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THE WORD JULY 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEC?

Well, your vestry continues to work very hard to achieve its list of initiatives and goals for the year. We are striving to accomplish a great number of things to enhance our spiritual relationship as well as strengthen our church family. Please invite new neighbors and friends to join us. More people become part of a church family because they have been invited than for any other reason. Also, if you want to “give back” to the community of Smithfield through service (as Jesus asked us to do), try volunteering in the civic group of your choice. Our focus is COP and Historic St. Luke’s Church and Museum. You can go online and sign up to help.



SAIL 250

We participated in Smithfield’s Sail 250 event on June 13th. About 15 of our church folks showed up and volunteered. I big THANK YOU to all. Our tours were very successful. St. Luke’s executive director, John Ericson joined us to provide background for our congregants from about 1685 to 1832 when our land was donated by Mallory Todd. There were artifacts as well as display boards sharing our history as well as a talk inside the church itself. A special thanks to Kimberly Leazer who worked very hard to make this event possible.

Pictures are provided for you below.



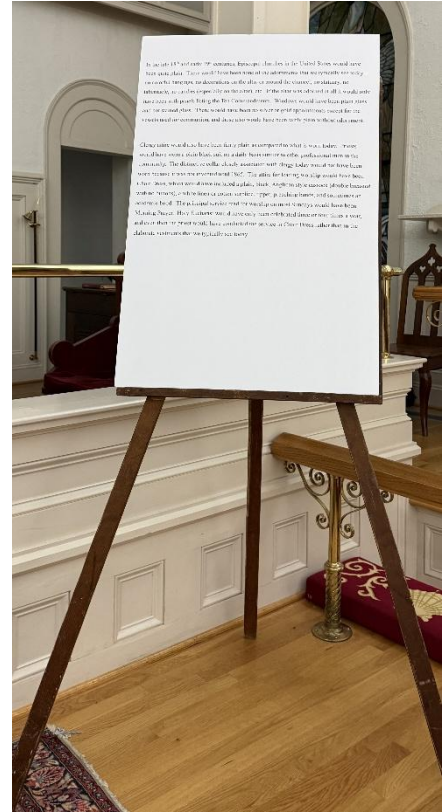
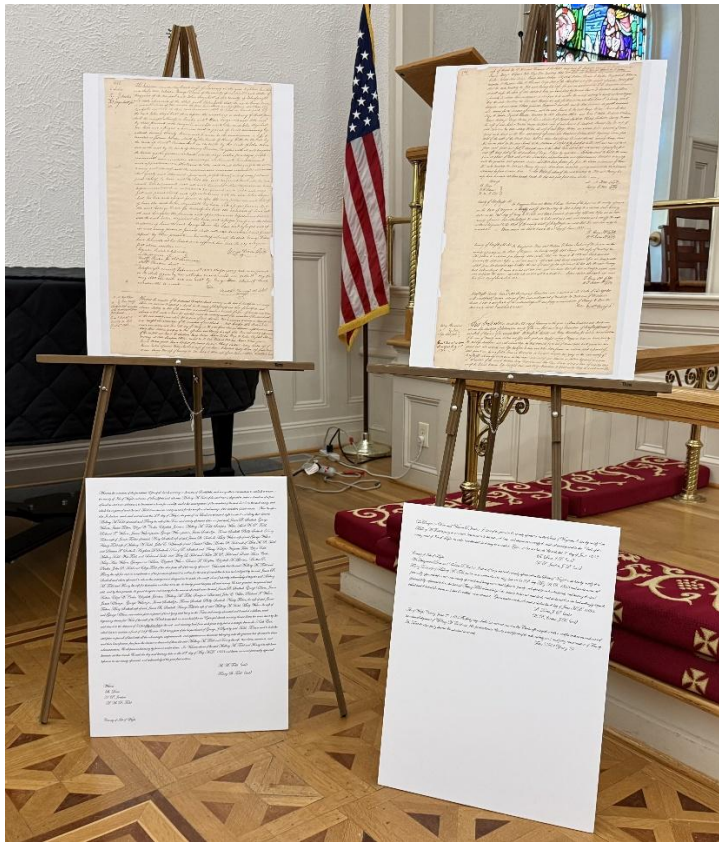
**Kimberly Leazer,
Coordinator for Sail 250 at
Christ Episcopal Church**



(left to right) Alex Fenton, John Ericson, Tim Jones as priest in 1776 costume, Barbara Stafford, John Bates, Julie.

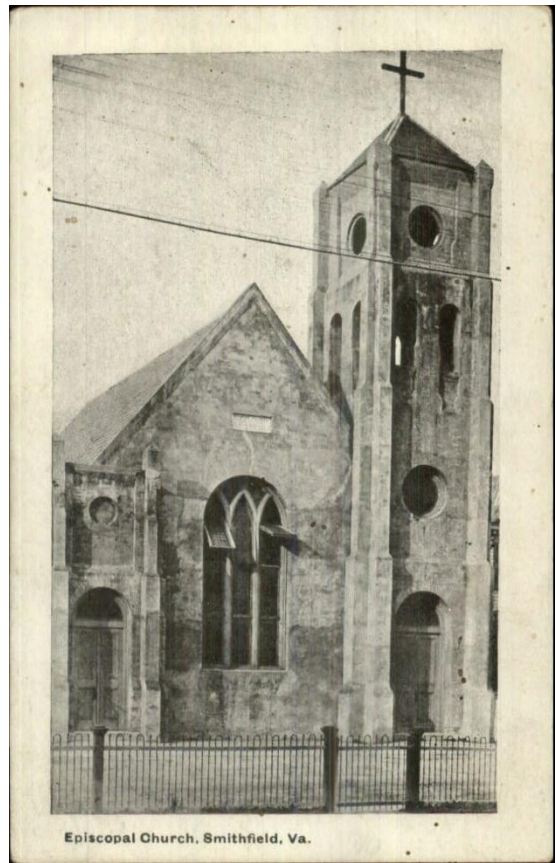


(left to right) Alex Fenten, Kimberly Leazer, Angie Garrett.





Tim Jones portraying a priest of the 1831 period.



Mallory Todd Family Church



SIMILAR TOURS



Suzanne and Curtiss Peterson playing the part of Angelina and Mallory Todd.



During one of our tours during a period event, Susan Cooper dressed for the time period.



SAIL250 VIRGINIA CONCERT, JUNE 13, 2026

RICKY GOODWYN, JR. TENOR

CHYH LENG LOW, PIANO



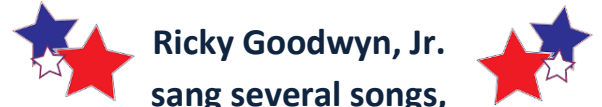
(right to left) Chyh Leng Low and Ricky Goodwyn, Jr.

MALLORY TODD'S FAMILY CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church was the home church of the Mallory Todd's Family. A Smithfield merchant in 1767, developed successful maritime shipping and ham-curing business that delivered hams to the Caribbean and returned with wartime supplies for the Colonies' Revolutionary cause.

This Concert & Piano Recital is in honor of the contributions the Todd Family made to our church and our community.





Ricky Goodwyn, Jr.
sang several songs,
among them were:

**“The Boatman's Dance”
By Aaron Copland**

Three Strauss songs

“Verdi Aria”

“God Bless America”

From musicals:

**“Bring Him Home”
from Les Miserables**

**“Make Them Hear You”
from Ragtime.**



Sundays at Four

Remaining Performances

August 2, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Terrific Teen Talent Recital

**Six Hampton Roads Teens selected by audition to present
individual mini recitals on this Teen Concert**

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



LIKE TO SING?

If you would like to practice our hymns before the church service, feel free to join us on Sunday morning, June 28th and Sunday July 5th at 9:30 so you can make an even more joyful noise to our Lord during the service. We will do this again on Sunday, July 26th and August 2nd. Please come early and sing along!



HOSPITALITY

Our sign- up sheet for hospitality is on the kitchen door. Please feel free to sign up to bring something on Sunday so we can have some snacks as we fellowship after church. Also, if you are able, please help clean up after our fellowship is over. Take plates in the kitchen, rinse them off, and put them in the dishwasher. Thank you in advance for your help.



CAN YOU HELP?

Some of us enjoy doing yard work and gardening. CEC always needs people to pull weeds during this time of year. If you can, stop by and clean out a bed. We would be grateful for your stewardship in this area. Thanks.



PLANT SALE

Our plant sale has been very successful to date. We may want to consider a fall plant sale of bulbs and rhizomes in the fall. If you can donate some of those, please let Annamaria know at pencolaa@yahoo.com. We will have some peonies, day lilies, Easter lilies and maybe some iris and daffodils for sure.

New AC Unit

As some of you remember, a couple of years ago we had a matching donor program to install two new AC units. The donor offered to pay ½ the cost if the congregation made special donations for the other half. One unit was installed as we waited for 2nd unit funds. These funds were donated about a month ago and installation is scheduled for the last week of June. FINALLY!



SPECIAL FUNDS

Please remember that we are NOT spending money on AC units, flooring, etc. from our operating budget, but rather, generous donors who give for “special improvement projects” that are needed within our church facility. In some cases, we have received small grants. We had NO major upgrades to the Parish Hall/Sunday School addition since it was built in 1977, so some are choosing a project to fund. Once a project is funded, church volunteers complete the labor. THANK YOU TO ALL who have given their time, talent and treasure to complete these tasks. Thanks to YOU... our facility continues to be upgraded and modernized.



CREATION CARE

Bonjour! I have just returned from touring France and have some observations on France’s commitment to Creation Care. Recycling bins are everywhere, in each small village, and in the larger cities. We did not see any litter along the roadways. Soda and water bottles come with a cap that is attached to the bottle. Plastic shopping bags are not used. People cycle and walk more than they drive.



So inspiring to visit a country committed to caring for God’s Creation!



**Deadline for
August WORD
Wednesday July 22, 2026
by 5:00 p.m.**



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

DONATIONS GO TO OUTREACH



Next OMN: Friday, July 17, 2026



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026





**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

5TH SUNDAY SERVICE AT ST. LUKE'S

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026



The Rev. Carlton Bakkum was our supply priest for this Sunday.



Joanne Willis saw this sign at Bubba & Frank's Restaurant in Smithfield and sent it in for the newsletter. That is something we need to remember.





Thank you to **Stuart Greenhalgh** for his contributions to the Music Ministry at Christ Church. He usually plays the piano on the fourth Sunday of the month and during the summer, Stuart will with also be with us on the first Sunday. He is also a faithful participant in Open Mic Nite.



FROM



Todd at the Altar during Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 7, 2026. We entered the Season after Pentecost, the Sunday before. Because it is the period of the church year focused on spiritual growth and daily discipleship, it is also frequently called “the long green season”

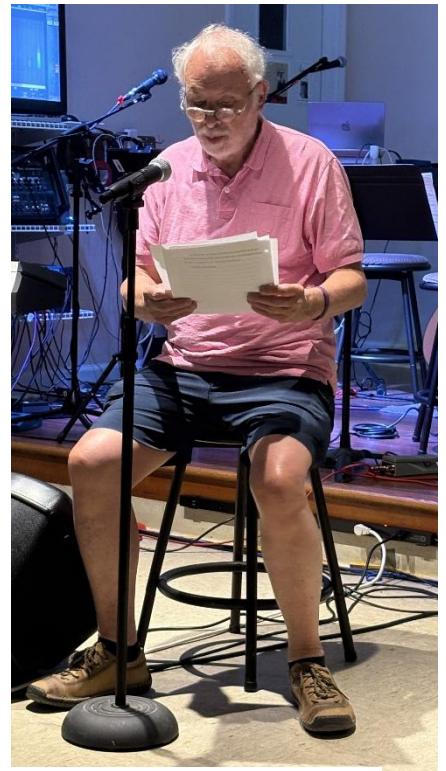
OPEN MIC NITE
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026



Mary Batten



Scott Hamilton sang a couple of songs by Collective Soul.



Peter Lowry read us a story.



Gary Parsons came to tell us about "Reel Recovery", a retreat for men fighting cancer.



Jim Albicht sang songs by John Fullbright: "Forgotten Flowers", "Happy", & "All The Time in the World".



Bob Strozak played guitar & sang: "I Used to Care" and "I Walked Away".



Stuart Greenhalgh played "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" and "What the World Needs Now."

COP FOOD PANTRY SHELVES

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.



Christ Church participates in collecting non-perishable food items on Sundays for the Food pantry at COP (Christian Outreach Program.) 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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- 7 Alexs Greenhalgh
Leigh Leaman
- 15 Alex Fenton
- 23 Charlie Worcester
- 24 Fred Chapman
Mason Krzywicki



- 1 Mary Cole
- 5 Joanne Willis
- 14 Noelle Goodwyn
- 25 Demere Bates
Alison Crocker
- 27 Jenny Michaeli