



AQUIA
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

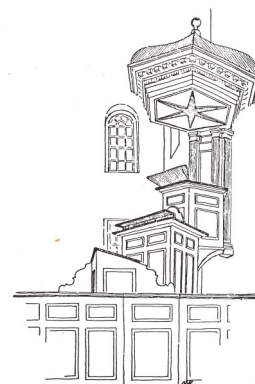


Always be sober-minded,
endure suffering,
do the work of an evangelist,
fulfill your ministry.

2 TIMOTHY 4:5, ESV

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FROM THE RECTOR

Come, Labor On

At Aquia Church, September is always an interesting month. It begins as usual with Labor Day—which of course is not a holy day, even if this occasion does have its own collect in The Episcopal Church’s current Book of Common Prayer (and the collect is worth praying: see pages 210/261). Because this secular festival serves not only as a moment to honor our efforts in our professional work and careers, but also as a chance to enjoy a brief break from their demands, Labor Day is probably observed more widely by folks *avoiding* church on that weekend than by folks attending church. Yet after Labor Day, the schedule and the pace of life return to normal, and soon enough we are back to school and back work around here, learning and laboring even more than before.

Around this time, families with children and youth realize that as the new school year has begun, so too have our ministry groups involving our younger members resumed, including the acolytes corps for students starting around 5th grade, the youth group for students in middle school and high school (grades 6-12), and Sunday school for students from pre-K level through 12th grade. Also around this time, we proceed with preparations for some pretty important events approaching, especially the ECW’s annual Homecoming luncheon on the second Sunday of September (this year on Sept. 11, a date filled with its own memories in our national awareness) and our 65th annual Fall Fest (this year on the first day after September ends: Saturday, Oct. 1). And around this time, adults see that our Wednesday Bible studies, our Thursday choir rehearsals, and our Sunday sessions of Morning Call are very active, along with the weekly distribution of hot meals through Aquia’s Table and the

weekly distribution of groceries through Aquia’s Pantry.

After Labor Day, therefore, one gets the impression that there are lots of events and lots of opportunities around our parish for all sorts and condition of people. That’s absolutely the correct impression to have during this month! September might start with resting from our labors, but increasingly the good folks at Aquia Church find that in September the calendar is full of gatherings, responsibilities, deadlines, and hard work—even if good work with good people for a good cause.

All these ministries and occasions can seem like nearly impossible challenges until we realize that none of us work alone in any of them. We collaborate with fellow Christians to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others, in word and in deed, and we open our doors and our hearts to familiar faces and to complete strangers alike. We reach out to neighbors in need, and we reconnect with folks who have been away or sick for some of the summer. Before too long, we view the Aquia Church calendar as less of a burden (no bad, boring jobs here!) and more of a joyful opportunity to find delight in doing the work of the Lord, who guides and inspires us all in these endeavors.

Surely the adage is true: the devil can always find tasks for idle hands. Isn’t it better to labor in the Lord’s vineyard and be satisfied that way, than to rest on our laurels and sit on our idle hands? Aquia Church provides many opportunities for folks of all ages. Yet September is the right month for hearing the Lord inviting us: “Come, labor on” (see *The Hymnal* 1982, #541). If your hands and your life seem all too idle for your own good, then September at Aquia Church offers good solutions.

Jay Morris

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives with one another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers,, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Why Aquia?

Dear Family in Christ,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I thank our God for you, especially for how interested you are in teaching your children about why we worship like we do. At Aquia Church, we don't have a band up front or a coffee bar in the back. We don't have a special family room or a play-place for kids during worship (outside of the nursery, of course). At face value, Aquia is just not that flashy. We have old hymns. The priests wear weird robes. We have candles when electricity has been a thing for over 200 years. We have a 265-year-old building. For goodness' sake, we don't even have a restroom inside the church! We aren't up on the latest trends. So why do we worship the way we do?

The point of worship is not what it can do for you. Worship is not a consumer enterprise, at least not in the way presented above. There are many reasons why we do what we do in worship. The chief reason we come together each Sunday is to worship the one, true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who alone is worthy of worship. We sing hymns to him and give him thanks and praise for what he has done for us in Jesus Christ.

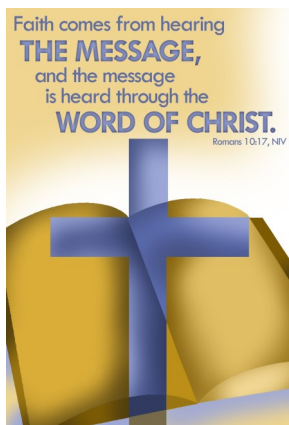
In worship we are recipients and consumers of a sort. What we consume is not coffee. What we receive is not special amenities. The purpose of coming to church is not childcare, merchandising, or anything else like that. We come to church to worship God and to receive his benefits. When we come to church, we hear God's word read and proclaimed. The word of God creates faith in our hearts (Rom. 10:17). The sermon expounds the Scriptures to show their truth and to proclaim what God has done for us in Christ. We consume the benefits of Christ's Body and Blood when we receive the sacrament of the Eucharist. When we receive that sacrament, we are strengthened in our faith and in the bond that God established with us in baptism. These things are at the center of our communal life at Aquia and in the

Church in general. They are most important. All other things come afterward. Priorities matter.

The things mentioned above **can** be done in any Christian congregation. However, many congregations **don't** bother to do them. Unfortunately, much of what passes for church today is a concert and a self-help speech. In saying that, I don't have a particular congregation in mind. I simply want to make clear that we prioritize the most important things at Aquia. We first worship God and sing our praises to him for what he has done. We then receive from him his Word and Sacrament. His Word in Holy Scripture is read and proclaimed for the people's benefit in order to create faith in our hearts. His Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated and administered to the people so that we eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ and are strengthened in our faith and in our baptismal bond with God. If anything else supplants these things, then it is an idol and it is worthy of being torn down.

So we don't have all the flashy things that some other congregations have. But we have Jesus Christ crucified and raised for you. That is all you could ever need. 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*



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

One year ago, we were excited to reopen our activities with caution. As the summer season changes to fall, we are excited. We look forward to the temperatures lowering, daylight hours shortening, and colors around our world going from lush green to golds, reds, and oranges. Yet again, I wait patiently to savor the palette our God painted for us and welcome fall with glee.

September continues to be a busy time for the ECW.

On Sept. 11, we shall once again host



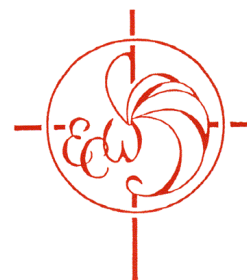
Homecoming at Aquia. Immediately following the 10:30 service, everyone is invited to share in a reception to celebrate the end of summer and welcome families and friends back to Aquia. A signup sheet will be available on Sept. 4 for donations of a covered dish for all to enjoy, and/or to help with set-up beforehand and breakdown afterward. This time of visitation, communion, and renewal is indeed a celebration of Aquia! **65 years of Fall Fest—but who's counting?**

Our annual event is well underway! This year's occasion isn't sneaking up on us, in fact, most of the preparation



began at the close of last year. On Saturday, Oct. 1, we will welcome everyone to our campus. The department chairs have many great ideas, and all our venues are back, including PJ the Clown, who will entertain both children and adults. We will take care with current health and safety compliances; we will continue to have nearly all our venues outdoors under tents or in the open air. The live auction under Shields Jones's capable hands will start at 11 a.m. near the parish house. Our hand-rubbed pork will be available in sandwiches, 1-lb. packages to go, and whole -butt pre-orders. There will be two departments—the book nook and the clothing section—that will be in the lower level of the parish house with a few changes. Check all the other departments out along the sidewalk and look for: crafts, jewelry, the garden mart, the man-cave, the flea market, the country store, our treasures, the ECW table of Aquia Church gifts, the vestry's nuts and candy sale, and the kitchen.

We are also accepting donations from everyone for the different departments. Our storage units will arrive on campus shortly after Labor Day. They will be located in the same area as last year, near the start of the exit driveway.



There's so much to see, do, and be a part of! A signup poster will be available each week beginning Sept. 4. Questions? Pick up a trifold brochure or contact me: bkwings_n_things@yahoo.com or ask the church office for my phone number if you prefer to call or text me.

Finally, as we work in our various ministries and collaborate during Fall Fest to support our church's mission, I try to remember six steps of purposeful prayer for me (with credit for these ideas going to Tara Sun Ministries):

- 1.) Keep it simple!
- 2.) Think of prayer as a lifestyle.
- 3.) Pray from your heart and pray with confidence.
- 4.) Begin prayer with praise and then supplication.
- 5.) Ask for forgiveness.
- 6.) Be thankful always and expect a response.

Briget Kane
ECW President

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday school for students in pre-school through twelfth grade resumed on Aug. 14, but registration is available throughout the year on the church website (www.AquiaChurch.org): simply click on the Sunday school icon toward the bottom of that page. It takes less than five minutes to get your child or grandchild registered online, but doing so provides us with important information. Sunday school meets on most Sunday mornings during the school year (9:30–10:15 a.m.) on the lower level of

the Christian Formation and Fellowship Building (CFFB).

Save the dates ...

Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.:
Annual Blessing of the Animals by the St. Francis statue in front of the CFFB



Saturday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.:
Trunk-or-Treat with an outdoor movie. Stay tuned for more details.



Sunday, Nov. 27 (noon–2 p.m.): Advent Workshop for families with children, with lunch provided.



Kristen Morgan



STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service, and Fellowship

With summer 2022 almost in the rear-view mirror, the ladies of the Sts. Mary and Martha guild are getting very excited about Fall Fest on Oct. 1. Our inventory has grown, and we can't wait to share it with you. Be sure to check out the craft tables, the colorful assortment of spools of ribbon we are selling, and, of course, our charm-filled jewelry table. During the month of September, we will meet every Thursday morning in order to finish our crafts and plan what our shops 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 our inventory.
- 3) If you can help at Fall Fest with the craft and jewelry tables, 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 the 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) or Carolyn Hendrickson (cvhendrickson35@gmail.com), co-chairs of the Sts. Mary and Martha guild.

Mary Jane Cole



So many spools of ribbon! Fun colors, fun themes, reasonable prices—all at Fall Fest.



Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers. Can't thank you enough for sharing God's beauty and the many prayers, love, and spiritual guidance you provide. You are truly one of the greatest blessings in my life. I am so thankful and humbled by your outpouring of love. God bless each and every one of you.

Linda Raisovich-Parsons



FALL FEST LIVE AUCTION—October 1 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! **Below is a list of gifts that have been added since the last newsletter article was written** (July 15 through August 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).

New from Fellow Parishioners and Friends of the Parish:

Mouth-watering Pies: a pie a month for 4 months baked by Pat Moncure, retired pastry chef of The Happy Clam restaurant

Leaded Glass Window handcrafted by Ellen Brandon: to be put in the upper, crescent-shaped window straight across from the entry door to the great hall. There will be 3 designs from which to choose. All designs will be Christian-themed and approved by our clergy. What a lasting legacy for the winning bidder!

Kids’ Fishing Trip offered by **Bill Hoffman:** 4-hour fishing trip on Potomac Creek for 1 child & 2 adults OR 2 children & 1 adult (children age 8 and above). This is in addition to Bill’s previous gift, which is:

Guided Fishing Trip offered by **Bill Hoffman:** Up to 8 hours of fishing on Aquia Creek with an experienced angler on his 21-foot bass boat that can take you to the best spots on Aquia Creek

Handsome Framed Print of Aquia Church: given by **Laura and Dave Moyer**, friends of Aquia Church

New from Merchants, Businesses and Restaurants:

Meadows Farms: \$50 gift card

Zibibbo 73 Trattoria: \$25 gift card

Forest Greens Golf Club: Foursome with complimentary green fees

Gauntlet Golf Club: Four VIP passes with green fees

610 Carwash: 5 deluxe car wash tickets

Lady Legacy LLC: \$50 gift certificate

Irish Eyes of Fredericksburg: Certificate to research your family name history and coat of arms

Wawa on U.S. 17: Gift basket

Pets Plus: \$50 gift card

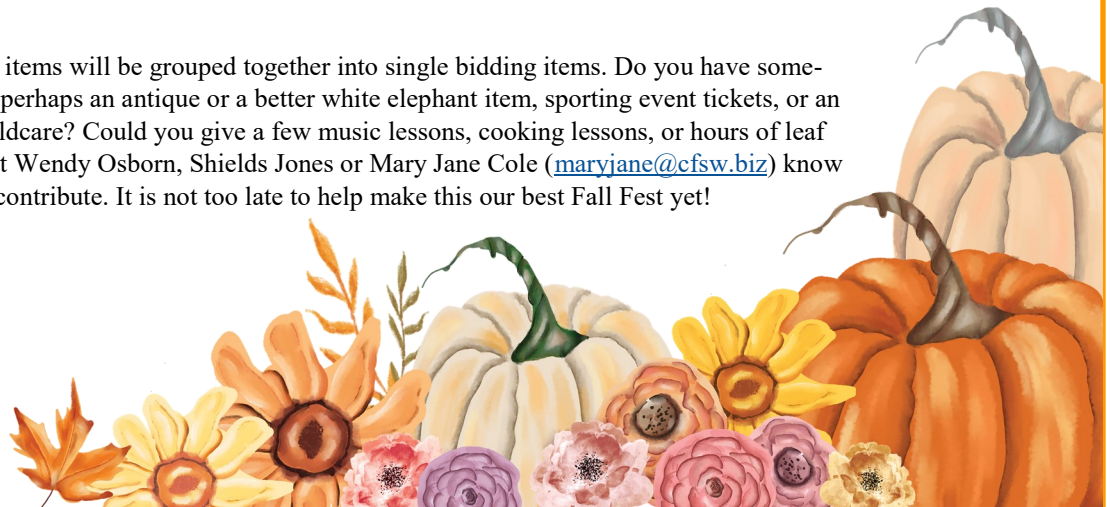
Publix: \$100 gift card

Supporters of the Auction and Fall Fest:

Custom Design Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.

Bishop, Farmer & Co., LLP.

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 item, sporting event tickets, or an evening of childcare? Could you give a few music lessons, cooking lessons, or hours of leaf raking? Just let Wendy Osborn, Shields Jones or Mary Jane Cole (maryjane@cfsw.biz) know what you can contribute. It is not too late to help make this our best Fall Fest yet!



Help us spread the news! Tell your friends and neighbors about our great auction list! Follow our group “**Fall Fest at Aquia Church**” on Facebook. “Like” and “Share” our posts.

Three great ways to escape and relax—all found in the Fall Fest Live Auction:



Hiker's Hideaway Romantic Cabin near Shenandoah National Park



The Essex Inn in Tappahannock, Virginia



Timeshare at the Historic Powhatan Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia



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.



AQUIA'S TABLE

September is National Hunger Awareness Month and Hunger Action Month—a month where people all over America stand together with Feeding America and the nationwide network of food banks to fight hunger. It's a month for spreading the word and taking action about the hunger crisis, and for dedicating ourselves to a solution. Members of Aquia's Table and Aquia's Pantry will wear an orange ribbon in support of ending hunger. We will have a basket in the church and in the great hall, grab a ribbon, pin it on, and wear it prominently in support of ending hunger!

One of our community partners, SERVE (meaning 'Stafford Emergency Relief through Voluntary Efforts'), has supported

Aquia's Table quietly over the last 11 years. SERVE donation boxes are in grocery stores throughout our community. The community at large benefits from your donations to SERVE as well as Aquia's Table.



We at Aquia's Table are currently preparing 350 meals weekly; our bakers bake five dozen to 10 dozen cookies or brownies once a month. Our menus are planned a month in advance, and sometimes are determined by the donations we receive. Last-minute shopping is usually done by three to four members of our team who also prepare and pack the meals, whether using brown bags or take-out containers. We



continue to serve our meals on a take-out basis and count the number of meals served. All of these hands and hearts work to serve a nutritious, healthy, and tasty meal weekly.

Aquia's Table continues to take action and dedicate our ministry to help end hunger.

*Briget Kane
Aquia's Table Core Group*

AQUIA'S PANTRY

Fellow Aquians, your pantry continues its mission in the name of Jesus Christ by helping our neighbors who are food-insecure. With the year 2022 already halfway done, here is some information that will show how your time, donations, and monetary contributions are helping God's children in our community:

- **9,407 people served and 62,262 pounds of groceries distributed**

- **That's a monthly average of 1,568 people served and 10,377 pounds of groceries distributed.**

The pantry also set attendance records in June, with 421 people served on June 8 and 442 people served on June 15. As we continue to grow, so does the need for your support in sustaining this important ministry here at Aquia Church. If you believe that the Holy Spirit is moving

you, please contact Michael Golasz (golaszmichael@yahoo.com) or Mary Jane Cole (maryjane@cfsw.biz). Enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Your brother in Christ,
Michael Golasz*



**HUNGER
AWARENESS
MONTH**



Holy Cross Day: September 14

In April of this year, I undertook a walking holiday to the South Downs Way in the United Kingdom, a historic trail covering ground across Hampshire and Sussex. The trail began in the ancient city of Winchester—once the capital of Alfred the Great. While in Winchester, at the behest of fellow parishioner Jean Bittner, I visited the Hospital of St Cross and the Almshouse of Noble Poverty—a peculiar name, I initially thought while I walked around the almshouse and the accompanying church and wandered through the gardens (where I saw a magnificent specimen of imperial fritillaria). St Cross may be an unfamiliar name in the U.S. (there is an Episcopal Church of St. Cross in Hermosa Beach, California), but the phrase ‘Holy Cross’ is synonymous with St. Cross and Holy Rood (or Holyrood, as it is known in some parts of the U.K.).

On September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross is celebrated throughout Christianity. This feast honors Christ’s self-offering on the cross for our salvation. In the Eastern Orthodox branch of Christianity, this feast is known as “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross” and was one of the 12 great feasts in the Byzantine liturgy. It is known as “The Triumph of the Cross” in the Roman Catholic Church. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer is the first American Prayer Book to include Holy Cross Day.

The origin of this feast day dates to antiquity. Recall that the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, convened the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325; this is the council which gave us the origin of the Nicene Creed. After the Council, in the year 327, the Bishop of Jerusalem, Bishop Macarius, at the behest of the emperor, began to search for the sites of the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Jesus in Jerusalem. Most of Jerusalem had been razed by the Romans in AD 70; then in 129-130, when the Emperor Hadrian founded a new colony, Aelia Capitolina, he cen-

tered it over the ruins of the former Jewish capital. The history of the True Cross—the cross upon which Jesus was crucified—is blurred with less reliable traditions. There are no contemporary accounts that the followers of Jesus preserved the cross. Late fourth-century historians write that Helena, the mother of Constantine, travelled to the Holy Land in AD 326-328 and founded churches there. According to legend, when she came to Jerusalem, she discovered three crosses, one later revealed to her as the True Cross, together with the crosses that held the two criminals who were crucified with Jesus. Bishop Macarius is credited with excavating Jerusalem till finding the sites of the Crucifixion and the Holy Sepulcher. As noted church historian Diarmaid McCullough writes,

It is possible that there had been a continuous Christian tradition as to the whereabouts of these sites and that therefore there was not much revealing to be done. Less plausibly, it was not long before the Jerusalem Church was announcing that the actual wood of the Cross had been rediscovered, and within a quarter-century another enterprising Bishop of Jerusalem, named Cyril, was linking that discovery to an undoubted historic event: a state visit to the Holy City by Constantine’s mother, the dowager Empress Helena.

On September 14 in the year 335, a complex of buildings was dedicated. These were built by the Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem on the sites of Jesus’ crucifixion and his tomb. This shrine included a large basilica and a circular church. Claims made by the Church of Jerusalem that they possessed the True Cross date from the mid-fourth century. Also, in the late fourth century, the pilgrim Egeria mentions a feast commemorating the discovery of that Cross in Jerusalem. This feast has also been associated with the exposition at Jerusalem of the Cross by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius (575-641). He



recovered the relic from the Persians, who took it from Jerusalem in 614 when they destroyed the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. While the authenticity of alleged relics of the Cross may be questionable, Holy Cross Day provides an opportunity for a joyous celebration of Christ’s redeeming death on a cross.

The contemporary collect for Holy Cross Day is this: “Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen” (BCP 244).

Chris Arey



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Transferred in: “*And the Lord added to their number day by day ...*” (Acts 2:47)

Barbara Meier

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

New Babies: Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of a worship service and 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 the birth of a child, 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 all those in the service of our country who are deployed.

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is Nov. 6, 2022. 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) Wiser

Sue Selz

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Aquia Church Prayer List

September 2022



Nicole Bingay, Jean Bittner, Rhett Blythe and Family, Debbie Byers, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Lori Hendon, Rachel Hofford, Annette LaBarre, Ken Luehrs, Lori, Pat Moncure, Rebecca Poole, Arnie Schwartz, Scott Smith, Carolyn Stringer, O.D. Taylor, John & Pam Tompkins, Gayle Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Jen Wassmer, Arlene Weagraff, Patrick Weber, Walt & Elizabeth Yager, Marion Yantsios.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

July 26, 2022, via Zoom

Present were: Fr. Jay Morris, Rector; Fr. James Rickenbaker, Assistant Rector; Treasurer, Chris Arey; Senior Warden, Charlie Bingay; Junior Warden, Bob Brandon; Sarah Kirby, Dickie Boes, Carolyn Hendrickson, Penny Stevens, Anna Rall, Christine Bowie, Lisa Schwartz, Michael Golasz

Business Session

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Treasurer's Report

- Market was down in June, which means investments are down
- Income side is looking reasonably good
- \$83,197.70 received YTD for matching challenge contribution for the CFFB

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **R-2022-09: Appointment of Nancy Hoffman to Audit Committee to Review 2021 Financials** (approved 6/28)
- **R-2022-10: Establishment and Initial Funding of Aquia Church Heritage Endowment Fund** (approved 6/28)

New Business

- **R-2022-11: Gutter Replacement Project for 1960 Parish House** (buildings and grounds committee)
 - ◇ Will include adding gutter covers to avoid volunteers having to clean out gutters throughout the year
 - ◇ Approved
- **R-2022-12: Adjustment in Bookkeeper's Compensation** (administration committee)
 - ◇ All other employees received a raise in January 2022—reason

for only this employee receiving a mid-year increase

- ◇ Approved
- **R-2022-13: Appointment of Mark Osborn to Audit Committee to Review 2021 Financials** (Dickie Boes and Rector)
 - ◇ Approved
- **R-2022-14: Delegates and Alternate to Diocesan Annual Convention** (Rector)
 - ◇ Postponed action on this resolution in order to review by-laws on this matter
- **Appointment of Vestry Co-Chair of Fall Fest 2022**
 - ◇ Anna Rall selected as Vestry Co-Chair
- **Date and Plans for Parish Picnic**
 - ◇ Sunday, Aug. 28 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Reports from Committees

Administration Committee

- First aid training session was held successfully
- Carrol Frederick will be stepping down from vestry upon recommendation from physician

Buildings & Grounds Committee

- Considering window replacement for second story of 1960 parish house
- Landscape task group needs a site plan to submit for landscapers

Reports from Wardens

- Wardens and Father Jay will review how to handle disruptions during services
- Consideration to invite the two churches renting the 1960 parish house to our parish picnic on 8/28

Report from Rector

- Father Jay—in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for continuing education



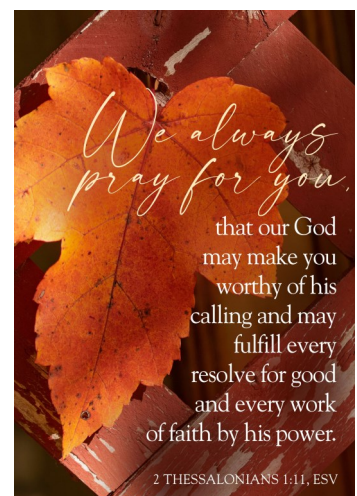
Vestry Highlights

Upcoming Dates

- 8/23 Vestry meeting (7 p.m. *perhaps* via Zoom, *perhaps* in person)
- 9/11 Homecoming Luncheon (after the end of the 10:30 a.m. worship service)
- 9/27 Vestry meeting (7 p.m. *perhaps* via Zoom, *perhaps* in person)
- 10/1 Fall Fest (8 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer, and Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Rall
Register





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



APPROACHING OUR MATCHING CHALLENGE GOAL

We have an opportunity to reduce the debt on our construction loan for the CFFB faster than expected and with lowered interest payments. Thanks to an offer made anonymously, every gift contributed to the new building between Jan. 1, 2022, and Oct. 1, 2022, will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000.00. Please mark your contribution “CFFB” on the memo line of your check or on the envelope of your cash gift. As of Aug. 23, we have received **\$86,297.70**; we are so close to reaching our goal, over 86% of the way! **The deadline for contributions to count toward the match is Oct. 1**, which is just over a month away. Please consider making a contribution.

AQUIA CHURCH TIME & TALENT SURVEY 2022

Please take a moment to indicate some information about the professional skills, personal talents, and hobbies you already have that could make a good difference for our mission and ministry.

You may complete this form while you are at church, or you may print it out and return it to the church office.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

Current Occupation _____

Previous Occupation(s) _____

Maintenance

- _____ Carpentry/Construction
- _____ Electrical
- _____ Gardening
- _____ Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- _____ Lawn Care/Mowing
- _____ Lifting/Moving Heavy Objects
- _____ Mechanic
- _____ Operate Large/Heavy Equipment
- _____ Painting and/or Drywall
- _____ Plumbing
- _____ Woodworking

Business and Finance

- _____ Accounting/Bookkeeping/Auditing
- _____ Advertising/Publicity/Marketing
- _____ Business Development
- _____ Communications
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Human Resource Management (HR)
- _____ Investments
- _____ Resource Management (RM)

Hospitality

- _____ Baking
- _____ Cooking
- _____ Event Planning

Information Technology/Data Processing

- _____ Information Management/Technology
- _____ Activity Modeling and Refinement
- _____ Entity Relationships and Data Modeling
- _____ Computer Networks
- _____ Microsoft Excel
- _____ Microsoft Power Point
- _____ Website Design and Maintenance
- _____ Other Computer Expertise (specify)

Professional

- _____ Child Care
- _____ Education
- _____ Law (specify area)
- _____ Physician/Medical Practitioner
- _____ Nursing
- _____ Paralegal

Other Abilities and Interests

- _____ Artist/Painting
- _____ Musical Ability (specify)
- _____ Drive Parishioners to Appointments
- _____ Flower Arranging
- _____ History/Historical Research
- _____ Knitting/Crocheting/Needlework
- _____ Language Other than English (specify)

Please describe other abilities you have that are not listed above but that might support our mission and ministry.
