

KINGSTON CRIER

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The Rector's Visions

I grew up watching the movie *White Christmas* every year. And I remember well Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney singing about falling asleep counting your blessings instead of sheep. It's not a bad way to fall asleep, of course. But lists of good things have a way of becoming overwhelming or even falling apart. What I have learned to do instead is think about why I believe I have been blessed and what I can do with the overwhelming sense of gratefulness life gives me. I am blessed most fundamentally because that is what God does; God is in the making blessed business. And God has made each of us and blessed us with life and love and faith and ... well, there's the beginning of that list again. My point is this: we are each blessed because God is God. There is so much in this world and in our lives to be grateful for. There are more blessings than we can count. And we could sit up all night with Bing and Rosemary counting our blessings and not put a dent in the list.

Sometimes rather than counting my blessings, it seems to me to be very good and right to get up out of bed and give blessings out myself. If God is in the making blessed business, then God's people are to be in that business, too! We sometimes call this "ministry," but really it's probably better to just live it out in everything we do and who we are; it's better to always live in gratefulness. I know many families will gather around the table on Thanksgiving Day and let each person say one thing they are grateful for. This can be lovely, of course. But let me suggest a twist this year. Ask everyone at your Thanksgiving table to say one thing they are going to do for others out of their gratefulness for life.

One of the richest blessings of a church community is the many ways we come together to live out the gratefulness we feel for life and for our loving God; what joy there is in all the ways we live out our gratefulness in action and love for one another, our community, and God's world. We worship together around the Eucharistic table, the altar, the thanksgiving table. (Remember Eucharist is just the Greek word for Thanksgiving.) We offer our voices in singing and reading and praying -- and our hearts and souls as well. And when one of us is sick, we help out. When someone in the community needs help, we try to be there for them. When the world aches, we, the grateful Body of Christ, reach out with healing. And just as there is really no end to our gratefulness, there is no end to the work of life to make the whole creation groan with gratefulness. What gift of yourself will you offer to others and to God as we celebrate the day of giving thanks, knowing that it is not about just one day, but about a way of being alive?

God's Peace,

Gary+

All Saints' Day Service: We will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, October 31st. Join us at 10:30 AM in Kingston Chapel for a joint worship service followed by a luncheon on the grounds.

Pledge Card Ingathering November 14

We ask you to please return your pledge card by November 14th so the Vestry can approve a budget for 2022. The Treasurer and vestry have been so pleased and thankful that parishioner giving has continued through the entire Covid-19 adventure. We have also received several unexpected blessings to keep our operating budget on track.

One line we added to the pledge card, recommended by the Diocese of Virginia, asks you to check a box if you have included Kingston Parish in your will. We have recently been blessed with generous gifts from parishioners after their deaths. What a wonderful thing, to be able to bless your church family with the resources you leave behind as you journey on to glory.

My Story/God's Story

We continue to meet via zoom on Monday afternoons at 4 PM and at Kingston Chapel on Tuesdays at 7 PM. The topics for November are below.

Nov. 1/2 Easter: Life eternal/Resurrection/Rebirth

Nov. 8/9 Ascension: God beyond us/doing God's work

Nov. 15/16 – Pentecost: Inspiration (the breath of the Holy Spirit)

Nov. 22/23 – Final Class—Ordinary Time: Celebrating the Sacredness of Everything

The Zoom link for the online class meeting on Mondays is:

[http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85818918949?](http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85818918949?pwd=QkhPM3h4bVoyR001NktHW1h0cEZJdz09)
 Pwd=QkhPM3h4bVoyR001NktHW1h0cEZJdz09
 Meeting ID: 858 1891 8949

Passcode: holystory

Christ Church Workday

On November 6th at 10 AM the cemetery committee (Josie Thorpe, Alan Biddison and Hunt Thompson) invite you to join them in sprucing up the cemetery grounds. This will include removing vines from trees, pruning some unruly bushes and painting the shed, which was recently rebuilt. Bring your clippers, pruners, rakes and paint brushes to help keep our cemetery beautiful.

Brunswick Stew and BBQ

We made a batch of Brunswick Stew to sell until they are gone. Call and order today! (804)725-2175. We are asking for monetary donations to offset the cost of ingredients for the stew and the barbecue that will be made at a later date. You can send

checks into Kingston Parish and put “Stew” or “BBQ” on the memo line.

We have already made 2/3rds of a batch of stew for purchase, \$10 a quart or three for \$27. Come to the office to pay and pick up your stew. The remaining 1/3 batch will be made soon.

Broadcasting Our Services: Help Needed

As many of you know, we have now been “broadcasting” our 10:30 AM Sunday service at Kingston Chapel for five months, live-streaming or recording it each week to upload to You Tube and Facebook. Now that we've worked out most of the kinks in the system, we are interested in recruiting volunteers who might help us with this valuable ministry. It serves many of our parishioners who are unable to attend our services. No former experience with media is necessary. We will train you and you will soon become an expert. Hopefully, there will be enough volunteers on the “Broadcasting Team” so that each person will only have to work one Sunday every six weeks.

With internet now installed at Christ Church, we will soon have the ability to live-stream or record that service as well. This means, we are asking for volunteers from both the 8:00 AM and the 10:30 AM services. Our goal is to offer one online service each week.

If you are interested in serving on our team or have any questions about it, please let Karen know, or contact Mary Ann Carr. Her phone number: 725-9843 or send an email to macarr385@aim.com.

Please consider this wonderful opportunity to serve our parish in a rather unconventional but quite interesting way!

Thank you!!!

Mary Ann Carr & Ray Stubblebine

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

We will not have our traditional Thanksgiving Day community dinner here at Kingston Parish. We will, however, support the efforts of Meals on Wheels and help deliver the meals on Friday. If you are willing to pair up with someone and deliver meals that Friday, please contact the office or Vicki Carter.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

On Wednesday, November 24th we will have a 5:30 PM Thanksgiving worship service at Christ Church. Begin your Thanksgiving with worship.

Remembering Sydney Diggs (September 13, 1917 - October 8, 2021)



Obituary: Ethel Atkinson “Sydney” Diggs, age 104, of Diggs, died Friday, October 8, 2021, at her son’s residence in Topping, Va. She was born in Long Island, N.Y., and was a retired educator and counselor. Mrs. Diggs earned a liberal arts degree from Hamline University in 1940 and a master’s degree in counseling from the College of William and Mary in 1959 and also studied at Harvard University. She taught for nine years at the University of Florida’s demonstration high school as a master teacher and then taught at Central Florida Community College in Ocala. In 1966 she helped start a new school, Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fla., and taught there for 10 years before retiring and moving to her husband’s home place in Diggs, Virginia.

Once in Virginia, Sydney ended her one-year retirement by returning to the College of William and Mary as an adjunct faculty member. In addition, she started working as a counselor in Student Support Services at Rappahannock Community College from 1979 until July 1990 when she retired from full-time work for the second time. Sydney also worked with the United Nations on a program of exchange students and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold “Buck” Diggs; daughter, Sydney Jane Diggs, and a granddaughter, Hollie Mignon Diggs. She is survived by her son, Harold Diggs Jr. and his wife Debbie of Topping; grandsons, Harold Diggs III of Williamsburg, Michael Gebhard of Jacksonville, Fla., and granddaughter, Michelle G. Nehrling and her husband Richard of Jacksonville; great-grandsons, Christian and Nicholas Nehrling of Jacksonville; and great-granddaughter, Hailey L. Diggs of Williamsburg. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 22 at Faulkner Funeral Homes, Foster-Faulkner Chapel, Mathews. Private burial will be in Milford Cemetery, Moon. Memorials may be made to the Hollie Mignon Diggs Memorial Trust Fund, P.O. Box 217, Topping, Va. 23169.

From Bev Holmberg: Sydney always radiated love. She was the reason I kept coming back to Kingston Parish in the early seventies. I was not an Episcopalian but her warmth welcomed me so that I could not stay away. In Bible Study it was Sydney who always had the insightful comment that illuminated the lesson of the day. She was a joy to be around and I feel blessed that our paths crossed. What an amazing individual and she guided so many during her many years in the educational field.

Dear Kingston Parish family,

Within the span of a month, we lost two special people, Neil Holmberg and Sydney Diggs.

In the late 90s when I was a beginner in the world of computers, he came to my house to set up and explain my brand-new Gateway! He was a man for precise detail! Neil provided detailed financial reports to the preschool board. He also set up and explained the preschool computer. Whenever the information was above my head, Neil patiently explained it until I got the hang of it.

When Sydney served on the Vestry as Christian Ed warden, in the early 90s, and she was my mentor and friend. When Kingston Parish Preschool was faced with the decision to become state-licensed or opt for religious exemption. Sydney supported the move to seek the state license.

I felt overwhelmed and inadequate. She pushed me to finish my certification as a preschool director through Rappahannock. She and I attended conferences for preschool and daycare staff regarding the regulations and needs for state compliance. Together we read and interpreted *LINE for LINE* the tedious state regulations and how to adapt KP Preschool for compliance. After a series of inspections, we were at last state licensed. Sydney stressed the need to educate parents on the needs of preschoolers and the importance of early childhood education. Sydney stressed the importance of education at any age. Sydney was a beautiful and wise lady!

With fond memories,
Carole Gregg

Blessing of the Animals

We were happy to be able to celebrate our animal companions on October 10th and bless them for the joy they give us. More pictures are available on the Kingston Episcopal Parish Facebook page.



Social Services Christmas Store

It's that time of year again. Our KP elves and multitude of community partners are again ramping up for the Christmas Store on December 9-11, 2021. Kingston Parish has traditionally supported the effort by stuffing all the stockings. The stockings will be available at the Parish Hall during Thanksgiving week. We appreciate your donation of age and gender appropriate toys, toiletries, school supplies, and yes, even holiday candy. Stockings will be labeled with Boy or Girl and an age range. Please remember - no money in stockings.

If you are able and willing to participate beyond the stockings, we are always looking for:

- 1) volunteers to staff the store,
- 2) cash donations to support our shopping throughout the year, or
- 3) NEW unwrapped toys, housewares, linens, blankets, small electronics, etc. (Please bring by December 1st.)

Checks can be made payable to the Social Services Christmas Store with "Christmas Store" in the memo section.

Please call Berni La Casse 804.384.7740 with any questions, to drop off donations, or to schedule a volunteer slot for the store. Thank you for your support!



Greens and Poinsettias at Christ Church

Please contact Kelsey Desmond kdesmond4@yahoo.com or (804)366-0250 with your name and the person's name the flowers are in memory or in honor of. Wreaths are \$25 each, poinsettias are \$10 each and swags are \$30 each. The deadline for wreaths: November 24; for poinsettias is December 10; for roping: December 15.

Poinsettias at Kingston Chapel

Contact the office to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$10 each.

Needed:

Knitters and crocheters to make prayer shawls. Work peacefully and prayerfully at your leisure. When finished, sew on the Kingston Parish label and small cross (call Nan Cross, 725-2485, for these or for a pattern—or look online) and bring to the parish office.



Remembering Hank Furniss (July 20, 1938 - October 4, 2021)

Obituary: Henry (Hank) Dawson Furniss Jr. (CMDR, USN-ret.), 83, of North, died peacefully on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 at Riverside Convalescent Center-Mathews. He leaves to mourn his passing and celebrate his life, Mairi, his wife of 55 years, his son Matthew, daughter Kirsten, three grandsons, his brother Peter, and many other family members. Hank was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1938, and grew up in Atlanta, Ga. He was a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology and the Navy Supply school in Athens, Ga. He met Mairi while stationed in Scotland with the U.S. Navy. Hank also retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1998. He was an active scouter in Northern Virginia, where Hank was awarded the Silver Beaver medal for his dedicated work.

Throughout his life, he devoted himself to many volunteer organizations and his church, Kingston Episcopal Parish, where a memorial service will be held at a later date. We would like to thank Hospice for his care in his last few days and the nursing staff of the convalescent home. Memorial gifts may be made to Kingston Parish.

From Ron Lambert: I will miss Hank. He was a neighbor for 23 years, a member of the Men's Bible Class from day one and a friend. Over the years, Hank helped me in many ways. I'm not a detail person and certainly don't know a lot about mechanical things but Hank was always willing to help me. Let me put that a different way, Hank was always willing to just take over and do it! In the last few years, when I was helping him more, he always told me how to do it. But that was Hank. In our Bible classes, if he didn't agree with what I was saying, he would challenge me, and I liked that (most of the time)! But that was Hank. I was always amazed at his detailed approach to almost everything, like mowing his yard. I mow my yard in 45 minutes or less, Hank usually took a day or two as everything had to be checked, cleaned, picked up before he could mow. But that was Hank. His last couple of years were difficult for him, Mairi and all of us close to him. His Parkinson's really affected every aspect of his life, including his demeanor, but underneath all of that he was still the same Hank that wanted to do everything himself. But he wasn't able physically to do much. We talked about that many times and I understood how frustrated he was. I will miss Hank. May he rest in peace without pain and be able to walk tall and without assistance on those golden streets.

From Paul Gibson: Hank was passionate about studying the bible as it is written in the Men's Sunday School class, and how we can apply God's word to everyday life. Hank was a prankster, and I will always see his smile and the glimmer in his eyes when I think of him.

From Nina Guy: Hank Furniss was an engineer through and through as he could fix almost anything. I had the pleasure of seeing him at the library helping people with their taxes. He was always kind and helpful when people asked imbecilic questions.

Vestry Notes

(from October 11 Zoom Meeting)

- A stewardship letter and pledge card will be sent out later this month. Pledge cards will be collected November 14th.
- Our All Saints' Day service will be October 31st at Kingston Chapel followed by an outdoor luncheon. Brunswick stew is being made to sell on that day.
- The Rotary Club has invited us to join in a chili cook-off in February.
- We have hired Ken Doyle to maintain our HVAC, water treatment and water heater systems at the Parish House and at Christ Church.
- The shed at Christ Church has been rebuilt.
- The Diocesan Convention has been moved online November 12-13.
- Rachel Morris continues to maintain our website and weekly email.
- Instead of a Thanksgiving dinner we will once again help Meals on Wheels deliver dinners on Friday.
- We will have a Thanksgiving worship service Wednesday, November 24th, possibly at Christ Church.
- We will have two worship services on Christmas Eve at 5 pm and 8 pm, but will rethink the 5 pm Pageant until children are fully vaccinated.
- Work is in progress to live-stream the Christ Church services.
- The vestry voted Marti Bowen as new Register.
- The Upper Tidewater Region has made a calendar including our church that will be for sale soon.

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Martha Knight for heart issues, possible Afib (office)
 Allan May for precancerous growth in abdomen (office)
 Deirdre McElroy for return of cancer (office)
 Tom Neiger for cancer of esophagus and stomach (by Pat Neiger)
 Will Story for illness (by Martha Story)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Ray Barrack for bone cancer (by Jan Mohr)
 Becky for strokes/heart attack and Walter/Amanda (caregivers) by K. Yent
 Keith Brown for 12th knee surgery (by Ethel Brown)
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 The Carter Family (by Vicki Carter)
 Gary Collins for chronic pancreatitis (by Jay Black)
 Frank Comme - young man who had a stroke (by Signe Langschultz)
 Yolanda Conaway (by Kathy Yent)
 Virginia Cooke for guidance (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 Everett Digges (by Berni LaCasse)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 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)
 Linda Gordon for failing health (by Signe Langschultz)
 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)
 Robin Hellier for stroke (by Kathy Yent)
 Carole Hirose for anxiety (office)
 Dan Holler for metastasized prostate cancer (by Peggy Hudgins)
 Emily Holler for broken bones from accident (by Peggy Hudgins)
 David Hunter for a hit and run incident (by Kathy Yent)
 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)
 Morgan Leary for health issues (by Bill Leary)
 William Leary III for Parkinson's (by Bill Leary)
 William "Ben" Leigh (by Jan Mohr)
 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)
 Janet Mikionis for cancer pain (by Kathy Yent)
 Kristen Moran for breast cancer (by Jan Mohr)
 Keith Morgan for prostate cancer (by Josie Thorpe)

November Birthdays

Sarah Renner	6
Lyman Hayes	11
Anna Hudgins	11
Mary Ann Carr	11
Tom Flounders	11
Josie Thorpe	13
Hunt Thompson	15
Steve Pope	15
Pat Herbert	17
Carter Hayes	20
Shannon Kirschbaum	20
George Overstreet	20
Debbie Lambert	22
Pamela Viens	23
Michael Lair	24
Diane Pate	27

Serving in the Military First Responders or Diplomatic Corps

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

Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Lisa O'Connors for lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Josiah Raub for heart issues (by Hank Furniss)
 Maggie Rawlings for pancreatite/liver cancer (Yent)
 Jean Rhines for future care (by Frances Hudgins)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (K Yent)
 Tracy Shackelford for lymphoma (by Kathy Yent)
 Kerin/Dan Schwartz for aging parents (by K. Yent)
 Charlie Szeglin for heart surgery and memory (by Sig)
 Wes Taylor for heart issues (by Kathy Yent)
 Richard Wahl for metastasized cancer (by MK Diggs)
 Kate Warfel for auto-immune disorder (Jen Kimball+)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 24 Pent Proper 27</p> <p>8 am HE I-CC 10:30 HE II-KC</p> 	<p>1 8 am Counters-L</p> <p>4 pm Monday class via Zoom</p>	<p>2 7 pm Tuesday Class-KC</p>	<p>3 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC 3 pm Choir-CC</p>	<p>4 11 am Ministerial Association-PH 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Diocesan Convention via Zoom</p>	<p>6 10 am Workday at CC</p> <p>Parish House floors being cleaned—please don't enter</p>
<p>14 25 Pent Proper 28</p> <p>8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC</p> <p><i>Gathering Sunday</i></p>	<p>15 8 am Counters-L</p> <p>4 pm Monday class via Zoom</p>	<p>16 7 pm Tuesday Class-KC</p>	<p>17 12 pm Healing Service and HE-MC 2 pm Fr. Gary Clericus 3 pm Choir-CC 6 pm Vestry via Zoom</p>	<p>18 10 am Fr. Gary Dean's Meeting via Zoom 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>19 1:30 pm DAR-PH</p>	<p>20 CRIER DEADLINE</p>
<p>21 <i>Last Pentecost: Christ the King</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC</p>	<p>22 8 am Counters-L</p> <p>4 pm Monday class via Zoom</p>	<p>23 7 pm Tuesday Class-KC</p>	<p>24 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Worship Service-CC</p>	<p>25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p>  <p>7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>26 10 am Meet at Mathews High School (right side) to deliver Thanksgiving dinners</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <i>1st Advent (Year C)</i></p> <p>8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Men's SS 10:30 HE II-KC</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<h1>November</h1> 			

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Lisa McCann, Lay Delegate

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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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