

The Mustard Seed

September 2026

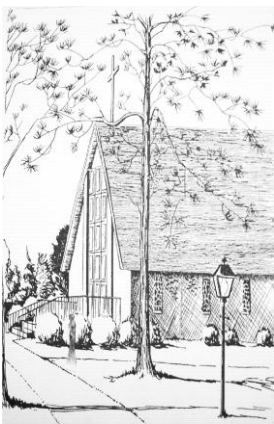
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*Christ Church –
where we gather to
worship, pray, sing,
and share so
together we may
serve our community
and the world.*



A love offering for Amethyst Gardner and her soon to arrive new addition to the family is being collected. As many of you know, Amethyst grew up in Christ Church, and Nicki has been a long-time dedicated member of the congregation. Please donate generously. Please mark your donations accordingly and place in the collection plate or give your donation to one of the following people: Kathy Sistare, Joan Crawford, or Linda Baker. We need all donations by Sunday, September 6th.



September 13th
Homecoming / Fall
Luncheon
in The Parish Place

Please make a note of new guidelines for our “Cans for Kitties” program. I am only taking aluminum drink cans for recycling. Thanks, Sara



The office will be closed
Monday, September 7th.

The next Vestry Meeting will be
Sunday, September 20th.

**Choir Practice will begin Wednesday.
September 2nd at 7:00 pm**

The next ECW meeting will be
Sunday, September 6, 2026,
in the Parish Place following the
service.



Submitted by Dana Lee Walters

QUOTES from DAVID RING, Evangelist (The Speech that broke the internet)

Based on Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

I have cerebral palsy. Now, what's your problem?

Why do we have to beg people to work in the church?

There is a job for every child of God to do in the local church.

You don't have to pray about serving God, you just do it.

God does not want my ability. He wants my availability.

Don't whine but shine.

Get the lead out and let the Lord in.

I'm not giving up. I'm moving on.

What are you doing for the Kingdom of God today?

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(*Denotes Members)

Maxine, Rick, Michelle, Helen, Anita Christman*, Kip Carter*, David Ford*, Jim Abercrombie, Ben Murphy, Kristen Phillips, Belinda, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford*, John, Kay Lamberton*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton*, John Port, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Mike Lamberton*, Pam Giardiello*, Earle Holmes*, Aubrey Crawford*, Father Bill Walters



September Anniversaries

September 1st – Terry & Sue Campbell

September 10th - John & JoAnn Riemann



Please be aware that Ray's will email an invoice for flowers. Due to the high cost of postage, they have made this change. They will no longer send paper invoices.

You may provide your own flowers or contact the church office if you would like to use Ray's Flowers.

September Birthdays

September 5th – Joe Giardiello

September 17th – Earle Holmes

September 20th – Dianne Johnson

September 24th – Sally Higgins



September Flowers

September 6th – Aubrey & Joan Crawford

September 13th – open

September 20th – Aubrey & Joan Crawford

September 27th – Mike & Kathy Sistare



**Many thanks to Philip McGuirt for
taking and sharing pictures from
Fellowship Time with us.**



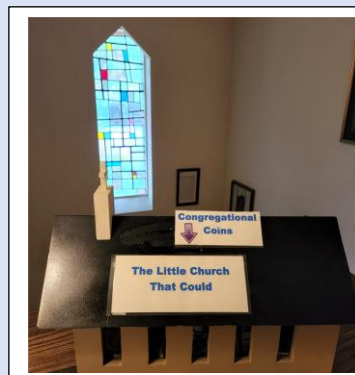
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PARTICIPANTS

DATE	LEM	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, September 6, 2026	Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Joan Crawford & Pam Giardiello	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Lisa Stamper	Wayne Johnson
Sunday, September 13, 2026	Ernest Jenkins	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Ernest Jenkins & Nicki Robertson	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Mary Bemis	
Sunday, September 20, 2026	Linda Baker	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Kathy Sistare & Joan Crawford	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Kathy Sistare	Linda Baker
Sunday, September 27, 2026	Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Pam Giardiello & Ernest Jenkins	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	
Sunday, October 4, 2026	Ernest Jenkins	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Nicki Robertson & Kathy Sistare	Mike & Kathy Sistare	Caroline Oliver	Wayne Johnson
Sunday, October 11, 2026	Linda Baker	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Joan Crawford & Pam Giardiello	Mike & Kathy Sistare	Kay Lamberton	
Sunday, October 18, 2026	Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Ernest Jenkins & Nicki Robertson	Mike & Kathy Sistare	Sally Higgins	Linda Baker
Sunday, October 25, 2026	Ernest Jenkins	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Kathy Sistare & Joan Crawford	Mike & Kathy Sistare	David Ford	

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE.

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Please remember to contribute your spare change to “The Little Church” that is located on the table at the main entrance.



Monthly gifts as of August 31, 2026

*Priest Discretionary Fund – \$4.00

Ray's Backdoor Ministry – \$25.00

HOPE – \$25.00

Sheltered – \$50.00

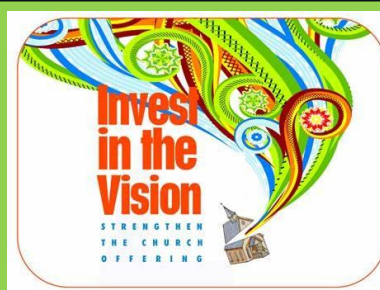
Roof for Annex – \$5,000.00

New Sign – \$100.00

Pledge/Plate: \$10,185.90

\$8,333.00 budgeted monthly need

*Includes first Sunday loose plate/designated donations



Forward Day by Day booklets for August/September/October are at both entrances and in the red mailbox at the side entrance. You are welcome to pick up a copy at your convenience.

September Grocery List for H.O.P.E.

Grits, oatmeal, jelly, rice, pasta (any type), spaghetti sauce, boxed instant potatoes, beef stew, tuna, juice (any type.)

Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers.

Grocery bags are also needed.

Place your donated items in the shopping cart located in the Narthex.



HOPE has served 5,363 clients during the 2nd Quarter. This is a 45% increase over the same period last year. They have given away 146,581 pounds of food and given \$89,121 in financial aid. They have 250 volunteers who have donated 4,018 hours of service. Linda Miller delivered 98 pounds of food to HOPE for the month of August.

Outreach Ministry

Ray's Backdoor Ministry

Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. Please put Ray's Backdoor Ministry on the memo line of your check. God bless you richly for your ongoing contributions.

Sheltered of Lancaster: Sheltered is a non-profit in Lancaster, SC with the goal of providing housing, showers, food and other needs for members of our community. Please contact Jamie Miller at 803-287-7443 if you would like to volunteer at one of their events. Christ Church supports this ministry by individual contributions.

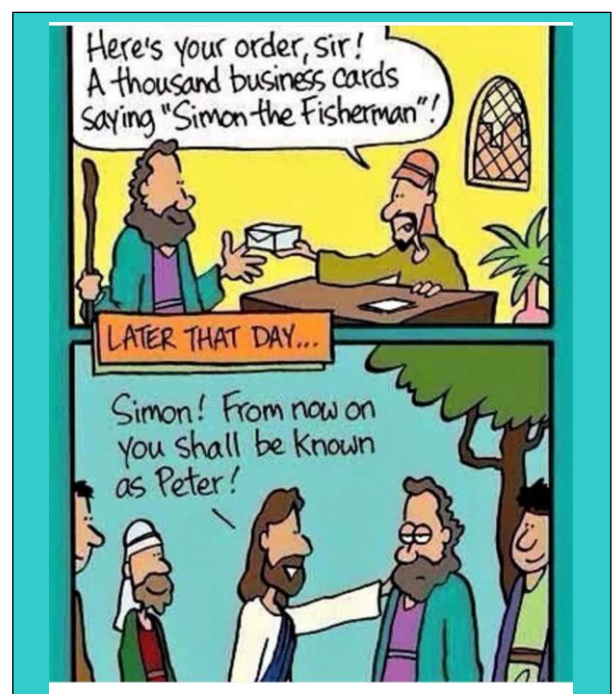
Items needed: Men's pants (size 34 and smaller), T-shirts (men/women), underwear (all sizes) men/women, White socks, Gatorade, Sodas, Can food (pop tops only), Soup, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Beanie weenies, Vienna weenies, Hygiene items: Towel, Tooth brush, Deodorant, Shampoo, 2-gallon zip lock bags, Please bring any items to our office. 713 S Main Street Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-noon and Monday-Friday 1pm-5pm.



Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.



~~ Celtic Version of the Lord's Prayer, by John Philip Newell



Many thanks to Chris Smith for performing the 2025 Parish Audit for us. As always, he did an amazing job.

It was also a momentous occasion for Chris and Gale. They recently celebrated their wedding anniversary with friends and very special surprise guests. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mary Beth and Eric came in from California to surprise them.

