



# 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.

Matthew 5:16



*Sunday, November 10th,  
following our worship service,  
we will celebrate*

*Veterans' Day*

*with our annual luncheon.*

*Fr. Ed Moore will be  
our featured speaker.*

*Once again the members from  
First Baptist Church have been  
invited to join us.*



## Ed and Susan Moore

Susan and Ed Moore met on a blind date in 1966 and it was almost love at first sight. He pinned her two months later and they were engaged the following year. She says he *still* makes her heart go pitter patter. Susan attended Yale New Haven School of Nursing, but dropped out six months before graduation to marry Ed in 1976 just before he went to Viet Nam. Among her many talents, Susan is an artist who enjoys pen & ink drawing and pastels. She loves singing in the choir and on the Praise Team. Susan sees herself as an edifier. Ed is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. He served in the United States Army as an Air Defense Officer, specializing in HAWK and Nike Hercules missile systems. His air defense assignments included Homestead, Florida, Chu Lai, Vietnam, Bristol, Rhode Island, and Ansbach, Germany. He is also a graduate of the Middlebury College Graduate School of French, Paris, France. He was an Assistant Professor of French, USMA, West Point, NY. As a Foreign Area Officer (Europe & Middle East/Africa), he had assignments in support of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC and the Joint Staff in the Pentagon, Washington, DC. He also served as a Security Assistance Liaison Officer in Morocco. During this latter tour of duty, then Lieutenant Colonel Moore and his family traveled frequently to Spain where two of his children were born at the U.S. Naval Base at Rota (near Cadiz). Since leaving active duty, after over twenty-two years of service, Fr. Moore has taught foreign languages (French, Latin, and Spanish) in public and private secondary schools in New York and Virginia. He was most recently Chairman of the Foreign

Language Department at Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Virginia, where he also helped coach the Orienteering Team. Fr. Moore and Susan have six adult children and 15 grandchildren with one great-grandchild. Fr. Moore was ordained to the sacred order of deacons on November 11, 2000 and to the sacred priesthood on December 1, 2007. He has studied at Saint Augustine's Theological Institute and the Center for Christian Study in Charlottesville, Va. They have a black lab/mastiff mix named Stella.

We are blessed to have Susan and Ed with us and twice blessed that he is currently our Acting Rector!

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## *Senior Warden's Column*

The USMC had a slogan, "We're looking for a few good men." Well, I am seeking a few great volunteers to prayerfully ask God's guidance in what you can do to further the ministries of LOC. Our needs are great.

Three Vestry seats will soon become open. The Altar Guild lacks a chairman and more helpers. A Communications person would really be nice to have! Getting the good news about LOC spread to our local communities is essential. Our Sunday School and nursery are no longer functioning. How about taking a turn hosting a coffee hour?

Our congregation is full of many talented and capable people. We need to work together to see our church flourish. By getting involved, you will see our wonderful fellowship become even stronger.

I am very thankful to those who are already serving us so well and faithfully. Your acceptance and support of me as Senior Warden has touched me deeply.

Proverbs 3:6

Faithfully,  
Barbara Seed

## *Goings On Around Light of Christ Congregation*

In September, **Ernie Proctor** responded to the request to drive **Pat & Bob Dalzell** to Northern Virginia for her eye surgery. Several others responded, but Ernie beat them to it.

**Several of our members** visited, prayed with, and read to **Grace Rice** during her final days of life -**Julie Pritchard, Margaret Radcliffe, Phyllis TeStrake, Lucy Logan, Susan Read, Donna Soule**, and maybe others who kept the visits coming. Bless you all!

**Every year the women** of Light of Christ are asked to provide a meal for the doctors and staff that volunteer their time at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic. The mission of the clinic is to provide health care to persons living in the Northern Neck Region and Middlesex County who are uninsured and cannot reasonably be expected to pay for such care. On Thursday, October 3, several of our women contributed something to provide a full dinner for the doctors and staff on duty that night. A huge thank you goes out to **Joy Gwaltney, Suzy Norman, Wendy Smith and Phyllis TeStrake** who volunteered to help support this worthy cause. Joy made and delivered most of the meal along with Suzy Norman who provided the main dish. Thank you ladies for so graciously representing Light of Christ Anglican Church.

**The Thrift Shop** is doing very well and is fully stocked, however we can always use more donations of gently used linens, towels, jewelry and winter clothes. We have wonderful repeat customers, and new ones are finding us. They seem very impressed when they walk around and see the variety of items we have to offer.

After moving from our Lottsburg location, we missed the storage space we had, but just recently our new 16'x10' storage shed was delivered which has freed up space in the shop.

If you haven't visited our little boutique, please put us on your "to do" list. Don't forget - Christmas is coming and we have a great supply of holiday goodies.

## *The Christian Church Community*

At Light of Christ, our fellowship together has always been a blessing to those who participate. As members of a Christian church community, each person has a responsibility for our personal spiritual growth, but also to participate in the life of the congregation. This is the way God designed the church. Sunday is the main time we come together to worship God and hear the Word preached, but there is much more that goes on from day to day and it doesn't happen without the helping hands of many. You may be missing out on something wonderful if you only attend church on Sundays! Advent will be coming soon, so plan to use this time of devotion to consider where you might be able to get more involved! Are you surrounding yourself with other Christians who can encourage you and help you to grow into Christian maturity? This is the beauty of the Christian church community.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Establish time for personal devotions and spiritual growth (daily prayer, reading scripture, group Bible study, attend classes). Try our new Book of Common Prayer 2019.
2. Make it a priority to participate in regular worship with your church family.
3. Volunteer your time and talent to assist in the life of the parish. See the deacon or senior warden if you need help knowing where you are needed!
4. Read your email and other correspondence from the church to stay tuned in.
5. Read the Beacon, our newsletter, each month. Ask in the church office if you want this mailed to you, or pick up a copy at the church if you do not read it online. This is one of the best ways we have of communicating with our parishioners.
6. Check the website periodically. Joy Gwaltney keeps things up to date there!
7. Let the office know if you know of someone from our congregation in need of a pastoral visit or prayer. The church office is open every weekday and Joyce Olverson is the contact person for whatever needs arise.
8. Put your suggestions or concerns in writing and give them to the Acting Rector or the Senior Warden. The deacon and vestry members can also take these. Remember that it is very difficult to address verbal concerns on a Sunday morning!

## Deacon's Corner

We were so blessed by Archbishop-Elect Stephen Kaziimba's recent visit to Light of Christ. Our relationship with Bishop Stephen and the people of Uganda, both Mukono and Mityana Dioceses, has been long and fruitful (since 2002?). I was the fortunate one who got to plan for his time on this visit and escort him to various places. The more we talked, the more I understood how very special it was that this man of God asked his sponsors to arrange for a brief two-day visit to our little town of Heathsville. Usually we have him for a longer period, but this time he was between several other commitments and it was way out of his way to come to us. He said that he must visit as we are his "personal friends" and his "home church" in this country.

Here is a recap:

First of all, a huge thank you goes to **Jan and George Beckett**, who drove to the airport at night to meet the bishop and deliver him safely to the home of **Donna and Craig Soule** in Kilmarnock. They arrived around midnight!

Another huge thank you goes to **Donna and Craig Soule** for providing the hospitality in their lovely home. Since this was a brief opportunity for the bishop to rest, I know that he appreciated the warmth and kindness from Donna and Craig. He was well taken care of!

We were able to arrange for a few visits to individuals during the bishop's time with us. First, he met with **Father Ed Moore** at the church over lunch. Then, we visited **Marion Mitchell and Jim and Dixie Sanderlin** in their homes. The next day, we visited with **Wayne and Hannah Hamlett** and **Mike and Teresa Moffitt**. Both evenings, we met at the church for time with the vestry on Monday and a larger church gathering on Tuesday. The evening with the vestry was very relaxed and informal. Many thanks to **Susan Moore and Barbara Seed** for doing such a beautiful job to make it an intimate atmosphere! **Wendy Smith**

provided the flower arrangements. It was a sweet time to hear from the bishop about his new role. Tuesday evening was attended by approximately 47 parishioners. It was another relaxed time of fellowship with our friend and with each other.

Thank you to **the Peresluhas** and **the Blackstones** for transporting the bishop back to Kilmarnock after these events. This was a huge help to both Donna and me.

An added bonus was the bishop's attendance at our Merry Point Bible Study on Tuesday morning. It meets at Donna's home, so it made sense, and the bishop loves the relationship our women have had over the years with the women in Mityana. We are still the only church who sends a donation to the Mother's Union in Mityana. Since it was also my birthday celebration at our Bible Study, there was an abundance of blessings all around!

Thank you to **Father Ed Moore and Barbara Seed** for their support and assistance in planning for this visit on very short notice. Thank you also to **Joyce Olverson** for making the flight arrangements.

Mary Swann

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*I would like to thank everyone who provided such a warm welcome to Bishop Stephen Kaziimba. The congregational dinner was lovely. We sang, listened to Bishop Stephen and enjoyed a delicious feast together.*

*My appreciation is great for all the helping hands who made the bishops visit a successful one.*

*God bless you,  
Barbara Seed*

## *An Invitation from Uganda*



Our long-time friend from Uganda, Archbishop-Elect Stephen Kaziimba, will be installed as the new Archbishop of Uganda on March 1, 2020 in Kampala, the capitol city of Uganda. He has personally invited representatives from Light of Christ to attend the ceremony and we certainly want to be represented. This is a national event with the President of Uganda in attendance and maximum security in place. Although we are not limited in how many people we send, we do need to inform the bishop soon as to who will represent us.

If you would like to be one of our representatives, please let the church office know by November 17. We will send in the names to Bishop Stephen and you will receive an “official” invitation. There is an organizer in Uganda who will make housing arrangements for all of the guests, so it is imperative that we give them names and numbers as soon as possible! Space will be limited and there are many details involved in the planning for such an event.

### 1) Prayer Requests from Bishop Stephen:

Pray for the following dates/events to go smoothly:

November 7, 2019 Election of a new bishop of Mityana Diocese

January 24, 2020 Moving Day from Mityana to Kampala

February 2, 2020 Moses (the bishop’s son) will be ordained to the priesthood

March 1, 2020 Installation of the Rt. Rev. Stephen Kaziimba as the next Archbishop of Uganda

March 8. 2020 Enthronement as the Bishop of Kampala Diocese (the Archbishop also has this role)

??? Installation as Chancellor of Uganda Christian University at a later date

2) Pray for Maama Margaret Kaziimba’s health and stress levels during this busy season. She is suffering from back problems and unable to travel at this time. She will have many new responsibilities and travel commitments in her new role as Archbishop’s wife.

3) Provisions for all the necessary items, such as a satisfactory car for travel, new vestments for an archbishop, furnishings for the much larger archbishop’s palace (Yes, it is called a palace!). Many of the Kaziimba’s possessions, including the car currently used, will remain in Mityana.

4) Pray for the very best person of God’s choosing to be elected as the new bishop of Mityana, so that the work started by Bishop Stephen can continue to flourish.

5) Pray for good relations to continue between the Anglican Church and the State in Uganda. Unlike our country, the government and church work closely together in many areas in Uganda.

6) Pray for a well-equipped staff to assist the new Archbishop in all of his many duties!

## Northumberland County Young Life & WyldLife Update



### WyldLife Club

We had our second WyldLife club of the year October 12th! It was a beautiful night so we spent some time playing cornhole and other games outside, and then enjoyed a delicious dinner of meatball subs provided by Afton United Methodist Church. We then had some hilarious skit characters interrupt club (our leaders Kristi and Angelique had the kids cracking up!). After that Laura got up and shared the story of Jesus healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda, sharing with our middle school friends that *Jesus sees us* and that *Jesus wants to make us well*. With our remaining time, we played Pictionary and talked about how awesome our trip to Great Wolf Lodge is going to be in just under a month! It really was an amazing night!



### INTRODUCING NOCO YOUNG LIFE!

This Sunday we hosted our kick off event for Young Life, which is WyldLife for High School students! I was blown away by the number of kids that came, the Lord really showed up! We had a blast playing some crazy games, and I got to share with them a little of my story and invited them to “Come and See” about Jesus with us this year. Every one of these students took home a flyer for our Fall Weekend trip to the Outer Banks and are really excited to be a part of Young Life!

**Prayer Request:** Please be praying for more volunteer leaders to join our leadership team to help us continue to reach all kinds of kids in Northumberland County!

# IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

## Acolytes

Nov. 3 Jane Wrightson  
Nov. 10 David Gwaltney  
Nov. 17 Marie Carstensen  
Nov. 24 Constance McDearmon

## Lesson Readers / Prayers

Nov. 3 Tony Blackstone / Joan Blackstone  
Nov. 10 Jeanne Hickey / Ernie Proctor  
Nov. 17 Constance McDearmon / Julie Pritchard  
Nov. 24 Jim Conley / Lyn Conley

## Eucharist Ministers

Nov. 3 Constance McDearmon / Suzy Norman  
Nov. 10 Tony Blackstone / Lucy Logan  
Nov. 17 Constance McDearmon / Suzy Norman  
Nov. 24 Tony Blackstone / Lucy Logan

## Ushers

Nov. 3 Doug & Courtney Ludeman  
Nov. 10 David Peresluha & Bonnie Odend'hal  
Nov. 17 Jim Logan & Bill Tracy  
Nov. 24 Chris Cralle & Ed Feddeman

## Greeters

Nov. 3 Cheryl Swann  
Nov. 10 Fred Wimberly  
Nov. 17 Phyllis TeStrake  
Nov. 24 Jeanette Cralle

## Altar Guild

November Marie Carstensen & Wendy Smith

## Counters

November Betty Dillingham & George Beckett

**Nursery will be closed until  
Further notice.**

## Coffee Hour

**We need volunteers for 2019. Please continue to sign up in the parish hall or call/email Joyce.**

## Altar Rail Ministers

Nov. 3 George Beckett, Agnes Burke  
Nov. 10 Jim & Lyn Conley  
Nov. 17 Walt & Phyllis TeStrake  
Nov. 24 Steve Proctor, Donna Soule

## Vestry Person on Duty

Nov. 3 Alison Kimmitt  
Nov. 10 Barbara Seed  
Nov. 17 Ernie Proctor  
Nov. 24 Randy Smith

## Happy Birthday

Nov. 1 Linda Krisman (Thrift Shop mgr.)  
Nov. 2 Herb Smith  
Nov. 4 Linda Hornby, Marley Kimmitt  
Nov. 5 Saunee Hamlet  
Nov. 9 Tom Kimmitt  
Nov. 14 Faith Sinclair  
Nov. 18 Julie Pritchard  
Nov. 25 Sharon Baldacci, Priscilla Williams

*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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Happy Anniversary

Nov. 7 Phyllis & Bill Tracey  
Nov. 24 Judy & Stan Rasberry  
Nov. 30 Cindy & David Peresluha

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church; Send your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Those who leave  
everything in  
**GOD'S HAND**  
will eventually see  
God's hand in  
everything.

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# November

*Our Annual Thanksgiving  
Service will take place  
Wednesday, Nov. 27th  
at 4:00 p.m.  
Please plan to join us.*



*Please join us for our annual  
Operation Christmas Child*

*Shoe Box Packing Event  
9:00 am to 11:00 am*

*Saturday, November 9, 2019  
Light of Christ Parish Hall*

*Coffee and light breakfast fare will be provided*



**THE POWER  
of a  
SIMPLE  
GIFT**

