



# 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.

### Message from Tom and Elaine Price

Tom and I want to say Thank You! for the wonderful send-off we were given on Sunday, July 8. To send us off with special prayers is more than amazing. We want all of our family at Light of Christ to know how much you have meant to us for all the love and support you have given us. It has truly been our "home" in the Lord--because of you and the leadership of Jeffery and Mike. We have learned so much!! To move has been a very bittersweet time in our lives. We will miss all of you tremendously. On the other hand, we feel that the Lord has chosen Oxford, PA for us because He has a plan for us. As many of you know, we wanted to go to Williamsburg, but He had other plans. For many reasons--all good we are sure. We can't wait to see what he has in mind for us there. Our new home, family and dear friends await us to begin this new chapter in our lives.

Remember how far we have all come, and look forward to all exciting things to come (as Mike says) for God to surprise us with what he will do!! Stay the path before you and we will be waiting to hear of the awesome things God will be doing in the Northern Neck for His glory!

Please plan to come visit--the door is always open--we have room for visitors and would love to see you and show you around the beautiful Amish country, Longwood Gardens, Andrew Wyeth museum and Wintherthur just to name a few.

The Northern Neck was our dream place and we have enjoyed it to the fullest. Thank you, God, for allowing us 25 years in this place.

Here are our new contacts--so no excuse to keep you from visiting--it is only 4 & 1/2 hrs. away!

109 Kensington Lane  
Oxford, PA 19363  
610-467-1619

### Calendar of Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars

**August 20-24 VBS/Five Day Club at LOC**



**September 29 Fall Live Auction**



**and Bake Sale Event at LOC**





## Mike's Message

### **Ezekiel 47:12**

<sup>12</sup> *And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.*”

### **John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Recently, I woke up in the middle of the night with the phrase “*rivers of living water*” going through my mind over and over. I knew this phrase came from John 7:38, but I wondered what the Lord was showing me. As I prayed and asked him, the Lord led me to Ezekiel 47: 1-12 where the prophet was given a vision of the water source under the temple starting as a trickle, but then turning into a river so strong that he couldn't cross. The water that flowed down from that river was not salty, but fresh and living, causing the trees along the banks to produce fruit every month. The leaves of those trees were to be used for healing and the fruit for food. How was this possible? It was the life-giving quality of the living water that flowed out from under the temple. Wherever this water went it brought life and refreshment.

Jesus pointed to the images from this passage to describe himself to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4: 10-14. He reveals himself to her as the source of life-giving water that would quench the thirst and “*will become a spring of water welling up into eternal life*” (John 4:14). When the disciples were surprised that Jesus had spoken with a Samaritan woman, he pointed out that the harvest had already begun alluding to Ezekiel's picture of trees bearing fruit twelve months out of the year. In our passage from John 7:37-39, Jesus reveals that he is the source of the living water prophesied in Ezekiel (also Zechariah 14:3-8; Joel 3:17) and it would be poured out in abundance through the Holy Spirit. After reading and thinking through this,

I went and laid back down to try and catch a few more hours sleep; but “*rivers of living water*” continued to capture my thoughts. I drifted off and woke up later with the same thought going through my mind, but this time I knew what it was about.

The past month we have been considering the theme from GAFCON, “*Proclaiming Christ Faithfully to the Nations*” and we have looked at the importance of preaching God's gospel as God's church and realizing that if we are obedient to God's command, there is no reason to fear because this is God's world. As Zechariah 4:6 reminds us, “*Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.*”

My prayer became, “*Lord, release the living water upon us like a river glorious. Let us be fruitful continually as we bear witness to those around us all that you have done for us and in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen*”

We want to become intentional in our outreach to the community in Jesus' name. With that in mind in September, we will be offering to our congregation and to the community the “Alpha Course”. This is what they say about the course.

*“Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome.”*

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors and anyone else who God places in your path to come and enter into a non-threatening conversational look at the claims of Jesus. We plan to begin with a dinner, video and discussion on September 11, from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you are interested in being trained as a facilitator, please contact me or Mary Swann for more information. We encourage everyone who can, to attend. Please be praying that God will move in and through us for his glory and the salvation of those who are lost.

Let the river flow!

## From the Senior Warden

This week our brothers and sisters in the Methodist tradition commemorate the passing of Susannah Wesley (20 January 1669 – 23 July 1742), the mother of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. So profound was the influence of Susanna Wesley on her son John Wesley that she has been called the “Mother of Methodism”.

Let me just share a few interesting facts. As the wife of Anglican Pastor Samuel Wesley, life in 17<sup>th</sup> century England was far from boring. John Wesley was the 14<sup>th</sup> of her children. You might say that the Wesley home was the blueprint for Christian-oriented home schooling. Not one to spare the rod when duly provoked, Susanna set about shaping her young ones straightway to love God with heart, soul and mind.

Family devotions were held before daybreak each day, and study of the Bible, great works of classical antiquity, grammar, logic, rhetoric and Biblical languages were a normal part of the daily routine in the Wesley household. Susanna diligently prepared her children for a lifetime of devoted Christian service as an act of obedience and worship to our Lord.

John’s hard work paid off as he won scholarships and a fellowship to put himself through Oxford. Despite the hard work and often tough love, in his letters John Wesley describes his upbringing as the ideal Christian childhood.

One of Susanna’s other children also bears mentioning - Charles Wesley, composer of over 6,000 hymns, many of which are a regular part of our worship at Light of Christ.

So hats off to Mrs. Wesley! I for one am happy to have her among our great cloud of witnesses.

Your brother in Christ,  
Bart Morrison



## Deacon’s Corner

This month, I’m reporting on our small group conversations with Mike, held in May and June. Thank you to all of the hosts for having us in your homes and providing refreshments. Our hosts were the following: Constance McDearmon and Doug Smoot, Gayle and Sam Marston, Barbara and Dick Seed, Bart Morrison, Joan and Tony Blackstone, and Donna Soule. A total of 66 parishioners attended!

There were some themes emerging in every group, but

in different ways. Some were more animated than others! There were lots of good suggestions. Repeating themes included liturgy and worship, our aging demographics, being a beacon of light in this community, communication, and stepping up our outreach efforts, especially to children and younger families. Single mothers and education, both for us and the community came up more than once. Issues regarding worship covered a wide range of opinions based on a person’s background and experience. Worship in the Anglican tradition can incorporate evangelical, charismatic and Anglo-Catholic styles of worship, but discerning what works best for your target congregation is an on-going process.

Very few concerns came up. The main one was the change in the passing of the peace. Mike explained why he moved it to the end of the service. It was moved again as a suggestion from one of these groups. The remaining groups seemed more comfortable with that move. Losing some of the traditions of our Anglican worship was voiced and discussed more than once. Issues involving communication were expressed, but not as a huge concern. I wrote a refresher on all the ways we try to communicate important information last month in this column.

The dilemma of being a tired and aging congregation who would like to bring Jesus to the community, as well as increase our membership, was discussed in every group.

Overall, Mike and I were pleased with the outcome. Our goal was to give people an opportunity to meet with Mike and get to know his heart and vision better. He made it very clear that he is approachable and wants to know when someone has a concern or suggestion. His door is open, but it’s best to make an appointment and let him know what it’s about, so he can allow the right time frame. Keep in mind that Sunday mornings are not the best time to tell him what’s burning in your heart! Most of us can’t remember what’s said in passing if we are focused on other tasks. I am also available to hear your concerns or suggestions, or you can speak with Bart, our senior warden. It was great to visit with so many of you in a comfortable and informal setting. We may plan this type of venue periodically!

Deacon  
Mary Swann

## “Food for Thought”



One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up bowed his head and said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.”

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, “Lord, I hate lard.”

Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, “Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour either, but after you mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits.”

Lord, help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what you’re making. After You get through making and baking, It’ll probably be something even better than biscuits.” Amen!

*Romans 8:28.*

Author- Harry Wheat

## After so many requests - - From Lyn Conley’s kitchen

### Pockets of Lemon Cake



1 pkg (18.25 oz) white cake mix  
1 1/4 c. water  
1/3 c. oil  
4 egg whites  
1 can lemon pie filling (15.75 oz)  
Topping: 1 can (16 oz) lemon frosting  
Cool Whip

Grease and flour 13 x 9 inch pan. Prepare cake mix as directed, using water, oil, and egg whites. Spread batter in greased pan. Drop pie filling by heaping teaspoonful evenly onto batter. Bake at 350 for 30-40 min., until edges pull away from pan and top is golden brown. Allow cake to cool in pan for 45 min. or until completely cool.

(I usually leave it loosely covered overnight.) Mix frosting and Cool Whip in medium bowl and spread over cooled cake. Best if served chilled. Store loosely covered in refrigerator.

## Auction Update

Here is the latest news about the fall auction event!

We have a planning committee in place with some of the tasks defined and assigned. Gathering all of the items in one place is our next step. If you have a donation for the auction, let us know immediately. There is a sign-up list in the parish hall. We plan to pick up items in early August and store them until the auction.

If you think you could help with the logistics of the auction part of this event, please contact Dave or Cindy Peresluha. They will be seeking workers to help with different tasks, such as spotting, transporting items, displaying items beforehand, and things that they know more about!

Sandi Ward and Bonnie Odend’hal will take charge of the bake sale and securing food vendors. If you volunteered to help with food, they will be contacting you. Hopefully, many of you will bake goods prior to the event. The volunteers will help with planning, packaging and displaying.

Peggy Lassanske is handling the publicity. We particularly want some gift items from the community for services people use, such as dining, spa treatments, car service, or anything you might think of. We could also use one or two “special” items that would draw interest and could be advertised.

More information will be coming, but we are well on our way!

Mary Swann,  
Planning Committee

## LOC Brochure Available!

Peggy Lassanske created a wonderful brochure about our church that is available at the Welcome Center, either on the counter or underneath. Please check it out and spread it around in the community! We print these in house, so take as many as you want.

# IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

## Acolytes

Aug 5 LeAnne Nguyen  
Aug 12 Hannah Hamlett  
Aug 19 LeAnne Nguyen  
Aug 26 Hannah Hamlett

## Lesson Readers

Aug 5 Jeanne Hickey (L)  
Frank McCarthy (P)  
Aug 12 Phyllis TeStrake (L)  
Dick Seed (P)  
Aug 19 Howard York (L)  
Marie Carstensen (P)  
Aug 26 Tony Blackstone (L)  
Betty Dillingham (P)

## Eucharist Ministers

Aug 5 Bart Morrison, TBA  
Aug 12 Harrison Williams, Irene Haley  
Aug 19 Frank McCarthy,  
Constance McDearmon  
Aug 26 Harrison and Priscilla Williams

## Ushers

Aug 5 Alison and Tom Kimmitt  
Aug 12 George Beckett, Phyllis TeStrake  
Aug 19 Bonnie Odend'Hal, Lyn Neira  
Aug 26 Chris Cralle, Ernie Proctor  
Sep 2 Stan Rasberry, Jim Logan

## Greeters

Aug 5 George Beckett, Marie Carstensen  
Aug 12 Peggy Lassanske, Bonnie Odend'Hal  
Aug 19 Fred Wimberly, Doris Myers  
Aug 26 Julie Pritchard, Judy LeHardy  
Sep 2 Lynn and Howard York

## Counters

August Betty Dillingham, Pauline Edmonds

## Altar Guild

August Pauline and Bobby Edmonds

## Nursery

Aug 5 Judy LeHardy, Alison Kimmitt  
Aug 12 Jeanette Cralle, Doris Myers  
Aug 19 Saune Hamlett, Doris Myers  
Aug 26 Jeanette Cralle, Julie Pritchard

## Coffee Hour

Aug 5 Dick and Barbara Seed,  
Pam and Herb  
Aug 12 Bonnie Odend'hal and Donna Soule  
Aug 19 Wendy Smith and Joy Gwaltney  
Aug 26 Jan and George Beckett,  
Bart and Leslye Morrison  
Sep 2 Alison and Tom Kimmitt,  
Fred and Laura Woodard

## Altar Rail Ministers

Aug 5 George Beckett, Teresa Moffitt  
Aug 12 Stan Rasberry, Agnes Burke  
Aug 19 Sam and Gayle Marston  
Aug 26 Steve Proctor, Marion Mitchell

## Vestry Person on Duty

Aug 5 Bart Morrison  
Aug 12 David Peresluha  
Aug 19 Alison Kimmitt  
Aug 26 Harrison Williams

### Happy August Birthdays!

Aug 8 Bart Morrison, Paul Lassanske  
Aug 10 Mike Moffitt  
Aug 11 Bill Henson, Laura Woodard  
Aug 17 Carolyn Costello  
Aug 18 Dixie Sanderlin, Cindy Fife  
Aug 20 Jane Wrightson, Tony Blackstone  
Aug 24 Charlotte Hundley  
Aug 29 Jeanette Cralle  
Aug 31 Anna Brennan

### Happy August Anniversaries!

Aug 22 Peggy and Paul Lassanske  
Aug 27 Lyn and Art Neira

*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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## CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Light of Christ Anglican Church  
is hosting**

**Vacation Bible School  
For ages 5 to 12**

**August 20 - 24, at 6p.m.**

**Program is free and pre-registration  
is not required.**

**For additional information, call Light  
of Christ office (804)580-4555 or  
contact Bart Morrison at  
[bart@hickoryground.com](mailto:bart@hickoryground.com)**

**Live Auction**



**and**



**Bake Sale Event**

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**September 29**