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Making a Difference*

# The Mustard Seed

September 2019

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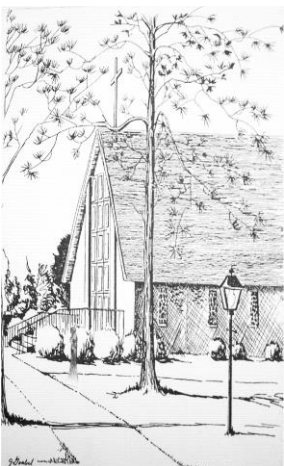
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***Christ Church –  
where we gather to  
worship, pray, sing,  
and share so  
together we may  
serve our  
community and the  
world.***



## Give A Little

We've often heard, "little things mean a lot," and thought, oh yeah just another saying I used to hear my parents say, or we say to our grandchildren. It sounds nice, and it doesn't require much of us, no real commitment. After all, who can or will argue with such an old saying. It is often just that, an old saying we heard for years and have repeated ourselves countless times.

Yet, if we take time to think about it, there have probably been numerous times when we've experienced a "little thing" and it did mean a lot. Conversely, there have probably been instances when we would have appreciated that "little thing": those times when someone let us go ahead in the check-out line, or didn't. Or, when at work some one noticed we were upset and took time to ask how we were, or didn't. How about the time somebody we didn't even know helped us carry our stuff from the store, or didn't? Or the instances when those around us smiled and said "good morning," or didn't. There are likely numerous examples in all our lives, and the listing of them would fill volumes.

Often it seems we don't understand and fully appreciate that the little things we do here at Christ Church do make a difference. Most of us would not miss a bag of grits, or a jar of peanut butter, or a package of pasta, or a can of diced tomatoes. Unfortunately, there are many in our community for whom such an item means they have breakfast or dinner that day. How significant to most of us is a pencil, a pen, or a few sheets of paper? Probably not much, yet it may make a difference to that student who lacks the resources to purchase basic school supplies. Then there are the \$5.00 meal tickets we purchase for the Epiphany Program; for me, that's a coffee and muffin at Panera. For that young person, it might be a surprise and a reminder that they are loved by God. We haven't even mentioned Undy Sunday, Cans for Kittens, Thanksgiving Day Meals, or the many prayers we say individually or during congregational worship. Little things all, but who knows outside of God how much it means to those who receive.

In point of fact, maybe our "little" gifts aren't so little after all, and maybe we also are receiving because God has given us the many opportunities to give a little, and receive a lot.

Peace,  
Gordon+

**September Anniversaries**

September 10<sup>th</sup> - John & JoAnn Riemann  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> – Joseph & Marilyn Malcolm



September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marilyn Malcolm  
 September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kathy Hoke  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> – Joe Giardiello  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Malcolm  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> – Trayce Griffin  
 September 11<sup>th</sup> – Elise Shipston  
 September 13<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Hamilton  
 September 17<sup>th</sup> – Earle Holmes  
 September 20<sup>th</sup> – Dianne Johnson  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Robert Richards  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Brandy Streeter DeBritto  
 September 24<sup>th</sup> – Sally Higgins  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> – Stewart Hamilton



**Wednesday Evening  
 Services will be held  
 on September 4<sup>th</sup> and  
 September 18<sup>th</sup>  
 at 6:00 pm.**

**Pastries in the Parlor**

September 1<sup>st</sup> – open  
 September 8<sup>th</sup> – open  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> – open  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup> – open  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> – open



**August Flowers**

September 1<sup>st</sup> – George & Joan Crawford  
 September 8<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Merrio Morton  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Kathy Sistare  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup> – John & Joann Riemann  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> – Miller & Tric Deaton



September 2019						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> HOPE Sunday  ECW after 10:30 Service	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> HOPE Sunday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Choir Practice 6:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> HOPE Sunday  Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> Epiphany (Camp Aspen) Weekend	<b>20</b> Epiphany (Camp Aspen) Weekend	<b>21</b> Epiphany (Camp Aspen) Weekend
<b>22</b> HOPE Sunday  Epiphany (Camp Aspen) Weekend	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Choir Practice 6:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> HOPE Sunday  SHIFT program following 10:30 Service	<b>30</b>	8:00 am H.E. Rite I 10:30 am H.E. Rite II 9:15 am Adult Study 11:45 am Pastries in the Parlor				

**The office will be closed Monday,  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## HOPE Sunday – EVERY SUNDAY

Each Sunday will be designated as HOPE Sunday at Christ Church. Please consider contributing to this wonderful organization. They are especially in need of the following items: **canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, juice, canned fruit, grits, instant potatoes, soup, stuffing mix, canned pasta, sugar free juice, sugar free jelly, and oatmeal.**



If you are interested in a t shirt, polo shirt or cap, please see the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions please let me know.

Di Dworak



## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PARTICIPANTS

DATE	CELEBRANT/ OFFICIANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M RITE II	ACOLYTE	USHERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, September 1, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Earle Holmes	Ernest Jenkins & Wayne Johnson	Miller & Tric Deaton	Robert Horton
Sunday, September 8, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Mike Sistare & Linda Baker	Miller & Tric Deaton	JoAnn Riemann
Sunday, September 15, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Earle Holmes	William Bixby & Joan Crawford	Miller & Tric Deaton	Robert Horton
Sunday, September 22, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Diane Dworak & Ernest Jenkins	Miller & Tric Deaton	Kathy Sistare
Sunday, September 29, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Earle Holmes	Wayne Johnson & Mike Sistare	Miller & Tric Deaton	Mary Bemis
Sunday, October 6, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Linda Baker & William Bixby	George & Joan Crawford	Marilyn Ponzer- Morris
Sunday, October 13, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Earle Holmes	Joan Crawford & Diane Dworak	George & Joan Crawford	JoAnn Riemann
Sunday, October 20, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Jake Wilson & TBA	Ernest Jenkins & Wayne Johnson	George & Joan Crawford	Robert Horton
Sunday, October 27, 2019	Gordon Hamilton/ Rocky Dworak	Valarie Valois	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Earle Holmes	Mike Sistare & Linda Baker	George & Joan Crawford	Kathy Sistare

### **School Tools Drive**

**It's that time of year again when we start accepting donations of school tools for students and teachers to start the new school year with the pencils and other necessary items they need. A barrel has been placed in the hall at the side entrance for these contributions. Please begin bringing donated items as soon as possible. For those who wish to donate money, please make your check payable to Christ Church, with teacher supplies on the memo line. We will divide supplies and funds among our teachers.**



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PLEASE CONTACT DEACON ROCKY DWORAK IF YOU HAVE USEABLE, WORKING APPLIANCES, THAT YOU WISH TO DISPOSE OF. HE WILL WORK WITH PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PLACE THEM IN HOMES WHERE THEY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



### Epiphany - (Camp Aspen) September 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Epiphany Ministry is an ecumenical Christian Ministry for young men and women who are in the custody of Juvenile Justice Facilities. The weekend models on which it is based are: Chrysalis, Cross, Cursillo, Happening, Kairos Prison Ministry, Tres Dias, Vida Nueva and Walk to Emmaus. Our purpose is to manifest God's Love to incarcerated youth, known as "Stars". Each Epiphany weekend involves a team of adults and youth from the Christian community who work together to show the Love of God to those attending.

Cards will be placed in a basket at the side entrance if you wish to purchase meals for participants. The cost is \$5.00 per meal.

If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Deacon Rocky Dworak or Ben Robertson.



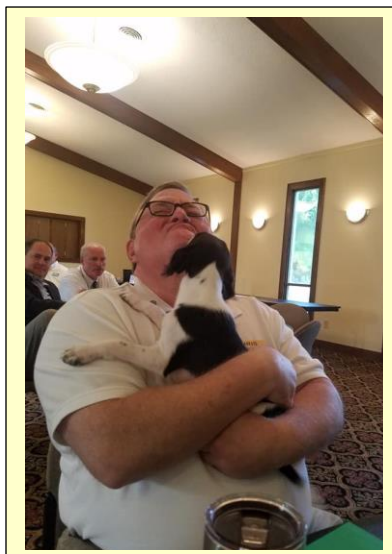
**September 29<sup>th</sup> – December 1, 2019**  
**Shift Program Sundays following 10:30 a.m. service**  
**Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board**  
**Cost of workbooks is \$10.00 each.**  
**Other dates and times can be organized if there are**  
**enough interested individuals.**

**A new adult study will begin Sunday,**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> on religion and violence.**  
**Other dates and times can be organized if**  
**there are enough interested individuals.**

The loose offering collected on August 25th will be donated to the ECW Bena Dial Scholarship Fund.

The Bena Dial Student Fund, established in 1926 in honor of Mrs. George Dial, is open to active Episcopalian residents of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, who will attend, full time, an accredited vocational school, college or graduate school.

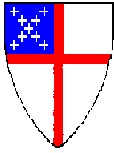
Christ Church will be sending a check for \$400.00. Many thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause.



Chris Smith getting puppy kisses at Lancaster Breakfast Rotary.

Lancaster SPCA members brought furry friends to the meeting while they shared information about their upcoming Fur Ball event, their future goals, and how we can help! If interested in helping this amazing organization please reach out to them!

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ESPECIALLY LONG TIME FOR THIS REQUEST  
... IT MUST BE GOOD

## Miscellany

### Adult Sunday School Class

Please make plans to join us at 9:15. Coffee is being served.

### ECW

The first Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Service

### Choir Rehearsals

10:00 a.m. each Sunday  
6:00 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays each month

### Sunday Service Times

8:00 am Rite I  
10:30 am Rite II  
Education Classes  
9:15 am Adult Classes

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Terry Michaelson\*, Edith Burns, Sloan McLaughlin, Maxcy Westmoreland, Lois Scott\*, Brooke Hamilton, Makenzie White, Philip, Marilyn Ponzer-Morris, Amanda Ford\*, Jon Bryson, Carl Browne, Phyllis, Dianne Johnson, Matt Williamson, Sara Anne Foster\*, Tracey Davis, Charles Ballard, Julie Percival, Nicholas, Glinna Higgins, Sis Parker, Kevin Jaillette, Peggy Catoe, Earl Adams, Bill, Eric Hough, Sherry Stalvey, Pierre Cunningham, Gene Alexander\*, Libby Woodruff, Susan DeVenny, Rebecca Bryson, Amanda Speiser, David Speiser, Bob Harmon, Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby\*, Geary Yamashita, Rev. Deacon David Smith, Rebecca Ballard

