

The Angelus

April 2018



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Reflections from The Rev. Simpson

I came across a beautiful prayer from a mentor of mine from ages past, that I recently shared in worship. I pass it along as we enter into the Easter season in case it offers something of meaning to you in your faith journey. May the God of Easter who raised our Lord to new life do so in each of us this season and beyond. Amen!

*Crucify within me the temptation to call useless the gifts you give me.
Silence impatient requests to know more before I am willing.
Resurrect dying hopes that my worthiest dreams will not come true.*

*Crucify the apathy that will not give those dreams birth.
Silence the excuses that fail to nurture them.
Resurrect the will to try again when I have failed.*

*Crucify the notion that I will suffer less if I do not venture.
Silence the fear that puts me off from trying something new
because I will not let the old die.... that I may*

*Resurrect and nail to the cross the prejudice of familiarity
Silence the request for an answer that is a substitute for faith....
Resurrect thirst for life...that my spiritual well may not run dry.*

-- from the writings of Daniel J. Bagby

Transition Update from Christie Carrico

As we prepare to enter our third month without Fr. McDuffie, I would like to assure you that things are happening. First, we have a Search Committee. At its February meeting, the Vestry appointed the following individuals to be members of the Search Committee under Chair, Janice Musselman: David Craig, Barbara Fennelly, Honoré Kaseya, Susan Lin, Emily Pearce, Lynn Posorske, Steven Renfroe, Jim Suit, and Mark Wright. The Search Committee has received its charge from the Vestry and has already met with the Rev. Canon Paula Clark to review their responsibilities. One of the foremost of these is the need for complete confidentiality. Even the Vestry will not be privy to their discussions and decisions until ultimately the Search Committee presents a slate of up to three candidates to the Vestry. I would ask you, the members of our Congregation, to respect this need for confidentiality as well and not ask members of the Search Committee questions that they will have to refuse to answer. Be assured that you will be kept informed of the progress of the search process if not the particulars.

As I write this, a subcommittee of the Vestry is preparing to review the credentials of candidates for the Interim Rector position. Rev. Canon Clark has just returned from a conference for transitional ministry at which she planned to do some initial screening for potential Interim candidates for us. We will need to interview these candidates, and depending on the timing of their availability, we hope to have an Interim Rector in place by the Annual Meeting, on April 22nd.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, on April 22nd, there will be only one service, at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Annual Meeting. We will be electing four Vestry members and a Senior Warden. Because your Vestry felt that continuity in leadership was critical during this transition phase, two of our Vestry members, Meghan Matulka and Steve McNeil, our Treasurer, have agreed to additional terms. For the same reason, I have agreed to run for an additional one-year term as Senior Warden. This will be my fifth year as Senior Warden, and because I was on the Vestry for four months before becoming Senior Warden, that extends my term beyond what is allowed in the Church bylaws. The Vestry will, therefore, be seeking at the Annual Meeting, your approval of an amendment that adds an additional article to our bylaws to allow for me to serve more than a five-year term on Vestry. This amendment applies only to this year's election and automatically repeals itself in two years.

ARTICLE IX - TRANSITION AND TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Limitation of Term provision contained in Section 6 of Article III shall not apply to the election of the Senior Warden at the Annual Parish Meeting occurring in April 2018.

Section 2. This Article automatically shall be repealed upon the adjournment of the Annual Parish Meeting occurring in 2020.

New members running for three-year terms on Vestry are Rob Follit and Audra Snider.

Please plan on attending the Parish Annual Meeting, and don't forget that Michele Craig and the Youth Group are planning another scrumptious brunch immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program



“What good is it to say [to the poor] ‘God bless you! Keep warm and eat well’—if you don’t give them the necessities of life?”

James 2:16

April offers two great ways to help those in need get the ‘necessities of life’.

Participate in our Church-wide event on April 7th (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) at A Wider Circle, an organization in Silver Spring that furnishes the homes of more than 4,000 local families each year. We will be sorting and inspecting donations, making sure that only the best ends up in the homes of people who are starting a new life or who have lost everything as a result of homelessness, fire, or some other personal tragedy.

This will be a Church-wide event, suitable for adults, teens and children (accompanied by an adult). The tasks we’ll be assigned vary from inspecting linens for rips and stains to testing out appliances. Perhaps some of the hardier members of our group will be asked to help move boxes or furniture. There will be a task for everyone according to their abilities.

A Wider Circle makes only one request: that you be prepared to spend the full three hours that we have been allotted. This helps the organization to make the best use of their staff and resources. For more information, look for the “Church-wide Event” advertisement in the church bulletin or call Mary Belknap 301-251-1486.

All through April, you also can help those in need with the ‘necessities of life’ by participating in Christ Church’s Cleaning Supply Drive for the Kaseman Clinic. The Clinic, located just two blocks from our church, provides a range of services to adult patients who are low income or who have no health insurance. Before you buy any supplies, please look at the following list of acceptable items, which will also be posted on the Outreach Committee bulletin board in the Church dining room:

Acceptable items include Tall Kitchen Trash Bags, Small Trash Bags, C-Fold Paper Towels (#2 Box), Rolls of Paper Towels, Antibacterial Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Scouring Powder, Facial Tissue, Toilet Paper, Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Disinfecting Wipes, Windex, Bleach, Pinesol, Dish Washing Liquid, Napkins, Paper Cups, and Bottled Water.

You can put your supplies in the box provided in the dining room. Please do not leave items in the dining room until the box is available in April. Contact Emily Correll at egcorrell@verizon.net for more information.

And finally, remember that Christ Church helps those in need all year by volunteering in the Loaves and Fishes program. On the 3rd Sunday each month, Christ Church members help prepare and serve meals for homeless men and women at St Stephen and The Incarnation Church, D.C. This may be a perfect way for you to help others get ‘the necessities of life’. Please contact Emily Correll for more information on Loaves and Fishes.

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 April 10th. 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

Join Us!

Our next Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting is Sunday, April 15th at Noon in the Parish House.

You’re Invited: Earth Month Cleanup - April 14th

Spend a little quality time with Christ Church friends to help clean up nearby parkland in Montgomery County on Saturday, April 14th, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Our event will be part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s Potomac Watershed Trash Cleanup, but we’re coordinating with Montgomery County Parks staff and will learn the exact location they most need our help at soon. Gloves and trash bags will be provided for us. Please email Mark Wright if you’re interested in participating at mark@pickupyourplastic.org.

Gardeners Need Help

We need some weekly assistance in watering the areas in front of the Columbarium and the Parish House. Could you give one hour a week to help ensure that these beautiful gardens thrive and do well? If you are able to help us, please contact Diana Locke at dlocke8@comcast.net.

Alternatives to Plastic Packaging

A grocery store aisle in the Netherlands has 700 Items that are all Plastic-Free! Many of the items in the aisle are wrapped in biodegradable packaging that decomposes in 12 weeks in a home composter. Other containers are glass, cardboard, and metal. The store, EkoPlaza, plans to expand this concept to all 74 of its stores by the end of the year. The company is taking this action because “plastic food and drink packaging remains useful for a matter of days yet remains a destructive presence on the earth for centuries afterwards.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2018/02/28/a-supermarket-in-amsterdam-has-an-aisle-with-more-than-700-grocery-items-and-no-plastic/>

St. Francis Flock

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

Wishing Everyone a Blessed Easter!



A Message to Share . . .



Reflections on our Lenten Film Series

Thank you to all who attended our Lenten Film Series where we watched *Food, Inc.*, *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret*, and *What the Health*. With each week, attendance grew and included both members of the church and those from the greater community. It was an incredibly interesting three weeks of movies. Each evening began with wonderful meals and desserts provided by members of the Flock. A very special thank you goes out to Leslie Porter who provided delicious, homemade dinners each week! After each night's movie, the group engaged in insightful, open, and respectful discussions about the facts and opinions presented in the films, animal welfare, human health, the environment, sustainability, and our responsibilities as Christians and people of faith. We had such a good time that we look forward to putting on another film series in the future!

Ongoing Activities

- Don't forget our 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 Carolyn Cole 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.



The Vestry Nominating Committee submits the following list of candidates to the Parish. They will stand for election to our Vestry at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, April 22, 2018:**

Candidate for Senior Warden: *Christine Carrico*

Candidates for Vestry (4): *Rob Follit, Meghan Matulka, Steven McNeil, Audra Snider*

Candidates for Diocesan Delegate (3): *Henry Mulzac, Anne Scott, Lisa Tarantino*

Candidate for Alternate (1): *Margaret (Peggy) Gilliam*

Hear from these esteemed nominees April 8 at the Adult Forum.

Annual Meeting at Christ Church Sunday, April 22, 2018

We have just **one worship service, at 9:00 am.** The Annual Meeting follows the conclusion of worship. It is the time in which we elect new Vestry members and delegates to Diocesan Convention, hear reports on our finances, give thanks for our ministry leaders, and recognize departing Vestry members. A separate children's activity takes place during the meeting in the Murdock Room. The list of eligible voters is posted in the narthex and in the downstairs Dining Room.



We will make every effort to dispatch our business in the timeliest way possible, because our youth group will have a chicken and waffle brunch awaiting us **immediately after the meeting!** A free will donation for Summer Youth Worktrips will be collected. The Youth Group invites you to a **Post-Annual Meeting Waffles & Chicken Brunch**, 11:00am-Noon in the Dining Room.



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



Beverly Miller is one of our veteran volunteers. She started working at the Bargain Box around 1974 when it was located behind the current Trapezaria Restaurant and Henrietta Sherman was in charge. Beverly and Ginny Collins volunteered the fourth

Saturday of the month. She continued for thirty years in at least three other locations that she can remember and then "retired" for a while before returning after the store moved to the current location. Beverly thinks that the best part of volunteering is seeing "the weird things that are donated along with the nice things. Sometimes I'm not even sure what they are used for." In addition to the BB, Beverly has been involved in the Garden Club of College Gardens since 1970. She retired from the National Cancer Institute in 1998 and has since enjoyed traveling, the Red Hat group at the Senior Center, an art appreciation group, and volunteering on Mondays in the Library at Brookside Gardens. Beverly attended Christ Church from 1969 to 1983 and noted that she "made a lot of mashed potatoes for the Christmas bazaars they used to have."

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, April 15 with lots of new spring merchandise and gifts for Mother's Day. Our raffle will feature **SPRING!**

BBQ Fundraiser to Benefit Stepping Stones Shelter: April 29th 2-6pm at **Smokey Glen Farm**, 16407 Riffle Ford Rd, Gaithersburg MD, 20878. Contact the shelter for more information at (301) 251-0567. All you can eat & drink - \$40 in advance. \$50 at the door. www.stepsingstonesshelter.org

So far we have written checks for \$9500 total for winter 2018!

- ❁ Rector's Discretionary Fund
- ❁ Assistant Rector's Discretionary Fund
- ❁ Christ Church Sunday School (SOS Activities)
- ❁ Comfort Cases
- ❁ Community Ministries of Rockville:
 - Elderly Ministries Program*
 - Kaseman Health Clinic*
 - REAP Rockville Emergency Assistance Program*
- ❁ Family Services, Inc. (Betty Ann Krahnke Center)
- ❁ Frederick Rescue Mission
- ❁ Gaithersburg HELP
- ❁ Interfaith Works - *Friends In Action Program*
- ❁ Manna Food Center (Goldberg Smart Sack Program)
- ❁ MCPAW (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being)
- ❁ Rainbow Place Women's Shelter
- ❁ Rockville HELP
- ❁ Shady Grove Pregnancy Center
- ❁ Stepping Stones Family Shelter
- ❁ Bishop Walker School for Boys
- ❁ A Wider Circle

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 Donna Wolohojian, Manager
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 On the web: www.bargain-box.org

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

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, April 1st



EASTER Worship Services at **7:30am, 9am and 11am** in the Church

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

Flowering of the Cross begins at 8:45am in the Children's Library

Children are asked to bring a small sprig of flowers to decorate the cross

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30am outside in Foley Park



Sunday, April 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

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

Youth Group from 12 – 5pm for Lunch & Bible Museum Tour in DC (**RSVP!**)

Sunday, April 15th



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 Dining Room

SOS – Serving Others Sunday on Monday at 10:00am in the Dining Room

Smart Sack Packing - We stuff 350 bags of food for 84 children at Meadow Hall School who need food on the weekends, make 300 sandwiches and bags of granola for McKenna's Wagon which is part of Martha's Table, and work on a paper project for the Bargain Box.

Sunday, April 22nd



Worship Service at 9am ONLY (due to the Annual Meeting) in the Church

Nursery is available **8:45am – 10:30am** for infants & toddlers

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

Waffles & Chicken Brunch at 11am in the Dining Room

Youth Group from 1 – 4pm for Sweep the Creek Clean-Up & Ice Cream!



Sunday, April 29th



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 Dining Room

Youth Group Shelter Meal Prep from 4 – 7pm in the Kitchen/Shelter



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APRIL 2018 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 8, 15 & 29)*

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
- 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)

OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

- 1 **EASTER**
Holy Eucharist I **7:30am** (Church)
Children's 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)
- 2 Easter Monday (office closed)
- 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 4
- 5
- 6 CES Preschool One-on-One Friday Fun **9:00am** (Preschool)
- 7
- 8 Youth Group to Bible Museum & Lunch **12 noon** (meet at PH)
St. Francis' Flock Meeting **12:30pm** (PH LR)
- 9
- 10 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the May issue
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 11
- 12
- 13 CES Middle School Musical **6:30pm** (Church)
- 14 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (hosted by Karen Near)
Private Wedding **TBD** (Church)
- 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 Outreach Project **10:15am** (MR)
- 16 Dessert & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 17 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 18 Board of Governors Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22 **Annual Parish Meeting – One combined service at 9:00am**
Chicken & Waffle Brunch **11:00am** (MR, DR)
Youth Group Sligo Creek Cleanup **12 noon** (meet at PH)
- 23
- 24 Vestry Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 25 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- 26
- 27
- 28 Private Wedding **4:30pm** (Church)
- 29 Choir/Chorister Trip **2:30pm** (Church of the Redeemer-Baltimore)
Youth Group Interfaith Shelter Meal Prep & Serve **4:00pm** (DR, K)
- 30

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