

KINGSTON CRIER

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The Rector's Visions

“Today is the first day of the rest of your life.” Or so the saying goes. And then there’s the darker or somewhat funny version: “Today is the first day of what’s left of your life.” There’s the poet, Mary Oliver’s, most beautiful version: “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Perhaps the Old Testament version is Joshua’s words: “Choose this day who you will serve!” And Jesus’s version is: “Who do you say that I am?”

As we come out of pandemic with fits and starts, it is this discombobulation of questions that won’t leave me alone. And I feel it chew at me not only personally but for our church, the Episcopal Church, the Christian church, and the world. Who are we as we come out of pandemic? How have we changed? How are we able to choose to be more clearly, strongly, truly people of the living Christ? The layers and possibilities are daunting! Am I praying the way I want to pray, listening for God in all my life? Am I choosing to do the things for ministry that are really helping people and God? Is my worship of God rich for God or simply what I want to do? How do I love my neighbor? How do I love God? How do I love myself?

And for a couple months now, I have waited patiently for God to give me a clear and simple answer, but here’s the thing: in the beautiful complexity of our wild and precious lives clear and simple answers are rare indeed. The closest we come is probably Jesus’ summation of the law: “Love God and love your neighbor as yourself.” But love is a loaded word. And really so are the words God, neighbor and self. What that looks like today for me is probably different from what that looks like for you today. And neither of us can guess what it will look like tomorrow or the next day! Jesus spoke of following him and living in the way. Long before followers of Jesus were called “Christian” in Antioch, we were called “people of the Way.” Sometimes I fear we are people in God’s way – impediments to the Kingdom. So perhaps that is a signpost for our way forward: how do I/we live in a way that doesn’t get in God’s way?

As we move into this new day, let us examine what we are about as individuals and as a church. Let us pray and listen for God’s voice. Let us explore The Way. And perhaps we should even spend less time trying to measure just how far down the way we are getting toward success or the Kingdom or God or whatever we imagine is at the end of the Way. Perhaps our task is to live fully on the way. What is it that you and I will do with the precious gifts of life and time and love we have been given in these days?

God’s peace,

Fr. Gary



Pam Machen’s Garden, preparing to burst into bloom!

Kingston Preschool Closes

After being closed for more than a year for pandemic, the Kingston Preschool is going to remain closed. The Vestry, at the recommendation of the Preschool Board, has decided, after much prayer and exploration, that our ministry in the preschool is not presently needed in our community. We grieve the loss of this ministry, but know there will be other ways we can serve young families in our community. We will welcome the use of the preschool space for our children's Sunday School program for now, and are exploring where else we might serve the community. Special thanks to the Preschool Board and our Board chairperson, Kelsey Desmond, for all their hard work. And Godspeed to our beloved Rachel Musick who is slowly healing from her accident and will not be returning to Mathews.

Vestry Notes (from June 21st Zoom Meeting)

- Our 10:30 service was live-streamed through YouTube.com successfully last Sunday. Our thanks to Mary Ann Carr for her hard work.
- Thanks to those who attended the work day in May and cleaned around the Rectory and the labyrinth.
- The Junior Wardens have been busy making repairs in the Parish House.
- The Treasurer reported a good financial month.
- The Diocese is offering financial incentives for congregations to consider using solar energy. This is something we need to consider.
- The Shrine Mont Wabingston Retreat will be July 30-August 1.
- Fr. Gary will be on vacation August 2-16.
- The vestry decided to have the Fall Fair this fall. What it looks like is yet to be determined. John Lee Machen has parked his tractor trailer at the Parish House for donations.
- The Cemetery Committee submitted a letter requesting improvements to the Christ Church Cemetery grounds; more discussion is needed before any decisions are made.
- Lisa McCann will continue Nina Allen's practice of writing thank you notes to people who make various donations to Kingston Parish.
- The next zoom vestry meeting will be July 19th at 5:30 PM. Thanks to Martha Ellen Trabant for taking the minutes this month.

Fall Fair 2021

Just say "yes"

What better way to celebrate our regathering and our outreach mission than to have the Kingston Parish Fall Fair in person once again! In June your Vestry agreed that Fall Fair should happen this year, Saturday October 16th, 2021. Although there is a lot of work to be done, preparation is already underway. Tom Reed graciously agreed to get us started by contacting former Booth Leaders and reserving the tents. John Lee Machen has delivered a tractor trailer to receive items to sell. Trish Reed has begun sorting items in the Rectory to make room for your donations. We have some items already, but welcome many more over the next few months. Now is the time to bring them in.

We will need lots of hands to make this Fall Fair the best ever. We are looking for Booth Leaders and willing helpers. We also need an auctioneer and help with picking up items. We need help before, during and after Fall Fair. So, when you get a call or an email asking to help out, please say "YES." Better yet, don't wait for that call, just email Mary Kathryn Diggs at diggsmk49@gmail.com and let her know you are willing. She will pass your name on to the appropriate leader.

As a church community, over the past 15 months, we haven't been able to carry out some of our outreach programs as we have in the past! With Fall Fair 2021, we have an opportunity to come together in fellowship with a common goal of helping the community at large.

With grateful heart, I thank you in advance for saying "YES" when you get that call!

Mary Chapman
Senior Warden

Kingston Parish Email Correction

When we switched from Verizon phones and internet to Atlantic Broadband we were given a new email address, which I thought we had to use. I since discovered that we can keep our old email address, so for now that is what we will do. Please erase the atlanticbbc.net ending and send your emails to:

kingstonparish@verizon.net

AOL.com continues to support our Verizon email address. Thank you, Karen Jones

Parish House Parking Lot

Alleluia! Kingston has received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Diocese of Virginia Lee Fund for Small Churches to repair and upgrade the driveway and parking area at Kingston Parish House! Special thanks to Marti Bowen and Jan Mohr who made the application to the diocese for the vestry -- and, of course, to the diocese for their generous support of our local ministry! Look for the day you won't have to dodge the potholes as you drive into the parish house area!

A Special Visit to Christ Church

Dear Kingston,

21 June 2021

My two sons, Larry and Chris, took me to Kingston Parish on 8 June from Irvington, in a wheelchair with van and driver—first time in over 1 1/2 years I've seen them, and first time in 5+ years I've been to Kingston Parish! Larry lives in Sheridan, Oregon and Chris just outside of St. Louis, Missouri.

The cemetery and grounds were truly awesome—they looked ready for the bishop! Greener grass and trim I have yet to see.

Our Rev. Father Gary and Vestry are truly outstanding and “the little old church” with brick ways and parking were/are impeccably maintained.

Well done, dear friends—you beat the Covid Devil.

Sincerely,
Larry Treadwell

(Larry has been a faithful member for years, and a former Properties Warden. He currently lives at RWC in Irvington.)

(Pictured, from left: son Larry III, our Larry, and son Christopher, behind the tombstones of Larry's first wife, Ellen Maurer Treadwell and second wife, Elsie Ernst Treadwell.)



Thank You and Farewell

We had to say goodbye to Paul and Rachel Vanden Bout, who recently moved down to Texas. Paul was “instrumental” (get it? :) in building the casings for our new organs and we greatly benefited from his craftsmanship and his knowledge.

Please make this change to their contact information:

Paul & Rachel Vanden Bout
4818 Berkman Drive
Apartment 4157
Austin TX 78723

Their phone numbers and emails will remain the same.



Thank You from the Mathews Land Conservancy 2020 Capital Campaign

June 24, 2021

Dear Members of Kingston Parish,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to The Annual Fund. Your unrestricted gift is especially helpful now as we continue to remain open under State and CDC guidelines for COVID-19. We are hopeful for a new year with fewer restrictions and more opportunities for programs at our primary sites, Williams Wharf and Bayside Landing. Please know that these properties are accessible to you for recreation, relaxation, informal small group programs and other activities.

Your generous support continues to help us strengthen the organization, our partnerships, and our ability to provide community programs and accessibility to the water.

We will provide you with more updates in the weeks ahead. Best wishes for a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Tim Hudgins, President
Board of Directors
Mathews Land Conservancy



June 2021

Dear People of Kingston Parish,

Thank you all so very much for the lovely basket of wonderful goodies, from candy to wine. Needless to say, we ate better that afternoon than we had in a long time.

We will always cherish our time we had at Kingston and we will forever hold you all in our hearts. Thank you again for being so kind and thoughtful.

With love,
Jim and Laura Andrews

Scholarship Fund Recipients

The Kingston Parish Scholarship Committee met in early May and selected here graduating seniors to receive the awards. After a challenging year for these students three will receive scholarships.

Brittany Ottarson will receive a \$2,000 award. Brittany will attend Rappahannock Community College and pursue a Nursing degree.

Austin Crocker will receive a \$1,500 award. Austin will attend Virginia Tech and work toward a Mathematics degree.

Sophie Gibson will receive a \$1,500 award. Sophie will attend Rappahannock Community College and pursue a degree in Business Administration.

The committee worked long to select these three seniors. We were pleased to review many applicants with outstanding qualifications.

Many thanks to our committee: Bert Cross, Mary Kathryn Diggs, Reed Lawson, Deirdre McElroy, Martha Story and Kippy Gilbert

Dear Kingston Parish

June 6, 2021

Thank you for the generous Kingston Parish Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. I am appreciative and grateful to have been chosen to receive this scholarship award. I have currently already finished my dual enrollment English class at RCC and am enrolled in a summer college success class to take before I start fulltime in the Fall. I will attend RCC for two years and then transfer to a four-year school for two more years to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. College is not cheap, so this scholarship has really helped me.

Your generous contribution to my education has reduced my financial burden, which will allow me to focus more on school and less on how I will be paying for college. Thank you again for your generosity,

Sophie M. Gibson

From Pat Elliot: "Thanks for all of the card donations! I'm good for now."

Thank You

Dear Kingston,

Thank you to all for the thoughts, prayers, inquiries, smiles and encouragement during Cooper's surgery and healing. As any of you with children know - the injury and surgery were nothing compared with the trials of keeping a teenager down and inactive for 12 weeks. He's back up and running at full tilt, and we are so grateful for your support.

Berni & Cooper LaCasse

Dear Kingston Parish friends,

June 1, 2021

On behalf of the family of Cheryl Lamport, thank you for the cards, emails and phone calls expressing your condolences. While her health had been declining significantly in recent months, the sudden loss of our beloved mother and "Memaw" has been devastating to us and we greatly appreciate you holding us in your thoughts and prayers. As we navigate the future without her, it is comforting to know she was loved by so many.

Sincerely,
Stacie Baird (Daughter)



Eloise Leslie, granddaughter of Martha Ellen Traband, made Resurrection Rolls during Easter using the instructions sent to the children by Marti Bowen, Christian Education Warden

Parish Prayer List

July Birthdays

Pray For Our Parishioners

Pat Bateman for a fall (by Reed Lawson)
 Hank Furniss for non-tremor Parkinsons (by Mairi Furniss)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Neil Holmberg for heart issues (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Martha Knight for congestive heart failure (office)
 Allan May for mass on pancreas (office)
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)
 Mary Ellen Stimson recovering from hip surgery (office)
 Will Story for illness (by Martha Story)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Steve Buis for cancer (by Debbie Lambert)
 Mickey Burchell for lung cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Sarah Caramia for cataract surgeries (by Martha Ellen Traband)
 The Carter Family (by Vicki Carter)
 Frank Comme - young man who had a stroke (by Signe Langschultz)
 Yolanda Conaway (by Kathy Yent)
 Virginia Cooke for guidance (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 Linda Crowe for lung cancer (by Duffy Crowe)
 Everett Digges (by Berni LaCasse)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 Tommy Dutton for hip repair (by Becca Brown)
 Nancy Emory for medical tests (by Martha McCartney)
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cancer (by Jay Black)
 Walker Linden Ford for Sturge-Weber Syndrome (by Kathy Yent)
 Lori Fuller for cancer in lymph nodes (by Joe Mereness)
 Drew Furniss for depression (by Mairi Furniss)
 Peter Furniss for return of Lymphoma (by Mairi Furniss)
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by Paul Gibson)
 Linda Hawkins for return of cancer (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Cathy Heach for breast cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)
 Daniel Howlett for a bad fall (by Jan Mohr)
 Jerry Johnson for Huntington's Disease (by M Bowen)
 Michael Johnson for throat cancer (by S. Langschultz)
 Van Johnson for shoulder surgery (by ME Traband)
 Carolyn Jones (by Josie Thorpe)
 John Michael Jones (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Bill King for lymphoma of CNS (by Mairi Furniss)
 Belinda Kratzer for surgery complications (by K. Yent)
 Skip Lewis (by Valerie Lewis)
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)
 Robert McCreary for cancer (by Willie Hubbard)
 Sudy McKnight for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Janet Mikionis for cancer pain (by Kathy Yent)
 Art Miller for 3rd degree burns on legs (by K. Yent)
 Kristen Moran for breast cancer (by Jan Mohr)
 Keith Morgan for prostate cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Rachel Musick recovery from auto accident (office)
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)

Jimmy Eaton	1
Joan Hammond	3
Scooter Ransone	7
Jay Black	10
Joe Bridgforth	10
Sally Bridgforth	12
Bud Shinault	18
Ann Norris	19
Hank Furniss	20
Carl Aschman	20
Jesse Lockaby	20
Nina Guy	22
Kathy Mallory	23
Tom Bowen	24
Charlie Carter	25
Rosemary Eaton	27
Lynn May	28
Danny Webster	29
John Deputy	30

Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Colin Bucknor
 BJ Cavazos
 Yvette Gaither
 Chris Ivy
 Joe Kraynak
 Megan Kraynak
 Hib McNeilly
 Joey Plotino
 William Story Scarlett
 Zach Schmidt
 George Truscott
 William Truscott
 Dawson Turner
 Nicholas Webster

Kenny, Nela, Erik Palmer for Covid (by Kathy Yent)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Stefanie Powers (by Lisa McCann)
 Helen Price for Lymphoma (by Jan Mohr)
 Josiah Raub for heart issues (by Hank Furniss)
 Maggie Rawlings for pancreatic/liver cancer (K Yent)
 Jean Rhines for future care (by Frances Hudgins)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)
 Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)
 Sue Ann Singleton (by Kathy Yent)
 The Studer family for daughter's suicide (by Neigers)
 Charlie Szeglin for heart surgery and memory (by Sig)
 Marsha Threlkeld for terminal cancer (by D. Lambert)
 Richard Wahl for metastasized cancer (by MK Diggs)
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)
 Jack Williams for pneumonia (by Kathy Yent)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

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July



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4 <i>Independence Day</i> 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 HE II-KC	5	6 9 am Fr. Gary does Wabingston Podcast	7 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC	8 7 pm AA-PH	9	10
11 <i>Pentecost 10</i> 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 HE II-KC	12	13 9 am Fr. Gary does Wabingston Podcast	14 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC	15 7 pm AA-PH	16	17
18 <i>Pentecost 11</i> 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 HE II-KC	19 5:30 pm Vestry Zoom Mtg.	20 9 am Fr. Gary does Wabingston Podcast	21 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC	22 7 pm AA-PH	23	24
25 <i>Pentecost 12</i> 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 HE II-KC	26	27 9 am Fr. Gary does Wabingston Podcast	28 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC	29 4:30 pm Fr. Gary's Zoom Colleagues Mtg. 7 pm AA-PH	30	31
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Serving At Large	Cindy Machen Lisa McCann Martha Ellen Traband
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Recorder	Carol Swartz

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Lisa McCann, Lay Delegate

STAFF

Karen Jones	Parish Secretary
Vicki Carter	Bookkeeper

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

Wednesday

12:00 p.m.	Midweek Eucharist in Meditation Chapel in the Parish House
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