

The Cunningham Chronicle

Christ Church, Millwood

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Lenten Potluck and Study

Beginning on February 29, we will continue our tradition of coming together on Wednesday evenings in Lent for a potluck dinner and program. This year's theme is "Embracing an Adult Faith: What it Means to be Christian." We'll start gathering in the Parish House around 5:50 p.m. so we can begin dinner at 6:00 and those of you who are unable to get there that early can join us whenever you can. The program will begin in the church at seven. Each program starts with a DVD discussion led by renowned theologian and author Marcus Borg on an issue of contemporary Christian practice and theology: *Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith? How do we live in community?* We will then continue the discussion on our own, delving more deeply into each session's theme. This thought-provoking series promises to challenge and engage us as we use the season of Lent to reflect on our own understandings of the "big questions" of Christianity.

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A missive from the Senior Warden...

Three years ago, in March 2009, Lisa and I moved from being "friends" to becoming members of Christ Church. We came from mixed religious backgrounds, but after moving to Clarke County we found that many of our relationships drew us to Christ Church. Debby Gustin was our daughter's teacher at Powhatan, and provided day care over the summers at the Rectory. We went to weddings, funerals and other activities that kept bringing us back to Christ Church. We became increasingly comfortable and close to the members long before we began thinking that it was time that perhaps we were now mature enough-to begin seriously exploring our spiritual lives. With a gentle nudge from Cary Embury, we began confirmation classes with The

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Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 at Noon

Christ Church will hold a service on Ash Wednesday at Noon with The Rev. Karin MacPhail officiating. The service is a celebration of the Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes. The special liturgy of the day is a reminder of our mortality. We encourage all of you to attend as a meaningful beginning to the season of Lent leads to a more meaningful celebration of Easter.

If you would prefer an evening service, please consider attending the 7:00 p.m. service at Meade Memorial in White Post or 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Berryville.

Christian Formation News

Adult education class:

February begins "On the Way," a 13-week series on the Gospel of Mark. We will explore Mark's unique portrait of Jesus and particular way of telling the story of Jesus. Mark uses the expression "on the way" in several key passages. Mark was written sometime around 65 A.D., when Christianity was called "The Way" and was still considered a movement within Judaism. Christianity is a journey of faith, and we are all on the way, not yet fully arrived. Join us for this study in which we will follow the path of Jesus and learn more about how to be a disciple, as we travel on the way toward deeper engagement in faith.

Children's and youth classes:

We continue to study and explore the Sunday readings we hear in church as well as learning the great stories of the Bible. We are always looking for more volunteers and more ways to expand our ministry to children and youth, so please contact Karin if you are interested!

A message from the Priest...

I grew up in an area of the United States where Episcopalians were few and far between—dry and dusty West Texas. My parish was small, and our youth group was tiny. Most of my friends at school belonged to the big Baptist and Methodist churches around town. Because I went to church with so few other young people who knew what the Episcopal Church was like, I found my real sense of identity as an Episcopalian and really fell in love with the Episcopal Church at diocesan youth gatherings.

Now Virginia is a very different place from West Texas, but particularly in smaller parishes, it is helpful and encouraging for us to find ways to connect with the church beyond our parish. The Diocese of Virginia is one of the largest in the Episcopal Church, and making connections within the diocese is a great way to feel part of something bigger. Visiting Shrine Mont for our parish weekend (which is scheduled for July 20-22—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!) is one of my favorite ways to do this!

You can also get a better sense of the church outside our parish by visiting the web sites of the Diocese of Virginia (<http://www.thediocese.net/>) and The Episcopal Church (<http://episcopalchurch.org/>). Both have excellent resources and information.

This spring, I will use some of our adult education time to lead an “Inquirer’s Class” for those who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church—whether in preparation for baptism, confirmation, or reception, or simply because you are interested! Stay tuned for more information about this class.

Yours in Christ,

For preview of next Sunday’s sermon and copies of past sermons, information re our 2012 Lenten Series and our 13-week Christian Formation classes, visit our web site at: <http://cunninghamchapel.org/>

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Rev. Anne Manson, leading to joining the church. We attended services regularly, as we were eager to learn all that we could, and soon I was asked to be on the Vestry. I learned that there were some divisions within the church, stemming from events that had accumulated over many years. My first year on the Vestry was challenging, but I felt that the qualities of the individuals in the church could surmount their differences. There is still healing to be done, but I believe that the old divisions can be overcome if everyone keeps in touch with Christ’s message of forgiveness and love. Our new priest, the Rev. Karin MacPhail, brings this message with her, and with her arrival we have all been witnessing a spirit of acceptance and outreach to others within and outside the congregation.

At this time I am asking that all members and friends of the church find a place within the church to participate in the ministries of Christ Church. We have committees that serve the church, and the outside world, in many different ways. I am sure that you can find one, or more, that is right for you. Below is a list of the current committees. Please call the church office (540-837-1112 or e-mail at Christchurch@cunninghamchapel.org) and tell Shirley Ann which one(s) you would like to join. Ask any of the Vestry members, our priest Karin MacPhail, or committee members, about what the committees do.

There will soon be a new list of the committees and their purposes and members. If you don’t tell us how you want to participate, we’ll ask you!

Committees

Altar Guild	Finance	Property
Outreach	Education	Audit
Hospitality	Worship	By-laws
Country Fair	Stewardship	Inreach
Disaster Preparedness		Memorial Garden
Christmas Dinner		Communications

Community Lunch

As a service project in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, Powhatan School's Fifth Grade classes, under the direction of teachers Cheri Kesler and Ross Mulry, served a community lunch at the Millwood Community Center on Monday, January 16th from 11:30 – 1:00PM. The students prepared for the event by drawing posters to publicize it. They chose the menu of chili, cornbread, salad and brownies. They assembled ingredients, and although Ross Mulry and a few of her friends at the Christ Church food pantry did the actual cooking, the students walked down from Powhatan and served all comers, delivering bowls of chili, and baskets of cornbread. They were kept busy as there was quite a turn-out. Over seventy people enjoyed the delicious chili and the community spirit. Although there was no charge for lunch, all free-will donations went to the Millwood Community Center. Happily, over \$200.00 was raised to help the utility bills and maintenance. It was a win-win-win experience any way you look at it.

The Powhatan Fifth Grade has been very generous to the Christ Church food pantry this year, holding food and blanket drives for us. Their MLK community lunch is yet another example of how generous our Powhatan neighbors are. Hurray for the Fifth Graders!

Wendy Clatterbuck

Commissioning of New Vestry

At the 10:30 service on January 8, three new vestry members were commissioned by the Rev. Karin MacPhail-Linda Armbrust, Carol Sellery, and Chuck Roberts. They joined Terry Chandler, Janell Hoffman, Jeff Harris, Bob Goshen, Tommy Dunning, and Bob Cullen to form the 2012 Vestry. After the service, at the monthly Vestry meeting, this year's officers were elected, Shirley Brown as Treasurer, Bob Cullen as Registrar, Tom Dunning as Junior Warden, and Bob Goshen as Senior Warden. The vestry is responsible for managing the parish finances and buildings, and is also responsible for choosing individuals to fill positions of parish leadership, including election of a rector, choice of delegates to Annual Council, and others as required.

Bob Goshen

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Mark your calendar now for the five Wednesday evenings of our Lenten series:

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Looking ahead, we will hold a Seder Supper on Thursday, April 5 in the Parish House. Reservation information will be forthcoming in the March newsletter.

Wednesday Lenten Service and Lunch at Grace Church, Berryville

Each Wednesday in Lent at noon there will be a Service of Noonday Office at Grace Episcopal Church in Berryville with guest clergy from local churches. **Our very own Karin MacPhail will be the guest minister on Wednesday, February 29.** "Lenten Lunches" will follow in the Parish Hall (except for Ash Wednesday). Donations accepted and appreciated!

Court Rules in Favor of Diocese

On January 10, the Fairfax Circuit Court issued its ruling in favor of the Diocese of Virginia and the Episcopal Church in litigation seeking to recover Episcopal church property. "Our goal throughout this litigation has been to return faithful Episcopalians to their church homes and Episcopal properties to the mission of the Church," said the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, bishop of Virginia.

The court ruled that the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia have "a contractual and proprietary interest" in each of the properties subject to the litigation. The court ordered that all property subject to its ruling be turned over to the Diocese.

"We hope that this ruling will lead to our congregations returning to worship in their church homes in the near future, while finding a way to support the CANA congregations as they plan their transition," said Henry D.W. Burt, secretary of the Diocese and chief of staff. Bishop Johnston added, "While we are grateful for the decision in our favor, we remain mindful of the toll this litigation has taken on all parties involved, and we continue to pray for all affected by the litigation."

Worship Participants

Please check to see if you are listed as a participant and let the office know if you are not available on the Sunday that you are scheduled so that a replacement can be found for you.

February 5 – HEII

Lector Fred Underwood
Psalmist Don Frabutt
Crucifer Denya Dee Leake
Chalicers Shawn Morgan & Terry Chandler
Ushers Bev McKay & Fred Underwood
Greeter Linda Roberts
Sunday School Teachers: Terry Chandler
Michael Hoffman

February 12 – MP I

Lector Jane Caspar
Psalmist Anne (PJ) Frabutt
Crucifer Shawn Morgan
Ushers Tom Dunning & Cary Embury
Greeter Linda Roberts
Sunday School teachers: Lisa Goshen
Millie Baker

February 19 – HEII

Lector Jane Caspar
Psalmist Ian Williams
Crucifer Denya Dee Leake
Chalicers Macon Uskurai & Shawn Morgan
Ushers Trip VanWyck & Ian Williams
Greeter Tencha Gilpin
Sunday School teachers: Michael Hoffman
Nina Randolph

February 26 – MP II – 10:30 AM

Lector Don Frabutt
Psalmist Bob Randolph
Crucifer Shawn Morgan
Ushers Tom Dunning & Trip VanWyck
Greeter Nina Randolph
Sunday School teachers: Nina Randolph
Terry Chandler

8:00 Services

February 5 – Reader - Michael Hoffman
Chalicer – Bob Cullen
February 12 – Reader & Chalicer - Kathy Smart
February 19 – Reader & Chalicer – Shirley Brown
February 26 - Reader & Chalicer – Kathy Smart



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for our parishioners, those who are close to the parish, and for friends and family members of our parishioners, and especially for:

Ivan C. Bowman, brother-in-law of Anita Bowman
Iris Ely, mother of Stephanie McKay
Ann Brown, parishioner
Ann McIntosh, parishioner
Eric Bergland, friend of Jean and Tom Gilpin
Debbie Vater, sister of Terry Chandler
Pat Flynn, former parishioner
Glenn McCallister, friend of Anita Bowman
Freddie Hetzel, son of Vaughn and Wendy Clatterbuck
Jim Bauman, friend of Dave and Caroline Roberts
Ken Stock, former parishioner
Michael Skaggs, friend of Anita Bowman
Edna Cralle' Johnston, mother of Joseph Johnston
Edie Gilger, granddaughter of Edna and Denny Vaughan
Jeff Jacobs, Anita's sister-in-law's son-in-law
Nancy Glassberg, Karin MacPhail's aunt
Warren Garman, brother of Shirley Brown

Offering Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes, you may find them in the narthex and they will be marked with your name. If you would like to use envelopes and have not been assigned a number, there are some blank ones (without names) which you can claim as your own. If you do choose an envelope, please telephone the office at 837-1112 to let Shirley Ann know what number is on the box. This assures accurate record keeping.

At the present time we have received an envelope 'number 36' and we do not know who to credit with the donation. Please let us know if you used this envelope.

Food Pantry

Packing on
Friday, February 3 at 1:00

Distribution on
Saturday, February 4
9 am-11 am

Stop Hunger Now Event

On Saturday, March 10, 2012, Grace Episcopal Church in Berryville will host a Stop Hunger Now community food packaging event from 9:30 a.m. through mid-afternoon, until the project is complete. People can come and go, offering what time they have.

Stop Hunger Now ships vacuum sealed packets of dehydrated rice, soy vegetables and vitamins to starving people all over the world. The packets simply require water and boiling, and each packet serves six highly nutritious meals, primarily to provide school lunches for needy children. This allows children to go to school rather than work or beg for food, and they learn more in school because they're not hungry. Meals are also sent for relief in areas facing famine.

The meals cost 25¢ each, and the packing event is fun and rewarding. Stop Hunger Now provides all the equipment and ingredients, and the volunteers at the event combine the ingredients into packets for distribution. Last year Grace Church's Stop Hunger Now event raised \$12,500 and packing 50,000 meals.

Two websites provide more information and show volunteers making food packets:

www.stophungernow.org

www.youtube.com/stophungernow

If you would like to volunteer, donate money, or have any questions please call the Rev. Dwight Brown at Grace Episcopal Church: 955-1610.

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New Church Directories

We will soon be printing new directories and wish to update the information that is currently on file in the directory. If any of the following information has changed, please make note of the changes and

- Return to the office at:
Christ Church, Millwood
P.O. Box 153,
Millwood, Virginia 22646
- Call the office with your changes at 540-837-1112.
- Send an email with the changes to Christchurch@cunninghamparish.org

If you do not wish to have any of the following in the directory, please indicate that also.

Even if there are no changes but you wish to be certain that we do have the correct information, please feel free to let us know.

Name or names: (i.e. Mr. & Mrs. John Doe or John Doe) _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email(s): _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Food Pantry Packing 1:00 pm	4 Food Pantry Distribution 9 - 11
5 HEI - 8:00 a.m. Christian Education classes - 9:00 am HEII -10:30 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Happy Birthday Caroline Roberts</i>	11
12 HEI - 8:00 a.m. Christian Education classes - 9:00 am MPI -10:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting at Bishop's Chapel 11:45 a.m.	13 <i>Happy Birthday Mary Shockey</i>	14 <i>Happy Birthday Ann McIntosh</i>	15	16	17	18
19 HEI - 8:00 am Christian Education classes - 9:00 am HEII – 10:30 am <i>Happy Birthday Jane Casper</i>	20	21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6 p.m. at Millwood Community Center <i>Happy Birthday Cary Embury</i>	22 <i>Happy Birthday Alex McKay & Jim Reiger</i> Ash Wednesday service: HEII and Imposition of Ashes at Noon	23 Deadline for submitting articles for March newsletter	24	25
26 HEI - 8:00 a.m. Christian Education classes - 9:00 am MPII -10:30 am	27 <i>Happy Birthday Shawn Morgan</i>	28	29 Pot-luck Supper at the Parish House 6:00 p.m. Program at Christ Church at 7:00 p.m.			

For additions and updates to our calendar, please check our website at www.cunninghamchapel.org.



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Millwood Community Center
February 21, 6:00 p.m.**



Join us for a feast of pancakes, sausage, bacon and more.

Bring your family and friends!

**Donations accepted with proceeds benefiting
local outreach and the Discretionary Fund.**

To volunteer, please call Anne McIntosh at 837-2404.