

The Angelus

January 2017



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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

New Year greetings to one and all as we come into 2017. I hope that you all have had a blessed and fulfilling Christmas, and that the joyful remembrance of Christ's incarnation in the world may now extend into our daily, ongoing realization that we are jointly the body of Christ, engaged in his work of reconciliation for the hope of the world.

After Christmas and winter solstice feasting and celebrating, January is a time for reflection and planning. Maybe you have made a few New Year's resolutions. I can report that every year in early January, I see a sudden new and increased influx of people, dressed out in new sweat togs, at the fitness center where I work out. (The phenomenon is usually not sustained!). In January, I like to remind us all of the rubric that appears on p. 445 of our Book of Common Prayer:

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable purposes.

I cannot say it any better than the Prayer Book. It is an element of good and faithful stewardship that we do good planning with the resources we have, for the benefit of those whom we love. And the last clause invites us to consider the question: "Could I make a bequest to Christ Church in my will?" If you love this church, might you consider planning for a gift that keeps on giving? In my time at Christ Church, we received a generous bequest from the estate of our parishioner Katherine Thomas, which became the occasion for the formation of the Christ Church Endowment Fund. We only spend from the interest income from our Endowment, and the money is used for various capital improvement projects and special ministry initiatives not included in our regular operating budget. We have also received special bequests from other parishioners. These funds go either in to the Endowment, or a special savings fund we have that has similar usage provisions as the Endowment. Occasionally, a bequest comes along at just the right moment for a special project to be realized. For instance, some years back, a bequest from the estate of Jack Oxley came to us just as we were realizing the need for a new church interior security system, and a new computer network for our staff. Jack's gift was a Godsend!

While I'm talking about gifts that make a significant difference in our ministry, I want to mention another opportunity to give at Christ Church.

Clergy Discretionary Funds

Both Cindy Simpson and I have discretionary funds that enable us to provide for special pastoral care needs of individuals and families. Sometimes, people come to us from outside Christ Church, and we are able to help them with special needs in crisis situations. More often, however, we also help parishioners in difficult circumstances. Christ Church budgets small amounts of money each year to help with these funds. But we also gratefully receive gifts from time to time from members of the church. Discretionary Funds are to be used strictly for charitable purposes, according to guidelines established by the Internal Revenue Service. They are not for the personal enjoyment or benefit of the clergy. Each fund is audited annually by a member of the church, to insure that the fund is being used appropriately. At this time, Cindy and I are both assisting individuals and families who have longer-term needs for support, so your generous gifts mean a lot! – and genuinely make a critical difference in the lives of people whom we love and who are in need. To make a gift of this kind, simply write a check to Christ Church and earmark it either for the Rector's Discretionary Fund, or the Assistant Rector's Discretionary Fund. Thanks to one and all who help support vital ministries in this way!

God bless us each and every one in this New Year!

Faithfully and Sincerely,

John+

“Living by Faith”: Stewardship Campaign Update

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In the collection plate!...(from the stewardship sermon, October 2nd, 2016)

Our fall financial stewardship campaign officially ended on November 20th of this past year. We are so grateful to all who have made a new or renewing financial pledge to support the mission and ministry of Christ Church in 2017! However, as the Angelus was going to press, we have only realized about 84% of the pledge amount needed to fully fund the budget for this year. If you haven't renewed your pledge, we hope that you will do so as soon as possible, and if it is possible to increase it over last year, it will help greatly! If you have never pledged, and yet enjoy the fruits of the labors of this church and its spiritual life, then please consider helping us – no matter how large or small the amount.

Christ Church operates on a budget that has many fixed costs – and if we can't fully sustain the budget, we have to make programmatic cuts in ministries that the members of this church truly value – such as music, Christian education and youth ministry, and outreach and social ministry.

We hope that everyone will have made a pledge by Sunday, January 8th, 2017. If you need another pledge card, please contact Judith Schneider in the office at jschneider@cecrockville.org, or call 301-762-2191. Or, you can pick up a pledge card and envelope just inside the front door of the church. Thank you to all!

--Your Stewardship Committee and Vestry



Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

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Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) has a mission of improving the quality of life for the most vulnerable Montgomery County residents. CMR provides various services including the Kaseman Health Clinic, the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, Elderly Ministries, Language Outreach, a Housing Program, Advocacy, and Holiday Giving.

For over 10 years Christ Church has supported CMR. Currently Outreach sets aside some \$13,000 to help CMR run their Clinic, their homecare program for the elderly and two permanent supportive housing programs. CMR also provides holiday meals and holiday gifts for low-income families. In addition, CMR runs a large English as a Second Language program, serving some 450 adults and children. This year they expanded the program to include an English Conversation class, in addition to their traditional grammar-based program. We are proud to say that Emily Correll and Mary Belknap helped CMR to develop this program, carrying out one of the core values of our Outreach Committee, to leverage the time and talent of Christ Church members to help people beyond our walls.

For more information about CMR take a look at their website at www.cmrocks.org or email Mary Belknap at bel.boi@verizon.net.

The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Parish House beside the church. The next meeting will be January 10, 2017. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.

Environmental Stewardship



“The earth provides enough for every man's need, but not enough for every man's greed.” *Mahatma Gandhi*

In October, we had an informative conference call with Lauren Greenspan of CPA (Community Purchasing Alliance). She explained how the church can save money by allowing CPA to “bundle” our needs with other churches, thus getting a cheaper rate for services that include energy, trash, security, copiers, janitorial supplies, and office supplies. A contract has been submitted that will be discussed at the December meeting.

The Group has received the revised energy audit. Mark Wright and Janice Musselman are studying it prior to our December meeting and before presenting it to the Vestry.

The office is now using recycled paper for much of our publications. The weekly bulletin is now printed on 30% recycled paper. Other notices are printed on either 50% or 100% recycled paper. Barbara Hunt-Wolper and Ruth Hanessian put up an attractive and informative bulletin board in the church dining room. It contains interesting information on activities of the Environmental Stewardship Group.

Did You Know?

Because of melting of the arctic ice, it is now possible to take a luxury cruise through the Northwest Passage.

St. Francis Flock



Dear St. Francis Flock Members and Friends,

First, my heartfelt appreciation to all of you this year who in one way or another helped or otherwise lifted up our little animal welfare ministry.

Second, if you haven't already heard, we are thrilled to report that Lori Nicely, who has been a key contributor in our small but passionate and mighty group, is taking the reigns as Chair, effective January 2017.

I will remain the Community Outreach Leader, Meghan is stepping up to take Lori's previous role as Education and Communications Leader, Eva will remain the Flock's Parish Ministry Leader, and Carolyn has accepted to officially be the Flock's Fellowship Leader. Ruth and Reenie keep us all straight as Co-Recorders. Our Treasurer position is vacant, **if any one is interested**. We are thankful to Holly for setting up budget processes during her Year 2016 term.

The short video clip below entered my email today, right as this little note was being started. It seemed it was meant to be shared. This little video expresses what is sometimes hard to put in to words. We are all an interconnected part of God's Creation: people, creatures, and the environment. And we are very thankful to Christ Church for allowing us to explore ways to care for one another and all of His Creation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8a3EnXstOU&feature=youtu.be>

Best Wishes and Blessings in The New Year, Debbie

PS - We have great things in store for 2017. The "All Creatures Great and Small" Fair, scheduled for Saturday, May 6th promises to be our most ambitious community outreach and animal welfare effort yet!



ATTENTION POETRY LOVERS! On **Monday, January 9**, **Booktalk** will hold its Annual Poetry Reading. Please choose two or three of your favorite poems and join us at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish House Living Room for an enjoyable afternoon of poetry.



Christ Episcopal School

Small Classes, Big Advantages!



Christ Episcopal School Students Are...

- Academic
- Spiritual
- Family
- Athletic
- Prepared for High School and Beyond

We'd love to have you visit to see how our small classes provide big advantages in developing the outstanding young people who are our students.

Open Houses, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Friday, January 27th; Friday, March 10th; Saturday, April 22nd

Come see CES!

Meet Our Volunteers



The term Bargain Box Volunteer is synonymous with the **Wolohojian** family. Donna is currently the Manager of the

Bargain Box. But it all started almost 20 years ago, when Donna, Jess, and Dan (and sometimes George) worked the front desk on the first Saturday morning of each month. Nellilew Quay and Helen Mahon worked the afternoon shift. One day, Nellilew and Hellen came in and Dan and Jess complained that they hadn't had enough turns on the cash register so they volunteered to stay the rest of the day. The Wolohojian family has worked the whole first Saturday of the month ever since. After Cai Conway passed away in 2004, and Nellilew was retiring, Donna took on the job of Manager. While a list of her duties would fill more than this issue of *The Angelus*, she has been responsible for the move to the current location, the expansion of both space and content, and the modernization and standardization of most of the processes and procedures that have resulted in the well-organized (for an entirely volunteer organization, anyway) operation that is the Bargain Box today. As Donna says "This IS her day job," but she also walks in several cancer walks, reads, and roots for the New England Patriots. For several years, George has tested all the appliances that were donated, but when he retired from the federal government, he started the "Hardware and Electronics" department in the store and sorts and prices all those items. From about the age of 10, when she and Dan used to fight over the cash register, the Bargain Box has been part of Jess' life.

The Bargain Box
Thrift and Consignment Shop
An Outreach Ministry since 1957
398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850
301-762-2242
Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Donna Wolohojian, Manager
Email: bargainbox@cecrockville.org
On the web: www.bargain-box.org

 Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/BargainBoxRockville

All our profits fund outreach projects in the community and diocese.

When Jess graduated from college and moved back here to teach preschool at Kinder Care Learning Center, she came "home" to the Bargain Box as well and became the person in charge of books, toys, and games. She also prices clothing and consults with experts on vintage items. When not teaching and volunteering at the Bargain Box, Jess likes spending time with friends, travelling, going to rock concerts, and collecting books. Dan doesn't live locally so he is no longer actively involved (but he assures us that is NOT the reason he took his current job). Donna likes the variety of people who are customers, from all walks of life, from all over the world. Jess enjoys the fun volunteers and the novelty of never knowing what donations will be waiting in the donation room to be priced. George likes the fact that he gets to work with so many fun-loving ladies and since guys are outnumbered ten-to-one, it makes him feel like a chick magnet! The Wolohojians have been members of Christ Episcopal Church since the early 1980's. The family has been active in Youth Group and as ushers, and George is a past Senior Warden. Donna is most proud of the store's outreach mission (since 1957!) and recent growth. The total donated this year: \$26,450. "Also, the staff of volunteers is a fun, hardworking, diverse and dedicated group. Many are friends and neighbors of parishioners, a few are customers and consignors who've been "promoted". You've met them in this page of the *Angelus*. But same as when we started in the 1990's, the store continues to be short-handed at the front desk. I would invite anyone in the congregation to come in for a quick tour and explanation of how we can use your time and talent. The shift is only three hours, the perks are great, and the snack drawer is well stocked."

The Bargain Box will be closed December 24th, 25th, and 26th and also December 31st, January 1st and 2nd.

Who Are Our Customers?

Our customers come from all walks of life and from all over the world. It doesn't take long to learn who the "regulars" are but we still get new customers who find us on the internet or people moving into town center. They run the gamut - a woman who is hoping to retire soon to her WVA farm house and decorating / furnishing it with shabby chic from the BB; a woman whose church gathers clothing to send to Nicaragua shops our clearance racks several times a month; an MC art student who walks to and from the metro and always leaves extra time to stop in before or after class; free clothing clients who are able to find outfits for a job interview or for their kids; and a lawyer who spilled lunch on his shirt and tie and ran in to buy a new set before heading back to court.

January 2017

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JANUARY 2017 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Regular Sunday Schedule
Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am**

- 7:45 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I
a spoken service with Sermon
- 9:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems
Choristers of Christ Church*
- 9:00 AM** Children’s Church – Murdock Room
*a service for children, using a story-telling theme with music
for young children. 9:00-9:30am*
- 11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite I
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems
Christ Church Choir*
- Nursery** 8:45am – 12:15pm *for infants and toddlers
6 months to 4 years old*
- ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**
- 8:25 AM** Choristers Warm Up – Choir Room & Church
- 9:00 AM** Studies in Christian Faith (*led by Fran Palmer-Hill*)
- 10:10 AM** Adult Forum – Murdock Room
- 10:15 AM** Sunday School – Classrooms Preschool-7th Grade
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room
- 12:45 PM** Korean Worship Service – Chapel
- 2:10 PM** Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Monday**
7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (CEC DR)
- Tuesday**
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)
- Wednesday**
11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR)
12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
8:00 PM Korean Congregation Prayer Group (CES DR)
- Thursday**
12:00 PM AA (PH)
4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**OTHER PARISH EVENTS
(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)**

- 1 New Year’s Day
7:45am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Lessons & Carols
- 2 (*office closed*)
- 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 4 Shelter Bingo Birthday Party **7:30pm** (CBS Shelter)
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 Epiphany Crafts for ALL **10:15am** (CEC DR)
Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)
Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
St. Francis Flock Meeting **4:00pm** (PH LR)
Youth Group **4:00-6:00pm** (MR)
- 9 Booktalk - Annual Poetry Reading **1:00pm** (PH LR)
Welcoming Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 10 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the February 2017 issue
Adult Christian Formation Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (John Arnold & Dotty Reitwiesner)
- 15 “MANNA” Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
Bargain Box Outreach Table (DR)
SOS - Serving Others Sunday **10:15am** (CEC DR)
- 16 Martin Luther King Day (*office closed*)
Youth Group Day of Service **9am-3pm** (Parish House) **RSVP**
Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 17 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 18
- 19
- 20 Youth Cooking/Setup for Dinner **12noon-5:00pm** (MR)
- 21 Youth Group Donor Dinner **6:00pm** (MR)
- 22 Church Ice Skating Party for Everyone! **6pm** (Town Cntr) **\$5.00**
- 23
- 24 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 25 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- 26
- 27 Youth Group to DC Central Kitchen **8:00am-1:30pm**
CES School Open House **11:00am** (MR, DR)
- 28
- 29 Sophia House Shelter Meal **5-8pm** (Church/Shelter) **RSVP**
- 30
- 31

KEY	CEC = Christ Episcopal Church
PH = Parish House	CES = Christ Episcopal School
LR = Living Room	K = Kitchen
DR = Dining Room	N = Nursery
MR = Murdock Room	YR = Youth Room

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, January 1st



Worship Service at 10am today – New Year's Day!

Sunday, January 8th



Worship Services are at 7:45am, 9am & 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room

Epiphany Crafts for ALL AGES from 10:15 – 11am in the Dining Room

Youth Group from 3 – 6pm in the Murdock Room – dinner included!

Sunday, January 15th



Worship Services are at 7:45am, 9am & 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church meets at 9am in the Dining Room

SOS – Serving Others Sunday at 10:15am in the Murdock Room

Smart Sacks, Sandwich Making, Cards for the Troops - We make 750 sar

for McKenna's Wagon and fill 280 bags of food for 70 children at Meadow Hall

Elementary School who need food on the weekends. We'll make Valentine's Cards for the Troops, too!



Monday, January 16th

DAY of SERVICE from 10am – 4pm Meet in the Parish House – a day to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King doing service for those in need. We will work on a variety of projects around the Rockville area. SSL hours will be given for work completed and friends are welcome with lunch included. **RSVP** to Mrs. Craig by Jan 8th at 301/762-2191 #15.

Friday, January 20th

Mission Trip Dinner Cooking & Prep from 11am – 4pm in the Kitchen. Youth will make cheese and desserts for the Mission Trip Donor Dinner being held on Saturday, Jan 22nd. We'll decorate and prep along with practice presentations. All youth who attended a Mission Trip in 2015 should stop by and help make this event a success as we prepare for 2016 Mission Trips and say THANKS to our very generous donors!

Sunday, January 22nd



Worship Services at 7:45am, 9am and 11am in the Church
Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room

Sunday School from 10:15 – 11am in the Classrooms

Ice Skating for EVERYONE from 6 – 8pm at the Rockville Town Center

Sunday, January 22nd



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Sunday School ROTATIONS

	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Preschool	Epiphany Crafts	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Art & Drama	Art & Drama
K & 1 st	Epiphany Crafts	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Art & Drama	Art & Drama
2 nd & 3 rd	Epiphany Crafts	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Bible Games	Cooking & Science
4 th - 7 th	Epiphany Crafts	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Cooking & Science	Bible Games

For questions relating to Children's & Youth Ministries – please contact:
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