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*We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.*

Dear members and friends of Christ Church,

Last month, the Vestry gathered on a Saturday to continue our ongoing conversation about evangelism and growing the church (building on prior Saturday meetings with Diocesan Canon Jenni Faires) and began making plans for the Fall. Among the activities we discussed were:

- breakfast before one 10:30 service in September (similar to the Easter breakfast)
- a more carefully planned return to **Uptown Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 3**, with Jay Dickens organizing
- Blessing of the Animals on the afternoon of **Sunday, October 4**
- another Trivia Night in October
- the Oyster Roast in November (look for announcements and invitations to help from our co-chairs, Ron Probst and Rives Coleman, in the coming weeks)
- a monthly Sunday evening featuring worship in the Chapel and supper in the Undercroft, to provide both a regular fellowship opportunity and a second worship service (along with the Wednesday Noon Eucharist) for those for whom Sunday mornings are a challenge.

Keep your eyes open for announcements of dates and invitations to help with these events as we get closer to September.

We also got updates on the ground-related projects funded by last year's capital campaign. While we cannot exactly say the plants newly added to the landscape are thriving, they are surviving despite the dry Spring. Our Junior Warden, Bob Weatherall, is making plans to have tree work done this summer, including trimming around the Parish House parking to reduce the risk of a branch falling onto a car, trimming (but not removing) the hollies between the Parish House and Church, and removing several small trees that are dead or dying around the property. We also continue to move forward with signage, not only adding new small signs to help direct visitors unfamiliar with our buildings but also considering a new large sign to increase our visibility.

I want to again thank the Vestry members (Rives Coleman, Bob Weatherall, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, Bob Bushnell, LaRue Powers, Susan Critz, Steve Keyser, Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, and Ron Probst) for their time and hard work as we continue living into God's call to us.

- Fr. John

### **Church History Class**

Our studies in Church History continue **June 3 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft**, as we consider the causes and background of the Crusades. Whether this is your first or twentieth time, all are welcome!

### **Kings Grant Eucharist**

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at Kings Grant monthly, typically on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. The next services will be **June 4** and **July 2**.

### **Summer Sunday Lemonade**

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) **after the 10:30 service, June 7 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, **please sign at [Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia](#)** for your Sunday.

### **Public Theology**

Public Theology meets on **June 10 at the Ground Floor** (1 E Church St); food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available from the usual menu. We begin gathering at 6:00 pm, with the program going from 7:00 to 8:00.

### **Bishop Consecration**

The Rev. Karin MacPhail will be ordained and consecrated as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia at **10:00 am on Saturday, June 13**. A livestream of the service will be available from [dioswva.org](http://dioswva.org).

### **Flag Day Summer Outing**

**On Sunday, June 14**, please join us for an evening of croquet, dinner, and fellowship in Marty Gardner's woods; we'll begin gathering at **4:30 pm** and eat around 5:30. Although reservations are not required, in order to know how much food to prepare, **please sign up at [Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia](#)**.

### **Beverly Parrish Award**

Congratulations to Elizabeth Waite Maxwell, winner of the 2026 Beverly S. Parrish, Jr. Award! Elizabeth graduated from Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, and will attend Samford University in Birmingham, AL, planning to major in Communications.

### **Loaves & Fishes**

This month's Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) is on **June 24**. Dinner will be served **from 5:00 to 6:00**. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. Sign up at **[Christ Episcopal Church - Martinsville, Virginia](#)** to volunteer or to bring something.

**Let Deborah or Fr. John know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the list.**

Comfort and heal *Sue (Rosser), Julia (Hall), Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F., Michael (Martin), Jim A., Tracy*; and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

## June Server Schedule

<b>10:30AM</b>	June 7 The Second Sunday after Pentecost	June 14 The Third Sunday after Pentecost	June 21 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  (Father's Day)	June 28 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Lector Prayers	Bob Bushnell	Pete Scouras	Susan Critz	Ann Gardner
Chalist	Hank Long Dawn Stone	Rives Coleman John Swezey	Natalie Coleman Steve Keyser	Bob Bushnell Tom Webster
Acolyte				
Ushers	Trippi Penn Jay Dickens	Michael Hodges Gus Barber	Pete Scouras Bob Weatherall	Ben Beeler Hank Long
Camera Operator	Natalie Coleman	Vicki Crosby	Hank Long	Rives Coleman
Counters	Susan Critz Ron Probst	Susan Critz Ron Probst	Susan Critz Ron Probst	Susan Critz Ron Probst
Nursery Attendants	Caroline Davis	Caroline Davis	Caroline Davis	Caroline Davis

**Altar Guild Team #5 – Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby**

**Please remember that if you cannot serve on your scheduled date,  
it is your responsibility to find a replacement.**

**If, however, you cannot find a replacement, please contact your chairperson.**

**Fr. John Adams – Lectors, Chalist Acolytes, and camera operator;  
Ben Beeler – Ushers; Deborah Scarce - Counters**

### Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals.** For **June: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**