

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE WORD – SEPTEMBER 2025



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LUNCH GATHERINGS

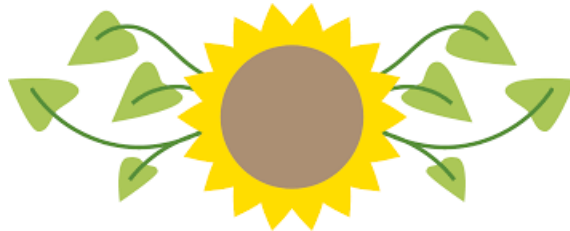
FOR FELLOWSHIP



Our Fellowship Gatherings at Cockeyed Rooster, held on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. **Mark your calendar for the next meeting on September 11th.** There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door closer to the date.

Since the restaurant offers breakfast and lunch food, participants have their choice of either.

If you have questions or more information, please let Martha Underwood know by text or phone (757-377-3147) or email, katmom1951@gmail.com.



CLASSICS LUNCHEON

We have a change of date for the Classics lunch. It is not Sept. 5th! It is Friday, September 12th. **All Christ Church members 70 years old or older are invited.**

Cost is \$20.00; that covers your choice of 3 lunch items and includes beverage, dessert, tax and tip. (It does not include wine or beer.)

Please RSVP to Joanne Willis by **Monday, September 8.**

jowillis2020@gmail.com

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September 28th
Note change in date!!
for Potluck Luncheon and
Everything You Want to Know about Bluebirds Presentation!

As part of our Creation Care Ministry, we have invited ***Linda Langdon, Master Naturalist and Bluebird Coordinator*** for Isle of Wight for the Bluebird Society of Virginia, to make a presentation about bluebird nesting box monitoring efforts in our community. Beth Harris and Alison Crocker, who recently completed training as Master Naturalists, have been working with Linda all summer, checking bluebird boxes and counting eggs & chicks. Linda is very knowledgeable of bluebird habits, so bring your list of questions for her!

Hope to see you on **SEPTEMBER 28th**, after the 10:30 am Service.

Alison



MARKETING:

The word marketing seems rather commercial, or secular, but it describes what it takes to get connected to the outside world. Successful marketing needs expert leadership and

current knowledge. I have worked this area since Eric Leaman was Senior Warden and assigned it to me years ago. I have no marketing experience or expertise, but I approached this position from a Christ Episcopal Church need to become more active in the community around us and for the outside community to become acquainted with this historic church. CEC needs a new leader with energy and dedication to build upon what this church has accomplished to date. The following is an outline of the primary areas:

1. Event Planning and Coordinating

This is the area that allows us to be “Alive on the Corner” and to take an active part in the community providing it with our leadership. What Christ Church has offered has reached beyond our local community. We have participated in local events, partnered with local organization and institutions and initiated community events that reached beyond our county line.

Who likes to sit and think? Be Creative? Problem Solve? Come up with ideas that are inviting to the outside Community? Get out in the Community and get to know Tourism, The Museum, the Historic Society, the 1750 Courthouse, the Art Center, the Town Council, other churches, etc. Who likes to think of things that no one else has done?

- You have heard of Souper Saturday – CEC initiated this.
- You have heard of the Penny Wise Shop before Variety Stores – this was CEC’s.
- We were the first church to participate in the Christmas Parade in Smithfield. Now there are other churches.
- We worked with the museum several times to put on events like the Battle of Smithfield.
- We created an event at the request of the 1750 Courthouse which included their Ghost Walk and CEC history. We called it “Ghosts and Saints of Old Town Smithfield.”
- CEC created “The Great Fire of 1921” that included the Smithfield Community & the City of Suffolk.

2. Fund Raising

Along with Event Planning comes Fund Raising. Two heads are better than one. Someone to Lead the area of Fund Raising and work with Event Planning. This person also needs help. For example:

- A Grant Writer
- Sales Manager (Ornaments, Cookbooks, Calendars, etc.)
- A Financial Focal that ensures Fund Raising and Events stay in control. Manages money during events.
- Develops New Fund-Raising Ideas.

3. Media (Online work, Website, Facebook, Internet)

A media expert would be ideal. Someone who can apply online marketing, notifications and announcements.

A knowledgeable Website, Facebook, YouTube, other manager.

A photographer who can capture activities and project them.

A recording expert who can provide audio improvements.

A music copyright compliance manager.

A person who can compile data/pictures for presentations.

Develop a self-guided tour program for cell phones.

4. Public Relations/Publicity

Person to Person Communications (sit downs)

Tag on to Another's Existing Publication

News Articles

Papers

Newsletters

Church Bulletins

Special announcements

Posters/flyers/Banners/Brochures/Post Cards

Presentation Folder Handouts for Encouraging Contributions

Support the Fund Raising/Events areas.

I can continue the writing and publishing until someone is found that is at home in this area. I can't do physical things.

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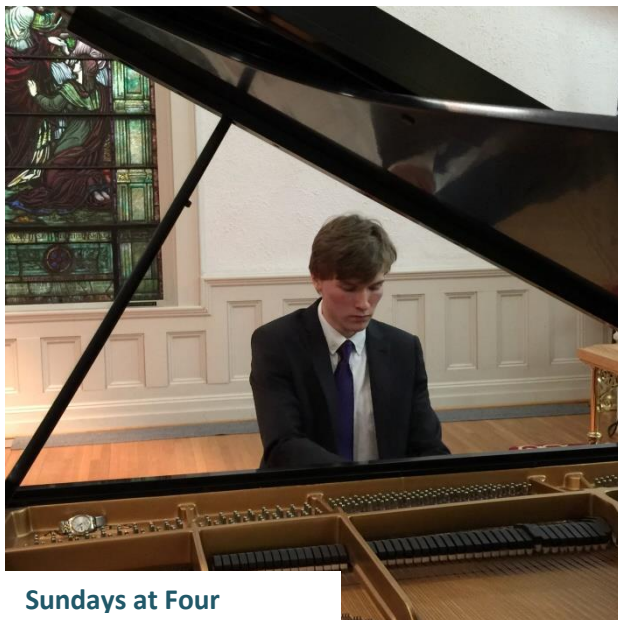
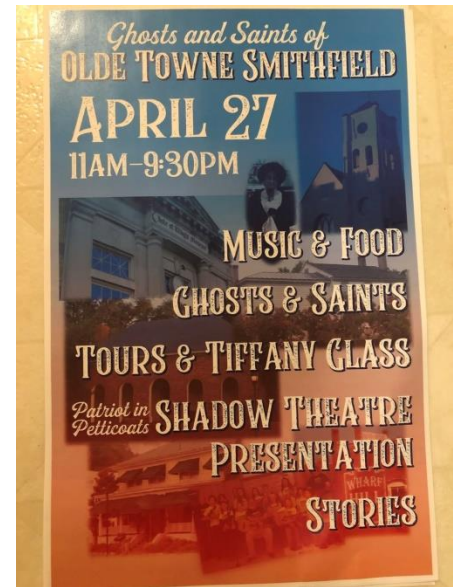
Carriage Rides



Concert



Smithfield Christmas Parade



Sundays at Four



Sundays at Four – Terrific Teen Talent publicity from August 3, 2014



Congregation at St. Luke's on the 5th Sunday.



Our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Todd Delaney at St. Luke's.



Ministry Fair



St. Luke's (Part 2)

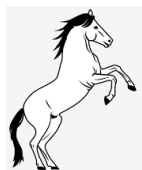
Between 1832 and 1957, the inside of the church was gutted as wood and other materials left in it could be used by others. In 1957 the parishioners of Christ Church (who were still the current owners of the church and property) decided to deed the property over to a commission to restore the church and site. The agreement included the following provisions:



Rear view: National Shrine Historic St. Luke's

1. Christ Church members would retain rights to hold weddings, funerals and baptisms there.
2. Christ Church members would retain rights to have their members buried in the graveyard.
3. Christ Church would hold services there during the month of July. (Currently we do this the 5th Sundays of the month).
4. Christ Church would appoint members to the restoration board to make sure all parts of the signed agreement would be honored.

Once this agreement was signed, a restoration committee was organized and work began.




White Horse Fellowship

All ages are invited
to join us for
food, fun & fellowship
on
Tuesday, September 9, 2025,
at
6:30 p.m. at Tokyo & Thai



Please call or text Edith Raby
(757-605-8020) or Martha Underwood
(757-377-3147) to let us know you are
coming or if you need more information
or have questions.



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

DONATIONS GO TO OUTREACH

be inspired
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WASHINGTON, DC

Friday, September 19, 2025



Deadline for
October, 2025 WORD
Monday, September 22, 2025
by 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at Four

presents

Brendon Elliott, Violin
Eric Ruple, Piano

September 21, 2025 – 4:00 PM



Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$10, Under 15 – Free
Purchase online at Humanitix or at the Door

Christ Episcopal Church
111 S. Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia





Brendon Elliott is a Sphinx Competition 2025 Laureate. He received his BM studying with Pamela Frank and Joseph Silverstein at The Curtis Institute of Music, and attained his Master's at The Juilliard School under Sylvia Rosenberg and Ronald Copes. Following school he completed a fellowship with the New World Symphony. He began his violin studies under his mother's tutelage at the age of three and made his solo debut when he was 10 years old. He was chosen to be featured on NPR's From the Top at 13. At age 17, Brendon was invited as a guest soloist with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra after winning their concerto competition thrice. That same year he toured with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra performing Adolphus Hailstork's Violin Concerto as an opener for Natalie Cole.

Brendon has since soloed with The Cleveland Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Harlem Chamber Players, Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, and has performed in orchestras such as the Sphinx Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and Chineke! Orchestra. Brendon is a member of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and is currently touring as Joseph Bologne's musical half in Bill Barclay's play *The Chevalier*. The New York Times review of *The Chevalier* wrote, "Elliott lends his silvery tone, superb phrasing and a commanding technique to the Chevalier's solos."



Steinway Artist **Eric Ruple** is on the piano faculty at James Madison University. He enjoys an active career as a solo and chamber musician, including several performances at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and Steinway Hall in New York. For a number of years, he was pianist for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, including several "Harry Potter Live" shows and pianist for Bernstein's "Prelude, Fugue and Riffs" with the VSO Jazz Ensemble. His recording "Musica Incognito" with hornist Ian Zook has earned unanimously positive reviews from several national and international publications. A second CD with violinist Maureen Yuen was released in 2023. He is a member of the American Liszt Society and has been a regular adjudicator in Hong Kong. In 2019-2020, he served as Interim Director for the JMU School of Music. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Michigan.

CHRIST CHURCH'S OPEN MIC NITE

IS GOING ON THE ROAD!



For this date only: **Friday, August 29**, starting at **6:30 pm** the JAM'n house band and others will be at the Lake Prince Woods Retirement Community off Kings Fork Road (if you're googling it, the main building is 100 Anna Goode Way). Come and perform or just sit back and watch. We will have lyrics displayed on the large drop down screen for audience participation for sing-alongs to some familiar music. LPW will be providing beer, wine and snacks. This will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see this amazing facility.

Contact Bill Egan or Peter Lowry for additional information.

Peter

757-630-8719

plowry819@gmail.com



Cursillo #175 will be held at Chanco on the James, commencing Thursday evening October 2nd through Sunday evening October 5th. This is a coed weekend and open to singles or couples over 18 who are looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Please contact Peter Lowry; 757-630-8719 or plowry819@gmail.com for additional information.

Peter

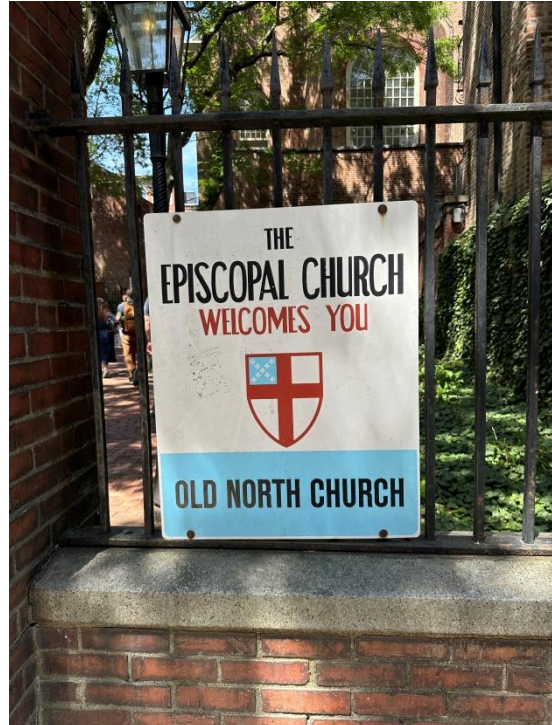


SOUPER SATURDAY IS COMING UP! There are signup sheets on the kitchen door for soup and/or dessert donations and also for volunteering at Trinity on Souper Saturday, Oct. 11th. **The deadline for signing up for donations or volunteering for the event is Thursday, Sept. 18th.**

PETER ON OLD NORTH CHURCH

I guess you can run into an Episcopal Church almost anywhere.

- > However I'm guessing Paul Revere maybe was not an Episcopalian?
- > Maybe it was from the top of the steeple that he saw the oncoming Brits?
- > Peter



NANNIE GARY BLACKWELL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS FOR 2025



The Nannie Gary Blackwell Scholarships are funded from a bequest made by Mrs. Blackwell in 1956. She was a native of Smithfield, although she moved to Florida in her later years.

The Christ Church Board of Trustees, manage the Blackwell Foundation and select the most qualified applicants for our scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded annually for post-secondary school tuition and expenses. Initial applicants should be high school seniors whose permanent addresses are in the Newport Parish. The boundaries of Newport Parish are the same as Isle of Wight County. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, church activities, community activities, and general character.



Congratulations to Ani Crocker, daughter of Allison & Chris, and Jensen Peters, April & Tim Jones' granddaughter and Freddie Chapman's great niece, who are this year's recipients of the Nannie Gary Blackwell Scholarship. Congratulations, also to Veronica Cargill and Alison Trudeau, two other recipients who are not pictured.



Ani Crocker (on the left) & Jensen Peters (on the right) our Scholarship recipients; (middle, left to right) Gordon Holloway, Wayne Willis & Bob McGreevy, three of the fund's Trustees.



PEN MIC NITE

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025



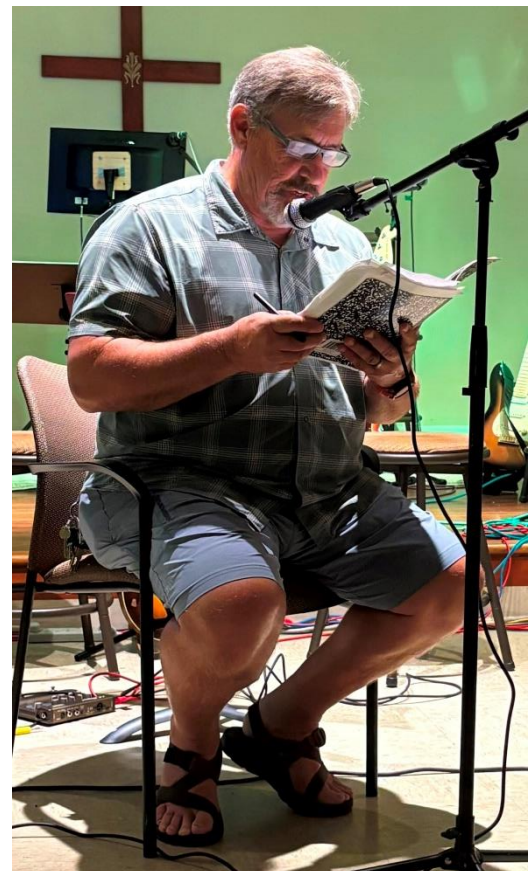
Jim Abicht.



Shah sang "Born from the Ashes", "Renewal" and "Nascent".



Betsy Egan told a Hurricane Story.



Tim Jones read a few of his poems.

OPEN MIC NITE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025



Richie Boggart and his friend, Jack came and played guitar & sang.



Editor's Note: Richie Boggart is the son of Edith Raby's second cousin, Tammy & her husband, Josh, and grandson of her first cousin, Ann Lovell. He is also a friend of mine.

--Martha Underwood



Jim Abicht



Mary Batten

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

This program was born here at CEC and was started by Gene Lowery and Fred Glanville. We deliver food to the Isle of Wight County facility on an on-going basis. On the fourth Sunday of each month, our donations are placed at the altar to be blessed by the priest. Our food is then delivered to COP 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

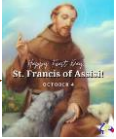


2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	8	9 6:30pm White Horse Fellowship at Tokyo Thai 	10	11  11 am Lunch Gathering at Cockeyed Rooster	12	13
14 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	15	16	17	18	19 7pm Open Mic Nite	20
21 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4pm Sundays at Four Concert	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12-2pm Potluck Luncheon and Everything You Want to Know about Bluebirds Presentation!	29	30 6pm Vestry Meeting (moved from regular meeting day for Sept.)				



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 12:45 pm Blessing of the Animals at St. Luke's, October 4, 2025	4 
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19 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	27	28 6pm Vestry Meeting	29	30	31 	



- 12 Donna Stanton
- Rosemarie White
- 26 Bobbie Blesse



- 1 Elsa Bakkum
- John Williams
- 4 Suzanne Peterson
- 8 Dave Stafford
- 14 Bill Egan
- Andy Pencola
- 24 Peter Lowry