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Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms

10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at Upper Stockley Gardens

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Passion Narrative

Nursery available from 8 a.m.

Easter Eve

April 3

6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter followed by agape meal

Easter Day

April 4

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Rite 1

9:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist and Children's Chapel

11:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist and Children's Chapel

Followed by Easter Reception

Nursery at all Easter services

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

March 29, 30, 31

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

followed by Reconciliation of a Penitent

Maundy Thursday

April 1

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

followed by Reconciliation of a Penitent

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist,

Foot washing and stripping of the altar

Nursery for 7:00 p.m. service only

NO PRAYER VIGIL THIS YEAR!

Good Friday

April 2

12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy

Nursery from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



DEFINITION OF A STEPHEN MINISTER
The Friend Who Cares

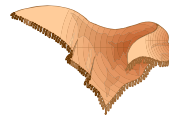
When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares. Henri J. M. Nouwen, in *Out of Solitude*

For more information about Stephen Ministry at Christ and St. Luke's: how to become one and/or how to receive care from one, contact Baylies Brewster at <bayliesbrewster@aol.com>, 622-3673 (home phone), 757-477-7256 (cell phone).



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is an ongoing effort.

You can knit when and where you wish, using yarn that has been contributed to the ministry or with materials you have on hand or purchase. Simple instructions are available and if you would like to be creative with your shawl, that is wonderful. Completed shawls are blessed before they are distributed to someone who might be going to or are in the hospital, facing bereavement, receiving treatment or simply in need of our prayers and comfort. Completed shawls should be turned in to the church office. For more information or instructions, contact Linda Coupland at 423-2795.



April 11 at 11:45 a.m.: Parish meeting "The Vestry requests your attendance at a Parish meeting to be held on Sunday April 11th after the conclusion of the 10:30 service. The meeting is necessitated by the confusion and wide ranging concerns stemming from Rev. Berkley Ford's resignation March 1st 2010. This meeting will be moderated by Ms. Karen Salter, the Bishop's consultant during our time of reconciliation. The Wardens and Vestry will be present to listen to the opinions expressed and questions raised by parishioners. Please forward questions and concerns you want to make sure are addressed at this meeting to either Bill West or Peter Oberle, however questions and remarks will be taken from the floor. The meeting will also serve to better advise the congregation of the time line and process for the appointment of a Rector Time Certain."

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Would you like a **copy of the sermon** sent to your e-mail address?
 Contact with the parish office and request a copy—weekly or one time.
 The sermons are also on the website under worship.
 The full color **Excel newsletters** are on the homepage.

**NEXT EXCEL DEADLINE IS NOON,
 Tuesday, April 27**

Please submit your articles,
 pictures or announcements to

Church Office

or mail to
Christ and Saint Luke's Church
 560 W Olney Rd
 Norfolk VA 23507-2135.

The Vestry

Mr. William H. West, *Senior Warden*;
 Mr. Peter J. Oberle, *Junior Warden*;
 Mr. Keith Ehrhard, *Treasurer*;
 Mr. James V. B. Lewis, *Register*;
 Mr. David W. Boling
 Ms. Baylies Brewster
 Dr. David L. Durica
 Miss Sarah M. Faber
 Mr. Andrew W. Larkin
 Mr. David E. Phillips, II
 Mrs. B) Taylor, Mrs. Traci M. White.

Let us give thanks for the April Birthdays

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| 1: Emilie Cornelius, Sally Tobin | 16: Joe Dill, Graham Ehrhard,
Harrison Horton |
| 2: George Compo | 17: Pepper Prillaman, Mark Shaw |
| 3: Grace Berry, Karen Waddill | 18: Caroline Black, Spencer Buckle,
David Marshall, Linda Smith |
| 4: Stephen Bernick, Lauren Ipock,
Leslie Ipock, Tommy Johnson | 19: Dan Haworth, Bill West |
| 5: Brad Atkins, Madison Finke,
Kathleen McFadden, Katharine
Miller, Wilson Waddill | 20: Sarah Bernick, Errol Lewis, Cindy
McGann |
| 6: Quint Guvenator, Dixon
O'Donnell, Joe Saveika | 21: Caroll Lee Kennedy |
| 7: Stewart Buckle, Jackson
McGrady, Tucker McGrady | 22: Lee Ann Avery |
| 8: Susan Bryant, Leigh D'Angelo,
James Hickman, Kim Norton | 23: James Lewis |
| 10: Jamie Kitterman | 24: Brett Levanto |
| 11: Selden Fiveash, Honey Kloster | 25: Alix Kloster |
| 12: Meriel Wright, Chris
Guvernator, Kendall Osborne | 26: Peggy Jo Arnold, Andy McCraw,
Cynthia Stone |
| 13: Nash Bilisoly, Joan Graham,
Joe Rinehart | 27: Emily Palmer |
| 15: Betty Davis, Georgia Mason,
Carter Riley, Charles Tucker,
Guil Ware | 29: Gary Kirchner |
| | 30: Bill Bailey, Lorenz Connelly,
Stephen Kinnear |

And the Anniversaries of:

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| 4: Matthew and Kathleen
Noorbakhsh | 20: Nelson and Peggy Jo Arnold |
| 5: Larry and Carter Bernert | 24: Gregg and Toni Christoffersen,
Sam and Cindy McGann |
| 8: Jake and Sally Tobin | 25: David and Buffy Driskill,
Gray and Cameron Nelson |
| 12: Waightstill and Brooke Avery | 26: Fred and Allison Meyers |
| 18: Chris and Brad Atkins,
Morgan and Adair Wells | 29: Tim and Jennifer Haycox |
| 19: Daniel and Meridyth
Hollingshead,
"Chip" and Mary Ann Rogers | 30: Patrick and Brianna Worrell |

Vestry News

The Vestry has passed a balanced budget for 2010. The budget calls for total revenues of \$ 785,987 compared to \$800,592 in 2009 (Joyce- please insert "telescoped version"). Major items of note:

- 1) Pledges for 2010 are budgeted at \$586,829 which compares to actual pledges received in 2009 of \$628,843 and pledges currently received for 2010 of \$565,403 (The Stewardship committee will be actively seeking new and increased pledges after Holy Week)
- 2) The budget assumes that the Rector Time Certain will on board August 1st
- 3) Berkley Ford's salary and pension is expensed thru Feb and his medical insurance is carried thru August. The cash portion of his severance payment- 6 months salary and pension were paid out of the Rectory Fund and do not appear on the budget
- 4) The Staff will receive a 3% raise
- 5) The budget was spared two expenses by the generosity of two parishioner gifts. The rent paid to store the stone and wood saved from the Guild House will be paid in 2010 from a gift to the Second Century Fund. The cost of the Bishop's consultant during our ongoing Reconciliation process has also been covered by a parishioner's gift.

The Vestry has formed a Personnel Committee to assist the Business Manager with general personnel matters. The initial members of this committee are BJ Taylor, James Lewis, and Sarah Faber.

*2010 Operating Budget

<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Expenses</i>	
Pledges	586,289.87	Salaries & Benefits	520,939.87
Other Offerings	<u>62,100.00</u>	Music Program	3,500.00
Total Offerings	648,929.87	Children's Program	3,400.00
Trust Income	136,308.00	Adult Ministries	1,100.00
Misc. Income	<u>750.00</u>	Worship	1,200.00
Total Revenues	785,987.87	Pastoral Care	1,400.00
		Diocesan Pledge	50,000.00
		Outreach	6,100.00
		Bldgs & Maintenance	33,883.00
		Utilities	46,900.00
		Administration	<u>116,315.00</u>
		Total Expenses	785,987.87

*Detail budget is posted on church bulletin board.

Junior Warden Report - March 2010

Repairs from the conditions study:

Beck Roofing has finished all of their work on the Tower, the Chapel roof, Lloyd Hall and a downspout on the Parish House. The project was completed on time and on budget.

The Bell is secured in the Tower and the reworked "A" frame and parts are to be shipped to us on April 13 for installation.

A Notice to Proceed has been given to John Y Wright Co to install 4 air handling units and one condenser unit. The new air handling units will be custom designed to hang much higher off the floor to help avoid repeat flooding. The total cost of this contract is \$50,776.00.

With the trustees' approval for funding the re-pointing and masonry, we will be entering into a contract with Southern Masonry later this month.

The building committee led by Greg Sutton and Mollie McCune meet with Barry Moss, architect, on March 11th to develop plans for Lloyd Hall and Parish house bathrooms. Several options are being explored. The ultimate scope of work needs to be in keeping with our interim building needs.

We have renewed our annual service agreements for all of our heating and cooling equipment and the generator with John Y Wright Co for \$2,050.00.

The exhaust fans in the two bathrooms on the main floor of Lloyd Hall have been replaced by Austin Electric. Also a precariously hanging antique fluorescent light on the top floor of the Parish House has been replaced by Austin Electric.

Peter Oberle

Construction Alert!



"Roof repairs are completed. Current ship date for new bell parts is April 13."

CSL COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Deadlines for the following Communications from CSL are as follows:

Wednesday at 12 noon—Sunday Bulletin

Wednesday at 12 noon—CSL eNEWS

Articles will then be added to the CSL website.

Deadlines mean that all articles/information needs to be in the Parish Office by the day and time specified to be included in the publication.

FLOWER APPEAL

Garden flowers are needed to flower the cross for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Please bring flowers to Lloyd Hall on Saturday morning, April 3, between the hours of 9 and 12 noon.

For questions, call Pat Bernick Riddle at 617-3710.



Help wanted: Would you be willing to lend a hand in the nursery or children's chapel on Easter Sunday? We are looking for parishioners who might come early or stay after the service at which they will be worshipping. If you can help, please contact Charlie Davey 627-5665 x 14.



Summer is on the Way

Mark your calendars!!! We have scheduled our "Angel in the Outfield" **Baseball Game for Friday, July 2. It is a 7:15 p.m. game.** The Norfolk Tides are playing the Charlotte Knights. We have a pre-game all American picnic (begins at 5:45 p.m.), seats behind the screen, and **FIREWORKS!!!!**

ORDER FORM

**Proposed Timeline and Process for the Appointment of Rector, Time-Certain
Christ and St. Luke’s Church
March 23, 2010**

Name _____	Phone number _____		
Gerbera Daisies	How many? _____	x	\$5.00 = _____
Geraniums			
Individual 6” pot (one plant per pot)			
red	How many? _____	X	\$8.00 = _____
lavender	How many? _____	X	\$8.00 = _____
white	How many? _____	X	\$8.00 = _____
salmon	How many? _____	X	\$8.00 = _____
pink	How many? _____	X	\$8.00 = _____
magenta	How many? _____	X	\$8.00 = _____
Hanging basket (three plants per basket)			
red	How many? _____	X	\$15.00 = _____
lavender	How many? _____	X	\$15.00 = _____
magenta	How many? _____	X	\$15.00 = _____
salmon	How many? _____	X	\$15.00 = _____
pink	How many? _____	X	\$15.00 = _____
12” combination pot (three geranium plants plus other complimentary plants)			
red	How many? _____	X	\$35.00 = _____
lavender	How many? _____	X	\$35.00 = _____
white	How many? _____	X	\$35.00 = _____
salmon	How many? _____	X	\$35.00 = _____
pink	How many? _____	X	\$35.00 = _____
magenta	How many? _____	X	\$35.00 = _____
Herbs – 6” pot			
Basil	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Rosemary	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Lavender	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Italian parsley	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Curley leaf parsley	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Cilantro	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Oregano	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Chives	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
Sage	How many? _____	X	\$5.00 = _____
			TOTAL _____

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1. March-April 15: Names gathered by the Bishop’s office.
2. April 11 at 11:45 a.m.: Parish meeting with skills/experience/personal attributes of the Rector, Time Certain, discussed. Vestry gathers information and sends it to the Bishop.
3. Bishop prioritizes names based on:
 - Input from the Vestry;
 - Input from the congregation gleaned at the April 11 meeting;
 - References and conversation with bishop and deployment officer of the candidate’s diocese (and former dioceses), as well as wardens of the candidate’s present parish.
 - Personal knowledge
 - Experience, personal attributes, skills
 - Phone interview of the candidates.
4. The Bishop and Canon Magness interview the top five candidates.
5. Background checks performed on the five finalists.
6. April 26: Bishop and Canon Magness bring two names to the Vestry which the Bishop considers the best fit.
7. Vestry makes contact with the two and arranges visits of teams of three or four to their parishes.
8. Karen Salter works with the Vestry to prepare for interviews. Candidates brought individually to Christ and St. Luke’s. Candidates have time to meet with staff as a group as well as Conor and Jess.
9. Vestry interviews both candidates and decides to request the one be appointed. Karen Salter facilitates the discernment process. The Senior Warden notifies the Bishop.
10. If the Vestry cannot reach a consensus on either of the two candidates, two more names may be requested from the Bishop.

Letter from the Priest in Charge

This is the first time I've written a letter with this new title. It's a time of mixed emotions since I'm both still sad about Berkley's departure, and I'm excited about new responsibilities. I realize there's been a lot of new terms and such thrown around—the two biggest ones are Priest in Charge and Rector Time Certain. I can tell you that they mean two different things. The Rector Time Certain will be coming in several months, after the Bishop helps us through a search process. This person will have a five year contract, which has the option of being extended to a traditional Rector. This is not the arrangement I have with the Bishop and the Vestry.

As the Priest in Charge, certain duties have been delegated to me during this time. It will last until the Rector Time Certain arrives. My primary responsibilities will be around worship and pastoral care. During this time my goal is to be as helpful as possible to both the parish and the vestry, so that we will be in good shape when the Rector Time Certain arrives.

I am very grateful to the Vestry and the Bishop for giving me this responsibility. I'm looking forward to our time together in this relationship. Thank you all for the warm welcome last Sunday and I look forward to serving with you.

God's Peace,



Fr. Conor+

Dear Friends,
This past week Frances Halcrow tendered her resignation as secretary of Christ and St. Luke's parish for personal reasons, and to explore other opportunities. Frances has done a marvelous job for the past 10½ years and in her words, she is ready for a break. We wish to thank Frances for her many years of dedicated service and wish her well in her endeavors.
The vestry is currently soliciting applicants from outside of the parish to fill this important position. Please continue to hold the vestry, Frances, and Christ and St. Luke's in your prayers.

In God's Peace,
Bill West

FRIENDS OF NICARAGUA GERANIUM and HERB SALE

The Friends of Nicaragua are selling a variety of geraniums and herbs. The proceeds from the sale of these beautiful, seasonal items will help fund the medical, dental, and educational mission trip to Nicaragua this summer. Please support this mission with your purchase.

The geraniums are magnificent. There are three sizes available this year: a 6" pot with one plant is \$8; a 10" hanging basket with three plants is \$15; and a 12" terra cotta "combo" pot containing 3 geraniums plus several complimentary plants. The color choices are red, lavender, white, salmon, bubblegum pink, and magenta. Sorry, hanging baskets do not come in white. Be sure to specify your color choice and pot size when you place your order.

HERBS – basil, rosemary, lavender, Italian parsley, curly leaf parsley, cilantro, oregano, chives, and sage. They come in 6" pots and are \$5.00 per pot.

NEW THIS YEAR—GERBERA DAISIES for \$5 each in assorted colors. Sorry, no color preferences can be honored.

All orders must be pre-paid by cash, check, or money order payable to Christ and Saint Luke's Church with "F.O.N. Plants" on the memo line. Please deliver your order with payment to Frances Halcrow in the Parish office, from 9 a.m. 12 noon or 1—4 p.m. Monday – Friday or mail to Christ and Saint Luke's Church, 560 W Olney Rd, Norfolk VA 23507. **All orders must be received no later than April 4.** Plants ordered should be **picked up** in Lloyd Hall on **Saturday, April 24 from 11—1 p.m. or Sunday, April 25 during or after each service.**

Volunteers will be available to take your orders during Coffee Hour following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

If you have any questions about your order, please call Merri Ehrhard at 627-7043 or Gail Bernick at 484-6920. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this mission.

NEW FOYER GROUPS BEGIN IN MAY

Participation in Foyer Groups is a wonderful way to meet fellow Christ & St. Luke's parishioners. (The term "foyer" is French for fireplace and comes from the Latin, meaning hearth, implying warmth and pleasure.) The current cycle of Foyer Groups will end in March; a new cycle will begin in May and continue through September. Approximately 70 parishioners are taking part in the current cycle, which began last October.

Foyer Groups are made up of 10-12 adults of different ages and length of time at Christ & St. Luke's. Each group meets once a month for five months for a simple meal in the homes of group members or in a restaurant, though not every member need host a meeting. Most groups meet in the evening; during the first cycle one group is meeting for lunch. There is no program or agenda; these are informal social gatherings that meet enough times for the members to get to know one another. Current members who wish to continue to participate in a foyer group will be "shuffled" and assigned to new groups. Parishioners who have not participated in a foyer group (including adults new to the parish) are invited to sign up for the upcoming cycle. Parishioners who participate in a Foyer Group over time will realize a different Sunday church experience as they know more and more of their fellow parishioners.

If you would like to participate in a group that begins in May, please fill out the Foyer Group Signup Form below and mail it to Christ & St. Luke's, 560 West Olney Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23507-2135, place it in the offering plate during a Sunday Eucharist, or leave it in the parish office. If you have questions, please ask any of the clergy, Charlie Davey, Rosemary Ruddell, or anyone who is currently participating in a Foyer Group. Group assignments will be announced in mid April.

Foyer Group Signup Form

Please submit by Easter Day, April 4th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Are you willing to host a group for the first meeting? _____

Would you prefer a group that has restaurant-only meetings? _____

Are you available *only* for a mid-day meeting? _____ Would you *prefer* mid-day? _____

Do you need a ride to the meetings? _____ Can you give a group member a ride? _____

MEMORIAL FLOWERS & MUSIC FOR EASTER

In the service leaflet for Sunday **March 28**, you will find an envelope for Easter flower and music memorials. **\$10/name or \$15/couple** (listed Mr. & Mrs. Smith). **Deadline is Monday March 29.** You may place them in the offering plate on Sunday or drop off at the parish office Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 noon or 1:00—4:00 p.m. Make checks to **Christ and St. Luke's Church** and on the memo line write *Easter Flowers & Music*.

ALL BRASS CLEANERS: and would be brass cleaners. We will be polishing brass for Easter on Good Friday and Saturday before Easter from 10 o'clock on. Many thanks for your help. Contact **Johanna Elder at 627-9863 or johanna@cox.net**.

PALM CROSS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Do you want to learn how to make palm crosses? Please join us in **Lloyd Hall on Friday, and Saturday, March 26 & 27 starting at 9:30 a.m.** The group spends a couple of hours and learns the technique of preparing palm strips and crosses. You will help make a significant contribution to this lovely Palm Sunday tradition at Christ and Saint Luke's. Coffee, juice, muffins and good fellowship will be included. **We really do need your help to produce 800 crosses. The only tool you need to bring is a pair of old scissors.** For more information, contact Johanna Elder at 627-9863 or johanna@cox.net. Thank you.

SACRISTAN CLEANING DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 27 FROM 9 A.M.—12 NOON.

All sacristans are invited and encouraged to attend and help us to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you! Connie Williams at 420-9141 or willicdo@cps.k12.va.us

CARING FOR CREATION: Did you know that so-called "green hotels" really do benefit the environment? One hotel chain, InterContinental, figures that the program for reusing towels saves, in the U. S. alone, about 199 million liters of water per year, as well as electricity to run washers and dryers. Also fewer pollutants are released into local water systems. In Europe some hotels are maintaining shower water flows by adding air while cutting the actual amount of water used. It is thought that hotels are becoming green revolution testing grounds.

-Source—*The Week*

- from your CSL Environmental Team



TAIZÉ
GENTLE MUSIC
AND QUIET
PRAYERS
IN A
CANDLELIT SETTING

APRIL 18
AT 6:30 P.M.
JOIN US

calendar