

Christ Church Good News & Notes!

Deadline for GNN submissions is Wednesday at noon.

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



Welcoming Karla!



We will be meeting The Rev Karla Woggon on Sunday, Aug 3rd, her first Sunday. She *will not* be spending the night because of a prior engagement, but she will be back on Sunday, Aug 10th and will continue after that time to be here on Sundays & Mondays.

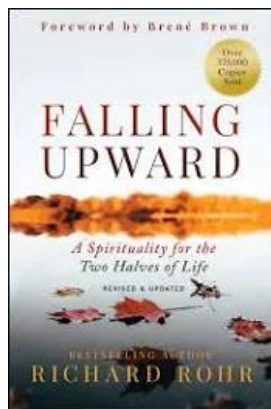
The Vestry is planning a **Welcome Lunch** on **Sunday, Aug 10th** after the worship service. It will be a **potluck lunch** with the Vestry providing fried chicken. You'll find a **sign-up sheet on the information table** in the Parish Hall. **Please sign-up as soon as you can** so we have a head count for August 10th!



Tuesdays: Centering Prayer at 1:00 pm and Book Discussion group at 2:00 pm

UPDATED: The Centering Prayer and book discussion group has finished with the workbook. Our plans are to “break in” the new TV in the parish hall **NEXT Tuesday, July 29**. We will watch an interview with Bishop Budde from the National Cathedral and Tim Shriver who is a proponent of the Dignity Index. The Dignity Index is designed to ease divisions, prevent violence, and solve problems. The index works by drawing our attention away from partisan politics and toward the power we each have to heal our country and each other. **Everyone is encouraged to join us at 2:00 pm on Tuesday July 29.**

The Book Discussion group will be starting a new book in August, Richard Rohr’s *Falling Upward*. If you’re interested in attending, please contact Patti at the email address below so she can get you a book. All are welcome!



Centering Prayer group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and the Book Discussion group meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Both meet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, get in touch with Patti Phelps at frankandpatti@yahoo.com.



Introduction to one of our Revised Ministry Teams

“Why did we do this? With our average attendance currently in the 30’s, we had a couple of teams that existed of one person, plus some of our members were serving on three or

four teams. Neither situation is ideal, and hopefully with fewer teams we can both get larger groups of members involved plus perhaps not stretch some of our members so thin.”

Here's another Revised Ministry Team:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This team manages how we give our time and resources to our community, combining the old Outreach, Mountain Soul, and Decorating teams. We have been long-time supporters of the Alleghany Ministerium, the Solid Rock Food Closet, Alleghany CARES and the River North Correctional Facility in Independence. Community events such as the Blessing of the Animals, Blue Christmas event or Mountain Soul concerts also fall under this team.

Cliff Hudgins serves as the Vestry Liaison for this team, whose members include Bruce Smith, Barbara Halsey, Ann Hazard and Patti Phelps.



August is our turn to help at SRFC!

AUGUST is our turn to **volunteer** at the **Solid Rock Food Closet**. And thanks to each of you who has signed up to help! The schedule is below along with details/requirements. **If you have any questions, please contact Jann Boggs at 727.641.4925.**

Tuesday, Aug 5 Jann Boggs & Les Colvard	Wednesday, Aug 6 Barbara Daniels & Frank Phelps
Tuesday, Aug 12 Nancy Wilson & Rebecca/Arnold Gains	Wednesday, Aug 13 Ruthie Maxwell & Darrell Duncan
Tuesday, Aug 19 Tom Dillon & Grace Mauney	Wednesday, Aug 20 Barbara Daniels & Frank Phelps
Tuesday, Aug 26 Ruthie Maxwell & Darrell Duncan	Wednesday, Aug 27 Bruce Smith & Shelley Jones

- Hours are 9:30 am – 2:00 pm; prayer at 9:45 am.
- Two volunteers are needed each day.
- There is no lunch break but you can snack during the slow periods. There will be water available. There is a refrigerator and a microwave available if you want to bring something with you.
- All volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes, e.g., no flip flops or open-toe summer sandals.



Please join us in prayer for...

Intercessions:

Ann & Frank Withrow, Antje & Bill, Bellar family & the Klevas, Bobbie, Brenda & Kelly Weems, Cara & LJ Todd, Carl & Carol Greer, Carl & Mimi (loved ones of Elizabeth, Martha's friend), Cathy Davis (The Rev Dr) & her family, Charles & Christine McKelvy, Ditinyak family, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Elizabeth (Martha's friend moved to hospice care), Emily Buck, Isabel Tomé, Jann Boggs, Jean Callison, Jeanne Green, Jonathan, Julia (Allan's cousin), Kate Vermilyea, Lucy, Lynn Ellis (Sara Brown Davis's aunt), Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Mark, Marybeth & Ned Lentz, Mr. Whitley, Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rod Pace & Louise Law, Rudy McKnight, Tammy, and Vanita (Ruthie's sister). And we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed: Pat Bellar, dear friend of Ken & Janice Kleva; Lisa Di Milo Ditinyak

Birthdays: Doris King (July 27), Gayle Ferguson (July 28)

Wedding Anniversaries & other Thanksgivings: Tom Dillon & Grace Mauney (July 25)



Prayer requests from the staff, volunteers, supporters & inmates at River North Correctional Center, Independence, VA

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. *Luke 10:38*

Pray for all who have been released from prison.

Pray that the Lord uses us as ambassadors to spread the gospel. Thank You Christ for the cross, our family, friends, and enemies. Amen.

Pray for my family and friends. Pray that they are safe. Pray for the people in Texas and that they are doing well. In Your great and powerful name I pray.

Pray for everyone inside or outside of these walls.

Pray for my family, my friends, and neighbors. Pray for the whole world. Pray for peace. Amen.

Pray for my family, their health, and my sister to get a job. Pray for – to be healed. Pray for peace and for the soldiers. Pray for healing in my legs. Amen.

Lord I pray for my son who is having mental health problems. Please give him the wisdom. Talk to him about life and wisdom and encouragement.

Thank God for always being my protection, provider, and shield. Please watch over me and my loved ones. Watch over the ones that do not know You. Give them a sign. Show them the way. Help me to understand and know and understand You.

Thank You Lord for being here for me and my family. And always being there for me when I need you. Keep my mind and soul on You. Give me a better understanding of Your WORD. Tell me, speak to me, and let me know what You desire.

Pray for brother ~ to beat all his legal cases and to get out and to be a blessing to others as God has been to him.

Pray for our transgressions here on earth to be forgiven. Pray for our steps in our walk to be in the light. We have been in the dark for a long time and now is the time for redemption to step into our salvation for the spirit's revival.

Pray for my children and for my spiritual life.

Pray for the body here that believers will get on fire for the Lord. Pray for changes that are taking place and will drive men closer to God. Increase their desire to really learn and know God's WORD. And to be a light to those who do not know God.

Pray for my grandmother and daughter.

Pray for peace at RN. Pray for strength to endure this trail to the end. Pray that evidence is reviewed and the truth be known in my case. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Pray for my family and for strength inside our minds. Pray for the Texas victims.

Pray for my cellmate's family and that he gets a chance to speak and hear from them. Amen.

Pray for my family and the good people around me who help me follow Your WORD.

Pray for my family, friends, and my legal problems.

Pray for my cell mate who will be released soon with nowhere to go and is scared of the world.

Pray for my wife and son. Pray for my mom's health. Pray for the lost.

Pray for our unity in the church and for RN and for the holy City. Pray for a financial blessing. Amen.

Pray for the Lord to open the gates and let me go home and to visit Israel in my flesh.

Pray for unbelievers to put their trust in Jesus. Pray for my ex-wife and my children to experience Jesus' true peace and joy. Pray for strength and courage to continue on the path on which the Lord wants me.



Schedule

Sunday, July 27 – The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev George Greer

Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, July 29

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Watching interview & Dignity Index

Wednesday, July 30

10:00 am – Yoga with Julie

Sunday, August 3 – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, August 5

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, August 6

10:00 am – Yoga with Julie

Sunday, August 10 – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Welcome Karla Potluck Lunch follows the service



Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
July 27	<i>Held</i>	Barbara Halsey
August 3	Elizabeth Barr Bryant	Elizabeth Barr Bryant
August 10	Nancy Wilson	Elizabeth Barr Bryant
August 17		Elizabeth Barr Bryant



Yoga class with Julie meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am

Julie is leading a weekly YOGA class in our Parish Hall in July & August. The class is held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. **The next class will be on Wed, July 23rd.**

If you are interested and *have not* completed a form, please do. This will help Julie determine what level and options should be offered. The forms are on the information table in the Parish Hall and **completed forms can be returned to Julie on Wednesday mornings.** If you have questions, contact Nancy Wilson at nancy.dexter@gmail.com



Do you ever wonder what the Vestry is doing? If they're aware of issues or needs?

We want you to know there are two ways to learn what the Vestry is doing, the decisions they're making, the timing of events, who's doing what.

1. A copy of the monthly Vestry minutes and financial reports, as they're approved by the Vestry, are in a binder on the information table in the Parish Hall. There's a binder for the Finance Team, too.

2. All members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The Vestry meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. **The next meeting will be on Monday, August 11th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.** If you're interested in what's happening, please plan to attend. If you'd like to be on the agenda, please contact Cliff or Mary Lee the week prior to they can allot time.

Do you have questions about either option? Or do you want to share something with a Vestry member? Our current Vestry includes: Cliff Hudgins (Sr Warden), John Franck (Jr Warden), Louise Law, Nancy Wilson, Elizabeth Barr Bryant, and Barbara Halsey.



Christ Church History & How You Can Help!

Christ Church is nearing its 25th Anniversary with several milestone dates; June 21, 2026 – 25th Anniversary of groundbreaking here and March 31, 2027 – 25th Anniversary of the first worship service here. Much information has been saved in a series of 4 scrapbooks which have pictures, newsletters, articles and more. These are now on display on a table in the resource room. When you have a moment take a look.

We've been compiling the church history which is well documented. Also we've been "taking a look around" at the many items that we see and experience in the Christ Church Sanctuary and Parish Hall. For some of these it has taken some time to discover the story of how they came to us. We have reached out to previous members for information. If you have any information you'd like to share or know of someone who might, please contact Mary in the church office.

Also, we could use some help pulling background information from old newsletters and making copies and possibly digitizing some pictures. We want to make sure the scrapbooks remain intact. A Christ Church History display would be great. We have some corkboards to install in the resource room and the pictures and articles could go there. It would probably take a couple of hours per scrapbook. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping.

In upcoming weekly emails there will be a series of articles providing some very interesting information and reminding us of those who came before us on the Christ Church journey.



Young at Heart Camp

Have you ever watched kids enjoying camp and wish they had one for adults? Well, now there is! **Lake Logan is hosting a Young-at-Heart Camp for adults 60+.** Important information below:

“Enjoy the majestic playground of mile-long Lake Logan surrounded by the Shining Rock Wilderness and the Great Balsam Mountains. Throughout our time together, campers can sign up for guided indoor activities and outdoor adventures or simply enjoy time relaxing with friends and Camp Staff. Everyone is encouraged to experience all that Lake Logan has to offer – take a stroll along the river, spot a bald eagle in flight, take out a row boat on the lake, or share some laughs around the game tables in Boojum’s Cave. Evening activities include live local music, history, and ecology talks, and of course, good ol’ fashion Camp Henry campfire sing -a - longs.”

The camp will be held Tuesday-Thursday, August 26-28, 11:00 am – 11:00 am. Lake Logan is located at 25 Wormy Chestnut Lane, **and registration ends August 19th.** For more information about rates, to register and to see the schedule, go to lakelogan.org/event/young-at-heart-camp/.



Our new Community Resource Room is coming together!

Our old nursery downstairs (first room on your right at the bottom of the stairs) is becoming a Community Resource Room. Nancy Wilson and Janice Harrison started working in this space several weeks ago cleaning it out, donating the nursery furniture to CARES. The rocking chair was moved out to the Parish Hall for anyone who needs to rock a bit. It will be a space for community information and resources. It is a work-in-progress.

The Prayer Shawl/Prayer Quilt Ministry has relocated the blessed shawls & quilts to the Community Resource Room. If you know someone who could use one,

please help yourself but *make sure you complete the sign-out form* so Patti & Ruthie know who's received one, who shared it, and when it was given.

Questions? Contact Patti at frankandpatti@yahoo.com.



Check out our website at: www.christchurchallegghany.org

[Join us on Facebook at: Christ Episcopal Church – Sparta, NC](#)



Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets are ready to share!

The prayer shawls & lap blankets are blessed and that means they're ready to go! Since we don't have a rector, we might not know of someone who is going through a tough time such as illness or grief. If you have a family member or friend who would benefit from one of our shawls or lap blankets, then you can get one from the church. Mary Lee or Patti Phelps can help. **UPDATE: New location of the prayer shawls & lap blankets is the new Community Resource Room (old nursery).**



PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE DROP-OFF

We recycle prescription bottles with lids and *with the labels pulled off*. There is a bag attached to the water fountain just inside the Narthex on your left for you to leave your pill bottles in. A BIG thank you to Ann & Frank Hazard for delivering the bottles to the vet's office!



Need prayer now?

If you have a prayer need, for example, illness, upcoming surgery, death in the family, big life decisions or needing comfort/support, there are a few ways to communicate that need. You can call or email Mary at the office and she'll email the members with a Prayer Request, you can share your request with a Vestry member, or you can fill out a Prayer Request Card (found in the pew backs in the sanctuary).

If you're sharing information about another individual(s), *please make sure you have permission to share the need*. If you prefer not to share any details, you can simply email or call and ask for urgent prayer.

Also, if there are reasons to remove anyone from the prayer list, please let us know that, too.

We know the power of prayer and if each of us stops and takes a few minutes to pray for the individual(s) in need, it will have a great impact. In the absence of a priest, it falls to our membership to provide support in this way.



Our website Members Only section...

Our updated website (christchurchallegghany.org) has a **Members Only** page that contains the most updated financial reports, Treasurers' Report, Vestry minutes, and the 2025 budget. Once you get on the website, you can easily navigate each page to review the information. *If you're interested in accessing the Member's Only section, email Mary at ccepiscopal@skybest.com and she'll provide you the password.*

We also invite you to share our website – christchurchallegghany.org – to introduce the Parish and encourage others to visit.



988 is a 24/7 free, confidential, emotional support hotline



By dialing or texting 988, the individual needing help will be connected to a trained individual who will offer support and share community options for long-term care. Please share this information with your friends, family, neighbors.



The NEW Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Office will continue to be closed on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. As a reminder, any voice

message or email left after 12:30 pm on Thursday will *not* be received until 8:30 am on Monday. If you need help during that period, contact one of your Vestry members.

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