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The Interim's Corner

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful warm welcome you provided for me and John as we joined you in ministry August 1. We feel blessed to be among you and look forward to our months together.

Have you been wondering what an Interim Rector is or does with a parish in transition? You are likely not alone!

Essentially an interim rector has two large tasks during the transition time: (1) to function as rector of the parish until shortly before the new rector arrives and (2) to prepare the leadership and congregation for the arrival of the new rector.

Here are some things that interims do...that happen to be things that Christ Church vestry has called me to do!

- Help the congregation deal with its grief and any other unresolved issues arising from the rector's departure
- Educate the leadership and members about the dynamics of transition and healthy faith communities
- Prepare people for changes – providing plenty of opportunity for people to talk about changes that will be made during the transition time and with the new rector
- Deal with internal conflicts and helping to heal any divisions within the congregation
- Conduct an Administrative, Staff, and Policy review in consultation with the vestry
- Explore new and alternative ways of “doing” ministry together in the areas of: worship, evangelism, and stewardship

This is hard work! Sometimes people love it and sometimes not. But for those who embrace the work they always find that God is there renewing their spirits and deepening their faith in Christ Jesus. And I invite you to part of it!

Come learn more at “Transition: the Blessing of Change” at the Adult Forum on October 7th. And I invite you to our Adult Forum series: “Meet Mother Debra: Find out who is, where she has served, and what brings her joy!” to learn more about me too. Bring your questions too! on September 23rd.

In Christ's Love,

Mother Debra+

Exploring Sunday Morning Worship: How Many Services?

Earlier this year, Christ Church's vestry charged a small group of ministry leaders to explore the possibility of combining the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, including: determining how supportive the parish was of trying this on for size; what the parish's preferences for a combined service time might be; and what else needed to be considered programmatically. The committee developed a survey which was distributed during the month of July and completed on August 5th.

The survey had a very hardy response. **64% of the respondents supported a trial of a combined service schedule.** The committee was very gratified by those of you who chose to comment on the impact this change would have on your worship here at Christ Church.

As you might imagine, trying something like this on requires quite a bit of preparation because there are so many moving parts: worship, choirs, acolytes, fellowship, formation for children, youth and adults...the list goes on. Although our staff have many ideas that could be implemented as part of the trial, there is simply not enough time between now and the beginning of the programmatic year for them to plan and execute the logistics necessary to make a smooth transition. My goal as Interim Rector, and that of the vestry and staff, is to give our best to this trial time so that at its conclusion, we can discern together how it fits Christ Church's mission to be "a vibrant, inclusive community that serves individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds."

Some of the natural next steps we will be taking...

- The staff and I will explore different models of Sunday morning worship and programming in other vibrant churches and discern alternatives for our congregation
- Staff will meet with other Sunday morning ministry leaders to explore these alternatives
- We will organize and facilitate an opportunity for the congregation to gather face-to-face, exploring what we value and engaging in conversation about the worship trial
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Our goal is for our **trial period of combined worship to begin January 6th**, The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to conclude prior to the summer service schedule in 2019. There will be an opportunity prior to the trial's end to engage in another congregational conversation about our shared experiences before we break for summer.

On Sunday, September 16th, we will return to the fall schedule of worship services at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Welcome Back Sunday is Sunday, September 9th. Please bring your backpacks to be blessed and plan to attend the blessing of the newly renovated Murdock Room and our "Picnic for All" following our last 10:00 a.m. service.

Blessings & see you on Sunday!

Mother Debra

From Your Search Committee

Christ Church Search Committee Update – June 2018

Thank You!

Thanks to all of the approximately 170 people who either participated in one of the nine focus groups or submitted written responses to the four questions that were posed to parishioners. Those questions asked everyone to identify what they seek in a rector, what they see as Christ Church's strengths and challenges, and what dreams they have for the church. Broad input was received, which generated voluminous notes.

What to Expect Next

The comment process is now closed. The Search Committee will present a report that summarizes and synthesizes all the feedback by mid-June.

Historical Perspective

If you have been through a rector search at another church, or the one held here 19+ years ago that resulted in Fr. John's call as rector, you may note some differences between that experience and the current process being followed under the supervision of the Diocese. Canon Paula Clark articulated this contrast during her adult forum presentation at the beginning of our search process, explaining that our Diocese uses a narrative format instead of a traditional parish profile compilation.

Clarifying Roles

Some of the issues raised during the focus group/comment period fall outside the scope of the Search Committee (e.g., issues regarding the school, stewardship, and the capital campaign). Those kinds of issues are in the Vestry's domain and have been forwarded to them. Also, the Diocese does not permit direct contact with or input from staff members regarding the search and screening process.

What Prospective Applicants Receive

In addition to the Q&A narrative from the Diocese which the Search Committee already submitted, prospective rector candidates will receive a copy of Christ Church's latest annual report and have full access to the Christ Church website. Candidates also have access through the Diocese to financial information about Christ Church. The committee will hold interviewees accountable for being familiar with the specifics of these materials.

Christ Church Search Committee Update – July 2018

The search committee has continued to meet every Monday evening throughout June with the exception of the evening of June 25th. The meetings are very busy with many tasks.

Since completing the focus group data, the committee has reviewed various response letters to be sent to candidates regarding our receipt of their application, our level of interest for a preliminary interview, or responding to applicants who were not selected for further consideration. Those have been reworked and crafted so that the letters reflect the style and tenor of our parish.

Committee members reviewed the summary of interview questions each member submitted. Questions were grouped into meaningful categories, and a thorough discussion of the wording of the questions followed. We also assigned ourselves to areas of interest/participation with regard to the ministries, programs, and domains of our church so that we may answer questions from candidates, when needed.

The first wave of candidates has been received, and the review process for those candidates has begun. A total of nine individuals applied during our first request period which officially ended June 29th. We will be extending our timeline so that candidates who were involved with the convention or on vacation may also have a chance to apply. The process to determine which of the first group will be contacted for further consideration will continue during the month of July.

Christ Church Search Committee Update – August 2018

The Search Committee is working well as a cohesive and collaborative team during this new phase of discernment. This is a difficult process, but we are very pleased with the progress being made.

We are exuberant and excited about the 11 candidates who have applied. Though still in the interviewing process, mostly via Skype or FaceTime, four candidates have been granted a second interview, and planned visitations are being arranged.

The candidates see our church and school community as having a strong foundation and — coupled with our extraordinary music program, outreach activities, and ministries — are excited about Christ Church as their possible future home where they can stay and lay down their roots.

Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program



“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.”
Proverbs 3:9

Now that fall is approaching, some people think about planning. We imagine, what else do we want to accomplish before the calendar year runs out on our goals or resolutions, and we begin to consider goals for the next year. For the Outreach Committee, planning often means thinking back to the Strategic Plan developed a few years ago. As a reminder, the Mission Statement we developed begins with the following sentence:

“The Outreach Committee serves as tangible evidence of God’s love by providing joyful opportunities to give of our time, talent, and treasure.”

Following the Mission Statement were three goals, one of which was to “Focus on stewardship”. Our treasure is of course the portion of the Church’s budget which the Committee is trusted to distribute in God’s name and on your behalf. We are good stewards of this treasure when we ensure that the funds we share with others are used wisely. To

take that role seriously, the Committee has begun looking more closely at the financial management of charities and organizations we donate to. The web site Charity Navigator helps in some cases, and we plan to use other resources, while in others we ask for information directly.

Why go to all this trouble? We want to be responsible with the funds entrusted to us. As our Mission Statement says, “we strive to make a difference in the lives of people in need” while being “stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us”. Thanks for your continued support.

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 September 11th. 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

Recycling Tips

You'll soon be hearing more from the Environmental Stewardship Committee about recycling practices here at Church. Meanwhile, here are links to residential recycling info from both the City of Rockville and Montgomery County.

CITY:

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/300/Recycling-Trash-Yard-Waste>

Accepted

- Aluminum and Tin
- Bottles and Jars
- Cardboard
- Mixed Paper
- Plastic/Rigid Plastic

Not Accepted

- Aluminum or Vinyl siding
- Automotive parts, fluid bottles and oil
- Metal furniture
- Paint cans
- Glass, dishes, windows, plates, ceramics, mirrors and light bulbs
- Candy wrappers
- Newspapers in plastic bags
- Paper towel, facial tissue and napkins
- Pesticide containers
- Styrofoam
- Water hose, PVC pipe or rubber tubing
- Plastic bags

COUNTY:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/recycling/blue-bin-items.html>

Put these materials together into your blue recycling bin for "commingled" curbside recycling pickup.

- o Aluminum foil products
- o Cans - aluminum, steel, bi-metal
- o Glass bottles and jars
- o Plastic bottles, containers, tubs and lids

Bundle your paper items separately, or set them out in a paper recycling cart.

The County offers brochures and guidebooks on recycling

here: https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/items.aspx?subcatalog_id=25

Lord, grant us Wisdom to Care for the Earth

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations

and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation,

founded on the covenant of your love.

Amen.

- from The Cry of the Earth

The Environmental Stewardship Committee meets every other month, on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The next meetings are October 21st and December 16th. All meetings are at 12:30 p.m. Please join us!

Acolytes

Call for New Acolytes



Youth in grades 6 to 12, here's your opportunity to participate in worship services at Christ Church. We always need new people to take the place of acolytes who graduated from high school last spring. Training classes will begin in late September at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings (although other evenings are possible if there are conflicts with other activities) and run for seven weeks. Sessions are one hour long. 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, bojames3@msn.com



Christ Episcopal School

Meet Dr. Caroline Chapin who has served as our Head of School for eight years. She came to us from Tallahassee, Florida in the fall of 2010 where she had served at Holy Comforter Episcopal School (HCES) for sixteen years. While at HCES, she was a classroom teacher, curriculum coordinator, and Assistant Head of School. A native of Atlanta, Georgia,

Dr. Chapin earned her B.A. degree in Elementary Education from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Later, she went on to earn a M.S. degree from Florida State University in Early Childhood Education: Theory and Practice, and her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. She is married and has two daughters, two step-daughters and her first grandbaby. She and her husband, Bob Hekl, live in Vienna, Virginia where they love to cook, work in their garden, hike, and travel.

While at Christ Episcopal School (CES), Dr. Chapin has worked with the faculty to create a vibrant and engaging curriculum for two-year-old through eighth grade students. In an answer to the increased national focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum, the faculty has received training in creating lessons that teach students how to work on high performing teams, the foundation of the “way of business” in today’s workforce. One year ago, CES began a partnership with YMM Art Space, an international art school, based in Shenzhen, China and with campuses all over the world, including Canada, France and the U.S. The CES art curriculum is now provided by YMM Art Space and its art educators. CES graduates continue to be accepted at top local high schools, both private and public. Admission Directors at area high schools say, “We love CES graduates. Not only are they well prepared academically, they are also such nice people.” Of course, we know why that is.... They experience a strong academic program as well as a program that tends to their moral and ethical development, with a focus on serving others. The strong connection to a vibrant church community like Christ Episcopal Church is an important one, and it helps to nurture children into wonderful young adults.

Dr. Chapin is a strong supporter of the parish day school model because she believes that it is only through such a connection that the “whole child” can be nurtured.

A child’s spiritual development is as important as his/her cognitive and physical development. Dr. Chapin is excited to start her ninth year at CES and looks forward to an exciting year especially as together with Christ Church we continue to honor a “Firm Foundation” as we build a “Bright Future,” through our joint campaign to improve and update our church and school campus.



Adult Forum - September 23

Meet Mother Debra:

Find out who she is, where she has served, and what brings her joy!
Bring your questions too!
10:10am in the Murdock Room

St. Francis Flock

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

Adult Forum – September 30th

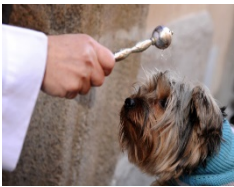
God intends our care of the creation to reflect our love for the Creator.
Dr. John R. W. Stott

St. Francis Flock is pleased to announce that we will host Lois Wye of the blog **Dominion in the Image of God**

(www.dominionintheimageofgod.com) at the September 30th 2018 adult forum. Lois, an environmental lawyer for over twenty years, earned her Master's Degree in Theological Studies from Wesley Theological Seminary and came to the realization through her work "that everything that I studied had some application for how we relate to our fellow creatures, the animals." Her time with our Church will explore what scripture, our Christian faith, and science lead us to understand about our responsibilities to God's creatures. Please come join us for what will be a stimulating discussion.



Blessing of the Animals – October 7th

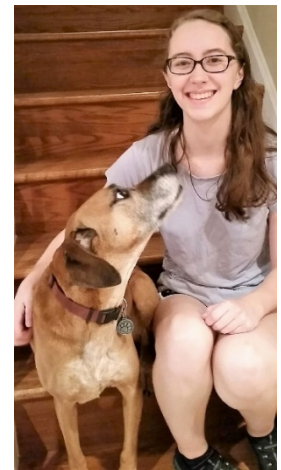


Mark your calendars and bring your pets (no matter how big or small) to Christ Church's annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7th 2018 at 5:00 p.m. on the Church grounds. What a wonderful gift to our beloved companions who provide so much to us that we bring them to Church to receive God's blessing. At the event, we will be taking up a special collection for our friends at **MCPAW** (www.mcpaw.org) to help local

homeless animals, especially needed are Kongs (dogs), scratch boxes (cats), blankets, towels, and donations for their Amber/Purple Care senior dog and cat programs. We'll share more about this incredible organization in next month's Angelus. Please come and participate in this most unique celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

Flock Youth Feature: Rachel Pepper

What a summer for Rachel Pepper, one of our outstanding youth members! She spent a week with Christ Church's Youth Group in Utah at **Best Friends Animal Sanctuary** (www.bestfriends.org). Best Friends is the nation's largest no-kill companion animal sanctuary. It is particularly dedicated to helping some of the harder to adopt animals (those with special needs, behavioral issues, quirky looks) and building effective programs to reduce the numbers of animals entering shelters nationwide. According to Rachel, during the mission trip, she and other Youth Group members weeded dog runs to prevent hiding places for rattlesnakes, spent time socializing cats, hosted two dogs in the kids' sleeping quarters to socialize them, and went for hikes with energetic dogs to give them exercise and some excitement. One of the most poignant parts of the trip was when they visited "Angel's Rest", a beautiful final resting place for the animals of the Sanctuary.



St. Francis Flock wants to offer thanks and appreciation to Michele Craig, Christ Church Youth Group Director, who researched and selected Best Friends to be one of the Youth Group mission trips and then accompanied the kids on their trip. Thank you to all Christ Church Youth Group members who went out to Utah to do such important work. What a tremendous choice, and Michele should know that every adult in St. Francis Flock would love to volunteer to go next time!



Rachel has more news to share! As part of her volunteer work with Pet Connect Rescue (www.petconnectrescue.org), Rachel trained to provide humane education to children. Over the summer, she presented to the kids at Christ Episcopal School (CES) Camp Cardinal about pet care. The kids loved her presentation and had lots of questions. Rachel was set to present at another camp in Germantown this summer and plans to work with CES in the fall when school starts as well as other elementary schools. Great work, and thank you Rachel!

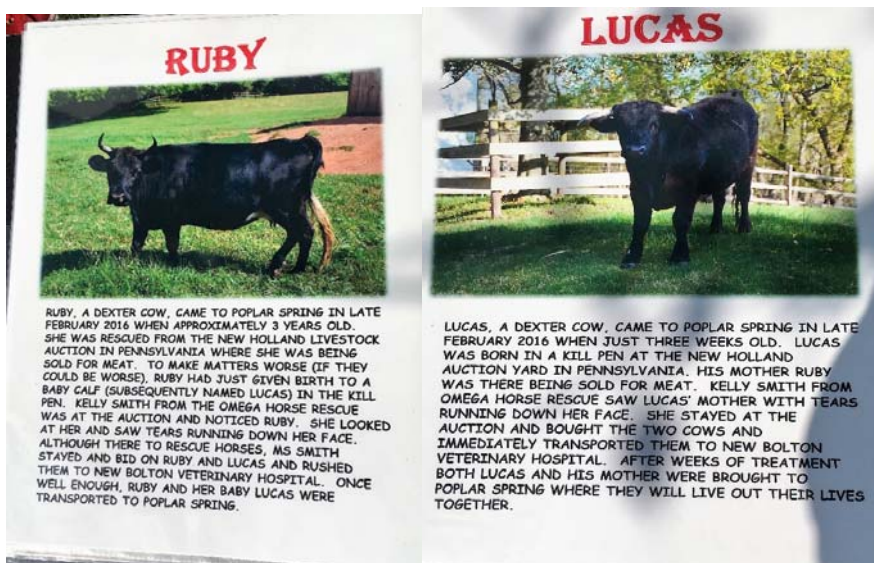
Last but not least, for her senior thesis, Rachel will be studying the Environmental Effects of Factory Farming. Gene Baur with **Farm Sanctuary** (www.farmsanctuary.org) has agreed to be Rachel's expert advisor. At the conclusion of her research, Rachel will present her findings and conclusions in a written paper and present an oral defense. We wish Rachel good luck and look forward to learning from her when she is done. Perhaps an Adult Forum is on the horizon?

Reflections on our Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary Field Trip!

What a fantastic outing to a heartwarming sanctuary for farm animals and wildlife! We got up close with cows, pigs (mud and all), goats, turkeys, chickens, a peacock, alpacas, and even a gopher. There were beautiful horses (at a distance) and rolling hills to look at. We planned our visit to coincide with the **Montgomery County Farm Tour** (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/AgServices/agfarmtour) so there was live music, catered food, hay rides, and a variety of items for sale (to benefit the animals). Only a forty minute drive from the Church but it felt a (wonderful) world away.



The animals at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary (www.animalsanctuary.org) have often lived harrowing lives before they got to the Sanctuary. Throughout the Sanctuary were books that told the stories of many of the animals. Here are two such stories:



Poplar Spring (www.animalsanctuary.org) was the Flock's second field trip. Our first was to Days End Farm Horse Rescue (www.defhr.org). We look forward to planning another venture out and, as always, inviting our fellow church members to join us.

Pet Memorial Service – November 18th



Mark your calendars for the Pet Memorial Service at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18th 2018, in the Church. Please join us in

celebrating the lives of our beloved pets who are no longer with us. It is a unique, moving, and tremendously healing way to honor and remember our animal companions, God's gift to us. Please submit a .jpeg photo of your pet or pets – whether recently passed or long ago remembered – for inclusion in our slideshow during the service. Email your photo(s) along with your pet's first and last name to Lori Nicely at stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org by November 4th.



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.

Fall Church Picnic and Dedication of the Murdock Room

Fall kickoff picnic luncheon and dedication of the Murdock Room are planned for **September 9th**. The dedication of the beautifully renovated Murdock Room occurs just before the picnic begins. The luncheon will be held in the Dining Room, and everyone is invited. Fried chicken and potato salad will be provided. Donations of other side dishes plus finger food desserts are welcomed. Meet Mother Debra!

Music at Christ Church

Call for new Choristers

As the school year begins, it is time to plan for the training of new boys and girls who will be entering grades 3-8. The Choristers of Christ Church lead us in worship on a regular basis at the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist and also often sing with the Christ Church Choir.

While no previous musical background is required, most prospective Choristers find that attendance, cooperation, and a positive attitude are key elements in determining success, satisfaction, and enjoyment in the choir. Valuable training in music reading and vocal production is given in each rehearsal. A wealth of beautiful hymns and anthems becomes a part of each Chorister's cherished memories.

Choristers rehearse each Thursday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room, with snacks beforehand at 4:15 p.m. Plan ahead for the new Chorister season starting on Thursday, September 6th. For further information and a parents' manual for Choristers, please contact director Tad Cavuoti at 301-762-2191 ext 14 or tcavuoti@CECrockville.org



Christ Church Choir

The adults and teen choral scholars of the Christ Church Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 6th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Their first Sunday service will be at the combined 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on September 9th. For further information, please contact Tad Cavuoti at tcavuoti@CECrockville.org.

Thanks to Summer Choir

Many thanks to all girls, boys, and adults who sang in summer choir, leading congregational worship and offering special anthems, quartets, duets, and solos. We thank also Don Hague, John Widmann, and Jason West who filled in as organist-choir director while our own Tad Cavuoti attended an RSCM course at Duke University and visited several other parishes in DC, NJ, and NY. We are thankful that while many choir programs take a summer holiday for three months, we have been able to continue strong choral leadership at Christ Church.

RSCM Choristers in DC, Virginia and North Carolina

Thirty advanced Choristers and teen Choral Scholars, including our own Teddy Lin, spent a week in July living together and rehearsing exquisite Anglican choral music on the campus of Marymount College in Arlington, VA. Guest director Michael McCarthy of Washington National Cathedral spoke highly of Teddy's vocal training and reading ability.

The advanced boy and girl Choristers were joined often during the week by teen and adult altos, tenors, and basses to sing inter-generational music for "mixed voices" in the British choral tradition. Services of Evensong and Eucharist were held at St. Mary's Church in Arlington and at the National Cathedral. We hope that Choristers may continue to represent Christ Church at RSCM Courses.

Tad Cavuoti spent a week at Duke University for the RSCM Carolina Course. Guest director Martin Baker of Westminster Cathedral led the singers through demanding and exciting repertoire. Rehearsals and seminars were held in the Duke Divinity School. Daily Evensong was celebrated in the magnificent architectural splendor of the Duke Chapel. Service videos are at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i1aYaZi5Wc>.

Rockville Travels to the UK and Beyond

For a second time in the three-year lectionary cycle of readings, Tad Cavuoti's anthem O All Ye Works of God using the original hymn tune *Rockville* is being recommended by Church Music Quarterly for singing on Sunday, October 7th. This has international ramifications, as CMQ is the official journal of the Royal School of Church Music, a world-wide organization promoting understanding, energy, and high standards in choral and congregational music.

O All Ye Works of God has had an interesting journey starting in Rockville. Shortly after coming to Christ Church in 1994, Tad composed the music using the paraphrased text of the *Benedicite – A Song of Creation* by the Rev. F. Bland Tucker, onetime Rector of St. John's, Georgetown, then Christ Church, Savannah, and venerable member of the committee that produced *The Hymnal 1982*. The original form of the anthem was designed to combine the choral offering of young boy and girl Choristers, Teens, and Adults of many generations. Within a year of the first performances, submissions were being sought for a hymnal supplement, which eventually became Wonder, Love, and Praise. Tad reworked the anthem to include congregational participation and named the tune *Rockville*. For WLP, two Cavuoti compositions were chosen: "Christ Our Passover" and "O All Ye Works".

After a presentation for the Association of Anglican Musicians at their Palm Beach conference, a brass quintet accompaniment was commissioned for a New York convention of the American Guild of Organists. We were able to use this version to celebrate the 275th anniversary of our parish at an outdoor Eucharist in 2001. Then the international journey began in 2007 with the publishing of O All Ye Works simultaneously in London and Chicago through the RSCM anthology Psallam. It has been sung in festival services throughout the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and other Commonwealth nations, and across the USA, including a gathering of some 2,000 choristers (many from Rockville) in our own National Cathedral.

Ten years ago, in August of 2008, the Christ Church Choir and Choral Scholars made a musical pilgrimage to the UK. In addition to Evensongs and Eucharists, at Westminster Abbey in London and St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, we sang Matins (Morning Prayer), which calls for the canticle *Benedicite – A Song of Creation*. What better way to span the Atlantic than to sing an Anglican service with words and music by Americans!

Back at home, we continue to worship through O All Ye Works of God at Christ Church, especially on Rogation Sunday in the season after Easter. “O fields and forests...O all that live in water or on shore...O men and women, bless the Lord, and praise him evermore”.

Newcomer Corner

The Pepper Family

The Pepper family – Jim, Laurel, and Rachel – began attending Christ Church about a year and a half ago. Prior to CEC, they attended St. Nicholas Episcopal in Darnestown. When they decided to look for a new church home, they were already familiar with Christ Church because Rachel attended CES for three years when she was in elementary school.

Jim is originally from Kentucky, and Laurel from Florida, but they have both lived in the DC area for 27 years. Both work as attorneys for the federal government. Laurel works for the Department of Labor and Jim for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Rachel is entering her senior year at the Poolesville magnet program. She loves writing and wants to major in English. She came to us as a trained acolyte, and we are lucky to have her join our program. The whole family has also become involved in St. Francis Flock.

Welcome to Christ Church, Jim, Laurel and Rachel!



MD DOES MD...Aka *Mother Debra does Maryland*

On my first Sunday I promised to share with you the wonderful places John and I have been discovering since moving to Rockville. We know Rockville is going to be a great place for whoever is called to be your new rector.

Below are some of the things we discovered during the month of July. If there is something that you believe John and I simply must experience while we are blessed to be with you, please contact John with your recommendations at jvoaks@me.com.

Best Food Finds in July

Chinese Bakery, Rockville Pike, Rockville

East Pearl Restaurant (Chinese), Rockville Pike, Rockville – 5 Stars

Lebanese Taverna, Rockville Town Center – Good for Fast Food Mediterranean – try the traditional platter

Marble Slab Ice Cream, Rockville Town Center - dark chocolate ice cream - yum!

TeaDo Tea House (Japanese), Rockville Pike (by East Pearl) – Try the eel onigiri

Pho Nom Nom (Vietnamese), Rockville Pike, Rockville -Try the Nam mon Khai vi – 5 Stars

Thai Pavilion, Rockville Town Center

Peter's Grill, Gude Rd., Rockville – Local Flavor

Bite of China, Rockville Pike, Rockville

Other Discoveries

Bethesda Row Theatre – We saw RBG: the story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg – 5 Stars: a must see!

Millennium Trail, Rockville - Great for biking and walking

Kennedy Center, Washington DC – We saw Hamilton – awesome!

BARGAIN BOX DONATIONS

January - August 2018 **\$24,523**

CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Assistant Rector's Discretionary Fund
- English Conversation (ESOL) Classes
- Sunday School Children Serving Others Sunday (SOS) Activities
- Youth Group Shelter BBQ (5th Sundays, for 70 women & staff)

- Youth Group Summer Mission Trips
 - * Appalachian Mission Trip
 - * Outdoor Adventure & Education Trip
 - * Best Friends Animal Sanctuary/Utah
 - * DC Urban Work Week

LOCAL FOOD BANKS & SHELTERS

- Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County/Chompers Pet Food Bank
- Bethesda Cares
- Bethesda HELP
- Frederick Rescue Mission
- Gaithersburg HELP
- Interfaith Works Women's Center

- Manna Food Center Goldberg Smart Sack Program
- MCPAW (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being)
- Rainbow Place Women's Shelter
- Rockville HELP
- Thrive DC (SOS Sandwich making activity)

LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES for Children & Families

- Birthright of Montgomery County (new for 2018)
- Comfort Cases (suitcases & supplies for children in foster care)
- Community Foundation of Howard County (Ellicott City flood relief)
- Community Ministries of Rockville
 - * Elderly Ministries Program
 - * Kaseman Health Clinic
 - * REAP (Rockville Emergency Assistance Program)

- Family Services, Inc. Betty Ann Krahnke Center
- Interfaith Works *Friends In Action Program*
- MCAFCE (Mont. Co. Assoc. of Family & Community Education) (Troops/new for 2018)
- Shady Grove Pregnancy Center (medical assistance & infant supplies)
- Stepping Stones Family Shelter
- A Wider Circle

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- Bishop Walker School for Boys
- Diocesan Immigrant Relief Fund

OUTREACH SUNDAY

We will be back in the Church
Dining Room on Sunday, September 16



The third Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. See our new fall merchandise and sign up for the Sports raffle.

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Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, September 9th

Blessing of the Backpacks & Welcome Back Picnic



Church at 10:00am including a Blessings of the Backpacks

All are invited to start the new year off with a special blessing to backpacks, lunch boxes, briefcases, sports bags, blankets, computers cases, or any other item you use daily- all are welcome.

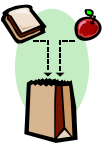
A picnic lunch will follow the service with an unveiling celebration for our "new" Murdock Room!

Sunday, September 16th

Children's Church (Preschool – 3rd Grades)

SOS- Serving Others Sunday

Youth Group (7th – 12th Grades)



Worship Services are at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00am

Children's Church at 9am in the Murdock Room

for all Preschoolers - Third Grade. All are welcome including parents!

Sandwich Making & Shelter Prep in the Dining Room at 10:15am

We'll be making 300 sandwiches and granola bags for McKenna's Wagon in DC, and packing 200 Smart Sacks for Meadow Hall Elementary School for the children in need on the weekends.

Other projects are bag folding for the Bargain Box, making cards for the troops serving in Afghanistan, and sewing bed blankets for animals at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. We need your help and hands come and make a difference!!! The Youth Group will have a sign-up to help with their upcoming Shelter Week Meals. Volunteers are needed to make sides dishes, salads and/or desserts.

Donations of any-size toiletries & new socks are GREATLY needed!



Youth Group (7th – 12th grades) from 4 – 6pm in the Murdock Room

Join us for a fun afternoon of making s' mores and ice cream sundaes while playing games with friends! Bring your favorite board or card game, and non-church friends are welcome, too!



Tuesday, September 18th

Youth Group "Parent ONLY" Meeting

Parents of youth (7 - 12 grades) are invited to the Dining Room at 7pm

to plan and learn about Youth Group, Upcoming Year's Activities, Sunday mornings offerings, Outreach (SSL) Opportunities, Acolytes, Summer Mission Trips & Parent Volunteer Opportunities.

We will be joined by Mother Debra!

Sunday, September 23th Children's & Youth Activity & Registration Sunday

Worship Services are at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00am

Registration & Activities begin at 10:15am in the Dining Room

Register for Sunday School, Youth Group, Nursery, Children's Church, Family FUN Nights, Communion Class, Mission Trips for Youth, SOS & Shelter Meals, Choristers, Acolytes and more!

All are welcome as we make table decorations and toiletry bags for the shelter residents. There will also be lunch packing and napkin decorating. We NEED you!

YOUTH GROUP in the Dining Room from 4 – 6pm

for an afternoon of food, fun & friends..... along with some games & laughs!

Please bring a snack food or simple dessert to share with the group.

September 25th – September 30th

Youth Group Shelter Week at Interfaith Women's Shelter

3 meals a day and laundry supplies for 35 women in Rockville

Help is need in the way of food donations, monetary donations or in prayers and good thoughts!

The youth group will make the main dish each night and serve the meals at the shelter, but salads, side dishes, bread and desserts are needed along with HE Laundry Detergent, Oxi-Clean, and Dryer Sheets.

THANK YOU!!!!

An invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to all, young and old alike, to “grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world” was presented at the 79th General Convention in July. This is the theme we will follow all year!



THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

This is the year to begin Living and Practicing a Jesus-Centered Life!

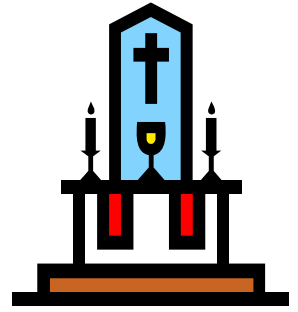
Questions ...



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CEC Children's Church

Fall 2018 Schedule



Sept	9	<i>No CC – Backpack Blessing & Parish Picnic</i>
Sept	16	This is the Day!
Sept	23	Jesus - The Way of Love
Sept	30	Turn - Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus
Oct	7	Learn - Reflect on scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life
Oct	14	Pray - Dwell intentionally with God each day
Oct	21	Worship - Be in community weekly to be with God
Oct	28	Bless - Share faith and unselfishly give and serve
Nov	4	All Saints Day Parade
Nov	11	Go - Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus
Nov	18	Rest - Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration
Nov	25	<i>No CC – Bishop Mariann Visits!</i>
Dec	2	St. Nicholas Story & Visit
Dec	9	John the Baptist Story
Dec	16	The Nativity Story &
Dec	23	<i>No CC – - Dressing of the Crèche</i>
Dec	30	<i>No CC – Lessons & Carols</i>

Join us for Children's Church - a service is designed for children (4 years old or attending preschool - third grade) using a storytelling theme and drama with music for young children included. The service begins at **9:00am in the Murdock Room and concludes with the children joining their parents upstairs at the Peace.** Parents, siblings and friends are also always welcome. Hope you will join us!

September 2018

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

SEPTEMBER 2018 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Regular Sunday Schedule Begins Sept. 16.
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 (beginning 9/16)*

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 Group Activities –
Dining Room, (9/23)
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Monday**
7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (CES DR)
(beginning 9/17)
- Tuesday**
9:30 AM Staff Meeting (PH)
7:30 PM Acolyte Training (Church) TBD
- Wednesday**
12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
- Thursday**
12:00 PM AA (PH LR)
4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church - beginning 9/6)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church - beginning 9/6)

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- 3 Labor Day (office closed)
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- 6 Chorister Rehearsals Resume **4:30pm** (Choir Room/Church)
Choir Rehearsals Resume **7:30pm** (Choir Room/Church)
- 7
- 8 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (Peter & Marilyn McCabe hosts)
- 9 **Welcome Back Sunday**
Children\Youth Blessing of Back Packs & Book Bags **10:00am**
Dedication of Refurbished Murdock Room (MR) followed by
Fall Picnic Luncheon for All (DR)
St. Francis Flock Meeting **12:30pm** (PH LR)
- 10
- 11 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the October issue
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 12
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- 16 **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE RESUMES**
Church Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am
Children's Church Begins **9:00am** (DR)
"Manna" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
Bargain Box Outreach Table (DR)
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (MR)
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
7th-12th Grade Youth Group Game Day **4-6pm** (MR)
- 17 Dessert & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 18 Youth Group Parent Only Meeting **7:00pm** (DR)
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 19
- 20 Board of Governors Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)
- 21
- 22
- 23 Sunday School/Youth Registration & Activity **10:15am** (DR)
- 24
- 25 Vestry Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 26 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- 27 Youth Group Shelter Meal Prep **4:00pm** (K)
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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