



hungars parish path

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTVILLE - HUNGARS CHURCH, BRIDGETOWN

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS

December, 2021/ January, 2022

Tidings from the Priest

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Church and Hungars,

It was a gentle joke we had: Every time Croxton saw me in my first 5 months he'd gleefully say: "You're still here!" Now I've accepted your call to be Rector he just says: "Hi. Whew!" It was a rocky beginning over stuff, the rectory, the move, stuff and more stuff. I'm still here because of God's call, all of you and our Sunday Mornings together, because Christ keeps bringing us together.

On January 11, Tuesday at 4:00 a Celebration of New Ministry service will be at Hungars with Bishop Susan Haynes and my best friend, the Rev. Jan Wiersma, as preacher. God bless us, we're all still here, praying and building up the Kingdom.

Now that God has led us into an open-ended tenure, let us work toward His vision for Growing in Love, developing our churches, gaining clarity for our mission in the gospel.

A few words of thanks as this year ends: The list is endless, but these are some of the Angels
Rectory Angels: Rick H, Pres T, Adam W, Cindy W, Thor G, Don R, Claiborn D, Dixon L.
Office Angels: Louise, Jo, and Charlie Boss with Natashya, our new Parish Administrator
Interim Intrepid Cure Treasurer: Nancy Gormley
Altar Guild Angels: Jennifer Ash, Sarah Bingman and their teams.
Usher Angels: Ann Snyder, John Crockett: Lay Reader Angels: Charles Boss and Ellie Gordon
Outreach Angels: Nancy G, Louise B, Megan R-J, Susan H.



I would be remiss not saying farewell and congratulations on a difficult job well done: **Pres Trower is rotating off as Senior Warden of Christ Church and Hungars Cure. Thor Gormley is rotating off Hungars Church as Senior Warden and Junior Warden of Hungars Cure.** Pres served two consecutive terms endlessly productive (including preaching one Sunday!) and somehow is still walking without a limp. Bless his ministry!



Thor Gormley served a super labor intensive year as Senior Warden with grace, humor and follow-through. He got stuff done. Lots and lots and lots of stuff that moved Hungars Parish forward. Both Wardens worked very, very hard and caringly to support me getting moved, started, and settled here.

The Senior Warden /Rector relationship is the most important leadership relationship in the church. Both men worked as devoted servants of the parish and as kind and caring colleagues through difficult chapters. The Churches and the Cure are stronger due to their outstanding service. We also had some fun along the way. **THANK YOUR SENIOR WARDENS!!**

May we all have a blessed Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Season together.

Rev. Janet †

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Coffee Hour hosts are needed at both churches? A new signup sheet is posted in each Parish House.

Annual Church Meetings:

Hungars Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 16th.

Christ Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 23rd.

Parish Directory : We are updating our directory and need your help in double checking your information. There is a printout of the current directory at the back of each church. Please check your name and information for accuracy and if correct, put a check mark on your name, or change what is inaccurate.

Operation Christmas Child



This picture shows preparations for the packing party. On Sunday November 7 at Hungars and Christ Church we had packing parties for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The supplies were partially purchased with a \$500 grant from Thrivent Insurance Company. Many parishioners also purchased supplies and others paid for shipping costs. Several people filled boxes

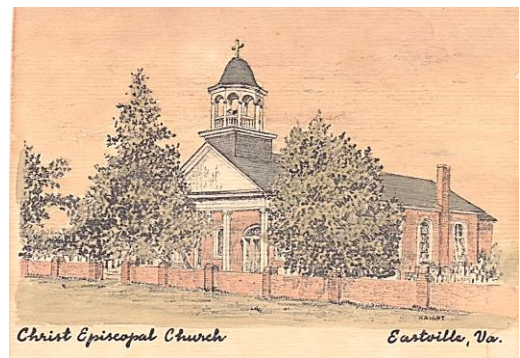
on their own. On Monday, November 15th 147 boxes were delivered to the collection area to be joined with boxes all over the Shore, and then the nation.

The boxes will ultimately be presented to children all over the world, most of whom have never had a gift before. Included in their boxes will be a pamphlet explaining the Gospel in their own language. They will also have an opportunity to take a course in Christianity in a local setting. Not only is this a ministry of love to children it helps share the Gospel to their families and communities.

Thanks to all who contributed and prayed for this ministry.

Blessings, Nancy Gonzalez

St Cecelia Guild: During coffee hour at Christ Church, they will be selling packs of blank note cards featuring a view of either the interior or exterior of Christ Church, Eastville. They are useful any occasion and helpful to have on hand. *\$10.00 for 4 cards, 2 of each view.*



Hungars Thrift Shop

For nearly 2 years, the Parish Thrift Shop has been shuttered by the pandemic. During this sleepy time many of the volunteers have moved away or “moved on”. The building that we have been using rent-free for several years was put up for sale even as demolition and renovation work begun above and around our little shop. It has been hard to envision resuming business as usual.



Dos Santos food distribution takes place at Christ Church every third Sunday where migrant workers are invited to come to the Thrift Shop to take what they can use. We have been delighted to see so many happy customers come and go, carrying away the clothing and household items that will make life easier for them. We have also twice opened specifically for new teachers and other staff in Northampton County schools. We charged \$3.00 for each bag taken and meeting the young teachers and chatting with them was a joy; so many had just arrived on the shore and were eager to meet friendly non-school people and learn more about the shore.

On November 13th we were open to the general public for 2 hours. The shop filled with new friends and old ones who let us know how much they have missed us.

Shoppers were invited to fill a bag for \$5.00, and raised about \$120.00.

Some of the new teachers returned; one said that her Thrift Shop purchases had been her favorite things to wear at school.

The Thrift Shop remains one of Hungars’ viable and useful ministries, and it will be exciting to see how the shop evolves in the future.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful chairman, Marion Roe who will be moving in December. For many years Marion has been managing the shop single-handedly seeing the store through many interesting times (remember the summer that fleas shut us down?) and a change in location. Through various climate challenges, and in tough negotiations, she’s been supremely competent, gracious, and well-loved, and will surely be missed. God bless you, Marion!

-Ann Snyder

A Wonderful P.S.

We are thrilled to announce that Susan Harris has felt God’s tap on the shoulder to be the next director of the Thrift Shop. Thank you, Susan for saying YES, that this wonderful ministry can continue.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

As the year winds down, we look back on some of the ways Hungars Cure Parish has shared its abundance with our neighbors:

- 147 boxes were filled for Operation Christmas Child.
- Monthly baskets of snacks are delivered to Kiptopeke Elementary as a morale booster for staff.
- We've supplied teams who prepare one meal each month at the Exmore Soup Kitchen.
- We've planned monthly collections of items that have benefited the SPCA and the nutritional programs of the ESAAA.
- Significant contributions have been made to support the work of Dos Santos, Habitat for Humanity, ESCC (Crandall Scholarship), Camp Chanco, Camp Silver Beach, and Occohannock-on-the-Bay.

When the Outreach Committee was formed several years ago, we hoped to increase opportunities for meaningful, thoughtful giving in many different ways. We research, assess, the needs of which we become aware, and we actively seek the involvement and input of the congregation.



Don't Forget! the Red Cross Blood Drive, to be held in the Hungars Parish House on *Thursday, December 9th 1-6 pm*. You can sign up on-line, or contact Sue Thatcher for information.

“ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interest of others.”

- Philippians 2:1-4

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE

Hungars Church Vestry met and determined to continue the mild protocols in respect of COVID to be appropriate. For the time being: Altar Party (priest, lay readers, ushers) will wear masks, a slightly shorter service, and weather permitting - the windows will be opened. The ropes will remain on the pews for social distancing and masks are available for all entering if they choose.

Communion in one kind (bread only).

Christ Church Vestry did not discuss the protocols at their meeting. We will continue with the priest and altar party wearing masks and social distancing is to be observed where possible. Communion in bread only.

Thank you for respecting our public health concerns and pray our period of lowered rates of COVID here on the Shore remain so. We monitor them and will change our protocols if infection rates rise above 8.5 %.

A NOTE FROM PRES TROWER

As we near the end of the year, it is time to reflect on what we have accomplished. So much has transpired in the past year. We have managed to reopen church thus far safely and with much hopefulness on the upcoming year. We have new kneelers in place and they are a delight to use, especially for us that don't have the best knees in the world. Lots of work has taken place on the rectory, including: lock repair to all doors, window repair, removing vines taking over the carriage house and its ceiling removal to prevent and stop mold. We installed a water filter in the rectory and a new more efficient water heater. In the parish hall angels completed a new office space for Reverend Janet, Junior Warden Dixon, made new traffic stanchions for the parish, painted the benches, and a new space for the upcoming library.

One of our greatest achievements is calling Reverend Janet to be our Rector. The Letter of Agreement is completed, and the *Celebration of New Ministry will be Tuesday, January 11th, 4:00 p.m. at Hungars, with Bishop Susan Haynes presiding.* With Reverend Janet at the helm, we can look forward to even more vitality and strength in both our churches.

As we look forward to even greater ways to serve the Lord and glorify His name, we must with glad hearts do all we can to accomplish what is possible. In this we should reach down in our hearts, minds and souls to furnish the tools necessary to expand God's Kingdom.

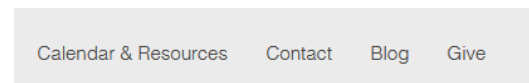
A note to Christ Church: The kneelers did not receive the contributions needed to pay their full cost, bringing a short fall of four thousand dollars. This negatively affects our budget. PLEASE HELP IF YOU HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED TO OUR KNEELER FUND, ONE KNEELER IS \$144.00. We have more to do, more people to serve, more hymns to sing, more souls to nourish and more happiness to bring to those who need support and God's love. Blessings to you and your loved ones as we wind up this year and look with glad hearts to the upcoming year.

-Pres Trower, *Senior Warden for Christ Church and Hungars Cure.*

WEBSITE NEW FEATURE

Thanks to our Media Committee, and Elizabeth Dodd, we can now donate online.

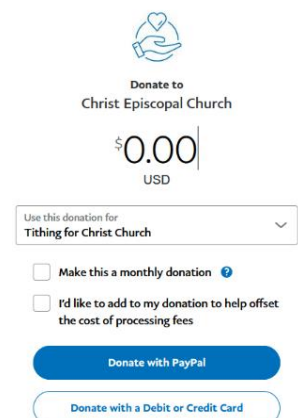
On the Hungars Cure website (www.hungarscure.org), in the top right of the home page click on the "Give" tab.



Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Tithings for Christ Church" or "Tithings for Hungars Church".



A new window will open with the following to fill out. You may use PayPal or Credit Card.

A screenshot of the online donation form for Christ Episcopal Church. At the top, there is a logo of two hands holding a heart, with the text "Donate to Christ Episcopal Church". Below this, the amount "\$0.00" is displayed with "USD" underneath. A dropdown menu is set to "Use this donation for Tithing for Christ Church". There are two checkboxes: "Make this a monthly donation" (unchecked) and "I'd like to add to my donation to help offset the cost of processing fees" (unchecked). At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Donate with PayPal" and "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card".

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY.



Please join us Tuesday,
January 11, 4:00 p.m. at
Hungars Church as Bishop
Susan Haynes officiates to
install Reverend Janet
Wheelock as our new rector.

Come and support her as she has supported us this past year. Let us build this relationship to the glory of God and continue to reach out into the community with Christ's love of the Eastern Shore.

SHOUT OUT OF GRATITUDE

Don Ruthig, of Hungars Church, tirelessly and creatively manages a beautiful sound and picture recording/broadcast of Hungars Church worship on Facebook. He has recently connected the Parish House to the activities in the sanctuary so overflow may easily view the worship - or a concert or funeral- from the comfort of the Parish House.

Don comes to us with an amazing background in sound and video production and we are so grateful for his contribution to building up the Kingdom of God through Facebook and other forms of connectivity.

THANK YOU, DON!

When Don is not available, we are grateful for the Cure Media Committee, led by Mary Floyd, to keep us live and on-the air.

Christ Church is back on track with videographers. If you are able to be a part of the rotation of Sunday morning Facebook filmer, please let Pres Trower know.



December 11th, Cokesbury Music Festival
at Historic Cokesbury Church in Onancock.

The orchestra's wind players will provide a brief *outdoors concert from 1:30 - 1:45* at the Onancock Town Park adjacent to the church. Selections include Christmas fare for saxophone quartet and "Christmas Bells" (Ding Dong Merrily on High, Silver Bells, and I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day) for flutes, clarinet, and horn.

Inside at 2:00 we start the festival program with all string presentations of:

- The Twelve Tunes of Christmas (arr. Stefanie Fife)
- Spiegel im Spiegel (Arvo Pärt) - with Paul Kim on violin and Carlo Balmoria on piano
- Nutcracker Suite Selections (Tchaikovsky, arr. Bud Caputo)

Cokesbury Church is located at 13 Market Street in downtown Onancock.



The Music Ministry Committee is thrilled to present a long-awaited concert featuring **Lee Jordan-Anders on Sunday, January 16th at 4pm, Hungars Church.** Her thoughtfully curated program will showcase her talents and the splendor of our repaired and refurbished piano with selections from Haydn, Debussy and Brahms. Come celebrate the return of musical fellowship.



Pianist **Lee Jordan-Anders** is Professor of Music and Artist-in-Residence Emerita at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Virginia, where she served on the faculty for twenty-nine years. She was the Music Director and Conductor of the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore from 2009 to 2014. She received Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Piano Performance from Northwestern University's School of Music where she studied piano with Pauline Lindsey. She continues to be an active performer and scholar, giving concerts and lectures throughout the United States. During the fall of 2005 she was in residence at the Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris. She has worked extensively with the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, and recently released her fifth CD recording, *Images: Works for Solo Piano by Claude Debussy*.

Nativity Scenes at Christ's Church



During the Advent and Christmas seasons, Christ Church will be decorated with several nativity scenes, that are a portion of the collection compiled by Jean Mielke, Diane Crockett's mother. Jean delighted in displaying and sharing her collection each year. At one time, Jean had over 189 different nativity sets she would assemble for family and friends to adore. Diane hopes to honor her mother and continue the tradition as we turn our attention to the Christ child this Advent season.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

The order forms for Christmas Memorials/ Thanksgivings are included in this newsletter. The poinsettias, which will decorate both churches are \$10 each.

Memorial information will be accepted through *December 17*. Tributes will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.





Hungars Church Decorating for Christmas

The “greening” of Hungars Church will be on *Thursday, December 23rd at 9 am.* All members of Hungars who are available, please come out and help prepare the church for Christmas Eve and this special time in the church year.

Sunday, December 19th, the men of Hungars Church are asked to stay after the service to bring down and set up the items needed for “greening” the church for the Christmas season.

If you have any “greens” that you can spare, please bring them with you. The more people the merrier and the faster the decorating can get done. Should you have questions, please see Sarah Bingman.

Holiday Sale
Saturday December 11
 9 - 1
Christ Church Eastville
 Frozen Food
 Baked Treats
 Table Arrangements & Wreaths

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 7th - Blue Christmas

4:00 p.m. Christ Church

A meditative time to think about the year and the season, professional cellist and Kathy Kutz providing music.

December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Carols at Christ Church

5:00 p.m. Worship at Christ Church

8:00 p.m. Carols at Hungars Church

8:30 p.m. Worship at Hungars Church

No service Christmas Day

December 26th – Sunday

One Service

10:00 am. Hungars Church

Lessons and Carols, Special Music



January 11th

Celebration of New Ministry

Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m. Hungars Church

Bishop Susan Haynes presiding



Prayers for Hungars Cure Parish

Jim Arnold

Jennifer Eder

Rita Henning

John Henning

Peggy Motherhead

Linda Pautz

David Poyer

Bill Robertson

Bruce Robinson

Bill Sloan

Trower Family

Ron Veldhuisen

Ruth Veldhuisen

Wescoat Family

Kay West

Frank Young

December Birthdays

01 - Josephine Boss, Elizabeth Freund

02 - Leonard Smith, John Crockett

04 - Martha James

07 - Anne Holland

22 - Ronald Lewis

24 - Patty Kellam, Shannon Wescoat

25 - Sarah Katherine Bingman

27 - Megan Rose-Jensen

29 - Croxton Gordon

31 - G. Floyd



January Birthdays

04 - Kaylee Trower, Kay Trower,
George Bryan

07 - Carolyn Jones, Nancy Stairs

11 - Ann Snyder

13 - John Wescoat

17 - Laura Vaughn

19 - Elizabeth Long

28 - Will Leland

29 - Kobe Walker

*If a person is no longer in need of
our ongoing prayers, please let
us know or leave a message on
the office phone at 757-678-7838.
Thank you*

SERVANTS SCHEDULE

December 2021

Please call the Parish Office (678-7837) with changes and substitutions for this roster.
Every effort will be made to see that the newsletter and the Sunday bulletins are as accurate.

CHRIST CHURCH

Altar Guild

Jennifer Ash, Catie Hubbard
& Diane Crockett

Lay Reader

DEC. 05 Dixon Leatherbury
12 Bev Leatherbury
19 John Crockett
24 Pres Trower
26 @ Hungars Church

Usher

DEC. Pres Trower

Coffee Hour

DEC. 05 Margaret MacKenzie
12 Louise Boss
19

HUNGARS CHURCH

Altar Guild

Ann Snyder, Megan Rose-Jensen
Nancy Gonzales & Anne Payne

Lay Reader

DEC. 05 Ellie Gordon
12 Joyce Holland
19 Jim Long
24 Rick Bingman
26 Croxton Gordon

Acolytes

DEC. 05 Kobe Walker
12 Nancy Bisker
19 Kobe Walker
24 Jay Kellam
26 Megan Rose-Jensen

Ushers

DEC. 05 Sarah Katherine
Rick Bingman
12 Claiborne & Charlie Dickinson
19 Nancy & Thor Gormley
24 Ann Snyder & Nancy Bisker
26

Coffee Hour

DEC. 05 Elizabeth Long
Gloria Colgan
12 Phil & Susan Harris
19
24 Megan Rose-Jenson
Carl Rose-Jensen
26

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Jennifer Ash & Mary J. Moses

Lay Reader

JAN. 02 Chris Smith
09 Dixon Leatherbury
16 Bev Leatherbury
23 John Crockett
30 @ Christ Church

Usher

JAN. Charlie Boss

Coffee Hour

JAN. 02
09 Pat Holland
16 Jennifer Ash
23 MaryAnn Rice
30 @ Christ Church

HUNGARS CHURCH

Altar Guild

Vivian Custis, Nancy Bisker,
Cindy Walker, & Sarah Bingman

Lay Reader

JAN. 02 Ellie Gordon
09 Gloria Colgan
16 Nancy Gonzalez
23 Joyce Holland
30 Jim Long

Acolytes

JAN. 02 Kobe Walker
09 Megan Rose-Jenson
16 Kobe Walker
23 Nancy Bisker
30

Ushers

JAN. 02 Jack Wescoat & Mike Rouke
09 Phil Harris & Ann Snyder
16 Nancy & Jim Townsend
23
30 Vivian & Phil Custis