

The Angelus

April 2017



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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are, like me, looking forward to the celebration of Easter. It is my favorite time in the Church Year. We pass from the stark solemnity and grief of Good Friday into the Great Vigil of Easter, on Easter eve. The resurrection light of Christ is lit and brought into the church that lies in darkness, symbolically shrouded by dissolution and death. But the light of Christ shines in the darkness – the darkness has not overcome it! Such drama, such movement, such life-changing reality frames this liturgy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faithfully in Christ,

John+

Focus Groups to Discuss Important Developments for Christ Church and Christ Episcopal School

In this 50th anniversary year of Christ Episcopal School, the Vestry of Christ Church and the Board of Governors of CES have each been involved in significant discussions regarding the next 50 years of the School and its partnership with our parish. Both leadership groups have envisioned an exciting new scenario for how our property and real estate can best be utilized to benefit both church and school for a bright future in ministry in our corner of Rockville.

You are invited to any one of a series of focus groups that will be held in the coming days and weeks, as we share our thoughts and vision for the future and invite your comments and feedback.

The Focus Group schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 26th: 10:15 a.m. in the Parish House
12:30 p.m. in the Parish House

Thursday, March 30th: 7:30 p.m. in the Murdock Room

Sunday, April 2nd: 10:15 a.m. in the Parish House
12:30 p.m. in the Parish House

Thursday, April 6th: 7:30 p.m. in the Murdock Room

Sunday, April 9th: 10:15 a.m. in the Murdock Room
12:30 p.m. in the Murdock Room

Please come and be a part of this conversation!

Fr. McDuffie



Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 30th

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

At an Annual Meeting, the business of the church is conducted, as we are directed by our Parish By-laws. We will elect a Junior Warden, new Vestry members, and Diocesan Delegates; and we will bid farewells to our outgoing Vestry members. This year's slate of nominees includes Jr. Warden – **Wayne Cross**; Vestry Members (3-year term) – **Geof Fuller, Adebayo Lanionu, Delia McCormick**; Vestry Member (1-year unexpired term) – **George Wolohojian**; Delegates to Diocesan Convention – **Joyce Bryant, Henry Mulzac**; Alternate Delegate – **Christie Carrico**. Beyond business, the Annual Meeting is an occasion to give thanks for many people with varieties of gifts and many different ministries, who contribute to the health and vitality of this parish. Please come join us that morning.

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

Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program



“Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

Get to know the Bishop Walker School for Boys! Join me, Stephanie Cromwell, board member of BWS and Christ Church parishioner, along with Cindy Simpson, our Assistant Rector, for a tour of the current and future campus on **Friday, April 28th** from Noon to 3:30 p.m.

The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys (BWS) is a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. It is a tuition-free Episcopal school (K-6 grades) for boys from underserved communities in southeast Washington. I have been on the board of BWS for five years, and this school has been my personal outreach project since 2009. As an educator, I was looking for a place where there was opportunity to break a cycle – the cycle of poverty impeding educational success – and I found it here. At BWS, African American boys living in low-income communities east of the Anacostia River continue to face serious educational challenges. I found the data for these boys disturbing. High drop-out rates, disproportional levels of suspension and referrals to special education programs, as well as increasing disengagement from the traditional education system threaten their future prospects.

BWS strives to alter the educational and social trajectory of these boys of limited economic means by encouraging academic achievement, providing a spiritual foundation, and developing the moral character each student will need to achieve his full potential. Our new school is currently under

construction – it will be located at THEARC and the boys will have access to the gyms, theaters, dance classes, music classes, health care, and all that is associated with THEARC. The Bishop

Walker School is funded through grants and foundations, but most of the funds come from private donors who find this a worthy cause. This mission spoke to me, as perhaps it may speak to you.

Please consider joining us on April 28th at Noon to see the boys in action! Should you not be able to attend, I am available to talk with you about this mission as I continue to “plant seeds” for this school... you never know what might bloom! If you more information about the school, you can reach me at Stephaniecromwell@me.com. Thank you!



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 April 11th, 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 more information, contact Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.

Environmental Stewardship

The Episcopal Church's climate change policy:
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/climatechange>



“The Episcopal Church is a powerful witness for addressing climate change at the local, national, and international level. Our General Convention policy calls on lawmakers to significantly reduce carbon emissions within this century, to promote renewable energy technologies, and to financially support developing nations as they transition away from fossil fuels. As Episcopalians grounded in these beliefs, we can be influential advocates for climate change policy and change agents within our own communities for environmental justice.”

Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar

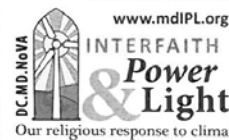
Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God's Creation throughout this season. May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both “our common home” and those with whom we share it. On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty – those most harmed by our damaged climate –may we answer God's call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.

Because the world *can* change a lot in 40 days.

Lenten Creation Care 2017

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God's Creation throughout this season. May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both "our common home" and all those with whom we share it. On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty—those most harmed by our damaged climate—may we answer God's call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
We begin this Lenten season with a prayer from Psalm 51: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. For I acknowledge my offense... A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Creator God, we begin this Lenten Season asking for your renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and sharing over these 40 days, we ask that our eyes be opened to the ways we can do better; in our relationships with you, your Creation, and all those with whom we share this, "our common home." We trust in your ability to create in us clean hearts, to call us from sin to faithful stewardship, to use us as instruments of your healing. Lord, help us to restore what has been damaged through our sinful overconsumption and the systematic injustices that surround us, returning to you with renewed spirits.						
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				Join us for a Fracking March & Rally from 1-3pm @ Asbury United Methodist Church in Annapolis and help protect our state's water and climate.	"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish" - Reflect on Isaiah 58:1-9 and how eating less meat may be a way to fast as the Lord desires (bit.ly/2iX9w9i).	Read Isaiah 58:9-14 and remember that God repairs and restores. Take time today to repair something that you might otherwise have replaced.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Talk with your church about ordering " eco palms " for Palm Sunday. These palms help improve workers' living standards and protect forests in Mexico and Guatemala (EcoPalms.org). Order by 3/18.	Turn down your thermostat by at least 1 degree. Aim for 68° during the day and 60° at night. Buy a programmable thermostat if you can. Always turn the heat off when you leave home.	Listen to Bill McKibben , a climate writer and United Methodist Sunday school teacher, on care for Creation (OnBeing.org > search "The Moral Math of Climate Change").	Seal air leaks in your home to avoid wasting energy (3bl.me/tgpdn6). For professional home weatherization, contact Energy Coach Dave (Energy@groundswell.org).	Plan a service project with your green ministry to pick up trash from a nearby stream. Visit cleanstream.allianceforthebay.org to get help with site selection and supplies.	Christians have fasted from meat during Lent for centuries. Check out Oxfam's Eat for Good for other ways to use your fast to bless others (bit.ly/2kkw1QR).	Read Matt 5:43-48 and reflect on our call to love our "enemies." Pray for all those, especially business or political leaders, who stand in the way of climate action or perpetuate injustices. Call or write to express your concerns.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Read SabbathLiving.org's resources and rest today . Take a break from the TV and internet. Play a game, go for a walk, or read a book!	Consider the gifts given to you. Pray about how you are called to use your time, talent, treasure, and testimony to care for "our common home."	Read Matt 23:1-12 , observe what the Pharisees teach but do not live out. Consider in which ways you are called to lead by authentic witness, in your home, workplace, church, or community.	Planning to travel? Consider getting there without flying. If you must fly, balance out the carbon impact by purchasing offsets. Fund a project that prevents one ton of greenhouse gases for each ton caused by your trip (NativeEnergy.com).	Read the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and consider how you might support those on the front lines, suffering due to climate change. Visit CO2covenant.org for ideas.	Fast from meat and read Matt 21:33-46. Pray for farm workers today. Read what the United Methodist Church says about rights of farm workers and find out what your faith tradition is doing (bit.ly/2kk2wzC).	Consider composting your food waste, returning nutrients to the soil. Learn about composting (3bl.me/fmf29e), or get table scraps picked up (CompostCab.com, FatWormCompost.com).
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Honor the Lord's day (and the Lord's Creation) by walking, biking, or taking public transportation to church today!	Save paper today : print double-sided, wrap your next present in color comics, or in a reusable gift bag. To reduce paper towel use in public restrooms, order "These Come From Trees" stickers: (3bl.me/ef2zhd).	Think about the role of our church in its environment. Could our community better care for Creation? Get involved with our green work, and flock together with other "green sheep" through Interfaith Power & Light (mdlPL.org).	Be a public voice for God's Creation. Check for updates on Maryland legislative activities and how you can speak up. (interfaithchesapeake.org/advocacy)	Talk to your pastor about a Creation care sermon around Earth Day (April 22nd) or invite a speaker: (mdlPL.org/Learn/Speakers-Bureau). Resources for sermons and worship (interfaithchesapeake.org/materials).	Plan to take a tour tomorrow of the Jones Falls watershed in Baltimore at Druid Hill Park tomorrow from 10am-12pm. Visit interfaithchesapeake.org for details.	At 8:30 pm, join millions of people around the world who will be switching off all lights for one hour to commit to global climate action and mindful energy use (EarthHour.org).
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 APRIL
Take a tour of the Jones Falls watershed in Baltimore in Wyman Park, 2-4pm. Visit interfaithchesapeake.org for details.	Climate Change Support Circle , 7:30-9pm, Cedar Lane UU Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda	Read Ezek 47:1-9 and give thanks for clean water for bathing, drinking, and growing food. Be willing to forego water as an act of prayerful sacrifice when only disposable containers are available.	Make plans to join in the People's Climate Movement one month from today in DC to stand up for creation, health, and science (PeoplesClimate.Org)!	Learn how to use the Creek Critters App —identify important critters in your nearby creek and report your findings to a database to track the health of rivers. More info: bit.ly/2koutL1	Visit the "Practices" page at the CenterForSpiritualityInNature.org and choose a meatless meal today during which to practice "eating gracefully."	Bring your binoculars and witness God's awesome Creation - birds! 8-11am at the Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary (jugbay.org/education/calendar).
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"I am the resurrection and the life." It can be difficult to contemplate our own end. Think today about greening your "final arrangements" when the time comes. One option is to help protect natural lands : (GreenBurialCouncil.org)	Expand your horizons. Check out this web comic to learn about the Muslim faith's call to care for Creation (bit.ly/2jKf1W9). Connect with DC's own Green Muslims (greenmuslims.org).	Learn how to reduce stormwater on your holy grounds from 10am-12pm at Union Bethel Church in Prince George's County. (tinyurl.com/gnf5un7)	Wash laundry in cold water for the week and hang it to dry to save energy and money . Read more here: (bit.ly/1ywwfXQ)	Planning to make Easter baskets? Purchase chocolate that is Fair Trade, free from child labor, and supports farmer communities (FairTradeAction.org).	As you fast from meat today, consider vegan dishes for Easter Sunday (stfrancisalliance.com/recipes).	Place an insulating cover on your water heater. "Blankets" can be found at hardware stores. If you have an electric water heater, you can do this yourself. If you have an oil or gas-powered heater, you may need a professional.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
In the Kingdom of Heaven we read that people shall "eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant" (Isaiah 65). Start planning what you can plant to remind you of the promise of heaven this spring. (bit.ly/2kyAocd)	Make one of your journeys more environmentally friendly today. Could you combine two trips? Carpool rather than driving solo? Bike, walk, or take public transit, instead of driving?	Continue your stewardship into the Easter season by organizing " ecycling " for your congregation to dispose of old phones and TVs properly (ecyclingcentral.com).	"Although we have done everything that we can to separate ourselves from other(s)... from the land and its waters and from God, God has never left us. " —Bahnsen & Wirzba What actions will you continue after Easter?	Maunder Thursday Today we remember Jesus's last supper with his disciples and his prayers in the garden of Gethsemane. Following Jesus' example, take time today to pray outdoors, remembering all who suffer.	Good Friday "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The Earth shook, and the rocks were split." —Matt 27:51	Holy Saturday "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good." Take a walk and notice signs of new life, resurrection, and spring in your neighborhood. Take pictures of what you see or journal.

16 Easter "The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship: 'For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.' (Col 1:19-20)" —Pope Francis in *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*

Trusting that the One who has begun a good work in us will be faithful to complete it (Philippians 1:6), take time to give thanks for the changes of heart and habit you have taken on since Lent began and continue to live out your call to Creation stewardship with the hope of the resurrection always in your heart!



Take some time today to reflect on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the Earth and with all life. Conclude your Carbon Fast by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.

DC Environmental Film Festival

Want to find out more about the beauty and challenges facing God's creation? Love to watch (sometimes free) movies? Looking for something to do on date night? Come to the 25th annual DC Environmental Film Festival March 14th to 26th!

Films on topics range from the California water shortage, to the Flint, Michigan water crisis, and the Zika outbreak. The festival will include a signature evening of science films and panels in conjunction with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the National Academy of Sciences, adventure films that take us from Norway to French Polynesia, and an Embassy series with films from a wide variety of Nations. Check out <http://dceff.org/festival/> for more information.

Energy Audit Approved!

On February 28th, the Vestry unanimously approved our energy audit. Implementing these changes will result in the following savings—

- Electricity Reduction: 69,970 kWhs per year
- Environmental Impact: 118,903 lbs CO2 reduction per year
- Electricity Savings: \$9,096 per year
- Maintenance Savings 2016: \$6,500
- Pepco Incentives: \$19,201

We are waiting to hear from Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) regarding both our grant and loan applications.

Total cost of the project is \$62,500 BEFORE Pepco incentives and grant money.
We have a simple payback, from our savings, at 2% for 3.03-4.08 years.

Earth Day and Upcoming Science/ Environmental Marches

Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22nd. Earth Day began in 1970, inspiring 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark [Clean Air Act](#), [Clean Water Act](#), [Endangered Species Act](#) and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed. Twenty years later, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting environmental issues onto the world stage. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

This year, Earth Day will be celebrated in Washington, DC and around the world through the March for Science, a nonpartisan movement to “champion[] robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity.” The March is being sponsored through many preeminent scientific organizations. For more information, see www.marchforscience.com.

People's Climate March

**April 29, 2017
Washington, DC**



On the following Saturday, April 29th, the People's Climate March will be taking place in downtown DC and around the country. Our Environmental Stewardship Committee supports this March and invites all interested participants to join us on Saturday, April 29. Watch for details and for a sign-making party as well!!



The March serves to:

- Advance solutions to the climate crisis [that are] rooted in racial, social and economic justice and committed to protecting front-line communities and workers.
- Protect our right to clean air, water, land, healthy communities and a world at peace.
- Immediately stop attacks on immigrants, communities of color, indigenous and tribal people and lands and workers.
- Ensure public funds and investments create good paying jobs that provide a family-sustaining wage and benefits and preserve workers' rights, including the right to unionize.
- Fund investments in our communities, people and environment to transition to a new clean and renewable energy economy that works for all.
- Protect our basic rights to a free press, protest and free speech.

For more information, please see www.peoplesclimate.org.

St. Francis Flock

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



We are flying high with excitement as we approach our first ever "Animal Well-Fair", All Creatures Great and Small fair where local non-profit animal welfare organizations will descend upon the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church and showcase their amazing work with animals! Something for the whole family! You can't miss!

If you ever wanted to learn how amazing God's creatures are (from the four-legged to the two-legged; from the furry to the feathery, scaly, wooly, etc.), come to this event!

Mark your calendars now for **May 6th, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Highlights include:

- 16 organizations confirmed to date: Days Inn Horse Farm, Dogs on Deployment, Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, Mid Atlantic Dogs Search and Rescue, House with a Heart, Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue, Montgomery County Humane Society, Pet Connect Rescue, Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine, Second Chance Wildlife Center, Your Dogs' Friend, Phoenix Landing, Senior Sanctuary of Maryland, Stargazing Farm, the Humane Society of the United States, and Fish Feel.
- Demos by: Stargazing Farm – sheep shearing, Your Dog's Friend – clicker obedience training and nose work (e.g., detecting cancer, sniffing drugs). Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine – wellness of a plant based diet, and more!
- Plus, food, drink, and fun for the whole family! See you there!

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.

New Meeting Time: 12:30 p.m.

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.



Christ Episcopal School

CES has just spent a week focusing on the STEM aspects of the school curriculum. March 13th through 17th was the school's annual STEM Week. Events included several days of outside speakers presenting to the students about their careers in **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and/or **M**athematics. These speakers brought to life the real world applications of the students' CES and future studies, and also exposed them to exciting career options.



Also incorporated into STEM Week were challenge activities for the students which required team-based problem solving using science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts. The 5th Grade organized the STEM week activities, and their Advisor, Mrs. Melissa Bialecki, coordinated the outside speakers...and all classes from Preschool 2's through 8th grade took part in different activities!!

Booktalk



Because of a last minute cancellation of our March meeting, **Booktalk** will discuss its March selection, ***The Alchemist***, by Paolo Coelho, at its May meeting. This is the story of Santiago, a young shepherd living in the hills of Andalucia, who one day finds the courage to follow his dreams to distant lands. Come join us in the Living Room of the Parish House on **Monday, May 8th** at 1:00 P.M. as we discuss this book.

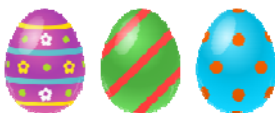
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MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



Audrey and Paul Fehnel are one of three couples who volunteer together at the Bargain Box, and Paul is one of our quartet of male volunteers, making Audrey and Paul

unique in many ways. Audrey and Paul began volunteering at the Bargain Box about three years ago. Having been members of Christ Church for 47 years, they knew of the work the Bargain Box did and thought that it would be a new learning experience for them. And it certainly has been! They enjoy meeting the various people who come into the store. Audrey works at the front desk and Paul assists her as well as stocking the shelves with merchandise. The Fehnels recently moved from their single family home into a retirement community and are adjusting to life in this new environment. They find that working at the Bargain Box has been a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.



The Bargain Box Thrift and Consignment Shop

An Outreach Ministry since 1957

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the community and diocese.*



THE ABC'S OF SPRING CLEANING

Attic. **B**asement. **C**loset. Spring cleaning is just around the corner and we hope you will keep The Bargain Box in mind as you sort and discard new or gently used housewares, small appliances, clothing, books, and small pieces of furniture that you no longer want or need.

We also have a hardware department that stocks a wide variety of computer and phone cables and adapters. Don't throw out those unidentified cables and cords - bring them to The Bargain Box and let our Hardware Manager figure out what to do with them!

EASTER BUNNY HEADQUARTERS



Easter is April 16. We have lots of fun items for Easter baskets for children of all ages. Plus, we have a huge selection of Easter bunnies. Be sure to stop by and see our Easter merchandise. Did we mention that you can get an Easter outfit here as well?



OUTREACH SUNDAYS

3rd Sunday of each month

The third Sunday is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. Since this year Easter falls on the third Sunday, we will NOT be in the church dining room in April. Look for us to be back on May 21 with a gardening themed raffle and new spring merchandise.

HELP WANTED

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.

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, April 2nd



Worship Services are at 7:45am, 9am & 11am in the Church

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

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

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



Sunday, April 9th



Palm Sunday Worship Services at 7:30am, 9am & 11am in the Church

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

Thursday, April 13th

Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing at 7:30pm in the Church

Friday, April 14th

Good Friday Service at Noon & 7:30pm in the Church



Saturday, April 15th

The Great Vigil of Easter & Baptisms at 7:30pm in the Church

Sunday, April 16th



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

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

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

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

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



Monday, April 17th



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

Smart Sack Packing - We 280 bags of food for 70 children at Meadow Hall Elementary School who need food on the weekends. We'll make Dog & Cat toys for the animals in Shelters & Rescues, and work on a project for the Bargain Box. Lunch will be provided!

Sunday, April 23rd



Worship Services at 7:45am, 9am and 11am in the Church

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

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

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

Youth Group from 12 – 5pm for an Earth Day Outdoor Activity and Pizza!



Friday, April 28th

Parish Clean-Up Day from 9:00 – 2:00 pm on the Church Grounds & Building
Come ready to work and lunch is provided. SSL hours earned & friends welcomed

Sunday, April 30th



Worship Service at 9:00am ONLY in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 11:30am for infants & toddlers

Children's Activity begins at 10:30am in the Murdock Room

Waffles & Chicken Brunch at 11am in the Dining Room

Youth Group Shelter Meal Prep from 4 – 5:30pm in the Kitchen



Sunday School ROTATIONS

	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23	4/30
Preschool	Holy Week Projects	Palm Sunday	Easter	Earth Day Projects	Annual Meeting
K & 1st	Holy Week Projects	Palm Sunday	Easter	Earth Day Projects	Annual Meeting
2nd & 3rd	Holy Week Projects	Palm Sunday	Easter	Earth Day Projects	Annual Meeting
4th - 7th	Holy Week Projects	Palm Sunday	Easter	Earth Day Projects	Annual Meeting

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OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

APRIL 2017 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday Schedule Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

a spoken service with Sermon

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems
Choristers of Christ Church*

9:00 AM Children's Church – Murdock Room

*a service for children, using a story-telling theme with music
for young children. 9:00-9:30am (April 2 & 23 only)*

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems
Christ Church Choir*

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

8:25 AM Choristers Warm Up – Choir Room & Church

9:00 AM Studies in Christian Faith (led by Fran Palmer-Hill)

10:10 AM Adult Forum – Murdock Room

10:15 AM Sunday School – Classrooms Preschool-7th Grade

10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls

10:15 AM Coffee Hour – Dining Room

12:45 PM Korean Worship Service – Chapel

2:10 PM Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (DR)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)

Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR)

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

8:00 PM Korean Congregation Prayer Group (PH LR)

Thursday

12:00 PM AA (PH)

4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday

7:30 PM Korean Congregation Meeting (PH DR)

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3 Welcoming Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)

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

5 Final Lenten Film **6:45pm** (MR)

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9 **PALM SUNDAY** Services at **7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am**

St Francis Flock Meeting **12:30pm** (PH LR)

10 **HOLY MONDAY**

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

Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)

11 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline

Adult Christian Formation Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)

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

Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)

12 Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)

13 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Ceremony of Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar **7:30pm** (Church)

Choir Rehearsal after the service **8:45pm** (Choir Room & Church)

14 **GOOD FRIDAY**

Liturgy for Good Friday **12 noon** (Church)

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament

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

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament

15 **HOLY SATURDAY, The Great Vigil of Easter**

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

Baptisms and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The First Eucharist of Easter

16 **EASTER**

Holy Eucharist I **7:30am** (Church)

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

Holy Eucharist II, **9:00am** (Church)

Celebration Coffee Hour **10:15am** (MR)

Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)

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

Holy Eucharist I **11:00am** (Church)

17 Easter Monday (office closed)

Youth Group Event **10am-1pm** (CEC DR, K) *Lunch provided!*

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

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

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20 Governing Board Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)

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22 CES Open House 9:00am (MR, DR)

23 Youth Group **12:00-5:00pm** Sligo Clean Up

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25 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)

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

27

28 Parish Clean Up Day **9:00am** (Parish Grounds) (YG 10am-2pm)

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30 **Annual Parish Meeting – One combined service at 9:00am**

Chicken & Waffle Brunch **11:00am** (MR, DR)

Sophia House Service **4:00pm** (DR, K)

KEY

PH = Parish House

LR = Living Room

DR = Dining Room

MR = Murdock Room

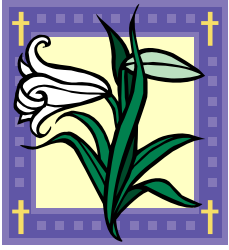
CEC = Christ Episcopal Church

CES = Christ Episcopal School

K = Kitchen

N = Nursery

YR = Youth Room



Easter Lilies 2017

*We invite you to give a Memorial or Easter Offering of Lilies to decorate the Church, for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior. A donation of \$30.00 per plant is requested. The deadline for lily orders is **Friday, April 7, 2017.***

Given By _____ # of plants _____

Phone # _____ Amount enclosed _____

☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of _____

☐ In thanksgiving for _____

☐ Other _____

Please place your order in the offering plate or mail it to the office using a check separate from other offerings, and noting "Lily" on the memo line. *Thank you.*

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