



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Those celebrating birthdays this month: Newton Guerin 9/4, John Symonds 9/5, Linda Smith 9/8, Frank Doerrbecker 9/8, Steve Smith 9/8, Suzi Zafrano 9/10, Edd Houck 9/11, Margot Wagner 9/12, Leslie Bates 9/19, Martha Ayres 9/21, Rosanne Desmone 9/22, Tricia Smelter 9/26, Kristi Gross 9/26, Jill Schaefer 9/26, Cecil Jarman 9/28, Susan Wachter 9/30.

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Bruce & Carol Petit 9/3, Roger & Mary Williams 9/4, Hunter & Ashlynn Clifford 9/16, David & Doreen Fagiano 9/17, Mark & Mary Svare 9/20, Tom & Judy Murphy 9/27.

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

The Daily Office (Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., and Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.) is offered Tuesdays through Fridays.

<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.

Starting September 2nd Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom and continues to meet weekly. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. You do not need to have joined us for our previous studies to join us this year. All are welcome regardless of familiarity with scripture. We laugh a lot and learn a lot.

<https://zoom.us/j/95020595694?pwd=23ADNROJeXRCQrtNh35SILiIh2p07a.1>

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Passcode: 417421

Starting September 13th our Sunday Spirituality Discussions meets in the Booth Hall Conference Room and on Zoom at 9:15 a.m.. We are beginning a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis.

<https://zoom.us/j/94288634565?pwd=HpziQoaFCUNyiJVZtphwGYFNtuSyX8.1>

Meeting ID: 942 8863 4565
Passcode: 497643

Study the Psalms. Join us as we study the Psalms on Wednesdays, at 1:30 p.m. in the Booth Hall Conference Room as well as on Zoom starting September 2nd. The link to the study is

<https://zoom.us/j/96389962104?pwd=NpirnLbuagfTgTuVUO5kHLi2YztSMN.1>

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Passcode: 080091



Come Grow, Learn & Have Fun With Us!

Sunday School starts August 30th at 10:15 AM! We're excited to welcome our children back to join us for a morning of learning, laughter, and growing in faith together.

Beginning Sunday School — Preschool through 1st Grade

Intermediate Sunday School — 3rd through 7th Grade

Our Sunday School lessons follow the **liturgy and Scripture readings for the week**, giving children the opportunity to learn about the same stories and teachings they will hear in church. Each class includes **Bible reading, prayer, music, crafts, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions and have fun!** Children will join their families in church before Communion.

Youth Group — Coming Soon!

Our **Youth Group for students in 8th–12th grade** will be starting soon! We'll meet every other Sunday from **12:00–1:00 PM** for meaningful conversations that connect the Bible to everyday life, opportunities to serve our community, and, of course, some fun outings along the way. **Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to get started!**

Nursery

Our nursery is always available during the **10:30 AM service** for children **8 weeks through 3 years old**. A caregiver who is **CPR/AED/First Aid certified** is available to care for your little one. When they're ready, children are welcome to join their families in the service before Communion. And if your little one needs a break during worship, **you are always welcome to bring them downstairs for some time in the nursery.**

**There's a place for every child at Christ Church.
Come join us, make some friends, and grow in faith together!**



208 Sale Trail Is 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!



Christ Church is going paddling! We'll kayak or canoe on a flatwater section of the Rappahannock River on Saturday, September 26th. We'll meet in the morning and be off by around 3pm (exact times and river section to be decided closer to the day). Participants should bring water and snacks or lunch, dress for the weather, and wear shoes that can get wet. No experience is necessary – we'll have a little instruction on the bank before we start. For more info or to RSVP, please e-mail Kristi at kristigross@pobox.com. The trip is free, but paddlers must sign up in advance (by 5 pm Wed. Sept. 23rd). Bill Micks and the Virginia Outdoor Center do the trip for free for the church in memory of Deborah Gayle.

The Episcopal Church Men (ECM) will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. on September 19th in the Great Hall. All men are welcome for Communion, breakfast and Bible study. Come join us.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold an **ECW Tea Planning meeting** on Tuesday, September 8th at 1pm in All Saints Hall. We will host *A Taste of Tea & Spirit* on Sunday, November 15th during coffee hour.

The Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) Monthly Gathering will be at noon on September 15th at Basilico, 7013 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg 22407.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their quarterly meeting on September 26th, at 10am, in All Saints Hall. Our speaker for the event will be Cindy Helton from St. George's ECW. She will present the History of Episcopal Women. All Christ Church women are invited to attend.



Beginning this month, you will see promotional Facebook posts for the **upcoming (Oct. 4th) Annual Blessing of the Animals and Community Pet Fair**. As sponsor of the event, the Pet Ministry has been preparing for a couple of months. Several organizations have already committed to participating, including the Sheriff's K9 unit and exotic animals. We hope you will add this to your calendar... we are looking forward to seeing you there.

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; more information to come!