

The Angelus

February 2018



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From the Senior Warden

Dear Friends in Christ,

When the *Angelus* arrives, most of us go first to the lead article by Fr. McDuffie; however, Fr. McDuffie wrote his valedictory article for the January *Angelus* and this one is being written instead by your Senior Warden. It is perhaps opportune, since now is a good time to communicate to the congregation what will be happening during the transition period between Fr. McDuffie's departure on January 28th and the calling of a new priest. On February 4th, Rev. Paula Clark, Canon for Clergy Development, Multicultural Ministries, and Justice in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, will be preaching at all three services and leading the Adult Forum to talk to you about what happens during a transition process such as ours and answer any questions you might have. We have been working with Canon Clark for the past six months, and she met with the Vestry at our November meeting. The Vestry and the Chair of the Search Committee will continue to work with her during the next several months as the Vestry selects an Interim Rector and the search proceeds for a new permanent rector. Please plan on attending one of the services or the forum on February 4th to become informed as to the process we will be following.

While we hope to have an Interim Rector by mid-April, during the intervening time, we are lucky to have secured the assistance of the Rev. Peter Bastien to assist in preaching and celebrating. Rev. Bastien, many of you may remember, assisted us during Fr. McDuffie's last sabbatical. He is an excellent preacher, and we all enjoyed his sermons. The Rev. Cindy Simpson will also preach and celebrate, as well as lead our pastoral care team, doing not only what she has been doing all along, but also assuming much of what Fr. McDuffie did with regard to the liturgy and pastoral care. As Senior Warden, with the august, if incomprehensible, job description of "canonical ecclesiastical authority in the absence of the rector," I will be handling the administrative responsibilities that Fr. McDuffie had and working closely with Rev. Simpson in all aspects of our congregational life until we have an Interim Rector.

As soon as Fr. McDuffie departs, the Vestry is poised to begin the process of assembling a Search Committee for the new rector. If you have interest in participating in the search process, please see me or any member of the Vestry for more information and to make your interest known. We need parishioners who are conscientious, fair, and thoughtful. We need people with detail skills, people skills, and process skills. We need people who can write and who can interview. Being on the Search Committee is challenging. The twelve-month process will test your stamina. The frequent meetings will test your schedule and the group process will no doubt test your patience. But, according to Canon Clark, it is also one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have at church. It will increase your knowledge of the Episcopal Church and Diocesan processes. It will engage you in a discernment process that invokes the Holy Spirit as well as your best business sense. It will allow opportunities to travel to other parishes. It will invite you to be an honest voice for your own parish. The Search Committee needs representatives from all parts of the congregation, a balanced representation of interest, age, gender, race/ethnicity, theology, and demographics. While the Search Committee will be a limited size and we may not be able to appoint all interested people, there will be other opportunities to be involved in the transition process as we prepare to welcome a new Rector to Christ Church.

Finally, let me say that one of the most important things that has to happen in the next two years is for our pledge revenue to meet our budget. In order for us to attract the best possible candidate as our next Rector, we need to show that we have a fully pledging congregation, that we can meet our budget, and that we can pay a competitive salary. We are not the only Episcopal church in Montgomery County, much less the Diocese of Washington, which is at this very same point in the search process for a new Rector. Two other priests from nearby parishes retired in January, so there is considerable competition for ministerial talent during a period when there is less ministerial talent available nationwide. It would be tragic indeed if we identified the perfect candidate only to lose him/her to another congregation who appeared to be more financially stable and could offer more in salary. So if you haven't yet pledged for this year, please do so as soon as possible.

Faithfully,

Christie Carrico, Senior Warden

Adult Forum

February in Adult Forum 10:15 – 10:55 a.m., Murdock Room

Feb. 4 – What to expect in the transition ahead and in the search for a New Rector – with Canon Paula Clark from the Diocese

Meet the Rev. Paula E. Clark, Canon for Clergy Development, Multicultural Ministries and Justice as she lays out our road map for the season ahead and receives our questions. Canon Clark will also preach and celebrate at our three services this Sunday.

Feb. 11 – God's People Undergo Leadership Transitions: Exploring the call of David, Solomon and Deborah – with Dr. Hemchand Gossai

Join with Dr. Hemchand Gossai, our faithful guide into Hebrew Scriptures, to explore the terrain of leadership changes as seen in the lives of these saints of old. As you know, The Rev. Dr. Gossai is Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at the Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus as well as an award-winning scholar and author on Hebrew Scriptures. He and his wife Viera are also parishioners here!!

Note that the Pancake Breakfast will occur at the same time: tables at the back of the Murdock Room are for breakfasting and sharing in the discussion.

Feb. 18 – Report from our Diocesan Convention

Hear from our delegates and representatives who bring good news from our diocesan-wide horizon via the 2018 Convention.

Feb. 25 – “Welcoming the Stranger” with Sr. Maureen Fiedler

Environmental Stewardship

Environmental Stewardship Committee Purchases Toilets to Guard Against Flushing Away Natural Resources and Money

Last month, the Environmental Stewardship Committee purchased two eco-friendly, water-saving toilets for the Parish House. The toilets, which will be installed in February, contribute toward the committee's commitment to conserving natural resources and being faithful to God's challenge to be good stewards of His creation. We look forward to seeing lower water bills as well!

From Mark Wright's soon-to-be launched website, pickupyourplastic.org:

Plastic Pollution: Let's Pick It Up

Look closely as you walk or bike or drive down the street. From cities to suburbs, small towns to seashores, plastic bottles, bags, and packaging litter our landscape, flowing into storm drains and watersheds. Ultimately, an estimated 8.8 million tons of plastic trash enters the ocean every year — but that number is reportedly on course to double by 2025.

Why Is It a Problem?

You probably don't grind pieces of plastic into your morning coffee. You probably don't add plastic bits to your dog food or cat food. And you probably don't let your pet parakeet nibble on plastic straws.

Why? Because consuming plastics can be fatal, both to humans and other creatures. Most plastics were not made to be ingested and generally cannot be digested. They're made from chemicals that you would never deliberately eat or drink, much less feed to other animals.

We All Make Choices

So, why do you and I force fish and other marine life to dine on plastic trash? Well, probably because we don't really mean to do it.

We get careless. We walk away and forget that bottle of water we put next to our foot at the bus bench. We don't cover our recycling bin on a windy day. Sometimes, we just don't think.

Here's the Good News

Cutting the flow of plastic trash doesn't take an international treaty, or billions of dollars in R&D spending, or even an inconvenient Al Gore documentary (although all of that might indeed help).

- You and I simply need to pick up our plastic.
- Better still, you and I can take a few moments each day or each week to pick up plastic trash that others have left behind – and drop it in a recycling container.

Wait, It's Really that Simple?

Yes – and no. The bigger problem won't be solved so easily. All the plastic trash that's entered the world's oceans will remain a harmful pollutant for a long, long time. A lot of smart people around the globe are studying the problem and working on ways to address the enormous volume of plastic trash in the sea.

Then...What?

You and I can directly and personally slow the flow of trash into watersheds and other

ecosystems. Start at your feet, then expand to your street. This simple action will make a big difference. Plastic isn't fish food. So, let's pick it up!

Good News!

McDonalds is Ditching Expanded Polystyrene (Foam) Globally by the End of 2018.

This decision comes among a backdrop of contention between industry and municipalities about the issue. While industry forces claim the material is recyclable, municipalities say it's not practical to recycle the material on a large scale.

<http://www.plasticsnews.com/article/20180110/NEWS/180119983/mcdonalds-tosses-eps-cups-and-trays>

Inside Outreach



An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

“Would you build me a house to dwell in?”

2 Samuel 7:5

When a former Christ Church member, John Leary, suggested I practice my Spanish by going with him to Honduras to build houses for Habitat for Humanity, I knew immediately that I'd be going. Here's a snapshot of what I saw.

- Meeting the young family we would be helping. Mom, dad and their three-year-old daughter were clearly happy to see us come. The family had already spent several months building the house themselves, but with our help, the family hoped to speed-up the process by several weeks. Much to the delight of the family, we added four vertical feet to their walls. At the end of our week, a representative from government spoke to us, pointing out that El Salvador depends so much on the kindness of strangers. This, I thought to myself, is what we Christians are all about.
- Going to one of the Civil War massacre sites. The Civil War from 1980-1989 took the lives of 60,000 civilians and an additional 20,000 soldiers/combatants. We took an afternoon off from work to visit El Mozote, a village in rural El Salvador where, over a three-day period in 1981, the Salvadorian army killed 1000 peasants. The church-yard where so much of the killing occurred is now planted with thousands of tiny white wildflowers, representing the hope that each innocent soul who died in the war has found a place in heaven.
- Talking to a family who lost their bread-winner. While many parts of El Salvador look and feel prosperous, everyday violence is there too. This became starkly apparent when we visited a Habitat house that John had helped build a few years ago. When he left, a husband and his wife, who had trouble walking, were happily living in their new-built house where everything was built to accommodate the wife's limitations. But when John took us to meet the family, out expected 'feel good' story, turned to sadness. Somebody had murdered the husband, leaving the wife without financial support. She is willing and able to work, but her homemade wheelchair can't navigate the narrow, unpaved roads of her town. Poverty is not just the lack of money, but having resources to help you pick up the pieces after tragedy.
- A visit to a rural school. Montgomery County has a 'Sister City' relationship with the Departamento de Morazán, a mountainous area located on the border with Honduras. Two years ago, Sister City Montgomery raised funds to build a computer lab in one of the Morazán villages. The village children love it. It makes them feel connected to the world,

they said. I was fascinated to see the kids using the same computer programs our own grandkids use. The parents of the village treated us to a wonderful soup made from chickens raised in a facility built by Habitat volunteers a few years ago. Working together, our own Sister City and Habitat International is steadily improving the life of the Departamento de Morazán, El Salvador.

Mary Belknap

The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. The next Committee meeting will be February 13th. 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.

Christ Episcopal School



Now's the Time! Submit a 2018-2019 CES admission application by February 9th for enrollment notification on March 1st.

“Why I Teach in an Episcopal School” by Nicole Stone, CES Teacher

Featured in the [January 2018 MAESA Matters](#)

As I arrived at Christ Episcopal School for my first day of teaching, I didn't know what to expect. I had just moved back to the U.S. after spending nine years in London, England, where I taught middle school at a large, private, American school that catered to competitive and wealthy expats. I had never taught at an Episcopal school and I was grateful to my new head, Dr. Caroline Chapin, for taking a chance on me based on a Skype interview from abroad and some strong references. Walking into the school for the first time, I was immediately surrounded by a chorus of welcomes, bright smiles, and kind words. I knew instantly that this was the right place for my family and me.

Three and a half years later, I have learned what it means to teach at an Episcopal school. The first word that springs to mind for me is 'community'. Never before have I been a part of such a warm, caring, and supportive community of teachers, parents, and students.

I see the basic tenets of our character program woven throughout the school environment – respect, patience, kindness, cooperation, and more. This character building program is one of the pillars of the Episcopal schools' mission, and day-to-day when I see these young students choosing the right path, I feel the pride of having helped shaped these minds and spirits as part of this wonderful mission. I know that as they face moral and ethical challenges in their later education and as adults, the solid foundation our Episcopal school has cemented in them will positively influence their choices in life. I am honored to have played a small part in that future adult's formation.

A second integral piece that forms the Episcopal school experience is the holistic education we offer the child. While academic rigors are always emphasized and recognized in the student, I have found that our school fosters additional traits such as a service to others, respect for and love of God, passion for the arts, and most especially the celebration of each student's unique worth. In the classroom, I strive to reach each student individually, our curriculum allowing me the flexibility of teaching in the ways that I find best inspires my students. My professional abilities are respected and encouraged such that I can create a true learning environment in the classroom, one that provides varied interactive lessons

including occasional digressions driven by the students' own intellectual curiosities. With a team of similar-minded professionals around me, we create a learning sphere that ignites passion in all of the disciplines – service, music, art, history, math, English, athletics, and more. That is the true Episcopal educational formation.

Finally, as a contrast to our currently divisive and judgmental society, our school demonstrates the Episcopal educational mission of respecting the dignity of every human regardless of background or beliefs. We are truly inclusive, and we foster that love of justice, peace, and grace. Our middle school sports program invites every student to participate regardless of ability, which encourages true camaraderie on the teams and allows for each student to feel the thrill of sports competition without the fear of ridicule. Our middle school musical is also wholly inclusive of the students, so that each may feel the excitement of stage performance in a warmly accepting and supporting environment. Many times, a student may discover a new interest that otherwise may have never been found without this opportunity. We learn through these experiences that God is in each one of us, and we must respect the beauty he has created in every person.

As our students progress through each grade, we hope that the Episcopal foundation we have laid for them will provide the strength and guidance for them in their life's path. My aspiration is that they will lead positive change and show courage in the face of resistance because of what they learned while within our community. Again, I see this as a crucial antidote to our increasingly fractured and divisive national dialogue, or even as an important cultural nuance for an ever more digitally-connected planet. At Christ Episcopal School, we ultimately strive to blend traditional morals, intellectual curiosity, and modern sensibilities to create model citizens and change leaders for our society. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

CES Gala: Please join us February 9, 2018, 6:30-11:30pm for the Christ Episcopal School "Twilight in Venice" Auction and Gala! This event brings together families, faculty, and church members for a fun night of eating, drinking, dancing, and raising money to support our students. This year, we will be celebrating in the beautiful ballroom at Maggiano's, where we will enjoy delicious Italian cuisine! Last year from the auction, CES raised over \$88,000, and more than \$30,000 to model a lower grade classroom. This year part of the proceeds will go toward renovating the Murdock room. Your generosity will make a huge difference in the success of the Gala, which directly benefits the excellent educational programs at Christ Episcopal School, a ministry of Christ Episcopal Church. This year, it will directly impact church programs, too, as we come together to update the Murdock Room! For more information please go to <http://cesrockville.org/cesgala> and for tickets please contact Bob Treseler at btreseler@cesrockville.org or 301-424-6550.

St. Francis Flock

I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. Genesis 9:15

Looking Forward to 2018!

St. Francis Flock kicked off 2018 with a vibrant discussion of our goals for the year. Never short of ideas, possible future activities include a film series, adult forums, field trips,

outreach to CES, and teaming up with area non-profit animal welfare groups. More outreach; more education; more fun! Our group is growing and we hope to welcome more new members this year.

Lenten Film Series

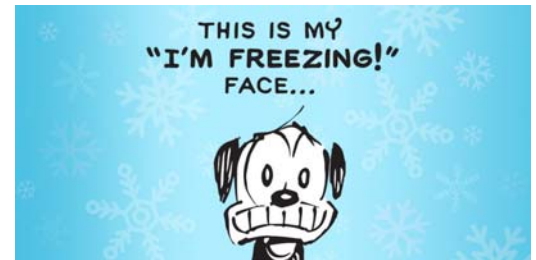
St. Francis Flock will be hosting three films during the Lenten film series starting in late February. Please join us for food, fellowship, and open discussions on animal welfare, our food system, and sustainability of God's green earth. Stay tuned – more information to come!

St. Francis Flock wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and blessed new year. The year sure has started out cold. *Brrrrrr . . .*

How to Protect Animals from Cold Winter Weather – Mutts – Patrick McDonnell

(<http://www.mutts.com/news/protect-animals-from-cold-winter-weather/>)

If you're protecting your family and home against the winter weather, be sure to keep your furry (or feathered) companions in your plans! Here are a few important things to know about how to protect animals from cold weather.



- **Bring all animals inside.** No companion animal should be left outdoors during extreme weather. Dogs, cats, horses, you name it – they should all have access to a warm home or barn with blankets, plenty of food, and access to unfrozen water.
- **Give them extra food.** Just like humans, animals burn extra calories during the winter to stay warm. Remember to adjust their meals accordingly.
- **Keep your pets dry.** If you do venture out into the rain or snow with your animals, be sure to dry them off thoroughly with a towel when you get back. Even after you've returned to the safety of your home, cold rain or melting snow caught in your pet's fur can still pose a serious threat to their health.
- **Beware of common poisons.** Keep antifreeze (and other dangerous chemicals such as paint and rock salt) sealed and away from pets, and always wash their paws after you've been out walking. Some brands of antifreeze, which can be lethal if ingested, have a sweet scent that attracts hungry animals. (Read more about antifreeze precautions, including how to buy nontoxic antifreeze. (www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/antifreeze.html?credit=web_id112494760)). Rock salt, which can cause dehydration and liver failure if consumed, also poses a considerable threat to animals who lick it from their paws after walking through salted areas.
- **Provide a safe haven for feral cats.** Even strays who prefer to spend all of their time outdoors will require extra shelter from the extreme elements of winter storms. To help them stay safe and nourished in the cold, set out a box or two (sideways, so the kitties can crawl inside) with dry towels, food and water.
- **Check under and around your car before starting it.** Small animals may sleep under your vehicle to stay warm when cold weather or heavy precipitation hits. To avoid harming them, check under your car and/or tap firmly on the hood a couple times before starting your engine.

- **Speak up for animals in danger!** If you see a companion animal tethered or left outside in the cold without proper shelter, do not hesitate to talk to their guardian about it. Explain to the person that cold weather is dangerous not just for humans, but for animals, too. If talking doesn't resolve the situation, consult a local animal care organization or law enforcement agency. You may also view these helpful guidelines from The Humane Society of the United States about reporting animal neglect during extreme weather.
(http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2010/12/keep_pets_inside_winter_122110.html?credit=web_id112494760)

Stay safe out there, friends!

Ongoing Activities

- **Pet food drive to help keep pets with their families.** Please provide unopened donations in the shopping cart in the main dining area of the basement (same cart as Manna donations) and the Flock will deliver to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County's **Chompers Pet Food Bank**. Pet food donations benefit local families struggling to provide for their pets. **In many cases, providing pet food to families makes the difference between being able to keep their pet or having to surrender them due to a lack of food. With our donations, Christ Church is making a difference!**
- **Donations of pet toys and old sheets, towels, & blankets are ALWAYS welcome.** Many dogs, cats, and other critters are waiting for their forever families at the **Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center**. They would love to have toys (gently used or new) to play with, soft blankets to lay on, and sheets & towels to be cleaned up with. Drop off your donations in the shopping cart in the main dining area of the basement and the Flock will deliver them to the shelter.
- **Pet grievance ministry.** St. Francis Flock provides ministry to those grieving the loss or illness of a beloved pet. Please contact Eva Lin at stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org for more information.
- **Assistance to the elderly and/or disabled.** St. Francis Flock provides assistance to Christ Church elderly and/or disabled parishioners in driving them and/or their pet to the veterinarian. Please contact stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org if you need assistance.

All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us!

Our monthly meeting is the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. For more information, contact stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org.

We love you Fr. McDuffie!!

Reflections Across 19+ Wonderful Years

Reflections from the Environmental Stewardship Chair

Dear John,

Somewhere in the middle of composing an email to you (which you have already received) expressing my appreciation for your ministry to Duncan Staley and for the beautiful memorial service that you celebrated on his behalf, I realized that what you did for Duncan, in many ways, you did for all of us. So am using this email as a reflection of your ministry

at Christ Church. I attach that email here, and add a postscript on behalf of Environmental Stewardship.

On Sun, Dec 24, 2017 at 8:46 AM, Janice Musselman <jsmm60@gmail.com> wrote:
Good morning John, I am not sure that I can properly articulate my appreciation for all that you have done over the years for Duncan Staley, and for the beautiful celebration of his life at Wednesday's memorial service – but I am going to try.

I know that you personally felt much of the pain that Duncan experienced over the years and that you did so very much, in both words and deeds, to alleviate some of that pain for him: your counsel, trips to the ball park, new winter boots, dry cleaning his sport coats, creating an atmosphere of love and inclusion at Christ Church, meals shared with him and his sister, providing so much support for Jessica, donating money to the columbarium garden in Duncan's name, your wonderful sense of humor that added both levity and release for Duncan, listening to the Rolling Stones and Joan Baez when you probably would have preferred Bach, orchestrating others to provide some of his caregiving and help with his errands, the Christ-like love that you felt for Duncan and set as an example for all of us – something tells me that there is much more, that I am aware of only the tip of the iceberg. For these, and all the other many manifestations of kindness and love you personified and exemplified to Duncan, and to all of us – THANK YOU! My heart ached for you Wednesday when you gave that heartfelt eulogy of Duncan – it was beautiful, and brought much acceptance and healing to me – and what a beautiful testimony to our friend, Duncan. THANK YOU!

I loved and respected you that very first time, seven years ago, when I first met with you in your office – I was trying to discern if Christ Church was the place for me. Your love for Jesus and your deep spirituality that shone through on that day – and everyday since – showed me where I should be – where I could, hopefully, learn and grow. I will be forever grateful for that first meeting with you, forever grateful to you and all that you stand for. Truly, you have a God-given vocation.

It is obvious that you have felt and suffered greatly in your ministry, and given so much of yourself to others. I pray that retirement brings you Rest, Peace and Joy.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

With love and respect,
Janice Musselman

PS. In 2012, a group of very dedicated conservationists and biblically oriented members of Christ Church met for the first time. With your support and encouragement, this group of people evolved into Environmental Stewardship which became an official committee of the Vestry of Christ Church in 2014.

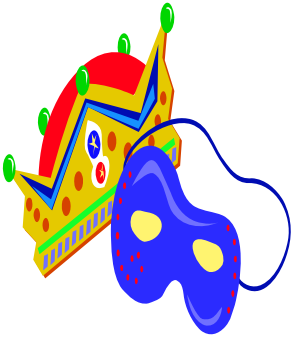
Over the ensuing years, you helped to educate us about Creation and God's challenge for us to protect Earth, approved and led the annual Rogation Sunday blessing of our natural surroundings, supported all three of the energy audits that came before Vestry, and most importantly, allowed us each Sunday to add a prayer to the POP on behalf of biblical stewardship. THANK YOU!

I pray that in the future this committee will continue to make you proud of your leadership and guidance in this important endeavor.

J.M.

CEC SHROVE SUNDAY **PANCAKE BREAKFAST &** **MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY MORNING, ***FEBRUARY 11TH*** **8:30AM – 1 PM**



MARDI GRAS (TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH, IT MEANS “FAT TUESDAY”) IS A TRADITIONAL “LAST-CHANCE BLOWOUT” BEFORE LENT. IT WAS USED AS A TIME TO EMPTY THE KITCHEN OF ALL FATTENING AND RICH FOOD BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF LENT.

THUS, PANCAKES, SYRUP, TOPPINGS, SAUSAGE, AND APPLESAUCE
ARE A SHROVE TRADITION.

**BRING FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS –
IT’S A GREAT TIME TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE
TO ONE OF OUR BEST TRADITIONS!**



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In 2017 We Donated \$37,035!
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CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Rector's & Assistant Rector's Discretionary Funds (CEC families in need) - \$3200
- Sunday School Children Serving Others Sunday (SOS) Activities - \$1000
- Rise Against Hunger - \$500
- Christ Church Youth Group
 - ❖ 3 Shelter BBQ's - \$1650
 - ❖ Shelter Week Meals - \$500
 - ❖ Summer Mission Trips (\$100 per attendee)
 - Appalachian Mission Trip - \$300
 - DC Urban Week Trip - \$1300
 - Heifer Farm & Boston Trip - \$1200
 - Heifer Farm & NYC Trip - \$1300

LOCAL FOOD BANKS & SHELTERS

- Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County/Chompers Pet Food Bank - \$500
- Bethesda Cares - \$500
- Bethesda HELP - \$500
- Frederick Rescue Mission - \$1500
- Gaithersburg HELP - \$500
- Interfaith Works
 - ❖ Women's Center - \$550
 - ❖ Women's Center Rose Room repairs - \$500
 - ❖ *Make Your Mark 5K* sponsorship - \$500
 - ❖ *Friends in Action & Holiday drive* - \$1500
- Manna's Goldberg Smart Sack Program - \$2000
- MCPAW (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being) - \$500
- Rainbow Place Women's Shelter - \$1000
- Rockville HELP - \$1500
- City of Rockville Holiday Fund Drive - \$500



OUTREACH SUNDAY
3rd Sunday of each month

The third Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. We will be in the Dining Room on Sunday, February 18 with a Heart Health raffle.

LOCAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Comfort Cases (suitcases & supplies for children in foster care) - \$1000
- Community Ministries of Rockville
 - ❖ *Elderly Ministries Program* - \$1500
 - ❖ *Kaseman Health Clinic* - \$1500
 - ❖ *REAP (R'ville Emerg. Assist. Program)* - \$1500
- Dayspring's Interfaith Neighbors Ministry - \$200
- Betty Ann Krahnke Center - \$1000
- Salvation Army (hurricane & holiday funds) - \$1000
- Shady Grove Pregnancy Center (medical assistance & infant supplies) - \$1000
- Stepping Stones Family Shelter and THRIVE35 Campaign - \$1535
- A Wider Circle - \$1000

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- Bishop Walker School for Boys - \$1000
- Diocesan Hunger Fund - \$500
- Episcopal Relief & Development (US hurricane & fire relief) - \$1000

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Virginia Grier - Montgomery Hospice - \$100
- Ella Weston-Dawkes - Columbarium Landscape - \$100
- BB 60th Anniv. - All Saints Brick Walkway - \$100

For inclement weather, we use MCPS as a guideline. However, call the store to check our open/closed status.

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Thrift and Consignment Shop

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

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, February 4th



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

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

Children's Church begins at 9:00am in the Murdock Room

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

Saturday, February 10th



Youth Group Set-Up & Decorate 9am - Noon in the Dining Room. Meet in the Dining Room to set-up and decorate for the Shrove Pancake Breakfast and Mardi Gras. We will work and have a quick lunch in Rockville. SSL hours will be given and lots of hands are needed!!!

Sunday, February 11th



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

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

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

Parish Shrove Pancake Breakfast from 8:30am – 1pm

Join us in the Dining Room before or after the services all morning long as we celebrate Mardi Gras with our Last-Chance Blowout Breakfast before Lent begins Wednesday. Pancakes, Sausages & Toppings...come hungry!



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NEW MITTENS, HATS & GLOVES

Collected Mittens, Hats & Gloves will be given to Interfaith Works Shelter & Meadow Hall Elementary School

TOILETRIES & SOCKS!!!

*Full Size Women's Toiletries, \$5 Target Card, SOCKS and more SOCKS!
Items donated will be given to our friends at Interfaith Works Shelter in Rockville*

Bring donations to the Dining Room Collection Cart – THANKS!



Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday Services are at 7am, 12:10pm & 7:30pm

Sunday, February 18th



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

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, and Paper Folding Project - We make 300 sandwiches & 300 bags of granola for McKenna's Wagon and fill 340 bags of food for 84 children at Meadow Hall Elementary School who need food on the weekends. We will also work on a **Paper Folding Project** for the Bargain Box...our major benefactor for SOS & Youth Mission Trips!



Saturday, February 24th



Youth Group Lunch & Movie in Rockville from Noon – 4pm

Meet at the Parish House and we'll walk to Rockville for an afternoon of fun.

Sunday, February 25th



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

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

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

Youth High School Mission Trip Info Meeting at 10:30am

in the Parish House. The meeting is for all inquiring parents and youth. Come hear about and share ideas for upcoming summer opportunities!

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

FEBRUARY 2018 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Regular 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 (Feb. 4, 18 & 25)

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems
Christ Church Choir

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-5th Grade
(Feb. 4 only)
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

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- 4 Super Bowl
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- 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
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- 9 CES Gala (off campus)
- 10 Youth Group Setup for Mardi Gras **9-11am** (CEC DR)
Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Nancy Small)
- 11 Shrove Sunday
Pancake Breakfast **8:30am-1pm** (DR)
St. Francis Flock Meeting (PH LR)
Family Fun Afternoon **3:00pm** (MR, DR)
- 12
- 13 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the March 2018 issue
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 14 **Ash Wednesday**
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes **7:00am** (Church)
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes **12:10pm** (Church)
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes **7:30pm** (Church)
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- 16 Private Recital **6:15pm** (Church)
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- 18 “MANNA” Sunday *(Third Sunday of each month)*
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
Bargain Box Outreach Table (DR)
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (MR)
- 19 Presidents’ Day *office closed*
Dessert & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 20 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
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- 25 Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting **10:30am** (YR)
- 26 CES Open House
- 27 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 28 Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm** (Rockville)
RMHS Choirs Rehearsal **2:30pm** (Church)

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