

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

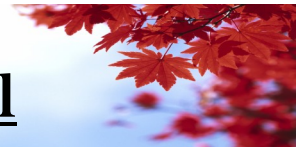
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## THE WORD

### Christ Church Reaches out this Fall



#### Souper Saturday 20th Year!!

Did you know 'Souper Saturday' began here at Christ Episcopal Church in 1991? Through the years other Isle of Wight churches joined in and the annual event moved to Trinity UMC after it out grew our facilities.. This special day features homemade soups and desserts prepared and served by volunteers from our local churches. *Souper Saturday* is an ever growing, annual event , perhaps the most successful fundraiser for the Christian Outreach Program. All monies raised are for the Heating Assistance Program which helps Isle of Wight families in need to stay warm this winter. Last year's event raise \$13,000!!

October 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 201 Cedar Street in downtown Smithfield will be the site of one of the largest, Christian outreach events of our community. !

Cost for all-you-can-eat soup, ham biscuits, dessert and drinks is

\$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

Tickets will be on sale here at Christ Church during coffee Hour on Sunday October the 2<sup>nd</sup> and are also available at the door on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Live music throughout the day!

*We are looking for volunteers to provide soup and deserts! Please consider being a part of this important outreach event and see the sign up sheet in CEC hall. For further information- contact Pam Glanville.*



#### Food Collection Continues each Sunday Morning

This fall the Daughters of the King continue to collect non-perishable food items to help restock the shelves of the Christian Outreach Food bank. The food is distributed to those in need throughout Isle of Wight County.

Many thanks to all CEC members who have donated food during September. As you can see our basket was full! During **October** the Daughters of the King are asking for donations of **spaghetti and jarred sauce**. However any nonperishable food items are gladly accepted. During the 9:00 service a collection basket will be passed during the time of offertory. While at the 11:00 service as basket will be in the narthex for your donations and brought forward by the ushers with the offertory. *Many thanks for your generosity.*



Please contact Nancy Greskowiak with questions.

#### Chanco Volunteer Work Weekend.

The Chanco Restoration Project of Conference Center building A is almost complete! The team of volunteers who re-roofed, resided and renovated Building A in August did a fabulous job and saved Chanco an estimated \$30,000+ in labor costs! The staff is happy to report that this building did not receive any damage during hurricane Irene. However two chalets in Matthew were completely destroyed. Large trees fell on them and they will have to be completely reconstructed. The estimate was about 20-30 trees down. All conference buildings, Manor House, Retreat House and other buildings appear to be OK. Two large trees fell right *near* the brand new rock wall, but not ON the rock wall! Trees fell on the riverfront, but not on the boathouse and the dock held fast! All equipment in the boathouse was fine and all boats appear to be fine! Truly a blessing!

If you missed the opportunity to help with the 10 day work project, (cont. on p.2)

(Chanco continued)

it's not too late! There is still some work to be done. Doug Weymouth and Jack Mace, project coordinators, are seeking ten volunteers for the weekend of September 30-October 2nd to finish this project. Food and lodging at Chanco are provided. Come for the weekend or come for the day - we need you! Contact Property Chair, Jack Mace, at [jwmace@cox.net](mailto:jwmace@cox.net) or Angie Lowry if you can help.



With Angie Lowry (at the time )Interim Director of Chanco Tally Banazek and Doug Weymouth ( project coordinator)



*Many thanks to all Christ Church members who helped with our sponsoring September's*

Smithfield Community Blood Drive with Trinity United Methodist Church! The end results reported by Willie Roundtree in the Smithfield Times were 91 donors signing in and a total of 73 units of blood given to the local Mid-Atlantic! Thank you for providing food for the canteen, making sandwiches and fruit, and to those who helped serve the donors that day. A special thank you to all the CEC members who donated blood that day! The next Community Blood Drive is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, again at Trinity from noon til 6:00PM



*Would you like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or remembrance of a special occasion?*

*\*Flower dates available October 2, 16, 23, & November 13\**



This recipe corner is a new addition to the newsletter. As Episcopalians we certainly know the joy of breaking bread and sharing food with others. We have many talented bakers and cooks here who are always creating wonderful dishes. Tried and tested recipes are always being called for, therefore if you have a recipe you would like to share please submit to Michel Lujan [michel.lujan@yahoo.com](mailto:michel.lujan@yahoo.com), or Deborah Webb [cchurchsmfd@verizon.net](mailto:cchurchsmfd@verizon.net) phone or place written recipe in Church mail box, so that we may include it in future publications.



## THE NEXT GENERATION J2A

BY BRIDGET LUJAN

September was a busy month for all of us getting started with school. Some of our J2A members who are in the Smithfield High School band were busy playing at all of the football games. Yes, you did see Tyler playing his drums on the side of the road working at the band's fundraising carwash! This month Nat Barker entered one of his poems in the 'Open Amateur Poetry Contest'! Good luck Nat! Check it out on page 4! Chris Ivy was named second squadron leader in Junior ROTC at Smithfield High. Awesome job Chris! Isle of Wight Academy just finished our spirit week in support of Homecoming. We were able to show our school spirit by wearing school colors, dressing up in Decade appropriate outfits and even wearing our pajamas to school that week. Unfortunately the homecoming game was cancelled and rescheduled because of all the rain. Bummer!!

At the end of September J2A had a picnic at my house. We are trying to have a get-together outside of church at least once every month. We all had a great time and everyone came! We played games outside like volleyball and badminton, and also went for a walk. It was really fun to all be together and watch Mr. G and na 'get their game on'!! I can't wait til the next one!

We were still selling the 2012 Coupon Books during Coffee Hour each Sunday.-lots of great deals inside for local stores and restaurants as well as the popular big chains(Farm Fresh, Regal Cinemas, etc..). *Thank you for your help with raising funds for our pilgrimage.*

*Members of JA2 getting together at the picnic*



## THE RECTOR'S VISIONS BY REV. GARY BARKER



### The Bishop is Coming, the Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Holly Hollerith will be with us for a combined service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 23. This will be a special opportunity to meet and get to know the spiritual leader of our diocese.

Bishops are one of the earliest orders of ministry in the New Testament churches. The word in the Greek New Testament for "Bishop" is "*episcopoi*" from which we get the name of our denomination. *Episcopoi* means "overseer" and the role of the "*episcopoi*" from the beginning was to oversee the life of the church community that was larger than an individual "household" (as they are called in Scripture) or "congregation" as we talk about them today. Before too long, these larger areas came to be known as Dioceses and a Bishop was elected to oversee each Diocese. The Diocese was usually an area small enough that a Bishop could ride his horse from one part to another in a couple of days. Nowadays, our bishop, Holly, can ride his car from one end of the diocese (say, Danville) to the other (say Onancock on the Eastern Shore) in about a day -- depending on tunnel traffic. Over the years, the bishop in certain major cities came to be thought of as an Archbishop -- a bishop who helped to gather and administrate other bishops. This is how we eventually came to have a Pope in Rome, an Archbishop in Canterbury, England, and a Presiding Bishop in New York.

Our Bishop meets with the Episcopal House of Bishops twice a year to do the work of overseeing the church at large with his colleagues, including our Presiding Bishop. Every three years, when our church meets in General Convention, as we will do this coming summer, the House of Bishops serves as the "senate" of the largest bicameral body in the world to do the work of the larger church. Then once a decade, Bishop Holly and the other bishops meet with the Anglican Bishops of the world in a meeting called by the Archbishop of Canterbury. While this body has no legislative responsibility, they work together to build the Anglican Communion throughout the world and find ways to support and help out one another. These bonds of Christian love in communion have been a big topic of discussion in recent years as our churches around the world have tried to deal with some very different world views. (The biggest issues being our democratic system in the Episcopal Church verses a more oligarchic system in Britain and parts of Africa.)

Bishop Holly will come to us to worship with us and build the bonds between us and our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and beyond. He may bring news of the continued ministry to rebuild the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Haiti, after the earthquake there. He may bring news of the latest House of Bishop's meeting at the Episcopal Diocese of Ecuador, in Quito. He will surely bring news of ministries and activities in our own diocese. Bishop Holly brings a faithful vision from a much broader point of view than most of us have of the church. One of his gifts to us will be to offer us a vision of the Body of Christ that is much larger than just what we do for God here. Our gift to him will be to offer up our particular worship and ministry for him to see and experience to know that Christ is present in this place and in us.

Bishop Holly lives in Williamsburg and, as bishops do, he works throughout the diocese, spending some time in his office in Williamsburg and some in the diocesan office at Talbot Hall in Norfolk. You will find him to be a wise and very approachable bishop full of God's love for the church and us. It will be a great blessing for us to be with him!

God's Peace,

Gary+

Meet C.F.C. Sunday School Faculty:

Godly Play - Martha Underwood and Tammy Ash

Startin' Out Rite - Nancy Greskowiak and Eileen Locke

Journey to Adulthood (J2A) -

Ed Greskowiak and Dana Greskowiak

Nursery Care - Mary Ann Amato

Adult Sunday School - Bob Waxham

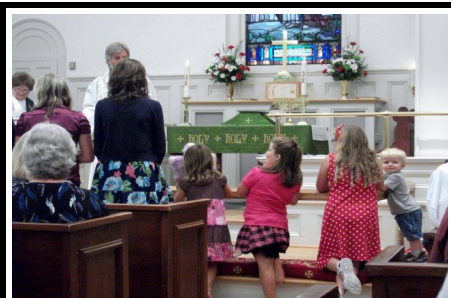
Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator - Ray Locke

\*\*\*Classes meet each Sunday between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services. Please join us!

The Sun, The Moon, The Stars,

By Nat Barker

The sun, the moon, the stars,  
The day, the night, they're ours,  
I'll be the moon, and seize the tide,  
To bring you home, and dry your eyes,  
I'll be the sun, and make the day,  
I'll rise for you, in evening lay,  
I'll be the stars, up in the sky,  
For you to count, and kiss goodbye,  
I'll be the day, I'll be the night,  
You are my dark, you are my light,  
Go count the stars, for each bright one,  
A burning heart, within a sun.



Some of our students at our back to school blessing!

Girl Scout Troop 1571 goes "Back to Scouts"

Girl Scout Troop 1571 went "Back to Scouts" with the first meeting of the year on September 15, 2011. The troop has recently re-organized and has both Girl Scout Daisies (5 and 6 year olds) and Brownies (7 and 8 year olds) that meet in our church monthly on the 3rd Thursdays. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.. If you have a 5-8 yr old who may like to join Please contact Diane Greenhalgh 357 00538/ dzginva@aol.com.

**CHRIST CHURCH**

**WELCOMES:**

BEATRICE GRAY

**October at a Glance**



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	1
2 Services at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm Sundays At Four Christ Church	3 Seekers/Bible Study 7-8:30pm	4 Daughters of the King 7:30pm Executive Vestry 1st Tues Meeting 7:00pm	5 4:00 Bible study 5:00 Eucharist	6	7	8 Souper Saturday 11:00am	
9	10 Seekers/Bible Study 7-8:30pm	11	12 4:00 Bible study 5:00 Eucharist	13	14	15 Prayer Shawl 10:00am	
16 Services at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00	17 Seekers/Bible Study 7-8:30pm	18 Vestry Meeting 6.30pm	19 4:00 Bible study 5:00 Eucharist	20 Brownie Troop Meeting 6:30pm	21	22	
23 Bishops Visit & Service 10:00am	24 Seekers/Bible Study 7-8:30pm	25	26 4:00 Bible study 5:00 Eucharist	27	28	29	
30 Services at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 at St Lukes	31 Halloween 						