

OUT OF OLD CHURCH

August 2010

From The Rector

Dear Friends In Christ,

This month, the front page article of the newsletter will be taking its Sabbath rest, as all things in God's world must. So, in the time you would have spent reading this, go outside! Sing a song! Say a prayer of thanksgiving to the God who made this day as a gift. Remember in your heart those in need of God's love and your helping hands. Pray for the visioning and strategic planning process here at Immanuel.

And enjoy the summer that God has made.

Peace,

Ryan



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ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, August 21st
11 to 2

Whitehall
Home of Peg Babyak
On the Mataponi River

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Cherub Chat

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer! I know that for my family the summer is just flying by! We have done some traveling this summer, and have had a wonderful time. However, it sure has made the summer go by that much faster.

We spent a couple of weeks in Utah, Colorado and South Dakota. We rented a car and put about 3000 miles on it in a short amount of time! We visited as many national parks as possible, did a lot of hiking, and enjoyed a lot of picnics. It was a trip that I hope the children will remember for many years! I know that I will cherish the time we had together, enjoying the majesty of God's creation all around us.

As much as we enjoyed our time visiting other parts of the country, there is nothing quite like home. We were ready to come home to "Sweet Virginia", to our own beds, and back to family and friends. It seems unimaginable, but the many miles traveling, the different places we stayed and the overwhelming sights begin to wear on you after a while. The comfort of being somewhere familiar is a stronger draw than I realized.

At Cherub we are beginning to establish a new "home" for the children who will be joining us this school year. We hope to create a comfortable atmosphere where they can relax and feel at ease. We hope to teach them about God's creations right here in their own community. For so many this will be their first time leaving mom for a few hours, and we want them to feel welcome and loved while with us. It is a process, and sometimes it takes a few weeks to adjust, but our prayer is that each child will feel the love that fills this place.

The teachers and I ask that you also pray for the school in the coming weeks, pray for peace for nervous parents, pray for comfort for anxious children, and pray for wisdom for teachers. Our first day of school will be September 13th, and there will be a lot of preparation taking place between now and then. Thank you for remembering us.

We do have a few open spots remaining for next school year, especially for our 2 day classes in both 3 year old and 2 1/2 year old programs. As always, we appreciate you sharing our school with your friends and neighbors. I hope that the remainder of your summer is relaxing and that you will find a way to stay cool in the heat!

Joy Morgan

Cherub School Director

Coming Attractions!

I know that it is 100 degrees outside! But, really, fall will be here soon! I better check my snow boots and make sure they are still waterproof! With the change of season, many activities return to Immanuel, along with some new events. I thought you might like a preview of coming attractions:

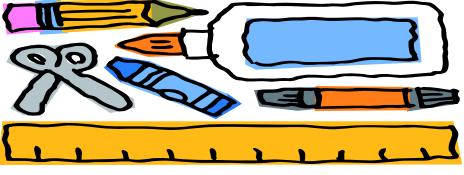
- September 11th - Yard Sale to raise funds for the Honduras mission trip
- September 12th - Return to two services at 9 and 11 AM - Sunday School returns at 10 AM
- September 13th - Cherub School re-opens
- October 3rd - Blessing of the Animals - 11 AM
- November 6th - Annual Steak & Oyster Roast and Silent Auction
- November 13th - Annual Music In The Old Church Concert - Grace & Holy Trinity
- November 28th - 1st Sunday of Advent - Advent Wreath Workshop - 10 AM

Enjoy the rest of your summer and think "cool" thoughts! *Gayle*

Annual School Supply Drive

As summer progresses, Loaves & Fishes Committee members turn their thoughts to the annual school supply drive, benefitting clients of the CornerStone Ministry at St. David's, Aylett. **This year's drive will run from July 14th through August 22nd (please note ending date change).** As you are "out and about" this summer doing a little shopping, please pick up some school supplies and bring them to the Immanuel parish house. Needed supplies include:

- Backpacks
- Pencils and pens
- Colored pencils
- Erasers and sharpeners
- Scissors
- Notebook paper (double and single rule)
- Geometrical instruments (i.e. compass, protractor)
- Sharpies and markers
- Twin pocket paper portfolios
- Three ring binders
- Page dividers
- Assignment covers
- Rulers
- White glue and glue sticks

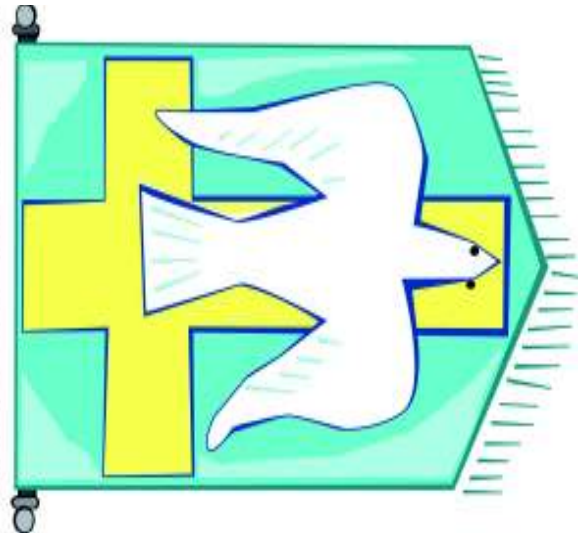


SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Your donation of school supplies will help the children of CornerStone experience a strong beginning to the school year. A collection box to receive your supply donations has been set up in the parish house. Monetary donations for the purchase of supplies will also be accepted. Make the check payable to St. David's Episcopal Church and notate for CornerStone school supplies. For questions, please contact Mellanie Farnsworth at mnmnanp@farnsworthfamily.net or 569-3889.

Annual Bishop's Visit

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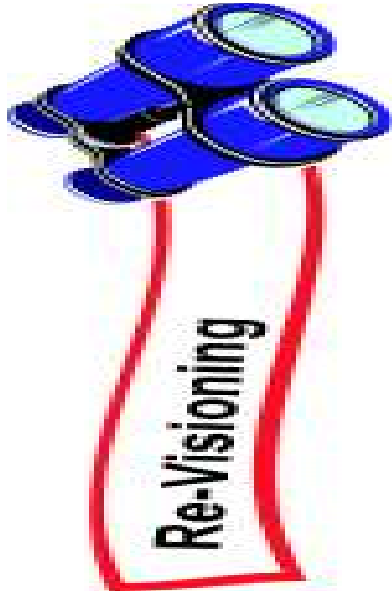
On Sunday, August 29th, Immanuel will be visited by The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones, Suffragan Bishop to the Diocese of Virginia. It is tradition in the Diocese of Virginia for parishes in the diocese to be visited annually by one of the bishops. This year's visit will take place at 10:00 AM, as part of the usual service of Holy Eucharist.

Immanuel is known for its hospitality and good food, among other things. When the bishop comes to visit, there is always a wonderful spread of delicious Old Church down home cooking! Be sure to mark your calendar for this very special service and time of fellowship.

In another piece of "Bishop News", Bishop Ted Gulick has been appointed as Virginia's Assistant Bishop. His duties will begin in the fall.

Immanuel's Future

Re-visioning sessions have begun and will continue for the next several weeks. Many thanks go to all who have committed to participating in this process. It is not too late to sign up. Even if you cannot attend all sessions, your voice is needed. It is difficult to get a complete picture of the future of Immanuel without everyone participating in discussion, in questioning, and, most of all, in prayer. Parishioners may sign up by contacting Elsie Johnson (730-9375 or elsejohnson1408@comcast.net) or by placing their name(s) on a sign-up sheet in the parish house. Feel free to contact any member of the Strategic Planning Committee for questions or additional information.



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Ryan Kuratko	779-3454	Rector

Gulf Oil Response

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the dioceses of Mississippi and the Central Gulf Coast, which are currently conducting needs assessments in areas damaged by the oil spill. You can help by praying for the people impacted by the oil leak, giving to the ERD USA Disaster Response Fund to help those in need, and by sending encouraging notes or cards to affected residents to Oil Spill Card Initiative, P. O. Box 5026, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-5026. A flyer is located in the rear of the church with additional details.

Mission Trip And Fundraiser

In January 2011, Immanuel will again be sponsoring a mission team to travel to Honduras with the KISH mission team. Last year's travelers, Ron David, Susan David, Ryan Kuratko, Eleanor Fukushima and Boo Elmore, had an amazing experience and made many wonderful new friends in Honduras. The 2011 team will travel, be in country, and return from January 9th - 15th.

To begin raising funds for the trip, a yard sale will be held on September 11th. Please start saving your "treasures" to donate to the yard sale. Remember: One man's trash is another man's treasure! The more that can be raised from events like the yard sale, the less it will personally cost each missionary to make the trip.

To make yard sale donations or for more information about joining the mission trip, please contact Eleanor Fukushima at 730-0309 or EHFRCR@comcast.net.



Immanuel In Mission

August 1 - 10 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Erin Kinsley, CR, GSP
Catie Dews, TB; Alton Dews, TB

August 8 - 11 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Liza Parker, CR, GSP
Kaitlyn Harrison, TB; Savannah Kramer, TB

August 15 - 12 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Kevin Joyce, CR, GSP
Whitney Anderson, TB; Kent Renfro, TB

August 22 - 13 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Alexandra Farnsworth, CR, GSP
Lacey Kramer, TB; Savannah Kramer, TB

August 29 - 14 - Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Erin Kinsley, CR, GSP
Catie Dews, TB; Alton Dews, TB

***PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER SCHEDULE - ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10 AM



August 1 - 10 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Dabney Morriss

August 8 - 11 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Britton Trimble

August 15 - 12 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Brenda Smith

August 22 - 13 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Terri Clinger

August 29 - 14 - Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Joan Beal

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** LR - Lay Reader



August 1 - 10 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Brian Stout, CH, EV

August 8 - 11 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Britton Trimble, CH
Gayle Stewart, EV

August 15 - 12 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Maria Koenig, CH
Jane Kinsley, EV

August 22 - 13 Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Terri Clinger, CH
John Fulton, EV

August 29 - 14 - Pentecost - 10:00 AM - Ann Garner, CH
Barbara Baker, EV

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** CH - Chalice; EV - Eucharistic Visitor



BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

- 1 - Steve Colvin
- 3 - Ron David
Kendall Towne
- 4 - Roxanne Razo
- 5 - Cynthia Bashton
- 6 - Liza Parker
- 10 - George Davis
Shelley Ryder
- 11 - Michael Ferguson
- 12 - Mary Morrow
- 13 - Anne Allen
- 14 - Joe Wilson
Grace Morrow
- 17 - Julie Linden
- 22 - Ethan Morrow
- 24 - Britton Trimble
- 28 - Karen Harrison



- 29 - Jack Wells
- 30 - Mary Davis
- 31 - Dabney Morriss

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Will Clarke
John Kreynus

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST

Maria Koenig
Jane Kinsley

ANNIVERSARIES - AUGUST

- 2 - Larry and Patti Bartol
- 4 - Brian and Harriet Stout
- 12 - Bill and Cynthia Bashton
- 30 - Kathy and Pat Moran
- 31 - Chris and Karen Harrison



NURSERY SCHEDULE - AUGUST

- 1 - Shelley and Tim Ryder
- 8 - Janice Fernette and Ian Stewart
- 15 - Paula and Richard Neely
- 22 - Mary and Tilghman Broaddus
- 29 - Terri and Rick Clinger

**REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE
AUGUST**

- 1 - Elaine and Dave Gardner
- 8 - Sherrie and Lindsay Thomas
- 15 - Blair and Teddy Wells
- 22 - Chris and Karen Harrison
- 29 - Reception for Bishop Jones

Loaves & Fishes



Loaves and Fishes, a fresh way to look at our outreach ministries at Immanuel. By having a scriptural focus, we feel this parish can better distinguish where God is calling us to serve. By being humbled and filled by Christ, we can trust that God's abundant love will work through us as we feed (clothe, shelter, support, etc.) those who hunger.

While many of the projects that Loaves & Fishes undertakes wind down in the summer months, one project has no end. Our support of the CornerStone Ministry at St. David's, Aylett, continues year round. The food pantry and the clothing closet are always in need of refilling.

Please take a moment as you are grocery shopping each week to pick up a few extra items for the food pantry. Also, if you clean out your closet or your children's closets this summer, please pass on clothing you no longer use (good condition please) to the clothing closet. Food pantry items needed this summer include canned meats, beans. While these particular items are needed, all canned or boxed items can be used. Baskets for the collection of food items are located in the vestibule of the church. For clothing donations, please contact the church office (779-3454). See page 3 for details about the school supply drive.

Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry will next gather on Thursday, August 5th, 7:00 PM, at Covenant Woods on Lee Davis Rd. Come share in the fellowship! Don't know how to knit? We have lots of teachers! For more information about the Knitting Ministry, please contact Lindsay Ryland (779-3481 or clyland@aol.com).



Lindsay Ryland

Treasurer's Report

From The Treasurer **As of July 17, 2010**

Total Pledged For the Year	\$168,537.00	
Pledges Paid To Date	\$ 90,939.00	53.96% ***
Other Income Budgeted	\$ 42,020.00	
Other Income Received To Date	\$ 31,656.00	75.34%
Total Income Budgeted	\$210,557.00	
Total Income Received To Date	\$122,596.00	58.22%
Expenses Budgeted For The Year	\$218,317.00	
Total Expenses To Date	\$105,842.00	48.48%

***** Note: Pledges Paid To Date Figure does not include deposits for July 18th and 25th.**

During the summer months, we all become busy with traveling, vacations and outside activities. In the midst of all that excitement and fun, it is easy to forget about making our pledge payments. But, even in the summer, salaries must be paid and the electricity kept on. Please take a moment to place your pledge in the offering plate or, if you will be away from church, say a prayer over it and mail it to the church office. The treasurer will make sure it is credited to your pledge statement. Thank you for staying up to date.

Britton Trimble and Chris Frost
Immanuel Treasurers

Vestry Highlights

At the regular meeting of the Vestry on July 20, 2010, the Vestry:

- Received a letter of thanks from Jimmy Hicks for all of the support, concern and care he received following his recent surgery. Jimmy is now back at work and preparing for the upcoming Music In The Old Church concert.
- Heard a presentation on the sign project from Betty Morriss and Paula Neely of the EComm Committee and Page Causey of the Landscape Committee. Recommendations were made regarding the design of the sign and the surrounding landscaping, along with fundraising ideas. A motion was made and approved to proceed with the sign and entrance garden and fundraising efforts to cover the cost of the project.
- Heard a report from the rector, Ryan Kuratko, regarding gatherings of the young adult group. The group has met twice for dinner. There is a lot of interest in continuing the dinners. There has been a change to the healing service that involves the use of more laity. Ryan reminded the Vestry that Bishop Jones will be at the 10:00 AM service on August 29th. A reception will be organized to follow the service.
- Heard a report that Vacation Bible School was a great success. Over forty students attended. Blair Wells and Carol Joyce did a great job organizing the entire event. Thanks go also to all who helped with daily activities, along with preparing the dinners.
- Heard a report that the parish picnic will be held August 21st, from 11 to 2, at Peg Babyak's home.
- Heard a report from the Junior Warden, Pat Cowling, regarding the air conditioner in the church. Research is being conducted to determine the cost of replacing the unit. The Junior Warden will try to "coax" the current unit through the remainder of the summer, with hopes of replacing the unit next spring.
- Heard a report that chairpersons or co-chairpersons are needed for both the Altar Guild and the Loaves and Fishes Committee.
- Heard a report that playground renovations are underway. Renovations are being funded by Cherub School fundraisers and by profits from the 2009-2010 school year of the Cherub School.
- Offered their thanks to Brian Stout for his wonderful work building the sacristy closet.
- Heard a report that plans for the January 2011 mission trip to Honduras are underway.
- Received word that TGIF dinners and dinners to go are being organized to begin in the fall.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be held on Tuesday, August 17th. The open forum begins at 7:15 PM. If you would like to attend the open forum, please contact the Senior Warden, Jeff Piland, at 779-2169 or JPil1105@aol.com.

Softcrabs Are Back!

The crabs in the Rappahannock have had a prolific spring and there were many softcrabs! A parishioner is again donating softcrabs to Immanuel to sell. The crabs were caught in May and June and were immediately dressed, wrapped and frozen individually. Crabs are \$1.25 each (normal charges are \$1.75 to \$2.00 each) and are available by calling the church office (779-3454) or Eleanor Fukushima (730-0309). All proceeds go to benefit the many ministries of Immanuel. Don't miss out on this wonderful delicacy!

Umbrella Of Peace

Umbrella of Peace will continue to work on letter writing campaigns over the summer. Be sure to check out the Umbrella of Peace bulletin board in the parish house. There are samples of letters that have been written about various issues, along with contact information for government officials and representatives.

Other upcoming events include, in September, RPEC month at the Thrifty Quaker. The Thrifty Quaker is located at 13567 Midlothian Turnpike, 794-7158. They are open Monday through Friday, 9 to 7, and Saturday from 10 to 5. All September sales will benefit the Richmond Peace Education Center. In November, RPEC will celebrate their 30th anniversary with an auction and dinner. The event will take place on Saturday, November 6th, beginning at 6 PM.

In September, UP will return to monthly meetings at Immanuel on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 PM. For information about the Umbrella of Peace or the above listed RPEC events, please contact Nancy Ketner (781-1602 or nancyketner@mindspring.com).



Summer Worship Schedule

Looking for some refreshment in the middle of the week? Missing church with your summer weekend travel schedule? Come join us this summer as we continue our Wednesday worship service on August 25th at 6:30 PM! The service is an informal Eucharist, lasting about half an hour, and it's a wonderful way to start a summer evening.

Sunday services in the summer through September 5th are held at 10:00 AM. The service is followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the parish house. Due to the annual visit of the Bishop, there will be no healing service on August 29th. The healing service will return on September 26th. For additional information about services or any activities, please contact the church office at 779-3454.



Annual Parish Picnic

It's summertime and that means it's almost time for the annual Immanuel Parish Picnic. This year's fun day will take place on Saturday, August 21st, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Whitehall. Whitehall is the home of Peg Babyak, located at 4890 Canterbury Rd., Walkerton. For directions to Whitehall go to www.campwhitehall.com.

Fried chicken and lemonade will be supplied. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with other beverages, if you prefer. Peg's home is located on the Mataponi River (the tide will be high). Be sure to bring folding chairs, rafts, water toys, or even your boat if you want. For questions, please contact Eleanor Fukushima at 730-0309 or EHFRC@comcast.net. This day is always a fun time for all. Mark your calendars and come prepared to have fun!

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones, Suffragan Bishop
The Rev. Ryan Kuratko, Rector
Jimmy Hicks, Minister of Music
Gayle Stewart, Parish Administrator
Joy Morgan, Cherub School Director
Chris Frost & Britton Trimble, Treasurers
Seselia Coles, Sexton

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden - Jeff Piland
Junior Warden - Pat Cowling Register - Britton Trimble
Eleanor Fukushima, Al Dews, Paula Neely
Jean Longest, Patti Bartol, Page Causey, Dabney Morriss

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS/POINTS OF CONTACT

Altar Guild - Anne Piland
Cemetery Committee - Gerry Gravatt
Christian Education
Children-Tamara Ellis and Carol Joyce
Youth-Jim Trimble Adult-Joan Beal
Cherub School Board - Cheryl Anderson
Finance - Chris Frost, Britton Trimble
Landscape - Page Causey, Marion Jones
Loaves & Fishes - Unfilled
Newcomers - Suzy Parker
Stewardship - John Fulton
Umbrella of Peace - Nancy Ketrner

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