

# KINGSTON CRIER

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## ***The Rector's Visions***

*I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.* – Jesus in John 15:15

How are you God's friend? And how is God your friend? For most of my life, friendship has not been the way I have understood my relationship with God. I usually waffle between "God is my Lord, and I just say 'yes sir!'" and "God created me and inspires me and it's my job to make sense of the puzzle of life with God's help." The truth is, I often don't understand what the master is thinking and planning.

Still I do think God has a relationship with us that is strangely best characterized as friendship. One of the earliest images of God is the one Adam and Eve go walking with "in the cool of the evening." That sounds pretty friendly.

What does it look like to be in a close "friendly" relationship with the divine master of all that is? Strangely, this God of ours wants us to be at his side, not groveling beneath him. While no single image in our own experience is going to make complete sense of God who is always beyond our understanding and wildest dreams, there is also this real sense that God wants to take walks with us, wants to know us intimately like a good friend, wants us to be there for him as he is there for us – not just as an heroic power, but as a person who loves and cares for us.

As we prepare for the Sabbatical that is coming in September, one of the things we all will be asked to explore is what does it mean to have a faithful friendship with the Almighty? Something in us may cringe at the thought of having a buddy in the divine. And there is something right about that cringe. But there is also something strangely wrong about it. When Jesus is preparing for the cross, what he wants is some of his closest friends to pray with him, to stay awake and be there with him.

How odd of God to make us friends. Yet God is odd indeed to our ways of thinking. And we can do few things as wonderful as take some time in the cool of the evening or the middle of the night or any other time to walk and be with the one who gives us life.

God's Peace,  
Gary+

## **Who Is My Neighbor?**

You have probably heard enough sermons on this subject to know that your neighbor is anyone with whom you come into contact. When you see a need, you try to meet it, whether that person lives right next door or across the county.

Kingston Parish used to rely heavily on Neighborhood Groups for relaying information, for gathering food for special events, for looking for volunteers at funeral receptions, and, especially, to provide food and/or transportation for our sick or homebound.

Emails and cell phones have become a much quicker way to relay information, but the Lay Visitors Ministry has noticed that these avenues don't help those who don't have computers, cell phones or internet. And many of those people are members in our church family who have the greatest need for a call or a visit from a friend.

In the coming weeks the Lay Visitors Group will work with the parish office to update our Neighborhood Groups. Once this is done, we will send the lists out to each neighborhood and ask one or two people to lead out in their neighborhood and host a neighborhood block party so that we can become better acquainted with each other. You may come up with other ways to fellowship together and strengthen the bonds of friendship that should exist in a church family. If you do, please take pictures and share with the rest of us!

## Bishop's Visit August 18

We will Confirm Jon Lewis and Dylan White at our service with Bishop Susan Goff on Sunday, August 18th at 10:00 AM. A reception for Bishop Susan and the Confirmands will follow in the Parish House.

## Fr. Gary *Bon Voyage*

Join us at the home of Shannon Kirschbaum, 127 Riverbank Way in Cobbs Creek, on Friday, August 23rd any time between 5 and 7 PM to give Fr. Gary a farewell hug and words of encouragement as he leaves for a three-month sabbatical. Keep Fr. Gary in your prayers that God will refresh and invigorate him and return him ready for ministry.

## Celtic Service

Our next Celtic service will be held Sunday, August 25th at 5:30 PM in Kingston Chapel.

## Education For Ministry Offered

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four year education program for lay people. We have a number of parishioners who have done the program. Gary used to mentor a group. The program is administered by Sewanee Theological Seminary in Tennessee and blends Scripture, tradition, Christian history, theology and your own personal spiritual journey to create a program that strengthens you in your faith and ministry for God and others. The program has weekly homework and a tuition cost. There is a group forming right now in our Wabingston community. The group will be mentored by the Rev. Jen Kimball --the same Jen who will be our interim rector while Gary is on sabbatical. The classes will be at either Ware or Abingdon depending on who signs up. If you are interested, you can call Jen at 804-335-6592. You may also ask Gary about the program. He recommends it highly! Since the group will begin in September, the books for the course need to be ordered very soon, so explore soon if you think you might want to do this!

## Sunset Cruise

Our July Sunset Cruise was postponed due to extreme heat. We have another opportunity to go on Friday, August 16th at 5:30 PM. Sign ups are out at both services. We need you to sign up again if you wish to attend. The cost remains \$30 per person. Bring a snack to share and a beverage of choice. Capt. Puddin is looking forward to seeing us all there. Come prepared for a three-hour cruise!

## Preschool Playground Clean Up

AUGUST 12

8:00AM-10:00AM

TOOLS NEEDED (Bring what you have):

- ◆ Rakes
- ◆ Shovels
- ◆ Paint Brushes
- ◆ Hammers
- ◆ Brooms
- ◆ A Love of Children and of Kingston Parish

We will clean, repair and organize the playground so it is in great shape to start the new school year.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS SERVED!!!**

If you have any questions please call Kelsey Desmond at 804-366-0250 or email her at [kdesmond4@yahoo.com](mailto:kdesmond4@yahoo.com).

Many hands make light work!



## Snack Packs

We will be doing our first Snack Pack packing of the 2019-2020 school year on Friday, August 23 at 9:30 AM in Kingston Chapel. We will be doing 250 packs, so help will be appreciated. This year, we are also providing daily snacks to those children at Thomas Hunter who come to school without a midday snack. This comes to about 300 individual snacks per week. Because of the generosity of Kingston Parish members and grants from the Community Foundation and Owens Foundation, we are able to do this. We hope to see you on the 23rd of August.

## Directory Changes

- Nina Allen's 911: 88 Hudgins Point Lane  
Cobbs Creek VA 23035
- Donna Jemmison Cell Number: (757) 409-8861
- Janice Rae Lawson's email:  
[lawsonjanice045@gmail.com](mailto:lawsonjanice045@gmail.com)

# Wabingston Fun Day at New Point Campground



# AUGUST



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**Monday, August 12 - 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**No cost: Kingston Parish will provide supper**

**Items to Bring:**

**swim suit**

**change of clothes**

**sunscreen**

**beach chairs**

**The Campground provides:**

**two playgrounds**

**a swimming pool**

**a pool for toddlers**

**a beach on the bay**

**a game room**

**laser tag**

**Contact [kingstonparish@verizon.net](mailto:kingstonparish@verizon.net) or 725-2175 if you plan to attend.**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you so much for all you did to ensure a successful blood drive in July. We exceeded our goal by four units. Many thanks for the volunteer hours and delicious cookies. I look forward to working with you again in a few years!  
Nan Cross



Some of the day's volunteers: Pat Neiger, Melvina Robinson, Marti Bowen, Signe Langschultz and Eleanor Dixon

## No Walls Community Day

No Walls Community Day is a joint effort amongst Mathews County Pastors, Churches, and Community Leaders to pull our resources together to make an impact in our community. Our first effort is to supply backpacks and school supplies to school age students. On the 24th of August at 2:00 PM at Port Fun we plan to distribute the backpacks during the event.

The event itself will also include free food, music, games, Corn Hole, Face Painting, Slushies, Chick-fil-A cow appearance, community interaction with Sheriff's Department, and there is more in the works!

Everyone is invited! If you would like to contribute school supplies and/or backpacks for the event, please bring them to the parish office.



## Memorial Flowers

Flower From the Heart has increased the cost of flowers by \$10 per vase. Our Altar Guild will reconfigure the costs of weekly flowers at Christ Church and monthly costs at Kingston Chapel. Stay tuned!

## Vestry Highlights (from the July 15th Vestry Meeting)

- Special Report: Mark Truscott spoke with concern about the care of the Confederate graves at Christ Church. The vestry discussed the matter and Valerie Lewis will respond to Mark by letter.
- Christ Church has room up front for three wheelchairs; we hope parishioners will use this space in order to be present for worship.
- The Parish House was struck by lightning during a recent storm; the internet modem, one refrigerator, an AC unit and one phone were affected; repairs have been made and insurance has been contacted.
- Trinity Church improvements are nearing completion; St. Thomas Anglican is eager to move in.
- Bishop Susan will be with us August 18th and will also meet with our vestry to discuss Fr. Gary's upcoming sabbatical and other parish matters.
- Banners have been put up around town to promote our preschool. We have a new assistant teacher, Jayda Hess. We will have a work day August 12th to prepare the playground for the new school year.
- Gale Gibson has agreed to be our stewardship chairman.
- Ron Lambert, Tom Reed and Fr. Gary are working together to bring the Endowment Committee's By-laws in line with the Canons of the Diocese of Virginia, to be voted on at the August vestry meeting.

*Dear Kingston Parish Members:*

*June 10, 2019*

*For many students, scholarships from community organizations are the only hope they have to pay for college tuition and expenses. Your contributions to our students' goals for high education are to be commended and are received with much appreciation.*

*I would like to sincerely thank you for your scholarships. You should not be disappointed in your selection of Victoria Bing, Sarah Brown, Morgan Buchanan, and Olivia Manning for the Kingston Parish Scholarship.*

*Once again, thank you very much for your interest in our students and your help in fulfilling their goals.*

*Sincerely, Lori G. Mountford, MHS Registrar*

### **Scholarship Fund Recipients**

Four graduating Mathews High School seniors received scholarship awards from Kingston Parish. We had over 20 applicants and choosing the recipients was a difficult task.

Olivia Manning received a \$2,000 scholarship. She will attend Christopher Newport and plans to study criminology and political science.

Sarah Brown received a \$1,000 scholarship and plans to attend Christopher Newport, where Sarah will begin a five-year Masters in Education degree.

Victoria Bing received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend John Tyler Community College to study mortuary science.

Morgan Buchanan received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend either Rappahannock Community College of Virginia Commonwealth University for the nursing program.

Good luck to these outstanding students.

Kippy Gilbert for the Scholarship Committee

### **Scholarship Recipient Thank You**

Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity and for believing in my future. This scholarship is helping my family and I tremendously and I will always be grateful for it. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to continue a higher education—thank you always!

Olivia Manning

### **Karen on Vacation**

I have booked two weeks at the Outer Banks this year—August 18-25 with my children and grandchildren and then September 8-15 with my mom, sisters and our spouses (my real vacation). I need help covering the office from 9-Noon on the days I am usually here, especially the second week, since Gary+ will be on sabbatical and Jen+ will just be starting her interim ministry with us. Please contact me if you can help! Thanks, Karen

### **Thank You's**

(for Newspaper subscriptions)

Dear Kingston Episcopal Parish,

Thank you for providing Thomas Hunter 6th Grade with the Gazette Journal—I really like couponing.

By a Sixth Grader

*Dear Kingston Episcopal Parish,*

*Thank you for the money you have supplied so that Thomas Hunter can have the Gazette Journal. I personally don't read the newspaper but my parents love it. Sometimes I read sections like sports, coupons, and recipes. The Gazette Journal is very enjoyable because when my uncle is reading it he is not complaining. I appreciate your money because I know you would rather send it somewhere else.*

*Thank you, a 6th grade student*

Dear Kingston Episcopal Parish,

Thank you for donating money to THMS so we can have the Gazette Journal to read. The Gazette Journal is very informative and entertaining at the same time. My favorite part of the newspaper is the sports section.

From Chloe at THMS

*Dear Gazette Journal Sponsor,*

*Thank you so much for sponsoring the newspaper for our classroom this year. The newspaper is used weekly for summarizing current events, learning how to look for jobs, finding rentals, making grocery lists, performing practical math problems, and overall enhances the educational process in our classroom. Thank you!*

*Stacie Martone, Special Ed Program*

We appreciate your support!

7th grade Civics, THMS

*Thank you for cluttering my backpack Gazette.*

*Anonymous 69*

## Parish Prayer List

### Pray For Our Parishioners

Lori Black for health issues (by Jay Black)  
 Chris French for pain and suffering (office)  
 Hank Furniss for circulatory issues in legs (office)  
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)  
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)  
 Martha Anne King for cancer (by Mary Chapman)  
 Martha Knight for stomach cancer (office)  
 Will Story for congestive heart failure (by Pat Dickey)  
 Rachel Vanden Bout (office)

### Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)  
 Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet)  
 Cheryl Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault)  
 JiRee Burrell (by Kathy Yent)  
 Jamie Callis for lung tumors (by Signe Langschultz)  
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)  
 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)  
 Terry Dobson for brain surgery (by Lynn May)  
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)  
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)  
 Mary Ellen Edwards for autoimmune disease (by Jan Mohr)  
 Krystal Elms for stage 4 lung cancer (by Mairi Furniss)  
 Matt Fentress for sudden loss of father and illness of mother (by Kathy Yent)  
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cyst (by Jay Black)  
 Walker Linden Ford for Sturge-Weber Syndrome (by Kathy Yent)  
 Barbara Fumagalli for overall poor health (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)  
 Taylor Wells Gearhart for myaonic dystrophy (by Nina Guy)  
 Doris Gibson for complications from shingles (by Paul Gibson)  
 Kendell Gleason for ALS (by Jim Husband)  
 Pat Graveline for colon/liver cancer (by Joe Mereness and Richard Scott)  
 Janet Griffin for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)  
 Suzanne West Guy for Parkinsons (by Nina Guy)  
 David Hawkins for complications from diabetes (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Linda Hawkins for mass on spine (by Rosemary Eaton)  
 Ken Heckle for a blockage (by Kathy Yent)  
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)  
 Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White)  
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)  
 Lori Kincade for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)  
 Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr)  
 Andrea Krause for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister)  
 Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy Yent)  
 Melissa McCarter for Parkinson's (by Eleanor Woollard)  
 Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard)  
 Margaret Minuth for knee replacement (by Anita Minuth)  
 Linda Monk for metastatic lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)  
 Jack Mullen for lung cancer (by Bill Mullen)  
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)  
 Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)  
 Janet Parsons for undiagnosed illness (by MK Diggs)  
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)  
 Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley)

## August Birthdays

Bill Mullen	4
Scooter Ransone	4
Marti Bowen	5
Cara Christopher	6
Cooper LaCasse	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
Pete Guy	20
Betty Salley	23
Pat Dickey	25
Martha McCartney	25
George Truscott	28
Jim Taylor	30

## Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Colin Bucknor  
 BJ Cavazos  
 Yvette Gaither  
 Joe Kraynak  
 Megan Kraynak  
 Hib McNeilly  
 Joey Plotino  
 Jennifer Schmidt  
 Zach Schmidt  
 George Truscott  
 William Truscott  
 Nicholas Webster

Stefanie Powers (by Lisa McCann)  
 Norris Richardson for Parkinsons (by the Warrens)  
 Erin Robertson for AA neuropathy (Warrens)  
 Mark Robins for brain cancer (by Tom Ingram)  
 Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (Kathy Yent)  
 Raymond Shackelford gall bladder surgery (by Nan Cross)  
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)  
 Scott Thompson (by Jan Mohr)  
 Marsha Threlkeld for breast cancer (by Debbie Lambert)  
 Joe Tomlinson (by Josie Thorpe)  
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)  
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)  
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

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4 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 HE II-KC Visiting organist and pianist Jim Andrews	5 8 am Counters-L	13 12 8 am Counters-L 8-10 am Preschool Playground Clean up 10:30 Preschool Bd.-L 1-5 pm Wabingston Fun Day at New Point Campground	7 12 pm Healing/HE-MC	8 7 pm AA-PH	9 5:30 pm Sunset Cruise in Deltaville	10
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18 10 am Bishop Visit with Confirmation-KC 11:30-ish Reception	19 8 am Counters-L 7 pm Vestry-L	20 CRIER DEADLINE	21 12 pm Healing/HE-MC	22 7 pm AA-PH	23 9:30 am Snack Packs-PH 5-7 pm <i>Bon Voyage</i> Open House for Fr. Gary at Shannon Kirschbaum's	24 2 pm No Walls Community Gathering at Port Fun Playground
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**The Very Rev Gary Barker, Rector**

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### **THE VESTRY**

Senior Warden	Valerie Lewis
Junior Warden	Hunt Thompson
Christian Formation	Marti Bowen
Communications	Rachel Morris
Fellowship	Shannon Kirschbaum
Hospitality	Jackie Ingram
Outreach	Mary Kathryn Diggs
Preschool Liaison	Jan Mohr
Worship and Spirituality	Ray Stubblebine
Treasurer	Tom Reed
Recorder	Carol Swartz

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Vicki L. Carter Timothy W. Hudgins John Machen, Sr.

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL & REGION II**

Reed Lawson, Lay Delegate  
Mary Chapman, Alternate

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Vicki Carter	Bookkeeper

### **KINGSTON PARISH PRESCHOOL**

**725-3211**

Rachel Musick	Preschool Director
Jayda Hess	Assistant Teacher

### **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. The Holy Eucharist with Healing each  
Wednesday in the Meditation Chapel