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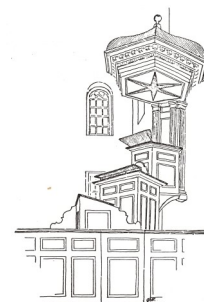
All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

God helps us to *worship* him,
he forms our lives to be *faithful* to him,

he offers himself in *fellowship* with us and
draws us closer to himself and to other faithful followers,
and he inspires our *service* to others in his Name.

*This is what we do at Aquia Church,
and that is what faithful Christians everywhere
have always done.*

FR. JAY MORRIS





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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rhythm of Our Lives as Christians

After a summer when many folks were working hard or traveling widely or playing often (or perhaps doing some of all that), maybe now we are ready to return to the rhythms that are so familiar for the faithful.

The anchor for the rhythm of our lives as Christians is gathering for worship on the Lord's Day, the first day of the week. During our worship of God, we gather "to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation" (BCP 41). During our worship of God, he guides us and hears our prayers and feeds us with his grace. Most Sundays of the year, Aquia Church offers four worship services—at least one of which should meet your needs—so that you can be better prepared for the week ahead.

Something else important for the rhythm of our lives as Christians is continuing formation as followers of Jesus. Week after week, there are regular opportunities for Christian education for all ages, including Sunday school and Morning Call on Sunday mornings, youth group meetings for teenagers, adult Bible studies on Wednesday mornings and evenings, and special occasions across the year. This Christian formation helps to increase our gratitude for God's love for us, to shape our perception of the world around us, and to understand what God desires for us—not only in this world but also in "the life of the world to come" (The Nicene Creed).

The rhythm of our lives as Christians grows more steady and more comfortable when worship and formation are enriched by fellowship with other Christians, whether that fellowship occurs with refreshments after worship, during the men's breakfast, throughout a morning with ladies in the ECW, in conversation with visitors and newcomers to Aquia Church, through the fun of Fall Fest, or by some other means.

The fellowship available here gives us confidence from knowing that we take this Christian journey hand in hand with others in the whole communion of saints.

Those same saints, together with the rest of the world, are the ones whom we serve in the rest of the rhythm of our lives as Christians. Serving others in the Name of Jesus Christ offers them the chance to worship him, to be formed as his followers, and to enjoy fellowship with him and with others who follow him, too. Our serving others puts into practice every good thing we learn in worship, formation, and fellowship. Christian service attracts others into this fellowship, encourages their formation as Christians, and draws them toward the worship of God.

This is the basic rhythm of our lives as Christians: worship, formation, fellowship, and serving. This is the heart of what Christians do. God helps us to worship him, he forms our lives to be faithful to him, he offers himself in fellowship with us and draws us closer to himself and to other faithful followers, and he inspires our service to others in his Name. This is what we do at Aquia Church, and that is what faithful Christians everywhere have always done.

If this summer has worked you to death, then come be refreshed and restored. If this summer has led you away to someplace fun, then remember that we have fun here, too. If this summer has afforded you time to play, then thank God for that and return to Aquia Church rejoicing.

Jay Morris

BE STILL,

AND KNOW THAT

I am God.

PSALM 46:10

FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Stewardship of Our Property

Dear Family in Christ,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank our God for you in my prayers, remembering always the selflessness with which you give to the Church for the spread of Christ's kingdom. This is such a vital part of living into the Christian faith. As such, I want to make you aware of some of the very important work that we have undertaken this summer.

There have been so many things that our Building and Grounds (B&G) Committee, our Junior and Senior Wardens, and our Vestry as a whole have undertaken on behalf of the people of Aquia Church. If we are to be good stewards of what we have been given, we have to take care of it. I will offer just a few examples of what has been completed in the last few months. The Fleurries (our office building) has received a new roof, which was overdue for a replacement.

The Christian Formation and Fellowship Building (CFFB) had an A/C unit fail as well as an internal valve. Both have been replaced. The CFFB has also had some trouble with water coming in where it shouldn't. The threshold systems on the deck doors have been replaced for a final time now and seem to be standing up to the test of some of the intense stormy weather of the last couple of months. In the basement of the CFFB, we've had some trouble with flooding. Our tireless B&G Committee has worked so diligently to address this issue as well.

In the historic church, we have two new A/C units to replace the previous two (one was 22 years old, while the other was but a lad of 12 years). With the work that they have done on the rectory and at Clifton Chapel, this has made for quite a productive summer. This is not even to mention the important work of the mowing brigade who help keep our churchyard looking pristine. We have been proactive as well. We hired a structural engineer to

assess the integrity of the walls of the church as well as the HVAC pit on the north end of the historic church. There are plans in the works to do some exterior painting, both of the historic church as well as of Clifton Chapel.

By no means has this been an individual endeavor. The Vestry (especially Jason Stoltz and Bob Brandon), the B&G Committee, volunteers on the mowing brigade, and many others have done this work together to keep the property in good shape so that we can, in the best way possible use all of our resources for God's mission and ministry in and through Aquia Church. Please do look around at all of the new work that has been done here at the church this summer. It has not been an idle one, as you can see. I would ask that you be prayerful about the ways in which you can help the church to be a good steward of this property, whether financially or by adding another helping hand into the mix.

May God bless you as this summer comes to a close, as things pick up with the start of the school year, and as we near the end of the road following the Feast of Pentecost, and begin the road toward Advent yet again. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ+,
Fr. James*



AQUIA CHURCH

VESTRY

Dickie Boes

Curt Bradford

Bob Brandon

Jackie Chichester

Jean Golas

Joseph Howard

Senior Warden

Doug McGinty

Register

Mary Nixon

Gary Perkins

Patricia Springer

Dina Stanford

Jason Stoltz

Junior Warden

*Building and Grounds
Committee Chairperson*

Youth Representative



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Well, I do not know how it has happened, but the Summer of 2017 has slipped away, and it is hard for me to deal with that fact. Some schools are already open; college students have headed back to their schools and classes; teachers are already back, even in the schools that have not opened for students yet; and we are looking at the looming Labor Day holiday, and the opening of the rest of the local schools immediately thereafter.

However fast this summer has sped by without our realizing it, Aquia Church has accomplished much, thanks to the dedicated individuals in our Parish family who have continued to do all of the tasks necessary to keep our vibrant Parish moving forward. There are so many activities that go on unseen, which are vital to the operation of our Church. Thank you to all who serve in our numerous ministries. If you have not participated in an activity yet, please see what interests you so that you can be involved with other Christians in doing God's work here at Aquia.

This summer has also been different due to our Rector, Father Jay Morris, being on a well deserved Sabbatical (although he has remained tuned in and connected with us, which has been very helpful). Our Assistant Rector, Father James Rickenbaker, has done an excellent job as our spiritual leader and "sole priest on duty" during the past three months.

Your vestry has also been hard at work during the summer months. The vestry committees—Administration, Finance, and Buildings and Grounds—have all met regularly and have made significant progress toward their goals. There have been important accomplishments through the work of these committee members. If you have noticed how much cooler it is now in the Historic Church, you can thank the Buildings and Grounds Committee members, and especially Bob Brandon, who worked to replace the two air conditioning units (one dead and one dying), as approved by the vestry. The Finance Committee updated and amended the Annual Budget by making mid-year adjustments, based on activity during the first six months of the year. The Administration Committee is working on a number of projects, including an inventory of our assets, updated and expanded security for our campus and the Fall Stewardship Campaign.

The Youth Group Mission Trip was a resounding success, and it is inspiring to see our youth step out in faith and provide assistance to those in need, growing their faith even more in the process. Their testimony to our Parish was most impressive on Aug. 14. Our sincere thanks to Linda Burghart and Chris Arey for being the Adult Leaders for this Mission Trip. It was a powerful experience for all involved.

Maybe the reason that it seems that the summer has gone by so fast is be-

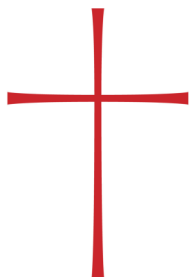
cause everyone has been so busy supporting the numerous activities of our Parish.

Hey, there are still things to look forward to. For example, as I write this, I am looking forward to my personal favorite fellowship activity: The Seafood Feast! A number of our Parish members met lots of folks at the National Night Out, where we had a tent. We passed out Ice Pops, provided information about Aquia, and invited folks to come for a visit. Father Jay will be back with us after his Sabbatical and things will seem to get back to "normal" again, with our regular activities after Labor Day. Sunday school will start, Homecoming will be on the horizon, and the big event of Fall Fest won't be far behind. The ECW has been hard at work getting the plans together for a super Fall Fest again this year. Also be on the lookout for the Citrus Sale, which is back this year.

We have a lot to be thankful for at Aquia. The faithful members of our Parish Family do so much that it is hard to believe. If they were not so dedicated and devoted, you would certainly notice the absence of numerous important activities and ministries that they handle so well.

Thank you for all you do. God's Blessings on you.

Joe Howard



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.



OUTREACH

In lieu of our August meeting, we participated in National Night Out at Stafford Marketplace. Our safety theme for the evening was "Let's Put a Freeze on Crime" and we handed out ice pops along with glow-sticks. We distributed information about our church, as well as flyers advertising Aquia's Table and Fall Fest. We saw old friends, met new friends, and spread the word about what is happening at Aquia Episcopal Church. ECW provided a jar for people to put in their prayer requests and there was a great response. Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped with this event. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts who took tables and chairs to our assigned space.

We ended the school supply project on Sunday, Aug. 13, and collected 354 items. This number included 22 backpacks, 68 composition books, 37 packs

of colored pencils, 38 spiral notebooks, 14 packs of index cards, 19 packs of washable markers, and other needed items. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the Department of Social Services will be able to provide school supplies to disadvantaged children in our area.

We will sponsor an omelet bar on Sept. 24. We will post more information about this Outreach event during the month (see the back page of this newsletter).

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At this meeting, we will discuss our upcoming projects. We will not start packing meals for students served by Stafford Junction until October. Come join us and see what our ministry is all about.

Johanna Jones



**TUESDAY
SEPT. 5
6:30 P.M.
PARISH HALL**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Teachers and students: please join us with your school bag at the 9 or 11:15 a.m. service on Sept. 3 for a "Blessing of the Backpacks" as we prepare for the start of a new school year.

Our Sunday School program will resume on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 10:15 a.m. for preschool -12th grade. Registration forms are available on the church website, on the Sunday school bulletin board and in the church office. We will have our annual Sunday school kick-off event on that day too. Stay tuned for more details.

If you are interested in being a helper or substitute for our Sunday School program, please contact Kristen Morgan (christianed@aquiachurch.com) You do

not need to have a child or grandchild in Sunday school in order to volunteer.

Kristen Morgan

BLESSING WITH THE BACKPACKS



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

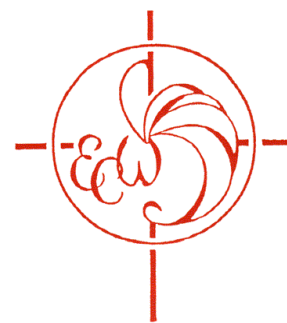
Often it seems to be the case that we take for granted that a calendar is able to convey what is coming in the future in detail. It is not the case with the activities and ministries here at Aquia. When I reach out to members of our Parish family and to newcomers, I have found many who have a general sense or knowledge of the Episcopal Church Women here at Aquia Church. I have had an opportunity to speak to many who are eager to learn more and who hope to share in our ministry. Through newsletters, conversations and word of mouth, our ministry is shared. The same means of communication allows our continued good works to be supported by all women of Aquia.

We often put out a general call of support and help and are so encouraged by responses. This year hasn't been different! As we move into September, the calendar is marked with our *Annual Homecoming Dinner on Sept. 17*. This is the day when our Parish family—and we hope all newcomers—come together to break bread and share fellowship immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service. We invite everyone to enjoy our Homecoming meal in the Great

Hall. While many of the dishes are traditional, we are always excited to share your special dish. We will have a sign-up sheet for all those who want to share tradition or lend a helping hand in set-up and breakdown. Come share the laughter and fellowship of this day of Homecoming at Aquia!

Countdown to Fall Fest! Our meeting on Sept. 7 will include all Department Chairs and any volunteers who would like to attend. All are welcome at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. I had an opportunity to read some historical documents of the ECW recently and was pleasantly surprised. I found all of the departments for Fall Fest listed and I'm amazed that they continue to a part of Fall Fest. It certainly speaks to how popular they have been for 61 years. Fall Fest continues to support the ECW's annual budget and reflects the tireless planning and dedication of many.

Moving closer to Oct. 7, we will have a sign-up board for the needs of the day. Our Flea Market, Book Nook, and Clothing Closet will begin to fill with your donations. The Auction starts at 11 a.m. in the Great Hall; our kitchen

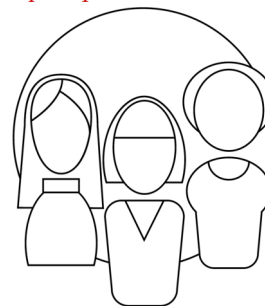


will be well staffed with lots to eat from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Don't forget a take home an item from the County Store.

Did I mention it will be on the calendar for Oct. 7? I am excited to continue to fill in more details until then!

Briget Kane

Episcopal Church Women



STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service and Fellowship

The summer months have gone by quickly for the ladies of Sts. Mary and Martha Guild, but we have accomplished so much. Our inventory for the Fall Fest Craft Room is growing with happy jack-o-lanterns, snowmen ornaments, paper angels, string angels, sea shell angels and more. During the month of September, we will be meeting every Thursday morning to finish our crafts and plan what our shop will look like this year. We are always seek-

ing new members and new ideas, so please join us if you can.

We still need a couple items from our Parish family:

1) gently-used costume jewelry for our very popular costume jewelry table, and

2) any craft that you make to add more variety to the room's inventory.

All gifts will be gratefully received.

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

Mary Jane Cole



FALL FEST AUCTION—October 7 at 11 A.M.

HELP OUR LIST TO GROW!

A huge “Thank you” goes to all the parishioners and merchants who have contributed so generously to the Auction to date! **Below is a list of gifts that have been added since the last newsletter article was written.** (July 15 - Aug. 14). 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:

A Truck-load of Seasoned Chopped Firewood delivered to your home by the Aquia Church chopping team, better known as the Wood Chucks (8-ft. truck bed)

Virginia Cavalier Football University of Virginia vs. Georgia Tech on Saturday, Nov. 4. Four great tickets! UVA Family Weekend! Given by Marion Wall

A Feast built around a Fall Fest Pork Butt offered by Jean Golas

Lladró Angel with Baby: Porcelain figurine of angel looking over a sleeping baby. Offered by Pete and Diane Dexter

Handsome Vintage Square Oak Side Table with handcrafted detail. Given anonymously

From Merchants, Businesses and Restaurants:

Gentle Yoga Classes: taught by Jean Hoppe at Aquia Church Parish Hall every Friday: Four classes

Angel's Hallmark: 10 Advent calendars and a picture holder

610 Carwash: book of 5 deluxe car wash tickets (total value \$125)

WAWA: gift basket

Pots and Palettes: \$25 gift certificate

Aquia Harbour Golf Club Four 18-Hole Rounds of Golf. Cart included

Cannon Ridge Golf Club: Three 18-Hole Rounds of Golf (Monday through Friday except holidays)

El Gran Charro Mexican Restaurant: Two \$25 gift cards

Buffalo Wild Wings: 4 Free Snack-Size coupons

Carlos O'Kelly's Inspired Mex: \$30 in gift certificates

Sake Thai Sushi Bar: \$25 gift certificate

Outback Steakhouse: 14 Blooming Onion gift cards

Ihop of Stafford: Two gift certificates for two free Meals (up to \$12.00 each)

Sedona Tap House: \$50 gift card

Bavarian Chef: \$40 gift certificate

Paradise Diner: \$25 gift certificate.

The HoneyBaked Ham Co. and Café: \$20 gift certificate

Five Guys: \$25 in gift cards

Firehouse Subs: six coupons for free subs



COME JOIN US
FOR FALL FEST

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



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

July 20, 2017 Meeting

Dinner and Fellowship. Started at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Jackie Chichester. In attendance were Sr. Warden Joe Howard, Bob Brandon, Curt Bradford, Dina Stanford, Mary Nixon, Jackie Chichester, Gary Perkins, and Register Doug McGinty. Also in attendance was Dave Morgan. Joe Howard opened with a prayer. *[Subsequent events are reported in brackets and italics.]*

Preliminary Matters. The Treasurer's Report was adopted. The Minutes of the June 20, 2017, vestry meeting were adopted as amended.

Old Business

- Sale of burial rights to Rusty Lewis. The motion was tabled during the June 20, 2017, vestry meeting to effect changes requested by Rusty. The vestry decided to have an electronic motion. Bob Brandon indicated that Ellen Brandon would send out the motion draft to the vestry via email. *[The Resolution was adopted by a majority of the vestry without dissent on July 25, 2017. Fr. James Rickenbaker reported on July 27, 2017, concerning the status of fundraising by church organizations to pay for the burial plot.]*
- CFFB Carrier AC Unit was repaired. The core was replaced and a new valve was installed.

New Business

- Dave Morgan briefed the vestry on security options. As an introduction, Bob Brandon summarized the recent break-in events. The present security service not only mishandled the event, but it is expensive. As an IT/Security expert, David Morgan described a variety of options and considerations involving security for the Aquia Campus. David gave the vestry a lot to consider. Based on David's presenta-

tion, there was a lot of energy and interest in moving forward fairly promptly to see if an affordable system can be implemented. David suggested a "Tiger Team" approach to have various interested parties start meeting to think about the type of system and components that would work for Aquia Church and to consider the various decisions to be made. Initially, the volunteers to assist David as the Tiger Team are Gary Perkins, Bob Brandon, Jason Stoltz, Mary Nixon, and Dina Stanford. There may be other members of vestry committees or interested parties who would be helpful in this process. An initial meeting has been scheduled for when David is in town. The vestry thanked David for taking his time to develop the very informative presentation, and for being willing to participate in the further actions necessary to provide updated security for the Aquia Campus.

- **R-2017-11 – Hiring Structural Engineers for Historic Church.** The resolution was adopted.

R-2017-12 – Mid-Year Adjustments to the Budget. The resolution passed with changes.

Reports from Vestry Committees

- The Administration Committee had no decisions this month.
- The Finance Committee provided the mid-year adjustment, per the aforementioned R-2017-12.
- The Building and Grounds committee. Bob Brandon provided the report. The roof repair on the Fleurries was completed, as was the repair of the water heater leak in the Parish House. The septic tank at Clifton Chapel is in the process of being located and cleaned. The pew refurbishment project is awaiting response from the contractor who



Vestry Highlights

reviewed the project. The Carrier AC unit and new core have been installed and repaired.

The Senior and Junior Wardens provided no further reports than what was provided above.

The Clergy Report was distributed to the vestry.

Upcoming events. On July 23, Eucharist will only be given at 9 and 11:15 a.m. The National Night Out is Aug. 1. The All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast is on Aug. 26. "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday is on Aug. 27.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas McGinty

Register for Aquia Episcopal Church



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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

George O. Selz, 1931-2017

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is Nov. 5, 2017. 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

Glen and Angelia Walton

(540) 659-4007



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 all those who are deployed in the service of our country.

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Aquia Church Prayer List – September 2017


**Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer**

Faye Andrews, Paul Baack, Anne Blosser, Rhett Blythe and Family, Jessie Bowie, Janet Boyd, Laura Chichester, Jeff & Paula Davis, Elinor Dayley, Karen Duvaney, Richard Deyo, Brandon Evans, Frank & Debbie Farhner, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Michael Golas, Ken Gregg, Peggy Hall, Johnny Harrison, Patrick Hedger, Linda Huber, Lou Husser, Mike Kinnson, Suzanne Lanterman, Ken & Jeanette Lempka, Ken Luehrs, John Martin Marks, Erica Matthews, Adelle McCrary, Gary McKeever, Pat Moncure, Vanessa Moncure, Patty Montgomery, Melissa Ndebe, Audrey Ownsby, Rebecca Poole, Rosalia Pribble, Cindy Rickenbaker, Bud Santmyer, Selz Family, Robin Singh, Scott Smith, Denise Thornton, Gail Tompkins, John & Pam Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Vickie Tremper, Patrick Weber.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Come Join Us At Our Omelet Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 24

After all three Morning Services

**Omelet Filings: diced ham, bacon, sausage, green peppers,
diced tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, jalapeno peppers, cheese**

Home Fries

Sausage Links

Fruit Salad

\$10.00 a person

