteers.**

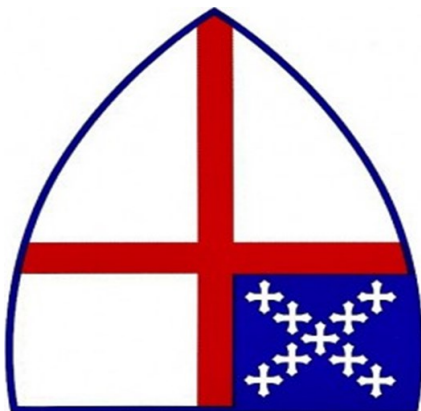
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