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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



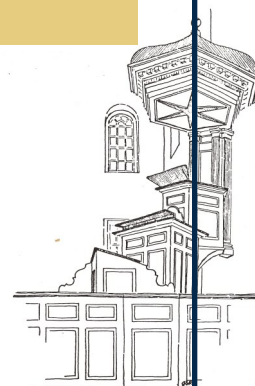
THANKSGIVING

WE ARE

blessed
AND
grateful

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FROM THE RECTOR

Thank God for *Everything*??

Many folks know well “The General Thanksgiving” from the liturgies for Daily Morning Prayer and Daily Evening Prayer. Some of you might also be familiar with the various forms of thanksgiving that appear toward the back of the Book of Common Prayer in the helpful section titled “Prayers and Thanksgivings” (BCP 810-841). Those texts include a Litany of Thanksgiving and thanksgivings for diverse causes—the Church, national life, the created world, and so forth. In “A General Thanksgiving” (BCP 836), which we pray to God, there is one line in particular that might raise some eyebrows: “We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.” That provocative line is at once too broad and too narrow.

Many people would not easily express their gratitude to God for *any* disappointment we suffer or *any* failure we commit. Isn’t life challenging and difficult enough? In a way, this line offers God far more thankfulness than we might ordinarily admit. After all, we do not customarily thank God for the bad episodes of our lives. And yet in this prayer we truly do not ask that God might send us even more disappointments and failures than those we have already endured. Instead of seeking more of them, we thank God for what we might learn profitably from them, knowing that one can learn a lot in the School of Hard Knocks.

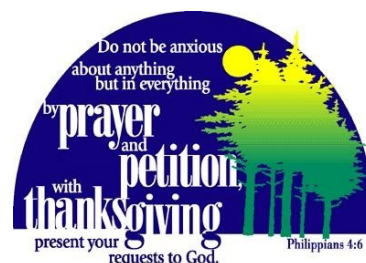
If there are perspectives we could gain in hindsight from disappointments and failures and thus could be grateful to God after the fact, then maybe somehow we ought to thank God not only for such events, but also for other misfortunes and maladies too: devastation, disease, and death can prompt us to turn to God in prayer as perhaps no other circumstances can. Many people recovering from harm, or suffering from cancer or other illnesses, or grieving the loss of loved ones may well find that God is always available for us as our best refuge and strength who supports

us and lifts us up precisely when others let us down or seem to disappear. Again, we do not ask to suffer more, but rather we learn where to turn for real help “when other helpers fail and comforts flee” (as in the hymn “Abide with me”). So perhaps we ought to include more occasions besides disappointments and failures among the situations that can draw us closer to God.

I have needed many years in order to come to terms with the wisdom behind that one line in “A General Thanksgiving,” and occasionally I still wince a bit when praying it. But that line comports fully with the advice that Paul gave the Christians at Philippi: Do not be anxious about anything, but *in all circumstances* pray with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6). We also read in Ephesians 5:20 that we should give thanks *always* and *for everything*. Seriously! Not only when life hurts and we fail one another (including failing ourselves), but even with the sicknesses, the losses, and the other discomfiting and unfortunate situations. Note carefully how “A General Thanksgiving” ends by appealing to our Savior, Jesus Christ: “through him, at all times and in all places, may [we] give thanks to you in all things.”

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, if you tire of turkey and the trimmings, if you find the football games unfulfilling, or if you have trouble remembering the reason for the season, you might read through these prayers of thanksgiving (starting at BCP 836), and then contemplate how good our God truly is—even amidst disappointments, failures, and other paths that lead us back to him.

Jay Morris



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

What Would Jesus Brew?

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 intentional you are about engaging in formation opportunities. Formation is vitally important. If you are not engaged in some form of formation, on Sunday mornings or otherwise, Fr. Jay and I would like to get you plugged in. One such ministry is What Would Jesus Brew?, our young adult ministry for people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. In order to get a sense of what we do, I'll give an overview of the ministry itself. I'll also mention some of the recent changes to how we do things.

I started What Would Jesus Brew? six years ago as an attempt to meet a need that we had in Christian formation. There was not a ministry at Aquia that specifically focused on young adults. Young adults could attend any of the ministries that were offered, to be sure, but the meeting-times tended to be during the workday. So we began gathering once a month to discuss theology over an evening meal. We would tend to focus our discussion around a question in theology, usually a yes-or-no question like "Is justification by faith alone?" The goal was to be able to come to some kind of consensus by the end of our time together. Over time we developed a partnership in this ministry with the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Fredericksburg. Fr. Kyle Tomlin and I now lead the group together with folks from both churches.

We met in person for a number of months as a joint ministry before March 2020. Then the pandemic happened. We began meeting via Zoom for a while. Our time together wasn't around a meal anymore but was mainly focused on fellowship. That continued throughout the pandemic until we started meeting again in person earlier this year. Then we were getting together for fellowship each month at Park Lane Tavern in Fredericksburg. The trouble was that there weren't many people coming. So I decided that it was time for us to reimagine what the group would be

doing. Events that were just fellowship weren't meeting the need anymore.

More recently, we started to do something different. We are now meeting each month at either Church of the Messiah in Fredericksburg or here at Aquia. In October, we met at Messiah; for November, we will meet at Aquia. We plan to have food each month and fellowship as well. Our primary focus, though, will now be around formation. Fr. Kyle or I will lead a presentation around a topic in theology. Last month, Fr. Kyle presented on "What is sanctification and why does it matter?" Afterward, there will be time for conversation and further fellowship. The point of the ministry is for young adults to grow in faith together. I look forward to being able to keep folks updated on how the change affects the ministry in the upcoming months.

If you are in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, if you like talking theology, and if you need to be further formed in the faith (that means everyone!), then What Would Jesus Brew? is the ministry for you. Come join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at either Aquia or Messiah. Make sure to join our Facebook group "What Would Jesus Brew? (Aquia/Messiah)" for more details each month. 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

Fall Fest 2022 is “in the books” and was a success. It continues to be a parish-wide event where the best-made plans were changed in order to accommodate the weather and space constraints. Over the past several years, Aquia has felt the effects of Mother Nature! Fall Fest 2022 was no different, but Hurricane Ian’s rain and damp weather did not stop Fall Fest. It simply caused us to alter our original set-up and change or cancel some outdoor activities.

Despite all the changes, *everyone* at Aquia and even our guests brought smiles, rainbows, and good cheer to Fall Fest 2022. Our efforts to keep everyone safe, dry, and enjoying the day were successful! To everyone: thank you for your support, hard work, and ideas. On to 2023!

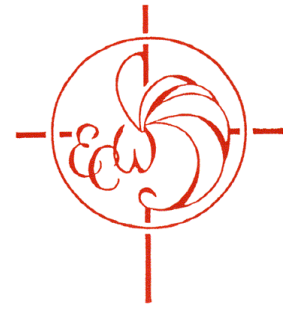
I wonder if you have ever found yourself praying in an unlikely place or for reasons you had not given much thought to in advance of praying. I sometimes find myself saying a prayer in places that others might think are odd. I also have found it is sometimes easier to pray when I am with others,

not always in a formal setting—sometimes even in an impromptu situation. Here at Aquia, we have many opportunities to pray with others or by ourselves: daily, also during worship services, and usually at the start or end of a meeting or almost any gathering. The Book of Common Prayer provides written prayers that we can use easily for support with numerous prayers for many events. Daily prayers, with time set aside for praying either with others or by yourself and with your heart focused on God, draws one nearer to understanding the power of prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving give us an opportunity to give honor to God for all he has given us, including his son Jesus.

God speaks to us through prayer. Are you listening?

On Dec. 18, we will hold our annual meeting in between the two morning worship services. We hope you will join the ECW in the great hall for that occasion, when we will recognize our 2022 Book of Life honorees.

Briget Kane
President



Episcopal Church Women's Prayer:

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.

All women of Aquia are invited to share in the ministry of the ECW. The Aquia ECW is a part of the ECW of the Diocese

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



2nd Annual Advent Workshop

Sunday, Nov. 27 noon until 2 p.m.

Children in preschool through fifth grade are welcome.

Lunch will be provided.

Register on the church website: www.aquiachurch.org by Wednesday, Nov. 23, so that we have enough materials and lunch for everyone.

Friends are welcome and encouraged to take part. Please register all participants.



STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service, and Fellowship

Sts. Mary and Martha Guild would like to thank all the parishioners who stopped by our two rooms at Fall Fest 2022! We also wish to thank all who gave jewelry and samples of their own crafts to our venue, plus all the volunteers who pitched in at 2 p.m. to pack up and ready the Wirman Room and the parish hall downstairs for our renters, Christ Apostolic Church International, for Sunday worship the very next day. We are indeed grateful for these extra gifts of time, talent, and muscle.

If you missed our craft tables at Fall Fest, be sure to see the lovely array of remaining Christmas items on the Advent gift tables in the great hall starting on Sunday, Nov. 20. Yes, our little shop of handmade ornaments, wax angels, beautiful wreaths, crocheted booties, Aquia Church note cards, and so

much more is opening a week early for your shopping convenience. We also have purple and pink tapers for your Advent wreaths. Be sure to stop by any Sunday morning from Nov. 20 through Dec. 18 after either the 7:30 service or the 10:30 service. Check out the cute snowman “Joe Snow,” the newest addition to our inventory, as seen below!



Meet “Joe Snow” and his cousins on the Advent gift tables, Nov. 20 -Dec. 18.

In November, Sts. Mary and Martha Guild will be meeting on the 3rd

and the 17th. On Nov. 3 we will be gathering in the parish hall downstairs (lower level of the parish house); and for our Nov. 17 meeting, we will be in the great hall, setting up our Advent gift tables. Our meetings usually run from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

All ladies of the parish and their friends are welcome to join us. Please come and enjoy a morning of fellowship with your sisters-in-Christ. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about Sts. Mary and Martha Guild.

Mary Jane Cole

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Carolyn Hendrickson

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Dear Parish Family:

On 9 October 2022, Jay preached on the Gospel from Luke [17:11-19] about the ten lepers whom Jesus healed but only one returned to thank Jesus for healing him. This sermon reminded me that I have been remiss in thanking you.

As many of you know, this year has been, in the words of the late Queen Elizabeth II, an *annus horribilis* for me health-wise. The bad part was earlier in the year: I had sepsis and was in the hospital for two weeks and then some time in rehab. But all is not bad. In July I had a total hip replacement and now am continuing with that rehab, which is going well.

I want to take this time to thank you for your prayers, cards, letters, and calls. Jay will tell you that I'm a firm believer in the power of prayer, and you folks have outdone yourselves on my behalf. Getting back to church has been the single most joyful part of my year, getting to see all of you and to sing once again. In my absence, some of the musical settings have changed, but I'm trying to keep up. Again, to my loving church family, thank you.



In Christ's Name,
Dave Van Metre



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. 27, 2022, via Zoom

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

Business Session

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Treasurer's Report

- Matching challenge for the CFFB has been met
- Online giving continues to be down from prior three-month average
- Relatively no changes to general fund checking, money market accounts, or operating expenses

Ongoing Business

- Review of Draft Bylaws
 - ◇ Minor revisions were made throughout the draft
 - ◇ Updating context of nominees for diocesan Annual Convention to clarify annual nominations without specific term limits, since nominated and voted on annually
 - ◇ Approved unanimously by Vestry as amended during meeting

New Business

- R-2022-18: Transfer of Ownership of Burial Rights
 - ◇ Transfer of burial rights of Clifton Waller Barrett to Kate Barrett Rennie approved by Vestry
- R-2022-19: Painting Project at 1960 Parish House [*approved electronically, 10/2/2022*]
 - ◇ Clean and paint the related exterior wood of the 1960 parish house that is affected by the gutter replacement project
 - ◇ Cost is \$3,750 and sufficient funding is available
 - ◇ Approved unanimously by Vestry

Reports from Committees

Administration Committee

- No major news to report
- Committee is preparing for their 4th quarter reviews

Finance Committee

- No additional news beyond written report

Building and Grounds Committee

- Gutter replacement project on 1960s parish hall expected to begin week of 10/10/22
- Upstairs bathroom in rectory has been repaired/updated
- Front door of rectory is being painted



Vestry Highlights

Reports from Wardens

Senior Warden: Stairs going up to choir loft need to be assessed at turn for possibly adding a banister (where currently there is no banister in place)

Report from Rector

No additional commentary outside of written clergy report

Upcoming Dates

10/1 Fall Fest (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

10/25 Vestry meeting (7 p.m. *perhaps* via Zoom, *perhaps* in person)

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer, and Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Rall
Register



Remember:
SUNDAY
NOV. 6



Fall Fest Auction “After Action”

A huge “Thank You” goes to all parishioners and merchants who contributed to the 2022 Fall Fest live auction! This year, we offered 27 grouped or individual items for bidding. Over half of these were built with the gifts of time, talent, and donations from our own parish family.

The merchants and business owners who contributed to the auction are listed below. Please remember them when you do your holiday shopping and thank them for donating to your church’s major outreach fund raiser.

Mary Jane Cole, Auction Chair

Sponsors of the 2021 Fall Fest Auction

610 Car Wash	Jewel Box
Amy’s Café	Lady Legacy LLC
Aquia Harbour Golf Club	Meadows Farms
Augustine Golf Club	Olde Virginia Gourmet
Banner Hallmark	Outback Steakhouse of Stafford
Bishop, Farmer & Co.	Pets Plus
Bluebird Stained Glass Studio	Picker's Supply
Chick-fil-A	Potomac Point Vineyard & Winery
Crown Jewelers	Publix
Custom Design Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.	Riverside Center for the Performing Arts
El Gran Charro	Robiolina Italian Cuisine
Essex Inn at Tappahannock	Sight & Sound Theatres, Lancaster, Pa.
Forest Greens Golf Club	Sofa Outlet
Gari Melchers Home and Studio	Wawa
Gauntlet Golf Club	Wegmans
Jabberwocky Children’s Books & Toys	Zibibbo 73 Italian Restaurant
Irish Eyes of VA	



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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

David Dutton from St. Stephen's, Culpeper, Va.

Burials: *"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them"* (BCP 486/502)

James Samuel Mitchener, IV, 7-19-1989 to 7-31-2022;

Mavis Phillips Barrett, 5-26-1925 to 6-11-2019.

NEWCOMERS/VISITORS

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

Jason Koontz and Mackenzie Clinger.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

New Babies: Thanksgiving for the birth of a child 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 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.

Aquia Church Prayer List

November 2022

Nicole Bingay, 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, O.D. Taylor, John & Pam Tompkins, Gayle Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Jen Wassmer, The Weagraff Family, Patrick Weber, Walt & Elizabeth Yager, Marion Yantsios.

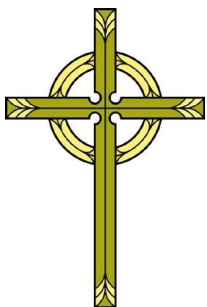


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We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship
of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst
by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance,
and proclaiming His word throughout the world.



A Westchester Farmer

The smash Broadway hit *Hamilton* revived the legacy of Alexander Hamilton in American culture. In Act I of *Hamilton*, in the song “Farmer Refuted,” Samuel Seabury—the same Samuel Seabury who became the first bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church—makes a cameo appearance. In this song, *Hamilton* rebuts Seabury’s writing in support of the crown. Seabury’s pen name was A.W. Farmer—as in ‘A Westchester Farmer.’ Yet Seabury was much more than a Westchester farmer. Indeed, the Episcopal Church was shaped by him in several important ways, and we honor the anniversary of his consecration as the first American bishop in the Anglican tradition on Nov. 14.

The story of Seabury, his consecration, and its impact on the development of the Episcopal Church in the new United States of America is one worth telling. Born in Connecticut in 1729, he was raised in a slave-holding household where his father, also named Samuel Seabury, was first a Congregationalist pastor who later became an Anglican priest. The younger Seabury graduated from Yale in 1748 and after ordination as a deacon was ordained as a priest in 1753. He served in several churches, and from 1766 to 1775 was the rector of St. Peter’s in Westchester (now a neighborhood of the Bronx).

Seabury was a devoted Loyalist (meaning that he was devoted to the British monarch around the American Revolution); hence his letters drew trenchant rebukes from patriot Alexander Hamilton. Seabury was arrested in November 1775, kept in custody for six months, and eventually served as the chaplain to the king’s American regiment. After the war ended, he returned to Connecticut, now an American. In 1783 Connecticut had one of the strongest Episcopal churches in the new America: around 40 congregations, 14 clergy, and some 40,000 members. However, they realized that without a bishop their future was bleak. There-

fore, on March 25, 1783, in Woodbury, Connecticut, ten Episcopal clergy chose Seabury as their bishop, though he would need to be consecrated as custom and practice in the faith dictated. In June 1783, Seabury sailed to London to seeking consecration. The English church was cool to Seabury’s entreaties, and for 16 months he waited for a favorable reception. That hope was quashed later in 1784, when Parliament passed an act which permitted the bishop of London to exempt foreign candidates for the diaconate and priesthood from taking a civil oath of loyalty to the king, but did not address bishops. Seabury, without prospect in the Church of England, sought succor from the Scottish Episcopal Church (which is the branch of Anglicanism in Scotland); with the tacit approval of the archbishop of Canterbury, he was ordained a bishop by three Scottish bishops on Nov. 14, 1784.

Returning to America in 1785, the next year he published his “Communion Office,” which was based on the Scottish liturgy of 1764 rather than the 1662 Book of Common Prayer in use in the Church of England. The impact of Seabury’s Scottish connection was to make the liturgy for Holy Communion in the first American BCP (1789) more closely aligned to the Scottish rite rather than the English rite in the 1662 BCP. This brought the Episcopal Church’s eucharistic doctrine closer to the tradition of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The adoption of the Scottish prayer of consecration for bread and wine restored to the liturgy of the new American church the ancient doctrine from the mid-second century that the Eucharist is the Church’s sacrifice.

Seabury also argued for the restoration of another ancient custom: the weekly celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, rather than the occasional observance that was customary in most Protestant churches of his day. He was ahead of his time in this matter, but by the 20th century even most ‘low’



church congregations had adopted this practice.

The contemporary collect for the anniversary of Seabury’s consecration is:

We give you thanks, O Lord our God, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

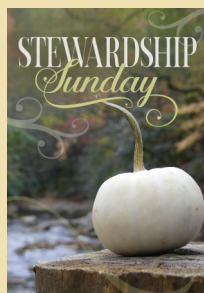
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

Psalm 116:12

Sunday, Nov. 13, is the requested day for submitting pledge cards for 2023. Parishioners wanting more information about our new Heritage Endowment Fund, and about how contributing to it can be related to your pledging, should attend the Morning Call session on Sunday, Nov. 6 (9:30—10:15 a.m. in the great hall), when Father Morris will make a presentation about this opportunity. You may also speak directly with Father Morris or with treasurer Chris Arey for more information.



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