



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE WORD – OCTOBER 2023

“Season of Creation”

A Celtic Service

October 8, 2023 – 5:00 pm



Meditation

Candles

Music

Peace

Healing

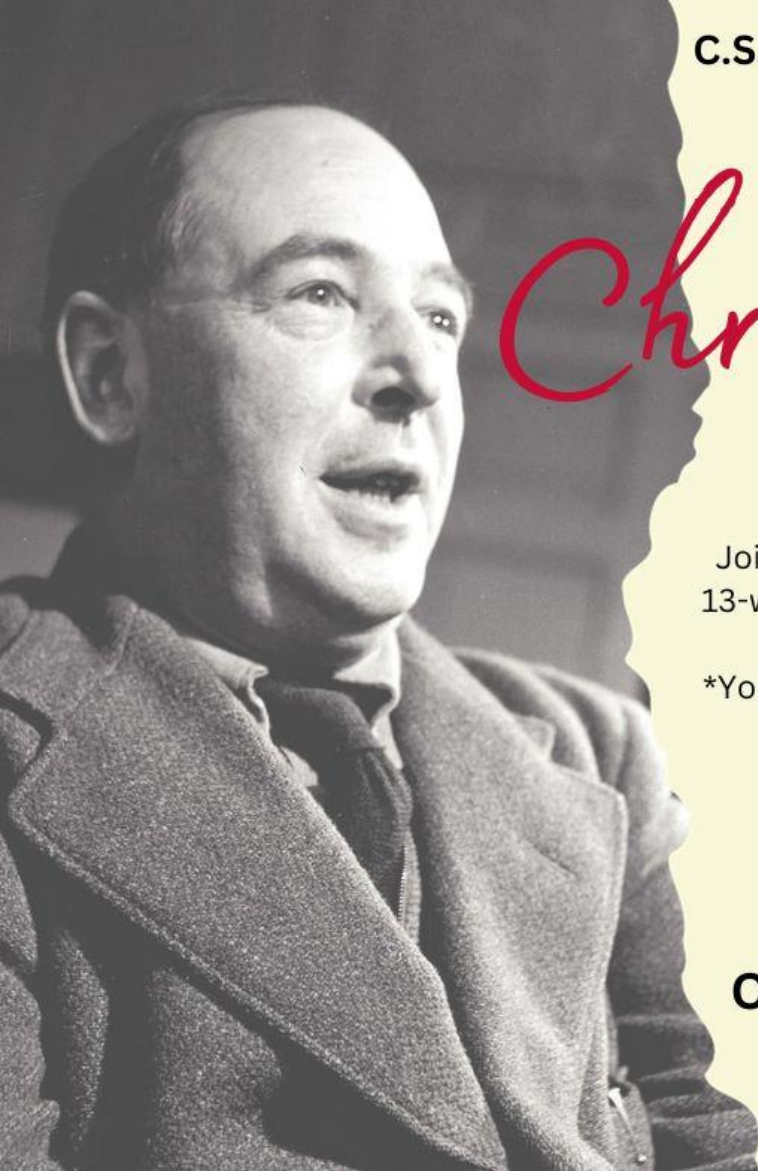
Community

Christ Episcopal Church

111 South Church Street

Smithfield, VA 23430

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C.S. Lewis

Mere Christianity

Join us Thursday evenings as we begin a 13-week study to discuss the classic book ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis.
*You will need to have a copy of the book.

Thursdays @ 6:00PM
in the parish hall
beginning Oct 12th

Christ Episcopal Church
111 S.Church Street
Smithfield Va.
call 357.2826 for more information

CEC BOOK STUDY GROUP

Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

The group will meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 6:00 at CEC beginning Oct 12th.

***There will be a few dates during the selected time frame that we will not meet due to holidays.*

The study will cover the classic **Mere Christianity** by CS Lewis and will be held over 13 weekly sessions. No registration needed. Open to all adults 18 and older.

The book itself is divided into 4 separate sections:


- **Book 1- Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe**
- **Book 2- What Christians Believe**
- **Book 3-Christian Behavior**
- **Book 4- Beyond Personality: Or First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity**

Below are the suggested dates/ sessions for discussion:

		2024	
Oct 12 th	Preface and Introduction		
Oct 19	Book 1/ Chapters 1, 2	Jan 4	Book 4/chapters 1, 2, 3
Oct 26	Book 1/ chapters 3, 4, 5	Jan 11	Book 4/chapters 4, 5, 6
Nov 2	Book 2/chapters 1, 2	Jan 18	Book 4/chapters 7, 8, 9
Nov 9	Book 2/ chapters 3, 4, 5	Jan 25	Book 4/chapters 10/11
Nov 16	Book 3/ chapters 1, 2, 3		
Nov 23	No Meeting /Thanksgiving**		
Nov 30	Book 3/ chapters 4, 5, 6		
Dec 7	Book 3/ chapters 7, 8		
Dec 14	Book 3/ chapters 9,10,11,12		
Dec 21	No meeting/holidays **		
Dec 28	No meeting /holidays **		



Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 5, 2023
 (in case I don't get the November WORD
 out before the 5th.)



FALL BACK
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR



Thank you to those who provided Hospitality for September: 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 O, 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.

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 conservation.

SOUPER SATURDAY



Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dine-in and Drive-through available

Location:

**Trinity United Methodist Church
201 Cedar Street, Smithfield VA 23430**

**Large portion of homemade soup, 2 ham biscuits, dessert
And a drink for an \$8 donation**

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO TAMMY AND LEE HARPER



At the end of October, Tammy and Lee are planning to move to Kentucky to be closer to Kentucky to be closer to her family. They are still going through inspections, and nothing is confirmed just yet. Tammy conveyed that they will miss their church family and Christ Church. We, too, will miss them very much and we wish them well on the next journey of their lives.



Tammy & Children, Egg Hunt 2018

Tammy was our Sunday school teacher for several years. In addition to being a loving teacher she also she did a fabulous job painting and decorating the classroom to make

it conducive to learning and a joyful place for children to learn about the love of Christ. Tammy was part of the Flower Guild and arranged magnificent Altar Flowers that were so beautiful to look at. Tammy made the best pizzas for Open Mic Nite and made sure that there were pizzas left to cook for Hospitality on Sundays after OMN.



Tammy, pizza maker extraordinaire, popping popcorn.



Lee (2nd from left) with bandmates.

Lee along with Bill Egan started Open Mic Nite which has been a great outreach to the community and a way we can fellowship together in a fun and entertaining way. He was our MC for Open Mic Nite and his group, Bad Influence, always played. Lee was also participated in Saturday morning's CEC Jam.

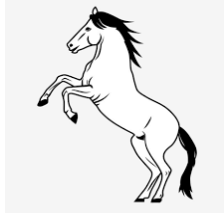
When there was a workday, Lee was there to help. Along with Bill Egan, he played guitar for our contemporary worship services with Andy Pencola as pianist.



Tammy and Lee have given so much of their love, time and energy to the family of Christ Church. They will always have a warm spot in our hearts.



**White
Horse
Fellowship**



People of all ages
are invited to join us at

Tokyo Thai

on Tuesday, October 10, 2023

at 6:30 p.m.

for fun, food, and fellowship



Call or email
Edith Raby:
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for more information
or if you have
questions.



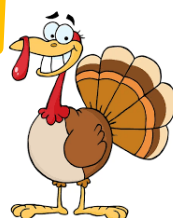
Open Mic Nite
Friday 7 PM
Musicians, Comics,
Poets, Stories

DONATIONS GO TO
OUTREACH



Next OMN: Friday, October 20, 2023

**Newsletter
Deadline**



Deadline for:
November, 2023
WORD:
Wednesday,
October 25, 2023
by 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at Four

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.

November 12: Music for Harp and Flute

Hye-Yun Chung Bennett, harp

Wayne Hedrick, flute



Flute Master Class at the High School

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



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



From



OPEN MIC NITE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



CEC Jammers: (front; L to R) Scott Hamilton, Jeff Bolt, Jim Abicht; (on floor) Richard Rhodes; (back; L to R) Bill Egan, Mark D'Etechevery, Annamaria Pencola.



Jim & Elane Abicht



Jessica & Scott Hamilton

Thanks to Elane and Jessica who stepped up in the kitchen.

CLASSICS

Back to School

LUNCHEON



(left to right around table)
Betsy Egan, Rosemarie White,
Joan Lee Mikulas, Martha Underwood, Jim & Bobby Blesse



(left to right around table)
Joanne & Wayne Willis, Mike & Letty Gambacorta,
Donna & Fred Stanton



(left to right around table)
Curtiss Peterson, Beth Harris, Fred Chapman,
Judy Cutler, Suzanne Peterson, Mary Cole
Sue Plummer, Ed Mortimer

**PHOTOS FROM
ANNA & RICKY'S
CEC RECEPTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30pm EYC	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30pm EYC 5:00pm Celtic Service	9	10 6:30pm White Horse Fellowship at Tokyo Thai	11	12	13	14
15 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30pm EYC	16	17 Vestry Meeting	18	19	20 7pm Open Mic Nite	21
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29 10:30am Rite II at St. Luke's 6:30pm EYC	30	31 				



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26 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30 EYC	27	28	29	30		



4 Suzanne Peterson
10 Susan Cooper
14 Bill Egan
Andy Pencola

20 Carlton Bakkum
24 Peter Lowry
31 Jim Warf

8 Mandy Dubinsky
10 David McLellan
27 Priscilla McGreevy