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FROM THE RECTOR

Our Ministry Together at Fifteen-Plus

On July 10 of this year, I shall (God willing) complete fifteen years of ordained ministry at Aquia Church. If I might borrow from astronaut Neil Armstrong: that's one small step for this man and one giant leap for this parish. While I have not served here nearly as long as some of my colonial-era predecessors, already I have ministered at Aquia Church longer than many of the clergy in our past, and I dare to think that our parish life has generally become stronger and healthier through that considerable period of our ministry together.

Admittedly, my fifteen-year mark has no special significance apart from this: it represents the halfway point toward retirement at full pension with the Episcopal Church's Pension Fund. And that's not exactly a common occasion for greeting cards. Yet these fifteen years of our ministry together have witnessed some remarkable achievements, from the paving of our parking lots and cemetery driveway to the replacement of the historic church's windows and copper roof, plastering and painting and other interior repairs in that building, the completion of the support building at Clifton Chapel, the comprehensive refurbishment of the rectory, and above all the construction of our Christian formation and fellowship building.

These fifteen years have also seen some important initiatives, including our Sunday evening worship service, regular Bible studies and Morning Call series for year-round formation, an active fellowship events task group, the Aquia's Table hot-meals ministry, and new ties with Scouting groups. We also enjoy healthy, fruitful relationships among the members of the vestry, with the three distinct congregations that are our tenant partners in the Gospel, and in our more active links with the Diocese of Virginia and with the Fredericksburg Region of Episcopal churches (within which region I am now the longest-serving member of the clergy). None of these developments has been simple, yet all of these blessings are significant.

I certainly do not know what the next fifteen years will hold for my life or for our ministry together. But there are some key issues that will require our attention. One absolutely essential matter is the reduction and elimination of our debt on the construction loan for the new building. Another crucial concern is building up attendance at all of our worship services and enhancing the impact that our worship makes on our lives as Christians. Something else requiring more attention from us all is helping people of all ages from womb to tomb—starting with children and youth but not stopping there—to grow deeper and stronger in their Christian faith through worship, formation, fellowship, and service, and in the faithful practices of prayer, evangelism, and stewardship. Much of my energy and efforts (especially since becoming your priest-in-charge in 2011 and subsequently your rector in 2013) have been devoted to these areas, and undoubtedly that will continue.

My profound gratitude to our Lord and to you all for our ministry together has only increased since that July fifteen years ago. We have helped each other mature and develop in the faith: certainly you have helped me in ways so numerous that

no one could number them, through joy and through adversity, in death and in life. Even so, I remain confident that by God's grace in Christ, our best days are yet to come, with much success to anticipate alongside much work still to be done. Lots of opportunities with accompanying challenges lie ahead, as does the eventual reward for our faithfulness. (And I'm not talking merely about the pension!).

Please accept my thanks for the time of our ministry together, even as we embrace the ministry ahead of us.

Jay Morris

*Celebrating
-WITH-
you*



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Help Wanted

Dear Family in Christ, Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank our God for you, especially that you have been so willing to step in when the work of ministry needs support. Aquia is blessed with many folks who are willing to support the sharing of the Gospel with both children and adults. For that reason, I would ask you to consider the possibility of helping teach Sunday school next year. The middle/high school group is in particular need of assistance.

As some of you know, I have taught this group, either as part of a team or by myself, for the entire time that I have been at Aquia. This opportunity has been a joyous one, to be sure. But I wanted to ask you if you would prayerfully consider partnering with me in this Gospel endeavor. The new Sunday school year will start up right after Labor Day in September, and, quite frankly, I need some help. While I wrote my own curriculum this year, we will begin a new curriculum in the fall. I hope that it will entice our adults (parents of students included) to help teach.

Before I get into some of the details of the new curriculum, I want to assuage some worries that you might have about teaching. A common concern I hear from folks is that they are worried that they won't have all the answers to the questions our teenagers ask. This is a genuine concern. My answer for you is: that is OK. I will still be around to help out and am happy to field any questions that the youth might have. If you help teach the middle/high school teens next year, you won't be alone.

That fact answers a second concern that folks might have: they don't want to be the sole teacher for the class. This

makes total sense, since people go on vacation, work trips, and so forth. My answer for you is: you won't be the sole teacher. I hope that there can be two or three of us who teach together. I will be there regardless, so you won't be the only instructor.

Those are the primary concerns that I have heard for why folks don't volunteer with this ministry. I hope that helps in your prayerful consideration of this request. As for the details of our new curriculum: it is called SparkHouse Colaborate (intentionally misspelled by the publisher). It is a yearlong Bible study program that uses multimedia presentations to engage youth in the arc of Scripture. There are several good reasons from their website for choosing the Colaborate Bible study: (1) Help students answer the question, "so what?", (2) Use the content to fit your context; and (3) Change the way students think about faith and the Bible. The "so what" question is important. The Bible is rich with our history and with good news about what Christ has done. These are things our youth need to know. The Bible study can be tailored for our context. If the teenagers want to dig further into one lesson, we have the freedom with the program to customize our foci. The program is intended to engage young people on their level and deepen their faith so that they grow closer in relationship with Christ through their study.

Please consider joining us in this journey. If you are interested, feel free to contact me at rickenbaker@aquiachurch.org. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ+,
Fr. James*

Can You
Step In?



AQUIA CHURCH VESTRY

Chris Arey

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Ron Korth

*Junior Warden
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Register

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Kit Stoltz

Youth Representative

Chris Wanner



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

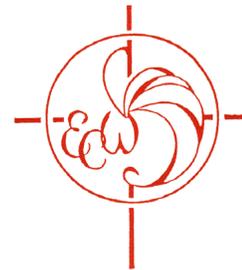
Trust me when I say, I am seriously considering that I (we) have been set up the last four days for 2019 Fall Fest! It is mid-June, and as I said the past four days have been great fall-like temperatures with no humidity and an abundance of sunshine. With the changes in weather patterns as we move closer to 2019 Fall Fest, I am unable to make any predictions; I can, however, assure you of at least two things: (1) rain or shine, Fall Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, and (2) we will continue the tradition of the past sixty-two years. Our venues will remain the same and we may add a new one. As always, when the sixty-third year of planning is over, we will open with the continued support of our parish, our community partners, and our shoppers. Crafts are underway and shopping for gifts, bargain finds, pumpkins, mums, and our auction bring visitors to our campus. Our first planning meeting will be held Thursday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the great hall. Your invitation to participate

in the smallest activity to help is: ***join us, and bring your ideas plus a pen/pencil.*** We look forward to seeing you!

As Fall Fest continues to be the largest fundraising event to support the ministry of Aquia's Episcopal Women and the church, much work has begun since we closed our doors in 2018. We continue to be blessed with donations, and this year is no different. The Treasures Corner and Flea Market are not to be missed! Please contact me at bkwings_n_things@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer as a department chair or co-chair.

Aquia's Care TeamS (ACTS): serving one another in love (Galatians 5:13)

Celebrating the Holy Spirit's presence in our midst, Aquia Care Teams serve one another in love by coordinating services to help meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of Aquia Church members. Services are provided in a loving and respectful manner. The identified teams are visiting, coordinat-



ing/communication, providing transportation, and delivery (meals, flowers and medications). There is a place for anyone who seeks to serve others in love. We welcome participation on an Aquia Care Team from all members, including our youth.

We invite you ladies to join the ECW and to share in the activities of and the ministries in our parish, local communities, Diocesan ministries, and worldwide needs. For more information, please contact me at bkwings_n_things@yahoo.com.

*Briget Kane
President*

STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service and Fellowship

It is mid-summer, and Sts. Mary and Martha Guild has shifted into high gear! Starting on July 11, we are meeting every Thursday morning through the end of September in order to give ourselves plenty of time to prepare for Fall Fest. As you may recall, Sts. Mary and Martha Guild takes on the huge responsibility of stocking and running the Craft Room each year at Fall Fest.

Our inventory of crafts is growing nicely. We offer special thanks for the donations of beautiful stained-glass suncatchers handcrafted by David Stein. If you have a craft that you enjoy making, in any medium, please consider making a few extra for our room.

Our next huge request is for costume jewelry for the very popular Fall Fest Jewelry Table. This treasure-trove of necklaces, earrings, bracelets, trinkets, treasures, rings and bling is every little girl's delight. Please search through your jewelry box this summer, and save out for us whatever you no longer want.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend Sts. Mary and Martha



Sts. Mary and Martha Guild

Guild meetings. Our meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer in the parish hall (downstairs in the 1960 parish house). After reading and discussing a short chapter of our study book, we work together on a craft. Our meetings end at noon. Please come even if you do not feel that you are a crafter. We work together using our own unique talents to prepare for the Fall Fest. Come to enjoy a summer break with your sisters-in-Christ. For more information, contact Mary Jane Cole (maryjane@cfsw.biz) or Denise Thornton (neisieb@aol.com)

Mary Jane Cole



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

May 21, 2019

Dinner and Fellowship. (Started at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Chris Arey and Ron Korth.) In attendance were the Rector, Fr. Jay Morris, and the Asst. Rector, Fr. James Rickenbaker, along with the following vestry members: Sr. Warden Bill Hoffman, Jr. Warden Ron Korth, Treasurer Chris Arey, Mary Nixon, Jackie Chichester, Dickie Boes, and Register Douglas McGinty. Bill Hoffman announced that there was a quorum. Fr. Jay opened with a prayer and the Lord's Prayer. *[Subsequent events are reported between brackets and italicized.]*

Business Session (Started at 7 p.m.)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chris Arey delivered the cover letter and reports. April had positive cash flow. About \$12K was netted for Aquia's Table from the golf tournament. Money in the cash contributions account was transferred to pledged income. The entrance sign only cost \$350.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Presented by Register Douglas McGinty. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- Monthly Rent Increase Proposal at Clifton Chapel (to be \$415.00/month, effective July 1, 2019; approved unanimously 4/23).
- Question of Parish Picnic in May (to be June 9, after 10 a.m. worship service; approved unanimously 4/23).
- R-2019-08 Sale of Burial Rights to Cindy Gibson Baldo (approved unanimously 5/20 by electronic vote).

New Business

R-2019-07 Employee Health Insurance Adjustments (Rector; endorsed by Administration and Finance committees). Approved unanimously.

Reports from Vestry Committees

Administration, by Fr. Jay. The question was raised whether one week was missed by Robynn's Nest Cleaning. A schedule needs to be formulated by the committee. The committee is still working on a cleaning checklist. Also, a question was raised as to whether the website is being updated.

Finance, by Dickie Boes. More progress on e-giving will be reported next month. Treasurer Chris Arey discussed the ACS system and Realm. With the accrual system, Realm will be adopted. The monthly fee will be reduced to \$190/month. The transition will occur in August and Chris will come back with a proposal. St. Herman's paid \$415 for May rent, but an adjustment will have to be made because the rent had not increased yet.

Building and Grounds, by Ron Korth. A new directional sign was discussed. During the vestry meeting, it was proposed that the sign refer to the "great hall" and the arrow(s) be reduced in width. It also was suggested that the church and CFFB be put on top, then the church office, and finally the parish hall. No quote has been received yet, and Ron will send out a revised sign proposal. Ron indicated that VDOT denied a request to erect "entrance only" and "exit only" signs on the church road at US 1. The question was raised as to whether the church road can be made one-way. The south cemetery fence has been repaired.

Reports from Senior Warden and Junior Warden

Sr. Warden, by Bill Hoffman. Two of the lawn trimming devices with 2-cycle motors were given the wrong type of fuel, but the fuel was replaced before the devices were damaged. More hosts are needed for the church picnic. Each



Vestry Highlights

vestry member should contribute \$20 by adding to the offering plate. The tables will be set up close to the fire pit by the parish hall. Bill and Doug McGinty will bring their canopies. *[Due to inclement weather on June 9, 2019, the Parish Picnic was held in the great hall of the CFFB.]*

Jr. Warden, by Ron Korth. Ron already delivered the Building and Grounds Committee report.

Report from Rector

Fr. Jay delivered the Rector's Report. Shawn Bourne is added to the mission trip roster. The May vestry meeting was the last one for Ethan Shoen as the youth representative. Christopher (Kit) Stoltz will start as the youth representative in June. Vestry member Larry Moxley was in the hospital. *[Thankfully, Larry is recovering well and has been released.]* Heritage Sunday went well.

Upcoming Dates

[6/9 Parish picnic after 10:00 a.m. worship service]

6/17-21 Vacation Bible School

6/18 Vestry meeting (hosts: Chichester and Hoffman)

6/23-29 Parish-wide mission trip led by youth group to Scranton, Pa.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Douglas McGinty
Register, Aquia Episcopal Church*



Fall Fest 2019 Auction Updates

The list of gifts for the Fall Fest Auction really grew this month when **members of the parish family** started to respond to our plea for contributions. As of June 17 we have:

Potomac Point Winery: food and wine basket PLUS dinner for four in the Wine Library Room at the winery (a \$500 value) offered by Cindi and Skip Causey

Basket of Beautiful Angels: A precious collection of angels, tall and small, offered by Dennise and Ed LaBarre (pictured on right)

Made in Virginia Basket offered by Jean and Michael Golas and Briget and Tom Kane

Guided Fishing Trip offered by our Senior Warden Bill Hoffman, owner of Aquia Fishing Guide Service. An awesome eight-hour fishing trip on the Potomac River in his boat. Bill's motto is: "No Fish Left Behind."

Delicious Roasted Pork Butt—hand rubbed by Jean Golas

Kettcar: Child's peddle car made in Germany by Kettler, given by the Stoltz family and tuned up by Bill League the Bike Man (car pictured on right).



These new gifts are in addition to the donations we mentioned last month:

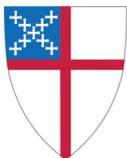
- **A night at the historic Red Fox Inn and Tavern in Middleburg, Virginia**
Visit www.redfox.com to check out this charming inn, built in 1728.
- **Vintage Primitive Rustic Artisanal Spinning-Wheel Chair**
- Tastefully matted and framed **Pen and Ink Print of Aquia Church**



What a fabulous start on our 2019 Auction! A huge thank-you to all these folks who have already stepped forward with their gifts of time and treasures and talents! Our work, however, has just begun as we seek to build the auction to forty-plus items or groupings that will appeal to the broad interests of our bidders. Do you have an item you could give or a talent to teach or a service to offer? We rely heavily on the imagination and generosity of our fellow parishioners to make the auction a success. We are hoping for gifts such as antiques, novelties (remember the drum set and those electric guitars?), sporting events tickets, childcare hours, or theme baskets that you put together with your friends or ministry. The auction team is open to your suggestions! Any leads, offers of help, or creative ideas will be gratefully received! Contact Shields Jones, Becky Monger, Brenda Monger, or Mary Jane Cole for further information.

Mary Jane Cole
maryjane@cfsw.biz





The Good Friday Offering: Thank You!

From: The Episcopal Church:

Thank you for your support of the Good Friday Offering. Your prayers, combined with your generosity, provide the spiritual and tangible power of the Jesus Movement to support essential ministries throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

From the Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, President Bishop of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem:

I should be most grateful if you would please give my thanks to all those who have given so generously to the Good Friday Offering. It is wonderful that so many people care for this region and we know that by their very generous giving, they also remember us I their prayers. Be assured that it will be well used in the name of the Lord to further His Kingdom.

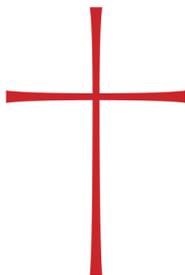
From the Right Reverend Michael Lewis, Bishop of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, who describes how the Good Friday Offering supports the Ras Morbat Clinic of Christ Church in Aden, Yemen. The clinic consists of ophthalmological and medical departments:

The work of the clinic and of the church, together with a ministry of compassionate outreach to refugees and now those affected by intense military and civil strife, continues. Although we are still in this very difficult period ... We are always immensely grateful for the help provided by GFO funds, which remain vital to the continuation of the project.

From The Rev. Canon Robert D. Edmunds, Middle East Partnership Officer, The Episcopal Church:

Thank You!

Submitted by: Dennise LaBarre



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.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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

Everett David Burns (parents are Ian and Anna (Osborn) Burns, grandparents are Mark and Wendy Osborn).

Funerals: "Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let the light perpetual shine upon them."

Sandra Goulet.

NEWCOMERS/VISITORS

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

Eleanor Basinger

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 would like to put you on our prayer list for those who are deployed in the service of our country.

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is Nov. 3, 2019. 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

Derek and Emily (Selz) Wisner; Brett and Sarah (Selz) Moran



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Aquia Church Prayer List – July 2019



Willene Anderson, Faye Andrews, Rhett Blythe and Family, Edward Chaplin, Judy Chaplin, Elijah Colliver, Jeff Davis, Donnie Davis, Paula Davis, Scott Davis, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Hank Grizzard, Larry Hartzler, Carolyn Hendrickson, Chris Hundley, Carol LaPorte, Elaine Lewis, Molly Lewis-Suttles, Lori, Ken Luehrs, Pat Moncure, Rebecca Poole, Kenny Reilly, Janice Shelton, Scott Smith, O.D. Taylor, John & Pam Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Patrick Weber.



Treasurer's Note



Second quarter contribution statements will be available in church on July 7th through July 28th. If you cannot pick up your statement during this time and need a paper copy to be emailed or mailed to you, please contact the office, sue.selz@aquiachurch.org, or 540-659-4007. After reviewing your statement, should you notice a discrepancy, please contact Sue in the church office.

*Chris Arey,
Treasurer*

Dear Mrs. LaBarre,

Let me thank you on behalf of the Antiquarian Society of Richmond for providing us the opportunity of an in-depth investigation of one of Virginia's treasured monuments. I am sure I speak for all of our members when I say how fortunate we are to have spent Sunday afternoon at Aquia Church.

Please convey our thanks to the Vestry.

Blessings,

Peter Win,

President

Generosity: The feeding ministries at Aquia Church always have been and always will be self-sufficient. No funds come from either the church or the diocese, though the church does sponsor both. Aquia's Table and Aquia's Pantry are supported solely upon the generosity of parishioners, and the gen-

eral public, through donations, both monetarily and in-kind, through cooperation from other pantries, and through fundraising operations. Both ministries have their own individual budgetary line items. I hope this clarifies any confusion regarding fund sources.

Sincerely,

Michael Golasz

Volunteer Coordinator
of Aquia's Table and
Director of Aquia's Pantry

**AQUIA'S
TABLE**





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SEAFOOD FEAST

Saturday, August 24, 4-7 p.m.

Live Bluegrass: "Reckless Brigade Bluegrass"

Adults: \$35.00

Age 6-16: \$10.00

All-you-can-eat crabs, steamed shrimp, fried cod, corn on the cob, coleslaw and hushpuppies. Lemonade and iced tea will be provided, or BYOC (bring your own cooler) or BYOB. Come to a fun-filled event, enjoy great music and delicious food, and enjoy fellowship with your family and friends.

Jean Golas