



August 2025

# extraOrdinary Times

## this month at Christ Church

### August 2

Labyrinth | 9:00 a.m.

### August 7

LGBTQ+ Theology & Faith | 7:30p.m.

### August 10

Addressing Mental Health in Ukraine Forum  
| 9:00 a.m.

### August 13

Churchyard Cookout | 5:30 p.m.

### August 17

Outreach Forum | 9:00 a.m.

### August 21

LGBTQ+ Theology & Faith | 7:30p.m.

### August 24

Back to School Blessing  
Rector's Forum | 9:00 a.m.

### August 26

Vestry Meeting | 7:00 p.m.



## Inclusive Memorialization Working Group Continues 250-Year Anniversary Promise

As part of the year of celebrations accompanying Christ Church's 250th anniversary in 2023, an inclusive memorialization working group (Working Group) was established "[t]o initiate idea generation for memorialization and working through the creation of a memorial ... acknowledging those whose voices were silenced in the past and bringing their memory and honor to the forefront of the church for recognition."

Early on in discussions, the Rector and Working Group determined that the monument should be dedicated to the memory of the enslaved persons whose labor undergirded the wealth of the Congregation and the local economy, as well as physically contributing to the construction of the Church. Since that time, we have met 24 times in various ways and places to prepare a proposal for approval by the Clergy and Vestry that visualizes a physical monument worthy of its charge,

including alternatives for form, text, and placement in the Churchyard. Along the way, this journey has taken Working Group members to the earliest historical records of Christ Church, local municipal records, and outreach to Alexandria City officials, charitable foundations, museums, and other religious and historical organizations and institutions.

The Working Group has consisted of Claire Chow, Susan Hahn, Kathleen Hickman, Andrea McNicholas, Liz Nelson, Allyn Trautman, Libby Witt, Jim Beattie, Jack Hutcheson, Rawles Jones, and Mark Pretzat. It has been most assisted by Michael Biddle, a professional consultant who has generously volunteered his time and expertise in guiding our progress in this undertaking.

The Working Group provided a briefing to the Congregation on January 14, 2024, when its deliberations were at their infancy. It is now very pleased to be able to

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enter into a conversation with the Congregation on the significance of the memorial in our spiritual journey at the adult forum hour that will take place on November 9 (details to follow). In addition, Working Group members will also provide important details on the artistic process that will produce the monument, as well as the proposed text and recommended Churchyard locations for it.

We look forward to seeing all of you on November 9!

--Mark Pretzat & Kathleen Hickman



Option 1

OR

Option 2

## Worship Notes

Welcome back Abbott!

Last summer while I was on sabbatical, the Reverend Abbott Bailey filled in as our “interim vicar” partnering with Robbie in weekly church duties and with our senior warden Steve Reed on church oversight and governance. We are excited to report that you will see Abbott again from time to time when Robbie or I are out on a Sunday. Abbott is going to be a “priest associate” with us, that is, a priest that associates with the parish, spending some time each year assisting in worship. You will see Abbott every four to six weeks as we ask her to

help. We are privileged to have such a delightful and skilled priest as our main supply associate.

The Vestry hopes that, with careful financial stewardship and increased parish generosity, we will be able to hire a third full time priest that will work as a team with me and Robbie to support our current priestly duties and expend them to care for the whole parish in a more thorough and fulsome way. In the meantime, we are always happy to have Abbott among us!

--The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons, Rector



### *The bees are on the move!*

In order to paint and repair the windows on the north side of the parish house, our beehive will be temporarily relocated behind the church in the churchyard. Thank you for watching them from a respectful distance. We will have them back in their original home by the end of August.



## Blessings On...

- Andrea McNicholas, Sophia McNicholas, Ava Patino, Megan Bower and the Emily and Ian Bryan family for their work collecting donated produce from vendors at the old town farmers’ market.
- Andrew, Bridget, and Gideon Floyd for doing the ALIVE! furniture move on Saturday, May 24.
- Alan Adenan, Anne Richardson, Denise Jean Claude and Amy Prahar for making the High Tea Farwell for Bob and Barbara Pringle such a successful event.
- VTS Seminarian Emily Meeks for connecting our Christ Church Refugee Ministry families with donated furniture from VTS students as they moved out at the end of spring semester.
- Our rent check deliverers for the Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry Scott Harmon, Amy Prahar, Russ Haymes, Claire Haymes and Michael Bergin!
- The volunteers who shopped, cooked, and served dinner at the Carpenter’s Shelter on June 6, Christine Jones, Cornelia Horner, Deborah Miller, Cheri Devlin, Bradley McAllister, Robin Campbell, Barbara Boehm, and Michaela Shaughnessy.
- The chefs and the assistants whose work made Betsy’s Breakfast possible: Alan and Emma Adenan, Jaime and Tony Montes De Oca, Straton and Asha Edwards, Cindi and Jay Bartol, Bethany and John Kucia, John Jex, Trish Fineran, Fran Usher, Sam Jones, Tom Hahn, and Julie Simonton.
- Elizabeth Trigg, Alan Adenan, and Andrew Floyd for leading the June Summer Cookout.
- The Chancel Chapter for providing delicious side dishes for the Summer Cookout.
- Ruth Arnold, Marie Cataffo, Glen Hewitt, Karen Hill, Mary Hobbie, Liz Jones, Kirk Kitchen, Susan Anderson, Jon Smoot, and Rusty Vellek, and Maude Williams for delivering Meals on Wheels on Wednesday, June 18. And, welcome to our new volunteer Bob McIntyre!
- The volunteers who shopped, cooked and served dinner at the Carpenter’s Shelter last Friday evening, Christine Jones, Megan Cavanaugh, Ann Hollingsworth, Barbara Boehm, Ann McMurray, Robin Campbell, and Kris & Paul Labras.
- Our generous parishioners for sending our much-needed wish list items on our Amazon wish list for the Lazarus Food Pantry.
- Megan Bower, Robert Homer Drummond, John McNicholas and the Bryan family for their time and effort volunteering on Saturdays with the gleaning ministry collecting fresh produce at the Old Town Farmers Market for Christ Church’s food pantry.
- Andrea McNicholas, Megan Bower, Anne Ramsey and Gale Curcio for helping to provide a fun evening of Bingo for the residents of the Ladrey Hi-rise for the elderly and disabled.
- On our faithful front desk volunteers, Michael Bergin, Joanna Reams, Bill Schauffler and Jay Bartol.
- Last week’s bag lunch ministry volunteers: Liz Denson, Amy Wilczynski, Karen Hill, Amy Bacon, Claire Chow, Emily Soapes, Michele Smith, Cara Alfano, Cindi Bartol, Mary Hobbie and Jon Smoot, Emily Bryan, and Mary Dixon and Jack Hutcheson.
- JoAnn Ackerman, Susan Anderson, Jane Baird, Marie Cataffo, Mary Hobbie, Liz Jones, Kirk Kitchen, Michele Smith, Ann Spitler, Hugh Trigg, and Rusty Vellek, for delivering Meals on Wheels on Wednesday, July 16.
- The parishioners who shopped cooked and served dinner at the Carpenter’s Shelter, Barb Boehm, Milly and Lenny Marsico, Bradley McAllister, Paul Lebras, Joe and Carol Shull, Michaela Shaughnessy and Cornelia Horner.
- Sandra Thompson, Jan and Steve Slayton, Anne Ramsey and Cindi Barol for making the Knitting and Crocheting Tutorial and Tea such a success for the Christ Child Ministry!



## Rites of Passage

### Births:

Ezra Michael, son of  
Katie Niznansky &  
Morgan Taylor  
Leyton Franklin  
Streyder, grandson of  
Julie and Andy Sauter

### Baptisms

James Edwin Childs  
George Arthur Joslyn  
Bennett James Mooney  
Isla Ruth Griffin

### Transfers In

Christopher Ring

### Deaths

Robert Kucia  
Kendall Fortner  
Garfield Brown  
Larry Schultz  
Deacon Patricia Wallace  
Ken Simonton  
Jeanne Berkon  
William Stafford, Jr.





# Welcome Sunday

## September 7

### Food, Games, Tours, and more!

## All are Welcome

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