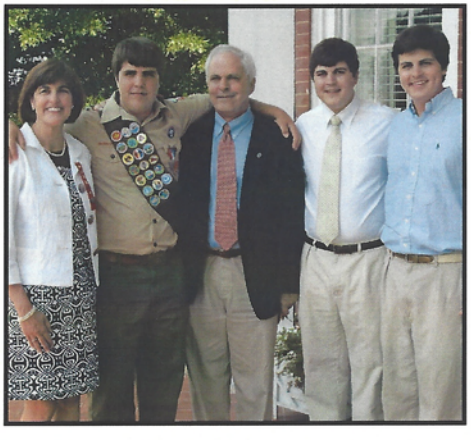
'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all. . .' Mark 11:17

Christ Episcopal Church, Martinsville, Virginia



Responsibilities and duties of our rector

- Preach and conduct worship services in ways that inspire us and illuminate God's word
- Provide pastoral care, spiritual guidance and counseling to those in need
- Ensure that children, teens and adults receive instruction in the scriptures and doctrines of the Episcopal Church
- Provide education and leadership to increase our understanding of stewardship and our desire to return our blessings to others
- Affirm and encourage the gifts of parishioners and staff
- Be involved in community outreach and charitable affairs
- Exercise management, together with the Vestry, over parish administrative and financial operations, and buildings and grounds
- Guide the Vestry and Parish in long range planning and development

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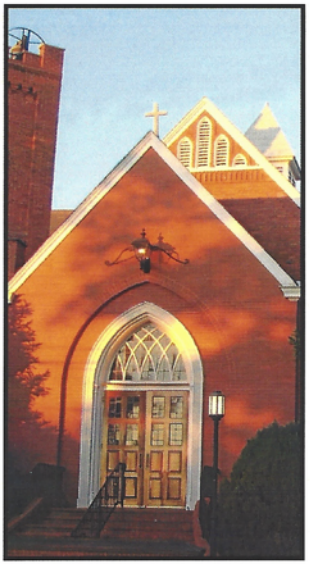
Our ideal rector will be

- An experienced, energetic leader who enjoys people of all ages, and has a unifying and nurturing pastoral style
- A strong preacher whose sermons relate Gospel lessons to everyday life in an understandable way
- Has a love for parish life, a warm sense of humor, the ability and willingness to listen, is accessible to our parishioners and is comfortable in social situations
- A supporter of our strong, high quality music program
- Share our beliefs that we should include our youth in all phases of our Church, and maintain a strong youth program
- A committed educator who will support education programs for parishioners of all ages
- Committed to providing pastoral care to parishioners of all ages and will become engaged in our community
- A good steward of our Church's resources

Compensation and benefits

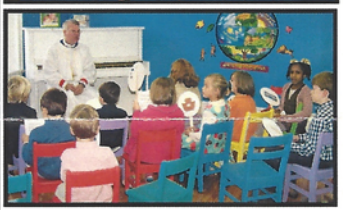
An annual church compensation base range of $60,000 to $67,000 (including housing, utilities, and SE tax), based on experience. The benefits package also includes:

- Health, dental and life insurance
- Pension
- Four weeks vacation each year
- Two weeks continuing education each year
- Travel reimbursement at the IRS rate
- Assistance with moving and transition expenses
- Sabbatical leave based on Diocesan policy



Christ Episcopal Church in Martinsville, Virginia

Christ Church was founded in 1841 and today represents a congregation of 328, with 115 pledging units and average Sunday attendance of 106. The traditional style of worship is extremely important to our parish. We cherish the Eucharist which is celebrated on Sunday at an 8:00am Rite I service and a 10:30am Rite II service, and on Wednesday at noon. Our congregation includes a tremendous group of talented, energetic, committed people willing to step up to leadership positions in our committee structure and vestry. The vestry has twelve members serving three-year terms. Music is very important in our worship services and our youth are a vital part of this, as in all our church programs. Parish members of all ages are actively incorporated into our ministries including our education programs, a 'Loaves and Fishes' free community dinner, local mission work through Grace Network, and Youth Ministries at the Diocesan level.

Martinsville and Henry County

Located in the Piedmont region of south central Virginia, Martinsville and Henry County are approximately one hour south of Roanoke and one hour north of the Greensboro/ Winston-Salem/High Point triad area. The population includes 14,469 in the city and 55,442 in the county. The city and county are politically independent of one another, each having its own government, school system, police and fire departments and other municipal services. Our area includes Patrick Henry Community College, one of the best colleges of its type in Virginia, and New College Institute, our state's newest higher learning establishment . There are many cultural activities available through Piedmont Arts Association, live music from classical to bluegrass, and two live event theatres uptown. The Virginia Museum of Natural History is also based here. Recreational activities abound in the area, with hiking and walking trails in town and in the nearby Blue Ridge Mountains, trout fishing in the Smith River, several golf courses and various fitness facilities. We also have excellent local healthcare through our community hospital and highly professional medical staff.