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Rector's Visions

The Kingdom of God is like ... the women's bathroom at Kingston Parish House. As most of you know we have been in long discussions about updating the women's bathroom. The vestry has spent untold hours on this. And a group of women have also spent a huge amount of time and energy on this. I have thought to myself more than once that I wish we could have half as much time and energy devoted to finding ways to spread the Episcopal part of the Jesus Movement's vision of Grace and welcome. But alas, the Kingdom of God is more like a lost coin or a silly mustard seed. The vestry, working with the ladies who have spear-headed the update on the women's bathroom have finally made a decision to move forward with a plan. And I promise you, it will not please anyone. It does not have all the bells and whistles some of the ladies involved originally wanted. And it has far more bells and whistles than many of the other parishioners have said we should put in a church bathroom. The trick, of course, is going to be finding a way to please God with it. And frankly, wallpaper or no wallpaper, what God wants is the Kingdom of God among us. God is looking for forgiveness and a community based on love. I hope once the paint dries and the plumbing is done, we will be more deeply connected to one another in God's love, because that is what will be pleasing to God.

At our vestry meeting last night, Mary Kathryn Diggs lead our devotions and read from Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 3. It helped us clarify our direction.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, ^[e] the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ ^[f] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

God's Peace,

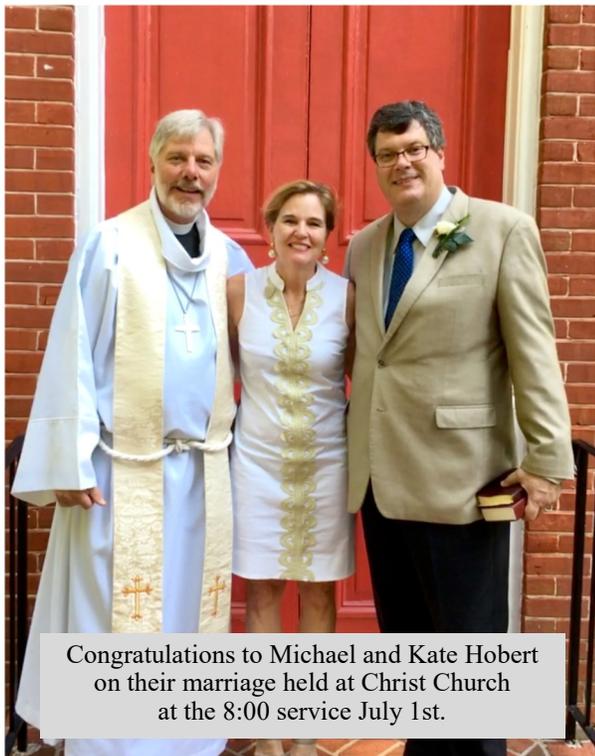
GARY

CELTIC SERVICE

Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.



Come and enjoy the beauty and serenity of our next *Celtic Eucharist* with its lighted candles, prayers, scripture and beautiful Celtic music and hymns. Steeped in tradition, this service will fill your soul with its atmosphere of stillness and peace, inviting you into a place of meditative silence, prayer and reflection. The musical duo, Spencer and Beane, playing a tin whistle, viola and violin, will perform traditional Celtic pieces throughout the service. All present will have the opportunity to light candles as a symbolic reminder of their prayers. The liturgical forms and prayers used will be from a variety of sources and instead of a traditional sermon, there will be a brief reflection by Father Gary near the beginning of the service.



Congratulations to Michael and Kate Hobert on their marriage held at Christ Church at the 8:00 service July 1st.

Youth Delegate for Annual Convention

This year the Diocese of Virginia Annual Convention is in Richmond, November 1-3. Along with our own Delegates and Alternates from each church, our Upper Tidewater Region (UTR) has an opportunity to elect and send one Youth Delegate and one Alternate Youth Delegate to the Convention, expenses paid by the UTR and the Diocese. This will be a great opportunity for our Episcopal youth, ages 16-21, to experience the workings of the church and to hear God's calling for the whole Diocese of Virginia. Application forms can be found in our Parish office and are due by September 1. Please contact either Fr. Gary or Josie for more information.

Snack Pack Packing

Hard to believe, but it will soon be time for the kids to go back to school! Let's meet at 9:30 on Thursday, August 30 in the Parish Hall and put together 300 snack packs to begin the school year. We are in good financial shape due to a generous grant from the Owens Foundation and Mathews Community Foundation. Your donations are always needed to maintain our delivery of packs every week to school kids who need extra nutritional support to carry them through the weekend. Thank you. We hope to see many of you soon. Debbie Lambert and Tuggie Hutson

Save the date of September 14, 2018! An International Dining Experience

Divine Diners of Kingston Parish has been rekindled this year to once again provide an opportunity for fellowship and dining. We had a wonderful potluck dinner at the Parish House in May. And now there are a couple of new and exciting events on the horizon. On Friday, September 14, we will host an **International Dinner**. This event will give us all the opportunity to share food and information from countries around the world that have special meaning to us. Whether it is your heritage, a place you once lived, or a favorite place you have visited, you will have the opportunity to share a taste of culinary delight from your chosen country. It is our hope that each of you will bring a dish or two to share so that we all might experience and enjoy a taste from your country. We also hope that you will provide recipes for each dish and be prepared to tell us a little about your connection to that part of the world. This will be an evening of fellowship, education and epicurean delight. There will be sign up sheets and more information forthcoming, but we wanted to get this International Dinner on your calendar as soon as possible. Please contact Anita Minuth with questions (jizibu2@verizon.net) or if you are interested.

Also coming soon for the Divine Diners in August are plans for a sunset cruise and picnic in the latter part of this month. Please be on the lookout for announcements and signup very soon. The date and meeting place are not available for this **Crier**. If you are interested in this August event contact Shannon Kirschbaum (sjkirschbaum@gmail.com).

Vestry Notes from July 30 Meeting

- The vestry voted yes on a proposal from the Women's Bathroom Committee.
- Shannon Kirschbaum is planning a sunset cruise for the Divine Diners activity in August.
- Friday, September 14th we will have an International Dinner at the Parish House.
- Mary Kathryn Diggs passed out a list of ideas for Fall Fair.
- Mary Ann Carr announced our next Celtic service for Sunday, August 26th at 5:30 PM.
- Fr. Gary reported on the General Convention. Our prayer book will be revised in the next 9-10 years; he will soon meet with the Lily Grant and VTS to discuss the Baptized For Life program; Bishop Johnston will be retiring next summer, the search for a Suffragan Bishop is halted for now.

Goat Ministry (ERD)

About three years ago we figured out that if each attending member of the parish gave 25 cents weekly we could send a baby goat to a family in an impoverished area of the globe, where hopefully the goat would grow up, have offspring, provide milk and enable a hungry family to be less desperate. We have had good success with this. Over the past three months, however, our donations have dwindled significantly. I asked Gary if this meant the congregation was not wanting to support this ministry any longer. He said he felt people had just forgotten to donate their quarter.

While this is not a huge ministry financially, there is one family monthly who feels the love of Christ through receiving this baby goat. So I would like to request that, in the same way you set aside a quarter to get a cart at Aldi's, you set aside another quarter (and no, you won't get this one back!) for Kingston Parish's goat ministry. My hope is that we have a goat named after each member of our congregation. That should get us through another five years. I would welcome feedback on this from anyone who has suggestions, including possibly another display.

Thanks, All,
Eleanor Woollard

Endowment Committee Report

The Kingston Parish Endowment Fund Committee met on Monday, July 16.

Minutes from our meeting of May 21 were approved. Treasurer Tom Reed presented a list of distribution requests from our several endowment funds, which was followed by discussion and action from the committee. The discussion itself did generate some questions, and there was consensus that we reach out to Mike Kerr and the Trustees of the Funds for some clarity.

We also continued our conversation concerning how the committee can better promote planned-giving to Kingston Parish. One of the purposes of the committee, as specified by the Vestry in the committee's Plan of Organization, is "to preserve and grow the value of endowment principal."

Our next meeting is Monday, September 17 at 4:30 pm in the library at the Parish House, and anyone is welcome to attend. We encourage and value your input.

Jay Black, Chairman
Kingston Parish Endowment Fund Committee

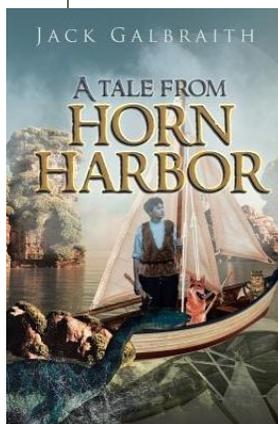
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Over a year ago, Nan Cross and I began a prayer shawl ministry. Over the past year Kingston Parish has provided shawls to people in our congregation who are ill and even people in the community who have been in difficult situations. With Julie Crabill's contribution of some incredibly beautiful woven shawls (one of which was given to Bishop Susan) and Nan's and my compulsive crocheting and knitting, we have built up a reserve of shawls.

When we began this ministry, we figured some women (or men—we are not sexist about this) would perhaps join us to make some shawls (we have incredibly easy patterns for people who crochet). However, that has not happened. Meanwhile, Nan has developed some carpal tunnel issues and my rheumatoid arthritis has my physician saying I probably need to choose between playing the piano/keyboard and doing needle work, because doing both causes too much pain. So we are on a hunt for people who knit, crochet or weave, to make only one shawl per year in order to keep this ministry going. Again, it is a small thing, but when one is very ill, there is deep comfort in receiving a shawl that has been blessed by an entire congregation. I still have mine hanging on my headboard. A young man who received our first shawl, not a member of our congregation, saw me in the community and when he found out I was from Kingston Parish, smiled broadly and talked about how he had received a shawl and how great that was.

If you are interested, please talk to Nan or me about this. We would be glad to get together with a group to review patterns and show stitches and provide you with our labels and small crosses which are sewn onto the completed shawls.

Blessings, Eleanor (and Nan and Julie)



A Tale From Horn Harbor by Jack Galbraith

Jack Galbraith, a former member of Kingston Parish who died in 2016, has had a book posthumously published. The church has one copy that is being distributed to anyone who would like to read it, Richard Jones being the first. The book is a fantasy adventure targeting young people.

Asante Sana

On July 1, thanks to the combined generosity of the Abingdon, Ware and Kingston congregations, over \$1,000 was raised for the water project in a pigmy community in eastern Congo (in the Diocese of Goma). This contribution will not only provide the resources to build rain water access for their community, but has also met the limit for an anonymous matching gift of \$1,000. With this combined amount, the project can be completed.

Water close to home will bring the following advantages to their lives:

Clean water

Time for women and girls to work or study rather than travel long distances to collect water.

Less opportunity for women and girls to be raped on their way to distant water sources.

I can't thank you enough for your response to my request. The pygmies are the "untouchables" of the Congo and seldom receive fair treatment, much less special gifts. This spectacular gift of water will bring increased health and safety for them. And we did it!

Please pray for this pigmy community, for their survival and safety. I have the feeling they'll be praying for us, too.

Asante Sana (Thank you very much),
Kathy Klein (Abingdon)

Thank You

To Our Kingston Family,

What a comfort you've been to us as Bobby recovered from his surgery. From the warmth of the prayer shawl to the food on our table, your prayers and well wishes loved us when we needed it most.

With grateful hearts,
Valerie, Bobby, Jon and Thomas Lewis

Change of Address

Janice Shanks

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Fall Fair

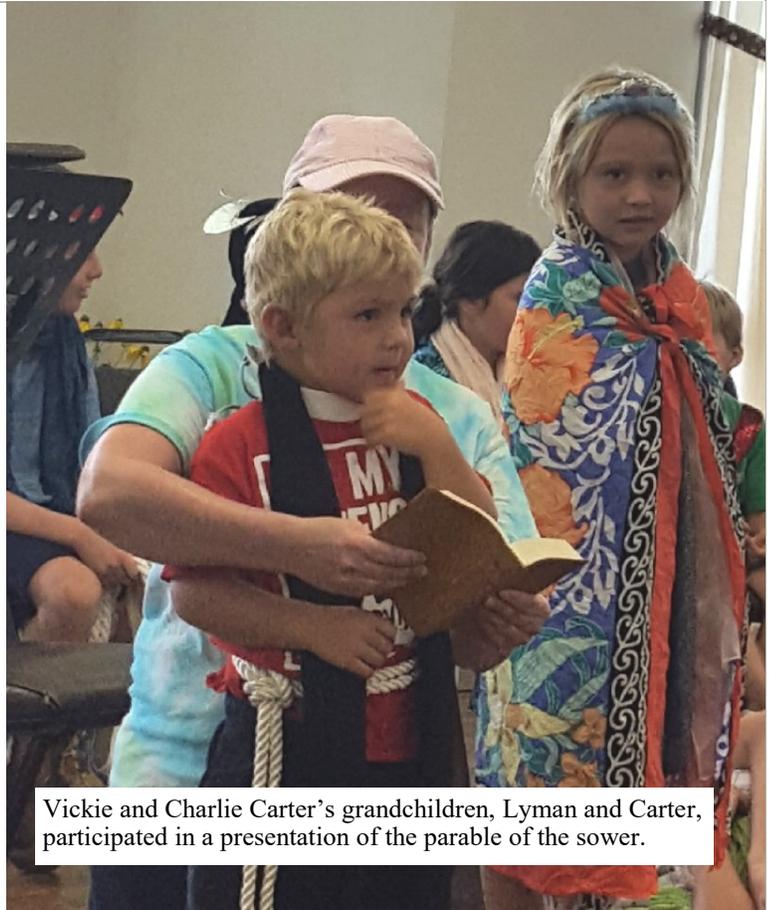
We have said for years that we need to think of new ways to continue Fall Fair. To this end, Mary Kathryn Diggs (Outreach Warden) has reached out for ideas of ways we could make money for our Outreach Fund during Fall Fair and on other days. The list below is that of suggested ideas. If you see anything you would like to take part in or if you have further ideas, please contact Mary Kathryn at 384-7269.

- Vacation rental property/time share - if any of us have a property such as this and would be willing to donate it for a fundraiser. The owner would need to set the date and opening bid.
- Sponsor a concert - "Good Shot Judy" has been contacted by email, but no response yet.
- Golf event - have contacted Piankatank Golf Course about a pay and play golf day/1/2 day; and will meet with the person in charge to see if this will work.
- Fishing Trip or Sunset Cruise - if we find a person/couple willing to give their time and use their boat for either excursion, we could put this up for bid, with a minimum bid set and the #of people they could take.
- Rent "ourselves" out to: clean house, do yard work, etc. We would need to set the time and price for the bidding.
- Garden Party - individual sponsor it for 3 couples. Food and wine included.
- Wine Tasting or Craft Beer Tasting
- Ask for donations from local businesses:
- Richardson's - \$50.00 gift certificate; Southwind, White Dog, Mexican, etc.
- Car Wash - give six free car washes
- Moughon's Hardware and M & M Lumber - A gift certificate or item of their choice
- PB Moss - signed picture
- Martha McCarthy - signed copy of her book
- Yoga studio - a month's free pass
- Best Value garden center - gift certificate
- Sign shop - donation to make a sign for individual (size and cost they determine)
- Ask for donation from Chrysler Museum and Virginia Museum (a year's membership)
- Lois Biddison - one of her art pieces

Brunswick Stew: We need 42 5.5 lb chickens and broth (bagged separately), cooked and shredded for two batches in bags with name, number of chickens and placed in PH freezer. Also needed: 16 heads chopped celery, 8 per batch. Celery not needed till cook dates. Contact Mairi if you can assist with this at 725 5249 or scotslass6@gmail.com. Monetary donations to purchase other ingredients are also needed. Thank you!

Wabingston Shrine Mont Retreat

This past weekend 82 people from Kingston, Abingdon and Ware, ranging in age from 3 months to 94 years, enjoyed a beautiful weekend at our third Annual Wabingston Retreat at Shrine Mont Conference Center in Orkney Springs, VA. The theme of “Rooted and Grounded in Love” was evident throughout the weekend. ...from workshops and worship to shared meals and fellowship. There were 12 children of all ages who joyfully participated in the weekend activities, presenting a wonderful skit on the parable of the seed and decorating the altar for final worship with painted rocks and emojis. We were blessed with beautiful weather of sunshine and comfortable temperatures. There was time to hike and swim, and relax on the porches with old and new friends. This magical experience of spending time together with our Wabingston friends has become a strong bond for our parishes. I encourage you to look for opportunities to join in the Wabingston activities throughout the year and get to know our fellow brothers and sisters. Hope to see you at Shrine Mont next year!



Vickie and Charlie Carter's grandchildren, Lyman and Carter, participated in a presentation of the parable of the sower.



Parish Prayer List**August Birthdays****Pray For Our Parishioners**

Tom Bullen for treatment of a tumor in pancreas (by Donna Jemmison)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Bill Higdon for recovery from heart surgery (office)
 Bev Holmberg for unexplained jaundice (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Tom Ingram for recovery from back surgery (office)
 Richard Jones for recovery from heart surgery (office)
 Martha Anne King (by Mary Chapman)
 Martha Knight for dental surgery (office)
 Bob Lewis for recovery from heart surgery (by Valerie Lewis)
 Deirdre McElroy for return of cancer (office)
 Jan Mohr for knee replacement surgery (by Paul Gibson)
 Bill Mullen for back pain (office)
 Ginger Richards for spinal stenosis (office)
 Larry Treadwell recovering from internal bleeding (office)
 Mary Dabney Webster for abscessed tooth affecting shunt (by Danny Webster)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)
 Wyn Bahr suffering from C.difficile infection (by Bob and Sandy Warren)
 Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet)
 Darius Boles-7-yr.-old with Limb Girdle MD (by Doug Geddes+)
 Cheryl Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault)
 Alyssa Burton for acute leukemia (by Ethel Brown)
 Peggy Carr for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)
 Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight)
 Larry Clerico for aggressive cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Pat Graveline Cour for colon/liver cancer (by Joe Mereness and Richard Scott)
 Bishop Michael Curry for prostate cancer (office)
 Howard Doak (by Julie Crabill)
 Terry Dobson for brain surgery (by Lynn May)
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 Krystal Elms for stage 4 lung cancer (by Mairi Furniss)
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cyst (by Jay Black)
 Barbara Fumagalli for overall poor health (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Pete Furniss for bone marrow cancer (by Hank and Mairi Furniss)
 Taylor Wells Gearhart-for myaonic dystrophy (by Nina Guy)
 Bill Gregory for colon cancer (by Karen and Doug+ Geddes)
 Suzanne West Guy for Parkinsons (by Nina Guy)
 Joan Marie Harper for breast cancer (by Steve and Julie Crabill)
 Pat Harper (by Julie Crabill)
 David Hawkins for complications from diabetes (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Linda Hawkins for mass on spine (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Jennifer Hepner (by Sharon Leary)
 Joan Hooper for cancer (by Pat Neiger)
 Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White)
 Alvin Ingram Jr. for pacemaker (by Tom Ingram)
 Ruby Ingram for liver cancer (by Tom Ingram)
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Georg Kidd for a neuro-muscular disease (by Kathy Yent)
 Jen Kimball+ for breast cancer (office)
 Lori Kincaide for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Andrea Kraise for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Sue Leary for hip replacement/CHF (by Bill Leary)
 Artie Liles for recurring cancer (by Jim/Amanda Taylor)
 Jamie Lowman for cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy Yent)
 Charlotte Martin - Multiple Systems Atrophy (by E. Brown)
 Jim MacDonald recovering from a liver transplant (by Warrens)
 Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Linda Monk for metastatic lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Jack Mullen for lung cancer (by Bill Mullen)
 Kay Nissen for brain tumor (by Jan Mohr)

Julie Crabill	1
Scooter Ransone	4
Bill Mullen	4
Marti Bowen	5
Cooper LaCasse	6
Cara Christopher	6
Richard Jones	7
Jon Lewis	10
Thomas Lewis	10
Tuggie Hutson	11
Cindy Machen	13
Tom Neiger	15
Marilyn Overstreet	15
Frances Hudgins	16
Martha Anne King	17
Carol Swartz	18
Chris Malise	19
Pete Guy	20
Betty Salley	23
Pat Dickey	25
Martha McCartney	25
Beth Kloke	28
George Truscott	28
Jim Taylor	30

**Serving in the Military
or Diplomatic Corps**

Jody Bridgforth
 Colin Bucknor
 BJ Cavazos
 Shawn Davis
 Yvette Gaither
 Steven Green
 Joe and Megan Kraynak
 Hib McNeilly
 Tait Michaud
 Joey Plotino
 Jennifer and Zach Schmidt
 George and William Truscott

Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)
 Mark W. Olson (by Josie Thorpe)
 Betsy Paul for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley)
 Dick Phillips for pancreatic cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Brandy Proctor for breast cancer (by Lori Black)
 Norris Richardson for blood on the brain (by the Warrens)
 Erin Robertson for AA neuropathy (Warrens)
 Mark Robins for brain cancer (by Tom Ingram)
 Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe)
 Walt Sampson for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Earl Soles (by Pat Dickey)
 Jean Staha for breathing problems (by Cindy Machen)
 Marsha Threlkeld for breast cancer (by Debbie Lambert)
 Tim Tolle in an auto accident (by Karen and Doug+ Geddes)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Marion Whaley for lung cancer (by Barbara VanEmmerik)
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Sally Williams for return of cancer (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 George Wood for bone cancer (by Joe and Richard)

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5 <i>11 Pentecost</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-L 10:30 HE II-KC	6 8 am Counters-L 4 pm Preschool Bd.-L 6 pm YMCA-PH	7 10 am Fr. Gary to Clerics at Abingdon	8 12 pm Healing/HE-MC	9 7 pm AA-PH	10	11
12 <i>12 Pentecost</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-L 10:30 HE II-KC	13 8 am Counters-L 6 pm YMCA-PH	14 9:30 am Master Gardeners-PH 1-6 pm Wabingston Fun Day at New Point Campground	15 12 pm Healing/HE-MC	16 7 pm AA-PH	17	18
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26 <i>14 Pentecost</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-L 10:30 HE II-KC	27 8 am Counters-L	28 1 pm Fr. Gary opens Bd. of Supervisors Mtg. with prayer	29 12 pm Healing/HE-MC	30 9:30 am Snack Pack Packing-PH	31	
5:30 Celtic Service-KC	6 pm YMCA-PH	Karen on Vacation August 26-September 1		7 pm AA-PH		<i>New Point Campground Bayon, Virginia</i>

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish House
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist each Wednesday
in the Meditation Chapel - Healing Ser-
vices the first Wednesday of the month