# The Angelus

**April 2015** 



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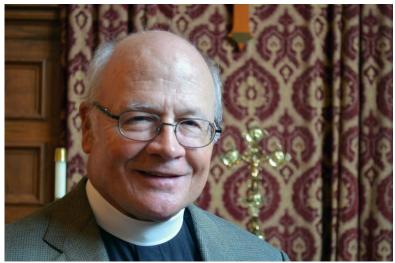
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# From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

# Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are like me, and looking forward to the celebration of Easter. It is my favorite time in the Church Year. We pass from the stark solemnity and grief of Good Friday into the Great Vigil of Easter, on Easter eve. The resurrection light of Christ is lit and brought into the church that lies in darkness, symbolically shrouded by dissolution and death. But the light of Christ shines in the darkness – the darkness has not overcome it! Such drama, such movement, such lifechanging reality frames this liturgy. This year, we look forward again to celebrating again the sacrament of holy baptism – reminding all of us that we are marked as Christ's own, and Christ's beloved, forever.

And then, of course, comes the beauty of Easter morning. In our church, that beauty has included the fragrance of lilies, the musical proclamations of a festival brass ensemble, and, at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy for several years, the choir's singing Healey Willan's "Arise, My Love, My Fair One, and Come Away..." (I will let you in on a little secret – if you look closely at me on Easter morning while the choir sings that piece, you may catch me with a tear in my eye, because that same composition was the offertory anthem on the occasion of my marriage to Mary, and it is dear to my heart.)

But I write all of this with a note of caution. Blayney Colemore, an Episcopal priest and author, reminds us that Easter has been a sentimental solstice celebration for many of us for some time. If you really listen to the Easter gospel, you may find yourself thinking about how weird Easter really is. That Easter Sunday morning, which has the highest church attendance of any day in the church, has a stark, and radical message – and it is intended only for those who are brave enough to hear it, and not for sentimental passers-through.

In his book <u>In the Zone</u>, published in 2002, Colemore writes: "A friend pointed out to me that the women who went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body (how did they think they were going to move the boulder?) actually went inside the tomb and so they met the young man. Probably most of us would have stayed outside moaning and bitching about life's unfairness, but they went in, risking an encounter with the stench of death and with the destruction of their best hopes. And that rearranged their whole lives."

I invite you to consider this radical element of the Easter story, and I invite you to consider a walk into the tomb, as we go through Holy Week. We have liturgies on each of the weekdays of Holy Week, at 7:30 p.m. in the evening. A small group of pilgrims assemble each year in the choir of the church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to remember together the last week of Jesus' earthly life. These quiet, intimate gatherings are some of the most beautiful moments in the church year.

If that is too much church for you, that is ok. But I especially invite you to be with us on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. It is a very stirring liturgy, and it culminates with what on old friend and colleague of mine called "the death of the Church." And we have two liturgies for Good Friday – one at 12:00 noon and the other at 7:30 p.m. If you haven't visited the church on Good Friday in a while, plan to do so this year. It is that time when we go to the foot of the cross with Jesus, and live into the impotence of our lives, and with the disciples, the destruction of our hopes and dreams. All of our falling, however, becomes a falling into Christ. It is a day when we can truly say, "It's Friday – but Sunday's coming." And with that Sunday comes the shock of the empty tomb, and the realization that life is changed forever.

This is a time in which we Episcopalians are being invited to reconsider the ancient spiritual practices of the Church, as a means of revitalizing our faith and having it become a way of life rather than just a set of creedal formulae. Our Holy Week liturgies have their origins in the devotional life of the Church in Jerusalem, which we know about from the writings of Egeria, a pilgrim in that city in the fourth century. Come be a part of them. Walk the journey, and know that there is no Easter without first Good Friday and the tomb.

May the blessings of the coming Easter season be upon us all.

Faithfully in Christ,

John+



# Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 26th

Our parish Annual Meeting takes place on Sunday, April 26th. There will be one worship service that day, at 9:00am, and the Meeting follows in the Church beginning at 10:30am. We will be expeditious in our meeting, because the Youth Group of Christ Church will host a waffle brunch in the Dining Room afterwards, to which all are invited!

At an Annual Meeting, the business of the church is conducted, as we are directed by our Parish By-laws. We will elect a Junior Warden, new Vestry members, and Diocesan Delegates; and we will bid farewells to our outgoing Vestry members. This year's slate of nominees includes Jr. Warden - Janice Musselman; Vestry Members (3-year term) - Tim Johnston, Steve McNeil, Meghan Matulka; Vestry Member (1-year term)- Mary Barnstead; Delegates to Diocesan Convention - Joyce Bryant, Peggy Gilliam, Henry Mulzac; Alternate Delegate - Christie Carrico. Beyond business, the Annual Meeting is an occasion to give thanks for many people with varieties of gifts differing, and many different ministries, who contribute to the health and vitality of this parish. So come join us that morning.

As we prepare to elect persons to the Vestry, it is good to remember who is eligible to be a voting member of Christ Church. You need to be at least 16 years of age, be a contributor of record of at least \$100 annually (the Rector may grant permission to those who have and contributed less financially, but who nevertheless have served in ministries), and have your baptism recorded in the church. Those who were baptized at Christ Church, or who were confirmed or received with us, are members. If you were baptized elsewhere, then you need to make arrangements to have your membership transferred to us when that is possible, or else produce a record of your baptism and be made a member by declaration.

# **Inside Outreach**

An update from the Christ Church Outreach Committee



# A Caring, Listening Ear, Emergency Food, and Financial Assistance

Rockville HELP is one of the local organizations that Christ Church partners with to improve the lives of those around us. Formerly known as Rockville FISH, it is a volunteer organization that provides multiple services for residents of Rockville who are in need. Their team of about 35 volunteers listens to those who are struggling and helps them with emergency food, financial assistance, and referrals as needed.

Volunteers are on duty seven days a week to provide needed services. An example of the services they can provide is a three-day supply of groceries to feed a family for a maximum of three times in any six-month period. Most of the food comes from donations or government surplus, but some is purchased directly by Rockville HELP. Food assistance is also coordinated with MANNA. Another example is limited direct financial assistance for prescriptions, rent, utilities, bus fare, or other special needs.

Volunteers offer a caring, listening ear, assist by handling phone calls, distribute food, or coordinate financial assistance. Christ Church provides financial support to Rockville HELP, and several church members volunteer with Rockville HELP. If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved, please contact Barbara Hunt-Wolper at bhuntwolper@verizon.net.

The Outreach Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. 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 Rebecca Browning at rebecca.browning@verizon.net.

# **Adult Forum**

# Coming in Adult Forum on April 12th

The Rev. Martin L. Smith Leads
Playing with Fire: How Engagement with the Bible can Fuel Passion
for Creation Care

Christians committed to care of the environment join many who are equally passionate but may have no spiritual or religious motivation as such. What resources do our faith and spirituality give to our commitment as Christians? And how does Scripture help us resonate with the Creator's yearning love for our vulnerable world? In this forum, Martin Smith will take several soundings in the Bible to illustrate the depths of meaning and motivation that it can offer to our concern for the environment, which must be based on spiritual renewal, not just a political and pragmatic program.

Our Environmental Stewardship Committee invites you to explore the scriptures with fellow parishioners and The Rev. Martin L. Smith. Well-known throughout the Episcopal Church and beyond as an interpreter of contemporary spirituality, Martin has authored books such as <u>A Season for the Spirit</u>, <u>The Word is Very Near You</u>, <u>Reconciliation</u>, <u>Love Set Free</u>, <u>Compass and Stars</u>, and is also a preacher and leader of retreats and workshops. He has recently co-written with Dr. Julia Gatta <u>Go in Peace: the Art of Hearing Confessions</u>. His recent retirement from the staff of St Columba's Episcopal Church in our diocese enables him to continue his wide-ranging ministry of teaching and writing.

Our Environmental Stewardship Committee thanks the Adult Christian Formation Committee for its support.

# St. Francis Flock

"To honor God by being good stewards of God's creatures"

# **Donations - Thank You!**

St. Francis Flock extends a warm thank you to the congregation for its continued support of our **pet food drive** to benefit local families struggling to provide for their companion animals. Thanks to you, in January we **donated 55 lbs. of food and treats** to the **Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County Chompers Program** as well as a leash and some toys, and bag of towels to the **Montgomery County Humane Society** in February.

By providing a place where pet owners affected by the current economic climate can get the food they need, they won't have to consider surrendering their beloved pets. Pet surrenders due to lack of finances has unfortunately become a trend not only in the county, but also throughout the United States.

As a reminder, Chompers will take unexpired food that has been opened. Pet food donations should be placed at the same location as the Manna food donations (see the sign "Pet Food Donations" on the shopping cart in the church basement dining hall).

St. Francis Flock also **delivered four bags of towels** from the Bargain Box to the **Montgomery County Humane Society and Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center**. Thank you Bargain Box!

# Flock Gets Vestry Approval!

It's official! St. Francis Flock received formal vestry approval on February 24th as an official



ministry of the Rockville parish! The group formed in November 2013 as an "informal animal welfare ministry" and has worked diligently to help support existing animal welfare activities within the parish and to introduce new initiatives such as counseling and a memorial service for those grieving the passing of a beloved pet. The Flock thanks all those who have helped along the way and looks forward to many, many years of honoring God by being good stewards of His creatures, and serving our congregation and the local community.

### Flock Features

# MCPAW's Purple Care Program Connects Seniors with Seniors

Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-being (MCPAW) connects county seniors with senior pets and offers some financial assistance. Purple Care is named in honor of a special cat that provided comfort and companionship to a lovely couple during their golden years. While the cat program is up and running, MCPAW is working to secure a donor for a senior dog program. For more information, please go to <a href="http://www.mcpaw.org/purple-care-is-a-senior-to-senior-program/">http://www.mcpaw.org/purple-care-is-a-senior-to-senior-program/</a> or contact Debbie Thompson (301) 762-3164.

"Oh Lord, you save both humans and animals." Psalm 36:6

# MCPAW's Spay it Forward Working for the Greater Good

MCPAW's *Spay it Forward* campaign strives to work toward a greater good for God's creatures. *Spay It Forward* will be a high visibility, national model campaign that will deliver free spay/neuter and microchipping service to cats and dogs. The *Spay it Forward* campaign has the potential to greatly reduce the number of animals entering the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, reduce the euthanasia rates at the shelter, and increase the number of pets being returned to owners when lost. MCPAW suggests an affordable way to support the program: every citizen donate \$1. For more information on *Spay it Forward*, please go to <a href="http://www.mcpaw.org">http://www.mcpaw.org</a>.

# Helping God's Creatures Through Fostering Now Supported by Tax Write-Off

Individuals nationwide that are fostering dogs and/or cats for approved charities may claim the expenses during tax time. An approved charity is one that is recognized by the IRS with the 501(c)(3) designation as a Not-for-Profit organization. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.petfinder.com/blog/2014/01/considering-your-taxes-dont-forget-your-foster-pets/">https://www.petfinder.com/blog/2014/01/considering-your-taxes-dont-forget-your-foster-pets/</a>

# **Upcoming & Ongoing Activities**

- Movie nights during Lent and Annual Meeting: Flock hospitality will provide at least one vegetarian dish as an option.
- **Pastoral care:** St. Francis Flock pastoral care is available for anyone who is grieving the passing of a pet. For more information, contact Eva Lin (301) 279-2785.
- **Senior assistance:** Seniors needing assistance getting their pets to the veterinarian, please contact Debbie Thompson (301) 762-3164.
- **Adult Forum:** Do you have an idea for an Adult Forum regarding animal welfare? Please contact Lori Nicely (703) 869-9572.

### **Contact Us**

All who feel called to expand the circle of compassion, please join us! Our meeting time is the  $2^{nd}$  Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

**Parish Ministry and Fellowship** – Eva Lin (301) 279-2785 and Barbara Hunt-Wolper (301) 762-1396

Education, Communications, Internal Coordination – Lori Nicely (703) 869-9572 Community Outreach – Debbie Thompson (301) 762-3164

"I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh."

Genesis 9:15

# **Music at Christ Church**

# National Philharmonic Singers in Concert

Christ Church will be the setting for a concert of choral music on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau, Conductors

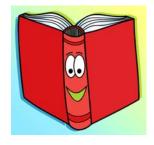
Continuing their annual springtime tradition, the National Philharmonic will present a wide variety of beautiful choral music featuring traditional favorites by Brahms, paired with new music from Germany, Russia, and premieres of several new works by Washington composer and member of the chorus, Edward Rejuney. According to Conductor Stan Engebretson, "Mr. Rejuney's music will be one of the great highlights of this program. He is a master at composing rich choral lines with colorful textures for the voices, using eloquent lyrical texts. We have had the honor of performing his pieces before, and it has always been our joy to present his new work to Washington audiences."

Russian chant opens the program, newly arranged in a "surround sound" configuration with the singers performing throughout the nave immersed with the audience. Johannes Brahms contributes his gorgeous Quartets Op. 92 ("O Schöne Nacht"), which are known for their virtuosic vocal and piano styles. New music from Germany is heard in "Nunc Dimittis," written in a popular style by young composer Simon Wawer (b. 1979). Another composer of the same age is American Josiah Attwood, who took the traditional hymn "Unclouded Day," and turned it into a large divisi work for 10-part choir.

Closing the concert will be many audience favorites including selections from the great spiritual arranger Moses Hogan, in his "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel."

All donations will benefit the Community Ministries of Rockville. For more information, please visit nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-493-9283, ext. 116.





On Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., **Booktalk** will discuss <u>The Paris Wife</u>, by Paula McLain. This is a novel about the marriage of Ernest Hemingway and Hadley Richardson, his first wife, and takes place in Paris where they became part of the "Lost Generation." Please join us for what promises to be a lively discussion.

# **Newcomer Corner**

# Mark your calendar!!!

Come to the parish-wide reception to welcome Newcomers – Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 a.m. service!!!!

# Anne Hanessian

Meet Anne Hanessian and her family – her husband, Sergey Kareev, and her grandchildren, Caleb Fraker and Melody Cummings. Anne usually attends services with Caleb and Melody, while Sergey often works on Sundays as a driver for Uber and for a local senior health center. Anne was born in Washington, D.C. and has lived in Rockville ever since. She is currently an administrative staff member at the NIH, National Institute on Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) for the Office of Scientific Program and Policy Analysis (OSPPA).





Anne has worked for the Federal Government for 32 years. In addition, she recently graduated from UMUC with a degree in Gerontology.

Anne has attended various churches over the years, but when searching for a church home for herself and her grandchildren, she was drawn to Christ Episcopal as an "old school" church that was part of the local history. She, Caleb, and Melody especially enjoy CEC's special family events and outreach Sundays, and Anne particularly appreciates the 'spiritual nourishment' John and Cindy provide each week.

Welcome to Christ Church, Anne, Sergey, Caleb, and Melody!





National Volunteer Week April 12-18, 2015

National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, 2015, is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to make a difference. You can make a difference in your community by volunteering as little as four hours a month at The Bargain Box. All of our profits fund outreach activities in Montgomery County and the Diocese of Washington. We also provide a valuable free clothing service to needy persons in Montgomery County. Celebrate Service not just one week a year but all year long by volunteering at The Bargain Box. Contact Donna at 301-762-2242.

# The Bargain Box Cooks

Spring is finally here and it is time to get away from the cold weather comfort food and try some lighter recipes. "The Bargain Box Cooks" cookbook has many delicious and easy recipes and you can pick one up at the store during the week. Cost is \$10 or buy 2 or more for \$9 each, cash or check.

Carrot Ginger Soup (p. 18) is a tangy, light soup that is a favorite at our volunteer luncheon. Apple Bacon Spinach Salad (p. 22) is a quick salad with a yummy maple Dijon dressing. Baked Tilapia with Tomatoes and Olives (p. 70) is tasty and healthy, as is Salmon with Mustard Glaze (p. 73). Want a seasonal dessert? Strawberry Pie (p. 107) with fresh strawberries is a must!

# ATTENTION: ALL GRANDPARENTS



Are your grandkids coming for a visit? Need "new" toys to entertain them? The Bargain Box has a great selection

of new and gently used toys from which to choose. They will keep the grandkids entertained for hours and won't break the bank.



# SPRING CLEANING

If one of the worst parts of spring cleaning for you is getting rid of stuff you never use, that no longer fits, or that you want to replace, it's The Bargain Box to the rescue. We are always looking for new and gently used clothing, books, housewares, DVDs/videos, toys, kitchen items, and small pieces of furniture such as bureaus, book cases and cabinets. We even take computer & phone cables and cords that you have no idea what piece of equipment they belong to anymore!



# OUTREACH SUNDAYS 3rd Sunday of each month

The third Sunday is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. The Bargain Box will be back in the Dining Room on Sunday, April 19, with lots of new spring merchandise and a Mother's Day/Spring raffle.

Future Sales/Raffles:

May 18 - Gardens and flowers

June 15 - Father's Day and vacations

July 20 - Summer picnics

# The Bargain Box Thrift and Consignment Shop

An Outreach Ministry since 1957 398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850 301-762-2242

Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 4:30 pm Donna Wolohojian, Manager

Email: <u>bargainbox@cecrockville.org</u>
On the web: www.bargain-box.org

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



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# **APRIL 2015 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 (April 12 & 19)

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-7<sup>th</sup> Grade (April 12)

**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 (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 (PH LR)

**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)

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Seder Meal **5:45pm** (MR) (RSVP 301-762-2191 by March 29) *Ceremony of Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar* **7:30pm** (Church) Choir Rehearsal after the service **8:45pm** (Choir Room & Church)

3 GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy for Good Friday 12 noon (Church)

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament

Liturgy for Good Friday **7:30pm** (Church)

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament

Children's Stations of the Cross & Pretzel Making 7:30pm (CEC DR)

# 4 HOLY SATURDAY, The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Vigil 1:00pm (Church)

Lighting of the Paschal Candle 7:30pm (Church)

Baptisms and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The First Eucharist of Easter

5 EASTER DAY

Holy Eucharist I 7:30am (Church)

Children prepare for Flowering of the Cross 8:45am (Children's Library)

Holy Eucharist II, 9:00am (Church)

Celebration Coffee Hour 10:15am (MR)

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am (Outside Foley Park) bags provided

Holy Eucharist I **11:00am** (Church) Easter Monday *office closed* 

7 Youth Group DC Central Kitchen **4-9:30pm** (Metro to DC) Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)

8 Youth Group DC Central Kitchen **7:30am-1pm** (Metro to DC) 9

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11 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Tom & Donna Gentry)

12 Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR) Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm** 

13 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)

14 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the May 2015 issue Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)

15 CES Literary & Fine Arts Celebration **April 14-17** (MR)

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17 Youth Group "LiveNow, Serve NOW" **5:00pm** (Cathedral camping)

18 Youth Group "LiveNow, Serve NOW" 9am-2pm (Service in DC) CES Open House 10:00am-12noon

Coffee Hour 2:00pm (MR)

19 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
Adult Forum: Meet the new vestry nominees **10:10am** (MR)
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (CEC DR)

20 Dine & Deal **6:30 pm** (MR)

21 The Angelus Printing

Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)

22 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm** (Rockville)

23 The Angelus Assembly24

25 Nat'l Philharmonic Singers Concert 8:00pm (Church)

Annual Parish Meeting – One combined service at 9:00am Chicken & waffle brunch 11:00am (MR, DR)

28 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH)

**KEY** CEC = Christ Episcopal Church PH = Parish House CES = Christ Episcopal School

 $LR = Living\ Room$  K = Kitchen  $DR = Dining\ Room$  N = Nursery  $MR = Murdock\ Room$   $YR = Youth\ Room$ 



# Join us for a

# Passover Celebration & Seder Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm

**CEC Murdock Room** 

The Seder meal is part of the Jewish festival of Passover. Join us as we share the experience that has been observed by Jewish people for over three thousand years. It is a time when we leave the present, and go back in memory, feeling, and prayer to the past, to remember the freedom of people enslaved, and then redeemed when God led them to a Promised Land.

EVERYONE of all ages will enjoy participating in the Seder. After the celebration and feast, we encourage everyone to attend the Maundy Thursday Worship Service including foot washing in the Chapel at 7:30 pm.

**RSVP** by **Monday, March 30 to 301/762-2191**.

Donations to cover dinner costs appreciated!



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER



for Families with Children & Youth



Palm Sunday Family Service: Sunday, March 29 at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Family Seder Meal for All: Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing: Thurs, April 2 at 7:30 pm.

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross & Pretzel Making** for Children & Youth – adults welcome too: Friday, April 3 at 7:30 pm in the Murdock Room.

Easter Vigil & Baptisms: Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 pm – bring a bell!

**Flowering of the Cross**: Sunday, April 5 at 8:45 am. Please bring a sprig of flowers to donate and help us decorate the Cross before the Easter service begins.

Easter Morning Family Service: Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

**Easter Egg Hunt**: Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am!!! Meet in the Dining Room.

# SPRING BREAK YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT



**Tuesday, April 7** (4 – 9:30pm) LOCK-IN for Participants at CEC

Wednesday, April 8 (7:30am - 1pm)

Drop-off & pick-up is the Rockville METRO.
Email Mrs. Craig, if you need a ride to Metro.
SSL Hour Activity. Space for friends is limited.
You may attend one or both shifts!!!



RSVP by April 5 to <a href="mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org">mcraig@cecrockville.org</a>

# CHICKEN & WAFFLE

# Post - Annual Meeting Brunch Sunday, April 26

In the Dining Room after the meeting!



Children's Activities during the meeting in the Youth Room!

A TIME TO CELEBRATE FOR EVERYONE!!!

# **Christ Episcopal School**

# Come On By! Discover Rockville's Educational Gem

Christ Episcopal School is accepting 2015-2016 applications for all grades with space available.

# Tours on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

No need to register...come on by! 22 W. Jefferson St., Rockville

# Open House

No need to register...come see CES!
Saturday, April 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Murdock Room, Church Building
Follow the Open House signs.

For any questions or to begin the admission process, please contact

Janet Gerber, Director of Admission, 301-424-8702 or jgerber@cesrockville.org

For More Information and to register, please visit:

www.CESrockville.org/CESummer 22 West Jefferson St, Rockville, MD 20850 Phone 3014246550



# CESummer! Your Summer Adventure Awaits!

# **Little Cardinal Education**

A ten- week, inquiry-based program especially designed for children ages 2.5 - 5.

# **Camp Cardinal**

A day camp for ages 6-10 offers swimming, arts and crafts and field trips that support fun and exciting weekly-themed activities.

# **Camp Cardinal Specialty Camp**

A day camp for ages 6-13 that offers classes in Computer Coding, Lego Engineering, Culinary Arts, Fashion and Machine Sewing, Drama/Playwriting, Puppetry and Dance.

