



Light of Christ Anglican Church

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Let your light so shine before men
 that they may see your good deeds
 and praise your Father in heaven.

Women's Ministry Thrift Shop Purchases Building

The Women's Ministry Thrift Shop of Light of Christ Anglican Church, Inc. will soon move from its current location to 6991 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville. For several years, the Thrift Shop has rented a building in Lottsburg. During this time, the property owner elected not to address maintenance issues. The building continued to deteriorate; yet, the rent and operational expenses increased. Realizing that change was needed, several congregation members came together to assure that the Women's Ministry Thrift Shop remain a vital business and continue its community ministries and support of Light of Christ Anglican Church programs. A move to a new location became a priority and the opportunity to buy a building, rather than rent, was soon possible. To avoid Light of Christ Anglican Church incurring additional debt, the Thrift Shop leadership chose to establish an independent, nonprofit, tax exempt corporation and assume purchase responsibility. Money for the down payment came from five generous members; three made a donation and two provided funds through a loan. Elected officers are: President, Suzy Norman, Treasurer, Pam Smith and Secretary, Linda Hornby.

The Women's Ministry Thrift Shop received certification as a nonprofit, tax exempt from the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 2, 2018. The corporation will continue as an integrated auxiliary of Light of Christ and shall furnish the Church an annual financial report to include sources and uses of funds, in accordance to the requirements of Virginia Tax Code. Additionally, no part of the Thrift Shop earnings shall be used to the benefit of any private person, except reasonable cost of services rendered. Should the Thrift Shop be dissolved, assets shall be distributed to Light of Christ Anglican Church.

The purchase of the Thrift Shop's new home is scheduled to be completed within the first two weeks of November. The building is newly renovated, all on one floor and is directly across the street from the Old Courthouse in Heathsville. Thrift Shop general manager, Linda Krisman will oversee the move with little down time. She will also need help from the dedicated and willing volunteers as the Shop prepares to move. If all goes well, the Thrift Shop will move and reopen for business no later than December 4.

All members, male or female, are encouraged and invited to participate in the Thrift Shop's ministry. Currently, approximately 20 volunteers contribute time and talents to staff the Thrift Shop's hours of operation, 10 AM to 4 PM, Tuesday through Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM. In 2017, the Thrift donated more than \$20,000 to Light of Christ Anglican Church, Callo Fire Department, Mid-County Rescue Squad, Northern Neck Red Cross, Gleamers and Blenders, The Link, Samaritan's Purse, women's ministry in Mityana, Uganda and Light of Christ Cross Cultural Worker in Asia.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| November 6 | Alpha at Morrisons', 5:30 p.m. Pizzas! |
| November 6 | Election Day |
| November 11 | Veterans' Day Luncheon, Rev. T. deBordenave |
| November 13 | Alpha at Church Parish Hall 5:30 p.m. |
| November 15 | Shoebox Ministry Program |
| November 18 | Rev. Christopher Royer, AFM |
| | Deadline for Vestry nominations |
| November 20 | Alpha Retreat at Morrisons', 9-3 a.m. |
| November 21 | Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m. |
| December 9 | Annual Congregational Meeting |
| December 15 | Women's Annual Christmas luncheon |



Mike's Message

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen 1 Peter 4:10-11

Next month, we will hold our annual meeting on Sunday, December 9. We will have a catered lunch together and then our meeting. Please plan on being available to participate in both. Over the next month, please be prayerfully considering your recommendations for two new vestry members. There will be a box in the narthex for your choices. At the meeting, we will elect two new members of the vestry, as Harrison Williams and Bart Morrison are rotating off the vestry with their designated terms completed. Please take the time to thank each man for a job very well done.

Harrison has been the Junior Warden for the past three years and has done an outstanding job of setting up the new systems in our building and overcoming many shortcomings and flaws in our new structure. He has left us with a carefully put together book of all the systems in our building and the proper people to call should there be a system failure. He has been God's man for the moment and each of us should be grateful to have had someone with his experience in building management and integrated systems.

The vestry has decided that the next Junior Warden should not realistically be expected to take on the almost full-time workload that Harrison has shouldered the past 3 years. Fortunately, he has left us with the operating manual that even I can understand. In light of this, we have hired John Frederick to be our part-time Sexton. He will be responsible for building maintenance both inside and out. This will replace the outside contractors who have been responsible for the janitorial service and lawn care. We feel this will work out better on all fronts. The next Junior Warden will be able to rely on John to take care of the day-to-day operation of our church building and grounds and will not need to be as “hands on” as Harrison has been.

Bart Morrison has been my Senior Warden for the past year and I have found his tireless efforts and servant's heart indispensable. He has stepped up and shouldered every responsibility that I have given him without complaint and has not only given of his time, but has been very generous with his resources. He has been my “go to guy” on every project and planning session and has proven a faithful and reliable friend. He has also served as delegate representing Light of Christ to

the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Synod conference the past two years. Both of these men have shown what it means to serve with humility, distinction and a godly attitude. Thank you both!

At the Annual meeting we will also be discussing how we should be moving forward into the future. 2018 has proven a difficult year for our family in the loss of many friends to death and others who have moved away from the area. We believe that God has a definite plan for our congregation and look forward to sharing with you the vision for the near future as exciting opportunities are unfolding.

You will notice a new section in *The Beacon* beginning this month. It will simply be called “*The Wish List*”. It will list those things that we need for church ministries or day-to-day operation, but are not items that are budgeted for. These will be items that have been brought to the attention of the vestry and treasurer and approved as needed, but not affordable at that time. If there is something that you feel the church needs to have, then notify Joyce or myself through e-mail or a handwritten note, and we will submit it for consideration. If we feel that it would be a good idea but not affordable at that time, it will be placed on the wish list. We currently have an item recommended for purchase and the vestry has given the approval to place this on the “*Wish List*” below and the specifications on the Parish Hall board.

Blessings! Mike Moffitt

THE WISH LIST

Item #1 - Commercial Coffee maker. The ladies in the kitchen have a hard time lugging around the 2-gallon coffee pot and it has been suggested that the commercial coffee maker is the perfect solution. It would be installed in the kitchen near the water source that would feed it. Once the coffee is brewed, it would be transferred into the provided 1-gallon pump dispensers and placed on the counter. Meantime more coffee is made ready for transfer. You can see these types of commercial coffee makers at many convenience stores.

Price installed- Approx. \$2500

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you for all your prayers and cards the past several months, concerning my health issues and the sudden death of my dear sister, Nancy. They certainly bolster my spirits and soothed my heart. You certainly reflected the love of Christ, for which I am so appreciative. I especially thank you for praying for Nancy for over 2 years, you were united in prayer with her congregation, St. John's Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, NC. I felt that connection deeply 2 weeks ago when I spoke at her funeral service and saw your faces in my heart sitting beside Nancy's friends and family, as I looked out over the congregation, all united through prayers and love. I felt like I was in heaven! Thank you!!!

I am still seeking medical advice concerning my atrial fibrillation and the hole in my heart. I hope you will continue to pray for me dear friends.

In love and joy,
Eleanor

Dear Brother and Sisters,

As our dear friend and partner in ministry, Bishop Stephen Kazimba is fond of saying—Praise God from whom all blessings flow! On October 27, Bp. Stephen and Maama Margaret celebrated 10 years of service to our Lord in the Diocese of Mityana. On this day, a grand thanksgiving celebration was held for the dedication of St. Andrews cathedral. We, at Light of Christ, have been richly blessed to participate in this magnificent Kingdom work over the years. On behalf of LoC, Pastor Mike sent a warm letter of greetings and blessings to Bp. Stephen, in addition, a gift of \$4,560 in support of the new cathedral. Bp. Stephen and Maama Margaret send their heartfelt thanks and blessings to you for your steadfast love and partnership over the years and prayerfully look forward to our next joyous meeting!



In Christ,
Bart Morrison



Thursday, Nov. 15

The time is drawing near when we will get together to finish filling the Samaritan Purse boxes! (Followed by a soup and salad luncheon.)

Please bring in your finished boxes or things to go into the boxes. Some suggestions: soap and plastic dish with cover, small flashlight and batteries, new short-sleeved shirts (no writing), toothbrush with holder (no toothpaste), pencils, erasers, colored pencils, sharpeners, good quality pens for kids aged 10-14 in black, red, green and blue. Some “wow” gifts: jump ropes, bandaids, comb hair elastics or headbands for girls, marbles, a harmonica, a simple watch or a solar calculator for older kids, sunglasses, socks. For the youngest girls, a baby doll with light brown skin and no hair. For the youngest boys, a toy car, truck or airplane. (The ones with bigger wheels that are made for toddlers and are larger than Matchbox size.)

DO NOT include the following: used or damaged goods, war-related items, such as toy guns, knives, etc., seeds, chocolate or any other food, liquids or lotions, med’s or vitamins, breakable items such as glass containers, or aerosol cans.



Deacon’s Corner

The Auction event is behind us now! We can sing praises to God for the beautiful weather and the labor of love that was shown throughout the experience by the faithful and generous servants from this congregation. My favorite part of this experience was watching the way everyone came together to accomplish a task for the glory of God. It is a joy and blessing to work with brothers and sisters in Christ even on our worst days!

This is a summary of income and expenses from the fall auction event. The complete report is on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Keep in mind that there may be a few minor changes as final processing of bills and receipts is tallied.

Expenses:

\$1612.20

Income:

\$8133.73

Vestry Allocation of Income Received:

\$2217 to the LOC Building Fund

\$4304.53 to the LOC General Fund

(any changes will be absorbed here)

A few of us met afterwards to discuss what we achieved and what we learned from this experience. The narrative report is also on the parish hall bulletin. Overall, this was an event that represented LOC well, brought many of us together to accomplish the goal, and raised some funds. There was an overwhelming amount of work that was required over a short time period to plan for this event, but there was laughter, fun, stressful and sleepless nights, a few tears, and many thanks to all those who helped to pull this off! We have many talents among us to be thankful for! Praise be to God!

Scheduling of Meeting Space/Time

Please let Joyce know when you plan to have a meeting at the church and where you plan to have that meeting. The dry erase wall calendar will be moved shortly to the church office wall, where you can check the times available and add your meeting times. Joyce will coordinate this. We most likely will not have a problem finding space to meet, but it will be very helpful to know who is coming and what to expect!

Deacon Mary Swann

Please submit nominations in the box on the table in the parish hall using the official vestry nomination forms found next to the box. Be sure to obtain the consent of the person you wish to nominate and be aware that vestry members must be members in good standing of the Light of Christ congregation.

Deadline for nominations is Sunday, November 18.

Scheduling for Sunday Service

We have noticed some overlapping and confusion in the scheduling of those in service on Sunday mornings. Please do your part to keep this running smoothly!

Joyce sends an email to those who are scheduled early in the week, usually Monday (or a phone call if you don't receive email). Please check this if you think you are on duty in any role.

If you are scheduled and cannot be present, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and let Joyce know who that will be. She has the bulletin done by Wednesday. Last minute changes will be addressed by the vestry person on duty that day.

Here's how the scheduling works for now:

Doug Smoot-ushers and greeters
Priscilla Williams- Altar Guild
Steve Proctor- Altar Rail Ministers
Dave Gwaltney - Acolytes

Coffee Hour - volunteer sign-ups for now
(volunteers needed for remainder of this year)

Joyce Olverson- nursery, eucharistic ministers,
lesson readers, vestry person on duty

Everything passes through the church office, so be sure Joyce has the correct information in a timely manner, so that she can coordinate.

Beams of Light Auction Prize Redeemed



On Friday, October 19, Stan Rasberry welcomed passengers, Betty Cralle and her cousin from Tidwell, Ann Herbert, aboard his Piper Turbo Arrow III for an aerial sightseeing tour, won by Betty at Light of Christ's Beams of Light Auction and Bake Sale.

The weather was clear and picture perfect as they lifted off from Tappahannock-Essex Airport. As they flew across the Yeocomico, Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers, Stan pointed out interesting landmarks and treated Betty to a bird's eye-view of her home on Mundy Point before heading father east. Stan's tour took them over the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, near Solomon's Island and included a stop at the Cambridge, Maryland, airport for lunch at Kay's. According to Betty, "The crab cake was the best and the amazing thing was that most of the vehicles in the parking area were planes; others had also flown-in for lunch! Stan is a terrific pilot, an entertaining tour guide and generously gave us a three hour tour. A bargain from my

Christmas Poinsettias

to remember or honor loved ones
and beautify the sanctuary
for Christmas worship



IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolytes

Nov 4	Hannah Hamlett
Nov 11	Constance McDearmon
Nov 18	Jane Wrightson
Nov 21	Dave Gwaltney
Nov 25	Ed Feddeman

Lesson Readers

Nov 4	Julie Pritchard (L) Lyn Conley (P)
Nov 11	Jeanne Hickey (L) Ed Feddeman (P)
Nov 18	Susan Read (L) Bill Tracey (P)
Nov 25	Phyllis TeStrake (L) Howard York (P)

Eucharist Ministers

Nov 4	Harrison and Priscilla Williams
Nov 11	Frank McCarthy, Phyllis TeStrake
Nov 18	Tony Blackstone, Constance McDearmon
Nov 25	Bart Morrison, Suzy Norman

Ushers

Nov 4	Bill Andrulot, Bonnie Odend'hal
Nov 11	David and Cindy Peresluha
Nov 18	Dave Gwaltney, Marie Carstensen
Nov 21	Jim Logan, Chris Cralle
Nov 25	Bill Tracey, Steve Proctor

Greeters

Nov 4	George Beckett, Ernie Proctor
Nov 11	Fred Wimberly, Peggy Lassanske
Nov 18	Doris Myers, Julie Pritchard
Nov 25	Lynne and Howard York

Counters

November	Jan and George Beckett
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Altar Guild

November	Marie Carstensen, Wendy Smith
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Nursery

Nov 4	Saunee Hamlett, Alison Kimmitt
Nov 11	Doris Myers, Jeanette Cralle
Nov 18	Alison Kimmitt, Saunee Hamlett
Nov 25	Julie Pritchard, Doris Myers

Coffee Hour

Nov 4	Need Volunteers
Nov 11	Catered
Nov 18	Charlaine & Bill Andrulot, Jeanne Hickey
Nov 25	Jim & Lucy Logan, Fred Wimberly

Please let Joyce know if you are not going to be able to cover your slot or if you would like to substitute. See the revised list in Parish Hall.

Altar Rail Ministers

Nov 4	George Beckett, Teresa Moffitt
Nov 11	Stan Rasberry, Agnes Burke
Nov 18	Steve Proctor, Constance McDearmon
Nov 25	Jim Conley, Marion Mitchell

Vestry Person on Duty

Nov 4	David Peresluha
Nov 11	Harrison Williams
Nov 18	Ernie Proctor
Nov 25	Barbara Seed

Happy November Birthdays!

Nov 1	Linda Krisman
Nov 2	Herb Smith
Nov 4	Linda Hornby, Marley Kimmitt
Nov 5	Saunee Hamlett
Nov 9	Tom Kimmitt
Nov 14	Faith Sinclair
Nov 20	Grace Rice
Nov 21	Doug Smoot
Nov 26	Sharon Baldacci, Priscilla Williams

Happy November Anniversaries!

Nov 7	Phyllis and William Tracey
Nov 10	Judy and Ward LeHardy
Nov 24	Judy and Stan Rasberry
Nov 30	David and Cindy Peresluha

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives;



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