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What is Sabbatical?

What does it mean for a church, when the rector is on sabbatical?

The Hebrew word for sabbath means “to cease from work.” It is about rest. On the seventh day of creation, God stopped working and rested. In a religious context, sabbath is about rest, renewal, and worship. We cease from work every sabbath day to come together as church and worship God. A priest is granted sabbatical time to rest from the routine of work and spend time being renewed by God.

So what does sabbatical mean for those of us not travelling in France and being renewed by fresh perspectives and landscapes and lives? That is a bit harder to discern.

One obvious rest we get is a break from the presence of Gary. I’m not saying that in a mean way. I’ve liked Gary for years, since we met in Harrisonburg in the 1990’s. What I mean is, we can use this sabbatical time to look over our church landscape with a fresh perspective. Are we going about things in the way we feel called to do? Are we being the hands and feet and face of Christ in ways that make sense to us? Are there things we have done for 100 years that we might need to take a rest from? Are there issues we’ve swept under the rug that really need the light of day and some healing?

Now is a good time to stop, gather, and pray about these things. Ask God to work in us for the good of the world and for our own wellness. Rest and be renewed, like God did on day seven.

See ya Sunday.
(day seven)

Rev. Jen

Celtic Service October 27

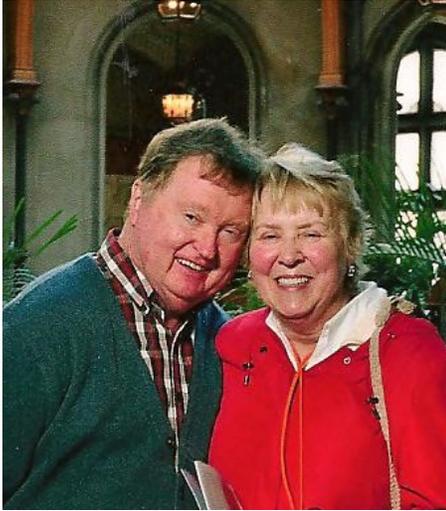
Please join us on Sunday, October 27th at 5:30 PM for the last Celtic service of 2019. Fr. Gary will not be with us, but Rev. Jen, Mary Ann Carr and Mary Chapman are carefully and prayerfully planning a service that centers on God and your relationship to him. Be in prayer for them, mark your calendars today and prepare your heart to worship.



On August 18th we enjoyed a visit from Bishop Susan Goff, who Confirmed Jon Lewis and Dylan White.



Paul Gibson, on behalf of the Christ Church congregation, thanks Lois Trowbridge on her last Sunday September 8th for her five years of service playing the organ.



Welcome, Jim Andrews!

Jim Andrews, our new choir director, organist and pianist, is native to Louisa County, Virginia and a graduate of Louisa County High school. He studied at the Music School of RPI/VCU and there pursued a curriculum of performance in organ & piano. He

was then employed as Organist Director of Music at Battery Park Christian Church in Richmond. He served as pianist and sub organist at Irvington Baptist, and subbed as organist at Grace Episcopal in Kilmarnock. He was sub Organist Director at Chester Presbyterian. Before coming to Kingston Parish he served as Organist Director of Music at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems.

Jim also is an organ builder and tunes pianos. He is married to Laura and they live in Lancaster.

Blessing of the Animals

We will have a special **Blessing of Your Pets** worship service on October 6th during the 10:30 service at Kingston Chapel. We will begin outside with our pets safely on a leash or in a carrier, and process into the chapel together. If you have a beloved pet (or if you don't!), please make every effort to attend.



Wonder In All

Here we are, about one month away from our annual Ingathering Sunday, November 3. I am so enjoying this year's *Wonder in All* stewardship journey with you all!

As many of you know, I have accepted an offer of employment locally and am on the cusp of finally becoming a full-time Mathews resident. I have spent the past month preparing to leave Charlottesville and my work there, hoping to have a smooth transition. Last week, I was enjoying dinner with one of my oldest and dearest friends, a very active Presbyterian. Our talk led to our church activities and I mentioned our stewardship campaign was underway. She confided in me that she had avoided the Presbyterian's version of a vestry position partly because of anxiety about serving with the stewardship process. Then she asked me how many people were working on the campaign with me. I responded, well, it's sort of just me... Later, however, I reflected back on our journey so far. I remembered the assistance of our Vestry, our Interim Priest, Jen, our Superwoman Karen, and Hunt and Tom who have fearlessly led the campaign in the past. I treasure the kind words I have received from many of you, the warmth of your hugs, and most of all the sense of family we have at Kingston. I have never felt alone among you all. Wow, I realized, a real life **wonder in all** moment! Isn't that togetherness as brothers and sisters in Christ where stewardship begins? Look in your mailboxes for a letter and pledge card in the coming week.

Gale Gibson, Stewardship Coordinator

Monday Class Begins October 14

The topic for the Monday class: *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: An Introduction to Celtic Christianity*. Led by Mary Ann Carr and Mary Chapman, the class will run through November 25th. Using John Philip Newell's book, *Listening to the Heartbeat of God*, we will explore the wisdom and faith of the early Celtic Christians.

The classes are not sequential; if you have to miss some, please don't let that keep you from joining when you can. Purchasing the book would be helpful but not mandatory.

Evolution of the Fall Fair

Before the St. Martha's Guild and Kingston Parish Women was the St. Andrew's Guild, which began in the early 1950s. Members were ladies of the church who either worked in the county or had young children at home. They sent clothes to missions, made layettes for Indians and adopted a needy local family every Christmas. Until the "new" Parish House was built in 1956, the Guild met in homes at night in order that the husbands could babysit the children.

On May 22, 1952 the Guild sponsored a "delicious" dinner at Lee Jackson School. They charged \$1.00 per adult and 50 cents for children under 12. With this dinner, bake sales on Richardson's Corner and other fundraisers, they amassed \$1,000 to buy a spinet organ for Christ Church. Heretofore, Katherine G. Cooke played a hand crank organ which was powered by Clifton Hudgins, Jr., who sat behind a screen.

Once the Parish House was built, the Guild started meeting there and planned a Harvest Festival Dinner in September 1957. A few of the ladies suggested they set up card tables behind the dinner tables and sell Christmas ornaments they made. When every one sold, the Fall Fair was born. From then on the Guild made handkerchiefs, place mats, napkins and Christmas ornaments for sale every fall. That was the craft booth and was the genesis of all the stalls the Fall Fair now has.

To the best of JoAnn Hunley's recollection, St. Andrew's Guild members were Helen Bertschy, Sue Brewer, Marge Coleman, Becky Cooke, Mary Everson, Betty Lou Grachan, Juanita Hammond, Jo Ann Hunley, Betty Ann Richardson, Marie Richardson, Mappy Sadler, Ann Shinault and Betty Walters.

JoAnn, a young 88 years old with a remarkable memory, provided me with most of this information. In addition, Elsa Verbyla helped me with articles from the Gazette Journal and a time line of church history.

Nina Guy

Fall Fair: What You Can Do

Items for sale are coming in and calls are being received asking for pick-up arrangements. Fall Fair donation receipts are available for tax purposes. Some are in the trailer and the chairmen will have more—just ask.

Our schedule for Fall Fair Week:

Tuesday, Oct. 15: Tents set up outside and great room of Parish House set up.

Wednesday, Oct. 16: Meet at 9:00 AM to unload storage trailer(s)

Thursday/Friday (17/18): sort and arrange booths

Saturday, Oct. 19: Fair Day, 9 AM to 2 PM. We will need help after the fair cleaning up everything that is left behind and putting away risers and tables.

Sunday, Oct. 20: One service of worship and thanksgiving at Christ Church at 10:30 AM

Please bring your donations in by Friday morning. On Friday also bring in all of your food donations for Country Kitchen and Gourmet Booth.

If you haven't been to the Fall Fair before, or if you have been but aren't sure how to plug yourself in, please contact the Fall Fair chairs and they will help you find your niche or call one of the booth chairmen listed in the September *Crier*. "Many hands make light work," and the week of Fall Fair is a great time for making new friendships and strengthening the old.

Brunswick Stew:

We need a few more items for the Fall Fair batch. Contact Vicki Carter if you can assist with this at 695-4591.

Classy Closet: The team will be working every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 9 AM in the Old Rectory to sort the items that come in. Now is the time to bring in your clothes and linens!

Country Kitchen:

We are looking for cookies, pies, cakes, jams and any other baked goodies. Bring them in disposable containers, packaged to sell.

Gourmet Booth:

We need meals for two placed in disposable containers suitable for freezing. Casseroles, soups, chili are examples. We also welcome appetizers, dips, canned sauces and pickled vegetables. We also sell cookbooks!

Worship:

On the Sunday following Fall Fair, October 20, we will have a joint worship service at Christ Church at 10:30 AM. We will be tired, but we will have MUCH to thank God for!

Greetings from Preschool!

So excited we are to be at the start of a new school year once again with Kingston Parish Preschool. Our first month has been wonderful, full of new adventures, including the introduction of an ant farm, and everyone enjoying our wonderfully fixed up playground. I'll never be able to thank everyone enough who helped with that clean up. The children are all very appreciative, even if they may not realize it entirely. September has been very busy for us with painting, playdough, dancing, and drawing. We continue to be grateful for the support of the parish and look forward to our upcoming chapel visit this month.

I am also proud to announce our participation this year in the Virginia Quality initiative. Our preschool continues to serve a wonderful community here in Mathews county, and will continue this year to strive for offering the very best early education possible.

Rachel Musick



Divine Diners Dinner October 25

We're not yet sure about the place, but on Friday, October 25th everyone is invited to meet together at 5:30 PM with a Floridian recipe. Would that involve alligator? We need a volunteer to host the event. More later.



Vestry Notes

From the August Meeting:

- Bill Stearns conducted our annual audit and listed what we could do to keep better records of our financial dealings.
- Gale Gibson presented her ideas for our annual stewardship program. Ingathering Sunday is Nov. 3.
- Most of the renovations on Trinity Church have been done and it will soon be ready for use by St. Thomas Anglican Church.
- Marti Bowen will meet with the Ladies' Sunday school class on their first Sunday back to discuss ideas for the year.
- 27 people went on the Divine Diners sunset cruise.
- Shannon Kirschbaum will host a *Bon Voyage* party for Fr. Gary August 23rd.
- Tom Reed and Mary Kathryn are busy planning for our Fall Fair event October 19th.
- Jim Andrews begins September 15th as our new choir director, organist and pianist.

From the September Meeting:

- The *Bon Voyage* party for Fr. Gary went well. Shannon will next host a divine diners dinner with a French theme on September 20th.
- Jackie Ingram will begin preparing for the Ingathering Sunday luncheon November 3rd.
- Gale Gibson is doing a good job promoting the **Wonder in All** stewardship theme.
- Thirteen attended the Library Sunday school class. Jen Kimball+ will lead the class in writing their spiritual autobiographies.

Thank You!!!

The Scouts would like to thank Kingston Parish for allowing them to collect for parking during Market Days. We had so many people express their thanks and appreciation for Scouting in the community. We were able to raise over \$600 to help the boys finance their trip in 2020. We appreciate the support of the church and our community.

Berni LaCasse

All my lovely cards, delicious food and sincere prayers have surely helped me on my recovery to better health. Thank you, Kingston Parish. Kippy Gilbert

Dear Gary,

August 22, 2019

I am deeply grateful for Kingston Parish's gift of \$687 to the Diocese of Virginia for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund collected from the loose plate offering during my recent visit.

Over the years I have used such gifts to fulfill a wide range of needs—from coaching for clergy of small congregations to counseling for clergy families in time of crisis, to travel for clergy and lay attending formative conferences, to direct aid to people and programs in the diocese and around the world. Your gift will be used well and fully for ministry that is not otherwise covered in the budget of the diocese.

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me, in my ministry as Bishop, to be able to support so many good works, and I greatly appreciate your part in making this possible.

Faithfully yours, +Susan E. Goff

To My Kingston Parish Family,

People often talk about how supportive our Kingston Parish family is to our parishioners dealing with illness or any other adversity. I have definitely seen your concern and support in action many times. Now, in dealing with my back surgery, I have experienced it first-hand. All of your cards, emails and phone calls have filled me with gratitude. I have come to believe that gratitude, like prayer, plays a key role in healing, so thank you for helping me heal. I also thank you for your prayers. What a blessing all of you are to our church! What a blessing all of you are to me!

Gratitude also fills my heart every time I wrap my beautiful prayer shawl around my shoulders. I can feel love surrounding me. This green shawl (a deep forest green, my favorite color) is indeed something I will treasure not only throughout my recovery but throughout the rest of my life. I am grateful to all the women involved in the Prayer Shawl ministry. What a service for our parishioners. Thank you!!!

With love and blessings,
Mary Ann Carr



The French-themed Divine Diners event September 20th at Shannon Kirschbaum's was a hit. *Mais Oui!* From back: Tom Bowen, Mary Chapman, Dick Pogue, Tom Reed, Trish Reed, Josie Thorpe, Shannon Kirschbaum. Front: Hank Furniss, Sven vanBaars+, Adele Pogue, Janet Bullen, Jen Kimball+, Mairi Furniss and Marti Bowen.

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Lori Black for autoimmune issues (by Jay Black)
 Mary Ann Carr for back surgery September 4 (office)
 Bill French for urinary tract infection (office)
 Hank Furniss for non-tremor Parkinsons (by Mairi Furniss)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Kippy Gilbert for fluid in lungs (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Martha Anne King for cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Martha Knight for stomach cancer (office)
 Amanda Taylor for recovery from surgery (by Jim Taylor)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)
 JiRee Burrell (by Kathy Yent)
 Logan Byrns undergoing several surgeries for hand injury (by Vince Lassiter)
 Duncan Campbell for colon cancer (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Peggy Carr for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)
 John Cato for injuries from a felled tree (by Betty Cato)
 Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight)
 Anne Chittenden for uterine cancer (by Jane Lockaby)
 Terry Dobson for brain surgery (by Lynn May)
 Nancy Donnelly (by Kathy Yent)
 Mary Doyle for hydrocephalus (by Valerie Lewis)
 Krystal Elms for stage 4 lung cancer (by Mairi Furniss)
 Matt Fentress for several stresses (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)
 Franklin Furey for mantel cell lymphoma (by Ethel Brown)
 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)
 Kyle Johnson for colon cancer (by Martha Ellen Traband)
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Andrea Krause for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)
 Melissa McCarter for Parkinson's (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Linda Monk for metastatic lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Kristen Moran for breast cancer (by Jan Mohr)
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)
 Ben Pemorse for failing health (by Pat Elliot)
 Finn Philipsen for football injury (by Kathy Yent)
 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)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (Kathy Yent)

October Birthdays

Ethel Brown	2
Jennifer Hudgins	7
Sharon Leary	8
Duffy Crowe	14
John Machen, Sr.	14
Katherine Ransone	16
Tucker Preston	17
Mark Truscott	17
Kate Van Emmerik	17
Gale Gibson	18
Cathy Hinson	18
Lois Biddison	18
Cole Malise	19
John Mayfield	20
Stella Vaziouracis	21
Justin Powell	24
William Truscott	25
Nicole Liscoe	26
Leo Viens	27
Janice Higdon	28
Mary Pope	28
Nan Cross	30
Pete Jennette	31
Berni LaCasse	31

Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

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

Bella Silvus for Lyme's Disease (by Marti Bowen)
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Bruce Spain for a broken femur (by Mary Dabney Webster)
 Marsha Threlkeld for breast cancer (by Debbie Lambert)
 Joe Tomlinson (by Josie Thorpe)
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Kitty Witty for stage 4 bone cancer (M. E. Traband)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)
 John Zunowski for lung cancer (by Suzy Jones)

Names placed on the prayer list before January 2017 were removed in order to make room for new names.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



<p>6 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 HE II and Blessing of Our Pets-KC 6 pm Cub Scouts-PH 7 pm Boy Scouts-PH</p>	<p>7 8 am Counters-L</p>	<p>8 7 pm Tuesday Class-L</p>	<p>9 7 pm Historical Society -PH</p>	<p>10 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>11 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>12 9 am-2 pm</p>
<p>13 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 HE II-KC 6 pm Cub Scouts-PH 7 pm Boy Scouts-PH</p>	<p>14 8 am Counters-L 1 pm Monday Class-KC</p>	<p>15 4 pm Preschool Bd.-L 7 pm Tuesday Class-L</p>	<p>16 Parish House and Grounds Reserved for Fall Fair</p>	<p>17 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>18 1:30 pm DAR-PH 5:30 pm Divine Dinners with a Floridian theme <i>Host volunteer needed</i></p>	<p>19 9 am-2 pm </p>
<p>20 10:30 am HE I-CC 6 pm Cub Scouts-PH 7 pm Boy Scouts-PH CRIER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21 8 am Counters-L <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Clergy/Lay Professionals' Retreat at Shrine Mont</div> 1 pm Monday Class-KC 7 pm Vestry-L</p>	<p>22 7 pm Tuesday Class-L</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 Sunday School-PH 10:30 HE II-KC</p>	<p>28 8 am Counters-L 9:30 am Lay Visitors-L 1 pm Monday Class-KC</p>	<p>29 7 pm Tuesday Class-L</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>November 3 <u>Ingathering Sunday</u>: one service at Kingston Chapel followed by a luncheon. Also <u>All Saints' Sunday</u> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back!</i></p>	

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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