Welcome Sunday

Our annual gathering returns in 2021, with a few changes but the same joyful fellowship! After the 10:00 a.m. service, join us in the churchyard to greet friends new and old, learn about our programs, and take a tour of our church campus. We’ll provide individually packaged treats and activities for kids (of all ages) including games, a balloon artist, and a temporary tattoo artist See you there!

How Well Do You Know Christ Church?
By Carol Donlan, Special to Rejoice

Did you know that in the basement of the Parish House, there are AA support recovery group meetings every weekday, sometimes twice a day? Have you ever seen those rooms? How long has it been since you visited the Teen Center? The offices above the Meade Room? The toddler’s playroom? The archives?

As the Our Calling, Our Campus program works to discern God’s call for the future of Christ Church, it’s important that the whole congregation becomes familiar with the current campus – all of it. And on Welcome Sunday, September 12, you can join a guided, floor-by-floor tour.

After the 10:00 a.m. service, come to the churchyard for a festival of food, fun, and fellowship. Starting at 11:15 a.m. join us for a campus insiders’ tours led by the Properties Committee. Even if you’ve been in the parish for years, we guarantee you’ll learn something new.

The tours are the perfect preparation for the next Sunday, September 19, our 9:00 a.m. when Formation Hour returns. On September 19 and 26, learn about possible scenarios – and resources – for the future of our church properties. Please join us for one or both of these Our Calling, Our Campus sessions.

If you can’t join in person, we will make a video of the campus tour available online, and plan to livestream the forums. Watch your email for more information.
The Gift Shop Needs You!

As you probably know, our Christ Church Gift Shop is a non-profit retail store managed and staffed solely by volunteers from our congregation. We have one mission: To support select charities with the profits we earn from the sale of merchandise that includes books, baby gifts, jewelry, handmade holiday ornaments, serving pieces for the home, and of course, Christ Church memorabilia, Episcopalian missals and hymn books, religious artifacts -- and much, much more.

Almost all of the organizations we help are local. Among them: The Christ Church Lazarus Ministry, Meals on Wheels, Campagna Center’s Head Start and New Neighbors program, Community Lodging, Carpenter Shelter, Meals on Wheels plus our own Christ Church Refugee Ministry and our Bag Lunch Program.

Our dedicated volunteers staff the shop, select and stock merchandise, and decorate display windows. Without them, there would be no gift shop and the funds we raise for our neighbors would disappear. We can always use extra hands and hope you will consider joining our little band of volunteers. You can work just a few hours or a few days a month, and just look at these photos. Our volunteers play as hard as they work, and many a close friendship has formed within the group. How can you resist all those smiling faces? Won't you please join them? Email us at giftshop@historicchristchurch.org to learn more about the program.
We Can Do Hard Things
By The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons, Rector

A couple of weeks ago, I was freshly back at church from an adventurous and restful vacation with my family. The Christ Church staff sat down for our weekly staff meeting. It did not take long to realize that we were all feeling pretty demoralized by the surge in new cases of COVID-19. We had all put heart and time into planning for the fall and we appear to be thrown back into the uncomfortable swamp of uncertainty about the best path forward. So many church conversations right now start with “as long as COVID allows…” or “can we do this with COVID on the rise?” We are coming up with plans, backup plans, and alternate plans. And throughout it all, there’s no clear understanding of what the rules are right now.

There are a few things about our common life as children of God that we have learned over the last year and a half that will not change no matter how long COVID keeps us in uncertainty.
First, God is God and we are not. We were reminded in March of 2020 that no matter how much we want to be in control of every aspect of our lives, we are not. The more deeply we lean on God and each other through the uncertainty of our days, the stronger our foundation and faith will be. Second, the fastest way out of this is by caring for our neighbors as ourselves. Sound familiar? Our Bible has been giving us this wisdom for generations and it has always been true. When we get our vaccines and boosters, that is care of neighbor. When we wear our masks, that is care of neighbor. When we keep our distance, stay outside, wash our hands, and make numerous other tiny sacrifices in order to keep this virus from spreading, that is loving our neighbor and it is the only Christian response.
Finally, we can do hard things. How do I know this? Because we have done hard things. We have done many hard things. We have leaned on and lifted each other up, we have shifted and pivoted, we have drawn together under God to make sure that our neighbors around Alexandria had food and shelter even when we could not be with them in person. My friends, we did some very very hard things and we did them gracefully. Thank you for your grace. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your humor. And thank you for your faith. Christ Church, even in this swampy, uncertain time, is a beacon of light in our dark world. Keep shining.
Children's Chapel
By Ariel Rudy, Director of Children’s Ministries

“Let’s find our prayer hands and repeat after me…”
As the world shut down, restaurants closed, and events were cancelled, there was one thing that paused only briefly: Children’s Chapel. Between March 2020 and August 2021, we had Children’s Chapel approximately 83 times! You may notice that 83 is a bit larger of a number than the weeks that occurred in that same time frame, and for good reason. For a few months during the pandemic, Christ Church offered Children’s Chapel both on Zoom and in person in order to better accommodate families with varying levels of comfort around gathering during the pandemic. Believe it or not, there were some children who chose to attend Children’s Chapel twice in one day! While we moved through different iterations of children’s worship, the curiosity and spiritual commitment of our smallest parishioners remained consistent. Occasional Saturday morning Children’s Chapels, Children’s Chapel between services, on Zoom from my apartment, on Zoom from the chapel in the parish house--no matter how and where children and their families were given the opportunity to worship together in this way, they showed up. In all those weeks, there was not a single Sunday where I found myself without children to worship with. We have now returned to our pre-pandemic schedule of offering Children’s Chapel during the 10:00 a.m. service, meaning that parents are once again free to enjoy the sermon and prayers while their children engage in sermons and prayers designed just for them. For those who haven’t had the pleasure of worshipping in Children’s Chapel, this is a space that has been lovingly curated for young children to engage in the elements of worship we “miss” in the big church in a way that is developmentally appropriate.

In Children’s Chapel, we always begin our time together by lighting a candle and proclaiming that Jesus in the light of the world. We pray our opening prayer, hear a children’s sermon and ask questions afterwards (or during!), share prayers of the people, and conclude with a rousing closing prayer, complete with movements and outside voices. Lately, we’ve begun to incorporate music into our time together, learning some of the classic children’s songs we all know and love like “Jesus Loves Me” and “This Little Light of Mine”.

If you’re curious about what our children are up to once they’ve been invited out of the church before the sequence hymn, adults are always more than welcome to join us. You might be surprised by just how life giving it is to be surrounded by little ones noisily lifting their praise to God!
Sunday School Returns
By Ariel Rudy, Director of Children’s Ministries

Sunday School is coming! After a long hiatus due to the coronavirus crisis, Christ Church Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. While Sunday School will look different than it has in years past, leaders are excited to welcome our smallest parishioners back to class. Masks will be the norm as we continue to persist through this pandemic, but given that God’s love for God’s people transcends time and space, it is unlikely a mask will thwart it!

As long as the coronavirus vaccine is unavailable to children under 12, our youngest Sunday School classes will take place outdoors. To that end, the plan for Sunday School this fall has shifted. For the time being, children’s Sunday School will be structured in such a way that Preschoolers, Kindergarteners, and First graders will meet outside on the first and third Sundays of each month. Second graders, Third graders, Fourth graders, and Fifth graders will meet outside on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. By taking advantage of our beautiful churchyard, we can provide consistent, in-person formation instruction for the first time since the spring of 2020 for all of Christ Church’s children in the safest manner possible.

During the Sunday School hour, teachers and children will wear masks and all Sunday School teachers will be required to be vaccinated. In the event of rain, Sunday School groups will meet in the Auditorium and McMurray Commons to allow for more space between children. Location isn’t the only thing that will be different about Sunday School this year. After much conversation with parents and Sunday School leaders, a new curriculum for our fifth graders has been selected. Re:form is a questions based curriculum created by SparkHouse and invites children to dig into the tricky questions that arise as their faith journey unfolds. This curriculum will serve as a bridge between children’s Sunday School and middle school Sunday School and includes lots of room for discussion, pondering, and wondering.

Additionally, our kindergarteners and first graders will be combined into one Sunday School class this year. First graders missed their kindergarten Sunday School year that contains much of the foundational instruction and formation that they will build on as they progress through Sunday School. By combining these classes, we can ensure that all of our Sunday Schoolers have the same tools in their toolkit as they follow God’s call and seek Christ in everyone they meet.
Sing to the Lord a New Song!
By Jason Abel, Director of Music

Once was told that the Bible instructs us to sing to the Lord a new song more times than it tells us not to murder. Now, I don't know if this is true or not, and I'm open to correction by someone with more knowledge of Holy Scripture than myself. I also am far from being a fundamentalist, but I do think that there is something important about the word new being repeated that deserves our attention.

A new song to one community could very well be an old song to another. The important charge I take is that we should ever be adding to the library of songs we use to praise God. But do not fear, I don't think that the Scripture writers are advocating that we discard what has sustained the Church thus far. It is possible, and indeed desirable, to champion music from the past as well as the future. The goal is to expand our canon of sacred music, not close it off.

Those who know me well might be surprised to hear me say that God did not cease inspiring composers to write music for the Church on February 23, 1983 (the day that Herbert Howells died). In fact, we are blessed with an abundance of riches by living composers writing music that helps enliven and deepen our worship experiences. Members and friends of our parish will soon receive this year’s music brochure. Details for weekly choral anthems as well as recitals and services celebrating our new organ are listed. However, I want to draw special attention to the fact that we are commissioning four new works of music to be premiered this coming year.

The Rev. William Bradley “Bill” Roberts was commissioned by parishioner Bob Carpenter to compose an organ work to be performed at the Dedicatory Organ Recital (scheduled for January 30, 2022). The work is a partita of five contrasting movements based on the American hymn tune Beach Spring, designed to showcase the colorful sounds of our new instrument.

Richard Webster, Director of Music at Boston's Trinity Church, Copley Square, is recognized as one of the finest composers of brass arrangements for hymns. The Chicago Tribune stated that his music sounds like “Gabrieli meets Darth Vader.” He previously accepted a commission from us to create the brass rendition of Irby (Once in royal David's city) that we use regularly for Lessons and Carols services. Richard is composing a hymn arrangement for brass quintet of the hymn tune Old Town (Not the building, but the people) that Bill Roberts wrote for the parish's 240th anniversary.

Canadian composer Stephanie Martin is Associate Professor of Music at York University, conductor emeritus of Pax Christi Chorale, and past director of music at the historic church of Saint Mary Magdalene in Toronto (where the legendary Healey Willan served as organist for many years). She is a composer of international repute. Stephanie has written an anthem for choir and organ based on Phillis Wheatley’s poem An Hymn to the Evening. Wheatley was sold into slavery at the age of seven and transported from West Africa to North America. The family who bought her encouraged her to write poetry and she soon developed a following in both England and the American colonies. She even met George Washington, who praised her work. We will premiere Stephanie’s anthem at our Choral Evensong in February.

David Hurd’s music is well known to our parish. His service music, hymns, and anthems regularly appear in our worship. Presently, he is the Director of Music at the parish of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City. He is recognized as one of the preeminent composers and organists in The Episcopal Church. David is composing an anthem for choir and organ based on George Moses Horton’s poem Heavenly Love. Horton, known as “the Black bard of North Carolina,” was an enslaved African-American who did not become free until 1865 when Union troops reached his state. We will premiere this new anthem at a hymn festival being held May 1.

For centuries, churches were among the most prominent supporters of the arts. I’m very proud that Christ Church continues to champion, celebrate, and most important, commission new works of music. This is a gift to the entire Church, not just Christ Church. The financial donations from so many members of our parish, both as pledges and as donations to Friends of
Music, have made this possible.

Since my arrival in 2005, we have commissioned new works from Craig Phillips, Bill Roberts, Richard Webster, Leo Nestor, Dent Davidson, David Ashley White, Joel Martinson, Ray Urwin, and Philip Moore. These compositions have been published and used by many parishes, cathedrals, and schools. None of this would have been possible without Christ Church having commissioned them. We are doing our part to help others also sing a new song.

Our Faith in Practice

By The Rev. Lauren Banks Killelea

“The Body of Christ is not just a body that exists at any one time; it exists across history and we therefore share the shame and the sinfulness of our predecessors, and part of what we can do, with them and for them in the Body of Christ, is prayerful acknowledgment of the failure that is part of us, not just of some distant ‘them’. – Archbishop Rowan Williams

Being the Body of Christ comes with responsibility. As Archbishop Rowan Williams suggests, we most look at the actions of our collective body over history and examine the parts that are broken. Many people at Christ Church have been doing this holy work. So far in 2021, over 70 Christ Church members have completed the Sacred Ground curriculum created by the Episcopal Church. This curriculum is a film-based dialogue series on race and faith and examines the history of many populations throughout our nation’s history including Native Americans, African Americans, and Americans of Asian and Latino descent. Learning these people’s history also means learning the role that European Americans (white people) played. The truths are hard. The Anglican Church’s truth is hard. There is a clip in one of the films in which Presiding Bishop Curry is in Ghana at “the door of no return.” He reflects that African people were chained in the dungeon underneath the Cape Coast Chapel where priests were celebrating the Eucharist and where lay people were praying the words of the Book of Common Prayer. Our legacy as the Body of Christ is complicated. This work to learn of our past and to discern how God is calling us to atone and to ease the current sufferings of the world will continue at Christ Church. The “fix” isn’t immediate but we must not let our discouragement at the vastness of the problems get in the way of doing the next right thing. At Christ Church we will continue to offer Sacred Ground circles. If you have yet to take this course, I commend it to you. Not only will you learn a lot about history, but also about yourself and your fellow group members at Christ Church. We also are forming a Racial Justice Advocacy group that will meet twice a month to determine what we can do locally to support racial equity in housing, education, and healthcare. We, too, are forming a prayer group so that those called to deep prayer can regularly come together to pray for inequities and violence that pervade our society. I believe that God calls all of us to act in one way or another. I pray that this ministry will be fruitful for many of you and that you can see yourself in being a co-creator with God in making the kingdom come “on earth, as it is in heaven.”
The Refugee Mission has continued to stay in active touch with the roughly 25 families currently part of it, but in a socially distanced way. We have all missed our big Community Dinners held seasonally, with wonderful culturally appropriate food and fun activities for the kids, and we are hopeful we can hold one soon. As the Alexandria school year ended in late June, every family received a large "Summer Fun" tote bag jam-packed with classic award-winning books selected for the children’s ages, art supplies, jump ropes and other toys that encourage activity, along with snacks the whole family would enjoy like dried apricots and nuts. Every family also received a HUGE watermelon, a $50 gift card for Domino’s Pizza and a bag full of much-needed toiletries and cleaners. Thank you to our friends at Temple Beth El, Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Fairlington United Methodist and Christ Church to be able to offer these gifts to our Muslim brothers and sisters.

As our program closes in on its five-year mark, many families are seeing success in building their new lives in the US. A first -- one of our Afghan families was able to buy a house; another received his college degree at George Mason University and is now enrolled in their MBA program while working full-time; a single mom from Egypt saw her son graduate from Alexandria City High School and be accepted into George Mason University to study chemical engineering. However, a number of families continue to struggle to gain economic footing and financial security; many lost their low-paying jobs or have reduced hours due to the pandemic, and finding new employment, especially at a higher wage, is a major challenge. Christ Church continues to assist these families as much as it is able, largely steering them to government assistance programs initiated during the pandemic and jumping in when there is a financial emergency. Since the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan and the very quick takeover of the country by the Taliban, our Afghan families are facing unexpected hardships and tremendous sadness. Many of the families in our ministry went back to Afghanistan this summer, fearing that it may be the last time they would be able to visit family if the situation in the country worsened after the US withdrawal.

While most of them made it home safely, some are stuck in Afghanistan, unable to make it through Taliban checkpoints back to the airport. All of our families are worried for the lives of family and friends in Afghanistan. The situation is heartbreaking, and we are doing everything we can to provide support. We are checking in with every family to see how they are coping, and to let them know they are not alone. While a new group of Afghan refugees will be resettled in the United States, our current understanding is that very few, if any, will be resettled in Alexandria or Arlington due to the high cost of living. Although we do not expect a large influx of new families to our ministry, we have much to do to support our existing families. The Covid-19 pandemic set many of them back when they lost jobs or had employment cut back. In addition, many are having difficulty paying rent after purchasing expensive flights to Afghanistan this summer. We continue to help with rent when we are able, guide families toward the many government resources and benefits available to them, and to be there to listen and talk with our friends during this tragic time.
The residents, staff, and Christ Church volunteers have all now settled into Carpenter’s Shelter’s new building north of Old Town. With 60 beds, it is one of the largest homeless shelters in Northern Virginia. If you have not seen the new digs, drive by 930 N. Henry Street!

Christ Church continues to prepare and serve dinner the first and third Fridays of each month. Groceries may be dropped off a few days in advance of the dinner, and dinner prep typically starts at 5:30 p.m. We are finished usually by 7:30 p.m. It is wonderful to have a shiny new kitchen to use and the dining room has a view of the lovely courtyard; all well worth the months at the temporary Landmark mall location.

Our BBQ chicken sandwiches remain a hit with the residents. In recent months, the total number of residents we have been serving has varied, typically between 30 – 40 people including children. Last year in total, the shelter served 784 homeless and formerly homeless children and adults. Volunteers and residents have easily adapted to Covid protocols such as social distancing and masks.

Carpenters Shelter’s missions is to ‘support people who are experiencing and are at risk of homelessness to achieve sustainable independence.’ We are always looking for new volunteers to join the loyal team of Christ Church volunteers helping with grocery donations and dinner prep at the shelter. If you would are interested, or would like more information, please contact Barbara Boehm at boehmbarb@gmail.com. If you are interested in donating other items in kind to the shelter, please visit their Amazon wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/10844JA3KDY6Z/ref=cm_sw_su_w

The Lazarus Financial Ministry has been busier than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite evictions moratoriums and stimulus checks, our neighbors in Alexandria have suffered greatly. Many lost their jobs, and many were infected with the coronavirus. The Lazarus Ministry’s team, comprised of members from Christ Church and several other Alexandria churches, jumped into action and began working remotely from their homes via phone and computer. Melanie Gray, Director of Outreach & Mission, collaborated with city agencies and other local outreach ministries to access grants and federal rescue dollars. With these funds, Lazarus has assisted over 2300 Alexandrians with rent, utilities, medical bills and other necessary expenses during this crisis. In addition to financial assistance, Lazarus counselors have also been able to offer guests grocery deliveries from the Lazarus Food Pantry. Each delivery includes fresh produce gleaned from the Farmer’s Market, eggs, meat and canned goods along with much needed cleaning supplies, paper products and toiletries.

Over the past 18 months, new volunteers have signed on to help the ministry in many ways. Some provide back up for the often-overworked Spanish-speaking financial counselors, others remind clients facing eviction of their scheduled court dates, and others started hand-delivering checks to rental offices when the postal service began experiencing delays. In early July, the Lazarus Ministry spent the last of the latest grant funding they had received from the City of Alexandria. However, while funding may have lessened, the level of need remains high. “Lazarus daily call volume is still high as many people are not back at work,” said Melanie. “People are most grateful for all the assistance they are receiving. We have had several clients mail in or bring a check by to ‘pay it forward’ and to honor the counselor who had helped him/her.”
A s parishioners at Christ Church return to worship together this fall, a combination of wearing masks and having had protective inoculations allows us to hope that our lives can return to almost. As we plan to return to work or school and resume social get-togethers, it is sometimes hard to remember that more than half of the world’s population is not similarly blessed.

In Uganda, where Christ Church has had a mission to aid Mengo Hospital in the capital, Kampala, for more than forty years, only one million doses of vaccine have been administered to the country’s 41 million inhabitants. The hospital has been swamped with Covid patients, and in trying to treat them all adequately has suffered especially from lack of oxygen for those who need it to continue to be able to breathe. Dr. Edith Namulema, with whom Christ Church has long worked to help fight AIDS, has additionally reported to the Mengo Committee a severe shortage of beds and PPE.

In June 2021, Christ Church sent $43,500 to help with purchase of these items. Alfred Street Baptist, First Baptist and Christ Church donated these funds. However, the need is great, and ongoing. Therefore, this year’s raffle for two tickets to the December 12 game between the Washington Football Team and the Dallas Cowboys. Proceeds will go principally to needs connected with the fight against Covid in Uganda. We hope that Christ Church parishioners will join us in buying many tickets. Tickets are 1 for $5, 3 for $10, 10 for $20 and 20 for $35. You just might win! Nevertheless, for sure you will be helping someone half a world away who needs help. Tickets are available online now at bit.ly/MengoWFT21 or in person after Sunday morning services. Drawing for the two prize tickets will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service on the September 26, but you don’t need to be present to win. Thanks from all of us on the Mengo Hospital Committee.

The Mengo Raffle Returns
By The Mengo Committee

ZOOMing to Honduras!
By Anne Reed and Jane Baird, OLR Mission Coordinators

U sing the theme from Amanda Gorman’s Poem: “The Hill We Climb” – the Our Little Roses Mission Team zoomed into San Pedro Sula, Honduras to bring a week’s worth of special activities for the girls residing in the Our Little Roses home for girls. For a second year, we were unable to visit it person, but with the help of Zoom we created collages, discussed a powerful poem, prayed together (en Espanol) and shared in “yoga breaks”. During the course of the week, the girls engaged in craft projects and created a dance program that they shared with us at the end of the week. Though the Christ Church team couldn’t be there to join, we also sponsored movie nights and special meals for the girls – as well as a trip for them to a nearby beach. Additionally, we were able to fund a requested home improvement project, which will make their environment brighter.

During August, we asked all parishioners to help us write letters to the girls. Our goal is to have a least one letter for each of 65 girls. If you miss out there, please feel free to contact Jane Baird at bairdjf@verizon.net or Anne Reed at anneftreed@gmail.com to get more information. We will be happy to include you in this fun project that sustains the link between us and these children who think of Christ Church as “family.”
This summer, I spent nearly two months working as an intern for Outreach & Mission. Although my internship was fully remote—I worked “in” Alexandria, but from Ohio—I was able to be involved with a variety of ministries and projects that were active over the summer. I attended the meetings of several ministries and committees, including the refugee ministry, the Lazarus ministry, the planning committee meetings for the trip was “The Hill We Climb,” inspired by Amanda Gorman’s poem (which she read at the 2021 presidential inauguration). We discussed the poem with the girls and shared a little bit about hills we had climbed ourselves. I am fluent in Spanish, so I was able to help translate a few of the prayers and scripted activities. I also interpreted parts of our presentations, in order to make continued on page 12
Rachel Kulchar is a junior at Princeton University who is majoring in Chemistry and minoring in both Global Health & Health Policy and Materials Science & Engineering. She was born and raised in Southern California and loves spending time in the outdoors. She hopes to attend dental school after graduation and work with child refugee populations in her own practice. As Iranian refugees, Rachel’s family immigrated to the United States and faced severe hardships in terms of their health. Many insurance policies do not adequately cover oral health procedures, which forced her aunt to travel back to Iran to undergo the surgery she desperately needed as it prevented her from eating. In doing so, this not only put her aunt in immense danger, but it also highlighted the dire need for heightened attention in this area. Rachel is determined to ensure all receive adequate education regarding oral health as a person’s oral health heavily affects their overall well-being and nutrition. She is very excited to continue her work with Christ Church’s Refugee Ministry and proceed with helping refugees develop their oral hygiene habits and create individualized plans to better their nutrition. Moreover, she is also excited to continue establishing relationships with dental practices in attempts of receiving reduced cost procedures for those in the refugee ministry.

Mission Ministry Fall Intern Rachel Kulchar

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Ariel Rudy (Director of Children’s Ministries) to create an afternoon program that teaches children about refugees. This curriculum will include testimonies collected through the Princeton Oral History Project, and we hope that Christ Church and other churches in the area will be able to use it on World Refugee Day next summer.