

The Angelus

October 2011



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Jazz Vespers returns October 16 at 5:00 p.m.

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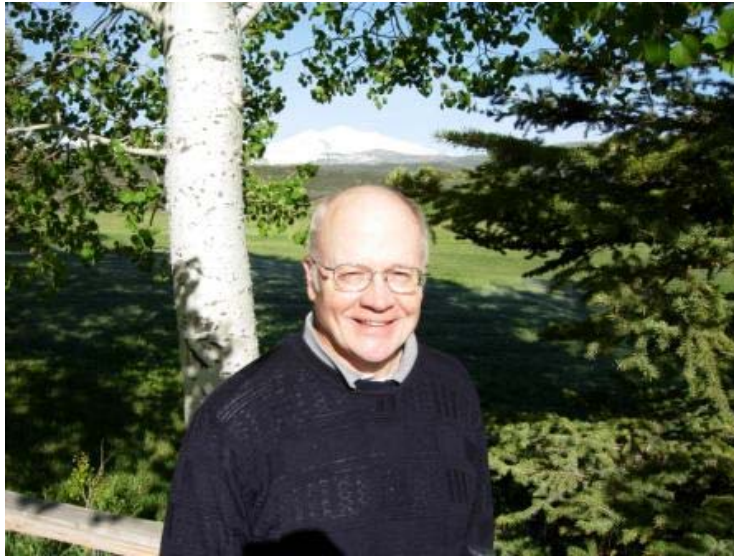
Christ Episcopal School proudly announces the launch of the iPad Pilot Program for 7th and 8th graders. Learn about this revolutionary device is changing the way our children learn.

Ever wonder what the Pastoral Care Committee does? Read all about it inside.

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Editor: Lily Butler

From the Rector



Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you just after our September 11 Sunday services, which included our traditional “Fall Kick-Off”, a celebration of the ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, and a prayerful remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001 on the day of its tenth anniversary. So many of you spoke to me of what a powerful and stirring morning it was—particularly because of the prayer for 9/11 offered at both services, with the musical accompaniment of the organ arrangement of Samuel Barber’s Adagio for Strings during the 10:00 service. The prayer I used was an adaptation of a litany written for the Washington Metropolitan Synod of the Lutheran Church.

So much energy went into this national weekend of commemoration, that we might pause afterward and ask, “Now what?” We wake up to find ourselves in a world where war continues, and hostility and slanderous incivility fester on so many fronts—in government, in political contests, in the work place, and yes, even in the Christian Church. Many people spoke longingly of a renewed sense of unity, mutual support, and caring in this nation that followed in the days immediately after 9/11—but this eroded as the days went on.

How can we work together toward a more compassionate nation, and world, practicing forgiveness in the ways that Jesus taught his disciples? At the end of my sermon this past Sunday, I mentioned the Charter of Compassion, authored by Karen Armstrong in 2009. I found the Charter particularly stirring to read before last Sunday. You can find it at www.charterforcompassion.org, but allow me to quote it here in my letter:

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical, and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the center of our world and to put another there, and to honor the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity, and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest; to impoverish, exploit, or deny basic rights to anybody; and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live

compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women—to restore compassion to the center of morality and religion—to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred, or disdain is illegitimate—to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions, and cultures—to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity—to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings, even those regard as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological, and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is also the path to enlightenment, and it is indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

Armstrong wrote this charter out of her work to reaffirm what is truly at the heart of all major religious faith traditions, realizing that it is the crass distortion of religious values that leads to moments like September 11, 2001. I found the document to be not unlike our promises that we make, with God’s help, in our baptismal covenant in the Episcopal Church, particularly “to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice and peace, and to respect the dignity of every human being.” (BCP, p. 305).

I invite you to spend time reflecting on the Charter. If you affirm its principles, you can endorse it at the website. And you might find it helpful as we prepare to live through another political season, leading to a presidential election which promises to be bitter, accusatory, and acrimonious. When and how might we find the courage and resolve to stand up singly or corporately and simply say. “No more of this!”

Now go into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord. And the blessing of God be upon all of us, now in this busy fall season, and always.

Faithfully and Sincerely,

John+



Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese, is the novel that ***Booktalk*** will discuss at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011.

This novel is a gripping family saga that brings mid-century Ethiopia to vivid life. The unforgettable people at its center bring passion and nobility—not to mention humor and humility—to an unforgettable story of love, betrayal, and forgiveness.

VENICE AND MADRID COME TO ROCKVILLE - MASS OF THE MONTH

We are blessed to be able to offer polyphonic Mass settings as part of the monthly musical cycle at Christ Church. These are usually on the first Sunday of the month, and involve our boy and girl Choristers, as well as our adult singers in an intergenerational Choir.

On Sunday, October 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist, we will have the privilege of singing Antonio Lotti's Mass in A major for the first time. Lotti was born in Germany, but as a teenager moved to Venice, where he eventually "worked his way up" to become Music Director at St. Mark's Basilica. While a contemporary of Vivaldi and Bach, he composed in a conservative Baroque style, which worked well in the live acoustic of St. Mark's. His Mass in A major is a delightfully concise setting of the Greek and Latin texts.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 6th at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist, the Choristers and Choir will sing the music of Spanish renaissance composer Thomas Luis de Victoria, including portions of his Missa O Quam Gloriosum and the motet on which it is based.

Victoria's music is fiery and intense, charged with a passionate mysticism. A prolific composer of sacred music, Victoria worked in both his native Spain and in Rome. In his later years, he served as music director and chaplain to the Empress Dowager who had retired to the Convent of the Barefoot Nuns of St. Clare in Madrid.

Other music on November 6th will include a Psalm accompanied by bells, the sublime "In Paradisum" from the Fauré Requiem, and many of the great hymns appropriate for All Saints'. We hope you will be able to join us for these wonderful occasions.

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS – LEVAVI OCULOS AD MONTES

These wonderful words from Psalm 121 served as a catalyst for the worship services, music, homilies, and workshop sessions at the recent Association of Anglican Musicians national conference which I attended in the Carolina mountains. I was reminded that the Psalter or Book of Psalms is truly our oldest hymnal, used in the worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. Originally in Hebrew and sung by musicians who are actually named in the Bible, they have since been translated in to languages of every nation, and sung to tunes never imagined by ancient Israel.

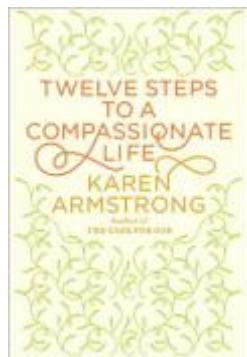
We can be proud that we have developed a rich tradition of singing the Psalms at Christ Church in a number of fashions for both choirs and congregation. Very often on "Mass of the Month" Sundays we use Gregorian Chant, our most vibrant connection with ancient Christians. In this method, the Choir chants the verses, alternating men's and women's voices, and the congregation then responds with a refrain. We use simple bell tones to mark the ends of each line and keep us on pitch. I am continually amazed when I face the congregation to indicate the beginning of the refrain, and the most energetic sound fills our church. Within the Choir, we smile and say, "We can even make Gregorian Chant sound exciting!"

Anglican Chant is, perhaps, our most characteristic way, as Episcopalians, of singing the Psalms. The Choirs rehearse beautiful harmonized settings of the words, giving special care to shaping phrases in order to bring out the meaning of the words. At times we sing these unaccompanied, but at other times the texts just cry out for accompaniment. When Psalm 81 says "Blow the trumpet" it is difficult not to add a brass fanfare on the organ. When Psalm 146 says "The Lord set the prisoners free", I have been known to add a scurrying piccolo melody to the Choir's voices. There are those in the congregation who claim that I have added doorbell chimes to Psalm 91 at the words "He shall call upon me", but this is surely overzealous listening.

One further method of singing the Psalms has worked particularly well at Christ Church, and this comes to us often from Scottish sources: metrical paraphrases which fit to familiar tunes. The Ainsworth Psalter is just such a collection, and was used by the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620. The first Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (1789), had bound with it only 12 hymns, but all 150 Psalms translated into rhyming poetry, which could be sung to tunes like "Old Hundreth" (the so-called Doxology) or "New Britain" (Amazing Grace). Often we accompany these hymn-like settings with

repeating bell patterns that can be played by four ringers, adults or youth. The Tallis Canon and Forest Green are great favorites.

In next month's installment of this article, I will share with you some humorous, and yet profound portions of a homily on psalms by the Reverend Michael Sullivan, rector of Holy Innocents, Atlanta, and our AAM Conference preacher.



Studies in Christian Faith – Fall 2010 9:00 a.m. Sundays – Parish House

The Studies in Christian Faith class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Each class reads and discusses a book or collection of essays selected by the Rev. John McDuffie. Please join us for lively discussion, prayerful interaction, good food, and laughter!!

The Studies in Christian Faith class is currently discussing **Karen Armstrong's** book, ***Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life***.

If you have any questions about this Adult Formation class, please contact the church office or Fran Palmer at 301-874-1086.



Annual Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 2

Once again, in commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), Christ Church will have a liturgy for the blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 2, at 5:00 p.m.** in Foley Park, next to our church driveway. All are invited to bring pets and celebrate together all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. Children may bring a stuffed animal to be blessed, in lieu of a live pet. Pet owners please remember to have dogs leashed and cats in cages, in order to preserve the dignity and repose of the service. (The time of the liturgy is very good for Redskins fans that day, as the game is at 1:00 p.m.). Please join us!

Jazz Vespers Sunday, October 16

Jazz Vespers is back, and we're inviting you to our fall kick-off event!

Join us for another service of evening prayer accompanied by the sounds of jazz on **Sunday evening, October 16, at 5:00 p.m.** Father McDuffie will again join the Jim Levy trio in offering hymns and jazz standards to enhance psalms, scripture, and prayers. A free-will offering will be gratefully received that night to benefit the Diocesan Hunger Fund, in loving memory of Marie-Therese Giordani. Those who come always have a good time!



Piano Free to Good Home

Please help me to find another home for my piano. I am moving soon and I would like to give it to a family who would enjoy playing it. It is a Bush & Lane piano, in good condition. Its case is dark and polished fine grain wood, and comes with a sturdy piano bench. The piano is 5 ft. wide; 3 ft., 9 inches tall; and 1 ft., 11 inches in depth. Please call Richard A. Cole at 202-279-7095 (home), or 301-802-8930 (cell). --Richard Cole

October Means “Stewardship Season”

In the fall season, we are invited once again to remember the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us, and to accordingly consider how we can thank God by returning a portion of our blessings in the form of a financial pledge to Christ Church. Your generosity is what enables our parish to pay its clergy and staff; fund important ministries such as Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Music, and Outreach; and to maintain our buildings and property. Without your pledge support, we can't do church!

Please come on October 2 to the opening of “Remember Me”, our fall stewardship campaign, replete with our new stewardship theme song and surprise treats for everybody. Stewardship packets will be available for pickup that Sunday at all three services.

--Your Stewardship Committee

MORE CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR NEW ACOLYTE CLASS

Youth in grades 6 through 12 are still needed to fill up this year's training class for new acolytes. Classes are being conducted in the church on Tuesday evenings. Since 12 acolytes have graduated from high school over the past two years and are no longer here, it would really be great to have another 12 candidates to fill in the roster. It's not too late to join and become an important part of our worship at Christ Church. We will finish training by Thanksgiving. Once you have completed training, you will be scheduled to serve on Sunday mornings about once per month. For more information, give Mr. Bob James a call.

Bob James
Acolyte Master
301-977-4080
bobjames3@msn.com

Adult Forum Topics for October 2011

The Adult Forum meets each Sunday in the Murdock Room from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Hope you see you there!!

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| October 2 <i>Pentecost</i> | Hemchand Gossai | The Hebrew Prophets for Today |
| October 9 <i>Pentecost</i> | Hemchand Gossai | The Hebrew Prophets for Today |
| October 16 <i>Pentecost</i> | Hemchand Gossai | The Hebrew Prophets for Today |
| October 23 <i>Pentecost</i> | Bill Thompson | The Theology of Social Outreach Ministry |

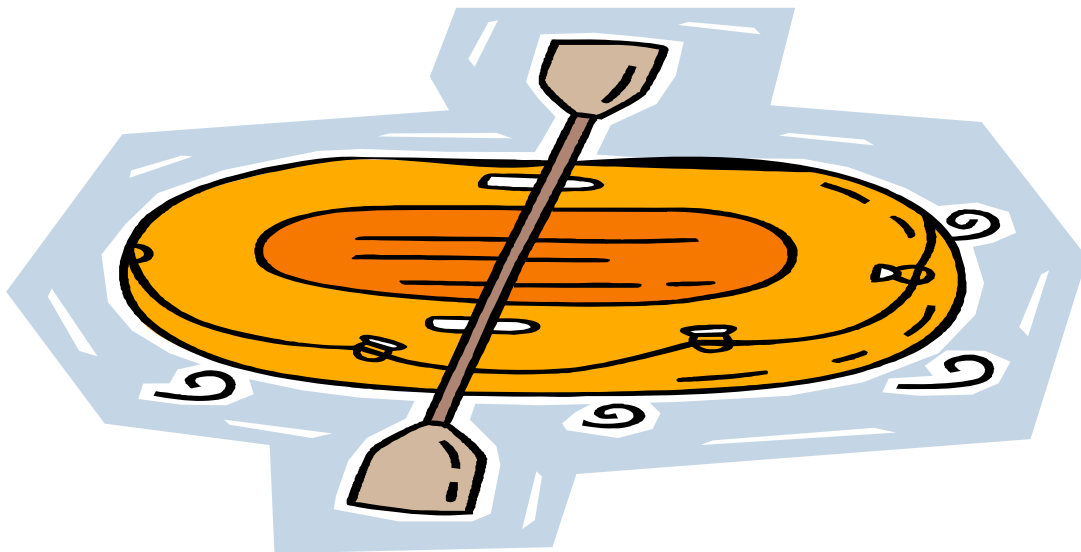
Confirmation?

Who... When... Where... Why...

- Who:** All youth in 9th grade or above who will be at least 16 by May 2012 who seek to know God and yourself better!
- When:** January – May of 2012 with Confirmation Service on May 12, 2012.
- Where:** Parish House and Youth Room
- Why:** You do not want to be left out of the boat!

Confirmation Information Meeting
Tuesday, October 11th
7:30pm in the Parish House

All interested Parents/Sponsors & Youth are Welcome!





**Join us for a
Happy Haunted HALLOWEEN
Family FUN Night**

***COSTUMES & SNEAKERS
are the suggested attire!***

***Who: Ghouls & Ghost of all ages
that means YOU?!?***



***What: Costume Parade, Games, Movie, Food, Frolic, Friends
and Fun***

DONATIONS of fun-family food are needed!

Where: Christ Church Murdock Room

When: Sunday, October 30th

5:00 – 6:30pm Fun for All Ages

6:30pm Charlie Brown's "The Great Pumpkin" Movie

***Why: A safe and fun place to celebrate **the Halloween holiday
with friends!*****

***RSVP: 301/762-2191 by Oct 28th . . . so we will have food for
you!***





Children's Ministries Sunday Schedule Fall/Winter 2011

September

- 19 **Registration Sunday**
Outreach Sunday
10:15 – 11:00am Dining Room
- 25 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am

October

- 2 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
- 9 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
- 16 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Outreach Sunday School
10:15 – 11 am Dining Room
- 23 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
- 30 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Help the Homeless Walk
10:15 – 11 am Murdock Room



November

- 6 **Children's Church**
"All Saints Parade" 9:15 am
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
- 13 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
- 20 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Youth Room
Outreach Sunday School
10:15 – 11 am Dining Room
- 27 **Advent Crafts & Wreaths**
10:15 – 11:30 am Dining Room



December

- 4 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Murdock Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
Nativity Pageant Rehearsal
11 – 11:30 am Murdock Room
- 11 **Children's Church**
9:00 am Dining Room
Sunday School 10:15 – 11 am
Nativity Pageant Rehearsal
11 – 11:30 am Murdock Room
- 18 **Dressing the Crèche**
9:00 am in the Church Nave
Happy Birthday Jesus Party
10:15 – 11 am Murdock Room
Nativity Pageant Costumes
10:45 am Dining Room
Christmas Caroling & Cookies
4 – 6:00 pm Murdock Room
- 24 **Nativity Pageant**
3:30pm Arrive in Costume
4:00pm Service Begins
- 25 **10 am Holy Eucharist Service**



• Note activities listed are subject to change.

Read the Sunday Bulletins and Angelus Newsletter for changes and/or any new additions.

• Questions? Call Michele Craig
301/762-2191 # 15 or mcraig@cecrockville.org

Youth Group 2011 Schedule September - December

September

- 18 Registration Sunday**
10:15 – 11:30am CEC Dining Room
- Back to YG BBQ**
5 - 7pm Dining Room/Foley Park
Bring a side dish to share
- 22 CBS Shelter Prep & Meal**
5 – 8pm CEC Kitchen/Dining Room
RSVP 301/762-2191 #15 by 9/20
- 23 CBS Shelter Prep & Meal**
5 – 8pm CEC Kitchen/Dining Room
RSVP 301/762-2191 #15 by 9/20
- 24 SS Teacher Lunch & Training**
11:30 – 1:30pm Parish House
For youth who want to volunteer in SS
- CBS Shelter Prep & Meal**
5 – 8pm CEC Kitchen/Dining Room
RSVP 301/762-2191 #15 by 9/20
- 25 Nationals Baseball Game**
12 - 5pm Parish House/DC
RSVP 301/762-2191 #15 by 9/20

October

- 2 JR Youth Group (6 - 8th)**
3:30 – 5:30pm Dining & Youth Rm
- Blessing of the Animals**
5:00pm CEC/Foley Park
- SR Youth Group (9 – 12th)**
5 - 7:30pm Youth Room & Dinner
- 11 Confirmation Info Meeting**
7:30pm Youth Room
Parents & Youth Welcome
- 16 Youth Group**
5 – 7pm Youth Room & Dinner
- 23 Youth & Manna Food Drive**
2 – 5pm Giant Food at Rockshire
- 30 Help the Homeless Walk**
10:30am Dining/Murdock Room

November

- 5 Stop Hunger NOW**
9am Breakfast Parish House
10am -12pm Packing in Dining Room
- 18 Dio Service Lock-in (9 – 12th)**
6:00 pm Parish House/Epiphany DC
Returning Sun (11/20) at noon!
RSVP by 10/30 \$50 for the weekend
- 20 JR Youth Group (6 – 8th)**
4 – 5:30pm Youth Room
- 27 Advent Greens Workshop**
10:15am CEC Dining Room
Help is needed for assisting children!

December

- 4 Youth Group**
3:30 - 7pm Kitchen/Dining Room
Baking & Serving Food for Heifer
Funds during & after Jazz Vespers
- 11 Youth Group Holiday Dinner**
6– 8:00 pm Murdock Room
Semi-Formal **RSVP** by 12/8
- 17 Youth Volunteers to Decorate**
10:00am Murdock/Dining Room
- 18 Caroling & Cookies Party**
4 - 6:00pm Murdock/Dining Room

Some activities require a **RSVP** to reserve a space for transportation and planning purposes. Be sure you respond if required...or else you might find there is **NO ROOM IN THE VAN!**

Please note activities listed are subject to change. Read the weekly Sunday bulletin; check your email and the Angelus newsletter for changes and/or any new additions.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Craig
301/762-2191 #15 or mcraig@cecrockville.org

WHAT THE PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE DOES, PART I

Pastoral care is a multi-faceted ministry, parts of which are performed only by the Pastoral Care committee, while others are shared by members of the congregation.

The members of the committee offer intercessory prayer (both at committee meetings and on their own) for those on our prayer lists, both parishioners and the many friends, work colleagues, and relatives for whom our prayers have been requested. There is a public list that appears in the bulletin and a private list that is known only to the members of the committee. If they can, committee members call, visit, or write to those on the list and take communion to shut-ins.

The committee also organizes Lenten and Advent Quiet Days, which provide the congregation with an opportunity to escape the busyness of everyday life and focus on their spiritual side for a few hours. These wonderful mini-retreats are usually led by our clergy or seminarians, and the next one will probably be on December 3rd, so mark your calendars.

Kaye Kubas collects and delivers calendars, greeting cards, and spiritual reading material for the Prison Ministry, so when you don't know what to do with your old copies of Forward Day by Day or the Upper Room, not to mention all the calendars and cards you get from charities that are too nice to throw away, bring them to us. There is a collection box on the windowsill in the coat room at the back of the church.

To be continued next month.

For more information, contact the church office or Elizabeth Scanlon (240-449-6178 or ehkscanlon@yahoo.com)

Stop Hunger Now

November 5, 2011

*If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.*
Isaiah 58:9-10.

Please plan to join us on November 5, 2011 to strike a blow against worldwide childhood hunger, by participating in Christ Episcopal's fourth Stop Hunger Now event, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Dining Hall. To date, we have assembled more than 50,000 healthy meals for distribution to schools and orphanages throughout the developing world, and our goal this fall is to make a meaningful, additional contribution to that effort.

Stop Hunger Now operates on the basic principle that nutrition supports education, and education supports childhood advancement and development. The meals that we provide are delivered directly and efficiently to communities where need and potential are high, with low overhead and a success rate that stands out in the worldwide relief community. Simply put, what we do spreads hope and promise in places where both are all too often in short supply. Christ Episcopal is a leader in this mission in Maryland.

This time around, we are endeavoring to make participation easier than ever. The suggested donation for an adult is \$25, which also includes a child under the age of 16. The family contribution is \$50, which covers parents and all children (regrettably, quadrupeds have to sit this one out). Teens over 16 who would like to participate on their own can do so for a suggested donation of \$15, and as always there are labor of love jobs helping with the load-in, set-up, and clean-up. And of course, for those who would like to participate but cannot be present, monetary donations in any amount will help to fund more meals and are most welcome.

Bulletin insets will be circulating on upcoming Sundays, to make it easier to register and volunteer. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting started please contact the Parish office or call or e-mail Kelvin Dowd at 240.403.7329, and KJDowd24@gmail.com.

Let's make a difference.

Christ Episcopal School

CES Middle School iPad Program by Chris Delmar, Director of Information Technology

It's a very exciting time for technology at Christ Episcopal School as we prepare to launch our Pilot iPad Program for 7th and 8th graders! Teachers will have a dedicated iPad 2 for each student to use in class and throughout the school day. Appropriate applications and restrictions will be installed for our learning environment that give students and teachers high-speed wireless access to the best academic resources and productivity tools Apple and the Internet have to offer.

In keeping with its commitment to bringing cutting edge technology to our teachers and students and in support of our integrated technology curriculum, these powerful learning devices mark the beginning of a natural transition in education to mobile computing resources and away from traditional computer labs and desktop computers. The iPad represents a quantum shift in digital learning tools that is changing the face of education. Learn more about this revolutionary device and what it means to the learning process at: <http://www.apple.com/education/ipad>.



If you would like to learn more about CES, please visit our website at: www.ces-rockville.org. To schedule a visit, contact Trevor Waddington, Director of Admissions at 301-424-8702 or twaddington@cesstaff.org. We have limited openings remaining for this, the 2011-12 school year, so contact CES today.

Community Ministries of Rockville

ROCKVILLE REWARDS CARD

Support CMR and local businesses by buying a Rockville Rewards card.

Rockville Rewards is a membership card valid for discounts and special offers at over 100 local businesses. Rockville area businesses have joined forces to make shopping more rewarding for their customers while raising funds for non-profits. More details can be found at www.rockvillerewards.com

All proceeds for cards sold by CMR will go to CMR programs! The card costs \$25 and is valid until June 30, 2012. If you would like to purchase a card, please call or e-mail Lynn Arndt at lynnarndt@cmrocks.org or (301) 637-0705.

CMR RESTAURANT NIGHT AT SPICE XING

Support CMR programs and enjoy a delicious dinner (5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.) at **Spice Xing, located at 100-B Gibbs Street, Rockville, MD 20850**. On **Thursday, October 13, 2011**, the restaurant will donate a portion of your dinner check to Community Ministries of Rockville when you mention CMR.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CMR PROGRAMS

Kaseman Health Clinic

SPANISH INTERPRETERS: Interpreters fluent in Spanish are needed to serve as a liaison between non-English speaking patients and medical staff. Volunteers must be over 18 years old and be able to volunteer for a three to four hour shift, at least twice a month. The clinic is located at 8 West Middle Lane, Rockville, MD 20850.

Elderly Ministries & the Safe and Habitable Home Project

BUILDING SUPERVISOR: A Supervisor is needed to oversee and inspect the work performed by volunteers and contractors working with the Safe & Habitable Home Project. The Project provides home repairs to low income seniors, making it possible for them to remain in their homes.

HOME REPAIR WORKER: Volunteers with plumbing, electrical, and handyman experience are needed to assist with simple home repair projects for seniors living in the Rockville community.

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)

INTAKE COORDINATOR: REAP is looking for adult volunteers (over 18 years old) to serve as intake coordinators. Volunteers are responsible for interviewing clients, assessing their needs, and making referrals for services. Training is provided. Volunteers are asked to work a four hour shift at least twice a month. REAP is located within the Kaseman clinic at 8 West Middle Lane, Rockville, MD 20850.

Latino Outreach Program (LOP)

TUTORING AND CHILDCARE: LOP provides English classes to adults twice a week. Volunteers are needed to provide tutoring and childcare to the children of program participants. This position is approved for MCPS Student Service Learning Credit. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

If you have any questions about CMR volunteer opportunities, please contact Lynn Arndt, Director of Volunteer Services, 301-637-0705 or lynnarndt@cmrocks.org

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

Help the Homeless Program – Save the Date! Join Samaritan Ministry on the National Mall at the 2011 Help the Homeless Walkathon on Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. Register online to walk with us - go to our website www.samaritanministry.org for more information on how to register or to host a mini-walk. Won't be town? You can still support us by registering as a "virtual walker!"

Next Step Experience - Learn more about Samaritan Ministry's *Next Step* Program by attending a *Next Step* Experience on Tuesday, October 18 at our NW office located at 1516 Hamilton St. NW. Refreshments will be served at 1:15 p.m., and the one hour program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Volunteer with Samaritan Ministry – Current volunteer opportunities at Samaritan Ministry include: a Front Office Coordinator at our Arlington office on Monday mornings; Computer Mentors at all three locations; help with preparing and serving food for HIV Round-up Dinners beginning in November; and volunteers to help clean out the SE office basement. For more information, contact mjanicki@samaritanministry.org.

Wish List Needs – Please donate the following items currently most needed by Samaritan Ministry participants: flash drives, men's white dress shirts (XL), regular-sized toiletries, and \$10-\$25 grocery gift cards. For the full wish list, please see our website: www.samaritanministry.org

Contact Kirsten Wittkowski at kwittkowski@samaritanministry.org or 202-722-2280 ext. 326 for additional information.

Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program

Join Samaritan Ministry as we walk on the National Mall, rain or shine, to raise awareness about homelessness and raise funds to help end it! The 2011 Help the Homeless Walkathon will be taking place on Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m., and you can support us by registering to walk for Samaritan Ministry. Registration fees go directly to the organization, and if 3,000 walkers register, then Samaritan Ministry will receive a \$50,000 bonus from Fannie Mae! For instructions on how to pre-register online or by mail, visit our website: www.samaritanministry.org. Additionally, if you're interested in hosting a Mini-Walk with a group or organization you're involved in, contact kwittkowski@samaritanministry.org to find out how. And spread the word – even friends and family who live out of town can support Samaritan Ministry by registering as a "virtual walker!"

Learn More about Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Program

Learn more about Samaritan Ministry and its *Next Step* Program by attending a *Next Step* Experience on Tuesday, October 18 at Samaritan Ministry's Northwest office at 1516 Hamilton St. NW. See where participants meet with caseworkers, use the computers in the employment offices, or find clothing to prepare for job interviews. A *Next Step* Experience is a complimentary one hour come-and-see event. Refreshments will be served at 1:15 p.m., and the program will start at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dorothy Mejia at dmejia@samaritanministry.org or 202-722-2280 ext. 324.

Current Volunteer Opportunities at Samaritan Ministry

Samaritan Ministry provides a variety of fulfilling volunteer opportunities, and is currently looking to fill the following:

- *Front Office Coordinator* - Meet and greet participants as they sign in, answer phones and direct calls, assist participants with filling out applications, and perform other clerical duties. Currently our greatest need is for Monday mornings at our Arlington office.
- *Round-Up Dinner Volunteer* – Prepare and serve food at a monthly dinner and support group for people living with HIV/AIDS. These take place the 3rd Tuesday of every month at N Street Village.

For more information or to fill out a volunteer application, please contact Megan Janicki, Assistant Program Director, at mjanicki@samaritanministry.org

The Bargain Box is now on FaceBook! Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Bargain-Box/217709798278248> or search for The Bargain Box and "like" us and then follow us to get announcements, sale notices, and other fun stuff.

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THIRD SUNDAY OUTREACH

Stop by the Outreach table in the dining room on October 16. We will have fall and Halloween items for sale and an awesome Box. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Congratulations to Melissa Opryszko for winning August's "Back to School" raffle. September's "Sports Fan" winner will be announced next month. 

Fall and Halloween Specials

A year has passed since the store expanded its sales floor and storage areas. Thanks to generous donations of "treasures" from parishioners and friends in the community, we are bursting with fabulous fall clothing, household items, as well as costumes and decorations for Halloween.

Shop **here** first and save!!



HOLIDAY SALE

The Holiday sale will be in the Murdock Room, Sunday, November 20th (with refreshments!) after each service. You'll get so much shopping done, you won't have to go to "Black Friday" sales. Shop for gifts, decorations, furniture, books, and toys. Watch the bulletin for news of raffle items and other treats for your holiday feasts!



The 411 about 8-11 on 1-1-12

The Montgomery County "carry out bag" Tax Law 8-11 goes into effect January 1, 2012. You can find details at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Retail stores will charge a five cent tax for each bag given at the point of sale. If you bring your own reusable cloth, paper, or plastic bags you will avoid the tax.

The Bargain Box has tax exempt status. We have always relied on donations of shopping bags for use at the store and we assume this supply will run out. Please save and bring us as many bags as you can. We also need newspapers to wrap fragile items.

To be environmentally responsible, we are designing a reusable tote bag for customers that will help advertise who we are in the community.



Donations of bags (and other treasures!) are accepted any day we are open, and consignments on Thursday and Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

