

# Christ Church Good News & Notes!

*Deadline for GNN submissions is Wednesday at noon.*

**A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.**



**Did you agree to bake cookies for the  
Teacher Appreciation Day?**

**If you did, please bring them THIS  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They'll be delivered  
next week. No fancy packaging is  
necessary.**



**The Rev Canon Augusta will lead  
our worship THIS Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**



## Solid Rock Food Closet (SRFC)

If you are able, please bring one or more of the items below:

- TOILET PAPER
- DISH SOAP
- SHAMPOO
- LAUNDRY SOAP

**For the children's summer backpack program, they need sweets!**

During the summer, the children get something sweet to eat in addition to the healthier options. Good options: individually packaged cookies, juice boxes, raisins, pudding cups, etc.

**The other way to give is with a gift of cash.** We collect a special offering the **first Sunday of each month** specifically for SRFC. You can write a check and SRFC on the memo line or put cash in an offering envelope with your name and SRFC. **THIS Sunday** is the first Sunday of the month so don't forget to bring your donation.

**Please give as you're able – EVERY gift makes a difference!**



# The Outreach team donated to the Summer Backpack Pals Program for AL Co children



Patti is handing off treats to Jeanne for the Backpack Pals Program for this summer. The food closet requested something sweet for the 155 kids per week that they serve. The outreach committee decided to help them thanks to the funds provided by the congregation at CC.



CC Member, Buck Hunnicutt, is currently living at Waddell Rehab in Galax, Virginia, room 205. If you're able to visit with Buck, I'm sure it would boost his spirits and if not, consider sending him a card at:

**Buck Hunnicutt**

c/o Waddell Rehab

202 Painter St, Room 205

Galax, VA 24333



## SAVE-the-DATE!

# Bishop José McLoughlin will be here on June 14<sup>th</sup>!



Following the Holy Eucharist service, we'll have lunch with Bishop José in the Parish Hall. Check out that opportunity and how you can be a part of it below:

## Spring into Summer Lunch



June 14<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday *before* summer begins AND our biennial visit with the bishop. So, we'll spring into summer with a salad lunch and lemon & blueberry dessert options. We'll need lettuce/green salad & all the good additions (tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, carrot strips, cheese, meat, etc.), salad dressing, summer salads like pasta salad, broccoli salad, fruit salad, etc., and for dessert, lemon or blueberry options. We'll also need sweet and unsweetened tea; more sweet than not! Check out the sign-up sheet on the information table in the Parish Hall and sign up to bring an item or two.

Here's the other thing we'll need: help cleaning up. So, sign up on that list, too, and we'll clean up after our lunch together.



## Confirmation Class Schedule

May 10	Finishing up from the April class
May 24	Sacraments
June 7	Baptism and Confirmation walk through
June 14	Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

The remaining classes will be held 12:00-1:00 pm, and you're invited to bring your own lunch (BYOL)/snacks/drinks. This class is open to anyone who's interested in learning.



*Mary Lee's niece, Samantha (Sam) married her long-time love, Marshall last Saturday*



### Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Guild	Coffee Hour
May 3		John Franck	Jane Franck
May 10	Mary Lee Joines	Marybeth Lentz	Mary Lee Joines
May 17	Wanda McKnight	John Franck	Wanda McKnight
May 24		Jim Halsey	



# Schedule

## Sunday, May 3 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Canon Augusta Anderson  
Coffee hour follows the service

## Tuesday, May 5

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group  
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

## Saturday, May 9

11:00 am – Celebration of Life for Jean Callison, the Rev Karla Woggon presiding  
*Reception will follow at Crouse Park*

## Sunday, May 10 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon  
Coffee hour follows the service

**Confirm, not Conform confirmation class, 12:00-1:00 pm, BYOL**

## Tuesday, May 12

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group  
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

## Sunday, May 17 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Torrence Harmon  
Coffee hour follows the service

3:00 pm – Celebration of Life for Kelly Weems, the Rev Karla Woggon, presiding  
*Reception will follow at Christ Church*

## Monday, May 18

10:00 am – Vestry meeting

## Tuesday, May 19

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group  
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

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

Coffee hour follows the service

**Confirm, not Conform confirmation class, 12:00-1:00 pm, BYOL**



## Please join us in prayer...

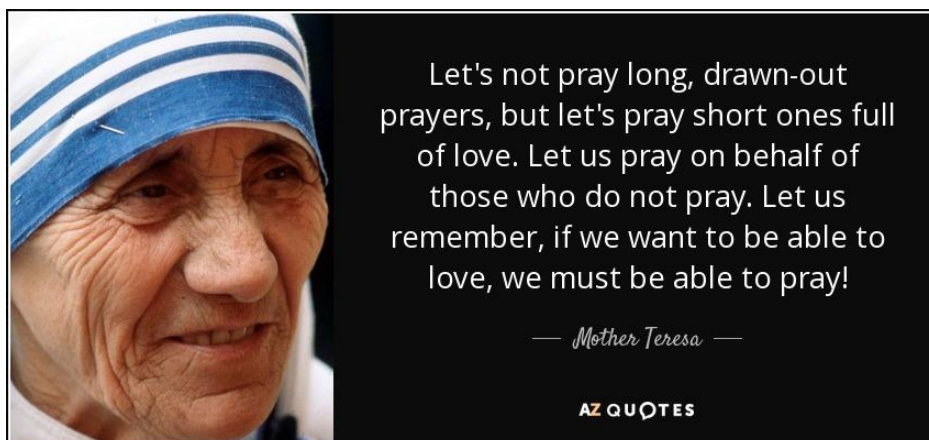
### Intercessions:

Antje & Bill, Bob Bamberg, Bobbie Clark, Brenda Weems & family, Buck Hunnicutt, Carl & Carol Greer, Charles McKelvy, Chris, Cynthia Grant, Denise & Larry Seckel (travel mercies), Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Edwin (Nancy's brother), Gary Medley, Inza & Blair, Janice Harrison, Jonathan, Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Maria Chance, Martha A, Mary Denton's family (Phil Kwiatkowski's SIL's mother), Raymond Hindman (Cara Todd's father), Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rod Pace & Louise Law, Rudy McKnight, Susan & Jim Doss (The Rev), Tom Rush, and Vanita. We also pray for all those impacted by violence & war, our local neighbors that fear detention, and Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

### Departed:

### Birthdays:

### Wedding Anniversaries & other Thanksgivings:



# Please pray for the inmates, staff, and volunteers at River North Correctional Center in Independence, VA

Limited religious programs have resumed at River North. Please keep River North in your prayers. There were no new prayers this week.



Some form of contemplative practice is the only way (apart from great love and great suffering) to rewire people's minds and hearts. It is the only form of prayer that dips into the unconscious and changes people at deep levels—where all of the wounds, angers, and recognitions lie hidden. Only some form of prayer of quiet, changes people for good and for others in any long-term way. It sustains and deepens the short-term wisdom we learn in great love and great suffering.

*Richard Rohr, Center for Contemplation*



## Centering Prayer group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and the Book Discussion group meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Centering Prayer meets Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Our Book Discussion group, which meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, is reading and discussing Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward*. It is a book about spirituality in the two halves of life and is considered one of his most influential and important books. We know that the first half of life is about projects, goals, striving, discovering who we are meant to be. But what do we do with this in the second half of life? This is the stage which everyone in Christ Church is in, and Richard Rohr will give us practical guidance on this brand-new time in our lives.

Everyone is welcome to both the prayer time and the book discussion. If you only want to participate in one, we'd love to have you. If you have any questions, get in touch with Patti Phelps at [frankandpatti@yahoo.com](mailto:frankandpatti@yahoo.com).



## Elevator instructions with photos are available at each elevator door

New instructions with photos were created recently. They've been laminated and are available at each elevator door. In the Parish Hall, the instructions will hang above the elevator light switch and control panel. In the sanctuary, the instructions will be stored in the pew back closest to the elevator.

To answer the question about why we don't have the instructions taped everywhere, it is our nod to security. We leave the red doors unlocked 24/7 but we lock the Parish Hall doors. If we have the instructions available in the sanctuary on the door, we increase the risk that anyone popping in could review them and access the Parish Hall via the elevator. This was considered when the elevator was first installed, and the keys (switch key and elevator door key, that are now in place) were stored in the pew back, as well.



## 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 our Priest in Charge, The Rev Karla Woggon; call or email Mary Lee at the office and she'll email the members with a Prayer Request; share your request with a Vestry member; or 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.



## The Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets are available



The prayer shawls/quilts have been moved under the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one for someone you know and love who would benefit from being wrapped in love from Christ Church. Be sure to fill in the book in the box which tells who and why. We've had thanks expressed from new mothers to a death in the family to surgery. These are gifts made by parishioners who want to share their talent. If you're interested in making a shawl or quilt, please contact Patti Phelps at [frankandpatti@yahoo.com](mailto:frankandpatti@yahoo.com).



## MEMBERS ONLY

Our updated website ([christchurchallegghany.org](http://christchurchallegghany.org)) has a **Members Only** page that contains the most updated financial reports, Treasurers' Report, Vestry minutes, and the 2026 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 [christchurchspartanc@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchspartanc@gmail.com) and she'll provide you the password.*

We also invite you to share our website – [christchurchallegghany.org](http://christchurchallegghany.org) – to introduce the Parish and encourage others to visit.



## Dial 988 for crisis line support



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also known as Christ Church**

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## Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday

Mary Lee works remotely and can be reached via  
text or email