



**AQUIA**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Cross Section

*All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27*





## CROSS SECTION

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### Our Time Together, Before the Bell Tolls

“No man is an island,” wrote the Anglican priest and poet John Donne in a decidedly anti-modern meditation. Donne lived at the start of modernity, with its emphasis on breaking down the material world and social structures alike for closer examination in a way that has left nature and society better understood in some ways and yet rendered each constituent part more isolated than before in other ways, and he could already see that the modern era would not always be kind or helpful in edifying human life. If you read the rest of that poem from an anthology of poems or from a website, you might realize that Donne was aware of something important: what people experience in modernity is more often breaking-down than building-up.

Donne’s poem compares the loss of any person’s life to the loss of any bit of ground to the sea. The loss of any part of earth—whether an entire mountain or even a mere sample of dirt—is still an irreplaceable loss with great significance. The same is true, Donne held, about human beings: the loss of any one of us diminishes the broader society or the entire human race that ideally would have remained intact. All of us are interconnected with one another: we value each other, we are important to each other, we need each other. Or at least those things *should* be true. In this poem, Donne contends that because each person is part of a greater whole, each person is really involved with the rest of humankind. Or at least *should* be.

My purpose here is not to attack modernity nor even the new post-modern era (though I have grave reservations about both), nor to wax poetically about death (which is a central theme in Donne’s poem), but rather to draw from Donne’s insight about the nature of human beings for some direction about Aquia Church and our parish life together.

Nowadays it would be easy for someone to assume that no individual matters very much, that one person can easily be replaced by another, and that there is little or

no consequence to the group or to the individual if someone were to leave or depart. But that has never been true from God’s perspective, and it should not be true from the Church’s perspective or from our own view of each other. Given our competing schedules and conflicting priorities and varied commitments in life, we can delude ourselves into thinking that each of us can function successfully in isolation from each other, apart from the rest of the Church. But losing fellowship and our interconnectedness when a person drifts away or walks away can be hard for us all to bear, in ways that we cannot always appreciate until it is too late—when the bell tolls.

The resumption of our church’s program year—with the return of Sunday school and youth group, Homecoming and Fall Fest, and with the many opportunities we Christians have for renewing past friendships and making new ones—can be a remarkable experience for this part of the Body of Christ and for each of us as members of that greater Body. But in order for that to happen, we need to acknowledge that each of us as individuals is indeed part of a larger life—the whole communion of saints on earth now and saints at rest and saints yet to be—and we are joined intimately to them. Or at least *should* be. It’s time for us to reach out to others, before the bell tolls for thee.

*Jay Morris*

Both the one  
who makes  
people holy  
and those  
who are  
made holy  
are of the  
same family.



HEBREWS 2:11, NIV



## FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

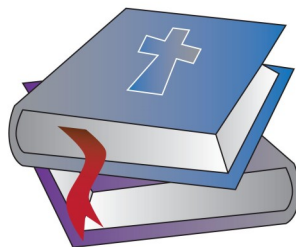
### Discovering the Bible

Dear Family in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank our God for you in the fact that you hunger for a deeper knowledge of our Lord through the reading of Holy Scripture. I have been very pleased during my time at Aquia with how robust our Bible study programming is. I have also been impressed, on the whole, with the attendance at our Bible study offerings. I do, however, hope that we can continue to grow in both our knowledge of Scripture and in our relationship with Jesus Christ, both corporately and individually.

It is for that reason that I will begin a new series in September that goes through the Bible from beginning to end. The series is called *Discovering the Bible: A New Generation* from The Kerygma Program. The series will last roughly 30 weeks, i.e. both the fall and spring semesters of the school year. We will journey through the Old Testament for fifteen weeks. This time will cover the age of the patriarchs, the exile and exodus, the kingship of Israel, the Assyrian conquest and exile, the Babylonian exile and restoration, the prophecy of the coming messiah, and more. The New Testament section will cover the Gospels, i.e. the Good News about the crucified and raised messiah Jesus and his teachings, the nascent church in Acts, Paul and his missionary journeys, and the goal for Christians: eternal union with the Triune God in the new heaven and new earth of Revelation.

At my ordination, I had to vow before the congregation gathered that I believed Holy Scripture to contain all things necessary for salvation. I have always believed that, but I believe and teach that even more fervently today than I did before. Scripture is our story. It is the story of our God who created us in love, who called us back when we sinned, who took on human flesh, and offered us eternal life through his sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. This same God, our Lord



and Savior Jesus Christ, beckons us to him in the words of Scripture. It would do every Christian good to plumb the depths of Scripture, most especially since Biblical literacy is at an all time low in the United States (not to mention in the Episcopal Church). This book is living and vibrant. It is foundational to our Christian faith. And since it contains all this necessary for salvation, we ought to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest what is found therein. Scripture will inevitably lead us deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ and it will convict us to go out into the world to share the Gospel.

As you discern your ability to join us on Wednesday mornings, please note that we will be using a packaged program. That means that we have to buy the Resource Book. Said book costs \$32. I will have some on hand. For those who want to join the study, you can bring a check made out to me or cash for purchase of the book. For those concerned about the cost of the book, please contact me. Scholarships are available. Both Fr. Morris and I wholeheartedly endorse the series. We hope that you can join as we work our way through the pages of this book of profound importance.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ+,  
Fr. James*



### AQUIA CHURCH VESTRY

**Dickie Boes**

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**Curt Bradford**

**Bob Brandon**

*Junior Warden*

*Building & Grounds*

*Committee Chairperson*

**Jackie Chichester**

**Jean Golas**

*Administration*

*Committee Chairperson*

**Joseph Howard**

*Senior Warden*

**Doug McGinty**

*Register*

**Mary Nixon**

**Gary Perkins**

**Ethan Shoen**

*Youth Representative*

**John Sondermann**

*Assistant Register*

**Kathy Trevarthen**

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## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

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“**M**ay you live in interesting times” is an ancient Chinese proverb, as I understand it. It seems to me that it would be difficult to argue that we are not living in interesting times today. In fact, it seems that the times are far more than interesting. These times can sometimes feel overwhelming, with all of the violence, discord, and dissension that we face daily on TV news and in newspapers. Because what is going on in the world that gets the most publicity is so negative, it is difficult not to become cynical or negative. Because of what we see and hear, it is important and beneficial for us to gather together to worship, hear the GOOD NEWS of Scripture, and to celebrate Holy Communion. This consistent activity grounds us in a positive approach to our lives. We are blessed to have a strong parish family, with members who work so hard in so many ways to support Aquia, to support each other, and to bring the kingdom of God closer to earth in this place.

Aquia itself is living in interesting times as well. I am personally excited about the new Sunday morning worship

and Sunday School schedules. My hope is that this change will be beneficial for Aquia and will permit more socializing among our parish family members, by combining the 9 a.m. service with the 11:15 a.m. service to form the new 10 a.m. service. This means that Sunday School and Morning Call can start at 9 a.m., which will permit those attending the 7:30 a.m. service and those attending the 10 a.m. service to participate together at Morning Call. I look forward to meeting more of our parish family members through this new schedule.

What I wanted to mention about this change is that I thought it would be a simple matter of changing some numbers on our service time board, and declare it “DONE” and move forward. However, my original perception was not an accurate assessment of all the complexities involved in such a change. Once the Vestry, Rector, and Assistant Rector started discussing this, it became clear that a lot more was involved, including the Music Ministry and Choirs, Sunday School, Morning Call, the early morning breakfast, Altar Guild, those

counting the offerings, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministries. Because of those complexities, it was determined that a parish-wide survey was necessary. The response to the survey was outstanding. Based on those survey results, the changes in the services we fashioned to accommodate the wishes of the vast majority of our parish family members. That was the proper approach to take before making such changes. I hope that these changes can be made in your personal situations without significant upheaval.

With colleges back in session, teachers, coaches and students participating in sports, marching bands and other early activities already starting up their programs in preparation for Stafford schools opening right after Labor Day, we need to gear up our thinking for the important Aquia Fall Activity Schedule. It will be fun this year! I guarantee it!

*Thank you for all you do for Aquia,  
Joe Howard*

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### Report from Rector

Fr. Jay provided a written report. He also noted that the vestry will meet a day earlier than usual, on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, for its next regular meeting.

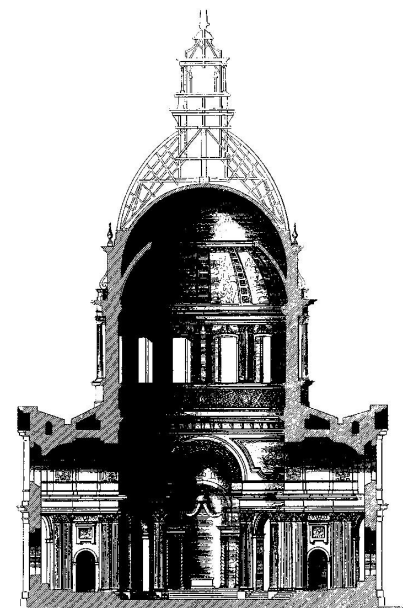
### Upcoming Dates

- [7/28 Several parishioners gathered to install a new water line from the main line by the road to the 1960 parish house. The assistance of a trench-digging machine and skilled operator were greatly appreciated.]

- 8/20 New date for August vestry meeting, one day earlier than usual (host: Chichester)
- 8/25 All-you-can-eat seafood feast (4 p.m.-7 p.m.: fellowship events task group)
- 9/9 First Sunday of Sunday school
- 9/16 Homecoming
- 9/18 Vestry meeting (hosts: Golas and Nixon)

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer by Fr. James, and Adjournment

*Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas McGinty  
Register*



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## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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### July 17, 2018

**Dinner and Fellowship.** Started at 6:30 p.m.; hosted by Fr. Morris. In attendance were Rector Fr. Jay Morris, Assistant Rector Fr. James Rickenbaker, Youth Representative Ethan Shoen, Sr. Warden Joe Howard, Jr. Warden Bob Brandon, Dickie Boes, Gary Perkins, Jean Golas, Jackie Chichester, Kathy Trevarthen, Curt Bradford, Asst. Register John Sondermann, and Register Douglas McGinty. Also in attendance were Treasurer Chris Arey and Aquia Church Association representative Earl Bradford. Fr. Jay opened with a prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

*[Subsequent events are bracketed and italicized.]*

#### **Business Session (starting at 7 p.m.)**

**Earl Bradford:** The Aquia Church Association representative proposed a plaque to honor the late David W. Wirman, Jr., for his many contributions to Aquia Church and Clifton Chapel. The approval and location were left to the discretion of the vestry, which discussed both afterwards.

**Treasurer's Report** by Chris Arey. The vestry received and discussed the report.

*Minutes from the previous meeting.*

R-2018-11: Purchase of Washer/Dryer for Rectory (approved 7/8/2018 by electronic vote). The pair cost about \$1600, with installation. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

#### **New Business**

- R-2018-12: Employee Health Insurance Adjustments (Finance Committee). The resolution concerned insurance for family members and was approved unanimously.
- R-2018-13: Adjustments to the 2018 Budget (Finance Committee). Income and expense adjustments were made. The resolution was approved unanimously.
- Covenant for Aquia Church Capital Improvement Fund (Finance Committee). The covenant was approved unanimously. The contribu-

tions of Chris Arey in drafting the covenant were gratefully acknowledged.

- Report on 2017 Financial Records and Practices. The Audit Vestry approved unanimously the Audit Committee Report.

#### **Discussions Continued from Previous Meeting**

- Draft of New Bylaws. Unanimously approved with all the changes recommended by Chris Arey.
- Clifton Chapel. Steve Anderson finished work on the Fleurries and can resume work on Clifton Chapel. St. Herman's Orthodox Church may have decided to buy some land in the Courthouse Road area for a new campus, but it is unclear whether the land has been bought yet.
- Habalis Construction Work in Historic Church. Jr. Warden Bob Brandon is working on the punch list. The church administrator, Dennise LaBarre, can cut the check to Habalis once Bob clears the punch list. *[The punch list has been cleared, and Habalis has been paid.]*
- Schedule for Worship Services. Fr. Jay discussed the survey results on the schedules for worship services. Fr. Jay and Fr. James recommended the following times: 7:30 a.m. – Eucharist, Rite One, no music; 8:30 a.m. fellowship breakfast in the great hall on the end farthest from the church; 9 a.m. – Christian Formation for All Ages (with Morning Call in the great hall on the end closest to the church and with Sunday School meeting in the classrooms downstairs); 10 a.m. – Eucharist Rite One or Rite Two, with music; and 5 p.m. – Evening Worship (typically Holy Eucharist). The advantages of the new schedule were addressed, including more fellowship between parishioners from different worship services, consistency of time-frame for Sun-



*Vestry Highlights*

day School and Morning Call, greater convenience for volunteers, and more daylight for the 5 p.m. service. The vestry unanimously approved the changes to start on the first Sunday in August. *[The changes were announced on the following Sundays and began on Aug. 5, 2018. Attendance for the 10 a.m. service on Aug. 12, 2018 was 98.]*

#### **Reports from Vestry Committees**

- Administration. The Land of Promise Baptist Church asked to have services during 8 - 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and another gathering at some time on Tuesday, renting our parish hall downstairs. The vestry unanimously approved on a trial basis.
- Finance. Dickie Boes noted the previous discussion of the Audit Committee Report.
- Building and Grounds. Bob Brandon reported that Chris Wanner volunteered to repair part of the fence. The painting of the Fleurries has been completed. Some of the plaster is separating in the church.

#### **Reports from the Wardens**

- Sr. Warden Joe Howard commended the committees for doing great jobs. Fr. Jay expressed the need for vestry to provide a volunteer who would serve as Fall Fest co-chair with ECW president Briget Kane.
- Jr. Warden Bob Brandon provided the Building and Grounds report.

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

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As we look forward to fall and continuing the work of the Episcopal Church Women, September quickly brings to mind the activities on the calendar.

Our annual fall events, Homecoming and Fall Fest, are sometimes taken lightly, but plans and preparations are well underway for Aquia's *Annual Homecoming Luncheon on Sept. 16*. We speak often of the traditions and communion this event brings as our parish families and friends come together in fellowship. With the recent time change of the worship schedule this year, we will begin the luncheon at



11:45 a.m. in the great hall. We look forward to this earlier hour.

We hope all newcomers will join us and come together in breaking bread and sharing in fellowship. Many of the dishes are traditional, and we are always excited to share your special dish. Our sign-up sheet for all those who want to share a dish or lend a helping hand in set-up and breakdown, will be at the picnic table at the entrance to the church. Come share the good food, laughter, and fellowship of this day of Homecoming at Aquia!

You hear about it, you wonder what you can do, but most importantly you don't want to miss our *62nd Annual Fall Fest on Oct. 6*. The doors will open at 8 a.m., and you can fill your day shopping for: goodies from the Country Store, Treasures, handmade crafts in the Saints Mary and Martha Crafts Room, or bargains in the Flea Market. The Book Nook always has a surprise or two, and the Clothing Closet is not to be missed. You are sure to find great pieces of jewelry to add to your collection. The planning started months ago. The ladies of the ECW bring new ideas and keep the popular departments filled. Our Flower Mart, located between the parish house and the great hall, delivers

pumpkins, plants, and *objets d'art* for your gardens.

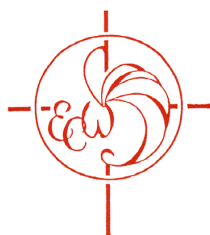
To peak your interest, you will see many announcements during September, leading up to Oct. 6. Our Facebook posts continue to reach out to the community and others.

A great place to take a break before our renowned Live Auction is in the great hall. The kitchen opens at 8 a.m. with breakfast fare. Our pulled pork sandwiches will be back again for lunch, as well as the take-home 1-lb packages of pulled pork for sale. At Fall Fest, you may also order from an array of citrus as part of our annual Citrus Sale.

We are excited to announce pre-sales for our popular hand-rubbed whole pork butts. Each year we have a few to sell. Pre-selling will be new this year, and I hope you will take advantage by placing your order early.

Did I mention Fall Fest will be on the calendar for Oct. 6?

*Briget Kane*  
ECW President



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## STS. MARY AND MARTHA

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### Worship, Service and Fellowship

The summer months have gone by quickly for the ladies of Sts. Mary and Martha Guild, but we have accomplished a lot. Our inventory for the Fall Fest Craft Room is growing with snowmen door stops, paper angels, cork pumpkins, sea shell ornaments, and more. During the month of September, we will meet every Thursday morning to finish our crafts and plan what our shop will look like this year. We are always seeking new members and new ideas, so please join us if you can.

We have a few requests of our Parish family:

- 1) We still need gently-used costume jewelry for our very popular costume jewelry table.
- 2) We would appreciate a few samples of any craft that you make to add more variety to the room's inventory.
- 3) If you can help at Fall Fest in the Craft Room or Jewelry room, please let us know or sign up on the volunteer poster found on the picnic table in front

of the church every Sunday this month. We plan to work in 2-hour shifts.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. Come and enjoy, and learn what Sts. Mary and Martha Guild is doing to love and serve our Lord and to support our parish family. Our meetings begin with Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall downstairs and end at noon. For more information, contact Mary Jane Cole ([maryjane@cfsw.biz](mailto:maryjane@cfsw.biz)) or Denise Thornton ([neisieb@aol.com](mailto:neisieb@aol.com)).

*Mary Jane Cole*



## TREASURER'S NOTES

The church's financial affairs, like your family's financial affairs, are always in progress. Paying normal operating expenses, salaries, benefits, utilities, and the mortgage on our new building happens in the background, but is a vital church function. Aquia is blessed to have able servants, Dennise and Sue, who ensure that funds contributed to Aquia are properly allocated and disbursed. Your Finance Committee takes its duties seriously, and deliberates at length before a financial recommendation is made to the full vestry. Likewise, your vestry evaluates all financial considerations in a serious and faithful manner.

Earlier this year, we concluded our second Capital Campaign – raising over \$1M, truly a remarkable feat. However, impressive as this was, it is not sufficient to retire our debt – all told, costs for the new building were over \$3M, and we continue to service a monthly mortgage payment of \$16,623.18 per month. As we look toward building a budget for 2019, and the necessity to renew a campaign to finance our mortgage, all have a part to play.

One of the fundamental precepts of any financial plan is to distinguish between wants and needs. Speaking personally, it often takes 'cleaning our glasses' to gain an honest perspective in



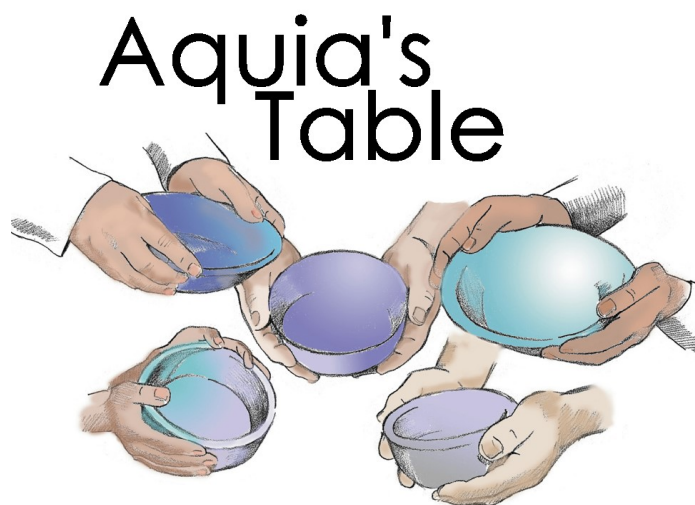
what that entails. Though the 'dog days' of August drone on, I would ask all who read this to consider a fresh perspective on our faithful refrain, based on 1 Chronicles 29:14, which states, "All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

*Chris Arey*

## Can You Help?

Aquia's Table needs your help, if you can help in the kitchen cooking (hours 4–6 p.m.) or serving the food from the steam table (hours 5:45 p.m.–7:45 p.m.) please contact Jean Golas ([bjgolas@yahoo.com](mailto:bjgolas@yahoo.com)). No experience is needed, we will teach you. If you can help serve the guests in the dining room (hours 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.) or if you can help wrap the Panera Bread or help Michael set-up the food for Aquia's Pantry, please contact Michael Golas ([mb\\_golas@yahoo.com](mailto:mb_golas@yahoo.com)).

Aquia's Table serves a hot free nutritious meal every Wednesday night, to anyone who walks into our doors. Aquia's Pantry offers Panera Bread, fresh produce from the Stafford Farmer Market, sandwiches from Wawa, and food donated from Stafford Church of God and St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg.



## FALL FEST LIVE AUCTION

Oct. 6 at 11 a.m.

### How our list has grown! Can you help?

A huge "Thank You!" goes to all the parishioners and merchants who have contributed so generously to the Live Auction to date! **Below is a list of gifts that have been added since the last newsletter article was written** (July 15 through Aug. 15). As you can see, we have received some fabulous donations! If you would like a copy of the complete list, check out the poster on the church gate each Sunday or contact Mary Jane Cole ([maryjane@cfsw.biz](mailto:maryjane@cfsw.biz)).

#### **New from Fellow Parishioners and Friends of the Parish:**

**Grandfather Clock:** magnificent, brand new, made by Howard Miller Clock Company, given by Wendy and Mark Osborn

**Noah's Ark Handmade Baby Quilt** sewn by Cheri Cuff

**Interior Design Consultation** by Pam Vinso, proprietor of The Blended House

**A Basket of Baskets** given by Dennise and Ed LaBarre

**Red, White, and Blue Chalkboard Cloth Table Runner** given by Margaret Hedger

**Mountain Bike:** Upten Raki 26DS 18 speed folding MTB bicycle (almost new)

**Japanese Tea Set:** Vintage 1950's Kutani eggshell porcelain china tea set for six

**Handmade Doll Bed and Quilt**

**Two Vintage Stuffed Bears** given anonymously

#### **From Merchants, Businesses, and Restaurants:**

**Central Park Fun-Land:** four \$25 gift cards (\$100 total value)

**Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster Pa.:** two tickets to *Jesus* (from March 9 to Oct. 5, 2019)

**OneLife Fitness:** Gift package of 1-month membership, 1-week Explosive Performance

Training, 30 minutes of personal training, and one free Parents Night Out

**The Cavalier Family Skating Center:** Birthday Party Package gift certificate

**Orofinio's:** \$50 gift card

**Ulman's Jewelers:** Byer's Choice Mistletoe and Mink Mrs. Claus collectable figure

**Meadows Farms:** \$30 gift card

**Outback Steakhouse:** \$50+ in Gift Cards

**IHOP of Stafford:** \$25 gift card

**KD'z Kidz World:** 5 coupons for free Open Bounce

**Kimman's Co. Gift Shop:** \$25 Gift Certificate

**CiCi's Pizza:** 30 BOGO coupons

**Edible Arrangements:** \$29 dipped fruit box and \$49 Delicious Celebration Certificates

**Sake Thai & Sushi Bar:** \$25 gift certificate

**Zibibbo 73 Italian Restaurant:** \$20 gift certificate

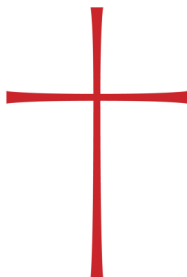




**Family Pizzeria:** gift certificate for 18" pizza and soda plus t-shirt  
**Wawa:** gift basket  
**Pots & Palettes:** \$25 gift certificate  
**Curves:** 3-month membership to Curves women's fitness studio, located on Hope Road, Stafford  
**Corky's:** two \$15 gift cards  
**Five Guys Burgers and Fries:** \$25 in gift cards

Many of these items will be grouped together into single bidding items.

Do you have something to offer: perhaps an antique or a better White Elephant, sporting event tickets, or a time-share vacation week? Could you give a few music lessons, cooking lessons, or hours of leaf raking? Just let Becky Monger, Brenda Monger, Shields Jones or Mary Jane Cole know what you can contribute. It is not too late to help make this our best Fall Fest yet! Tell your friends and neighbors about our great list! Follow us on **Facebook:** "Fall Fest at Aquia Church." "Like" us and "Share"!



We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance, and proclaiming His word throughout the world.



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## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**Baptisms:** "... sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever"  
Eliana Elora Ponce.

**Funerals:** "Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let the light perpetual shine upon them."  
Carl Craighead Fritsche, 1931-2018.

### FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is Nov. 4, 2018. If you would like to have a baptism on this date, or if this date doesn't work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.

### PRAYERS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

Kristopher and Liz Stanford, Ian and Anna Burns

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

**New Babies:** Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of the service on the second Sunday of the month (youth Sunday). This will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior, if your family would like to be included.

Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

**Those being deployed:** Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also we want to put you on our prayer list for all those in the service of our country who are deployed.

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### Aquia Church Prayer List – September 2018

Willene Anderson, Faye Andrews, Charles Banks, Rhett Blythe and Family, Alex Bradley, Debbie Byers, Judy Chaplin, Laura Chichester, Elijah Colliver, Jeff Davis, Jodi Evans, Robert & Jo-Ann Feldman, Drucilla Gosnell, Peggy Hall, Michelle Hanzlik, Patricia Hedger, Michael Houston, Chris Hundley, Suzanne Lanterman, Lori, Ken Luehrs, Adelle McCrary, Pat Moncure, Vanessa Moncure, Patty Montgomery, Rebecca Poole, Rosalia Pribble, Scott Smith, Donny Stanford, O.D. Taylor, Albert Trevarthen, John & Pam Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Patrick Weber.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF



Our Sunday School program resumes on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m., for children from three- of age through twelfth grade. Registration forms are available in the church and Christian Education offices and on the church website. We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday school ministry. Please contact Kristen Morgan at [christianed@aquiachurch.org](mailto:christianed@aquiachurch.org) if interested.

Upcoming events include: Annual Blessing of the Animals & Trunk or Treat. Stay tuned for more details.

*Kristen Morgan*

**C**hoir Returns! The Adult Choir will return on Sunday, Sept. 9 at the 10 a.m. service and rehearsals will resume on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. The Aquia Choristers will resume rehearsal on Sept. 23 for 45 minutes in the choir room immediately following the conclusion of the 10 a.m. service. They will be singing at the 10 a.m. service on Oct. 14.

Oct. 14 will also mark the occasion of our first monthly Choral Evensong service, offered at 5 p.m. This will be led by our Adult Choir and guest singers from the local area. Rehearsal will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Historic Church.

We are currently recruiting for all three choirs (the Adult Choir for Sunday mornings, the Aquia Choristers children's choir, and the Choral Evensong Choir) and are particularly in need of more male voices for our Adult Choir and children for our Choristers. The Aquia Choristers is open to children presently in the third through eighth grade. If you are interested in singing in either group, we encourage you to get in touch with our Director of Music, Trystan Bennett at [musicdirector@aquiachurch.org](mailto:musicdirector@aquiachurch.org). We look forward to seeing everyone for another great year!





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND LUNCH!**

**SEPT. 16, 2018**

**11:45 A. M.**

**Church**



**Homecoming**