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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

June is coming, and with it the hope for a good summer for all, with opportunities for rest and recreation.

I wanted to circle back to our parish Annual Meeting on April 30th for just a moment. I want to thank all who participated in the meeting and those who submitted evaluation feedback. Several of you said, "The meeting was too long". Indeed, it was the longest Annual Meeting since 2003, a year in which we had 10 people campaigning for a limited number of Vestry positions! Since that time, most Annual Meetings have come in slightly under an hour in length. But this year's budget presentation brought up a subject that had very much affected the hearts and minds of a number of folks: The Vestry's painful discernment that it could no longer financially support the compensation of our paid staff singers and choral scholars in the Adult Choir, after June 4th.

For many years, Charlie Meininger, Amanda Cornaglia, Vince Patterson, Keely Borland, and more recently, Rishabh Bajekal, have provided exemplary service in anchoring our adult choir. They have been aided by the presence of paid teen singers in our congregation. And the cumulative result has been a choir of musical excellence, which has been a drawing card to people coming to Christ Church who desire, as volunteers, to sing in a good musical ensemble. We are ever grateful for the contributions of our staff singers, as well as our church volunteers' contributions, to our music in worship.

The Vestry's decision that it could no longer continue to fund the music ministry in this present form was not based on malice or prejudicial opinions about worship; it was based on having to make difficult choices in the absence of sufficient pledge income. We are gradually transitioning from an older pledging base of parishioners, who have cumulatively given at a higher percentage rate of income, to an emergent younger pledging base, who have many attendant competing costs in managing households, and who are more slowly, but surely, growing into generous giving habits. I want to commend our Vestry for their thoughtful analysis of where we are financially and for their faithful stewardship decisions about how best to manage a shortage in funding the mission and ministry of Christ Church, and to project prudently into the future.

As painful as a transition like this can be for folks who have a strong connection to the music ministry, I still have fond hopes that with a gifted music director in Tad Cavuoti, we can marshal the volunteer resources of many fine singers in our congregation and still have a good program. Having said that, I also repeat my invitation made at the Annual Meeting: if any of you feel moved to increase your financial pledges to Christ Church for 2017, and make an appeal to the Vestry for restoring some of the choir funding, you can do so. One appeal has been made to restore the teen

choral scholars, and another small renewed pledge was made for the overall program shortly after the Meeting. Let the Vestry know if this is in your heart, and we can review your appeal and see what resources we have.

Again, let me mention my personal excitement about the vision that our Vestry and Board of Governors of Christ Episcopal School have for the future of our Church and School as we continue our partnership in mission and ministry. We hope to sell the Jefferson Building, and subsequently build a new CES classroom and administrative building on part of Linda Foley Park, next door to the Church building. We hope to remodel classroom space in the Church Building, provide renovations to the Murdock Room and our worship space, and install an elevator in the Building. This project will give our School a new look, and insure its strength and stability in the days to come, which in turn provides for our strength and stability as a parish. I'm praying that good and generous hearts in both communities will respond to an appeal for funding for these projects, and that we can reach a goal of being debt-free, when all is said and done.

It will be an interesting and energetic summer. Stay tuned!

Faithfully and Sincerely,

John+

Inside Outreach



An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

- John 21:17

Loaves and Fishes

If, on the third Sunday of the month, you see a group of people not "dressed in their Sunday best", it may be because they are the Loaves and Fishes group. The Christ Church Loaves and Fishes group partners with St. Luke's in Bethesda and with members of the Korean congregation to go to St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church at 16th and Meridian in the District to help serve between 150 and 250 people in need of a meal. Loaves and Fishes could be called a soup kitchen, although our usual meal is baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, greens, gizzards, rolls, and cookies.

Loaves and Fishes began as an outgrowth of St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church's practice in the mid-1960s of providing meals after Sunday services. When hungry non-churchgoers began to appear in considerable numbers, the congregation launched a meals ministry and named the program Loaves and Fishes after the miracle described in the gospels. As Loaves and Fishes grew, other churches, including Christ Church, stepped in to help. In addition to helping with our hands, Christ Church also provides financial support to this valuable ministry.

There is no special training needed, just a desire to help feed some of God's people. While we are in the midst of serving the earthly food, St. Stephen's brings the Eucharist to us. If you have questions or are interested, please e-mail Emily Correll (egcorrell@verizon.net) or Bill Thompson (Thompson.william.w@dol.gov).

The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. The next meeting will be June 13, 2017. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.

Environmental Stewardship

Did you know?

Most religious communities worldwide, including the Episcopal Church, have issued statements affirming the danger of climate change and the individual responsibility to care for God's creation. The list of these communities, as well as their statements, can be found here: http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/religious-statements-on-climate-change/. The Episcopal Church, along with the Church of Sweden and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, signed a joint statement, "Sustaining Hope in the Face of Climate Change." In

- 1. Advocate for national and international policies and regulations that enable a swift transition from dependence on fossil fuels to clean, safe, renewable energy, and for economic systems that are fair and just.
- 2. Sustain an interfaith, international conversation around climate change and social and economic justice while working to keep climate change in the public's attention.

this statement, the Churches commit to:

- 3. Encourage our faith communities to deeper theological reflection on the moral and ethical response to climate change, and then to make public witness about climate change through advocacy at the local, national and international levels.
- 4. Invite our communities to prayerfully consider how their own actions, lifestyle choices particularly our energy consumption affect the environment.
- 5. Offer our communities continued opportunities to learn about climate change and the universal church's response to this crisis.

How can we as Christians and members of this community help to uphold these commitments in our daily lives?

Gardening Update

It's the perfect time to plant warm weather plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Vegetable gardening is fun, good for the environment, and most of all, delicious! You can plant vegetable plants in a fenced-in garden or even a small pot. Check out https://www.thespruce.com/container-vegetable-gardening-1403396 or email Melissa Scales at melissascales1107@gmail.com if you need help getting started or have any questions.

Safe Disposal of Medication

Unused medication that is not disposed of properly can pollute our waterways, as well as increase the likelihood for misuse. Instead of tossing unused pills in the trash, consider doing one of the following:

- 1. Taking them to your pharmacy. This is part of a 2014 Drug Enforcement Administration voluntary initiative. To find which pharmacies accept medications, visit <u>DisposeMyMeds.org</u> or <u>DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov</u> and search for "drug disposal." Or call the DEA's Registration Call Center at 800-882-9539.
- 2. Dropping them off at local police departments or fire stations. Twice a year, the Drug Enforcement Agency holds National Prescription Take-Back Day, where you can drop off all your leftover medications at designated police departments, fire stations, and other specially

designated facilities in your community for proper disposal. Drop-off is completely free and anonymous.

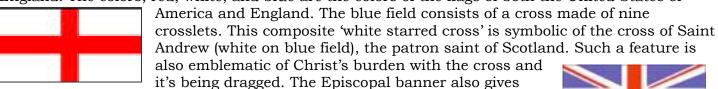
- 3. Mailing them. Costco, CVS, and Rite-Aid pharmacies sell postage-paid envelopes for customers to mail any prescription, including opioids, and over-the-counter medications to a disposal facility.
- 4. Be responsible if you put pills in the trash—hide them in coffee grounds, sawdust, or kitty litter, then seal both in a plastic bag. If your local pharmacy won't accept your medication and drop-off at an authorized location is not an option, you can toss most pills in your household trash—just be sure to mix them with a substance that makes them less recognizable. (Don't do this with opioids or other dangerous meds—it's too easy for kids to fish these out of the trash and ingest them.)
- 5. For dangerous drugs, the FDA says flushing is an option. But trace amounts of drugs can end up in the water supply and possibly harm aquatic life. Flush dangerous drugs such as opioids only if there is absolutely no other choice.

Source: http://www.consumerreports.org/drugs/getting-rid-of-expired-medication/

Episcopal Cross

The General Convention of 1940 adopted the banner that Episcopalians call their own, but not all Episcopalians are familiar with the significance of its design. Conversely, most Americans know something about the design and history of the American flag.

The triangular (Trinity) Episcopal banner is typified by a red cross which divides the white field into four rectangles; this element is the Cross of Saint George, the patron saint of England. The colors, red, white, and blue are the colors of the flags of both the United States of



connotations of the "X" and the "†" both of which are present in the British Union Jack. Each of the nine crosslets in the Episcopal banner represent one of the nine dioceses which met in Philadelphia in 1789 to form the

Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, the first Anglican Church outside of the British Isles. The nine founding diocese were Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and South Carolina. The cross of Saint Andrew remembers the fact that Samuel Seabury¹, the first bishop of the Episcopal Church, (and the diocese of Rhode Island) was consecrated by the Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The seal thus reveals the heritage of the Episcopal Church with its origins in both the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

¹Named in his honor, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary is a seminary of the Episcopal Church located in Evanston, Illinois. Seabury-Western Theological Seminary was created in 1933 by the merger of Seabury Divinity School (1858, Faribault, Minnesota) and Western Theological Seminary (1883, Chicago, Illinois). www.seabury.edu

St. Francis Flock

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

St. Francis' Flock held its first ever "Celebrate Animals" fair on Saturday, May 6th. Although the weather was a challenge with cool temperatures, rain, and wind, a good time was had by all. Feedback from attendees and the non-profit participants was that it was a "quality event" and to please host it again. Attendees included families from the parish, Christ Episcopal School (CES), local families from Rockville/Montgomery County, and other animal welfare enthusiasts from the DC region. St. Francis Flock thanks its volunteers and the parish and CES for allowing use of church/school grounds for this event. Highlights included:

- **Your Dog's Friend:** Provided clicker obedience demonstrations. Your Dog's Friend specializes in force-free positive dog training and provides free workshops.
- **Star Gazing Farm:** Provided a sheep shearing demonstration of Angel, a rescued sheep. Star Gazing Farm provides safe haven to abused, stray, and neglected farm animals.
- **Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue:** Accompanied by soft and precious guinea pigs, Metropolitan had food, bedding, and housing samples to demonstrate proper feeding and care of Guinea pigs.
- **Mid Atlantic Dogs Search and Rescue:** St. Francis Flock welcomed back Bill Kenealy, whose rescue dog, Molly, passed away in 2016. Molly was remembered at the Pet Memorial Service last November. On this visit, Bill, assisted by another search and rescue dog, had information regarding Mid Atlantic's professional search and rescue dog teams that they provide to official agencies at no-charge.
- **Fish Feel:** Talked about how they educate the community about fish being sentient beings deserving of humane treatment and protection. Fish Feel is a one-of-a-kind organization based in Silver Spring.
- **Dogs on Deployment (DoD):** Assisted by their 3-legged Boxer who was happy to be running around, DoD talked about their work in helping military service members locate volunteers to board their pets while away on military duty.
- **Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County:** Had information about their no-kill shelter, Chompers Pet Food Bank, and programs directed at education, adoption, animal shelter, and low-cost spay/neuter services. The League is no stranger to our parish, as we support Chompers via our pet food donations, which helps keep pets with their guardians and out of the shelters.
- **House with a Heart:** Assisted by beautiful senior dogs, House with a Heart provided information on their senior cat/dog sanctuary. House with a Heart provides forever homes for seniors if not adopted.
- **Senior Dog Sanctuary of Maryland:** Had lovely senior dogs available for adoption. This sanctuary provides a permanent safe haven for senior dogs who are unable to be cared for by their owners, have been abandoned or abused, or face euthanasia.
- The Humane Society of the United States: A partner and ally of St. Francis Flock through its Faith Outreach program, HSUS had information regarding their work to address animal abuse that occurs through factory farming, dogfighting, and animal testing in cosmetics.
- **Montgomery County Humane Society:** Talked about the important work they do by helping alleviate overcrowding in public shelters which saves lives. MCHS takes cats and dogs out of overcrowded shelters and gives them the care, socialization, enrichment, and new homes they need and deserve.
- **Pet Connect Rescue**: Founded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Pet Connect talked about how they save the lives of abandoned dogs and cats and place them in loving and permanent homes.
- **Phoenix Landing:** Was accompanied by sweet cockatiels in need of adoption. Phoenix Landing facilitates adoption for parrots, from parakeets to macaws, because most birds need a succession of good homes.

• **Days End Farm Horse Rescue:** St. Francis Flocked welcomed back Days End to Christ Episcopal Church. Days End had provided an Adult Forum in 2016 and hosted a tour of their facility in which members of the congregation and Reverend Simpson attended. Days End ensures quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education, and outreach.

This event was full of God's love and presence. Please check out these wonderful non-profits doing God's work in caring for his creatures.

Upcoming and 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!
- **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.

<u>Worship</u>



Call for New Acolytes

Youth in grades 6 to 12, here's your opportunity to participate in worship services at Christ Church. Training classes will begin in late September and run for seven weeks. Sessions are 1-hour long. We would love to have you join us. Once you have completed training, you will be scheduled to serve on Sunday mornings about once per month.

Choristers are welcome too – participating as an acolyte does not interfere with singing as a chorister.

To sign up, or for more information, give Mr. Bob James a call. Thanks for considering this service to Christ Church.

Bob James, Acolyte Master – 240-731-9928 or bobjames3@msn.com

June 4 Newcomer Reception!

All Christ Church Worshipers

Especially those new in the past twelve months and those who feel new at heart!!!



The Welcoming Committee cordially invites you to a 'Summer Vacation Party' (in the Murdock Room!) to be introduced to our parish family Sunday, June 4, after the 10:00 AM service All in the Parish are invited!

Booktalk

Come Rain or Come Shine, by Jan Karon, will be discussed at the Monday, July 10th meeting of Booktalk. Over the course of the Mitford novels, readers have kept a special place in their hearts for Dooley Kavanagh, Father Tim Kavanagh's adopted son. In this book, Dooley has graduated from vet school, opened his own animal clinic and is about to be married to Lace Harper, his soul mate. Please join us at 1:30 in the Parish House to discuss this heart-warming novel.

Year End Parish Picnic Celebrating our Graduates and Teachers, Sunday, June 11th

11:15 am -12:30 pm

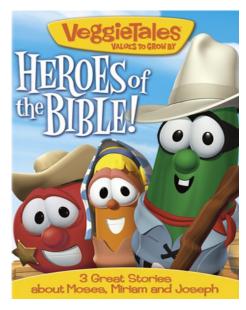


Please bring a side dish to share!

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Drinks & Shaved Iced Truck will be provided.

Questions?

Contact: Michele Craig at mcraig@cecrockville.org or 301/762-2191



Veggie Tales

Summer Sundays June 18 -August 13 10:00 -11:15 am Murdock Room

Summer Sundays are a fun time for children 4 to 10 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 in Pre-Kindergarten to Third grade.

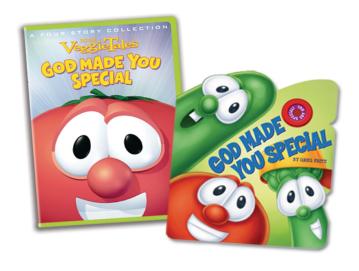
We begin at 10:00 AM in the Murdock Room and conclude immediately after the service.

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!

Questions? Michele Craig at mcraig@cecrockville.org or 301/762-2191





MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



Bobbie Power began volunteering at the Bargain Box around 1985 as a front desk volunteer on Saturday mornings, since she worked weekdays as Business Manager for a large aerospace firm. After retiring from NASA where

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she worked as a Senior Financial Analyst, Bobbie currently works with consignors on Thursday mornings, occasionally works the front desk and is a member of the BB Board of Directors. She is busier than ever since she volunteers throughout the community, bakes cookies for the troops every month and indulges in her hobbies of gardening, cooking, reading, and avidly following Maryland Terrapin sports. Bobbie and her late husband, Jerome, came to Christ Church in 1984. Since then she has been involved in many committees and groups within the church, including the Outreach Committee, Coordinator for meal planning and delivery for Sophia House Shelter, and member of the Board of Directors of Community Ministries of Rockville. Most recently she serves as Chair of the Fellowship Committee. Bobbie came to the Bargain Box because she liked the idea of it being a true non-profit organization that gave everything back to the local community. It is a fun place to work and she has enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends among her co-workers and regular customers. She cherishes the friends she has made and the insights she has learned from working with the Bargain Box Team.

We are still looking for:

Purse Manager

6-8 hrs/month spread over the month; Requires knowledge of and love for purses; and Get 1st dibs on purses!

E-Bay Sales Manager

We need someone willing to manage the sale of some of our more unusual donations on E-Bay.

OUTREACH SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of each month



The third Sunday is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. We are moving to the Parish House for the summer. Look for us in the Parish House Dining Room on June 18 (Father's Day!) with last minute gifts for Dad and a vacation themed raffle. There will be Lemonade on the Porch as well.

Don't forget Father's Day is June 18!





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: bargainbox@cecrockville.org
On the web: www.bargain-box.org

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

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

Happy Summer!

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OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

- Choir/Chorister Recognition Newcomer Reception for Everyone! 11:15am (MR)
- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)
- **CES Graduation**
- Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (Ellen van Valkenburgh host)
- 11 Recognition Sunday – Sunday School Teachers & Grads Faithful Professionals Meeting 10:15am (PH LR) Year-End Picnic for EVERYONE 11:15am-12:30pm (MR, DR) St. Francis Flock Meeting 12:30pm (PH LR)
- 13 Adult Christian Formation Meeting 7:00pm (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 18 EDOW Youth Appalachia Work Trip to West Virginia 6/18-6/24 Bargain Box Sale in the Parish House Loaves & Fishes carpool 10:15am (leave from Church) Veggie Tales begins 10:00am (MR)
- 19 Dine & Deal 6:30pm (MR)
- 20 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)
- 27 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- Holy Eucharist at Collingswood 2:30pm (Rockville)
- 30 Youth Group Mission Trip to Heifer Farm & Boston 6/30-7/13

JULY

- Independence Day/ Office Closed Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (hosted by Tom & Donna Gentry) 8
- St. Francis Flock Meeting 12:30pm (PH LR)
- 10 Booktalk 1:00pm (PH LR)
- Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH DR)
- 16 Youth Group Mission Trip Heifer Farm, NYC, Boston 7/16-7/22 Bargain Box Sale in the Parish House Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 18 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)
- 23 EDOW Summer Camp, Nanjemoy, MD 7/23-28
- 25 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- Holy Eucharist at Collingswood 2:30pm (Rockville) 26
- Youth Group Mission Trip DC Urban 7/29-8/4 29
- 30 EDOW Summer Camp, Nanjemoy, MD 7/30-8/4 Sophia House Shelter Meal Prep & Serve **4-8pm** (K, Shelter)

AUGUST

- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)
- Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH DR)
- 12 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (hosted by Bobbie Power)
- 13 St. Francis Flock Meeting 12:30pm (PH LR)
- 15 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)
- 20 Bargain Box Sale in the Parish House Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 23 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood 2:30pm (Rockville)

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2017 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES: JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27

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

games, stories and crafts June 18 & 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 August 6 & 13

a service for young children (ages 4-8), using Veggie Tale videos,

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

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

9:00 AM Summer Studies in Christian Faith – Parish House

9:15 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Church

1:00 PM Korean Worship Service - Chapel

2:10 PM Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study - Parish House 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 PM Korean Prayer Group - Parish House

Thursday

12:00 PM AA - Parish House

> CEC = Christ Episcopal Church PH = Parish House CES = Christ Episcopal School

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