



**Welcome to Ware!**

**Worship Times**

**Sunday** 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Adult Forum

*(September-May)*

10:10 a.m. Children’s Chapel

*(September—May)*

10:25 a.m. Sunday School

*(September—May)*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday** 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**From Jesus’ Heart; From Our Heart**

“What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wiseman, I would do my part;  
yet what I can give him – give my heart”

-- v4 Hymn #112 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Before anyone panics, let me say two things: 1) I know that verse if from a Christmas Hymn, and 2) I’m not crazy: it’s not Christmas yet. However, when you work with the wonderful folks that I do in the office, you do a lot of advanced planning. As I’m typing this Kristin is updating me on laity scheduling for the week of Halloween. Just last week Charles asked me about an offering in Lent, and at our staff meeting this morning Beth was noting all the exciting plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent. So I’ve decided to think about Christmas – sort of.

What got me thinking about this hymn was the wonderful chapel service that we just had (remember we gather every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel for the Holy Eucharist and regular healing services). At this particular chapel service we blessed another round of ComfortWare robes for the Cancer Center. During our reflection time, we thought about what it means for us to bear the love of Jesus Christ in the world. Hence, I started thinking about the question “What can I give him, poor as I am?” included in the above verse.

Quite often I hear this question asked in many and various ways. People often feel oppressed by the brokenness and suffering they see around them. They seek ways to respond (or just cope in some instances) but don’t feel that they know-how, or have the experience or abilities. Too often, people think that they have TO BE Jesus to make a difference. We are not Jesus, and we are not called TO BE Jesus, but we are called to model our lives after his life so that we can begin to address the brokenness and suffering we see and encounter. In other words, Jesus has already done the work, we are just called to mirror that work in our lives and in our world. So we do what we can: as “poor” as we are, we give. We give from our hearts – that seat of love that with each life-giving beat we are reminded of God’s love for us. We give something, starting somewhere and in some capacity. Only then is Christ shown in our world today.

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As Autumn rapidly approaches, let us find ways to turn the question “What can I give him?” into a statement “Here’s what I give him” and realize that the greatest thing we can give Jesus is a heart of love that does something, no matter how trivial or insignificant we think it may be, to make a positive difference in this world in his name.

Faithfully,

*7. Grant Aulose+*

### ***Gems of the Faith: Did you know??***

#### **THE NICENE CREED**

**“Our service continues on page three hundred fifty-eight with the Nicene Creed”.** You hear these words every Sunday. Then we stand and join in reading or reciting or proclaiming the words of the Nicene Creed. Here’s some basic information on the Creed that you may appreciate knowing.

Started in the Eastern Church in the first centuries of Christianity as a baptismal confession slowly “moving” West by 589 AD.

The Nicene Creed was structured after Matthew 28:19 (the first three paragraphs of the creed focusing on God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and draws on Ephesians 4:4 for its theology of unity.

The Creed is associated with five major early-church councils with each council either clarifying a specific part of the creed or accepting the creed as the foundational creed of the church.

The Council of Nicaea, 325 AD

The Council of Constantinople, 381 AD

The Council of Chalcedon, 451 AD

The Council of Toledo, 589 AD

The Nicene Creed is seen as the “We” creed which expresses the corporate faith of the Church; whereas, the Apostles’ Creed is seen as the “I” creed and is the creed now used at Baptism as a personal profession of faith.



# WARE INFORMED

Another hot August was spent in the cool spaces where sewing machines were busily humming away. **The Comfort Ware** sewing circle has produced another ten robes for the Walter Reed Radiation Center. Rev. Grant blessed the robes at the Wednesday Chapel service at 10am on August 29<sup>th</sup>. He will continue to bless future batches on the last Wednesday of the month if anyone would like to join us for a Healing service. Our sewing circle is expanding with the new addition of Susan Jenkins. Her first robe was admired by the Center's staff and one of their patients will surely enjoy its comforts. Please contact Mary Galloway at email: [galloway.marym@gmail.com](mailto:galloway.marym@gmail.com) or 804-776-1216 (home) if you would like to join this ministry.

Mark your calendars for May 12-23, 2019 for a most extraordinary opportunity. Kingston parish will be offering a **12 Day Celtic Pilgrimage** to Scotland and Northern England including time spent on the Isle of Iona, in Durham and on the Holy Isle of Lindisfarne. In each place we will learn about Celtic history and tradition and its influence on our own Christian heritage.

**New Bulletins**— The office will be releasing a new bulletin format on Sunday, September 9th to focus on efficiency and ease of use. The new format will have larger print as NO inserts. We look forward to sharing the new design with you this month!

**Chapel Chats** will begin on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm and continue every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm through the fall. Chapel Chats is a way to bring your questions to a safe and welcoming environment and seek questions with fellow sojourners. What are the main tenets of the Doctrine of the Trinity? What is consubstantiation all about, really? Why do we say "Here ends the reading" in the service? So what is baptism about? Why do some people cross themselves at times during the service? Ever asked these questions? Ever had a question about theology, scripture, or the way we worship but didn't know how to ask? Well, this is the opportunity for you.

**Ware is the Music Concert Series** kicks off on September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm – Maxine Thevenot – Director of Music and Organist of St John's, Cathedral, Albuquerque. Internationally acclaimed recitalist comes to Ware as part of her East coast recital tour. Collaborating with Charles, who will sing briefly to open the series, this will be a fabulous start to our project and a chance to hear our organ sounding at its absolute best. Book now using a number of ways. Either, via the parish office, by using the designated e mail: [concerts@warechurch.org](mailto:concerts@warechurch.org) or, of course, you can fill in the booking form and send that back to the music office with your requests. Tell your friends and family. Let's make this a "Ware" welcome that's unforgettable.



# WARE INFORMED

The AED's (**Automated External Defibrillators**) are now in commission. They are in boxes mounted on walls in the Sacristy, the Parish Hall kitchen, and just outside the Chapel – a big “thank you” to our Hammer and Nail Guild for taking on that task! The devices are used to assist people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. While they can be used by untrained people, they did come with a training video that has been shown to selected laity. If you are interested in learning more or would like to watch the video, contact Pat Roane

The **Handbells** have been refurbished and are shining bright for their next performance this fall. Please stay tuned for the next appearance of the handbell choir.

Ware Church has been selected by the Diocese of Virginia to participate in the implementation of ***Baptized For Life (BFL)***, a project of the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). Through a grant provided by the Lilly Endowment, Ware will be supported by the VTS staff to implement the BFL initiative. The objective of Baptized For Life is to support Ware to equip our parishioners, of all ages, to live into our baptismal vocations with confidence, truly believing that we are loved and made new in Jesus Christ. **The Spiritual Life Survey will begin on Sunday, September 16th.** Stay tuned for more details!

**What does this mean for Ware?** In the near-term, parishioners will be asked to participate in an online Spiritual Life Survey. The survey results will help us identify our joys and longings, with the purpose of defining ministries to deepen our reflection around our Christian faith and calling. Within our parish, we will work to develop focused ministry initiatives to help us discover and claim how God is calling us to lead lives of meaning and purpose.

**What is the expected outcome?** The project holds the promise of affecting a deepened sense of Christian identity and increased participation in congregational life.

The Ware Church **Community Garden** has had a tremendous success this year. Our members of the Treble Choir planted snow peas, radishes, and green beans in the spring. Later on, tomatoes and melons, in addition to the Three Sisters (corn, beans, and squash) were added. A total of 23 trips were made to Bread for Life at St. Therese Catholic Church!! Congratulations to our gardeners who persevered through rain and heat to create fresh vegetables for our community. The first watermelon of the season will be shared with the congregation at coffee hour on Sept 2.

**Blessing of the Animals** will be held at 3pm at the Pavilion on Sunday, October 7th. Please tell your friends and family to bring their pets of all shapes or sizes.





**Fall Retreat**— Join us on Saturday, September 29, at Ware Church for a one-day retreat, Life With Paul. We'll begin at 8:30 a.m. with morning devotions, break for lunch, and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Please contact the church office for more information or pick up a sign up sheet in the church narthex.

**Starting with the Word**— Join us every Monday morning at 8:30 to meet for bible study and light snacks. We meet for about 1 ½ hours and we are delving into the book of Romans.

**Hammer & Nail Guild**— Join us on Saturday, September 8th at 8am for breakfast followed by projects around the Church ground and Parish Hall.

**Share With Ware**— Join us for our next meeting at Riverside Convalescent Center on Sunday, September 9th at 1pm. Please come with us! Prepare for the following visit on Sunday, October 7th at Heron Cove at 1pm.

**Vestry Meeting**— The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, September 18th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

**PrimeTimers**— We will kick off our luncheons on Wednesday, September 12th at noon. Please join us for a homemade meal and fellowship. Open to all 70's, 80's and above.

**"Outside the Kitchen: Where Women of the Bible Work"** Join Martha Ambrose in a new bible study – on Sunday afternoons! This is a 6-week course and will meet Sunday afternoons from 12:30-2pm in the Parish Hall. You are encouraged to bring your lunch and your friends. The Bible study begins October 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. Hope you will join us!

**Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) Training**— If you were unable to attend the last training, we are holding another training for ALL lectors and LEMS regardless of experience as well as those who have a desire to begin serving on Sunday mornings. Join us on Sunday, September 23rd at 9:30am in the Chapel.

**Big Sundays**— Join us for Big Sunday's the 3rd Sunday of each month. We will be kicking September off with the first BIG SUNDAY, featuring the youth, special Sunday School programs, and a special coffee hour at 11:30 focusing on "Something To Talk About" incorporating local community speakers. Join us on this month for some BIG fun

Would you like to have something published in the next monthly newsletter?!?! Contact the Church Office at 804-693-3821 or email your event/idea/etc. to [office@warechurch.org](mailto:office@warechurch.org) before the last Thursday of the month.





## WARE MUSIC MINISTRY

With August coming to a rather rapid close it means that September is just round the corner and that means "Ware is the Music" is getting closer. As some of you may have seen, there is a website for the concert series on the address of:

[www.wareconcertseries.com](http://www.wareconcertseries.com)

This is a full outline of the whole concert series with dates and snippets of information of all concerts and an introduction to each of our artists. In a user friendly style and giving clear directions this is designed to give you a glimpse of our guests in advance and the concerts being offered to go alongside the brochures. I posted this website live on my personal FB account as I am publishing this series far and wide. I want to report back that in the space of 24 hours we have had over 1000 hits on the site. Ware has been highlighted and brought to people's attention far and wide to over 1000 people!!! Talk about being visible! I am excited, I have had great remarks and comments including a number of my professional colleagues asking if they can be included whether they be singers or instrumentalists. This is for us good people of the Parish. Let's show our guests and artists some great hospitality and get our tickets. Don't leave it to the last minute!! You might not get in!

Of course there is choir as well which is going from strength to strength and I encourage anyone who wants to join us come and find me and join in the fun! September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am is our initial meeting and gathering to blow away the summer cobwebs and get us in training for the fall.

Thanks for all your continued support. Happy Music making and see you at the concert on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.





# St Tabitha's Guild

This guild is for people seeking to grow in faith as we crochet and knit prayer shawls and other items for people in need of comfort and a reminder of God's love for them. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 7:00PM – 8:00PM. All are welcome to join us!

**Next Monthly Meeting Time:**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018; 7:00-8:00pm**

**Make sure to attend the monthly meeting for helpful tips and to visit with your St. Tabitha's family. It's always the third Tuesday of the month!**

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### **New Community Collaborations!**

This fall will be fill with exciting new ventures and community collaborations! More details to be shared at our September meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Additional Meeting Time**

Martha is looking to add an additional monthly meeting on Sunday mornings. The additional gathering time will take place from 9:30-10:15am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month beginning in October. This means the first Sunday meeting would take place Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the St. Tabitha's room. We hope this added meeting time will allow more people to join in the crafting fun. All are welcome. We are happy to teach anyone who wants to learn a new skill.

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### **Attention all Crocheters and Knitters!**

We are in need of more prayer shawls. If you have time, please work on a prayer shawl for St. Tabitha's Guild. All yarn types and colors are allowed. You may make a prayer shawl in any style you wish. If you want a pattern, please use the provided links. Each site has several patterns to choose from and all of them should be fairly easy.

Knit prayer shawl pattern -

<https://www.allfreeknitting.com/Knit-Shawls/Prayer-Shawl-Patterns-for-Knitting>

Crochet prayer shawl pattern -

<https://www.allfreecrochet.com/Prayer-Shawls/11-Easy-Crochet-Prayer-Shawls#section26305384>

## **Christian Education at Ware**

Christian Education classes (K-12) are held during the 10:30 am service. The church provides Children's Bibles, but it is encouraged for students to bring their own from home. An Adult Forum is held at 9:30 am on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Refreshments are served.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **SEPTEMBER 16 - Breakfast & SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION-**

Backpack blessing! Bring your school supplies to church

#### ***FUN! FUN! A Marvel inflatable for you!***

**OCTOBER 7** Blessing of the Animals – It will be held on a Saturday for the first time this year to allow more time for attendance. The youth will continue to collect donations of food for the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society.

**OCTOBER 28** A Celebration for *Native American* Heritage Month in November we will honor their rich history and culture. Our collection food donations will begin on this day. There may be a surprise guest as well!

### **LOOKING AHEAD!**

**DECEMBER 2** Advent Sunday – Breakfast & wreath making. Ware Church families look forward to the annual Advent wreath making to share fellowship and the clippings from their gardens.

**DECEMBER 16** – Youth Sunday – Decorate the tree – Barbara's Angel Cookies. Barbara's Angel Cookies –In memory of Barbara Roane, who always shared a smile and her support of the children at Ware. The hand-filled bags of delicious cookies will be adorned with her Christmas drawing. This year, we will be putting together a recipe booklet for cookies. Please send us your recipes for your favorite cookie recipe! It will make a nice Christmas gift, too!

**WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR** - Our amazing curriculum is the Episcopal Church - Lessons Plans We Know. Our Youth Sunday will be recognized on the 3rd Sunday of each month. During this day, we will continue to have lessons however, it will be a special day of fun and learning.

***We need you!*** *Volunteers are needed projects and to provide refreshments. If you would like to host a gathering at your home or to be a chaperone of our events this year, contact us. Thank you!*

### **STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION**

Do you know the names of the recipients who have received an award for the Stewardship of Creation? Their names will be posted this year on a plaque in the Parish Hall and you could be this year's winner.

*Fun activities planned this year –*

Raising butterflies – In observance of Stewardship of Creation on Youth Sunday, the students will learn of the development of a butterfly. We will be raising butterflies to release in our Butterfly Garden.

Daffodil plantings - This September, we will have a guest horticulturist to help us plant bulbs to provide blooming flowers for Christmas presents for the home-bound members.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Please join us for the exciting times and fellowship. This year, the Youth Group, (6-12) is participating in community projects, sharing with other church groups, and learning to become good Christians. Bake sale – Float making - Christmas wreath sales and ... by the way ... Did you know Christmas was only 16 weeks away? We hope you will consider purchasing a wreath to support the activities of our youth this year. For the first time this year - we will place a wreath on memorial plots. Karen Merrill has agreed to help us again this year. The wreaths are handmade by the kind folks at Farmer's Daughters.

### **DANCE FOR THE HEART**

Each year, the youth celebrate our love for each other and the community with the Dance for Heart. We did not host our event in February but plan to this Fall. We have more to celebrate! We will be honoring Brie Hicks and Kirsten Cole. The students danced for the first year for Kirsten and Brie last year.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

As we draw to the close of our summer, we reflect on a memorable year. I have been blessed to know the most amazing and exceptional students during my past nine years and would like to recognize those who continue to transform from their snugly cocoon into a beautiful butterfly.

They are:

**Rauri and Rhinnon Kilduff**, The Iceplex ice skating team placed first at the Marlboro Ice Arena

**Finn Kilduff**, earned the rank of Star Scout - the fifth of Scouting's seven ranks.

**Jillian Lawrence**, beginning her freshman year at University of Mary Washington

**Larkin Christopher Denton**, graduated from Chesapeake Academy and he served as student council president and received the Coaches' Award for Kids on the Run and CA Schroeder Award.

**Catesby ap Jones**, Catesby ap graduated from Woodberry Forest and is attending Bama to join the Alabama National Guard

Our dear friends formerly Gloucester residents- presently in Old Lym, Connecticut - Peter and Dawn Clark's son Liam, a senior, who attended CG Academy this summer.

## SEPTEMBER LESSON PLAN

### SEPTEMBER 16

Mark 8:27-38 "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus asks his disciples. Suggested movie for discussion: The Miracle Worker (1962) when the young teacher, Annie Sullivan, was helping the deaf mute Helen Keller to learn our to communicate. How do you communicate most? By cell phone, letter writing or computer? If you could not see or hear? How difficult would it be to communicate? Do you know Braille?

### SEPTEMBER 23

Mark 9:30-37 Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me ..." Suggested movie for discussion: Driving Miss Daisy (1989) The relationship between Miss Daisy and her chauffeur develops during the film until we are not sure who is serving whom. The chauffeur has a profound influence on Miss Daisy because of the love and faithfulness he shows. Both are enriched by their relationship. CRAFT: You will need simple art supplies: white paper, crayons or felt markers, scissors, and a glue stick. If you have access to colored tissue paper, you could show the children how to tear little pieces and glue them to a drawing to make bright colored clothes for the people they draw.

### SEPTEMBER 30

Mark 9:38-50 What do you like to put salt on? Corn on the cob? We, as individuals and as a group, can add flavor and life to the things in which we are involved. We each add our own flavor and interest to a group. Suggested movie for discussion: Titanic (1997) "And I'm thankful for that, Rose. I'm thankful. You must do me this honor, Rose. Promise me you'll survive. Promise me now Rose, no matter what happens, or how hopeless."

*If you would like to receive our lesson sheets for home instruction or if you have any questions, about any of our projects or events, please feel free to contact me (804)815-0988 or Rev. Ambrose at Ware. We thank you for your unending support and we always look forward to seeing you!*

*Blessings,*

*Elizabeth "Beth" Richardson, Director of Christian Education*



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