

# The Angelus

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Inside **Outreach**, Rockville HELP is profiled, and volunteers are needed.

Not sure what else I can say about this but “A Joyous Note from **Reverend Cindy**”.

New **Acolytes** are needed for the fall – if you are in grades 6-12, you can become an acolyte.

The upcoming **Newcomer** Reception is announced for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Did You Know?** Your Environmental Stewardship Committee presents some interesting climate change facts and the impacts on our world and our people.

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## From the Rector



*Fr. McDuffie*

Dear Friends In Christ,

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you a little more about my recent nine-day trip to Turkey, which was a wonderful, eye-opening, and expanding experience for me. Hopefully this note might expand into an Adult Forum presentation in the fall.

The trip was sponsored by the American Turkish Friends Association (AFTA) of Maryland, which has a facility just a few blocks from Christ Church, on North Washington Street. This organization is part of what is called the Gulen Movement (in Turkish, “hizmet”, which means “service”). For more information please visit [www.gulenmovement.us](http://www.gulenmovement.us). Inspired by the ideas and teachings of Fethullah Gulen, an Islamic scholar and educator, the movement consists of a loose network of business and professional people, both in cities in Turkey and internationally. It is rooted in a moderate practice of Islam, and has emphases on interfaith dialogue, progressive education, pursuing the ideals of a democratic society, and helping those less fortunate with works of mercy and caring. ATFA annually sponsors trips to Turkey, in which they show people around traditionally historic sites, as well as introduce them to families, individuals, and organizations dedicated to civic services (hospitals, educational centers, and disaster relief organizations) that are connected to Hizmet. In Maryland, a number of educators and legislators have gone on trips, as well as people connected with churches.

My tour group was composed of six people all connected to churches and church-related ministries. Four of us were ordained, including two Methodist pastors and one Presbyterian minister. Our fifth member was an Episcopalian laywoman who works in the field of fund-raising and planned giving for the Lutheran Church; and the sixth member was a member of the Church of the Savior in Washington, and is the director of Offender Aid and Restoration, which helps prisoners returning to the community after serving time in prison. Our guide was Mehmet Cicek (pronounced “Chee-Check”), a kind and caring Turkish man with a delightful sense of humor, who has been living with his

family in Columbia, Maryland the last two years and works as a middle school math teacher.

Our tour took us to many places: first to Istanbul, where we visited the Zalman newspaper office connected with the Gulen movement, and explored many of the complexities of Turkish politics. We also took a boat ride on the Bosphorus, with panoramic views of the city that is both in Europe and Asia, and sampled some of the marketplaces. Istanbul is a hustling, bustling city, city – vibrant, noisy, and traffic-laden, with a metropolitan area population of 15 million souls. The next day, we flew to Izmir on the coast, and toured the ancient ruins of Ephesus; visited the house that is claimed by Turks to be the final residence of Mary, the mother of our Lord; and visited a Baptist church (which at one time was an Anglican Church established through the efforts of the wealthy 19<sup>th</sup>-century English traders who lived in Izmir). The minister of this small congregation promotes and hosts interfaith conversations and activities. We also visited a well appointed private high school established by Hizmet and heard a musical performance by some of their students.

The next morning we hopped on another plane and flew to Kayseri, from which we took a van ride to the region of Cappadocia. This is a place of extraordinary physical beauty, with rock formations created by huge volcanic lava deposits from pre-historic times. There is an amazing underground system of cave dwellings that were used and developed over a period of hundreds of years. We visited the Goreme open-air museum, which is an area containing former monastic residences and worship spaces of the Byzantine Church, again built in hillside cave spaces and containing fascinating frescoes. Later, we visited Meliksha University, which is a recent addition to Turkish higher education and again sponsored by Hizmet. Also, we went to a museum dedicated to Seljuk culture and artifacts. The Seljuks were Central Asian people who were dominant in Turkish rule in the middle ages.

From Kayseri we flew to Konya, a city with beautiful tree-lined boulevards, which was the home of Mevlana Rumi, the great 13<sup>th</sup> century Sufi mystic and poet. We toured a small, same-day emergency services medical facility and met its medical director. We visited the tomb of Rumi, which is now a museum, and later visited Mevlana University, which is a new institution of higher learning named for the poet. A University representative met with us to discuss his work in the areas of intercultural and interfaith dialogue. In the evening, we attended a whirling dervish performance. Dervishes are men who belong to a monastic order of Sufi Islam, which is a mystical branch of the faith that inspired Rumi. The whirling is a form of ecstatic dance that expresses one's desire for union with God.

The next day we flew back to Istanbul, and spent the remainder of our time there, touring more of the historic sites, including the Hagia Sophia, the remains of the magnificent Byzantine church (it is now preserved as a museum), that once held the throne of the patriarch of Constantinople, and the famous Blue Mosque. We also spent time at Topkapi Palace, which was the residence of the Ottoman sultans until the 1870's. The day before our departure, we visited an organization called Kimse Yok Mu (which translates, "is anybody there?"). This is a national and international disaster relief organization that takes its name from earthquake victims in Turkey in 1999, who were heard crying from beneath the rubble of buildings, "Is anybody there to help?" We

also visited a group called the Journalists and Writers Foundation, which is dedicated to constructive interfaith engagement and conflict resolution, and making a witness for peace in the world.

From there, we went to the current church of the ecumenical patriarch of Istanbul, who is the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Church throughout the world. We met with one of the priest assistants to the Patriarch, who told us that there are now only 2,000-4,000 Orthodox Christians remaining in Istanbul, and they are not permitted to baptize or proselytize people. After a week of meeting with many Muslims who sincerely believe in constructive intercultural and interfaith engagement, it was nonetheless sobering and saddening to realize that the Christian faith is in such a precarious position in the country.

Our last excursion was to the Grand Bazaar, an immense indoor marketplace that has 21 gates, and a dizzying, countless array of shops and merchants who are all eager to sell you their goods. (I must say that it is a visually stunning place, but not one of my favorite experiences on the trip.)

Wow! I'm feeling exhausted summarizing this itinerary. We often spent 12-14 hours together in a day as a group. But even with all the wonderful sites we visited, the most wonderful part of the trip was being hosted by local Turkish families and/or business and professional people for dinner each night, mostly in family homes. There we were treated to radical hospitality, warmth, and a sincere desire for friendship and mutual understanding. One evening, after a particularly delicious and heartwarming meal with good conversation, as we were enjoying tea and dessert, one of our hosts said, "One day we will all be together in Paradise, *inshallah* (God willing)"—to which one of our group responded, "But I believe we are already in Paradise this very evening!" I think that all in our group felt this sentiment.

I come away from this journey with a new eye on a part of the world I've never really know much about, but which is such a treasure trove of history and an important part of our collective faith heritage. I also come away with a renewed desire to know more about Islam, to gain a deeper respect for its faith and practice, and to pray that those of the Gulen movement might be a powerful voice for promoting greater peace, good will, and trust in a world so beset with violence.

If anyone would like to get to know the American Turkish Friends Association, I would be happy to put you in touch with them – perhaps this adventure I've shared might also become your journey.

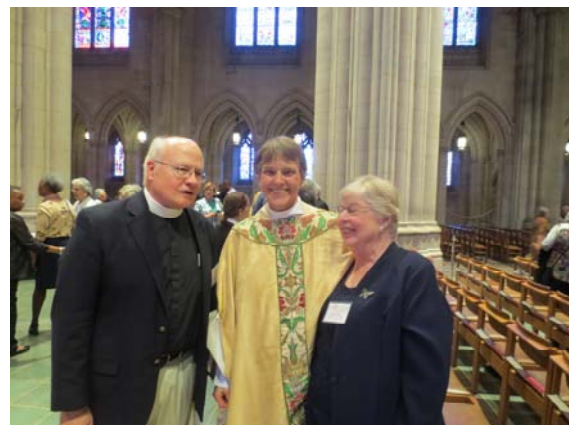
This note comes with my wishes for God's every blessing to be on all of us as we enter the summer season.

Faithfully and Sincerely,

John+

## Kaye Kubas is Honored at Washington Cathedral

Each year, a service is held in May to recognize and give thanks for the ministries of seniors in the congregations of our Diocese. An organization called Seabury Resources for Aging, in partnership with the Diocese of Washington, invites the clergy of each parish to nominate a person for recognition of extraordinary ministries inside and outside the church. Two years ago, we had participated in this service when Dr. Steve Cromwell was honored, and this year, Kaye Kubas was presented at the celebration at the Washington National Cathedral on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.



Kaye has been a member of Christ Church for almost 50 years, and we best know her for being at the very hub of the long-standing Pastoral Care Committee at Christ Church. This group gathers twice monthly to pray for parishioners or their friends who are in need of prayer. Beyond the activity of prayer, however, many of us know Kaye to be a person of extraordinary compassion who also personally mediates Christ's healing love and grace to others. We clergy at Christ Church are often told by Kaye who is in need of support and comfort in our church – because they felt it most expeditious to call Kaye herself! When asked about her wonderful gifts, Kaye modestly replies, “Oh, it's nothing special, really. I just get up each day and ask God, ‘What would you have me be and do this day for you?’ – and then He shows me!”

Congratulations, Kaye, and God bless you now and always!

## George Wong's Ordination to Priesthood

God willing and the people consenting, our friend and brother the Rev. George Wong will be ordained to the sacred order of priests on **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Washington National Cathedral. I know it would mean a lot to George to have many of us there with him at this special moment, the culmination of a journey that began over five years ago, so please come if you can.

George will return to Christ Church on **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** to be our celebrant and preacher at both the 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. After the 10:00 a.m. service, we'll have a special reception to welcome George back among us.

## Sunday Morning Book Study Begins on June 22<sup>nd</sup>



As has been our custom on previous summer Sundays, we will have a book study group for adults led by Fr. McDuffie in the Parish House at 9:00 a.m., beginning on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. As the Angelus goes to press, we have not yet selected the book, so stay tuned and watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletin and weekly email news. Or you can contact the Office at 301-762-2191. The group will continue through Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Adult Supper Club

Adult Supper Club will meet Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the home of Christie Carrico, 7238 Wapello Dr., Derwood, MD. All adults are welcome. Please bring a dish that feeds approximately eight to share and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. For additional information or directions, email [christie.carrico@verizon.net](mailto:christie.carrico@verizon.net) or call 31-340-9096.

## A Joyous Note from Reverend Cindy

Dear Christ Church Family,

With the blessing of Fr. John and our Vestry leaders, I am undertaking this summer a "part two" addition to the mini-sabbatical I took in 2013. This kind of opportunity comes along in the terrain for clergy in the Episcopal Church after serving several years in one post, and I feel enormous gratitude for it. These oases allow for rest, refreshment, and nourishment of body, mind, and spirit.

After a visit to Monet's house and garden in Giverny, France, I will make July a month of Anglican/Episcopal immersion based in Florence, Italy, with St. Marks English (Anglican) Church as my home base. I will reside in a parish-sponsored apartment for the month and take in Sunday services as well as weekday worship, with liturgies both contemporary and from the Prayer Book. I will enter into a routine of daily meditation, study and prayer, with a deliberate emphasis on deepening the indwelling of the Spirit in me. I hope to expand my knowledge of Anglican/Episcopal traditions steeped in their historic European roots and witness how they thrive today. I intend to worship at St. James Episcopal Church – also in Florence – and take in its historic and current story. I hope I may travel to Venice and visit places of religious depth and beauty – such as St. George's Anglican Church – as well. Along with learning the stories of how these long-enduring churches and cathedrals are finding their contemporary niche in our world, I anticipate being nourished by these treasures of faith, architecture, art, and civilization.

I thank you for the joy and ongoing honor of serving in this parish, and welcome your insights if you have traveled to these places. I take your prayers and good wishes with me as cherished blessings. I hope to bring back and share a richer understanding and appreciation of the worldwide Anglican Communion, its enormous heritage, and stories of how our brother and sister churches in these Italian locales are illuminating and expanding Christ's presence. I begin vacation time on June 9<sup>th</sup>, sabbatical time follows, and I return to Christ Church on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. I wish you every blessing in this coming season.

Glad beyond words,

Cindy Simpson



## Inside Outreach

*An update from the Christ Church Outreach Committee*

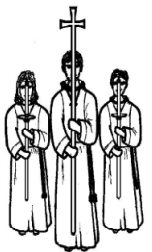
Rockville HELP is a local organization that provides emergency food and services assistance to members of our community who encounter sudden or extreme adversity. Working from a storehouse of donated food, Rockville HELP delivers relief directly to those in need. It also provides short-term financial assistance, including rent, medical prescriptions, and transportation. Volunteers are on duty seven days a week to answer calls for emergency help, and subsequently direct clients to longer term public and charity programs appropriate to their individual needs. In addition to collecting and donating non-perishable food contributed by parishioners, Christ Church provides funding annually for the Rockville HELP mission. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please call 301.564.0800.

*The Outreach Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm 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 Kelvin Dowd at [KJDowd24@gmail.com](mailto:KJDowd24@gmail.com).*

## New Acolytes Needed This Fall!

Youth in grades 6 to 12, here's your opportunity to contribute to the worship at Christ Church. Training classes will be held beginning on Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. [It's also possible to meet on Tuesday evenings instead of Monday if this works better for the candidates]. Training will run for seven weeks and finish before Thanksgiving. Once you have completed training, you will be scheduled to serve on Sunday mornings about once per month. And even if you are a chorister you can be an acolyte as well.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Mr. Bob James at 240-731-9928 or [bobjames3@msn.com](mailto:bobjames3@msn.com). Thanks for considering this service to Christ Church.



## Environmental Stewardship

### **Did You Know?**

Facts regarding climate change:

1. "... how the world responds to warming may ultimately determine just how bad things get."
2. " Developing countries will be hit harder as climate change worsens poverty in those regions. They face greater incidence of malnutrition, waterborne disease and death from rising temperatures."
3. "Climate change has already altered migration patterns, killed off some species, made it harder to grow crops like wheat, and increased the rate of glacial melt and loss of Arctic sea ice."

*Source: U.N. climate change report, Time Magazine, April 14, 2014, p.12*

## **Environmental Stewardship Team** - Cindy Simpson, temporary chair

Sub-groups:

- Worship - Janice Musselman, Chair  
Cindy Simpson, Mark Wright
- Internal Environments/Energy Audit - Skip Hyberg, Chair;  
Charles Bevington, Don English, Charlie Griffiths, Ruth Hanessian, Barbara Hunt-Wolper
- External Environments/Landscaping - Ann English, Chair; Charles Bevington,  
Ruth Hanessian, Barbara Hunt-Wolper, Barbra Johnson, Ralph Veale
- Education/Outreach - Denise Jay, Chair  
Barbra Johnson, Janice Musselman, Mark Wright

Other active committee members: Rebecca Browning, Carolyn Cole, Richard Cole, Janet Crampton

### *June 8 Newcomer Reception!*

*All Christ Church Worshipers*

*Especially those new in the past twelve months,  
those who have missed earlier newcomer events,  
and those who feel new at heart!!!*



*The Welcoming Committee cordially invites you to a  
'Summer Beach Party' (in the Murdock Room!)  
to be introduced to our parish family*

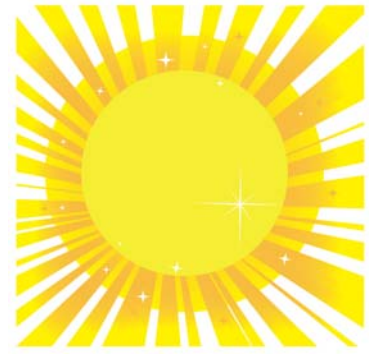
*Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 10 a.m. service*

*All in the Parish are invited!*





# Happy Summer!



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## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2014 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES:

**JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**JULY 6, 13, 20, 27**

**AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**7:45 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
*a spoken service with Sermon*

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems*  
*Christ Church Summer Choir*

**10:00 AM** Summer Sunday School – Murdock Room  
*a service for young children (ages 4-8), using Veggie Tale videos, games, stories and crafts*

June 22 & 29

July 6, 13, 20 & 27

August 3, 10

**Nursery 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM** *for infants and toddlers*  
*6 months to 4 years old*

### ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

**8:45 AM** Lemonade on the Porch – Parish House

**9:00 AM** Summer Adult Series – Parish House

**9:15 AM** Summer Choir Rehearsal – Church

**11:00 AM** Lemonade on the Porch – Parish House

**1:00 PM** Korean Worship Service – Chapel

**2:10 PM** Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

### REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

#### **Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting – Parish House

#### **Wednesday**

11:00 AM Bible Study – Parish House Living Room

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 PM Korean Prayer Group (PH LR)

#### **Thursday**

12:00 PM AA – Parish House

## OTHER PARISH EVENTS

*(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)*

### JUNE

- 1 Grad & SS Teacher Recognition **10:00am** (Church)
- Year-End Picnic & Reception for ALL 11:00am (MR, DR)
- Youth Group Event **2-4pm** (PH LR)
- St. Francis' Flock Meeting **3:00pm** (CEC DR)
- 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 8 Choir Recognition Sunday **10:00am** (Church)
- Newcomer Reception for ALL **11:00** (MR)
- Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
- 9 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 10 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 13 Family & Youth Camping Trip **4:00pm** (Harpers Ferry)
- 14 Adult Supper Club 7:00pm (home of PA Magee & Jay Renner)
- 15 "Rockville Help" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
- Bargain Box Outreach Table (PH DR)
- Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 16 Dine & Deal – (Final until September) **6:30pm** (MR)
- 17 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 25 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:00pm** (Rockville)

### JULY

- 1 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 4 Independence Day / Office Closed
- 8 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 12 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Linda & Tom Rhoads)
- 13 Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
- 14 Booktalk **1:00pm** (PH LR)
- Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30** (PH DR)
- 15 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 18 18<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Heifer Farm Mission Trip
- 20 "Rockville Help" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
- Bargain Box Outreach Table (PH DR)
- Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)

- 23 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:00pm** (Rockville)

### AUGUST

- 2 2<sup>nd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> DC Urban Mission Trip
- 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 9 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Tom & Donna Gentry)
- 10 Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
- 11 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 12 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 17 "Rockville Help" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
- Bargain Box Outreach Table (PH DR)
- Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 19 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the September Issue
- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 27 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:00pm** (Rockville)

#### KEY

PH = Parish House

LR = Living Room

DR = Dining Room

MR = Murdock Room

CEC = Christ Episcopal Church

CES = Christ Episcopal School

K = Kitchen

N = Nursery

YR = Youth Room

# CEC FAMILY & YOUTH CAMPING TRIP



- Who:** Families & Youth from Christ Episcopal Church.  
All children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- What:** Camping under the stars, singing around the fire, S'mores, storytelling, games, river tubing, Sunday worship, fun, food & fellowship with friends!  
**A chance for families and youth to take a break from the normal everyday and experience God's beautiful creation together in Harper's Ferry.**
- When:** Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>/ arrival begins at 4pm thru Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am
- Where:** KOA Campgrounds at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia
- Lodging:** Cabins available or tent space – Reserve your spots today!
- Costs:** Tent Space and Food - \$50.00 Adults & Youth \$25.00 for Children  
Cabins – please call Michele Craig for pricing & availability  
River Tubing - \$25.00 per person for a two hour EASY trip
- Contact:** Michele Craig [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org) or 301/762-2191 Ext 15
- RSVP:** **Reserve your spots by June 8<sup>th</sup>** - don't miss out or delay!



# CEC FAMILY & YOUTH CAMPING TRIP



# Veggie Tales

Summer Sundays

Young Children

**June 22 - August 10**

**10:00 - 11:15 am**

**Murdock Room**

Summer Sundays are a fun time for children 4 to 8 years old.

A fun chance to worship using Veggie Tales DVDs.

We spend our time learning Bible stories, playing games, making crafts, singing songs, having fun & eating snacks!

Children should be Pre-Kindergarten to Third grade.

We begin at 10:00 AM in the Murdock Room  
and conclude immediately after the service.

Dress is casual attire. We play with paint, glitter, dirt, food, outside, inside, on the floor, with water and glue, etc.

Snacks provided, but it's NOT a balanced breakfast or lunch!  
Please feed your growing, hungry children before they arrive.

Thank you for supporting this exciting program!

