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Peterkin is a special place for many. For me, it provides a wonderful opportunity to interact with kids from around the diocese, and, in fact, from around the country. This past month, I had the good fortune to spend a week with rising 5th through 7th graders. The weather was hot (99 degrees one day), but good fun, good friends, and a wonderful camp staff made up for it! The theme of our week was “Breaking Bread Together,” as it was for all camps this summer.



Rev. Chad

I asked campers to reflect on what it means to gather together as community, share, and be the “Body of Christ,” in the world. I even taught them a little theology (which they wound up debating at one point, much to my glee!).

The campers baked bread to use for our daily chapel services, as well as taking some home to use for their own congregations after camp. We discussed the role of the Holy Eucharist in our worship and talked about the different ways people have interpreted what happens during communion.

The campers also made a list of ways we can “be” the Body of Christ and took this list home to their rectors as ideas for ministry. We compiled a list of 30 ideas—including some really novel ones, such as decorating boxes to send to each family in the parish to collect change in for the Sunday School to donate to worthy causes, creating “little libraries” for local children, and creating a list of local assistance programs to distribute to those in need.

We finished up the week by reflecting on what the Holy Eucharist means to us—what it is, why it’s important, and what it can enable us to do.

I’ve often heard the younger generation bemoaned as materialistic or disinterested in religion. My experience during this week at camp have shown this stereotype to be categorically untrue. These were kids with inquisitive minds looking for ways to serve others. The kids at camp held a debate, without my prompting, on the merits of transubstantiation, consubstantiation, real presence, and memorialistic Eucharistic theology—and used those terms after only one short session where I referenced them!

Our young people don’t need dumbed down religion—they don’t need short slogans or bad music to have a relationship with God, as seems to be the trend these days in many churches. What they need is a place to discuss, to learn, to be respected, and to be valued. Peterkin, and places like it, provide much to the spiritual maturity of our young people. We too can provide this here at Christ Church. By offering a place where people, both young and young at heart, can openly discuss and experience the love of God we can boldly proclaim the Kingdom and raise up leaders to make a difference in this broken and hurting world.



Bishop Klusmeyer and Johnny McGhee attended the Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve in Fayette County on July 22-23. L-R: Unidentified Boy Scout chaplain, Johnny McGhee, and The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer.

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CAN YOU HELP SET ME UP SO I CAN FRIEND AND LIKE JESUS, TEXT HIM MY PRAYERS, AND SHARE ALL HIS TWEETS?

News from DoK

Next DoK 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 19



Our Daughters of the King, Margaret of Scotland Chapter, will meet next in September at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, in Hobson Library.

We had 7 members present in May.

Please contact Mary Catherine Williams at 276-326-2411 if you have questions or comments. All women from Episcopal, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic churches are eligible for membership.

Our Prayers are offered

For Healing and God's Presence for our members, and relatives and friends of our members:



In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we commend our prayers for Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Nancy Gage, Bonnie Taylor, Joe & Janice Sanders, Susan Blevins, Zac Carter, Doug Thompson, Betty Compton, Tom Blevins, Patty, Marlene, Samantha, Robert Hurley, Lee Puckett, Sr., Dennis, Nick, Phyllis & Nelson Walker, and Linda, plus those unknown to us who have died. We pray that God will grant his peace to all who mourn.

To list someone for addition to the Prayer List, please contact the office, email secretary@cecblf.org, or telephone at (304) 327-6861. Please note that the prayer list in the Sunday Bulletin is purged at the end of every month. If you want names to continue, please contact the church office.

The Rainbow Recipe of the Month

Bea C. Paine
Anise Seed Bread



This bread is fast-rising, bakes quickly, is semi-sweet, light, definitely licorice flavored and is extra good as a breakfast bread, toasted when over a day old. I usually brush bread with melted butter when taken from oven. This is fairly easy to make and I have yet to find anyone who doesn't like it.

Ingredients

- 2 cups milk
1/4 lb. butter
6 TBSP sugar
1 oz. yeast
1 large well-beaten egg
2 tsp anise seed
1 tsp salt
1/4 c. warm water
6-7 c. flour

Directions: Scald 2 cups milk with butter. Stir in sugar and salt; let cool. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Blend 1 cup flour into milk, then yeast, beaten egg, and anise seed. Gradually add enough flour to form dough (7 cups more or less-I use about 6). Knead. Let rise to double. Knead; shape into braided rolls on a cookie sheet (or loaves in a bread pan-makes 2). Brush tops with beaten egg and (optional) sprinkle with sesame seeds. Let rise to almost double. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown-about 35 minutes.

August 1, 2017

Editor's note: The Rainbow Recipe of the Month is a regular feature in The Rainbow. If you have a recipe to submit for consideration, please bring it to the church office or E-mail to editor@cecblf.org

Don Williams, Editor
The Rainbow
412 Ridgeway Dr
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Or mail it to the following address:

August altar flowers

The following persons have graciously offered to donate altar flowers during the month of August:



- August 6 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Justice
August 13 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Broyles
August 20 Mr. and Mrs. David Faber
August 27 Rev. and Mrs. Chad Slater

We thank them for their kindness and generosity.



**Minutes of the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church
Bluefield, West Virginia
July 12, 2017**

Present: David Hardin, Linda Ammar, Marc Meachum, Rob Merritt, Dee Puckett, Mary Catherine Williams, Susanne Pulse, and Frank Dragotto, Treasurer.

The July meeting of the Christ Episcopal Church Vestry was called to order on July 12, 2017 by David Hardin who declared a quorum.

Linda Ammar led the Vestry in a short devotion.

The minutes of the May meeting were passed on a motion made by Mary Catherine Williams and seconded by Marc Meachum.

The treasurer's report was given by Frank Dragotto. The financial reports were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Marc Meachum to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Linda Ammar. The report was approved.

Finance Chairman Marc Meachum made a motion to authorize the Treasurer and Rector to withdraw up to

\$30,000.00 from the Debottis Fund for general operating expenses in accordance with the Trust Agreement. David Hardin seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: The Church needs to hire someone for landscaping. Father Chad will be at Peterkin from July 26 to July 29.

Communications: The new website is still under discussion.

Outreach: Frank and Bernadette Dragotto will step down from the food pantry. The Church will need to find someone to take over purchasing the food, delivering it to the Church and stocking the shelves.

Parish Life: A meeting will be held after Church on August 6, 2017, to discuss the annual picnic on August 20, 2017 and the Bishop's visit on October 15, 2017.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

There being no further business, David Hardin dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted: *Susanne Pulse*, Secretary



Parish Life report:

Annual picnic August 20

Mary Catherine Williams, Chairperson

Our annual church picnic will be on **August 20th** at **Lotito City park, Shelter**

#1 (The first shelter, next to Yakkity Yak playground). Our service will begin at 10:30 with Holy Eucharist, followed by lunch. An entre, beverages and paper supplies will be furnished. So bring your favorite dish or dessert. Dress casually. Come one, come all and bring friends



Christ Church volunteers, L-R: Dee Puckett, Carol Georgis, Rob Merritt, Mimi Merritt, Sue Troutner, John Beckett, Becky Beckett, Kay Sudduth, and Linda Ammar. Not pictured: Becky Kersey, Alice Ann Sarver, and Jennifer Slater. Babies born addicted to a controlled substance almost immediately begin the symptoms of withdrawal, just like any adult would. It is not a pleasant sight and they generally require 10 to 14 days of intensive care and treatment. Research has shown that human touch helps to reduce the severity of the terrible symptoms these children endure. Christ Church, along with BRMC, is starting a program where our volunteers will rock these infants and provide some small measure of comfort in an otherwise horrible existence. We are calling this the "Holy Innocents Project," after those children who were killed by Herod's command after the birth of Christ.

(Photo by Jennifer Slater July 17)



Joe Sanders celebrates his 90th birthday at Buffalo Trail in Bluewell on June 26



Annie Wilkinson had the opportunity to travel through much of Europe this summer. She traveled to England, Switzerland, Italy, and several other countries. Annie is the daughter of Frank and Gina Wilkinson and is enrolled at Virginia Tech.

Let's pretend

By C.S. Lewis

What do we do next? What difference does all this theology make? It can start making a difference tonight. If you are interested enough to have read thus far, you are probably interested enough to make a shot at saying your prayers: and, whatever else you say, you will probably say the Lord's Prayer.

Its very first words are "Our Father." Do you now see what those words mean? They mean quite frankly, that you are putting yourself in the place of a son of God. To put it bluntly, you are dressing up as Christ. If you like, you are pretending. Because, of course, the moment you realize what the words mean, you realize that you are not a son of God. You are not a being like The Son of God, whose will and interests are at one with those of the Father: you are a bundle of self-centered fears, hopes, greeds, jealousies, and self-conceit, all doomed to death. So that, in a way, this dressing up as Christ is a piece of outrageous cheek. But the odd thing is that He has ordered us to do it.

Why? What is the good of pretending to be what you are not? Well, even on the human level, you know, there are two kinds of pretending. There is a bad kind, where the pretense is there instead of the real thing; as when a man pretends he is going to help you instead of really helping you. But there is also a good kind, where the pretense leads up to the real thing. When you are not feeling particularly friendly, but know you ought to be, the best thing you can do, very often, is to put on a friendly manner, and behave as if you were a nicer person than you actually are. And in a few minutes, as we have all noticed, you will be really feeling friendlier than you were.

(Mere Christianity) Submitted by Bishop Klusmeyer



July 20 Food Pantry report

- Grocery shoppers: Frank and Bernadette Dragotto
- Food baggers: Frank and Bernadette
- Food bags prepared: 40
- Refreshments furnished by: Linda Thomas
- Special gifts for month: Cleaning supplies
- Special gifts given by: Parish members
- Food Pantry volunteers: John Beckett, Mary Catherine Williams, Frank & Bernie, Kay Sudduth, Betty Nash, Elizabeth and Macon Clement, Linda Ammar





Community Cookout on July 18 was a success!

Four downtown community churches including Christ Episcopal Church sponsored an annual Community Cookout at Chicory Square in downtown Bluefield. Approximately ten Christ Church members volunteered on this worthwhile project.

Linda Ammar, chairman



Two of the Pentecost birthday party cakes:



August



September

Kipp Cortez has been traveling this summer

Dr. Kipp Cortez, a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bluefield, and the Joseph F Marsh endowed assistant professor of music at Concord University, has been hitting the road this summer!



Kipp has been performing carillon concerts all over the east coast with stops at places like Princeton University, Arlington National Cemetery and the Luray Singing Tower on his schedule. He also performed at the First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Frank and Bernadette Dragotto step down

Many thanks to Frank and Bernie Dragotto for their dedication and service to the Food Pantry over the past years. No small job indeed!!! It is now time, beginning September 2017, to turn the job of ordering, picking up, stocking and bagging of groceries to members and various groups of the church who can volunteer their time and services to ensure that the Food Pantry continues to run smoothly. Sign up sheets for various jobs will be placed in the narthex. Please give of your time when you can and God Bless!!!



Linda Ammar

Alex Brand creates a masterpiece

This elaborate, crystal-clear piece of art and the winner's trophy for the Greenbrier Classic, was created by glass artist Alex Brand, a resident artisan at The Greenbrier Resort. Brand is the husband of Susan Thomas, daughter of Carl and Linda Thomas and the sister of Missy and Tripper Thomas.

The center of the new trophy depicts the Springhouse, with its 12 columns and domed roof. Inside the glass reproduction of the circular building, Brand placed a large glass golf ball on a tee.

He put "about 100 hours" into the work, he said. "It's made in a lot of parts that are put together with a real high-tech adhesive, (an) epoxy that has the same clarity and refractive index as glass."

"There's a lot of different parts that went into it. To get exactly what I wanted, each part maybe took three or four tries, to get it exactly right.

And it certainly appears that he got it right!



The Spirit

From the Diocesan Commission on Spirituality

O Christ, as we walk through the land that you loved, in the country where you lived and taught, grant us the grace and wisdom to see clearly and understand deeply that all you suffered was for the sake of redeeming humanity. Through your life, death, and resurrection, you have made it possible for us to have life, and have it more abundantly.

O Christ, as we follow you down the road to Calvary, Guide us to become active participants, not curious bystanders.

O Christ, as we stand with the mourners at the Cross, Give us the love that can forgive those who trespass against us.

O Christ, as we witness the new life given to us through your Resurrection, Empower us with faith to act and spread the Good News.

Bluefield's American Revolution Bicentennial Time Capsule

Bluefield's American Revolution Bicentennial Time Capsule was dedicated July 4, 1976, with respect for the past and faith in the future to be opened July 4, 2026. The Bluefield Civitan Club at the time created the time capsule as a project to celebrate America's Bicentennial. The club dissolved in 2015, and the time capsule and the marble marker were removed from their original location in front of the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce to 415 Federal Street in 2016-2017. The marble was shipped from the Pentelicon Quarry in Athens, Greece. Local Greek Americans, through AHEPA, purchased the marble and presented it to the city of Bluefield. It offers a precious link between our two countries in celebrating the democratic ideals that our forefathers established in the building of this great nation.



Elizabeth Burton was the lady Jay at the Bluefield Bluejays game on Sunday, July 6!





Please contact Dee Puckett, Junior Warden, if you notice needed building maintenance. Contact Dee at dpuckettwv@yahoo.com, 276-322-1832 (Home), or 304-320-4640 (Cell).

Office hours are 9-2 Tuesday through Thursday



	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 	3 	4 Office Closed	5	
Sunday	Mon	8 	9 7:00 p.m. Vestry meeting in Hobson Library	10	11 Office Closed	12
6 The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00 Holy Eucharist Followed by coffee hour	7 Office open by appointment	15 Saint Mary the Virgin, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ	16	17 September Rainbow Deadline 9-11 a.m. Food Pantry 	18 Office Closed	19
13 Pentecost 10 10:00 Holy Eucharist Followed by coffee hour	14 Office open by appointment	22	23	24	25 Office Closed	26
20 Pentecost 11 10:30 a.m. Annual church picnic At Lotito City Park Shelter No. 1, (Next to Yakkity Yak playground)	21 Office open by appointment	29	30	31	2017	
27 Pentecost 12 10:00 Holy Eucharist Followed by coffee hour	28					

If your birthday is not in our database, please contact Don Williams at 276-326-3338 or editor@cecblf.org

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- 3 Michelle Parks
- 3 Sue Troutner
- 4 Bryce Wimmer
- 6 Kyle Kersey
- 12 Emma Bennett

- 17 Luke Beemer
- 18 Bea Paine
- 19 Scott Meachum
- 23 Susanne Pulse

- 25 Mary-Lynne Williams
- 29 Dee Puckett
- 29 IV Sudduth
- 31 Delia Kersey
- 31 Peyton Wimmer



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Annual Church Picnic
Sunday August 20, 10:30 a.m.
Bluefield City Park shelter # 1

To our friends and family:



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Christ Episcopal Church will live,
Celebrate, teach and radiate
The joy of Christian discipleship

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