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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



Dinner and a Movie

The movie *Unplanned* will be shown at Light of Christ
Friday, September 10th.

Come at 6:00 p.m. for a cookout dinner
of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Here is a synopsis of the movie: All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.



Mike's Message

As many of you may remember, Teresa and I went on vacation in July with our children and grandchildren. We rented an Airbnb in Bedford that was basically at the foot of Peaks of Otter and Sharp Top Mountain. It was a wonderful home nestled on 96 acres and was the perfect place to relax and enjoy each other. We had three generations of our family that reflected the love and union that Teresa and I began over 48 years ago. It reminded me of the "Walton's", one my favorite shows in the early 70's that was based on the story of a Depression Era family in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. I'm sure most of you remember it well.

One morning as we set around after breakfast, one of my granddaughter's, Emma said, "Hey Grandpa" and the words resonated within my mind. I don't even remember what she said next but "Hey Grandpa" hovered over me for just a moment as that reality settled over me. Had this been "The Walton's" my character would have been Will Greer who played Grandpa Walton on the TV series. Yep, there were three generations sitting around talking and I was the old man and Teresa the old woman. I smiled because let's face it, this wasn't a news flash. I was aware that Teresa and I have grown older together and I love that fact. I can't imagine growing old with anyone else. I've been Emma's grandfather for over 11 years and Lily's for over 10 years, so what was this feeling that suddenly washed over me? I realized that it was a deep sadness that we don't hardly ever see families living and growing old together like that portrayed by the Walton's and I think our society is the poorer for it. I realized that I truly love my granddaughters and want them to know who I am and what matters to me, what makes me laugh and what makes me cry. However, in this new order of things we live far apart, they in Colorado, us in Virginia. Every time we get together it's kind of like getting acquainted all over again and just when you start to really enjoy each other, it's time to pack up and go home. So, I've been thinking about starting a new custom in our family of writing down those things that are important to us. Those things that have made us who we are from who we were and not wait and place them in a book or a folder for them to read when I'm gone. Instead, maybe I'll just

send them each a story that I want them to know and maybe how I see them individually. We live in a very fractured society and things are likely to get worse before they get better, so it is probably a good idea to write down for them why I follow Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. Perhaps this calls for a series of letters that come every so often that enables them to know the things that I feel are vitally important and what my hopes are for them. Neither of my grandfathers lived long enough for me to meet them, much less know them. I want my granddaughters to really know me and why I live my life with Jesus Christ as my focus. I want them to know why their grandmother and I have stayed married and deeply in love for all these years. It wasn't an accident but has required us to be very intentional in our focus on God and His word. I've realized that I need to let them know these things about us because what the world of today wants them to know is not life giving but leads to destruction. I mustn't let that go unchallenged.

I think I'll start these letters right away.

3 John: 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

Blessings, Mike



It has been a great joy to be able to regularly meet together for worship and to enjoy fellowship in our coffee hour after church. I hope each of you will be inviting friends and neighbors to join us on Sundays for Sunday School and Church.

In Sunday School we are studying John 13-17 which give us a glimpse into the final hours that Jesus spent with His disciples before he was betrayed, arrested, and crucified. What he shared with them was how they should be His representatives after He returned to the Father. We meet from 9-9:45 a.m. every Sunday. I hope you can make it.

We have a need for volunteers to be trained as crucifers and/or Lay Eucharistic Ministers. If you are willing, please let Mike know so he can schedule you for training. It's not difficult but it is important.

Blessings!



Senior Warden Report

Please let me take this space and time to sincerely thank the members of this church, especially the women, who have given their time and energy to support our

wonderful thrift shop over the past 20 years. I remember so well the discussions within the congregation, the vestry and our community concerning the question: "Can a thrift shop survive in Heathsville?" Well, you proved that the community wanted and needed a thrift business.

Over the years, the thrift shop offered items of all types, sizes and colors; Items far beyond size 6 dresses or size 12 shoes that departed our closets for new owners. A particularly touching story has stayed in my heart for many years: A young couple and their three-year-old son entered the shop looking for appropriate clothes for them to wear to a close relative's funeral. The church ladies took on the challenge. Shortly all in the family were "dressed," including the young man with a small dark blue suit, white shirt, short tie, and tiny black shoes. Our ladies set a price of "no cost, please go with our love." So many times, our thrift shop volunteers gave this act of love to members of our community in need of help.

The thrift shop has completed its full life cycle, but our "thrift" function as a church has not and never will end. We are here to help those in need, and we need to continue to seek ways to fulfill those needs. Please, Lord, keep our eyes and hearts open to recognize our neighbors' needs and show us how we can satisfy those needs.

Thank you to all who made our thrift shop a loving success!

George

News From the Merry Point

Bible Study

We have a new name!

We will now be known as the **Women of Light Bible Study**. After 13 years together, this name came to the surface recently and stuck. Historically, this group originated out of St. Stephen's Anglican Church under the guidance of Mary Swann and Donna Soule. We began meeting at Donna Soule's home in Merry Point, so that name was fitting at the time. We then moved to Kilmarnock and now to White Stone, and we have had participants from all over the Northern Neck, so it was time for a fresh approach.

If you are interested, the group is open to any woman who wants to explore God's Word with other women and enjoy the fellowship of Christian sisters. We have women from Richmond, Northumberland and Lancaster counties; and participants come as they are able. We meet twice monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10-12. Currently, we are seeking wisdom from the Book of Proverbs.

Contact Mary Swann or Suzy Norman for more information and location.





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Dear Reverend Moffitt, Vestry and Brother and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the families and faculty of the Northern Neck Christian School (NNCS), thank you for your amazing gift of \$10,000. The Light of Christ family has been an ardent and faithful friend. But for LoC's encouragement, Godly wisdom and sacrificial financial support there is no school. Your generous gift is also very timely as Our Lord has blessed us with a doubling of our student population. Your gift will enable us to provide a rigorous academic curriculum that intentionally saturates the child in the goodness, beauty and truth of God's grace and redemptive plan for His creation. We look forward to the challenges ahead, secure in the Lord's faithful provision of all our needs and the steadfast friendship of Light of Christ.

May God bless you and protect you,

Bart and Leslye



To benefit Operation Inasmuch!

All members of Light of Christ have a one-day volunteer opportunity on **September 18, 2021**, a **One-day "Mission Blitz,"** that each of us can be a part of. Jobs can be filled by men, women and youth and are mostly minor repairs, simple carpentry, electrical knowledge, yard work, upkeep, lunch prep for the workers, transportation of the lunches to project sites, delivering firewood, painting, and more. In 2019 there were 58 projects, 27 churches involved and 500 served by 270 volunteers. Total community impact was \$56,163.77.

To become a part of this compassionate team of volunteers, please contact Denyse Cornell at 804-333-3303 home or 804-761-6961 cell. Denyse will send you a sign up sheet and answer any questions you may have.

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

~Melinda Floom

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Lesson Readers

Sep. 5 Jeanne Hickey (L), Julie Pritchard (P)
Sep. 12 Betty Dillingham (L), Teresa Moffitt (P)
Sep. 19 Lyn Conley (L), Jim Conley (P)
Sep. 26 Joan Blackstone (L), Tony Blackstone (P)

Acolytes

Sep. 5 David Gwaltney
Sep. 12 Constance McDearmon
Sep. 19 Anna Brennan
Sep. 26 Ed Feddeman

Chalice Bearers

Sep. 5 Tony Blackstone
Sep. 12 David Gwaltney
Sep. 19 Ed Feddeman
Sep. 26 Constance McDearmon

Altar Guild

Sep. 5 Suzy Norman
Sep. 12 Anna Brennan
Sep. 19 Wendy Smith
Sep. 26 Julie Pritchard

Tellers

Sep. 5 Courtney Ludeman
Sep. 12 Courtney Ludeman, Jan Beckett
Sep. 19 Courtney Ludeman, Pam Smith
Sep. 26 Courtney Ludeman

Vestry Person on Duty

Sep. 5 Sandi Ward
Sep. 12 Anna Brennan
Sep. 19 Doug Ludeman
Sep. 26 George Beckett



September Birthdays

Sept. 1 Lucille Logan
Sept. 2 Charlaire Andrulot
Sept. 7 Peggy Lassanske
Sept. 15 Pam Smith
Sept. 20 Alison Kimmitt
Sept. 25 Henry Fife
Sept. 29 Dan Hickey

September Anniversaries

Sept. 1 Sharon Baldacci and Randy Smith
Sept. 8 Jane and Charles Wrightson
Sept. 18 Dixie and Jim Sanderlin
Sept. 29 Jan and George Beckett

*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 as they begin another year, 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.
Amen.*

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.



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

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**BRING A
FRIEND!**