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The Rector's Visions

Here we are at the month of giving thanks. We begin by giving thanks for all the saints who have come before us and the chance to follow them into God's holiness. At the same time, we will give thanks for all the gifts of life and dedicate ourselves to God by making our financial pledges and promises for 2021. Ten days later, we give thanks for all those veterans who have given of themselves that we might have more peace and freedom than we ever would have had without their work and sacrifice. Then, later in the month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving itself when we give thanks to God for everything.

And this year, Thanksgiving will be a little different. As most everything has been a little different this year. Most of us won't be making long journeys to be with family. Many of us will not be able to have a table full of family and friends. And we won't be able to have a parish hall full of people gathering to receive our thanksgiving meal and share in our fellowship. Like other times this year, we will be creative and find ways to zoom together, make and take meals to those who might otherwise not have one safely, and keep in contact and communion in ways that keep us all safe in the face of a pandemic.

How will you give thanks? What are you thankful for this year? It may just be me, but I think I am hearing folks say more and more "when we can be together again, I'll" Someday we will be past the dangers of this pandemic and be able to be together in ways we have missed for over 7 months now. And there will be much to give thanks for then! But God is also blessing us now. There is much to give thanks for right now in the midst of the pandemic. Here are a few new things I am thankful for these days:

I am thankful that we all yearn for Eucharist at the altar
I am thankful that we desire to be together for worship
I am thankful for all the ways we are doing worship and prayer and study right now
I am thankful for the ways this pandemic has helped me see priorities; to know what is really important in my life and the life of our parish with new eyes
I am thankful for how close I feel to you all even though I don't get to be physically close to you
I am thankful for all the work that has been done in our church buildings including the new organs that will make our new life together richer, safer, stronger
I am thankful for the financial generosity of so many of you in your continued support of the ministries we share at Kingston
I am thankful for all of you who continue to find creative ways to be God's ministers – especially your vestry and staff
I am thankful for our virtual choir and all who sing in this strange new way to make praise and prayers in music
I am thankful for you all who are being safe, staying home when you can, wearing masks, and otherwise honoring one another by seeking to protect one another
I am thankful for the resources and love the diocese has showered upon us through these days
I am thankful for the love we share from God that cannot be overcome by anything
I am thankful for the hope that we will one day be able to be physically close again and know that incarnate love in a hug or a handshake or a pat on the back

There is always so much to give thanks for to God. Always. And this year is no different. I haven't even begun with my list. What are you thankful for? How can you show God your thanks? And how might your gratefulness bring a richness to these days of pandemic, bless them and bless us all? We can expend our energies complaining that the cup is empty because of the pandemic, or we can fill it with all that God gives us today. Then we will discover that actually even now our cup overflows.

God's Peace, ***Fr. Gary***

Ecumenical Prayer Service Led By Bishop Curry November 1

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead a live-streamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral, *Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness*, on All Saints **Sunday, November 1, at 4 p.m.** In the midst of pandemic, racial reckoning, and a historic election, the live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope, and a call to love God and neighbor. Using a combination of live and visually stunning pre-recorded elements gathered from across the nation, the service will feature an ecumenical and multi faith array of voices, musical offerings, and prayers.

All Saints' Day Worship and Ingathering

On Sunday, November 1st, we will remember with thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us. We will also dedicate our pledge cards to God for the coming year.

Extra pledge cards are available at the office.

Social Services Christmas Store

Kingston Parish is delighted to once again support the Mathews County Christmas Store by filling stockings for the children. Stockings are labeled boy or girl, and an age range (1-3, 3-5, 5-7, etc.). We ask that you fill it with small toys and games, socks, toothbrushes, kids soaps or shampoo, etc. Stockings will be available for pickup on the pew in the vestibule at Kingston Parish. You can return them filled to the same location. We must have all the stockings stuffed by December 1.

Please call Berni La Casse with any questions, 804-384-7740

The Wabingston Clergy Klatch

Have you checked out the little Bible study that the three Wabingston clergy are doing these days? Each Sunday morning a new edition is released in which Scott Parnell, Sven vanBaars, and Gary discuss the scriptures for that Sunday. It's about 30 minutes of thinking about God's word. You can access it on the Kingston Parish Facebook page, type in "The Wabingston Clergy Klatch" on the YouTube page, or you can listen to it as a podcast at <https://open.spotify.com/show/4CI5D9e8byDgLDIXgBaoex>

Thanksgiving Service Needs Your Input

One of the joys in the midst of our isolation these days is getting to see one another whether it's with masks on at Food Lion, at an outdoor worship service, or online in one of our zoom church meetings. As part of our thanksgiving celebration this year, we will have an online service on Thanksgiving Day. As part of that service, Gary would like to gather as many of you together as we can in the ways we can. Think of one thing you are thankful to God for. Then either

- Make a short video of you saying "I thank God for" OR
- Take a photo of your face with a notecard or placard that says "I thank God for _____."

Families and couples can make separate offerings or join together in one video or photo. Email them to Gary (barkergaryj@gmail.com – don't forget the letter "j") by the end of Monday, November 23, to be included in the service. Thanks!

Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

November 26, 2020
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Thanksgiving Dinners will be available for pick-up or delivery beginning at 11:30 AM. Please contact the office and let us know how many meals you will need.

We will need help delivering the Meals On Wheels dinners.

If you can help with cooking food, preparing meals for pick-up, delivering meals or cleaning up afterwards, please contact Vicki Carter, (804) 695-4591.

We will once again work in cooperation with Antioch Baptist, Macedonia Baptist, Francis deSales Catholic, and Salem Methodist Churches.



Outdoor Worship in November

Outdoor worship continues each week at 9:00 AM in the morning, alternating between the Kingston Chapel Lawn and the Christ Church Cemetery. If you plan to attend, please call the office by Thursday or Fr. Gary afterwards and let us know how many. This is very helpful when planning communion. Remember to bring your lawn chair and wear a mask.

- November 1, 9 AM at Christ Church Cemetery
- November 8, 9 AM on the Kingston Chapel lawn
- November 15, 9 AM at Christ Church
- November 22, 9 AM on the Kingston Chapel lawn
- November 29, 9 AM at Christ Church

Sunday Coffee Hour With Fr. Gary

Every Sunday morning at 11:30 AM you are invited to join the Zoom Coffee Hour online by clicking on the Link below. Gary will let you into the group (like opening his front door) and you will see parishioners and friends and be able to share insights from the worship service, discuss your week, etc.

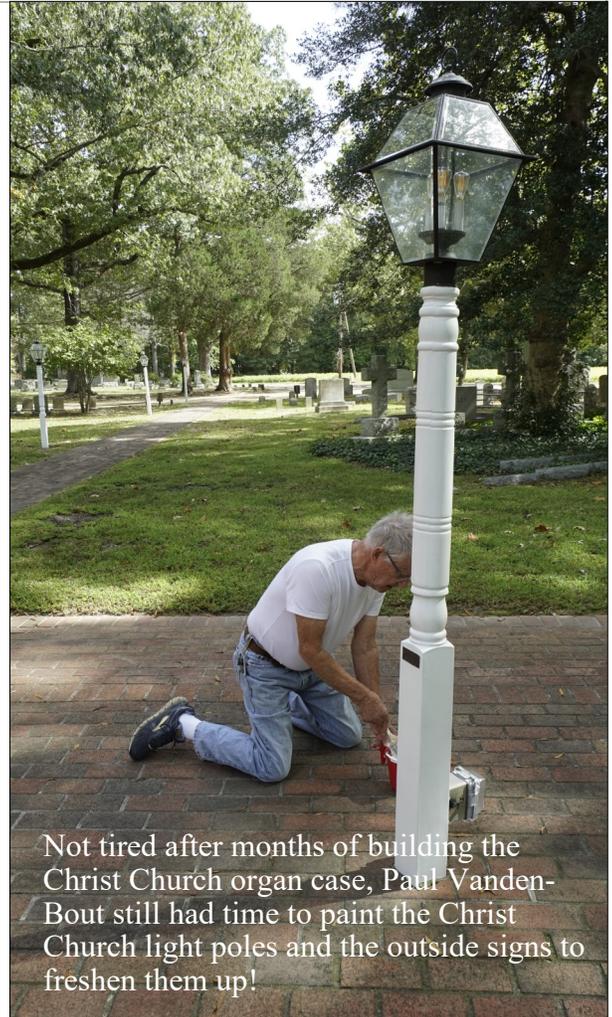
The link below is good for the following dates:

- Nov 1, 2020 11:30 AM
- Nov 8, 2020 11:30 AM
- Nov 15, 2020 11:30 AM
- Nov 22, 2020 11:30 AM
- Nov 29, 2020 11:30 AM
- Dec 6, 2020 11:30 AM
- Dec 13, 2020 11:30 AM

LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82339485190?pwd=UmdweVcwdDZGZmQrMHBGTHNDK01NQOT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3948 5190 Passcode: ChurchFam



Seeking Virtual Choir Members

We are very proud of our virtual musicians, (and one from Ware!) who have been recording hymns since April. Ray Stubblebine has been mixing voices and uploading the hymns for each online service.

Ray has also set up a Mac computer given by the Biddisons in the parish library for choir members to use in recording their parts. If you are interested in joining our virtual choir and willing to learn a new skill, we could sure use more voices! Just contact Ray for a tutorial and he will meet you at the Parish House and walk you through your first lesson.

We would love more voices to help with our Advent and Christmas music.



Fall Fair ... Like None Other!

Hallelujah! We pulled it off! Thanks to the efforts of many of you. From contributing your items to sell, those who picked up and transported, those who set up and more...it really does take a village!!

Lois Biddison spent countless days and nights photographing each item, then photo-shopping, and listing the item number on it before posting it on her 27" laptop computer in our library. Marti Bowen entered the items by category and wrote up our guidelines for the auction. She was invaluable and steadfast. Karen Jones did everything and more than we can all imagine! She was there day and night, and weekends, encouraging us all the way. Gay Butler and Kathy Yent did their magic in writing up descriptions of each item and pricing initial bids. Jan Mohr and Trish Reed made close-out a breeze the last three days. Mary Ann Carr was interim secretary while Karen was at the beach, sending out emergency email notices to you all. Reed Lawson made sure the advertisement was put in the paper, which brought more auction participants and buyers of BBQ and stew. I better stop naming names for fear of leaving someone out.

Many of you came, day after day, to work as the day dictated. We had four days of close out of items by category and two days of pick up and payment. Over 600 people joined our site on Facebook to look at our items and bid. I did not learn until Tuesday morning how to tell the exact time that someone bid, which was invaluable at close-out each day.

Janice Jones of *The Cottage* helped us set up the Facebook page initially and gave us pointers along the way, always available for more questions. Valerie Kelly, owner of *Doodlebugs*, was another tremendous asset with her knowledge of online auctions. Dylan White volunteered to put together and maintain our spread sheet, which grouped purchases by the buyer, easing the process even more. Then there are Vicki and Charlie Carter, taking on the BBQ prep and selling, and Josie Thorpe and her team on Brunswick Stew.



Jan Mohr and Trish Reed helping with the Auction

An example of Lois Biddison's photo enhancement on one of two kayaks donated by Dick/Adele Pogue



The "Village" was working!...needed oiling a bit, but was in operation!

As to totals...we have items still being picked up and paid for, so these totals will be updated. As to date, Auction items totals are \$7,413; BBQ and Brunswick Stew netted \$2,208 for a total to date of \$9,621.00.

The Lord chooses the most unlikely to do his work. He must have had a few good laughs over this fair! The participants seemed to enjoy the auction as we received positive feedback. May another year bring healing for Covid-19 and a vaccine.

Mary Kathryn (MK) Diggs

(Editor's Note: Mary Kathryn Diggs has the gift of persistence! She truly led us through uncharted waters and had many sleepless nights, but the result was tremendous.)

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Lori Black for recovery from surgery (by Jay Black)
 Nina Buzby for fatigue and vertigo (office)
 Clement Dickey for stroke in left eye (by Pat Dickey)
 Hank Furniss for non-tremor Parkinsons (by Mairi Furniss)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Vince Lassiter recovering from spinal fusion surgery (by Judy Lassiter)
 John Machen recovering from pneumonia (by Linda Machen)
 Martha McCartney for fractured pelvis/ribs (by Reed Lawson)
 Deirdre McElroy for treatment of cancer (office)
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)
 Dick Pogue for recovery from pacemaker installation (office)
 Bill Stearns for seizure event (by Kathy Stearns)
 Mary Ellen Stimson for dislocated hip (by Paul Stimson)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Mickey Burchell for lung cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Linda Crowe for lung cancer (by Duffy Crowe)
 Livia Gama de Morais for kidney transplant (by Kathy Yent)
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)
 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)
 Peggy Gallagher for recovery from Coronavirus (by Kathy Yent)
 +Susan Goff for breast cancer (office)
 Pat Graveline for colon/liver cancer (by Joe Mereness and Richard Scott)
 Helen Graves for congestive heart failure (by Paul Gibson)
 Cathy Heach for breast cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)
 Julie Hoe for breast cancer (by Nancy Powell)
 Jerry Johnson for Huntington's Disease (by Marti Bowen)
 Kyle Johnson for cancer (by Martha Ellen Traband)
 John Michael Jones (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Rick Jones for injuries - hit by a car (by Richard Jones)
 Marlene Jordan by Pat Dickey
 John Kratzer for rotator cuff surgery (by Kathy Yent)
 Andrea Krause for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Skip Lewis (by Valerie Lewis)
 Joy Long (by Jan Mohr)
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)
 Dave Martin (by Gay Butler)
 Sudy McKnight for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Michele Meanley for return of cancer (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)
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Pete Nieman for kidney cancer (by ?)

November Birthdays

Miss Sarah Renner	6
Tom Flounders	11
Mary Ann Carr	11
Anna Hudgins	11
Lyman Hayes	11
Josie Thorpe	13
Steve Pope	15
Hunt Thompson	15
Pat Herbert	17
Shannon Kirschbaum	20
George Overstreet	20
Carter Hayes	20
Debbie Lambert	22
Pamela Viens	23
Janice Shanks	23
Michael Lair	24
Thomas Liscoe	24

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
 Jennifer Schmidt
 Zach Schmidt
 George Truscott
 William Truscott
 Dawson Turner
 Nicholas Webster

Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Katherine Pickle (by Mary Ann Gilman)
 Stefanie Powers (by Lisa McCann)
 Josiah Raub for heart issues (by Hank Furniss)
 Debbie Roberg for oral cancer (by Cathy Hinson)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)
 Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)
 Sue Ann Singleton (by Kathy Yent)
 Richard Wahl for metastasized cancer (by MK Diggs)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)
 Jennie Whittle for ovarian cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Kitty Witty for stage 4 bone cancer (M. E. Traband)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

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Karen Jones	Parish Secretary
Vicki Carter	Bookkeeper

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship alternating between the
Parish House Lawn and
Christ Church Cemetery
After 8 a.m. Online Worship Service on Facebook and
YouTube.com
11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour

*The Office is closed during this time. Please contact Fr.
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2175 or her cell phone, (804)725-8480.*