



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE WORD – NOVEMBER 2023



# CEC BOOK STUDY GROUP

Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

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

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

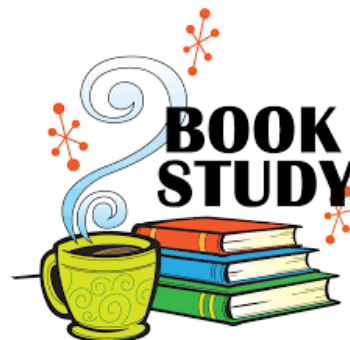
The study will cover the classic Mere Christianity by CS Lewis and will be held over 13 weekly sessions. No registration needed. Open to all adults 18 and older.

**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:

		<b>2024</b>	
Nov 2	Book 2/chapters 1, 2		
Nov 9	Book 2/ chapters 3, 4, 5		
Nov 16	Book 3/ chapters 1, 2, 3	Jan 4	Book 4/chapters 1, 2, 3
Nov 23	No Meeting /Thanksgiving**	Jan 11	Book 4/chapters 4, 5, 6
Nov 30	Book 3/ chapters 4, 5, 6	Jan 18	Book 4/chapters 7, 8, 9
Dec 7	Book 3/ chapters 7, 8	Jan 25	Book 4/chapters 10/11
Dec 14	Book 3/ chapters 9,10,11,12		
Dec 21	No meeting/holidays **		
Dec 28	No meeting /holidays **		



**Daylight Saving Time  
ends at 2:00 a.m. on  
Sunday, November 5, 2023  
(set clocks back an hour Saturday night)**



## **Hospitality**

Thank you to those who provided Hospitality for September: Suzanne & Curtiss Peterson and Betsy & Bill Egan; and to those who served in October: Terry Andrews, April Jones and Betsy & Bill Egan. I want to thank Sue Plummer who helped me when I did Hospitality. Your devotion and willingness to serve is much appreciated.

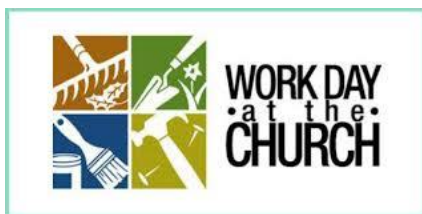
We need volunteers to sign up to provide the goodies, do set up and cleanup for Hospitality after 10:30 a.m. Worship for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26, 2023 and December . Small groups or ministries of Christ Church as well as individuals are invited to sign up. Please sign up on the kitchen 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 conversation.

Martha Underwood, Hospitality Chair

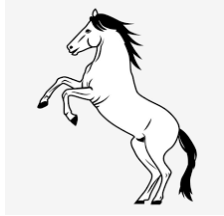


## **CEC FALL WORK DAY**



A CEC Fall Work Day is planned for Saturday, November 4, beginning at 9:30 am. A proposed listing of work items is provided in the Fellowship Hall at the calendar located on the piano, as well as posted on the bulletin board. All who are able are invited to participate.

# White Horse Fellowship



People of all ages  
are invited to join us at

## Tokyo Thai

on Tuesday, November 14, 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



Next OMN: Friday, November 17, 2023

# DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER



**Deadline for:**  
**December, 2023**

**WORD:**  
**Monday,**  
**November 27, 2023**  
**by 5:00 p.m.**



## **FLOWER GUILD NEEDS YOU!**

Help! The Flower Guild has only four members now! None of us are professional, but we enjoy our ministry of placing fresh flowers on our altar every Sunday that we have a service there. (We do not use flowers at St. Luke's.) If you would like to participate and help, please let me know. AND we use to have two gentlemen in our group!

Joanne Willis  
757-651-2692

## **SINGING OPPORTUNITIES AT CEC**

### **1. Community Choir:**

Community Churches are having a combined service at Trinity United Methodist November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with a focus on Thanksgiving and Peace.

Members from area churches are invited to join this choir. No robes are required. Dress for a normal church service. Mary Cole has music for those who would definitely like to sing in this choir. You are to learn the 2 pieces of music before arrival. Mary will provide some help. There will be one rehearsal about 1.25 hours prior to the service. This is under the direction of Trinity and Benn's directors.

## 2. Carolers for “Christmas in Smithfield”

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that CEC has brought together carolers to sing up and down Main Street, and this year at Windsor Castle Manor House. We have really been recognized as being a part of the Smithfield Historic Society and the 1750 Courthouse event.

The group sings Christmas Carols in parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. This year the director is Paul Putnam. Paul is a very experienced choral conductor. He just retired as a public school choral director after many years, as a director for the Virginia Children’s Chorus, and he is the Music Director at Oakland Christian Church in Chuck-a-tuck where he has been for number of years. This would be a great experience working with him. If you want to sing, let me know right away and tell me your voice type if I don’t know it. The first rehearsal is Saturday Nov. 4 at 10 AM in the Nave of the church. I think we will be out of the way of the work day folks. This has been on the calendar for quite some time. Other rehearsals are: Nov. 11th, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. And, Nov. 26th at 5:00 PM.

## 3. A Choir at the CEC Christmas Eve Service

It would be great if we could pull together a choir for us here at Christ Church. We were able to do this last year and I think we can do it again. Elsa Bakkum will be the organist for Christmas Eve and like Heidi, she could help us do the basics well. She doesn’t have time to be a choir director for several weeks but we should be able to meet one time with her since she practices here before playing on Sunday anyway. She is trying to locate a special soloist also. Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30 PM on a Sunday. There will be no Sunday morning service. Thanks, Mary Cole contact 757-675-5777.



Let us  
**WORSHIP**  
Together

**2023 Supply Priests through December**

<u>Dates for Supply Priests</u>	<u>Priest</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Time</u>
1-Oct	Ray Souza	Joseph Graif	10:30 AM
8-Oct	Derek Pringle	Aaron Gregory	10:30 AM
15-Oct	Carleton Bakkum	Elsa Bakkum	10:30 AM
22-Oct	Derek Pringle	Heidi Bloch	10:30 AM
29-Oct	St. Lukes Ray Souza	Heidi Souza	10:30 AM
5-Nov.	Carleton Bakkum	Andy & Bill	10:30 AM
12-Nov.	Carleton Bakkum	Elsa Bakkum	10:30 AM
19-Nov.	David Lassalle	Aaron Gregory	10:30 AM
26-Nov.	Morgan Gardner	Andy & Bill	10:30 AM
3-Dec.	Carleton Bakkum	Andy & Bill	10:30 AM
10-Dec.	Carleton Bakkum	Elsa Bakkum	10:30 AM
17-Dec.	David Lassalle	Aaron Gregory	10:30 AM
24-Dec.	Christmas Eve Carleton Bakkum	Elsa Bakkum	5:30 PM
31-Dec.	St. Luke's Carleton Bakkum	Elsa Bakkum	10:30 AM

 ONLY ONE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

# *Sundays at Four*

presents

**Hye-Yun Chung Bennett, Harp**  
**Wayne Hedrick, Flute**  
**Sally Copeland, Piano**



**November 12**  
**4:00 PM**

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

**Tickets Sold at the Door**  
**Season Tickets (4)**  
**Adults \$60; Students \$30**

**Tickets for each Concert**  
**Adults \$20; Students \$10**

**Music by**  
**Mozart**  
**Salzedo**  
**Lauber**  
**Irish Folk Songs**

**Information: 757-675-5777**



# Christmas in Smithfield

## December 2<sup>rd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Christ Episcopal Church will open its doors during  
*Christmas in Smithfield* Historic

The Smithfield Historical Society and the 1750 Court House have invited us to open our doors on Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and do tours and other things such as:

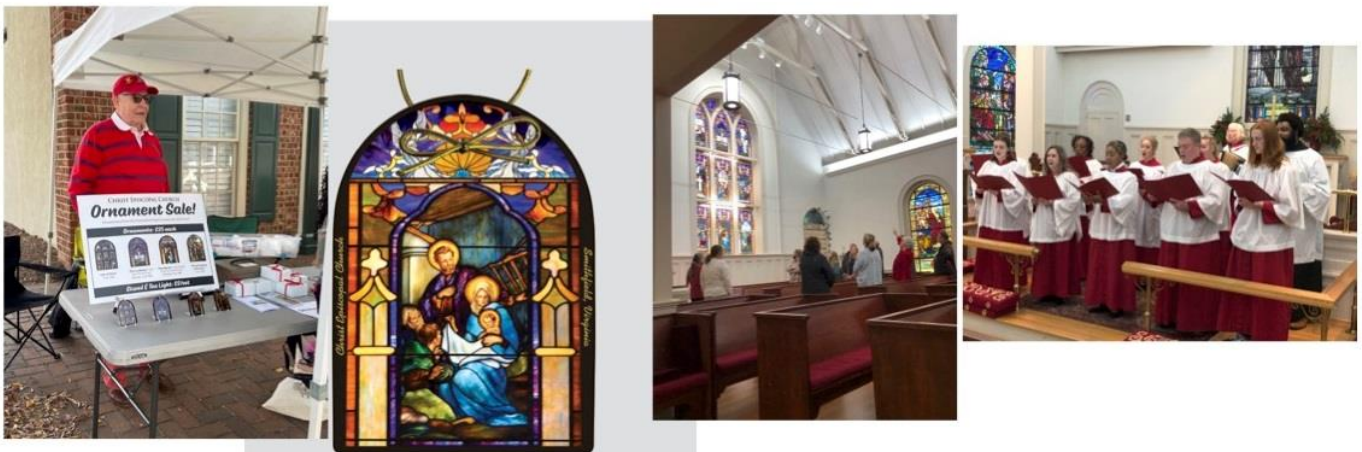
\*Sell Ornaments at the Church

\*Present Tours – Accept donations.

\*Sell light lunches from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday.

\*Carolers will sing on Main Street and at Windsor Castle. Paul Putman, Music Director of Oakland Christian Church, Retired Virginia Children's Chorus director, and Public School Choral Director will direct the "Carolers of Joy."

\*We provided a place to relax, eat/drink, and a rest stop.



# 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,  
OCTOBER 20,  
2023**



**Center - Malcom the Mummy (guess who)**  
**(Left) Jessica Hamilton and Melissa Stang providing backup harmonies to the 1970's pop tune "The Monster Mash".**



**The CEC JamN Group**  
**(lft to right) Scott Hamilton, Bill, Egan, Jeff Bolt, Annamaria Pencola, Jim Abicht, Richard Rhodes**



Happy  
October  
Birthday!



The Carlton & Elsa Bakkum Duet  
celebrating Carlton's Birthday

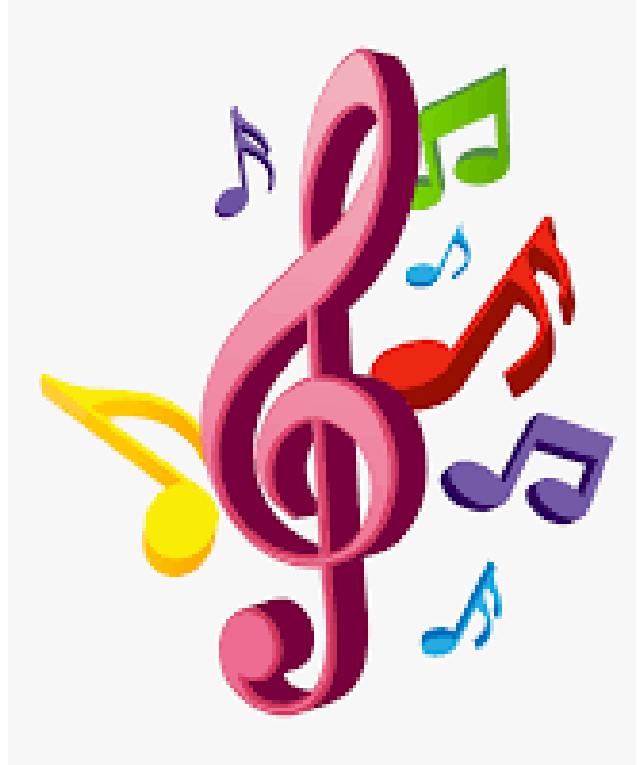


(rt. to lft) Jessica Hamilton & Chad Stang (her 2nd cousin) making the pizzas happen in the kitchen.





**Shaw Arnold  
Sharing His Own Original Songs**



**A View of the Audience – A Great Crowd**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1	2	3	4 9:30am CEC Church Workday 10:00 am Carolers
5 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30 EYC	6	7	8	9	10	11 10:00 am Carolers rehearsal 1:00 pm SAF Rehearsal
12 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 12:00 pm SAF Set up 6:30 EYC 4:00 pm Sundays at Four	13	14 6:30pm White Horse Fellowship at Tokyo Thai	15	16	17 7pm Open Mic Nite	18 10:00 am Carolers rehearsal
19 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30 EYC 6pm Community Service - Trinity	20	21 Vestry Meeting	22	23 	24	25
26 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 5:00 pm Carolers Rehearsal 6:30 EYC	27	28	29	30		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10 am - 4:00pm Christmas in Smithfield
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 3 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 1:00 pm Christmas in Smithfield 6:30pm EYC	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 10 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30pm EYC	11	12 6:30pm White Horse Fellowship at Tokyo Thai	13	14	15 7pm Open Mic Nite	16
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 17 9:30am Adult Class 10:30am Rite II 6:30pm EYC	18	19 Vestry Meeting	20	21	22	23
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent &amp; Christmas Eve</b> 24 5:30pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:30am Rite II at St. Luke's 6:30pm EYC						



- 8 Mandy Dubinsky
- 10 David McLellan
- 27 Priscilla McGreevy



- 1 Ed Mortimer
- 2 Eric Leaman
- 3 Deborah Webb
- 4 Beth Harris
- 5 Diana McFarland
- 6 Annamaria Pencola
- 14 Maryann Amato
- 24 Mary Lindner
- 30 Walter Odipo