



# 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.

### Beams of Light

The energy and excitement abounds all around the church, while everyone uses their talents and skills to create a masterpiece for the fall festival. After weeks of long hours of planning, contacting businesses, dealing with vendors, purchasing supplies and equipment, baking and preparations, it's finally coming together! Below are pictures taken during Thursday:



### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### Mark Your Calendars

**Tuesdays  
October 5  
October 6-7  
October 8**

**Alpha Series: 5:30-8  
WyldLife First Friday  
WyldLife Rake-a-Thon  
Burgess Home Group**



## Mike's Message

***“Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.”***

***Proverbs 27:10***

***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”***

***Jeremiah 29:11-13***

I must confess that I grow weary of the constant barrage of information that seems to be carefully selected by the world-wide media. I don't hear or read much about people being kind and considerate to each other or stories that encourage and gladden the heart. Instead we are continually assaulted by stories of cruelty, absolute insanity and man's inhumanity to man all around us. We have been going through a sermon series on spiritual warfare and I think it clear that our enemy, the devil would have us be discouraged that things could have gotten so bad in our world. I started thinking about that and although I know very well that our culture has severely declined over the last 50 years, but has it totally fallen into chaos and anarchy?

This morning I was talking to a friend at the gym and she asked me to pray for an elderly neighbor who recently fell and broke her arm and wrist. Her neighbor is 90 years old and needs help with some of the basic and simple everyday tasks, like bathing, going to the bathroom, getting dressed and preparing meals. My friend has been spending time with her neighbor and helping her with these things.

Hearing her describe the situation, although bad for her neighbor, caused my spirit to soar a little. This story wasn't told to receive praise or glory, but so that I could join in prayer for someone who is struggling. I walked away glad to know about it because it's the kind of thing that we would like to

believe still goes on all around us, you know, neighbor showing love and concern for a neighbor. I don't look for the media to do an exclusive, but I know I would sure appreciate hearing about this sort of thing on a regular basis. You know what? I'll bet this type of thing does go on all around us, but it isn't seen as newsworthy, nor should it be. It should be the type of thing that's just normal life within a community. We have been talking a lot about evangelism, sharing our faith in Jesus Christ with those around us. I suspect that one of the ways we could do that is by showing concern and compassion for those who we know are hurting and not worrying about the inconvenience involved in helping them out. I'm guessing that some of you are doing just that, and I think it would be encouraging if every once in a while, you could share a prayer request about a friend or neighbor and how you've been able to spend a little time easing their burden a bit. We need those kind of stories to help us put the discouraging ones in context. Just a thought.

Blessings!



**THE POWER  
of a  
SIMPLE  
GIFT**

### **Mark you calendar for Thursday, Nov. 15!**

That's when we will gather to fill shoeboxes in the parish hall, followed by a soup and salad luncheon.

Envelopes with gift suggestions will be in the parish hall by September 30. You may want to start purchasing items to go into a box.

The date the boxes will be taken to the White Stone Church of the Nazarene Relay Center is November 18.

God already has a person planned to receive your special gift. Isn't that awesome? He has chosen you especially for that young boy or girl. Embrace them now and they will become very special to you.

If you have any questions, contact Julie Pritchard.

## Upcoming Changes

There are a few things coming up that I wanted to make you aware of. As we come to the end of the year, we have two people rotating off of the vestry:

1. Bart Morrison and Harrison Williams. Bart is our Senior Warden and Harrison our Junior Warden. They both have done a stellar job and will be difficult to replace. We need your recommendations for two new members the of the vestry. Please be praying about that and let me know your thoughts.
2. We will be having our Annual Congregational Meeting on December 9, right after church. We will have a catered lunch so that everyone is free to attend. I will be sharing my vision for the coming year, and we will have reports available from our outreach ministries. We will also have a Treasurers' report at the meeting. Please plan on attending.
3. As the treasurer and vestry have considered the new budget, we have decided that we will be making some changes in order to save money. We are currently spending a little over \$600 a month on our printing and that needs to be cut way back. More and more, we will be using the screens in the sanctuary for our worship service. Instead of having the liturgy that is the same every week (ex. Nicene Creed; Lord's Prayer; Prayer of Humble Access etc.) in the bulletin, they will be on the screen. We will still have the notation in the bulletin, but the actual liturgy will be on the screen. Eventually, we will be transitioning the words to our music on to the screens instead of the bulletin. We average 14 pages a week per bulletin and this will be cut way down.

Also, **our monthly newsletter** will be primarily available on our website instead of making a hard copy available to everybody. For those who don't have a computer or the internet, we will still make copies available. You will need to let Joyce know if this applies to you.

4. For our pre-service time, we will be alternating between music being played and times of thoughtful meditation. With some of the music, there will be times where some will want to sing along or raise their hands in worship. We want them to feel the freedom to do that. For those who aren't comfortable with that, feel free to sit and focus on the words or prepare your heart for worship as you see fit.

I realize that whenever there is change, there will be those who aren't happy about it. I get that, but these changes we feel are in the best interest of everyone. We are praying that everyone will give it time for the changes to become the new normal.

Blessings!  
Mike



## Deacon's Corner

***“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1 Timothy 4:16***

Recently, there has been an overwhelming number of accusations against Christian clergy who are involved in sexual misconduct. The number keeps rising. Bishop Gurnsey is adamant about protecting both children and adults from any sexual misconduct in our churches.

He based his recent address to the clergy on *1 Timothy 4:16*. He said it is his sacred duty to do everything he can to keep our churches safe from predators and protect the doctrine of our faith. The consequences of sexual misconduct are great. Violations of this nature bring dishonor to the church and to Christ. They foster distrust of our clergy and all Christians. They cause deep and long lasting wounds to children and adults. Our diocese has a very thorough policy on the protection of God's children and the diocese is in the process of forming best policies for the protection of adults.

At Light of Christ, we strive to adhere to the policies of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. We also have our own policies adapted to fit specific needs of this church. In a smaller congregation, it becomes far too easy to slack off in following policies, but we need to do better!

No congregation is exempt from the possibility of this wide-spread, ever-increasing issue of sexual misconduct and predators seeking to use the church to have access to children. My biggest concern is that we do not have enough volunteers to adequately cover our nursery and Sunday School on Sunday mornings. There must always be **two adults with children**. Please consider if God might be calling you to help out on a Sunday, or to assist Joan Marie Paresine with the younger children in her class. We have some children and these little ones deserve our love and our protection!

Since I am currently the administrator for child protection, you will be hearing more in the next few months. Everyone is invited to attend the next training at the church, when scheduled. You may also attend a training at the diocesan level. The in-person training is best because we can discuss issues and how we can best meet the requirements at LOC. We are all responsible for watching out for children and recognizing any suspicious behavior, even if you do not work with children. Be alert and let the clergy know if you see anything in question!

Deacon Mary Swann

## Light of Christ Anglican Church Protection of Children 2018

**Purpose:** The clergy and leadership of Light of Christ Anglican Church take every precaution to protect all children (including youth and teens) from an kind of mistreatment or abuse. This policy serves to reduce the risk of any harm directed towards a child while in our care.

**Policy:** All individuals serving in leadership roles, including the vestry, registrar, treasurer, employees and volunteers working directly with children, will adhere to the Policy on Child Protection endorsed by the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic under the direction of our bishop and diocesan committee on child protection. In addition, leaders are expected to uphold supervisory plans for children specific to Light of Christ. Policies include a five-step approach to keeping children safe. The five steps are screening, training, interacting, monitoring and responding. Training addresses these areas.

All those in leadership who are listed above will update background checks and training every two years. Those working in direct supervision of children have additional requirements for screening. Every leader is responsible to observe and report any behavior of concern involving children.

Records remain confidential and are kept in a locked file away from public access. These records are permanent and kept on location.

Clergy of this church who are canonically resident in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, fall under direct supervision of the bishop and receive extensive screening and training. Clergy records are monitored and kept in the diocesan office. At Light of Christ, it is the responsibility of the Rector to carry out policies and respond the any offenses.

### Laura's WyldLife Update

School is back in session and WyldLife has had a strong start for this year! We gathered for our first WyldLife Club of the year, which we are calling "First Friday". We ate a delicious meal prepared by Fairport Baptist Church, played crazy games, and shared many laughs together. At the end of the night, I got to stand in front of my middle school friends and share a passage from John 1 with them. In this passage, Jesus invited his disciples to come and see what a life walking with Him would look like. I challenged my WyldLife friends to "come and see" about who Jesus is as we continue meeting throughout the semester. The night was a huge success! Our next First Friday is planned for October 5.

## WyldLife Fundraiser RAKE - A - THON

We are headed to Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg for WyldLife Weekend October 20-21! Our trip is almost full, which is more than we could ask for! The cost for the weekend is \$150. Many of our students are in need of a scholarship so we are hosting a **WyldLife Rake-A-Thon** for kids to fundraise money for camp! There are 2 ways you can support us with this event:

**Sign up to have your lawn raked!** The WyldLife Rake-A-Thon will be Columbus Day Weekend (Oct. 6-8). Free will donations will be accepted, with a suggested donation of \$20. To sign your house up, email Laura at YLnorthern-neck@gmail.com

**Sponsor a student!** Students will be reaching out to family and friends to find sponsors for their participation in the Rake-A-Thon. The reality is that some students don't have many people to ask for these sponsorships or who are able to give. Would you consider sponsoring one of our WyldLife friends' Rake-A-Thon efforts? A \$25 sponsorship can go a long way for these students to attend WyldLife Weekend and get the chance to hear about Jesus! Checks of any amount can be made payable to "Young Life" and sent to:

Northumberland Wyldlife  
Attn: Laura Raciborski  
PO Box 603  
Reedville, VA 22539

Thank you for your continued support of Northumberland WyldLife! Middle School students are being reaching with the hope of Christ thanks to your partnership.

# IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

## Acolytes

Oct 7	Hannah Hamlett
Oct 14	LeAnne Nguyen
Oct 21	Hannah Hamlett
Oct 28	LeAnne Nguyen

## Lesson Readers

Oct 7	Jim Conley (L) Phyllis TeStrake (P)
Oct 14	Tony Blackstone (L) Joan Blackstone (P)
Oct 21	Ernie Proctor (L) Sandi Ward (P)
Oct 28	Charlaine Andrulot (L) Bart Morrison (P)

## Eucharist Ministers

Oct 7	Harrison and Priscilla Williams
Oct 14	Frank McCarthy, Constance McDearmon
Oct 21	Tony Blackstone, Suzy Norman
Oct 28	Bart Morrison, Lucy Logan

## Ushers

Oct 7	George Beckett, Bonnie Odend'hal
Oct 14	Courtney and Doug Ludeman
Oct 21	Alison and Tom Kimmitt
Oct 28	Stan Rasberry and Bill Tracey

## Greeters

Oct 7	Fred Wimberly, Phyllis TeStrake
Oct 14	Marie Carstensen, Peggy Lassanske
Oct 21	Julie Pritchard, Doris Myer
Oct 28	Lynn and Howard York

## Counters

October	Betty Dillingham, Pam Smith
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## Altar Guild

October	Jim Sanderlin, Gayle Marston
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## Nursery

Oct 7	Doris Myers, Jeanette Cralle
Oct 14	Julie Pritchard, Saunee Hamlett
Oct 21	Alison Kimmitt, Doris Myers
Oct 28	Jeanette Cralle, Julie Pritchard

## Coffee Hour

Oct 7	Bobby and Pauline Edmonds?, Gay Posey
Oct 14	Peggy and Paul Lassanske, Denise McCarthy?,
Oct 21	Eleanor Semerjian, Marie Carstensen
Oct 28	Judy and Ward LeHardy?

**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

Oct 7	Sam and Gayle Marston
Oct 14	Steve Proctor, Anges Burke
Oct 21	Jim Conley, Marion Mitchell
Oct 28	Ernie Proctor, Constance McDearmon

## Vestry Person on Duty

Oct 7	Ernie Proctor
Oct 14	David Peresluha
Oct 21	Alison Kimmitt
Oct 28	Bart Morrison

## Happy October Birthdays!

Oct 1	Mary Swann
Oct 7	Doug Ludeman
Oct 10	Ben Ward
Oct 12	George Semerjian
Oct 20	Jim Sanderlin
Oct 21	Melinda Floom
Oct 23	Courtney Ludeman, Ed Costello
Oct 24	Frank McCarthy
Oct 28	Pat Dalzell

## Happy October Anniversaries!

Oct 8	Tricia and Ian Patrick
Oct 9	Suzy and Bob Norman
Oct 14	Ed and Carolyn Costello
Oct 17	Barbara and Richard Seed
Oct 21	Caitlyn and Erik Berg
Oct 23	Susan and Brooke Read

*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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