

# *The Grateful Heart*

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*“...Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”*

*-Jesus (Luke 6:38)*

*Dear Friends,*

This is only one of the many places in the gospels where Jesus speaks of the necessity of giving of our material wealth. Here's what he means with these words: opening our hands and living generously is one of the ways we access the Kingdom, the benefits of which are purpose, meaning, peace, joy, hope, assurance, mercy, salvation...just to name a few. Holding tight makes us small, but letting go opens us up to what the Lord is doing. Giving is a basic Christian practice. It's one of those things we do like worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship that forms our hearts. It's why Jesus talks about it so much, and why in scripture the various references to “give,” “giving,” and “gift” are so numerous.

In this month's *Grateful Heart* and in next month's we'll hear about how our program year calendar will look a little different than it has in the past.

One of the differences is that our **Annual Giving Ministry will take place during September rather than October. Commitment Weekend, when we make our promise of financial support for our common work, will be September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.** Let me repeat that: **our Annual Giving Ministry will take place during September, not October; and we will each be invited to make our pledge commitment September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

We're making this change so that from the beginning of our time together this year we can be reminded of how God is the Great Giver, and how giving is basic to our life of discipleship...giving not only of our material resources, but of our spiritual gifts and our time as well. We have been called and commissioned by Christ to be a witness to the world (Acts 1:8). Our purpose is nothing less than helping Jesus restore and regenerate the entire Creation, beginning with our neighborhood, which is a mission fulfilled not by holding on but by releasing, letting go, and giving.

There are important things for us to do this year; dreams we have for fulfilling the mission of God. We'll hear about them over the next several weeks and talk about them during worship in September. And over the next little while we'll remind ourselves of the grace of generosity...and we all seek to be generous...and the spiritual practice of giving by which our hearts and souls and minds are opened. But until then, let's begin by being in prayer... on our own, and as the people of God... praying for courage, and commitment, and obedience, and trust; for the revealing of God's will for us individually and as a people; for the grace to live into God's will; and for eyes to see the promised good measure the Lord intends us to receive.

Blessings to you, and I bid you God's grace and peace.

*Faithfully,*  
*Paul*

July 25, 2010

Dear Friends,

Always it is that Jesus calls us to practice hospitality, to give all that we have and all that we are to those in our path. He teaches, *whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.* We give thanks for the hospitality shared July 19-23 with our friends from Peter Paul Development Center.

**The Peter Paul Development Center** is an outreach and community center serving the children of Richmond's East End. The Center was founded in 1979 and operated from St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In 2007 the Center moved into a new 10,000 square foot facility tripling the number of youth they are able to serve. The Center continues to be supported by the Episcopal Church. With its support the Center is dedicated to providing a safe, consistent, structured, and loving environment for children to thrive.

Christ Church joined in PPDC's Summer Camp for middle school youth. Each morning 20 or so youth arrived on our campus, having ridden across town in a bright shiny PPDC bus. The youth were greeted by the youth of Christ Church who befriended them immediately with warm smiles, hugs and words of welcome. Our youth served as mentors, companions to the PPDC youth. Our adults guided and taught lessons in manners, sewing, nutrition, menu planning and cooking. It was a glorious week for all.

A very special thank you to Betsy Gallagher and Denise Fergusson for their expert leadership and extraordinarily creative teaching skills. Each day lesson plans were designed with such expertise for all to feel included and valued. We all learned and remembered to keep our elbows off the table, not to slurp our food, and to look at people in the eyes when speaking. It's much easier to cut a straight line if we cut with the top third of the sheers and press the scissors onto the table top. Choosing foods from the five food groups will help us

feel better and look better, rather than eating 15 potato chips at 10 calories a chip! Planning and preparing a meal of fresh green beans, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob and chicken tenders parmesan is not just about cooking, but all about making new friends, team work and cooperation. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our very faithful leaders, Betsy and Denise.

The week was accented with other gifts as well. Youth learned a wicked tennis serve, and a strong cast for the time when they're on the water ready to catch some live ones. Shooting hoops was a regular morning sport with the tallest of the tall (6'7") and even some not so tall. Sewing class produced handy, decorated string bags, now made holy after all gathered for prayer and blessing. Most of all though, we learned the gift of friendship. Over and over again Christ Church reached out to befriend our guests. Each day as all gathered, the conversation grew and the excitement mounted in spending time with our new friends. By Friday, it was clear that CCE and PPDC youth were permanently bonded and both youth and adults walked away smiling, glad they had made the sacrifice those mornings to form lasting relationships.

*Once again, thank you to Christ Church for reaching out to neighbors not so near who are now very near in our hearts.*

*Your generous thoughtfulness and kindness, your patient listening, your expert guidance and direction are gifts beyond measure.*

*I'm grateful for how you chose to share your gift of hospitality so openly and so freely.*

*Thank you for welcoming our new friends. We saw the hands and feet of Jesus.*

Blessings,  
Hillary

Peter Paul Development Center . . . camp at Christ Church





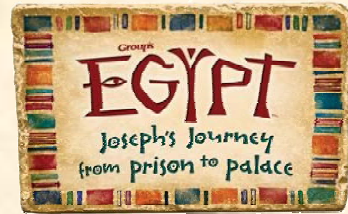
# Ministry News

## SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Scavenger hunts, prayer box making, shrinky dinks, tambourines, and hat games. Sound like fun? Then Summer Book Club might be for you!

Wednesday mornings  
August 11 & 25, 9:30-10:30.  
Learn more and register [here](#).

Questions? Ask Rebecca:  
[r.guzman@christchurchrichmond.com](mailto:r.guzman@christchurchrichmond.com)



Thanks to all of our fantastic VBS volunteers! What a great week we're having!

To learn more and see some pictures, visit <http://ccechildren.wordpress.com>.



### Summer Program

Parents, stay and play!  
Littlest ones will be in the nursery, older kids outside.

All ages (nobody too small)  
9:30-11:30 am  
August 18, Sept. 1



### Kids' Quest Sign Ups

It's that time again! Kids' Quest sign ups for participants and leaders begins this week.

Go to [www.christchurchrichmond.com/children](http://www.christchurchrichmond.com/children) and click on the Kids' Quest logo so that you can learn more or sign up

online. Kids' Quest Leader position descriptions are also available there. Sign-ups will also be available after worship beginning this weekend.

For more information, please call or email Rebecca (364-0394, [r.guzman@christchurchrichmond.com](mailto:r.guzman@christchurchrichmond.com)).

## Stewardship Ministry

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Dear Christ Church Friends,

What a great year we are having at Christ Church We as we are learning to be better stewards of all that God has given us!

As a Stewardship ministry team, we know how difficult the subject of money can be and how hard it can be for us to give sometimes. Jesus certainly knew that and that is why he talked about it so much. The important lesson he wants us to learn is that when we give we are not diminished -- we do not have less -- when we give, we have more!

Nathan Dungan has helped us bring this tough topic to the light of day. He continued his teaching of the Share Save Spend program, and we have now taken the training wheels off and are ready to teach this important program on our own. Those who have participated in the program thus far might have been skeptics going in, but complete the program full of ideas of how to change their financial practices. Children, youth and adults will have the opportunity to learn about how to make wise financial decisions in a world inundated with marketing messages.

*We will launch the pledging season earlier this year. The kick off will coincide with our 17<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on September 12. Commitment Sunday will also be early. So mark your calendars for September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> when we will make our pledge for 2011 and celebrate our collective commitment to the life of this church. It is us, after all, who make this community thrive; it is us who are called to participate with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.*

We also want you to know that ,for the first time, we can make our pledges on line. We hope you will take advantage of this new electronic feature. And, while you are at it, you could also sign up for Electronic Transfer of Funds from your bank to Christ Church. This once a year sign up allows you to give without writing checks throughout the year and gives Christ Church the assurance that it will have gifts on a very regular basis by which to run the important programs of which we are all a part.

It is our joy to continue serving in this important ministry.

*Keech le Grand and Tom Weed*



## The Micah Minute

### Updates and Events relating to our Partnership with George Mason Elementary School

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU**, the children of George Mason had a great school year.

Here is a list of our accomplishments from the 2009-2010 school year:

We redecorated the teacher's lounge and lunch room.

We supplied white polo uniform shirts to all students.

We collected over 1800 books and each child was able to select 5 books to keep.

We provided ice cream sundaes to all of the children.

We supplied the first grade with over 90 new back packs full of school supplies.

We helped send the first grade to the Children's Museum.

We sent two children to camp at Westview on the James.

We replenished the school supplies for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade throughout the school year.

We helped their Destination Imagination team prepare for their special competition weekend.

**And most importantly we made lots of children feel very loved and special!**

### Special Thanks to our volunteers who spent countless hours at George Mason helping the children:

Susan Ashby  
Ursula Marfurt-Levy  
Kathy Van Natta  
Barbara Case  
Susan Manning  
Marilyn Wayland  
Robert Clarkson

Carolyn Moeller  
Jean Watkins  
Betsy Eckart  
Jay Pascal  
Hillary West  
Lorraine Gawronski  
Rick Steenrod

Patty Wood  
Rebecca Guzman  
Jane Torney  
Paul Johnson  
Janie Unger

### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

#### ***Tutor/Mentor or be a Classroom Assistant***

We still need volunteers for Tutoring/Mentoring and Class Room Assistants. If you have an extra hour every week, why not share it with a child. You will make a huge impact on their lives and you will realize more satisfaction than you could ever imagine. To volunteer or receive more information on Micah and our partnership at George Mason, please contact Rick Steenrod, (804.747.9636 or [rodnsue@comcast.net](mailto:rodnsue@comcast.net)) or Betsy Eckart ([betsyeckart@freeagentsmarketing.com](mailto:betsyeckart@freeagentsmarketing.com)).

### **School supplies coordinator**

MICAH project needs a volunteer for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade at George Mason Elementary School.

It would require periodic communication (via email) with the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Lead Teacher to assess their school supplies needs. You would coordinate the purchase or donation of necessary school supplies and schedule the delivery of the supplies with one of our volunteers that go down to the school regularly.

For more information, please contact Rick Steenrod (747-9636).

### **We are collecting Box Tops and Soup Labels for Education.**



These will be donated to George Mason.  
There is a collection box in the Milling Area.

Please see the attached websites for a list of participating products.

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)  
[www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

### **Baptism**

The next Baptism at Christ church  
will be September 11/12.

If you have someone in your family wishing to be baptized,  
please call the church office.

**1st Wednesdays Contemplative Worship**

*...a healing service*

**Wednesday, September 1 7:00 pm**

*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays* is a gentle time to for us to gather in peaceful silence with space for the Spirit to move. We'll share in spoken prayers and songs of prayer, and time for meditation over a brief reflection on the Word and Holy Eucharist. Just as with the healing service, those wishing, may step to the back of the worship space to receive the laying on of hands and pray with trained prayer ministers. Come, worship on *1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays*. Bring a friend.

## **Children's Clothing & Toy Consignment Sale**

(Clothing, toys, bikes, books, games and more.... ages 0-14)

Christ Church Episcopal, 5000 Pouncey Tract Road

**Saturday, September 18**

Public Sale – 7:30am-11:30am

½ price sale – 12:00pm-1:30pm

To sign up as a consignor or for more information,  
please go to [www.christchurchsale.org](http://www.christchurchsale.org) or call Susan at 747-9636

## Education for Ministry (EfM)

### **EfM Continues at Christ Church!**

EfM (Education for Ministry) will be offered again in the fall for continuing second, third and fourth years, as well as new first year participants.

EfM is a distance learning theological education program created by the Seminary at the University of the South (Sewanee). EfM deepens our faith and understanding of our Christian heritage, engages us in theological reflection and supports us in the various lay ministries we are called to serve in.

**For more information, please  
contact Jean Watkins ([jeanwatkins@mindspring.com](mailto:jeanwatkins@mindspring.com))  
or Pam Board ([pboard2@verizon.net](mailto:pboard2@verizon.net)).**



**Save the date:**

**Sunday  
September 12 4:00 pm**

## *Christ Church Annual Picnic*

*food, music,  
games & fun !*

*Coming in September*

## **New EMMAUS Groups!**

Sessions begin the week of 9/26/2010

If you are seeking fellowship and learning with others, we invite you to join an Emmaus Group beginning the week of September 26th. Emmaus groups are inspired by the events described in Luke 24:13-35. On the first Easter day, two travelers meet a third person who engages them in conversation and teaches them about the scriptures. When they reach their destination, the town of Emmaus, the travelers invite the stranger to stay and share a meal. Over the breaking of bread, their eyes are opened, and the travelers recognize the “stranger” as the risen Lord.

By joining a Christ Church Emmaus Group, we seek to put ourselves in the position of Luke’s travelers. For an eight week period, group members commit to meeting weekly to study scripture, pray, support one another, and serve together. Meetings last from sixty to ninety minutes, and typically consist of six to fifteen members. The groups are guided by trained facilitators who use materials prepared by Paul, to explore the scripture passage selected for the upcoming week’s sermon. No “homework” is required. At the end of the eight weeks, group members may choose to continue with their own group, choose another group, or take a break.

Participating in an Emmaus group can enrich your worship experience, increase a sense of fellowship with others and deepen your spiritual journey.

Hear what some members have said:

*- Joining an Emmaus group has been an amazing help to me in my spiritual development. The structure of the group makes weekly study and fellowship easy. - Jonathan*  
*“I have found myself listening better and catching more familiar verses in the sermons than before. I love the questions that are thrown out to think about, before we even hear the scripture on Sunday morning.” - Donna*

*- I look forward to our weekly meeting and I miss it if I can't make it. I like coming to church on Sunday and feeling a stronger bond with my Emmaus group members, knowing what's going on!” – Ron*

*- Being a member of an Emmaus Group has enriched my spiritual relationship with Christ while also fostering new relationships with my fellow participants. Emmaus reminds me that it is the daily gifts that I share with others that I also share with Christ” - Christine*

We hope you’ll consider joining an Emmaus group this fall. Look for signup sheets in the milling area beginning Saturday, September 4 or check the Christ Church website to find out about new groups as they form.

AUGUST 2010 8/4/10	August 1		August 8		August 15		August 22		August 29	
	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
S (Senior Acolyte) S1 & 2 →1 J2 J3	Kim Nicol Haley Bunting Tyler Jahn Matt Jahn Dana Gillespie	Kate Sederstrom Kathleen Kelso James Burton Stephen White Leigh Rogers	Maves Gillespie James Sylvester Dana Gillespie Brady Goode Barrett Goode	Robert deWolff Carsten deWolff Phillip Crump Will Steele Anne Steele	Daniel Jagdmann Alexander Stokes Shajun Chappelle Carsten deWolff Ransom Schulz	William Andrews Peter Andrews Stephen White Eliza Duckworth James Burton	Drew Anderson Brittany Anderson Tyler Phillips Emma Garrett Sahana Tharakan	Kimberly Borden Cullen Dolson Will Steele Anne Steele Leigh Rogers	Kim Nicol Haley Bunting Tyler Jahn Matt Jahn Brady Goode	Thomas Johnson Peter Johnson Phillip Crump James Burton Stephen White
Acolyte Master Lay Worship Leaders	Sheryl Will		Eric Gillespie		John Franklin		Greg Phillips		John Franklin	
FR	Pam Board	Adair Roper	Jim Heck	Rick Rowland	Tom Nicholson	Libby Bush	Fred Brault	Joe Todd	Doug Elliott	Catherine Kelso
PP	Barbara Case	Jeanne Bowles	Lee Heck	Tom Tyler	Linda Nicholson	Margaret Crews	Addison Jones	Marc Halbritter	Barry Hayes	Elaine Champion
Chalicers 1	Sharon Fairbanks	Jeanne Bowles	Addison Jones	Kay Holmes	Tom Nicholson	Judy Heppert	Linda Nicholson	Harry Kelso	Doug Elliott	Margaret Crews
2	Michele Damasco	Margaret Crews	Jim Heck	Susan Rowland	Linda Nicholson	Bill Beattie	Fred Brault	Susan Rowland	Barbara Case	Lee Muckey
3	Barbara Case	Adair Roper	Robbi Schleicher	Rick Rowland	Steve Foster	Tricia Williams	Doug Elliott	Kevin Kinter	Robbi Schleicher	Susan Manning
4	Pam Board	Susan Manning	Lee Heck	Tom Tyler	Pam Board	Margaret Crews	Barry Hayes	Shawn Dunham	Barry Hayes	Tom Tyler
	Jen Rose	Harry Kelso	Susan Darden	Catherine Kelso	Hugh Greene	Laura-Jane Owen	Michele Damasco	Elaine Champion	John Franklin	Catherine Kelso
	Chris Robertson	Libby Bush	Gerry Escalera	Susan Ann Glass	Shelley Burns	Jeanne Bowles	Barbara Case	Marc Halbritter	Robert Nicol	Bill Beattie
	Tricia Williams	Bill Beattie	Robert Nicol	Adair Roper	Chris Schools	Libby Bush	Melinda Hancock	Judy Heppert	Chris Robertson	Judy Heppert
	Laura Jane Owen	TBA	Sharon Fairbanks	Kevin Kinter	Addison Jones	Elaine Champion	Gerry Escalera	Jen Rose	Gerry Escalera	Libby Bush
Bread 1 & 2	Paul/Hillary		Paul/Hillary		Paul/Hillary		Paul/Hillary		Paul/Hillary	
Distributor 3	John Franklin	Elaine Champion	Doug Elliott	Gray Glass	John Napier	Susan Ann Glass	Tom Nicholson	Brock Vaughn	Jim Heck	Elaine Champion
4	Robert Nicol	Marc Halbritter	Steve Barnett	Joe Gallagher	Carol Napier	Gray Glass	Addison Jones	Rick Rowland	Lee Heck	Laura-Jane Owen
Bread Baker(2 loaves)	Gale Hawes	Susan A. Glass	Janet Willis	Christine Turner	Betsy Gallagher	Jane Carter	Lee Heck	Tricia Williams	Carrie Kuzemchak	Beth Pemberton
Tellers	Pete Gallagher/Coordinator Anne & Martin Atwood Paul Kuzemchak		Holly Borden/Coordinator Kammy Hambrick Bob Watts		Gary Farrar/Coordinator Valerie Walls, Ed Poore Michael Glotz		Terry Berry/Coordinator Shelley Burns, Robert Nicol Andy Flemer		Jeanne Walker/Coordinator Bill Manning, Judy Goldnetz Beth Pembleton	
Greeters / Hosts	John & Carol Napier Tom Valtiquett	Susan & Frank Ashby, Gary & Michelle Farrar	Matt & Kelly Carr Nan Pascal Shelley Nicol	Channing & Lori Haas, Judy & Mike Heppert	Tom & Susan Crockett, Pat & Cathy Dyer	Betsy & Pete Gallagher, Ken & Marilyn Wayland	Keech Legrand Barry Hayes, Nan Pascal, Doug Elliott	Carol Harms Shelly Putney Terri Brennan	Krys Meier Fred Schulz, Jim & Rhonda Leavitt	Channing & Lori Haas, Mike & Judy Heppert
Ushers	Donna & Tom Weed, Bob & Mary B. Smith B. & P. Gallagher	Mike & Peggy Neely, Dave Hasek, Theo & Lisa deWolff	Mindy & Doug Elliott, Don Miles Bruce & Janet Willis	Harry & Cathy Kelso, Ron Andrews, Harry Handshaw	John Dracos, Barry Hayes, Fred West, Barb & Bob Slate Steve Foster	Flora & Sons, Jay Theado, Gray Glass, Roy Goodman	Will & Henry Watkins, Jim & Sara Beifield, Jeff & Sharon Jahn	Mike Heppert Darryl Ernst G. & R. Johnson Andy Hagy	Chris Schools Andy Reisinger M.B. & Bob Smith Bob & Sara Watts	Mike Nelligan Debbie Bornholdt Dutch Bumbartner J. & B. Shelhorse
Altar Guild	Barb Slate	Carla Beattie	Lee Heck	Janis Todd	Carol Napier	Cindy Oliver	Linda Nicholson	Kay Holmes	Gerry Escalera	Carla Beattie
Vestry Person	Barry Hayes		Mike Richards		John Daylor		Bill Beattie		Elizabeth Franklin	
Nursery	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	Lisa Clarkson	TBA	Patty Lafratta	Margaret Crews	TBA	Andrea Macgill	Patty Lafratta	TBA
Activity Bags	Peggy Berkley	Debbie Bunting	Lee, Lin	Lee, Gordon	Susan Schools	Christine Frei	Lee, Jeff	Jane West	Jane West	
S. Board/ Computer	Lee, Trey, Bill	Trey, Bill	Lee, Lin	Lee, Gordon	Lee, Trey	Tim, Trey	Lee, Jeff	Lee, Bill	Lee, Darryl	Tim, Gordon

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