



# The Cunningham Chronicle

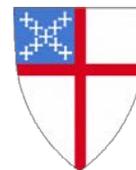
## Christ Church, Millwood

September/October 2017

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## **A Word from the Deacon**

While Thanksgiving is still a few months away, I've already taken time to consider some of the many ways that I'm thankful. There are of course the blessings I get from Amy, Mary and Ella, and the tremendous blessing I received in being called to serve among you. I'm thankful for the confidence Bishop +Shannon and my seminary professors showed in acknowledging and supporting God's call to me and moving me through the discernment process towards graduation and ordained ministry. And I'm thankful that I get to exercise my vocation in an area in which everything – the mountains, the rivers, the fields, the trees – is a real and present sign of the handiwork and creativity of God.

But there's so much more that my first two months among you has provided and for which I am thankful. For instance, I give thanks for:

- The great number of you who signed up to participate in the kitchen table chat series in July. Not only did these give me a chance to learn more about you and this wonderful place in a more informal setting, but the conversations yielded some outstanding suggestions and thoughts on a wide range of topics – from liturgy to Sunday school and all points between.
- Your willingness to serve. I continue to be amazed by the many ways this parish family serves each other and the wider community, and the enthusiasm with which you do it.
- The continued strong attendance on Sunday mornings, and the visitors who have come and joined us in the pews for worship and in the parish house for fellowship.

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**Christ Church, Millwood  
(Cunningham Chapel Parish)**

**Sunday Services:**

**Last Summer Schedule Sunday:**

**September 3 - 9:00 a.m. - after Sept. 3:**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (no music)**

**10:30 a.m. Worship (with music)**

**We worship at Old Chapel at 6:00 a.m. on  
Easter Day and on the second Sunday in  
September:**

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John Cermak (2017), Senior Warden

Thomas Dunning (2019), Junior Warden

Macon Uskurait (2017), Register

Allan Frederickson (2017)

Lisa Goshen (2019)

Page Allen Groseclose (2018)

Keith Pratt (2018)

Anne Stinson (2019)

Ian Williams (2018)

Treasurer: Shirley Brown

Sacristan: Terry Chandler

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on Fridays.

• Your willingness to engage thoughtfully and deeply on things related to worship, liturgy and preaching. The period in which I am serving as a transitional deacon is admittedly a rather odd one (I'm no longer a layperson, but I'm not yet a priest), but you've accepted it as an important step on our shared journey. You've been gracious in adapting to the current service schedule. And even though my interpretation of the Gospels as they relate to our world and the way that I preach that interpretation may sometimes differ from yours and the way you see things, I'm thankful for experiencing how these differences have been the launching point for some great discussions.



Each day can and should be a time to give thanks; we don't need to wait for Thanksgiving or even for Sunday services to act on that. I invite you to take time each day to consider how God has blessed you, in large ways and small. What you find may sometimes be surprising, but it will always be rewarding.

Blessings,  
Matt

**The next Vestry Meetings will take place  
on September 10 and October 8  
at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish House.**

## **Worship Service at Old Chapel on September 10**

Our semi-annual worship service at Old Chapel (located at the intersection of US Route 340 and VA Route 255) is scheduled for Sunday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. This will be a service of Morning Prayer based on the Daily Office found in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. The regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. service at Christ Church also will be held that day. All are welcome!



## **Blessing of the Animals October 1**

Christ Church will celebrate its annual observance of St. Francis Day with a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. Join us for a special time of prayer and blessing of the creatures great and small that enrich our lives with their presence, love and devotion. All animals and their families are welcome!



## **All Saints' Day Commemoration List**

The 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services on All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 5 will include the remembering by name of parishioners, friends and family members who have died since All Saints' Day 2016.

If there is someone you wish to have included in this commemoration, please email either Matt ([priest@cunninghamchapel.org](mailto:priest@cunninghamchapel.org)) or Barbara ([christchurch@cunninghamchapel.org](mailto:christchurch@cunninghamchapel.org)) and they will see that it is added. The names of persons for whom the Burial Office was read and recorded in the Parish Register in 2017 have already been included.

## **Nominations for Vestry**

Parishioners interested in standing for election to the Vestry of Christ Church for a three-year term beginning January 2018, or in nominating someone to stand for election, are asked to be in touch with the members of the Vestry nominating committee – Tommy Dunning, Allan Frederickson and Cary Embury – by Saturday, September 30. The committee will review the names submitted and recommend a final list of candidates to the Vestry. Elections will be held at the annual parish meeting on Sunday, November 26.

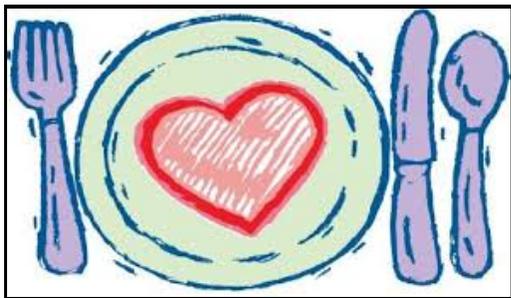
According to the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia, nominees for service on the Vestry must be confirmed adults of at least sixteen years of age “who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year” and “who have been faithful in corporate worship” and in “working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.”

## Christ Church to Serve October “SOUL-Full” Community Meal

Christ Church continues to partner with representatives of other Clarke County churches in an area feeding ministry, the “SOUL-Full Community Meal.” On the fourth Thursday of each month, partner churches (on a rotating schedule) prepare and serve a meal that is open to everyone in our community. This is an outstanding way of bringing together area residents for a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

Our church will be preparing and serving the meal on Thursday, October 26 at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church (210 East Main Street, Berryville). Many volunteers are needed for set-up, preparing and serving the food, and clean-up after the dinner. You should plan to arrive no later than 4:45 p.m. in order to set up for the dinner. Preparation of the food will likely be done in advance of the dinner and then brought to the church that evening. Please know that volunteers are always welcome at any SOUL-Full dinner, and you may wish to volunteer in advance of the October dinner to familiarize yourself with the program.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this dinner or would like to know more about how to assist with this wonderful fellowship ministry, please contact Connie Cermak (540-837-2619), Wendy Clatterbuck (540-837-2128) or Deanna Johnson (703-994-0540).



*I came across this article in The Organist by Barbara Seaborn recently and would like to share excerpts.*

## The Prelude and Postlude are Part of the Worship Service, Too



Ah, me! After years of choosing music I’m sure will prepare my congregation for worship and then send them “on their way rejoicing” (Acts 8:39), I still wonder why no one seems to be listening. Don’t they like my music, or me? It’s enough to make a lady hang up her organ shoes (*okay, I do play barefoot, no shoes*) or a grown man cry.

It could be me, but judging from the sympathetic groans of my peers on this topic, we could all be playing to the same congregation. As one organist exclaims, “My people think accompanying their chatter is what the prelude and postlude are for.”

In a day when “background music” accompanies everything from restaurant meals to trips through the mall, perhaps it’s not surprising that the “hear-it-ignore-it” syndrome afflicts the same people when they come to church.

If my years “on the bench” have taught me nothing else, every time I don my shoes (☺), turn on the instrument, and coordinate my hands, feet, and sense into a harmonious whole, I remember what a joy it is to make music. Add the privilege of making music to enhance worship and glorify God, and I can’t imagine a more satisfying task.

Even if no one is listening? Oh, but they are. Not everyone, perhaps not even a majority, but every Sunday someone’s cares are being

soothed, another's harried lifestyle is exchanged for a few quiet moments, and still others are connecting our music to their spiritual expression or need. Though no line awaits to shower me with adulation when the strains of my postlude fade away, every once in a while I'll hear a heartfelt compliment or receive a note thanking me for my "beautiful music." And speaking of the lack of adulation, which I'm sure I expected when I first began to play, that's another of those circumstances we God-servants can learn to accept. If we had expected a "Grammy," we'd have taken a different music route long ago. One organist I know displays this sign behind the organ which only she can see: **"The music I play is not a performance, but a testimony."**

-- Carol Westervelt, Organist



## An Invitation to Bible Study

Are you looking for an in-depth Bible study? May I recommend Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), an international, non-denominational organization which has been around for close to seventy (70) years.

This year, the thirty (30) week course is a study of Paul's letter to the Romans. The men's class is held on Monday evenings from 6:55 to 8:45 at Fellowship Bible Church in Winchester. There are two women's classes: Tuesday evening from 6:55 to 8:45 at Calvary Baptist Church in Winchester, and Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 at Kernstown United Methodist Church. In conjunction with both the

men's and women's classes there are classes for students in grades one through twelve.

Classes begin the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> and end the end of April or beginning of May. There is a Christmas break in December.

For more information, contact either John or Carol Westervelt (540-837-1749), who have been BSF students for several years.

-- Carol Westervelt

*Thank  
you*

A fountain pen nib.

*An Open Letter to the Members of the Vestry  
from Carol Westervelt, Organist*

Thank you for again providing me the opportunity for continuing education, through attending Church Music Institute at Shenandoah University this summer. What a wonderful experience this was for me! Each year I learn so much.

I was only able to attend one week this summer instead of the two as I did last year. (My responsibilities serving on the Clarke County Electoral Board required me to be in Richmond the first week for the annual Uniformity in Elections workshop.) But what a full week! Each morning we gathered at 9:00 at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester with the topic children's and youth's choirs. One of the interesting discussion concerned how, why and when a boy's voice changes. Our instructor had a number of boys from her choir there to sing for us. (I was impressed with the courage of these young men to sing in front of a group of strangers.) Then several children and young teens joined us to be our "choir." Several of us had the opportunity to direct. Friday morning we led a service, attended mostly by parents and grandparents.

After a break for lunch, we met at First Baptist Church and had three hours of hand bells and hand chimes. What joy! Friday evening we led a vesper service

After a break for supper, we led a vespers service open to the public. The class was divided into four groups and each group was charged with organizing a service. I introduced *Holden Evening Prayer* by Marty Haugen to my group. We used several parts of that service. We also used one of the canticles found in our hymnal.

So what did I get out of the week? A vision, a vision of enlarging the music program at Christ Church. A youth choir is a possibility. With a core of five or six, we can begin. I would love to have a hand bell choir, but hand chimes would be a small step in that direction. What we need is maybe eight people who can count to six and be committed to being there for rehearsals and performances. I am excited! What is God preparing us to do in Millwood?

It is good to be with people who understand the importance of continuing education. Thank you again.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Come join the choir! **Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6 at 7:15.** Studies show that singing in a choir is good for your health. Leading the congregation in praise of our Lord is good for your spiritual health, too. No auditions required. There is a place in the choir for YOU! (All God's children have a place in the choir.)

-- Carol Westervelt, Organist



**Please remember these persons from our parish prayer list:**

- Ann** Brown, parishioner
  - Debbie** Vater, sister of Terry Chandler
  - Betsy** Allen Davis, sister of Page Allen Groseclose
  - Parker** Marting, niece of Shawn Morgan
  - Helen** Page Harvey, aunt of Page Groseclose
  - Judd** Juha, brother-in-law of Kathy Smart
  - Luke & Pamela**
  - Reese** Burdette, friend of Terry Chandler
  - Marissa** Rauch, friend of Kathy Smart
  - Ron** Strosnider, father of Barbara Funkhouser
  - Cory** Robinson, friend of Anita Pratt
  - Jane** Higgenbotham, friend of Anita Pratt
  - Don** Cady, friend of Trip Van Wyck
  - Finnie** Green, brother-in-law of Celie & Jeff Harris
  - Whit** Clement, friend of Celie & Jeff Harris
  - Peter** Schickele, friend of Wendy Clatterbuck
  - Betty** Schutte, friend of the parish
  - Mary** Flagg, parishioner
  - Michael** Kelly, friend of Money & Michael Miller
  - Maisie** Maguire, parishioner
  - J.D.** Jackson, son of Denise Jackson
  - Mary** Leps, friend of Paula & Fred Myer
  - Ellie & Jim** Garry, friends of Money & Michael Miller
  - Doug** Bartley, friend of Bill McLean
  - Heidi** Higgenbotham, sister of Anita Pratt
  - Ollie** Walker, friend of the parish
  - Shirley** Brown, parishioner
  - Jim** Vater, brother-in-law of Terry Chandler
  - Patricia** Quinlan, sister of Kathy Smart
  - Lucia** Lloyd, friend of Matt Rhodes
  - Peter** Morgan, son-in-law of Anita & Keith Pratt
- as of 8-23-17

## Adapting to a Deacon's Mass

In just a few weeks, not long after returning to our regular schedule of two services per week, you'll notice something a bit different in the Service of Holy Eucharist. With the permission of Bishop +Shannon, I have been allowed the opportunity to conduct what are known as deacon's masses. This is a service typically conducted when a priest is not available, and the authorization to do so is entirely at the discretion of the Bishop. Directions for this service are included in the Additional Directions for the Celebration of the Eucharist (BCP 408). In a deacon's mass, the elements have been pre-consecrated and are placed on the altar at the time when one would normally hear the Eucharistic prayer. After an abbreviated section of the liturgy, the elements are distributed to the congregation in the same way as during the typical Eucharist.

Now I have heard questions from some people about why deacon's masses are taking place when there are supply clergy in the area, and concerns from others that this won't feel like the service of Holy Eucharist that they love. A limited number of supply clergy is available, but there are so few supply priests and so many churches in the diocese that this had to be taken into consideration by the Bishop. More than that, however, he has given me permission to conduct deacon's masses as a way of continuing to build my liturgical presence in the parish and to allow us all to continue the journey into my new vocation together. And it is important to remember that these will only be used until my (God willing) priestly ordination sometime later this year.



Yes, this will feel different, for you as participants at the altar rail and for me as not-quite-yet a celebrant. But remember, it is only for a short time – and I view it as an opportunity to experience something that is quite rare in this diocese and throughout the Episcopal Church, but which can still be quite meaningful and holy. God speaks to us in a variety of ways; let's see how God speaks to us through the deacon's mass!  
-- Matt



### Outreach Spotlight: **Christ Church Cares Food Pantry**

*Periodically, the Chronicle will profile one of the outreach programs here at Christ Church. We hope these glimpses of the work of this congregation in serving our neighbors will give you a better understanding of the impact the church already is making and perhaps nudge you to consider ways in which you may be able to help.*

Now its eighth year of service, Christ Church Cares (CCC) continues to provide a valuable local outreach ministry providing food and other necessities to parishioners and neighbors. Because of the need that is still prevalent in our community, the Pantry operates two days each month: the first Friday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for senior and clients with special needs; and the first Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for all others living in the surrounding area. As of August 2017, the Pantry has received 387 client visits representing 885 individuals, most of whom have come multiple times during the year.

A member of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, the Pantry makes every effort to gather and offer the most nutritious food they can find and afford, with a heavy emphasis on fresh vegetables and quality proteins. For example, every month the Pantry offers grass-fed hamburger that is naturally raised by two neighbors. They also look for canned goods low in sodium and sugar and avoid foods with high fructose corn syrup. Thanks to the generosity of Panera Bread and Wegman's, the Pantry can offer high-quality baked goods, and Schenck's Foods supplements the gathered food with an order of fresh vegetables.

CCC is qualified to receive food from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is supported through the generosity of several individuals and businesses throughout Clarke County. The Pantry receives fresh seasonal vegetables from neighbors' gardens and the Millwood Community Garden, as well as venison from Hunters for the Hungry and other local hunters. A neighbor of Christ Church also continues to volunteer time and resources for the continuation of a dog and cat food ministry affiliated with the Pantry, a wonderful way of caring for other members of God's creation.

After spearheading this program for the past seven years, Wendy Clatterbuck is seeking to step back and take a more behind-the-scenes role. As such, we are looking for individuals who may feel a call to support this invaluable ministry. Because of the amount of work involved, this would ideally be operated by a team of co-leaders. With a variety of needs including scheduling volunteers, arranging produce and grocery pickups for delivery to Bishop's Chapel, writing grants and submitting reports to donors, maintaining USDA inventory and individual client files, and keeping up to date on a wide range of other records, there is plenty of work to go around.

Please give prayerful consideration as to whether you may feel led to take an active role in this ministry. Please contact Wendy (whawken@hughes.net) or let either Matt (priest@cunninghamchapel.org) or Barbara (christchurch@cunninghamchapel.org) know if you have a call to step into a role with the Pantry.

*Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.* [A Prayer for the Poor and Neglected, BCP 826]

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## Save the Date...October 22!

The final concert for the 2017 concert series is tentatively set for Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jacquetta Owen and the Blue Ridged Ringers, a community hand bell group which she directs, will perform for us.

Part of my studies this summer at Shenandoah University's Church Music Institute included a workshop on hand bells and tone chimes. I have asked Jacquetta to bring both hand bells and tone chimes so we could hear them both.

I encourage you to attend this concert. I have a vision of the music ministry of Christ Church growing to include either a hand bell choir or a tone chime choir. What do I need: 8 committed people who can count to 6! (Young people can be included.)

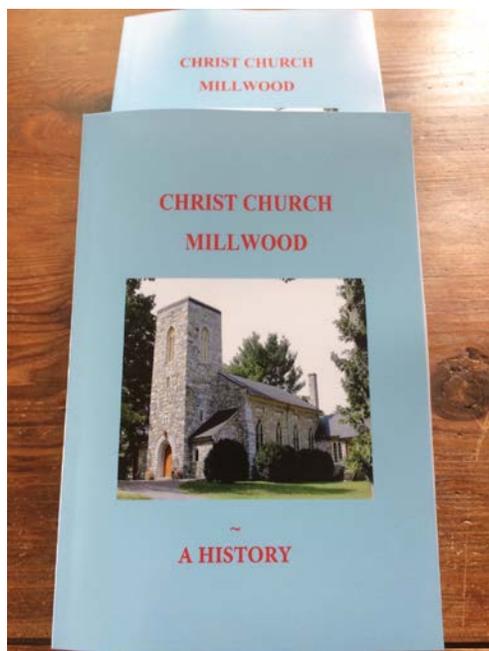
-- Carol Westervelt, Organist

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## New Parish History Now Available!

Parishioner and local writer Howard Means has completed his much-anticipated history of Christ Church, and it is now available for purchase! *Christ Church Millwood: A History* provides a valuable look at the rich history of our congregation, beginning with Frederick Parish and the building of the original Old Chapel in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century and continuing through to the present day. Drawing on Vestry minutes, personal papers, and writings and recollections by such important figures as The Rt. Rev. William Meade, this book is an outstanding look at this church's place in the history of Clarke County and the Diocese of Virginia.

Copies of the book are available through the church at a cost of \$10; please email [christchurch@cunninghamchapel.org](mailto:christchurch@cunninghamchapel.org) to reserve yours. Additionally, a special coffee hour is being held following the 10:30 service on October 1 to recognize this book and the wonderful history it preserves. More details on this special event will be forthcoming.



## Attention Youth!

It is good to see younger faces at worship on Sundays! I believe worship is about participation, not being an audience. For this reason Matt and I are pursuing two areas.

### Order of St. John

Young people can serve as acolytes, crucifers, and torch bearers. Watch for an announcement of a meeting for young people and their parents.

### Youth Choir

Wouldn't it be great to have young voices leading us some Sundays?! If we can get a small core (5 or 6 or more), we can as a choir sing occasionally. Again, watch for an announcement of a meeting for young people and their parents. At this point, we do not have an age limit. I think I would want the choristers to be able to read.

Lots of exciting opportunities for our young people to serve! Stay tuned!

-- Carol Westervelt, Organist

## A Thank You

Reading our most recent newsletter, I could not help but think how fortunate we are to receive such a lovely monthly communication from our church parish. I was impressed with how beautifully organized it is, appealing and easy to read, containing pertinent information with creative inserts and photography (where appropriate). Most importantly...it is not cluttered!

We are so fortunate to have Barbara, who utilizes her talents for this important contribution to our church family. Our grateful thanks and appreciation go to you, Barbara, and anyone else who assists you.

-- Ilona Benham

## Summer Lunch Program – 2017

With the start of school, the *Christ Church Cares Kids* Summer Lunch Program has come to a close. A cooperative effort by devoted and enthusiastic Christ Church volunteers in cooperation with our partners at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church in Berryville enabled us to feed an average of 42 children per week for the ten weeks of summer vacation. Special thanks go to Wendy Clatterbuck and Daphne Dunning who expanded our inventory of offerings at the Bishop's Chapel each week; to Marggie Legard and others at Duncan Memorial who extended our reach to Berryville; to Deanna, Thomas and Anna Johnson, Shirley Brown, Carol Weckerly, Ann Barton Brown, Christina Wence and Stephanie, Ellis and family, our volunteers. The program was enhanced by contributions from our congregation, fresh produce from the Millwood Community Garden and one special donation of children's favorite cereals. Thanks to all of you for your generosity! -- *Connie Cermak*



We are happy to welcome **new member Louise Smith** to our Christ Church family. She is coming to us from Church of Our Savior, Leesburg, Virginia.



## Mark Your Calendars Now: Annual Parish Retreat Returns!

After an absence of a few years, Christ Church is renewing the tradition of its annual parish retreat at Shrine Mont! Mark your calendars now for June 1-3; more information, including how to register, will be provided at a later date.

With the rush of near-constant activity in our lives, it's important to take time away to rest and recharge. Our parish retreat will give us that valuable time and the opportunity to enjoy being with one another in study, prayer and play. It doesn't matter if you like to fish, hike, read, talk or simply sit and enjoy the quiet; Shrine Mont has something for you. And while the weekend is still several months away, it's not too early to block off this weekend on your calendars and plan on a few days of peace surrounded by the beauty of creation.

For more information about Shrine Mont and its important place in our diocese, please visit [www.shrinemont.com](http://www.shrinemont.com).

Blessings,  
Matt

**Please note:  
This Year's Annual Christmas  
Dinner and Auction will be  
Saturday, December 9  
at 6:00 p.m.**



# September & October 2017

Food Pantry will be on  
Saturday, September 2  
and Saturday, October 7

for Southeastern  
Clarke County Residents  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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### **“Love in a Shoebox”**

For many years, Christ Church has participated in what we call “Love in a Shoebox”. This program is officially *Operation Christmas Child* and is one of many outreach projects organized by Samaritan’s Purse International Relief whose mission is to go to the aid of the world’s poor, sick and suffering. This mission is based on God’s desire for us to help those in desperate need. Your creating one “Love in a Shoebox” will help reach the goal of bringing some joy to a child who otherwise has very little. It is simple:

- Fill an empty shoebox with a “wow” toy such as doll, soccer ball with pump, etc. then other fun items such as toys (no war toys, please), school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, small clothing items such as flip flops, bandana, hat, etc.

If you would like ideas, go to:

[www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/operation-christmas-child-fact-sheet/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/operation-christmas-child-fact-sheet/)

- If you would like, add a message and photo.
- Put the lid on the box. Do not tape or seal it.
- Write on the outside of the box or an attached card if the box is for a girl or boy and the age range (2 to 4 years, 5 to 9 years and 10 to 14 years).
- Leave the shoeboxes in the narthex as soon as you would like. **The deadline is Sunday, November 19.**

This is an enjoyable project that will brighten up a child’s life of challenges. Have fun doing this and thank you for helping to fill a corner of the narthex with your shoeboxes, another way for Christ Church to give support to those in need.

-- *Nina Randolph*