

KINGSTON CRIER

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The Rector's Visions

Baptism is death and birth. In the water and by the Holy Spirit, we die with Jesus to be reborn into eternal life. We've all heard the theology. And most of us have been "marked as Christ's own forever." But maybe the way that works out in our daily lives is a bit unclear – at least some of the time. How do you live as one who is baptized into Christ's death and resurrection? What does it mean to say you have died and been born again? Easy and pat answers won't go very far here. It really just takes our daily experience. It's not something we can describe so much as it is something we live and pray.

This September we are one of a handful of congregations in the Episcopal Church to receive a special grant from the Lilly Grant folks that will allow us to explore what it really means for us to be **Baptized for Life** as individuals and as a congregation and as part of Wabingston (the three parishes of Ware, Abingdon, and Kingston). Beginning September 16, we will take part in filling out a questionnaire about our spiritual lives. I ask that each of you take the 20 minutes or so to fill out the online questions. (There will be hard copies and a way to do this online at the parish house for those who don't usually do computers at home.) It will be important to hear from everyone – our oldest members and our youngest, those who attend three times a year and those who are here like they hold the walls up. If you come to Kingston at all, please fill one out! This is not a questionnaire to see if you like the way we do things. It is a questionnaire that seeks to explore with us what it means to be baptized for life. Needless to say, you need not fear that you are going to write the "wrong" answers because the questions will be too big for there to be wrong answers.



*Baptized
For Life*

The information we receive from these questionnaires (anonymously, by the way) will be used by us, with the help of folks from Renewal Works at Forward Movement (the people who give us our *Forward Day by Day* prayer booklets) and a few people at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. With the answers, we will seek to understand who we are as baptized people. What are our strengths in God? What are our weaknesses? What might we be called to do in the years ahead as we live into our baptisms? A wonderful group of folks from the breadth of our congregation has volunteered to help with the work of sharing with us the results of the questionnaire and working with us to make sense of what to do next – more on that in October! Then we will spend about three years, working with Wabingston and on our own, to find ways to live into our baptism with special intention.

This is a huge gift to our congregation and a beautiful opportunity for us to give to God as we seek out a deeper experience of our baptisms using this program. It will also be, especially for us as a part of Wabingston, a gift to the larger church as we show the church ways we (three smaller congregations) work together to build up the Body of Christ.

This will be a special journey deeper into Christ for us as the people of God at Kingston Parish. I feel very blessed to be with you all on this journey. In the days ahead, let's all take the first step and see where God is leading!

God's Peace,

Gary +

Spiritual Guides of the High and Late Middle Ages

(A six session class beginning after Labor Day)

Our Monday class will spend the next six weeks looking at particular personalities of the Middle Ages and discussing their spiritual leadership and what we might learn about our relationship with God and each other from them. In the latter part of the Middle Ages, as the hierarchy of the church began to be replaced by political powers, many new ideas about our life in God flourished in something of a Renaissance before the Renaissance. We'll be trying to get to know five of the people who each show us something beautiful about ourselves and our God.

If you've never been to our Monday class, know that it is a discussion class with time for silence and prayer. It is not a scholarly class that requires that you make every class or necessarily start at the beginning. Come when you can. It is a class that offers a safe space for each of us to explore our life in God in depth. Join us!

- September 10 Hildegard von Bingen 1098-1179 (German)
- September 17 Francis of Assisi 1181-1226 (Italian)
- September 24 Jelaludin Rumi 1207-1273 (Tajik/Turkish; Muslim/Pan-religious)
- October 1 Meister Eckhardt 1260-1328 (German, studied at University of Paris)
- October 8 Julian of Norwich 1342-1416 (English)
- October 15 Break (Clergy and staff are at Bishop's Conference at Shrine Mont)
- October 22 New 4-week Class led by Emily Lyth



Emily Lyth Photography

Sabbatical 2019

Kingston Parish has been awarded a grant for our Sabbatical by the Lilly Foundation for the Fall of 2019. This means Gary will be away from the parish for the three months of September, October and November of 2019 to study and take Sabbath. There will be a part-time clergy person here for those three months and we will take a sort of Sabbatical of our own – separation from our pastor, time to reflect on our relationship with our priest, and space for visions and prayers about where God is leading us in the future. There will be much more about this in the months ahead as we prepare for a year from now. So look ahead!

September Happenings

Snack Pack Packing:

We will meet at 9:30 on Thursday, September 6th in the Parish Hall and put together 300 snack packs to begin the school year. We are in good financial shape due to a generous grant from the Owens Foundation and Mathews Community Foundation. Your donations are always needed to maintain our delivery of packs every week to school kids who need extra nutritional support to carry them through the weekend. Thank you. We hope to see many of you soon.

International Dinner:

Ready to join Divine Diners on a world tour without ever leaving Mathews? Come to our International Dinner on Friday, September 14th at the Parish House at 6:00 PM. It's a time to bring your favorite country's food and recipes, and to share stories of where you visited, or lived, or a place you just like. Do you remember a spicy main dish, or crisp cookies, yummy fruits, exotic snacks? It's a way to revisit memories of your special place. Please sign up in advance so we can find out how much of the world we can cover. So far we have Greece, Mexico, Germany and Indonesia. And America has some great dishes, too. Call Anita Minuth at 725-7947.

Evensong at Grace, Kilmarnock:

Even though we no longer share the same region, Grace Church in Kilmarnock has invited us to participate in their next Evensong service on Sunday, September 30th at 5:00 PM. Our choir has been invited to join them in leading the service in worship.

Fall Fair Preparation Begins

Big Day: Saturday, October 20
9 am - 2 pm

Saturday, October 20 is just two months away and activity is starting to build in preparation for the fair. The first semi-trailer has been parked in the Parish House parking lot. Thank you to John Lee Machen and Mobjack Nurseries for loaning these two trailers, which are saving us much in rental fees.

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.

Fall Fair is our big money raiser for our outreach programs. It is the major activity for the year and has generated between \$17,000 and \$35,000 net over the past several years. It not only generates money, but it involves most everyone in the congregation. We see many of the same committee leaders and volunteers, but also see new faces.

Below are the chairs of the various booths:

Co-Chairs: Mary Kathryn Diggs (725-2763)
Tom Reed (703-498-9636)

Brunswick Stew: Vicki Carter (695-4591)

Classy Closet: Nan Cross (725-2485/824-6014)
Pat Neiger (725-2220)

Country Kitchen: Nancy (Tuggie) Hutson (7773)

Et cetera: Adele Pogue (725-9450/384-7994)
Janice Rae Lawson (725-0088/854-1371)

Flea Market: Sarah Renner (725-5417)

Garden Path Reed Lawson (725-3375/815-7520)

Gourmet Booth: Cindy Machen (725-3713)
Karen Jones (725-2175/725-8480)

Holiday and Crafts: Peggy Hudgins (725-3410)

Rosemary Eaton (854-1636)

Sally Bridgforth (384-7937)

Cheryl Lamport (725-5214)

Lunch Counter (BBQ): Vicki Carter (695-4591)

Live Auction: Bert Cross (725-2485/832-6162)

Silent Auction: Gay Butler (725-9527/725-8354)

Home Pick-Ups: Tom Reed (703-498-9636)

John Lee Machen (815-8586)

Publicity Reed Lawson (725-3375/815-7520)

Set-Up We Need A Volunteer!!!

Take Down/Clean Up: Tim Hudgins & Boy Scouts
(703-965-5673)

Our schedule for Fall Fair Week:

Tuesday, Oct. 16: Tents set up outside and great room of Parish House set up.

Wednesday, Oct. 17: Meet at 8:30 AM to unload storage units

Thursday/Friday (18/19): sort and arrange booths

Saturday, Oct. 20: 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.

Please bring your donations in by Friday morning, October 19th. Ono 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 chairs of the various booths or the Fall Fair chairs and they will help you find your niche. "Many hands make light work," and the week of Fall Fair is a great time for making new friends and strengthening the old.

Brunswick Stew:

We need 42 5.5 lb chickens and broth (bagged separately), cooked and shredded for two batches in bags with name, number of chickens and placed in PH freezer. Also needed: 16 heads chopped celery, 8 per batch. Celery not needed till cook dates. Contact Mairi if you can assist with this at 725 5249 or scotclass6@gmail.com. Monetary donations to purchase other ingredients are also needed.

Classy Closet: Nan Cross and Pat Neiger will be contacting us with the dates they will open the old rectory to begin sorting, hanging and pricing the clothes, linens and children's toys.

Country Kitchen:

Tuggie is 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 we will have a joint worship service at Christ Church at 10:30 AM.

Fall Fair ~ October 20

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Classy Closet — *gently used clothing,
linens, children's toys and games*

Silent Auction — *high end items*

Live Auction — *great deals at low prices*

Et cetera — *housewares*

Flea Market — *rock bottom prices*

Holiday Booth — *every holiday represented*

Country Kitchen — *homemade goodies and jellies*



Brunswick Stew

Gourmet Booth— *frozen meals
for two, cookbooks, canned goods*

Lunch Counter (*BBQ, hot dogs
slaw and drinks*)

Garden Path — *items donated
by Mobjack Nurseries*

Held at the Kingston Parish House on
370 Main Street in Mathews, Virginia

Monies raised after expenses are given back to the community.



Greetings From the Preschool!

Hello everyone, we here at Kingston Parish Preschool have had a very active summer, getting ready for the upcoming school year. With over a dozen kids currently enrolled, both myself and my assistant, Lily Poulson, have been working hard to ensure a beautiful, nurturing classroom environment, and the school board has been exceptionally helpful in all our endeavors. For those who don't know, our previous director Suzanne Moughon made the decision not to return for the 2018/2019 school year, and so I have taken over the role. While this was certainly a loss for the program and she will be missed dearly, I have definitely tried my best to make the transition as smooth as possible. This will be my third year working at Kingston Parish Preschool, and I can honestly say I've never enjoyed any job more. Working in this church, and getting to be a part of the community it creates, is something for which I am sincerely grateful and feel truly blessed.

That being said, Kingston Parish Preschool will be continuing with its mission of offering an enriching educational experience to young children, and the security of quality child care for their parents. The curriculum is designed on a play based, developmentally appropriate philosophy that children learn best with exciting, enjoyable experiences that foster creativity and social growth. With this in mind, we will be doing a number of fun art projects, and are asking for the donation of styrofoam trays as we have in the past. Please feel free to leave those just outside the classroom door at anytime.

I want to thank the board, and the parish as well, again for all their support and for this amazing opportunity I've been given. I really think this is going to be a wonderful year.

Rachel Musick

So Thankful!

Bill and Duffy Crowe just want to praise God for his protection during a two-car accident in Richmond Wednesday that totaled their car but left them with mild bruises. Feeling so blessed!!

Boys Home Needs

People have asked Signe Langschultz if they could contribute anything towards the Boys' Home. The following items are needed, either brand new or in very good condition:

Pots and Pans

Baking sheet

Can opener

Colander

Cutting board

Mixing bowls

Kitchen towel and pot holders

Measuring cups

Measuring spoons

Spatulas

Wooden spoons

Tongs

Forks, knives, spoons

Thank You!!!

To my Kingston Parish family. Thank you so much for your kind expressions of sympathy at the loss of my dear Joe. The memorials, food, calls, cards and most of all your prayers and love have meant so much to me and my family. A special thank you to Fr. Gary for all your help and support. Love, Cheryl Lamport

Fall Camp 2018

Apparently there is a fun-filled Fall camp at Shrine Mont that we have not been taking advantage of as much as we ought! Maybe because it's sponsored by the Diocesan Council on *Agging*, which sounds awful. But actually October 22-25 is a great time to be in the mountains, see the Fall colors, hear wonderful speakers and music, and enjoy the many social hours and free time, not to mention the wonderful food. If you have any questions, please ask Mary Chapman—she goes every year.

A brochure with the registration form on the back page is available in the Parish House.

Vestry Notes

August 20, 2018

- Bill Stearn presented his audit report of the parish finances; it was approved and will be mailed to the diocese.
- The thermostat and locks at Christ Church have been repaired.
- The safe lock in the Parish House office is being repaired.
- The Women's Bathroom renovation plan has been approved and actual work should begin soon.
- The Baptized For Life program will begin in September.
- Fr. Gary's sabbatical for the Fall of 2019 has been funded by the Lilly Foundation.
- The Preschool has the number of children needed to pay for itself. Rachel Musick and Lily Poulson are preparing the classroom for the new school year.

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Tom Bullen for treatment of a tumor in pancreas (by Donna Jemmison)
 Paul Gibson for heart issues (by Jan Mohr)
 Bill Higdon in hospital (by Jane Cargill)
 Bev Holmberg for unexplained jaundice (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Tom Ingram for recovery from back surgery (office)
 Richard Jones for recovery from heart surgery (office)
 Martha Anne King (by Mary Chapman)
 Martha Knight for dental surgery (office)
 Deirdre McElroy for return of cancer (office)
 Angie Miller for broken ankle (by Kippy Gilbert)
 Jan Mohr for knee replacement surgery (by Paul Gibson)
 Bill Mullen for back pain (office)
 Ginger Richards for spinal stenosis (office)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)
 Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet)
 Lanette Beebe for shingles (by Duffy Crowe)
 Darius Boles-7-yr.-old with Limb Girdle MD (by Doug Geddes+)
 Cheryle Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault)
 Suzy Brown (by Vicki Carter)
 Alyssa Burton for acute leukemia (by Ethel Brown)
 Peggy Carr for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)
 Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight)
 Larry Clerico for aggressive cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Pat Graveline Cour for colon/liver cancer (by Joe Mereness and Richard Scott)
 +Michael Curry for prostate cancer (office)
 Howard Doak (by Julie Crabill)
 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)
 Glenda Flippin for ovarian cyst (by Jay Black)
 Barbara Fumagalli for overall poor health (by Mary Kathryn Diggs)
 Pete Furniss for bone marrow cancer (by Hank and Mairi Furniss)
 Taylor Wells Gearhart-for myaonic dystrophy (by Nina Guy)
 Bill Gregory for colon cancer (by Karen and Doug+ Geddes)
 Suzanne West Guy for Parkinsons (by Nina Guy)
 Joan Marie Harper for breast cancer (by Steve and Julie Crabill)
 Pat Harper (by Julie Crabill)
 David Hawkins for complications from diabetes (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Linda Hawkins for mass on spine (by Rosemary Eaton)
 Carole D. Hindman in hospice care (by Jay Black)
 Joan Hooper for cancer (by Pat Neiger)
 Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White)
 Alvin Ingram Jr. for pacemaker (by Tom Ingram)
 Ruby Ingram for liver cancer (by Tom Ingram)
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Georg Kidd for a neuro-muscular disease (by Kathy Yent)
 Jen Kimball+ for breast cancer (office)
 Lori Kincade for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Andrea Krause for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Artie Liles for recurring cancer (by Jim/Amanda Taylor)
 Jamie Lowman for cancer (by Josie Thorpe)
 Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy Yent)
 Charlotte Martin - Multiple Systems Atrophy (by E. Brown)
 Elizabeth McIntyre for AML (by Eleanor Woollard)
 Linda Monk for metastatic lung cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 Jack Mullen for lung cancer (by Bill Mullen)

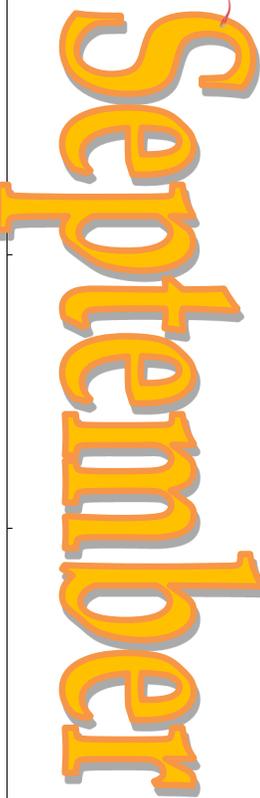
September Birthdays

Willie Hubbard	6
Barbara VanEmmerik	6
Jerry Pate	7
Gay Pfister	7
Nancy Fisher	10
Tom Ingram	10
Jim Renner	10
Tom Reed	11
Natalie McElroy	12
Dick Pogue	12
Sydney Diggs	13
Alberto Gregg	13
Judy Sowden	16
Judy Lassiter	17
Suzy Jones	18
Ed Hammond	19
Frank Jemmison	19
Kai McCann	21
Deirdre McElroy	24
Becca Brown	27
Jim Richards	27
Kathy Stearns	27
Ron Lambert	28
Michael Hobert	30
Tim Hudgins	30

Serving in the Military or Diplomatic Corps

Jody Bridgforth
 Colin Bucknor
 BJ Cavazos
 Shawn Davis
 Yvette Gaither
 Steven Green
 Joe and Megan Kraynak
 Hib McNeilly
 Tait Michaud
 Joey Plotino
 Jennifer and Zach Schmidt
 George and William Truscott

Regina Mullen (by Bill Mullen)
 Kay Nissen for brain tumor (by Jan Mohr)
 Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)
 Mark W. Olson (by Josie Thorpe)
 Betsy Paul for cancer (by Valerie Lewis)
 People of Nicaragua (by Doug Geddes+)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)
 Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley)
 Norris Richardson for Parkinsons (by the Warrens)
 Erin Robertson for AA neuropathy (Warrens)
 Mark Robins for brain cancer (by Tom Ingram)
 Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe)
 Walt Sampson for cancer (by Reed Lawson)
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Jean Staha for breathing problems (by Cindy Machen)
 Marsha Threlkeld for breast cancer (by Debbie Lambert)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Marion Whaley for lung cancer (by Barbara VanEmmerik)
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 George Wood for bone cancer (by Joe and Richard)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 am Sunday School-L 10:30 am HE II-KC 7 pm Boy Scouts-PH	3 <i>Labor Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	4 8 am Counters-L	5 Mathews Market Days using Parish House and Lawn	6 9:30 am Snack Pack Packing-PH 7 3:45 pm Choir-CC 4 pm Fr. Gary Peer Group, Yorktown 7 pm AA-PH	8	
9 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 SS-L 10:30 HE II-KC	10 8 am Counters-L 9:30 am Lay Visitors-L 1 pm Bible Class-PH	11	12 9:30 am Lay Visitors-L 12 pm Healing Service and Holy Eucharist-MC	13 3:45 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH	14 6 pm International Dinner-PH	15 PEO all day-PH
16 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 SS-L 10:30 HE II-KC 7 pm Boy Scouts-PH	17 8 am Counters-L 1 pm Bible Class-PH 4:30 pm Endowment Cmte.-L 7 pm Vestry-L	18 Noon- MCCMA Mtg. and Luncheon-PH	19 12 pm Healing Service and Holy Eucharist-MC	20 CRIER DEADLINE 10 am Fr. Gary to Dean's Mtg. 3:45 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH	21 1:30 pm DAR-PH	22
23 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 SS-L 10:30 HE II-KC 5 pm Upper Tidewater Region Mtg., Westover Church	24 8 am Counters-L 1 pm Bible Class-PH 4 pm Preschool Board Mtg.-L	25 4:30 pm Vestry-L	26 12 pm Healing Service and Holy Eucharist-MC	27 3:45 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH	28	29
30 9:15 SS-L 10:30 HE II-KC 5 pm Evensong at Grace, Kilmarnock						

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Lily Poulson	Extended Care Teacher

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

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist each Wednesday
in the Meditation Chapel - Healing Ser-
vices the first Wednesday of the month