

The Grateful Heart

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
July 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Please, join me in A Summer Read!

Now that summer is fully with us, it's time to kick back and take a break, sleep later, share leisurely meals, walk around bare foot, enjoy some fun, Sabbath rest and relaxation. Even Jesus looks for a way to kick back. Walking along the sun baked shores of Galilee, after busy days of teaching, healing, preaching and spreading the good news of God's world, Jesus and his disciples circle round toward the coastal town of Bethsaida, looking for a little quiet time before the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. Maybe they have a book or two stuck up under their tunic. Summer reading books that expect a little more of us than the casual summer read. Books that ask provocative questions, cause us to look in the mirror, sit up straight, laugh, cry and step out, bold enough to change. We have no way of knowing what Jesus' summer read might have been. But, my guess is, in our selections, he's leaning over our shoulder engrossed with us in A Summer Read.

This summer's suggested readings are:

[The Hole In Our Gospel](#)

by Richard Stearns

[To Kill A Mockingbird,](#)

by Harper Lee

[Speaking Christian](#)

by Marcus J. Borg

[Parenting Beyond Your Capacity](#)

by Reggie Joyner

There will be several opportunities for informal discussion.

Each week I will post a blog about one of the books (see the schedule below). The blog link will be part of your weekly email newsletter. You are invited to comment and, hopefully, we'll create an online dialog.

The Hole In Our Gospel July 14
To Kill A Mockingbird July 21
Speaking Christian July 28
Parenting Beyond Your Capacity August 4

We will also meet twice during the summer (July 29 & August 19). We'll get together at 7:30 a.m. at Panera, Short Pump (across from the mall) and our reading schedule will look like this:

July 29 we'll discuss *The Hole In Our Gospel* and *To Kill A Mockingbird*

August 19 we'll discuss *Speaking Christian* and *Parenting Beyond Our Capacity*.

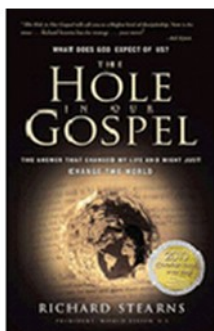
Throughout these next weeks and months, we'll be listening to one another more and more about how God is calling us to be Christ Church and over time, our identity and purpose will be revealed. A Summer Read is intended to be refreshing and thought provoking; a way to explore God's intention for us as a faithful body, as followers of Christ, perhaps even a call to action as a people willing to grow and change.

I look forward to sharing A Summer Read with you! This is leisure time, so, participate, discuss, share where you feel most comfortable. Keep in touch and may your summer bring peace and delight.

*Blessings,
Hillary*

(See more about the summer reading selections on page 2.)

Summer Book Read Selections

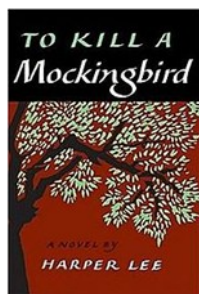


[The Hole In Our Gospel](#), by Richard Stearns...former CEO of Parker Brothers and Lenox China, inspires us with his life changing story. Called to serve as the president of World Vision, an organization in 100 countries, serving 100 million people, helping them reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice, Stearns asks us, if we've embraced the whole gospel or a gospel with a hole in it?

In reading *The Hole In Our Gospel*, respond to the questions...

- *What contributes to the bubble we live in?
- *Why do we withhold all that we are and all that we have from God?
- *What Does God Expect of Us?

[To Kill a Mockingbird](#), by Harper Lee

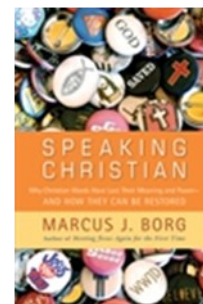


Told through the eyes of eight year old Scout Finch, in the 1930s, small town Maycomb, Alabama is shaken as it witnesses the trial of black man, Tom Robinson, accused of raping a white woman, then defended by Scout's father, Atticus. A timeless Pulitzer Prize winning novel speaks to all about coming of age, justice, race and tender love.

In reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, respond to the questions...

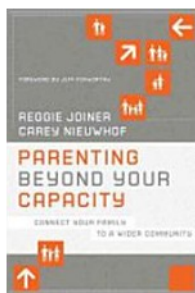
- *Harper Lee gives some depth to the characters in her book. With whom do you best relate and why?
- *How are good and evil explored in the novel?
- *How is moral education taught in the book and how do we experience moral education today?

[Speaking Christian](#), by Marcus J. Borg Bible scholar, Marcus Borg claims that "the language of Christianity is in a state of crisis". These "code words" we hear and read: redemption, savior, sacrifice, to name a few, have been stripped of their true meaning through the history and tradition of the church. Borg teaches us how to digest these words from a biblical perspective that illuminates and transforms our world.



In reading *Speaking Christian*, respond to the questions...

- *What "code words" have you found challenging?
- *How does Borg's explanation of Christian language change your understanding of the church?
- *What kind of practice would you like to undergo as a result of *Speaking Christian*?



[Parenting Beyond Your Capacity](#), by Reggie Joiner and Carey Nieuwhof. *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity* emphasizes the importance of faith and community, the power of relationship and the message of encouragement in the family. Joiner, creator of "Orange" a thinking that two combined influences, Church and Family, make a greater impact than just two separate influences, and Nieuwhof, a full time pastor, provide five family values in parenting that equip us for success: widen the circle, imagine the end, fight for the heart, create a rhythm, and make it personal. God gives us all we need for successful, effective, rewarding parenting.

In reading *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity*, respond to the questions...

- *How do you understand "Orange"?
- *How do I want my child to see me as a parent?
- *What do I want my child to become?
- *How is God calling your family dynamic to change?

Caritas...needs you.

"And They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love, by Our Love, Yes, They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

Show Your Love...Volunteer !

Christ Church will host Caritas July 16-23 & we need your help!

In order to be gracious hosts for these wonderful men and women, we desperately need the following:

Five Overnight Hosts

Four Drivers to Transport Guests to the Dentist on Monday, July 18

Individuals to Prepare Brown Bag Lunches.

Please sign up to volunteer

Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the milling area.

Thank you for your support. If you have questions concerning our CARITAS Outreach activities,

contact Sandra Garrett (360-0738; swgarrett62@aol.com) or
Jenni Pandak (360-0672; pandakjs@aol.com)

Summer Prayer Break

Summer schedules are often more relaxed allowing time for enjoying family and friends. At the same time, vacations can make it difficult to attend worship or connect with our small groups and bible studies.

Without tending, our spiritual lives can feel a bit dry and God may feel far away. If you would like to set aside some time to "reconnect" with God, The Adult Ministries Team invites you to

**Summer Prayer Break, Saturday
July 30 (9:00 - noon)**

This will be a morning of prayer and reflections, allowing you to intentionally break away from daily life. Structure and guidance will be provided for those who want it or you can choose to simply spend the time in silence.

Facilitators are Shawn Dunham and Rick Rowland.

A suggested donation of \$10 will help offset the cost of materials and future offerings.

You may register on the website at www.christchurchrichmond.com

Childrens Ministry

Work days for VBS: (decorating, organizing, etc.) July 8 (9:15 am) & July 10 (immediately after worship). Give us an hour or two...many hands make light work!

We're continuing to have a Whale of a Time in **Summer Kids' Quest** at the 9:00 am service. (each Sunday in July)

Childrens Chapel (10:45 am worship) continues a well-received children's literature and theology series. lots of fun!

Altar Flower Dedications



Consider dedicating the altar flowers one week end.

Dedications can be for celebrations, remembrances and thanksgivings. It is a special way to honor someone.

You may sign up for the week end of your choice (the sign up board is in the Milling Area). Someone will call you for the wording you wish to have printed in the bulletin.

(Dedications are \$40, with check made out to Christ Church and "flowers" written on the memo line).

Furniture POD

The CARITAS Furniture Bank has located a permanent furniture POD on the Christ Church campus. This drop off site will be available to anyone in the area with items to donate.

The POD will be unlocked Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Saturday 10:00 to 5:00PM and Sunday 8:00AM to 2:00PM.

To drop off at other times, please contact [Christopher Pandak](mailto:cmpandak@aol.com) (cmpandak@aol.com) (357-9216) to get the combination for the lock.

Furniture and household goods that you donate will be provided free through CARITAS to individuals and families who are exiting homeless shelters and crisis-intervention programs.

Essentials we collect and distribute:

Mattresses, Sofas/Loveseats, Bed frames (all sizes), Dining tables and chairs, Dressers, Pots and Pans, Bed Linens, Bath Towels, Dishes/Flatware, Chairs, Lamps, Rugs, Small Appliances, Heaters
(if you have questions about what is accepted please contact [Christopher Pandak](mailto:cmpandak@aol.com) (cmpandak@aol.com))

June marks the end of the “official” season for many groups of the Music Ministry, namely, the choirs – Adult, Youth, Children’s Choirs (Jubilee, Kids4Him, and Angel Wing).

It was a year with a lot of highlights –

In February we had our annual Choir Concert and all of our choirs participated. We were also joined by the Virginia Girls Choir. For those in the music ministry it was an evening of challenging music and spiritual fulfillment.

In April, the Adult Choir sang “Worthy to be Praised” and the Youth Choir sang “No Matter What” with our Caritas guests. These songs were part of an inspirational and emotion-filled evening involving personal testimony and reflection.

In June, we participated in the diocesan ordination held at Christ Church. It was truly special to be part of such a holy and sacred event.

Also in June, we were visited by Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the United States Episcopal Church. Bishop Schori was visiting us as part of the American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan conference hosted by Christ Church. It was great to see conference participants attending the 10:45 service and singing along with the congregation.

Christmas and Easter are always a highlight. To be a part of worship at these two joyous occasions is a privilege.

Of course, the real highlight of the music ministry is being part of the liturgy each week. Our theme this year was “Made to Worship” and we focused on music as a form of prayer and how it can connect people closer to God. For us as choir members, it helped us understand each piece of music and, hopefully, better reflect that meaning in our musical worship. We hope you noticed a connection between the music, the scripture readings and the message each week.

The music ministry is comprised of a large number of individuals. There are the choirs – Angel Wing, Kids4Him, Jubilee, Youth and Adult. In addition, there are the musicians who play at our services and the AV volunteers who control sound, load lyrics, and balance the mix between instruments and voice. Heartfelt thanks to all music volunteers and families for giving so much time in service. We appreciate the sacrifices made to support the ministry and make it a success.

Finally, I want to thank Keith Tan and Missy Jennings for their leadership of the music ministry. Your spirit-lead guidance, graceful encouragement, and unending patience are a gift to us all.

Steve Rogers



made to worship
christ church music ministry

**New Playground Equipment
is arriving August 20 !
Volunteers are needed to help
with installation.**

We are looking for 20-30 volunteers to help with
the installation on Saturday, August 20.
(We'll work from @ 7:30 am—5:30 pm)

*By using volunteers to help with the installation we were able to save money and add
more equipment to our playground!*

*The playground company will send 2 supervisors to guide us through the equipment
installation process.*

All volunteers will be well fed throughout the day!

If you are able to help for all or any part of the day: we need YOU!

Please contact one of the following people if you are able to volunteer:

Cheri Erk, Executive Director – cheri@christchurchpreschool.com

David Frei, CCEP Project Manager – Davefrei@gmail.com

Shelley Putney, CCEP Volunteer Coordinator – scputnev@earthlink.net

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!

Sincerely,
"Team Playground"
Cheri Erk, David Frei, and Shelley Putney

Education for Ministry (EfM)

If you want to learn more about Scripture, religious traditions and church history
...then EfM might be for you.

If you are seeking to better understand your role in ministering to your family, your church and your community
...then EfM might be for you.



A group begins at Christ Church in September.

EfM groups discuss texts developed specifically for adult learners by the [School of Theology at Sewanee](#). Study of these texts is completed over the course of 4 years (participants commit to one year at a time).

The course covers

- Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture)
- New Testament
- Church History
- Theological Choices.

A group may have members from each of the four years, which adds richness to the discussion. In addition to weekly text discussion, the seminars offer another discussion format unique to EfM called theological reflection (TR) in which materials or situations are viewed through multiple lenses, connecting faith and experience, with the goal of providing insights. Throughout EFM, participants have a wonderful opportunity to develop deep relationships with other group members.

No tests, no quizzes, no papers, no prerequisites (but Sewanee will grant continuing education credits to those who complete all 4 years). Tuition charged by Sewanee covers the materials, administrative costs and small honoraria for the mentors.

Co-mentors for EfM are [Jean Watkins](#) and [Pam Board](#). We hope you will seriously consider EfM. Education, a chance to develop deep relationships, a framework for asking theological questions and a certificate suitable for framing...who could ask for anything more!

CARITAS in July

Christ Church will be hosting CARITAS July 16th-23rd. The youth ministry is collecting **men and women's socks** for our CARITAS guests. Encourage your youth to bring in some pairs of socks for our CARITAS guests. Nothing feels better than a fresh pair of socks! Help us welcome our guests!

On **Sunday July 17th** we will be serving dinner for CARITAS! This means that this will replace our combined youth group! Times are a bit different on this night! We ask that youth arrive at **5pm to prep for dinner**. We will prep, serve, talk with our guests and clean up. **We are expected to end at 8pm. Let us know you are coming to this one! Contact Jenna Vinci**
j.vinci@christchurchrichmond.com

Beach Day

When: Wednesday, July 27th
Where: Sandbridge, VA
What: A day at the beach filled with fellowship and vitamin D.
Who: middle and high school youth
Cost: \$10, PLUS extra cash for dinner on the way back
Meet at church at 8am
Leave beach at 4pm return home at 7pm

What to bring:
LIABILITY FORM
Bag lunch, snacks (we will not stop on the way there for food)
Bathing suit (one piece/modest tankini for girls)
Towel
Change of clothes
Sunscreen
Water
Frisbee/buckets/beach stuff

What not to bring:
Surf boards/boogie board
valuable possessions
drugs
alcohol
your goldfish (crackers, however, are acceptable)

Youth Group Schedule

July 10

Mid Highs 3:30 pm
Sen Highs 6:30 pm

July 17

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July 24

Mid Highs 3:30 pm
Sen Highs 6:30 pm

July 31

...no Youth Groups.
We are preparing to leave for Student Life Camp

August 7

Combined Youth Group 6:30 pm
....with Holy Communion

Vacation Bible School

Youth (rising 6th graders and older) are invited to volunteer with VBS! It's fun; you'll get to know lots of kids and it means a lot to the kids when you (Youth !) volunteer your time to be with them. Contact [Rebecca](#) to get involved.

JULY 2011 7/8/11	July 3		July 10		July 17		July 24		July 31	
	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)	Shajun Chappelle	Drew Anderson	Shajun Chappelle	Cullen Dobson	James Sylvester	William Andrews	Alexander Stokes	Kimberly Borden	Daniel Jagtmann	Robert deWolff
J1	Kristen Lalayette	Philip Crump	Veronica Will	Kathleen Kelso	Brady Goode	Carsten deWolff	TBA	Eliza Duckworth	Sahana Tharakan	Brittany Anderson
J2	A.C. Robertson	Stephen White	M. Castellano	Emma Garnett	Barnett Goode	Tyler Phillips	MeeShan Bright	Anna Phares'	A.C. Robertson	Sierra Loudermilk
J3										
Acolyte Master	John Robertson		Sheryl Will		Greg Phillips		Charles Moncure		John Robertson	
Lay Worship Leaders										
FR	Robert Nicol	Jenna Vinci	Pam Board	Jeanne Bowles	Robbi Schleicher	Lily Andrews	Michele Damasco	Mac Thayer	Joe Todd	Marc Halbritter
PP	Chris Robertson	Jeanne Bowles	Barry Hayes	Laura-Jane Owen	Addison Jones	Laura-Jane Owen	Doug Elliott	Tricia Williams	Denise Ferguson	Harry Kelso
Chalice 1	Chris Robertson	Jeanne Bowles	Lee Heck	Judy Heppert	Steve Foster	Mary Pettit	Michele Damasco	Brock Vaughn	John Nappier	Harry Kelso
2	Jim Heck	Diane Muska	Addison Jones	Margaret Crews	Hugh Greene	Jenna Vinci	Kevin Kinter	Shawn Dunham	Barry Hayes	Susan Darden
3	Robert Nicol	Jenna Vinci	Pam Board	Gray Glass	Sharon Fairbanks	Diane Muska	Jim Heck	Mac Thayer	Barbara Case	Joe Jagdmann
4	Pam Board	Lee Muckley	Mason Haiper	Rebecca Guzman	Gemy Escalera	Margaret Crews	Doug Elliott	Jen Rose	Chris Schools	Tom Tyler
5	Sharon Fairbanks	Adair Roper	Kay Holmes	Jeanne Bowles	Barbara Case	Bill Beattie	John Nappier	Libby Bush	Kim Ferguson	Mac Thayer
6	Carol Nappier	Mary Pettit	Barry Hayes	Tom Tyler	Robbi Schleicher	Laura-Jane Owen	Carol Nappier	Susan Manning	Chris Robertson	Bill Beattie
Bread 1, 2 & 3 Distributor	J. Nappier Paul / Hillary T. Williams		Jim Heck Paul / Hillary S. Glass		Doug Elliott, Hillary Addison Jones	E. Champion John Franklin	Lee Heck Paul / Hillary Tric Williams		Carol Nappier Paul / Hillary M. Halbritter	
Bread Baker(2 loaves)	Pam Board	Gale Hawes	Lee Heck	Jane Carter	Beth Pemberton	Holly Borden	Carin Kuzemchak	Jon Fairbanks	Betsy Gallagher	Tricia Williams
Tellers	Holly Borden/Coordinator Lin & Carol Bottoms, Bob Watts, Kammy Hambrick, Lisa Radez		Jim Sowers & Jeanne Walker/ Coordinators, Jenn Sarych, Beth Pemberton, Judi Goldnetz		Laura Armour & Gary Farrar/ Coordinators, B.J. Duerston, Laura Debusk, Valerie Walls		Pete Gallagher & Anne Atwood/ Coordinators, Marlin Atwood, Paul Kuzemchak, Donna Weed		Pete Gallagher & Anne Atwood/ Coordinators, Marlin Atwood, Paul Kuzemchak, Donna Weed	
Greeters / Hosts	John & Carol Nappier, Tom Vallequeit Nancy Elliott	Susan & Frank Ashby, Tom Vallequeit	Hunter Stott Nan Pascal Shelly Nicol	Mike & Judy Heppert, Gary & Michelle Farrer	Ken & Marilyn Wayland, John Franklin	Susan & Frank Ashby, Tom Vallequeit	Keeth LeGrand Jennifer Robertson Doug Elliott	Carol Harris Shelly Putney	Kyys Meier Fred Shultz Nancy Elliott	Pete & Betsy Gallagher, Debbie Noble
Ushers	D. & Tom Weed M. & A. Atwood B. & P. Gallagher	Mike Heppert Darryl Ernst G. & R. Johnson Andy Hagy	M. & D. Elliott B. & J. Willis Mike Barnett Don Miles	Steve Canella Mike Nelligan B. & J. Shelhorse	Mark Herzog, B. & B. Slate Steve Foster Fred West	T. & L. DeWolff H. & C. Kelso David Hasek	Will & H. Watkins Sharon & J. Jahn Peggy Neely John Dracos	Mike Nelligan D. Bumgardner Ron Andrews, Lisa Loudermilk Harry Handshaw	M.B. & Bob Smith Bob & Sara Watts Chris Schools	Jay Theado Gray Glass Lynn Foster Debbie Bontholt
Altar Guild	Barb Slate	Janis Todd	Barb Slate	Cynthia Oliver	Gemy Escalera	Linda Anderson	Lee Heck	Janis Todd	E. Marionell	Carla Beattie
Vestry Person	Kevin Kinter		Elizabeth Franklin		Bill Beattie		Jennifer Sullivan		Will Watkins	
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	N/A	Susan Tunkal	N/A	Susan Tunkal	N/A	Margaret Crews	N/A	TBA
Activity Bags	Andrea Margill		Claire Gallagher		Keri Link		Becky Hansel		Jen Hoerner	
S. Board/ Computer	Lee Bowles, Darryl Ernst	Gordon Margill Jeff Smith,	Lee Bowles, Lin Merritt	Lee Bowles, Gordon Mazzgil	Lee Bowles, Mike Dunn	Rich & Richard Eberheim	Lee Bowles, Gordon Mazzgil	Warren Swanson	Lee Bowles, Mike Dunn	Gordon Margill, Darryl Ernst

Year To Date Operating Financial Results As Of 5-31-11

P & L Summary

	Actual Re- sults Through <u>May</u>	Budgeted Through <u>May</u>	<u>Difference</u>	Full Year 2011 <u>Budget</u>
Pledge Income	\$423,809	\$438,094	-\$14,285	\$1,049,024
Non-Pledge Income	\$96,410	\$58,290	\$38,120	\$173,500
Total Income	\$520,219	\$496,384	\$23,835	\$1,222,524
Total Expenses	\$472,322	\$500,721	-\$28,399	\$1,274,428
Surplus/Deficit	\$47,897	-\$4,337	\$52,234	-\$51,904
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,232,722			
Construction Loan Balance	\$427,772			

Total income through May 31st is \$23,835 more than the budget. This positive performance is due to non-pledge income being consistently higher than the budgeted amount all year (Non pledge income is all gifts received not associated with a pledge). Expenses are under budget by \$28,399 primarily because some ministry teams will spend their allocations later in the year than anticipated in the budget.

Total cash on hand includes proceeds from the sale of the land to the County of Henrico, temporarily restricted cash and unrestricted cash. Unrestricted cash available for operations is \$329,531. Temporarily restricted cash is gifts received where the donor has specified a specific purpose for the gift.

The construction loan is related to the Growing for the Generations Campaign. Gifts received to fulfill Growing for the Generations pledges are being used to make payments on this loan.

Thank you for your support of Christ Church and our ministries which allows all of us to be the hands and feet of Christ in the World.

David Latham, Treasurer david.latham@comcast.net

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Vacation Bible School
July 11-15

Christ Church Episcopal
5000 Pouncey Tract Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059