

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE WORD – SPRING 2023

Easter Photos



Altar View on Easter Sunday

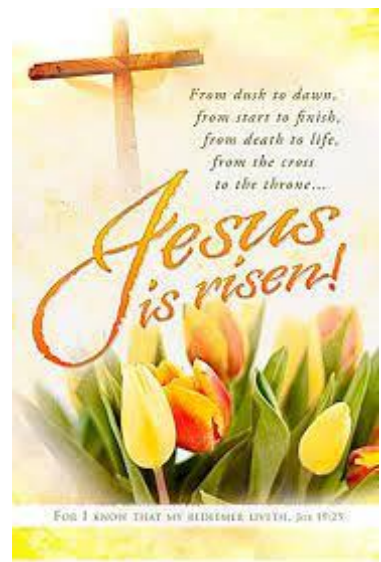


EYC Easter Banner





Tammy Harper provided beautiful flower arrangements for the Church on Easter.



Flowering of the Cross





Reception

Thank you to *Tammy Harper* for the beautiful flower arrangement for the table and to *Judy Cutler* for providing the luscious cake for our reception.



Hospitality

Thank you to who provided Hospitality in March and April. Your devotion and willingness to serve is much appreciated.

We need volunteers to sign up to provide the goodies, do set up and cleanup for Hospitality after 10:30 a.m. Worship in April, 2023. Small groups or ministries of Christ Church as well as individuals are invited to sign up. Please sign up on the kitchen door at the church to host Sunday Hospitality.



LOOKING BACK AT LENT

Sent in by Bill Egan

The Reverend Derrick Pringle was our supply priest on Sunday, March 12th. As part of his sermon he asked us to give a word about Lent using the letters of the word. Here are the words that Derrick gave us:

LENT

Lamb

Evil

Nail

Temptation

Derrick's messages are gems.

God Enlightening Moments



Christ Episcopal Church Open for Tours and Ornament Sales

Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Call Fred Chapman if you can be a Tour Guide:

757-814-7674

(Leave message if no answer)

Call Sue Plummer if you can sell Ornaments:

757-681-0140

(Text message if no answer)



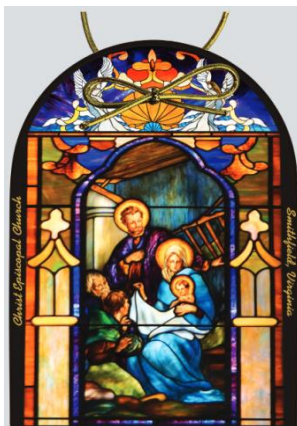
"Life of Christ"
Circa 1900



"The Crucifixion from
the "Life of Christ"
Window, Circa 1900



**"Christ Knocking
at the Door"**
Circa 1909

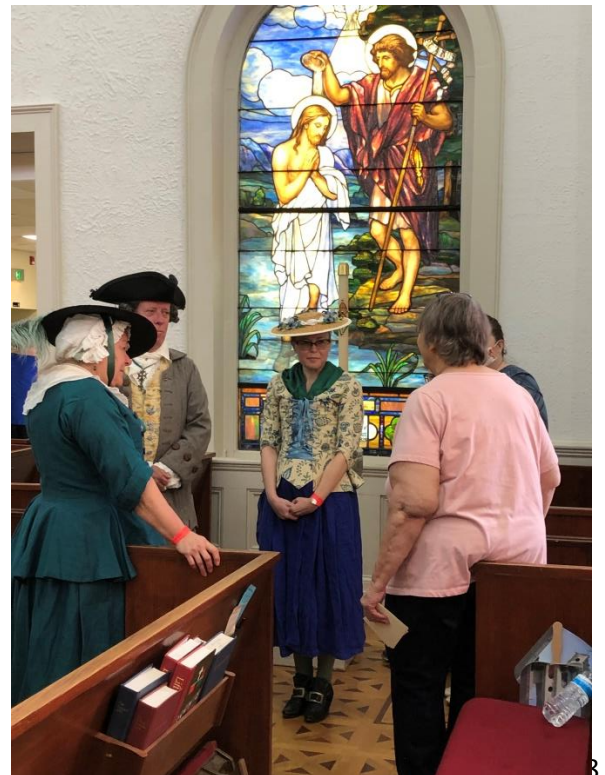


"The Nativity"
(Holy Family)
from the "Life of Christ"
Window, Circa 1900

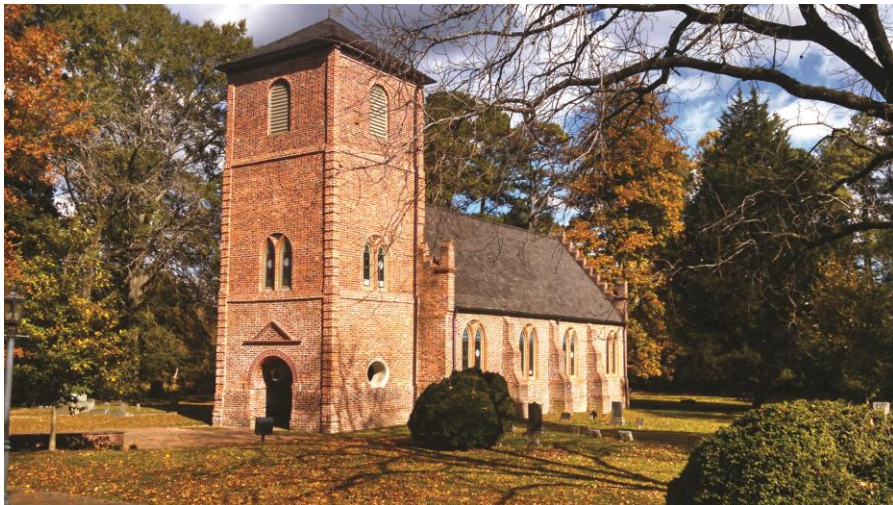


**"Angel at the Empty
Tomb"**
Circa 1900

PHOTOS FROM PREVIOUS ORNAMENT SALES & TOURS



Service at St. Luke's Coming Up Sunday, April 30, 2023 10:30 a.m.



**Carlton & Elsa Bakkum will be with us.
Carlton will be our priest and Elsa will be our organist.**

Cursillo #I70

Cursillo #170 in Diocese of Southern Virginia will take place at Chanco on the James, April 27th through 30th.

Christ Episcopal Church has supported this program for over 30 years that a large number of current and past parishioners have attended. They are coed and open to all adults and they are able to handle any physical or dietary challenges. A Cursillo Weekend is led by Laity, with clergy assistance. It is a series of prepared talks from the team, mixed with music and discussion, laughter and tears and a lot of food. Each day will start and end with an Episcopal Service.

The concept is to enable each individual person to enhance their faith in God and Christ. You spend a three day residential weekend making a plan on how you will spend the rest of your life“, Your 4th Day!” At least five individuals that I am close to elected to go to seminary after their weekend. For most of us it not so dramatic, but most make a significant change to the way they view their everyday life. Angie and I have both led Cursillo Weekends.

If you have any interest talk to me and I will provide as much information as you need to make a decision. You can also go to the website www.cursillodiosova.org for additional information. There will be team and candidates present from all across this diocese. Many times in the past CEC has had up to six candidates attend a single Cursillo weekend.

You don't have to jump into making a decision, you can submit an application up to 24-48 hours prior to the start and subject to availability you're in.

This is the code word!



Peter Lowry

Christ Episcopal Church c. 1832

The Only Original Church Standing in
Historic Smithfield

Tours Available – includes Tiffany Windows

Celtic Service

Sunday, May 7 – 5:00 pm

Meditation

Candles

Poetry

Music

Healing

Peace

Community



Sunday, May 7 – 5:00 PM Celtic Service

Celtic Service – Please come, bring neighbors, and friends. Get the word out, hang posters, place posters on FaceBook, send them as text, or on email. Help fill the church. Offering will be taken as part of the service which will go to support additional services on-going.

We are looking for help to set up the church after the May 7 service. Please call Mary Cole 757-675-5777, or marycole@tidewaterarts.com if you can help with set up, and meeting and greeting. Thank you.



HOLLY ROMANELLI TO GIVE RECITAL

SUNDAY, MAY 21 AT 4:00 PM



Sunday, May 21st at 4:00 PM, Holly Romanelli returns to the community to perform a concert of songs from musicals to opera. The third of three Romanelli children who often participated in Little Theatre productions growing up, Holly will be a rising junior at Carnegie Mellon University as a Vocal Performance Major.

Last August, Holly found time to sing on the Terrific Teen Talent Recital. Her performance was stunning and Sundays at Four ask if she would do a full recital this season. A full recital is a huge undertaking, especially when you are expected to sing in various languages and a variety of musical compositions. Holly will soon be a rising junior at

Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg studying vocal performance. This summer she has an opportunity to study in Italy beginning in July which will support her interest in opera, and her second major - Italian. Holly is busy trying to raise money for her summer studies. I hope you will all come and support her in concert. Sundays at Four will take up a free will offering to support the recital and Holly's study plans. This church has greatly supported Ricky Goodwyn, Jr., which has allowed him to earn a college degree. Many of you have heard and supported the Terrific Teen Recitals each August. It is amazing to follow so many young musicians as they pursue their goals. Many of these students are now professional musicians and some known all over the world.

Holly's recital program will include an aria from Vivaldi's *Ottone in Villa*, "What Good Would the Moon Be?" from Kurt Weill's *Street Scene*, a song cycle, "Cowboy Songs" by the American composer Libby Larsen, Mozart arias and much more. The recital will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 111 S. Church St. in Smithfield. There will be a free-will contribution expected to support the recital and to assist Holly with her summer studies. Please come and support this fine artists that you will no doubt see on the world stage some day.

Sundays at Four

presents an

Arts Festival Solo Recital

Holly Romanelli, soprano

Ashley Frye, piano



May 21, 2023 – 4:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church

111 S. Church Street; Smithfield, Virginia

Free-will Contributions Encouraged

Martin's Corner

By Martin Mikulus

For about 20 years Lady J and I have noticed that the ospreys show up on the banks of the River Pagan every year by the first week of March. This year the first sighting was February 26. This time is not by accident as this is when the herring and shad are making their way up the River James and its tributaries to spawn. However, for the first couple of weeks after they return, the male's time is mostly spent squabbling over possession of the prized nesting sites. In between fights for the nests, they are gorging themselves on all the fish that are enjoying a buffet on the roe that is laid in the shallow waters.

A couple of days ago Zoe and I went to our favorite osprey viewing site quite early to ensure the photographic advantage of early morning golden light. When we arrived, the only bird around was the usual statuesque blue heron that keeps a watchful eye over that stretch of the Pagan as shown in the first image. Shortly thereafter, a cormorant, with its emerald-green eye, came sauntering by looking for his first meal of the day as shown in the second image. After a short dive, the cormorant came up with a fish in its beak and quickly scurried away to protect its precious possession from predators as shown in the third image.

The first osprey finally showed up as the mist was lifting, high above the river on a weathervane from where it could survey a wide area in search of an unsuspecting fish swimming near the river surface as shown in the fourth image. It did not have to wait long and soon landed on a piling with its catch as shown in the fifth image. However, as with the cormorant, the osprey must protect its highly sought-after catch. It can be seen trying to hide its possession with its wings from birds flying overhead in image 6. After being continually harassed, the osprey decides to take off for a more secure dining spot as shown in the last image.

"In order to see birds it is necessary to become a part of the silence."

— Robert Lynd

Photos are on pages 16 & 17



Image 1:
Blue heron keeping a watchful eye over a stretch of the Pagan



Image 2:
Cormorant, with its emerald-green eye

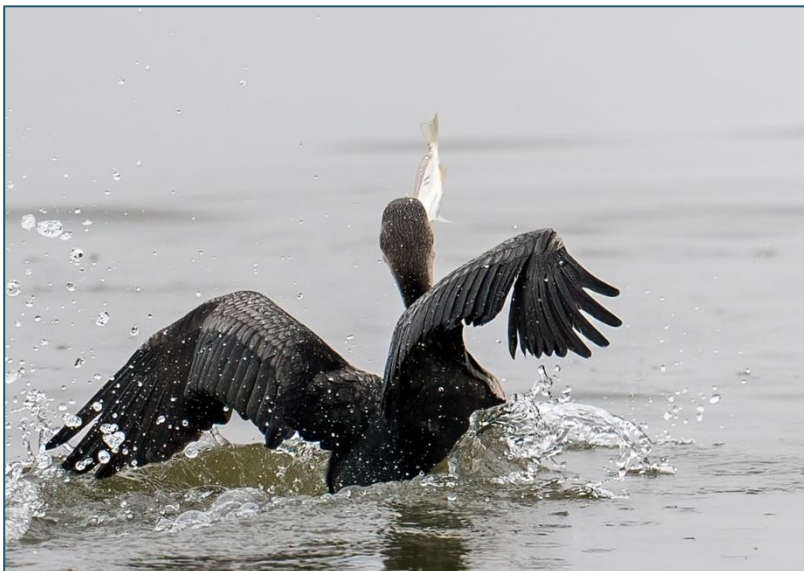


Image 3:
After a short dive, the cormorant came up with a fish in its beak



Image 4:

Osprey surveying a wide area in search of an unsuspecting fish



Image 5:

It soon landed on a piling with its catch



Image 6:

Osprey hiding his catch from birds flying overhead

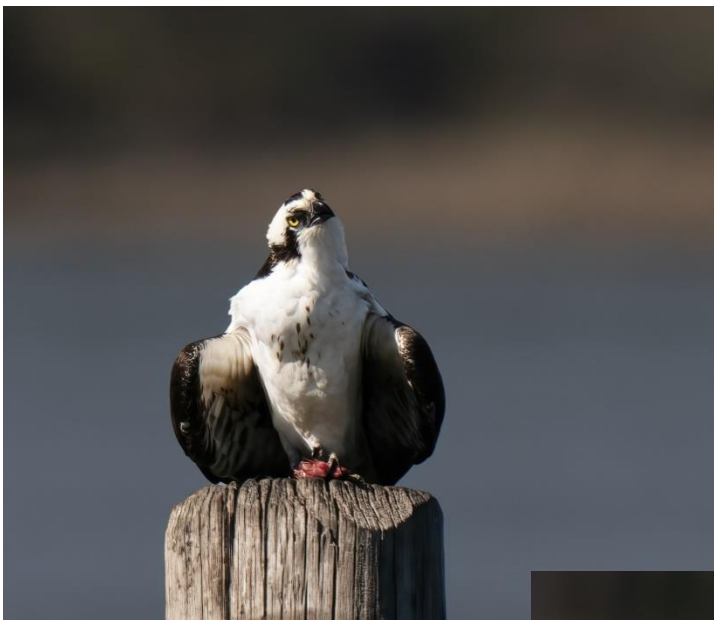


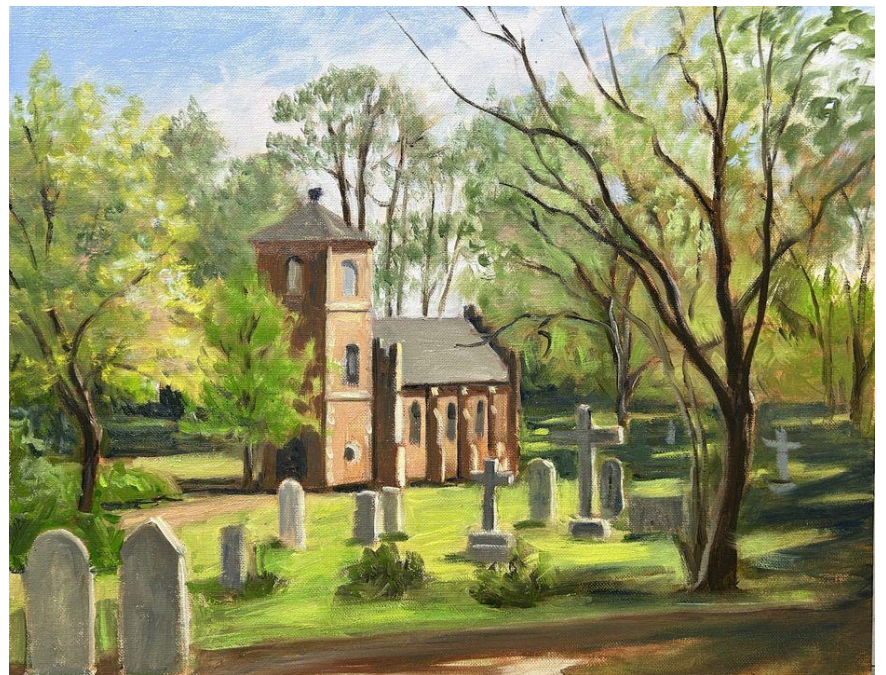
Image 7:

Osprey takes off to find a more private dining spot

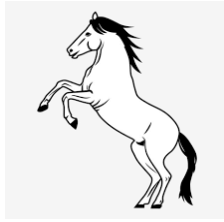


PAINTING AT ST. LUKE'S

One of our Christ Church family, Stephanie Faleski was at St. Luke's on April 20th participating in plein air painting with the Newport News Urban Sketchers. Here are some of her works and photos from the event.



**White
Horse
Fellowship**



People of all ages
are invited to join us at
Tokyo Thai
on Tuesday, May 9, 2023
at 6:30 p.m.
for fun, food, and fellowship



Call or email
Edith Raby:
757-605-8020;
egrhosanah@aol.com
for more information
or if you have
questions.



Open Mic Nite
Friday 7 PM
Musicians, Comics,
Poets, Stories

DONATIONS GO TO
OUTREACH



Upcoming OMNs:
Friday, April 21, 2023
Friday, May 19, 2023



Deadline for:
June-July, 2023
WORD:
Wednesday,
May 24, 2023
by 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

This program was born here in CEC and started by Gene Lowery and Fred Glanville. We deliver food to the Isle of Wight County facility on an on-going basis. Our food is currently being delivered by Wayne Willis after donations are given by our congregation at Christ Church. Christian Outreach ALWAYS needs volunteers (2-4 hours per month) to help distribute and take in food, diapers, etc. If you can volunteer to work for the COP please call for details of hours of operation or check out their website at: <https://iowcop.net>. Thank you.



HELP FILL THE COP FOOD PANTRY SHELVES



Christ Church participates in collecting non-perishable food items on Sundays for the Food pantry at COP (Christian Outreach Program). This is an important ministry to those who are hungry. Anything you can drop off at church in the “outreach” basket will be greatly appreciated. The basket is located under the mailboxes. Thank you KINDLY and GOD BLESS!.

COP Shopping List

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Baby Food
- Granola Bars
- Diapers – size 5 or 6



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| Diane Greenlaugh | 21 Mike Gambacorta | 19 Rose Mwayungu |
| 7 John Massingill | 29 April Jones | Wayne Willis |