



We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.

# Christiana Courier

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**Daylight Saving Time ends  
Sunday, November 1.  
Remember to turn back your  
clocks on Saturday night,  
October 31.**

## Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 8th 10:30 AM

for the purpose of:

+Voting on council members  
for 2021-2023

+Benevolent Foundation Member 2021-25

+Voting on the 2021 Spending Plan  
for Ministry

All voting members are asked to be present for this meeting and prepared to vote.

## Service of Remembrance is November 1

On All Saints Sunday we will remember during the Service of Remembrance those members of Christiana who have died in the past year. Joining the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday are:

*Bill Meacham*

*Maxine Casper*

*Lane Pethel*

*Carolyn Corl*

*Ann Carscaddon*

*Katherine Lyerly*

*Patti Boles*

*Ann Renegar*

*Doris Pethel*

*Pauline Lyerly*

*Nancy Agner*

The service is at 10:30 AM on Sunday, November 1. We give thanks to God for the privilege of knowing and loving these dear departed saints and we look forward to the day when we will join them around the throne of glory singing God's praises for all eternity.

*"Blessed are the dead  
who from now on die in the Lord."  
Revelation 14:13*

## Thank you!

Dear Saints of Christiana,  
Once again, thank you for such a warm welcome both at  
worship and Bible study.

May God continue to bless your mission work! Don't  
forget to send in at any time the envelope left at your  
church—you will get credit!

God bless,  
Pastor Jim  
Food for the Poor

## October Attendance

**October 4**  
Sunday School: 24  
Worship: 84

**October 11**  
Sunday School: 26  
Worship: ~65~

**October 18**  
Sunday School: 31  
Worship: 59

## November Worship Support

**Reader:** Marsha Beaver

**Usher:** Brian Barringer

**Altar Guild:** Madeline Zieverink, Teresa McKinney,  
Dale & Marsha Beaver

**Greeter:** Jenny Roberts

**Sound:** Tony Hawkins

**Lock Up:** Laura Ritchie

**Communion Assistants:** Richard Crouch & Madeline Zieverink

SERVING THIS MONTH

## November Birthdays

2 Nancy Huneycutt	21 Robbie Robinson
3 Cristin Smith	21 Weston Boles
3 Toby Sease	22 Mike Yarbrough
4 Todd Koontz	22 Vaughn Hatley
5 Melissa Pethel	22 Tom Chapman
5 Becky Morris	23 Charlotte Pacilio
7 Ann Swanner	26 Jeremy Connell
9 Kristy Cowden	29 Ashley Rowland
11 Don French	30 Kate Beretsky
13 Suzanna Roth-Tubman	
15 Boni Lowry	
16 Linda Duncan	
17 Kaleb Lingle	
17 Kaylee Lingle	
19 Glenn Wall	
20 Bruce Wilhelm	



## November Altar Flowers

**Nov. 1** Sue Wall

**Nov. 8** Pastor Carl & Kathy

**Nov. 15** Dollie Lingle

**Nov. 22** Altar Guild for Thanksgiving

**Nov. 29** Carmen Merrell  
*Pedestal—Ron Smith*

*Throughout November, Kathy Haynes  
will be in the narthex taking reservations  
for altar & pedestal flowers for 2021.*

## Council Nominations for 2021-2023 Announced

The list of persons who are to be nominated by the Church Council to the Congregation Council will be published when the list is complete.

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8).*

Nominations from the floor will be received Sunday, November 1st and elections held on Sunday, November 8th. Before a nomination is made, **the person must be contacted and agree to serve if elected.**

Those not eligible for nomination include:

Council Members whose term ends this year or who have not been off Council for 3 years:

### Term ended 2018

Leanne Kluttz  
Harold Morris  
Charlotte Pacilio  
Bruce Wilhelm  
J Wood

### Term ended 2019

Dale Beaver  
Vickie Keene  
Branson Pethel  
Cam Ritchie  
Terry Ritchie

### Term ends 2020

LaVaughn Beaver  
Linda Crouch  
Jay Goodman  
Boni Lowry  
Sue Wall

### Present Council Members

#### Term ends 2021

Kevin Holland  
Marlene Pethel  
David Preslar  
Jenny Roberts  
Mike Yarbrough

#### Term ends 2022

Eddie Eller  
Earlene Ritchie  
Laura Ritchie  
Jason Smith  
Robbie Robinson

*Give prayerful consideration to those you ask to be nominated or if you are asked to be a nominee. This is a decision that should be made with lots of prayer. Council members are the spiritual leaders of the congregation.*

## Congregational Prayer Concerns



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Zelia Frick, taking steroids to relieve the swelling that's causing headaches. Ron Turbyfill being treated for aggressive brain cancer. Charles Roberts, heart/lung problems. Jenny Roberts' cousin, Jen Amos, shattered tibia in fall. Ricky Cross, blockage of artery in neck. Glenn Wall, blood clot on knee. Jeanne Diaz, at home recovering from blockage in small intestine. Cardell Gibson, recovered from COVID-19 and pneumonia. Robert Mead, radiation treatments completed. Alease Cline under Hospice

care to manage pain. Linda Cline's dad Tommy Austin, chronic back pain; her mom taking PT at home. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, radiation treatments. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

### ***Our Sympathy is extended to***

Kay Abernathy & Betty Rose Witty at the death of their brother, Howard Thomas

Tony Hawkins and family at the death of his grandfather, Ed Brown

Harriet Lyerly and family at the death of her sister, Nancy Agner

The family of Bishop Paul Spring, first NALC Bishop

FROM THE



PASTOR

## “Eleven!”

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”

*Psalm 116:15*

Eleven! Eleven deaths of members of Christiana since All Saints’ Sunday last year:

*Bill Meacham, Maxine Casper, Lane Pethel, Carolyn Corl, Ann Carscaddon, Katherine Lysterly, Patti Boles, Ann Renegar, Doris Pethel, Pauline Lysterly, and Nancy Agner.*

Bill Meacham and Maxine Casper died in December 2019. Lane Pethel died unexpectedly in March of this year. All three had their funerals in the church. Lane’s service was at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak but no restrictions had been placed on gathering for worship. The other eight services have been graveside services with the exception of Doris Pethel’s funeral which was held at Powles-Staton Funeral Home and the graveside was at the National Cemetery behind the VA Medical Center.

With each of the graveside services at Christiana, we planned on having a memorial service for each of the deceased sometime in the “near” future when the pandemic was over. Well, here it is November 2020 and we are still under the pandemic and probably will be for another year. So here is what we are going to do: Sunday, November 1st is All Saints’ Day and we are going to have a Memorial Service for all those who have died since last year this time.

The worship service will be the funeral liturgy, in the midst of which we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Those of you who are family of those who died, be sure to invite all your family for this service. This will be the memorial service that would have been. A special invitation will be sent to an immediate family member inviting them and their whole family to this service.

The one thing we do not want to lose sight of during this pandemic is the fact that God loves and cares for us all. And he is especially mindful of those whom he claimed in the waters of Holy Baptism, who have died. Psalm 116:15 tells us: “*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*”

Precious! When we die, our death is precious to God the Father. Why? Because it is the death of a life that was redeemed by the blood of his Son Jesus upon the cross. A death that ushered the soul of the saint through the gate of heaven into the presence of God.

The toughest part of a loved one in a nursing home dying of the COVID-19 virus is the family—and *their pastor*—not being able to be with them. It is hard to think of a loved one dying alone. But here is where the good news of the Christian faith comes in—saints of God are never alone! Jesus is with every saint who dies.

Jesus promises us in Matthew 28:20: “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” In Romans 8:35 the Apostle Paul asks the rhetorical question: “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” In verse 38 he tells us that “neither death, nor life ... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

What a comfort that is to those who mourn the death of a loved one and were not able to be with them. This why a funeral or memorial service is so important for us Christians—it is a source of God’s love and comfort. I love how our service begins: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.”

What a blessing! God comforts us in our time of grief so that one day, we can comfort a brother or sister in Christ in their time of grief with the comfort we experienced from God. Our response is a resounding “**Thanks be to God.**”

So on November 1st make every effort to attend this special All Saints’ Service, to either be comforted at the death of a loved one, or to comfort those who mourn with the comfort you yourself have received from God. We will also remember those loved ones of members who died who were not members of Christiana. In the midst of it all we will receive our Lord’s body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the comfort of our souls as we commune with God and the people of God here and in heaven. Thanks be to God!

*Pastor Carl*

## Gifts to the Church

### To Brighten the Beacon

In honor of Jackson Smith by Harry Agner

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Onetia Bruce, Frances Peeler

In memory of Harvey Dezern by Mike & Kate Beretsky, Doris Ritchie

In memory of Nancy Agner by Mike & Vickie Keene, Doris Ritchie

### To Worship & Music Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Cam & Laurie Ritchie, Peggy Boggs Class, Hayden Lingle Class

### To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Becky White

### To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Howard Thomas by Jeff Clark, Cindy Murphey, Sharon Thornburg, Richard and Rickie McAuley

In memory of Nancy Agner by Martin & Karen Ratelband,

## LCW Group #1

will meet at 10 am on Nov. 3 in the Smith Assembly Hall with Marlene Pethel, program leader.  
Rockwell Diner  
for lunch

## LCW Sister Lucille Lyerly

will meet in the Fellowship Hall on  
Tues. Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.  
Marsha Beaver,  
program leader  
Angie Hayes & Betty Hatley,  
hostesses

## Remember those in Nursing Homes

### **Autumn Care:**

Joe Haas

### **Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:**

Cardell Gibson

**Liberty Commons:** Elizabeth Ritchie



The Altar Guild will decorate for Thanksgiving Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. Please bring fruits, vegetables, gourds, pumpkins, greenery, and leaves for the display.

## November Scripture Lessons

### All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 1

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 149  
1 John 3:1-3  
John 14:1-6

### 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 8

Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 15

Zephaniah 1:7-16  
Psalm 90:1-12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
Matthew 25:31-46

### 1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37



### NALC Congregations to Vote on Amendments

Amendments to the NALC constitution were brought before the 2020 Convocation. They focused on making sure there were equal numbers of clergy and lay delegates at the convocation and changing the in person convocation from held every year to every two years. The reason being that smaller congregations were struggling to send a clergy and a lay delegate to convocation every year because of the cost. It usually is over \$3000 for both. In the years we don't meet in person there could be a virtual convocation like we had this year. Total cost is \$50—\$25 for Pastor Carl and \$25 for David Preslar for registration. The amendments were approved. Pastor Carl and David voted 'yes' to amend. Now it is your turn. Anytime constitutional changes are made two thirds of NALC congregations must ratify the convocation's vote in order for it to be adopted. So at our annual congregational meeting you will have the opportunity to vote. Copies of the amendments will be on display in the Narthex and the Elevator Lobby. A special ballot will be handed out to all voting members on November 8.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, November 22  
12 pm—4:30 pm

Christiana Fellowship Hall



**American  
Red Cross**

Bring family and friends to help out those in need by donating! Call Denise or Joe at 704-642-1658 to schedule an appointment or you can go online and register at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

### ***Poinsettia Orders Due Dec. 4***

***Please use this form to order your Christmas poinsettia. Cost will be announced when information is available. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of:

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By:

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Given in Honor of:

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Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn’t grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).

## Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy

**THANK YOU JESUS!**



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19)

**Don't forget! The Miss Katherine Lyerly Circle will help you with all your baking needs for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and all throughout**



The Evangelism Committee would like to provide a Thanksgiving meal to families in need in our community on Thanksgiving morning.

**You can help by donating \$40 towards the cost of a meal for one family.**

Meals will include ham, turkey, green beans, corn, stuffing, dessert, rolls, and tea as well as plates, forks, cups, and napkins.

All can pray for the families who will receive this food and those who deliver this food and the Word of God.

For additional details contact David Preslar or Jason Smith.

**Minutes of Christiana Council Meeting  
October 11, 2020**

**Present**

Jason Smith, President	Marlene Pethel	Laura Ritchie
David Preslar, V President	Earlene Ritchie	Eddie Eller
Jenny Roberts	Mike Yarbrough	Kevin Holland
	Jay Goodman	

**Also Present**

Pastor Carl Haynes  
Laurie Ritchie

**Absent**

Boni Lowry  
Robbie Robinson  
Linda Crouch

**Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:**

Minutes from September 2020 meeting were approved.  
Pastor's report for September 2020 was presented and approved.  
Financial reports were presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie.  
September income was \$3,018.68 below budget with YTD income \$1,789.78 above budget.  
September spending was \$5,028.80 below budget with YTD spending \$38,385.01 less than budgeted.  
Cash on hand \$90,541.0036.  
September contributions to Brighten the Beacon were \$2,378.00

*The financials were approved as presented.*

**Committee and Auxiliary Reports and Concerns:**

**Social Ministry** – Prepared the evening/breakfast meal at Rowan Helping Ministries on September 24<sup>th</sup> & September 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to LaVaughn Beaver, Angie Hayes, Jenny Roberts, Terry and Earlene Ritchie, Eddie and Debbie Eller and Richard and Linda Crouch for donating and /or preparing the meals.

**Evangelism** – Finalizing plans for Trunk-or-Treat Drive Thru event as well as the Thanksgiving Meal event. Seeking more volunteers.

**LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly Circle** – Collecting large cans of food for Rowan Helping Ministries.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Members:**

NALC item to ratify at Annual Congregational Meeting – It is recommended that The NALC go from an annual Convocation to a Bi-annual Convocation with an online meeting being held on the off years. Christiana will vote on this item at our annual congregational meeting in November.

Council approved four confirmands to be confirmed: Kaylee Hawkins, TJ Coffey-Woods, Gabe Honeycutt and Ainslee Lowery.

Discussed the 2 A/C and Heating Units that supply the educational building. Medley Electric serviced these units and reported that both are working well now. A motion was made and passed that we construct a fence around the units for aesthetic purposes.

We have had some reoccurrence of the fire ants close to the bus area that have been successfully spot treated. If anyone sees additional fire ants, please contact Jason. He has some special spray for them.

Security Cameras are now installed and working properly in the elevator lobby area.

It was noted that the breezeway and elevator lobby are in need of some paint and pressure washing, including the gutters. A motion was made and passed to spend \$1,295.00 and \$650 (taken from Unbudgeted line item) to accomplish this task.

A motion was made and approved to work on a contract to be extended to groups using the new Fellowship Hall on a regular basis (i.e. the Tuesdays Veterans Meetings, etc.) This would prevent having to have a contract completed every week.

A motion was made and approved to have the 2 dead and dying trees in question on the property line of the church and the old Renegar property cut and removed. The motion included to spend up to \$3,000.00 from Unbudgeted line item to complete this task.

Noted that the LED lighting project is now complete in the sanctuary.

Noted that the fire extinguishers are all up to date and passed inspection.

Discussed the Pandemic reopening phase-in. Seeking ideas and suggestions from members on how to safely proceed and meet the needs of the congregation. Asking everyone to keep council aware of new/innovative ideas that are safe to offer.

**Adjourn**      **Next meeting: November 8, 2020 at 7:30am**

**Lockup and Devotions for November: Laura Ritchie**

Respectfully submitted:

LaVaughn Beaver for Linda Crouch, Council Secretary



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Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

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Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
7:00 pm Wednesdays

Handbell Choir  
Kathy Haynes, Director  
No rehearsals at this time

Children's Choirs  
Becky Morris, Director  
No rehearsals at this time

Mailed Oct. 21,2020



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB