



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 2026

Those celebrating birthdays this month: Carolyn Upshaw 8/1, Ann Woolford 8/4, Lindsey Bates 8/5, Alice Daniels 8/7, Frank Miller 8/9, Mark Svare 8/10, Barbara Allen 8/15, Doreen Fagiano 8/17, Steven Lacy 8/19, Pat Linton 8/20, Jan Smith 8/20, Jeanette Stewart 8/28, Viviana Martini 8/28, Mable Lacy 8/29, Libby Wachter 8/29, Linda Wieland 8/30, David Roberts 8/30, Dennis Berry 8/30.

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Jerry & Jennifer Stockli 8/5, Jim & Susan Wachter 8/16, Edd & Dana Houck 8/22.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com.

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., is offered Tuesdays through Fridays on Zoom throughout the summer.

<https://zoom.us/j/99079670098>

Meeting ID: 990 7967 0098

Celtic Eucharist continues to meet on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the church.

Bible Study is taking a break for the summer. We will regather in the Fall to continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Stay tuned.

Our Sunday Spirituality Discussions are taking a break for the summer. We will regather in September to begin a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis.

Study the Psalms. We are taking a break for the summer. We will regather again in the Fall to continue our study. Stay tuned.

Thank you to all who contributed to our BackPacks! The children of our Food Pantry clients were extremely pleased and thankful to begin school with new supplies.



Welcome Newcomers! Newcomers are those who started coming to Christ Church in 2024. Evites have been sent - either by email or text for you to come to a special Newcomer Welcome on Sunday, August 16th. Fr. Daniel will do a special Welcome Newcomers Rite. We hope you will come so we can recognize you as a valued Christ Church parishioner!!



SURF'S UP AT CHRIST CHURCH!

Grab your flip-flops, Hawaiian shirts, shorts, and sun hats because Christ Church is heading to the beach... well, sort of! Join us for our Beach Bash Picnic on Sunday, August 23rd! We'll have ONE service that day at 10 AM. Afterward, we'll head over to ASH for some serious summer fun! ECM is firing up the grill with hot dogs and hamburgers and setting up an ice cream sundae bar where you can build the masterpiece of your dreams. Fellowship will have plenty of cold drinks to keep us hydrated while we practice the difficult art of relaxing.

Congregation: Bring your favorite side dish to share. Because no picnic is complete without a table full of everyone's best recipes!

Outdoor games will be ready for some friendly competition. Come prepared to show off your athletic skills—or at least your ability to cheer from the sidelines! So, leave the dress clothes at home, dust off your beach gear, and come ready for food, fellowship, fun, and a little sand-between-your-toes spirit!



No sunscreen required.



Sunglasses encouraged.



Beach attitude mandatory.

Don't miss the biggest beach party in town that doesn't actually have a beach!



208 Sale Trail Is Almost Here! The 208 Sale Trail will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 11 & 12, 2026. Last year's event drew an excellent crowd, and we anticipate another great turnout this year. The ECM will once again be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixins. The ECW will have baked goods available for a donation. There will be lots of tables of items for sale. The Thrift Shop will be open with more goods for sale. Hope to see you there!



Would You Like to Be Included in Our Church Directory? If the answer is 'YES!' please take a few minutes to update your Realm privacy settings and help our Christ Church family stay connected. To protect everyone's personal information, all Realm profiles were initially set to the highest level of privacy. Unless you change these settings, your profile and contact information can be viewed only by church staff, and you will not be included in our church directory. Updating your privacy settings is quick and easy. You remain in control and can choose exactly what information you are comfortable sharing with other Christ Church members. Step-by-step instructions will be included in Friday's eBlast and will also be available in the Communications Center. Need help? Stop by our Realm Help Station during coffee hour on Sunday, August 9, after either service. We will be happy to help you review and customize your settings.

Christ Church will be front and center for the December 6th matinee; (after our 10:30 service), at the Riverside Theater for the Performing Arts to see "A Christmas Carol". Mark your calendars with more information to come!

The Episcopal Church Men (ECM) will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. on August 15th in the Great Hall. All men are welcome for Communion, breakfast and Bible study. Come join us.

The Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) Monthly Gathering will be at noon on August 18th at Basilico, 7013 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg 22407. An evite will be sent to the women in the Parish. The ECW will also hold an **ECW Tea Fundraiser meeting** on Thursday, August 13th at 1pm in All Saints Hall.

Turn Unused Jewelry into Ministry - Do you have jewelry you no longer wear or pieces that are broken Do you have silver items you no longer need or want? If so, please consider donating them to the Christ Church Thrift Shop. Most of the jewelry donated to the Thrift Shop is sold at modest prices—typically \$1.00 to \$3.00 for necklaces, bracelets, rings, and other pieces. A few years ago, however, one of our volunteers learned that a gold and silver buying company periodically visits Crown Jewelers in downtown Fredericksburg. Since then, we have carefully evaluated our jewelry donations to identify items that might have greater value if sold as precious metals. We were delighted to discover that some of our donated jewelry was made of 10K and 14K gold, sterling silver, or weighted silver. On July 14, we met with the gold and silver buyers at Crown Jewelers and were presented with a check for **\$3,181.00**. What an incredible blessing! Those funds will go a long way toward supporting the ministries of Christ Church. We were amazed that such a small collection of donated jewelry could make such a significant impact. While many donated pieces are purchased and enjoyed by our customers, items with precious metal value can provide an even greater return—helping us support the mission and ministries of Christ Church and serve our community.

New Date for Micah Ministries presentation at the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors meeting - August 25.

Micah Ministries is on the agenda at the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors meeting on August 25. Meghann Cotter, Micah's Executive Servant-Leader, will offer a presentation at the meeting about Micah's planned Jeremiah Community, and how the county can be a part of the regional response to homelessness in our area. Part of the narrative that they are pushing back against is the idea that homelessness is only a "city issue". Jeremiah Community will be a regional response, and they want to demonstrate to leadership in the counties that they have regional support, especially among the Spotsylvania churches. Let's show up and let them know that the members of Christ Church care about homelessness! Those that attend will not need to plan to speak --- just showing up in support and waving when Meghann mentions the church support in attendance, will make a big difference. The Board of Supervisors will meet on **Tuesday, August 25 at 5 PM** in the Holbert Building at 9104 Courthouse Road.



Rev up for a great cause and join the **Spotsylvania Courthouse Lions Club Charity Poker Run** on **Saturday, August 22!** A poker run is a fun, family-friendly road trip—not a race. Participants travel at their own pace, driving the vehicle of their choice while visiting five designated stops. At each stop, you'll collect a playing card to build your poker hand. Along the way, enjoy great food, refreshing drinks, and the camaraderie of fellow participants. Your final card is drawn at the last stop, where the best poker hands win cash prizes!

Registration: \$20 per driver/\$5 per passenger

This year's proceeds will benefit the **Rappahannock Education Farm**, whose mission is to reduce food insecurity by growing fresh produce for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and local food pantries. The fun continues at the final stop with tents, tables, wings, beverages, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle.

Cash Prizes: Best Hand – \$250, Second Best Hand – \$125, Worst Hand – \$30

Poker Run Stops

1. **Old Dominion Harley-Davidson** (9:30–10:30 a.m.) *Registration and Food Truck*
2. **Sealston Deli**
3. **Creekside Farm Brewery**
4. **Ice House Brewery**
5. **Hooters** (Return by 2:30 p.m.) *across from Mary Washington Emergency Center*

Whether you're riding a motorcycle, driving a classic car, or bringing the family in your everyday vehicle, everyone is welcome. Come enjoy a scenic day, support a wonderful local cause, and see if you'll be holding the winning hand! For more information, contact: Jill Bates, Greg Hall, Ann Woolford, Missie & Jarman