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THE WORD – SEPTEMBER 2023



Open House



September 23, 2023

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Sundays at Four and Christ Church invite you to
an open house in honor of**

Anna & Ricky Goodwyn's

Marriage on July 15, 2023

**Ricky has appreciated your support at his recitals and your
contributions that made possible his education at
James Madison University**

**Ricky is now a second year graduate student in Vocal
Performance and Choral Conducting at JMU**



**Reception
Christ Episcopal Church
111 S. Church Street
Smithfield, VA 23430**

**Information
Mary Cole (757) 675-5777**



Hospitality

Thank you to those who provided Hospitality for the past three months: June – Betsy & Bill Egan, and Suzanne & Curtiss Peterson; July - Terry Andrews, Betsy & Bill Egan, Mary & Max Linder; August – Betsy & Bill Egan, Leigh & Eric Leaman, Mary & Max Linder and to all who stepped up and provided Hospitality while I had COVID. Your devotion and willingness to serve is much appreciated.

Thanks also to Tammy Harper who makes pizza for Open Mic Nite and makes sure there is pizza for Hospitality the Sunday after our monthly Open Mic Nite.

We need someone to host Hospitality on this Sunday, September 10th and September 24th. Please call or text Martha (757-377-3147) or email her at katmom1951@gmail.com. It would be much appreciated. If you have that “itch” to bake all our part of the goodies you bring; you are most welcome to do so. However, store bought ones are perfectly fine. What is most important is that we have time for fellowship and conversation.



Sundays at Four

A new Sundays at Four Concert Season will begin in September

The first Sundays at Four concert will take place November 12th. Season tickets are on sale through November 12th which will cover 4 concerts this year. Adults \$60. At the door tickets are \$20 as usual. For the four concerts that would be \$80. A season ticket is a big savings. SAF relies on ticket sales and contributions to produce a season of concerts including the special offerings for young musicians. The following is the 2023 – 2024 Concert Season.

2023-2024 Sundays at Four Concert Season

November 12: Music for Harp and Flute

Hye-Yun Chung Bennett, harp

Wayne Hedrick, flute

Flute Master Class at the High School

January 7: Piano Trio

Simon Lapointe, violin

Rebecca Gilmore, cello

Alexander Beyer, piano

March 3: Piano Recital

Joseph Vaz, piano (Recital in Memory of Doris Gwaltney)

April 7: ODU Chorale

The Diehn Chorale, Dr. Nancy Klein, Director

May 12: Tidewater Cello Ensemble

Susan & Erin Hines, Directors

August 4: Terrific Teen Talent Recital



Christ Church Open House Planned for Saturday, September 23 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Church member Ricky Goodwyn, Jr. married Anna Valentino on July 15. CEC and SAF will have an Open House to recognize their marriage and to give our church members, and the community of Smithfield an opportunity to come and visit with Anna and Ricky and wish them the very best on this new journey together. This will also be an opportunity for CEC members to meet and greet those from outside of our church during this reception. Please do come.

Celtic Service Planned for October 8 – 5 PM

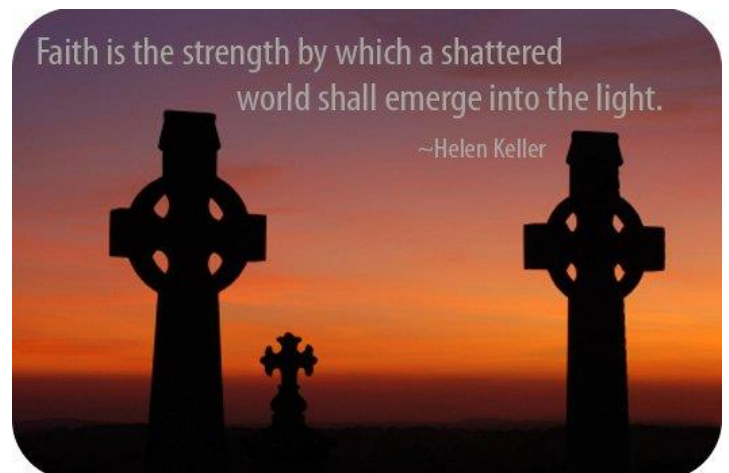
A Fall Celtic Service is planned for October 8 at 5:00 PM. Assistance is needed to help develop and set up the service. Since this is harvest time of year, it would be nice if a reception of Celtic kinds of harvest foods could be created such as Potato Soup, Cider, Breads, Fruits, Nuts, etc. with fall color table settings. We would welcome home grown veggies and fruits. Volunteers willing to work on this event please get in touch with Mary Cole to offer your assistance and participate where needed.

Photos about Celtic Services



Church set up from previous service.

Celtic Cross Meanings



Christmas in Smithfield December 2nd and 3rd

The Smithfield Historic Society will have Home Tours this Year. Most will be on Church Street. We have an opportunity to be active at our church – Tours, Ornament Sales, and other things of interest. Perhaps flower arrangements could be made which could be sold. The Youth may like to sell something interesting. Or, to make some things to sell. Take the lead and brainstorm some ideas. Pull a group together.

CEC will form a group of Christmas Carolers under the direction of Joy Vernon called “Carolers of Joy” and we encourage those who like to sing to get in touch directly with Joy at joyvernon6@gmail.com or contact Mary Cole 757-675-5777 marycole@tidewaterarts.com This is a community event for Christmas in Smithfield.

The Rehearsal Schedule Planned in the CEC Nave by Joy Vernon:

Oct 21 10:30-12

Oct 28 10:30-12

Nov 4 10:30-11:30

Nov 11 10:30-11:30

Nov 18 10:30-11:30

Photos from previous years





Several of our Supply Priests and Organist/Pianist and Lay Folks who have been with us since COVID over



The Rev. Ray Souza



The Rev. Derek Pringle



The Rev. Carlton Bakkum



The Rev. David Lassalle



The Rev. Sue Reid



The Rev. Morgan Gardner



Jean Marshall, Organist



Aaron Gregory, Organist



Elsa at St. Luke's

Elsa Bakkum, Organist



Carleton and Elsa consulting



Heidi Bloch, Organist



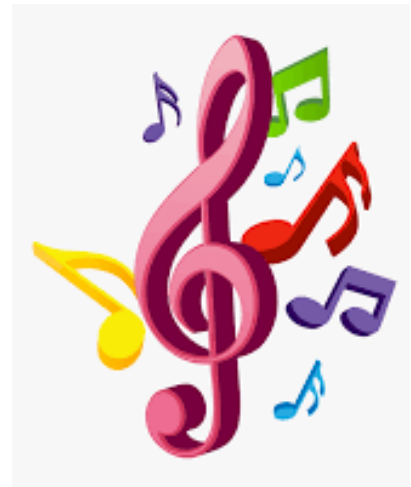
Heidi Souza, Organist



Andy Pencola, Pianist



Musicians: Bill Egan, Lee Harper, Andy Pencola



Martin's Corner

In late May we took our annual spring expedition to Corolla, NC to look for the wild horses and other local beach wildlife. We stayed at the Little Inn at Corolla that is only a couple of miles from the 4-wheel drive beach access at Corolla. From there we were able to take daily 10-mile trips up the beach to the Virginia border leisurely enjoying and photographing the beach wildlife. Of course, we took Zoe with us, and she immediately remembered enjoying the previous year's beach visit and wanted to get out and run up and down the beach and over the dunes. The first attached image is typical of how Zoe enjoys the beach. She runs until exhausted then is satisfied to lay down on the back seat and relax. A major objective of this trip is to see the wild Corolla horses. Luckily, we had a local "beach bum" type guy each morning serving breakfast who was more than willing to share his excellent knowledge and experiences on where and when to go for the best viewing and photo opportunities. Each morning Lady J would get new tidbits that would provide our exploration goal for the day.

Although it is not always guaranteed to see the horses on these trips, we had a fair amount of luck. On the first morning we saw a lonesome looking stallion sauntering up the beach as shown in the second image. Of course, the next morning Lady J got the scoop from her beach bum buddy about the stallion. It turns out that the horses will kick out young stallions and force them to establish their own group. We saw him several times during the week lonesomely walking up and down the beach. The next day we saw a stallion and his mate enjoying the ocean breeze as shown in the third image. The third day lady J spotted the lone stallion walking among the dunes and quickly had me stop for photo ops. She obtained the fourth image just as the stallion passed in front of an American flag behind a dune appropriately in time for the 4th of July.

We saw quite a few pelicans patrolling the waves looking for a meal as shown in the 5th image. Of course, there were many sand pipers tirelessly chasing the waves on the beach looking for sand crabs. A lucky one is shown in the 6th image dining on a sand crab.

Our third day was quite rainy so Lady J thought it would be a perfect time to go down to Nags Head and visit her favorite French clothing boutique. Zoe and I thought it would be a good time to take a nap in the truck while Lady J did her shopping. An hour or so later Lady J came out with a couple of bags of clothes, so we all enjoyed the morning.

The next day we were given info on where to see an eagle nest. This nest is so prominent in Corolla that it is shown on google map. With the magic of a high-power telescopic lens, a close-up shot of a young eagle very high up in a tall Carolina pine is shown in the 7th image.

To finish off the trip, we enjoyed a magnificent sunset over Currituck Sound as shown by the last image. Since it was the only day the sun shone, we took this as an omen of good things to come for future photo ops.

Martin and Joan Lee

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

— Robert Lynd



1 Zoe running on the beach



2 Lady J's Corolla stallion



1 Horse couple at Corolla



2 Lady J's Corolla stallion with flag



3 Pelican gliding



4 Sandpiper with sand crab

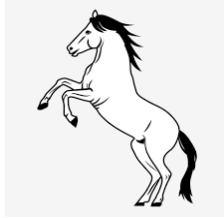


7 Eagle baby at Corolla



8 Corolla Sunset

**White
Horse
Fellowship**



People of all ages
are invited to join us at

Tokyo Thai

on Tuesday, September 12, 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

**be
inspired**
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Next OMN: Friday, September 15, 2023

Newsletter

Deadline for:
October, 2023 WORD:
Wednesday,
September 20, 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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OPEN MIC NITE FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

CEC Jammers (photos 2-5)



1 Bad Influence: Vince Falcione, Fred Andy, & Larry Pike



2 Front: Drex Bradshaw & Jeff Bolt; Middle: Scott Hamilton & Mark D'Etchevery; Back: Bill Egan



3 Front: Richard Rhodes & Tim Jones; Back: Jim Abicht & Randall Allred



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5 Jim Abicht & Randall Allred

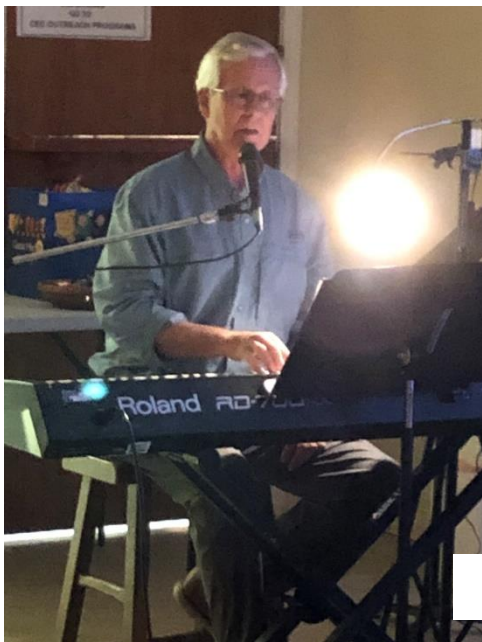


6 Jim Abicht on guitar & Sam Solomon on banjo.

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7 Darryl and Patty Yandle



8 Carlton Bakkum



9 Mark D'Etchevery



THE WEDDING OF ANNA AND RICKY

July 15, 2023

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Valentino presented their daughter Anna Kamala in Marriage July 15, 2023 at St. Leo The Great Catholic Church in Fairfax, Virginia to Ricky D. Goodwyn, Jr. of Carrollton, Virginia.

Most of us have known Ricky since 2017 when he sang on the “Terrific Teen Talent Recital,” and then gave a full recital soon after in October to the amazement of an over-flow audience at Christ Episcopal Church.

Ricky had just graduated from Windsor High School and The Governor’s School for the Performing Arts, and had been accepted to the Cleveland Institute of Music, Peabody Conservatory, and James Madison University. Circumstances interrupted his plans to further his formal education immediately after high school, and he moved to Smithfield and lived on the property of Jim and Connie Henderson until recently. Ricky studied voice with Mary Matthews Garrett while out of school and sang as he worked a number of small jobs. Ricky’s life had always been a challenge coming from a family of little means. With the assistance of Christ Church, and a community who helped support his goals, Ricky was able to attend James Madison the following year. He met Anna soon after and they both graduated in 2022, having dated the entire four years. By his sophomore year, Ricky had sung 5 recitals, and a number of other solo appearances. He received numerous scholarships from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, Christ Episcopal Church, and from James Madison University. The Smithfield/Isle of Wight community and the Suffolk community supported him with contributions at his recitals, and when in need. Many of our members gave freely to ensure Ricky could graduate.

After graduation from James Madison University, Anna taught as a choral director in a public school in Harrisonburg. Ricky decided to return to school and pursue a graduate degree in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting. He has one more year in this program. He and Anna, having known each other for five years, decided to get married. The wedding was lovely and enjoyed by his family and friends, teachers, friends and music directors from Harrisonburg, Anna’s family and friends, and the Henderson’s and Mary Cole from

Smithfield. We all wish Ricky and Anna a long life of love and happiness. He is still a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

Here are a few pictures of the wedding, his new address, and the 501 © 3 account still active for his support:

Home Address: 242 East Water Street; Harrisonburg, VA 22801 (757) 371-4903
rickygoodwyn@live.com

501 © 3 account: Providential Credit Care Management, Inc. (PCCMI); P.O. Box 127; Smithfield, VA 23431-0127; Attention: Dr. Barbara Wiggins

Mary Cole





OPEN MIC NITE

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023



Bad Influence: Vince Falcione, Lee Harper, Fred Andy, Larry Pike. They opened with jokes and then sang several songs one of which, "I Love a Rainy Night", was played because we had had so much rain.



CEC Jam Band: (Front) Scott Hamilton, Jeff Bolt, Drex Bradshaw, Mark D'Etchevery. (Back) Bill Egan, Jim Abicht, John Patrone, Randall Allred. Also play a rain song: "Have You Ever Seen the Rain" and a Jeff Bolt original



One of the songs Jim Abicht sang was "The Healer" for Richard Rhodes who is having serious health issues.



Jodi Cotfeid told us about a Mission Trip he was on where all who went saw God in everything they did.



Ryan played guitar and Anna sang “Stand by Me” and had the audience join in on the chorus.



Shah Arnold returned to OMN after recovering from an illness. He sang one of his original songs, “Ai” which means love in Japanese.



Betsy Egan shared her experience from the evening’s offerings.



Don Knowlton told us how to get rid of robo calls and read an excerpt from a book he is writing, “Living History” that he hopes to have published.



Baptism of Elan and Avia Michaeli's Sunday, July 23, 2023





2023

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3 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II	4	5	6 9am-2pm Hands & Hearts	7	8	9
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29 10:30am Rite II at St. Luke's 6:30pm EYC	30	31				

September

October



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|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 12 Donna Stanton | 17 Colton Warf | 4 Suzanne Peterson | 20 Carlton Bakkum |
| Rosemarie White | 23 Cal Warfield | 10 Susan Cooper | 24 Peter Lowry |
| 15 Ulkrike McLellan | 26 Bobbie Blesse | 14 Bill Egan | 31 Jim Warf |
| 16 Jim Blesse | 28 Tammy Harper | Andy Pencola | |