

KINGSTON CRIER

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The Rector's Visions

The commandment most often broken in our day and culture, it seems to me, is the one that calls us to keep the sabbath. Imagine the gall of God to ask us to take a whole day where we don't prove ourselves worthy by our actions, but simply live in Grace! In the first creation story in Genesis, God works each day and declares every day and all he makes "very good." But on the seventh day, God rests. And that day he calls not just good, but "holy."

The next three months will be "very good" and also "holy" for us all. I will be away on sabbatical and Kingston will continue being Kingston on sabbatical – a word that comes from sabbath. How our Sabbatical will end up being holy is really up to us and what we do – and don't do. How will we depend on God's Grace and also hear God's call to bring that Grace to a broken world?

I suggest two basic things we can do as a beginning of this three-month sabbath together. Let's be sure to take plenty of time to listen for God in our prayer. Perhaps take up a new method of praying or pray through the psalms or?

Second, let's take some time to each write our own spiritual biographies. When was the first time you went to church, knew God present, doubted, explored ideas of theology, read the scripture? How have you grown in spirit through the years? Did you have a favorite book of the Bible earlier in your life? What might that book be now? What is the shape of your growth into Christ? Has it been a mountain to climb or plenty of ups and downs and periods of being lost and not quite sure which is up and which is down? When did you fall in love with God? Or how do you understand your relationship with our heavenly Father? Write the story of your life – as far as you've come – as it describes your friendship with God.

If you will do these two things – and perhaps share them with a fellow parishioner or many church friends – our sabbatical will be off to a grand start!

I have to confess that so much of this sabbath looks unclear to me. We shall see where it takes us. And I also confess that I am already thinking about being back with you all for the beginning of the church year in Advent. But I hope and pray that what I am imagining now about our time in December can't begin to measure up with where we will be once we have lived into this three-month sabbatical!!! May God bless us all in our sabbatical!

God's Peace,

Gary+

Sunday School Begins September 8

Anyone who has an interest in attending a class on Sundays from 9:20 to 9:50 am is invited to meet for an **informal session at 9:20 on Sunday, September 8, in the Parish House library**. Refreshments will be served, and suggestions for Sunday School formats and topics would be appreciated. Continue as in the past? Like the idea of a book study? Video with discussion? Other ideas? Let's talk about where our study of God's word may lead us in this new season. If you can't join the conversation on September 8, but are interested in attending (or leading) a class, please contact Marti Bowen at blueherons3@verizon.net or call or text at 804 815-3691.

This class is in addition to the Men's Sunday School class, which will meet at 9:15 AM in the back classroom of the Parish House.

A Few Facts for the Sabbatical Time

Gary will be gone for three months. He leaves September 1 and returns December 1 (both Sundays!)

- In September, he will be exploring Christian Friendship in the lives and works of two great artists, Paul Cezanne and Vincent Van Gogh, in France.
- In October, he will be in Sarasota, Florida, mostly to explore being alone and building himself up for deeper relationships with God and others.
- In November, he will be in Los Angeles where he grew up; he has rented a small house very near the house he grew up in! He will meet with old friends and have some time with, hopefully, all four of his sons, as they get to see where and how he grew up – which they have never done before.

As a way of keeping the sabbath time, Gary is expected to be out of communication with Kingston Parish for the duration of the three months. Senior Warden, Valerie Lewis, and parish administrator, Karen Jones will both have a way of contacting him if there is an emergency. Please do not send emails, texts, or call Gary on his cell phone while he is away. Honor the sabbath and keep it holy. Keep Gary in your prayers and know that he is keeping all of us in his prayers.

The Rev. Jen Kimball will be here half-time, covering pastoral care needs and offering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist at Sunday services. She may be reached most easily through the office.

The parish will also be on sabbatical! (This is not “Gary’s sabbatical,” but ours.) We will also explore what it means to be Christian friends and community with a special program Jen is working on. Also, the break from relationship with Gary is meant to build that friendship/relationship more deeply. How that will work and what that will look like is part of the work of sabbatical.

Many in the congregation may need to step forward to help with things that Gary usually does – or new things that nobody had done before! In addition to the Rev. Jen and our senior warden, each of us may find a way to fill in with pastoral care, teaching, just checking in on each other, or a myriad of other things. What might you do?

About Jen

The Rev. Jen Kimball grew up in Tolono, Illinois, on a farm. She attended William and Mary, studied languages and literature through the years, ended up with a Library Science Degree from Catholic University and then went to the Virginia Theological Seminary. She was ordained a deacon in 2004 and a priest in 2005. She loves working with children and youth and has spent much of her ordained ministry with young folks. She was, for instance, interim Christian Formation office for St. Andrew’s Church in Newport News for a time. She has served as interim rector at St. John’s in West Point and most recently at St. Paul’s in Newport News, where she helped the small congregation come to the end of its life.

Jen was among the pilgrims on our recent Celtic Pilgrimage, sings in Abingdon Choir, is married to the Rev. Sven vanBaars (Rector at Abingdon), and lives on a little farm-ette near the Gloucester/Mathews border. Jen, Sven, and Gary all came to know each other first back in about 1990 in Harrisonburg, Virginia!

We welcome Jen with great joy and excitement as we share three months of doing ministry together in our sabbatical!

“WONDER IN ALL”

Greetings! I am excited to be leading our Fall Stewardship campaign! This season’s theme is “Wonder in All.” With the addition of some fantastic ideas from our Vestry, I am planning a journey for us offering the sharing of experiences to renew and individually deepen our engagement with our baptismal commitment as we move toward our annual Ingathering Sunday on November 3.

Have you paused recently to listen for God’s call as you navigate the hustle of daily life? I invite you to begin the journey with me by taking some time to reflect on the Prayer after Baptism on page 308 of the Book of Common Prayer which concludes with ‘give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the give of joy and **wonder in all** your works.’ What has your baptismal covenant meant to you over the years? How has your Kingston Parish family helped to strengthen or renew your relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ? What special moments of joy and wonderment have you experienced at Kingston Parish?

Please feel free to share any of your reflections with me and stay tuned for further messages in your bulletins and mailbox. Thank you, Gale Gibson

Monday Afternoon Class
October 7 – November 18
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Kingston Chapel

Listening for the Heartbeat of God
An Introduction to Celtic Christianity

If you have read about or attended the Celtic Services at Kingston Parish, you might have often wondered, “Who in the world were the Celtic Christians? What were their beliefs? Their teachings? Are these teachings relevant to us today?”

In the Monday Afternoon Class, beginning October 7 and running through November 18, we will delve into these and other questions about this ancient tradition. Using John Philip Newell’s book, *Listening to the Heartbeat of God*, we will explore the wisdom and faith of the early Celtic Christians. We will trace the roots of their Christianity to the New Testament in the Gospel of John. On the night of the Last Supper, this beloved disciple leaned against Jesus and heard the heartbeat of God. The Celtic Christians viewed this action as a symbol for listening for God in every aspect of life. Our reading and discussions will guide us to listen for God’s heartbeat in our own everyday lives.

The classes are sequential, therefore, feel free to come to any class even if you cannot attend all. If you have questions about the class and/or purchase of the book, please contact Mary Chapman or Mary Ann Carr. Class participants are encouraged to purchase the book, however, it is not mandatory. Both Mary’s will facilitate the discussions.

School of Celtic Consciousness

John Philip Newell will bring his School of Celtic Consciousness to Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock October 29-31. Our parishioners who have enjoyed our Celtic Services at Kingston Parish and others who are interested in this ancient wisdom will have the opportunity to explore Celtic Christianity in this three-day workshop.

Registration for the event is now open and may be completed on-line at www.heartbeatjourney.org. Enrollment is limited.

For more information visit the Heartbeat website: www.heartbeatjourney.org or email Mary Chapman (mamiechapman@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Carr (macarr385@gmail.com).

Tuesday Evening Class
Beginning September 10th
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Kingston Chapel

Presiding Bishop Curry’s *The Way of Love:*
Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life

This 9-week curriculum is designed to help build trusting relationships and provide prayerful support and accountability as we seek to live the Jesus Way. We’ll explore “The Way of Love” based on seven practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest.

Group members will share a free online Facilitation Guide to lead us in prayer, discussion, practice and worship, including suggested scripture readings and hymns.

See https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_living_the_way_of_love_in_community.pdf for more information. We hope you will join us. If you have questions contact Dorothy Jeffress at 725-1226 or dorothyajeffress@gmail.com.

Attention: Flower Designers

Flowers from the Heart recently increased their price of arranging the Altar flowers at both Christ Church and Kingston Chapel by \$10 per container. We would like to continue to keep our costs to those who have flowers on our Altars for a loved one at \$30. If you can give more and would like to, this would be wonderful.

Another way to save us monies is have those on our Altar guild who arrange flowers during their month on duty, consider offering to help out other teams who do not have a flower arranger on their team. If you would be willing to aid in this, please let me know so we can add your name as fill in flower arrangers during the year. If any members of the church who enjoy flower arranging would like to give us a hand, please let me know.

REMEMBER: the flowers are arranged *To the Glory of God*. Do not be intimidated when it comes to making our Altar lovely with flowers. God loves his gardens no matter how they grow or are arranged. If anyone would like a course or a few pointers in arranging altar flowers, some of our seasoned flower arrangers and I surely would be happy to teach you.

Mairi Furniss

Preschool News

As summer winds down, we are preparing for a new school year. I am so excited to share with you all of our good news! First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who was able help with our playground clean up! Everything looks just absolutely wonderful and I just feel so very grateful to be a part of a community which is so helpful. If you had seen the state of our slightly worse for wear playground before, I absolutely encourage you to head around back and take a look at the newly painted play house, freshly washed climbing equipment, and the recently refilled sandbox. Everything looks so fantastic, and again I just want to say thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get the job done.

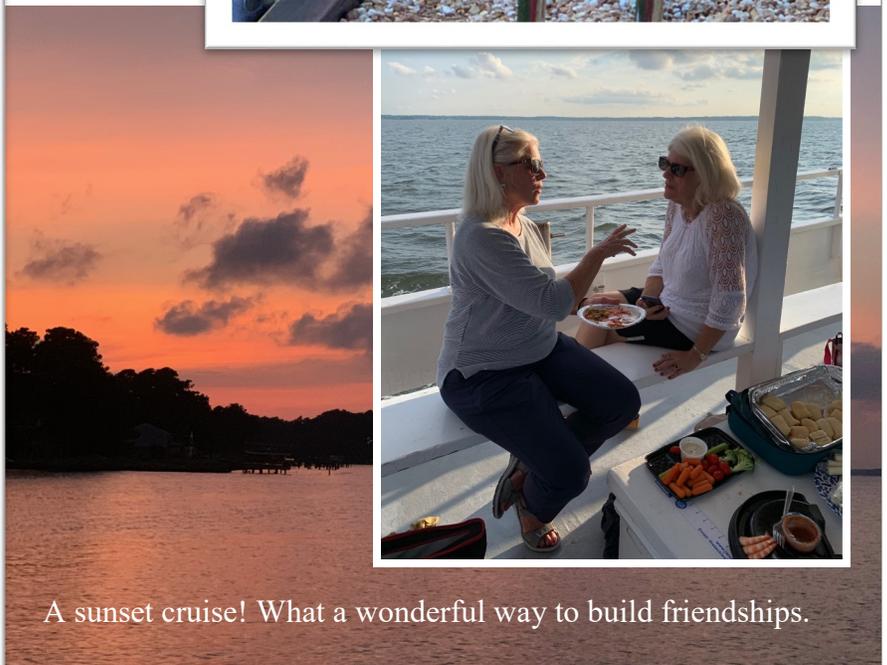
I also and thrilled to let everyone know about my new assistant. Jayda Hess, a recent Mathews High School graduate who participated in the school's early education program, has come to join our staff here at Kingston Parish Preschool, and I could not be more glad. She is a smart, creative, hard working person and is already a wonderful addition to our program.

Our first day back with our academic program is on September 3rd, just after labor day weekend. I expect to have a wonderful, and exciting year, and as always your donations of styrofoam or plastic trays are always deeply appreciated as we use them for our art projects!

- Rachel



Fr. Gary's Farewell Party August 23rd.



A sunset cruise! What a wonderful way to build friendships.

Fall Fair Preparation Begins

Big Day: Saturday, October 19
9 am - 2 pm

Saturday, October 19 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 Mob-jack Nurseries for loaning the trailer, which is 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 at the Rectory 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)

(another volunteer chairperson is needed, if you want to volunteer call Tom)

Brunswick Stew: Vicki Carter (695-4591)

Classy Closet: Trish Reed (703-801-7682)

Country Kitchen: Nancy (Tuggie) Hutson (7773)

Pat Neiger (725-2220)

Et cetera: Adele Pogue (725-9450/384-7994)

Flea Market: Sarah Renner (725-5417)

Janice Rae Lawson (725-0088/854-1371)

Garden Path: Reed Lawson (725-3375/815-7520) **Gourmet Booth:** Cindy Machen (725-3713)

Karen Jones (725-2175/725-8480)

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

Holiday and Crafts: Nan Cross (725-2485/824-6014)

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

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

Home Pick-Ups: Mary Kathryn Diggs (725-2763)

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

Tom Reed (703-498-9636)

Set-Up: Tom Bowen (804-815-1806)

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

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, October 18th. 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 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.

Special Request: If you have a large item to donate, such as the red truck in the parish parking lot donated by Bob and Sandy Warren, please contact Mary Kathryn Diggs ((804)384-7269. (Last year Kelsey and Dan Desmond offered their apartment for a weekend stay—what a generous gift!).

Brunswick Stew Pre-Sale: Vicki Carter will be passing around the clip board soon to sign up to donate items or money for ingredients to make the first batch of Brunswick stew the last week-end of September. Please let her know if you would like to help her.

Parish Prayer List

Pray For Our Parishioners

Lori Black for autoimmune issues (by Jay Black)
 Mary Ann Carr for back surgery September 4 (office)
 Dan Desmond recovering from serious burn (by Kelsey Desmond)
 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 recovery from stroke (office)
 Peggy Hudgins for pulmonary fibrosis (office)
 Martha Anne King for cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Martha Knight for stomach cancer (office)
 Martha McCartney for trigeminal neuralgia (office)
 Amanda Taylor for surgery September 10 (by Jim Taylor)
 Rachel Vanden Bout (office)

Pray For Our Family and Friends

Don Altman for lung cancer (by Bill Leary)
 Traci Beck for thyroid cancer (by Marilyn Overstreet)
 Cheryle Brown for lung cancer (by Sylvia Shinault)
 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)
 Nancy Chiafulio for two brain tumors (by Martha Knight)
 Larry Clerico for aggressive cancer (by Kathy Yent)
 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)
 Taylor Wells Gearhart-for myaonic dystrophy (by Nina Guy)
 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)
 Ron Hoover for cancer (by Lisa White)
 Susan Kensey (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Lori Kincade for blood cancer (by Shannon Kirschbaum)
 Terry King (by Mary Ann Carr)
 Andrea Krause for breast cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Don Loving for multiple illnesses (by Jan Mohr)
 Brian Lucy for a blood disorder (by Kathy Yent)
 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 Scott Thompson)
 Kathy Nelson for pulmonary fibrosis (by Kathy Yent)
 Bob Oberman for cancer (by Betty Salley)
 Janet Parsons for Lyme's Disease (by MK Diggs)
 Elizabeth Perkins for brain tumor (by Pat Elliot)

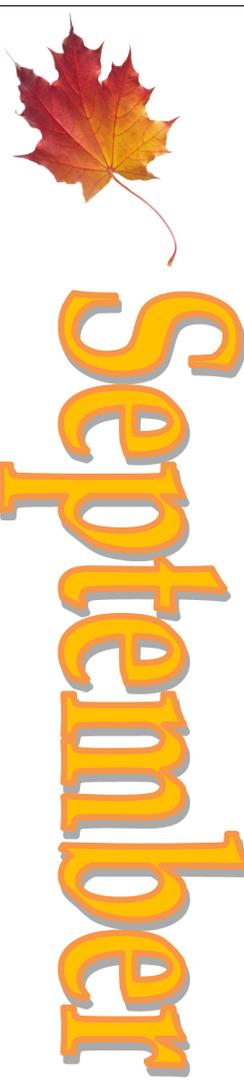
September Birthdays

Tucker Carson	4
Kathryn Hudgins	6
Barbara Van Emmerik	6
Willie Hubbard	6
Gay Pfister	7
Jerry Pate	7
Tom Ingram	10
Nancy Fisher	10
Jim Renner	10
Tom Reed	11
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	19
Deirdre McElroy	24
Becca Brown	27
Jim Richards	27
Kathy Stearns	27
Ron Lambert	28
Tim Hudgins	30

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

Deborah Phillips+ for Crohn's Disease (by Betty Salley)
 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)
 Gary Wayne Sadler (by Josie Thorpe)
 Ginger Shackelford for Hodgkins lymphoma (Kathy Yent)
 Bella Silvus for Lyme's Disease (by Marti Bowen)
 Rosie Small for cervical/uterine cancer (by Gay Pfister)
 Marsha Threlkeld for breast cancer (by Debbie Lambert)
 Joe Tomlinson (by Josie Thorpe)
 Harry Ward for brain tumor (by Jay Black)
 Jennie Whittle for return of cancer (by Mary Chapman)
 Catherine Worley for breast cancer (by Gay Butler)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>12 Pentecost 17</i> 8 am HE I-CC 10:30 am HE II-KC <i>Jen Kimball+ begins her interim ministry</i> <i>Fr. Gary's and our sabbatical begins</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Labor Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 8 am Counters-L <i>Preschool Begins</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>6 Mathews Market Days</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <i>13 Pentecost 18</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 SS-PH 10:30 HE II-KC 5:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 8 am Counters-L 9:30 am Lay Visitors-L</p>	<p>10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Karen On Vacation (again) September 8-15</div></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 <i>14 Pentecost 19</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 SS-PH 10:30 HE II-KC 5:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16 8 am Counters-L 7 pm Vestry-L</p>	<p>17 6-8 pm Cub Scout Roundup-PH 7 pm Tuesday Study-L</p>	<p>18 3:30-6:30 pm Community Foundation Giving Circle-PH</p>	<p>19 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>20 CRIER DEADLINE 1:30 pm DAR-PH</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <i>15 Pentecost 20</i> 8 am HE I-CC 9:15 SS-PH 10:30 HE II-KC 5:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23 8 am Counters-L</p>	<p>24 7 pm Tuesday Study-L</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 3 pm Choir-CC 7 pm AA-PH</p>	<p>27 <i>Brunswick Stew Batch #1</i></p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <i>16 Pentecost 21</i> 9:15 SS-PH 10:30 HE II-KC 4 pm Scouts Spaghetti Dinner-PH</p>	<p>30 8 am Counters-L</p>					

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Jayda Hess	Assistant 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