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The Rector's Visions

***But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.***

-- Jeremiah 31:33 (with a near exact repeat in Hebrews 10:16)

After those days. We are the people after *those* days. Or at least we are getting there. As I write this, we have reported no new cases of COVID-19 in the last seven days in Mathews County for the first time in a long time! (See later in the newsletter for news about what we will be doing with worship and ministry in *these* days.) How have *those* days – the days of pandemic – changed you and changed our church? Do you feel the law of God more deeply written on your heart? Do you know better than ever that you are God's own child?

What has changed? And how are you reacting? I know, for myself, the deep importance of relationships with family, friends, and church has been written large. And the rushing from one activity to the next to do something "worthy" seems much less attractive. How will I make sure I have time to be with the people God has given me to love in this life and not feel I have to prove myself good enough by keeping busy? What can I change to be more present to God and God's people?

For some time now, I have been praying and reading and struggling for an answer. I have been having rich and wonderful discussions with some of you in our Adult Class on Coming out of Exile. So what am I -- what are we -- supposed to DO differently? There have been no great epiphanies with clear answers. Change is coming; change has come; but it all is happening at its own pace and in its own fashion. I am not in control. And recently, this is what I discovered: God has written on my heart. God has written in your heart, too. Just listen each day, read your heart as you prepare for every decision you make. And remember that you and all your beloved are God's people.

As we gather back for in-person worship indoors, I still hold a little fear that we will be part of another COVID outbreak. I harbor fear about how I and we are going to miss many folks who have died or moved away more deeply when we see the empty pews and chairs. I wonder if some of our ministries that have not been happening may not be the ministries we are called to do in this new day. I am sad to know that a few church members have been angry and disappointed that I and our Bishop have held to the CDC guidelines for safety through the pandemic. In a time of political polarities, we have God's deep reconciliation to work out with fear and trembling, forgiveness, and hope for the Unity of the Holy Spirit.

I could be overwhelmed by the negative now as we come out of pandemic; the exile of pandemic may be ending, but the new world emerging is still daunting and full of possible trouble. There are so many positives as well! We have survived as individuals and as a church! We not only survived, but we have lived out being the church in so many ways – helping the community, worshipping, praying – with flexibility and faithfulness. People have offered their financial support for our work in so many ways; we are not out of the financial woods completely as a church, but your generous faithfulness is an inspiration and will enable us to do the work of ministry in the days to come. We have learned new things, grown in faith, deepened our connections to one another. Even on zoom we have grown community! We have added new members and are finding a new energy to welcome and find more new members. We are a stronger, more faithful church because of what we have been through together. We were faithful in *those* days and God is doing new things with us now in *these* days! It is still hard to guess where we are headed and how we will get there, but we have people to love, the poor and broken to care for, and a God to worship and follow. And as we struggled together through *those* dark days, the deepest truths of all creation have been written with the divine hand on our hearts. May we go forth from *those* days and into *these* days as God's own people!

God's Peace,

Gary+

Worship and Ministry in the Latter Days of COVID-19

We are moving out of pandemic! On May 30th, we will return to indoor in-person worship. Here are our current guidelines:

All vaccinated people will no longer need to social distance or mask at church events. It is recommended that un-vaccinated people attend our online worship, but if they wish to come for our in-person worship, they should wear masks, social distance, and avoid singing until they are fully vaccinated. Communion will remain in one kind (bread/wafer) for now. And our online live-stream will continue to offer a spiritual communion prayer for those who cannot attend in-person.

At present, there are no new cases of COVID-19 being reported in Mathews County. Should something happen with a variant or some unforeseen problem, it is possible that we would have to go back to only outdoor worship and/or online worship, but we hope and pray that will not be the case.

Pay careful attention to our schedule of worship as we move out of pandemic. As we move forward, we will need to remain flexible for now. We will also be having substitute organists/choir directors over the next few months as we search for a new chief musician for the parish, but we will be able to start singing and having the choir sing at our in-person worship.

All meetings and ministries of the church may schedule with the office for use of space. And again, vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks in the building or keep social distance at meetings and ministry.

Our lay pastoral care will again be available to visit with people. In hospitals and other facilities, masks and reservations are still usually required. Home communion with bread/wafer only is also now possible.

Here is the schedule for worship for the weeks ahead:

May 30, Trinity Sunday, our (last recorded) online worship will be available on YouTube and Facebook no later than 6 PM on the Saturday night before. We will have one shared service inside the Kingston Parish Chapel at 10 AM. We will be able to sing and hear the new organ as we say goodbye and Godspeed to Jim and Laura Andrews.

Beginning on Sunday, June 6, we will return to an 8 AM worship at Christ Church and a 10:30 worship at Kingston Chapel. The 10:30 worship will be live-streamed on YouTube and will be available later in the day on our Facebook page for anyone who cannot attend our worship in person. This online worship looks like it may well be here to stay for ever after pandemic and allows us to worship with Kingston when we are unable to attend for any reason.

Choir will return on June 13 after all their hard work to make a virtual choir. Beginning June 13, choir will gather at 9:45 at Kingston Chapel for a 30 minute rehearsal before the 10:30 worship. During the time of our substitute musicians, choir will probably only sing at the 10:30 worship. But hopefully by no later than September 1 we will have a new musician in place and choir will probably alternate between 8 and 10:30.

On **Wednesday, June 9th**, Fr. Gary will resume the mid-week Eucharist in Kingston Chapel.

The Office Reopens

Effective May 28th the parish office will officially be open! Karen's hours will remain Tuesday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM.

Fr. Gary's office hours will be scheduled around continuing zoom meetings, which he is better fitted to do from home. As we transition from home to office you may continue to call the office to schedule appointments with him, whether in person or by phone.



Vestry Notes

From the May 17th Zoom Meeting

- Money has been donated for benches at the labyrinth.
- A work day is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th, to clean up in and around the Rectory.
- May 30th will be Jim Andrews' last Sunday with us. We will express our appreciation to him during the worship service.
- Tom Reed reported that we are still operating under budget, and we are relying more on endowment income than in the past.
- A committee has formed to search for a new organist/choir director.
- We will have our first indoor service on May 30th since mid-March, 2020.
- Lisa McCann was approved as our lay delegate to the Diocesan Convention and the Upper Tidewater regional meetings.
- Fr. Gary's Monday class will continue to meet online for the time being.
- We will celebrate Pentecost May 23rd at Ware Church along with Abingdon.
- We hope that Fall Fair will resume as an in-person event this year.
- Mary Ann Carr is working with Ray Stubblebine to begin live-streaming our Kingston Chapel worship services online in June.
- A Celtic service is being planned for June 20.
- The Preschool Board met and decided not to reopen the preschool this fall.
- The next vestry meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 5:30 p.m.

New Addresses for the Directory

We welcome these new members!

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Celtic Service

Join us for a Celtic Service in Kingston Chapel on
Sunday, June 20, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy the beauty and serenity of our first *Celtic Eucharist* since the pandemic. In this service, we will celebrate the Summer Solstice with lighted candles, prayers, scripture and music. Steeped in tradition, the service will fill your soul with its atmosphere of stillness and peace, inviting you into a place of meditative silence, prayer and reflection. All present will have the opportunity to light candles as a symbolic reminder of their prayers.

We invite you to bring family and friends to this contemplative evening worship. People of all faiths are welcome. Children old enough to enjoy the experience of stillness and quiet are encouraged to come.

Weekend at Shrine Mont

The registration form for our Shrine Mont weekend (July 30-August 1) is on page 5 of this newsletter. Please consider joining us for a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, food and worship in the beautiful mountains of Virginia. If you have any questions, you may contact Marti Bowen, 804-815-3691.

Memorial Scatter Garden at Christ Church

Last month the office was included in an email from Reed Lawson to her Memorial Scatter Garden team, assigning their weeks to maintain this special garden.

We have had many graveside burials in the Christ Church cemetery since the pandemic began. The scatter gardens have been a lovely backdrop to these services.

Thanks to the current tenders of the scatter garden: Reed Lawson, Becca Brown, Pete and Sue Jennette, Pamela and Leo Viens, Danny and Mary Dabney Webster, Ron and Debbie Lambert, Willie and MaryAnn Hubbard, Josie Thorpe, Anne Leddy, Sandy Wilson and Hunt Thompson (John Machen, Sr. and John Lee Machen, consultants)

[If any names were omitted, the fault lies with the parish secretary and corrections will be in the July newsletter.]

Pentecost Sunday Celebration



What a wonderful day with Abingdon and Ware! Thanks to Marti Bowen and Mary Chapman for the photographs.



Fourth Annual Wabingston Weekend *(Ware, Abingdon, and Kingston)*

At Shrine Mont Camp and Conference Center in Orkney Springs

Friday, July 30 to Sunday, August 1

Theme: *In Harmony*

So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Romans 14:19

Our Contact: Marti Bowen at (804)815-3691 or blueherons3@verizon.net

Friday: a warm welcome at Virginia House; get Room Assignments

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Arrival Activities

Saturday: Breakfast

Gathering for worship and workshops in the parlor

Lunch followed by free time for hiking, Golf at Bryce, napping, games, reading and pool time

Supper

Listen to “Kansas” on the porch—provided by the Shenandoah Music Festival. You may order tickets online or join others for a free concert from the porches of Virginia House.

[www. musicfest.org](http://www.musicfest.org) (for tickets)

Visit the Shrine Mont website and click on the yellow rectangle up top to see what changes they have implemented to keep us safe, www.shrinemont.com

Sunday: Breakfast

Worship at Shrine of the Transfiguration

Lunch, then Departure

Return bottom portion with deposit to church office

Registration

(Applications and half of the cost due to church office by June 11: balance due July 9)

Adults (Names) _____

Children under 3 (Names) _____

Children 4-12 (Names) _____

Children 13-18 (Names) _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

*Costs: (Children 18 and under are FREE)

One adult for two nights with double occupancy and six meals \$180 x _____ (# adults) = _____

One Adult for two nights with single occupancy and six meals \$240 x _____ (# adults) = _____

Balance due _____

**Scholarships available; speak with Fr. Gary. Don't let lack of money keep you from this wonderful experience!*

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Jim Andrews for Afib (office)
 Pat Bateman for a fall (by Reed Lawson)
 Becca Brown for recovery from knee surgery (office)
 Hank Furniss for non-tremor Parkinsons (by Mairi Furniss)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Martha Knight for congestive heart failure (office)
 Cooper LaCasse for recovery from rotator cuff surgery (by Berni LaCasse)
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)
 Will Story for illness (by Martha Story)
 Jim Taylor for grief (by office)

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)
 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)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 Tommy Dutton for hip repair (by Becca Brown)
 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)
 Peter Furniss for return of Lymphoma (by Mairi Furniss)
 John and Stacy Gibbs for Covid (by Signe Langschultz)
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by Paul Gibson)
 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)
 Rick Jones recovering from injury (by Richard Jones)
 Bill King for lymphoma of CNS (by Mairi Furniss)
 Belinda Kratzer for surgery complications (by Kathy 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)
 Peter Nieman for kidney cancer (by ?)
 Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)

June Birthdays

Rachel Morris	4
Valerie Lewis	6
Peggy Wintzer	7
Gloria Diggs	7
Brent Morris	8
Mary Dabney Webster	10
Mary Kathryn Diggs	12
John Lee Machen	13
Harrison Fuller	14
Bill Crowe	15
Ray Stubblebine	16
Jonny McCann	20
Karen Johnston	21
Mike Reed	21
Dorothy Jeffress	23
Phillip Machen	23
Karen Geddes	24
Ronald Greene	29
Bill Stearns	29

Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Colin Bucknor
 BJ Cavazos
 Yvette Gaither
 Chris Ivy
 Joe and Megan Kraynak
 Hib McNeilly
 Joey Plotino
 William Story Scarlett
 Zach Schmidt
 George & 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)
 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)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)
 Jack Williams for pneumonia (by Kathy Yent)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)
 Kristina Zaruba for bypass surgery (ME Traband)

Sun

Mon

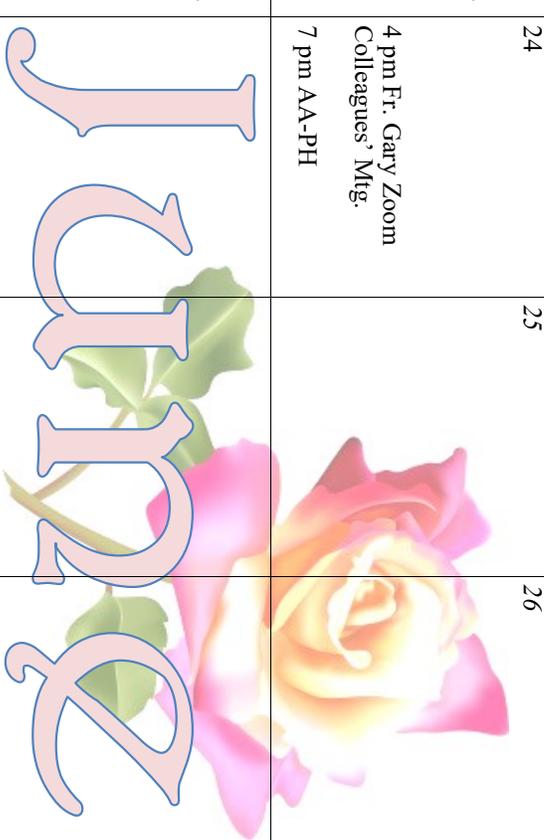
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	May 31, 2021 <i>Memorial Day</i>	1 9 am Fr. Gary's Podcast Zoom recording	2	3 4 pm Fr. Gary Zoom Diocesan Mtg. 7 pm AA-PH	4	5 12 pm Burial Service for Linda McCann-CC
6 8 am HE I-CC 9 am Men's SS 10:30 am HE II-KC	7 4 pm Online Class	8 9 am Fr. Gary's Podcast Zoom recording	9 12 pm Midweek Eucha- rist-MC	10 11 am MCCMA-PH 4 pm Fr. Gary Zoom Diocesan Mtg 7 pm AA-PH	11	12
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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 (beginning June 9)

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