

**Alexandria Regional Report**  
**June 20, 2019**  
**St. James Episcopal Church, Warrenton, VA**

**Regional Overview**

While many activities have been curtailed for the Summer months, nearly all parishes continue to be engaged in vacation Bible school and Summer camp programs, youth ministries, Evensong services, special Ascension and Pentecost services, and all are moving forward with the “Rule of Life, Way of Love” initiative or a very similar version of it. (St. Paul’s began to employ such a similar version over a year ago called “Pray-Worship-Learn-Serve-Give.”)

**Grace Episcopal Church**

- Rev. Dave Crosby is leaving Grace after five months as interim Assistant Rector. The Rev. Jason Roberson will become permanent Assistant on July 1, 2019.
- HVAC replacement construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in the Fall. The cost of this project is expected to be \$1.3 million.
- The ordination of Marta Conway to the priesthood took place in May. She will go on to serve as a US Army Chaplain.
- Grace is sponsoring a Summer pilgrimage to Iceland and Ireland, starting on June 22.
- Parish weekend will be held at Shrine Mont from Sept. 6 to 9.

**St. Paul’s Episcopal Church**

- The HVAC replacement project began in June, 2019 and is expected to be completed in January, 2020. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.2 million. Funds have been raised through donations.
- St. Paul’s Lazarus Ministry will be operated from facilities offered by Christ Church for the duration of the HVAC replacement project.
- The Summer Youth Mission Group will be heading to Belize in July. They will be working at a local orphanage and providing services to young children.
- St. Paul’s will be undertaking several fund drives during the Summer:
  - June – Friends of Guest House
  - July – Renk South Sudan School Scholarship Fund
  - August – collecting funds for clothing and school supplies for TC Williams High School homeless students.

### **Christ Church**

- The first Lenten Women's Retreat was held in April in Northern Neck. The retreat was well attended, and CC hopes to make the Lenten Retreat an annual event.
- The annual Easter egg hunt was held in the churchyard where 2,500 colored eggs were hidden.
- Parish Youth Ministry Adventure came to CC in May.
- Moderate progress has been made on the redevelopment of the Ross Department Store which is adjacent to and owned by Christ Church.
- On June 7, CC was an active community partner with "Moms Demand Action," an event in Market Square to raise awareness of gun violence in Alexandria, Virginia, and the USA. All participants wore orange that day.
- After Vacation Bible School, the youth group will head to Ashville, NC, on a mission trip.
- The annual parish mission trip to Our Little Roses Home for Girls in Honduras will take place in August.
- The Christ Church parish retreat will be held on June 14-16 at Shrine Mont.

### **Church of the Resurrection**

- Resurrection will be closing on the ground lease for its new church on June 12.
- The existing church structure demolition will begin in late June. Site preparation work will begin immediately thereafter for the 113-unit affordable housing project and the new church building, to include sanctuary and offices. Occupation by housing tenants and the parish in new facilities is envisioned for Easter, 2021.
- In the meantime, Resurrection is holding services and activities at Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary and at St. Clement's Parish.

### **Parishes with Nothing Specific to Report**

These include: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Immanuel-on-the-Hill, Mead Memorial Episcopal Church, and St. Clement's Episcopal Church.