The Angelus

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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have just returned from one of the most amazing journeys I have ever been on – an eight-day odyssey covering over 2,000 miles, traveling by bus to many of the historic places of the American Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968. This tour was sponsored by the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, and had 33 participants – most of whom were from the greater Washington, D.C. area, but there were also folks from California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Canada. I'm grateful to Christ Church for giving me a week, including two Sundays, to be on this tour. I had said to our senior warden Christie Carrico that I thought this would be a significant chapter in my personal spiritual journey – and indeed, it was!

I Growing up as a child in the American South in the 1950's and 60's, I could remember many of the events of that period, including the integration of Central High School in Little Rock in 1957; the lunch counter sit-ins in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1960; the Freedom Riders in 1961; the murder of Medgar Evers in Mississippi in 1963; our own public school integration in my home town in the fall of 1964; Bloody Sunday in Selma in March 1965; and, of course, the assassination of Martin Luther King when I was a senior in high school in 1968. I had for years admired the witness of Dr. King, revealed in his speeches, sermons, and other writings; and when I learned of this tour, I resolved that I needed to go.

I What I experienced was a re-living of this whole period of history, starting with our stop in Greensboro at the site of the Woolworth's lunch counter where four brave young African American students from North Carolina A&T University resolved on February 1st, 1960 that they would combat the shackles of segregation and sit down at a counter where only whites could be served. Their courage and perseverance set off a whole series of sit-ins at other lunch counters across southern American cities.

I From Greensboro, we went on to Atlanta, to historic Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. King and his father served, and then to the King family home, and to the tombs of Martin and Coretta Scott King. We were there on April 4th, the anniversary of Dr. King's death, and as I stood before his tomb, which bears the words, "Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty I'm free at last", I shed some of my many tears of the week, as I found echoing in my mind the words of jazz singer Nina Simone, shortly after April 4th, 1968 – "the King of love is dead".

I From Atlanta we journeyed to Montgomery, Alabama, site of the historic bus boycott of 1955 and '56, which lasted an unbelievable 381 days. At the Rosa Parks Museum, we met the Rev. Robert Graetz and his wife Jeannie, now in their eighties, who lived in Montgomery during the boycott, where the Rev. Graetz served as a white Lutheran pastor. One of the most personally moving moments of the trip for me came as Pastor Graetz was telling us of how their home was bombed twice during the boycott – they were especially hated because they were white and supporting the cause of desegregation – and a third bomb, which had enough dynamite in it to blow up an entire city block, miraculously did not go off. When one of our group asked Mrs. Graetz how they were able to remain in Montgomery with the constant threat of death, she smiled and quietly said, "God". Bob Graetz added that the gathered community of support also enabled them to take courage.

From Montgomery we journeyed to Selma, Alabama, the site of the "Bloody Sunday" march of March 7th, 1965, and we heard from Joanne Bland, who was fourteen years old on the day of the march and who was on the Edmund Pettus Bridge when the marchers were attacked by the state troopers. From Selma, we went on to Birmingham, where the demonstrations of May, 1963 took place, inspired by the presence and commitment of the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth; and where four young girls lost their lives in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15th of that year. In our time in Alabama, we also learned about the Freedom Riders of 1961.

We then traveled to Memphis, Tennessee where Dr. King was assassinated, and then on to Little Rock, Arkansas. We visited Central High School, where the historic desegregation of September, 1957 took place. Next, we went to Jackson, Mississippi, and visited the Medgar Evers home, the site of his murder in June, 1963. Our final stop was in Nashville, Tennessee, where we visited Fisk University, which provided the environment for training persons in nonviolent protest. Our guide at Fisk was Kwame Lillard, who worked with Diane Nash in organizing the Freedom Rides.

I cannot begin to recount here all the stories and impressions I took away from this trip. What I can tell you is that over and over again, I was deeply moved by stories of great faith, courage, and hope in the face of coming to grips with intense hatred and viciousness. We forget that in the 1950's and 60's, we were a nation in the throes of regular episodes of violence, intimidation, and terrorism toward African American citizens in this country – and that finally, as Fannie Lou Hamer of Mississippi famously said, "We are sick and tired of being sick and tired." I give thanks for the well-known and not-so-well-known persons who lived by faith in striving toward the truth stated in our Declaration of Independence, that "all men are created equal" – a truth that was by no means a reality in our not-so-distant past.

Today, we live in a nation that has made so many strides in guaranteeing the civil rights of its citizens, and where the evil Jim Crow laws of the South were eradicated. Today, Central High School in Little Rock is the epitome of racial diversity, in contrast to 1957 when the first black students were cursed and spat upon. But I agree with our House of Bishops, who declared in their Word to the Church last month that we are still a nation that lives in the shadow of the lynching tree. The divisive rhetoric during this disturbing political season has again showed us that we may be living on the tip of an iceberg of immense anger, suspiciousness, and distrust, which often, in aggressive expression, finds targets in people who are different than we are. I stand in my commitment to that part of our baptismal covenant, in which we promise, with God's help, that we will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

I am happy to talk further with any of you about this tour – and I hope that I can inspire more people to consider being a part of the journey sometime in the future.

Faithfully in Christ,

John+

Special Jazz Vespers Service on May 1st – Please Come!

I am delighted that Christ Church will host its fourth annual Jazz Vespers to benefit the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, on Sunday, May 1st, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Once again our regular Jazz Vespers band will be joined by the great vocalist Myrna Clayton. Myrna has sung nationally and internationally – check out her website at <u>www.myrnaclayton.com</u>.

The more people Myrna sings for, the more exciting and energizing is her performance, because she is a true "people person". She is travelling all the way from Atlanta, Georgia to sing with us, just because she likes working with our band! – and also because her performance will go to support a great mission arm of the Diocese of Washington. The Bishop Walker School gives a quality education to underprivileged boys who live in Ward 8 and enables them to have a chance to reach for some goals to give them a fulfilling and promising new life. Your free-will offering that evening will provide wonderful support to this fine school.

So tell your friends, and please come join us for a fun evening!

--Fr. McDuffie

A Greener Approach to Giving

Not only is electronic giving convenient, it's good for the environment! Enormous amounts of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing, and disposal of paper checks. That's why making payments electronically ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment.

As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.

To sign up for online giving, please visit our newly redesigned website at <u>www.christchurchrockville.org</u> and click on the **eGiving** link.

Inside Outreach An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program



Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys is one of the organizations supported through the Christ Episcopal Church Outreach program. It is an Episcopal School located in Washington, DC, for children of low-income families. The school nurtures the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and artistic development of students in a Christian community of learners that welcomes boys of all faith traditions.

Bishop Walker School is tuition free, where all expenses are covered by donations and contributed services. The school is accountable to the Diocese and to the school community. As a private Christian school, the school offers an alternative educational model for students by aiming to address a number of critical risk factors among boys from low-income urban families.

Working in close partnership with students and their families, Bishop Walker School strives to create an environment where every boy receives the structured support required to fully develop his unique gifts. The Bishop Walker School seeks to foster a love of learning, an intellectual curiosity, a spiritual foundation, and moral character each boy will need to achieve his fullest potential as a student, as a citizen, and as a child of God.

A Jazz Vespers will be held at Christ Episcopal Church to raise funds for the school on Sunday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Bishop Walker School for Boys, please contact Stephanie Cromwell at <u>dcc23@aol.com</u>.

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 May 10th, 2016. 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, please contact Ben Shuman at <u>benofwater@gmail.com</u>.

Environmental Stewardship Committee Your Talents Will Green Our World

Dear Friends:

With the new life of Easter in our minds and hearts, you are invited to help bring fresh energy to the Environmental Stewardship Committee's important work here at Christ Church. You really can make a difference in transforming our parish into a more eco-friendly place. Here are three timely and simple steps toward that end.

Step 1: Join us on Sun., Apr. 17th at 12:30 p.m.

A famous prophet once said: "Committees – can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em." Actually, we just made that up. But it's true. The ES Committee will meet Sunday, *April 17th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House* to make sure initiatives are rolling out in a coordinated manner and to ensure that everyone has the support they need. RSVP to Chair Janice Musselman (jsmm60@gmail.com) so we'll know if you can join us.

Step 2: Mark your calendar (and grab your gloves)

Now that spring has sprung, our landscaping efforts are in full swing. Cleaning and greening our campus takes a team effort. Your participation would be so appreciated on *May 14th at 9:00 a.m.*, when a variety of volunteers will gather with rakes and trowels for our 2016 parish work day!

Step 3: Read 1st Corinthians 12.

You might be too busy to read, though, so here's an excerpt: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone." 1st Corinthians 12 (ESV)

As we work together to help our historic little church become a "greener' enterprise in the service of Christ, your God-given gifts will enable us to achieve a host of objectives:

- Improving our landscaping.
- Installing energy-saving lights and a water-saving commode in the parish house.
- Identifying any grants we could apply for to help us tackle our larger goals. (Do you happen to know if the Pepco/Exelon merger will generate any such opportunities?)
- And...gradually educating our fellow parishioners about how Christ Church can become a living beacon of God's Creation-healing power.

Please let us know how you would like to help!

Calling all Gardeners!



Second Annual Parish Workday Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for the second annual parish workday as our gardeners continue a two-year project to make our church grounds a place of beauty and delight. The day is sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Committee and all are welcome. Please lend a hand in this community effort and bring a rake, a shovel, and a pair of garden gloves. Please pack a bag lunch, and we will provide water and dessert for all. Our volunteer gardeners have been hard at work, so please extend a special thanks to Carolyn Oakford, Nancy Thompson, Diana Locke, and Robert Toense. We hope to see you on May 14th!

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 honors God through the compassionate treatment of His animals. Mark your calendar for **May 7th**, **2016**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a visit to the **Days End Farm Horse Rescue** (DEFHR), located in the beautiful Maryland countryside at 1372 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, Maryland.

Bring your family and friends for this parish-wide opportunity. We will be meeting at the farm at 10:00 a.m., and your visit will include an educational tour of this very impressive facility, with horse interactions and a blessing. Brown bag your lunch for a pienic on the front lawn, and enjoy an inspirational day with God's creatures!

The St. Francis Flock will conduct their monthly meeting after lunch. All are welcome to stay and participate if desired.

This will be a rain or shine event. Recommended dress is farm casual with closed-toed shoes. For questions, or to register your interest in attending this parish-wide function, please email: <u>stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org</u> or call Debbie Thompson at 301-919-1946. For more information about DEFHR, please visit their website at www.defhr.org or call them at 301-854-5037.

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 them 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!

• **Assistance to the elderly.** 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 <u>stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org</u> if you need assistance.

All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us!

Newcomer Corner The Simpson Family

Scott and Natalie Simpson and their daughter, Emmalien, began attending Christ Church about a year ago. Both Scott and Natalie were raised in Canada and have since lived all over the United States. They met in Paris on a study abroad program through American University's law school. Scott now practices contract law, while Natalie's work is in occupational safety and health.

The Simpsons moved to Rockville three years ago, shortly before Emmalien was born. They were drawn to CEC by the children's program and the welcoming feel of the church. On March 16th, the Simpsons became a family of four, when Emmalien became big sister to Clara Quinn Simpson.



Welcome to Christ Church, Scott, Natalie, Emmalien, and new baby Clara!

Studies in Christian Faith

The Studies in Christian Faith class meets in the Parish House each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in this adult class for the review and discussion of current theological and philosophical topics. We are currently reading and discussing Karen Armstrong's book *Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence*; Alfred A. Knoff, publisher, 2014.

Adult Forum

Pope Francis' Laudato si': Poverty, Environmental Justice, and the Praise of God, Presented by Fr. Jason Welle, OFM

Adult Forum Sunday May 1st, Murdock Room, 10:10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

This forum will introduce the contents of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato si*' and open a group discussion of its key ideas. This document is often called an encyclical on ecology, but Pope Francis insists upon the connection between our treatment of Sister Earth and the realities of widespread poverty and inequality. Fr. Jason will provide a brief overview of the encyclical, will discuss the link between *Laudato si*' and the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, and will place this encyclical in the context of other key events in Pope Francis' pontificate, before facilitating a group conversation about this important letter.

Fr. Jason Welle, OFM is a Franciscan friar of the Assumption BVM Province in residence at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC. He is currently completing a doctorate at Georgetown University, writing on the notion of companionship in medieval Islamic mysticism. He will join the faculty of the Pontifical Institute for the Study of Arabic and Islam in Rome this fall. In addition to academic duties and sacramental ministry, he serves as a pilgrim guide in the Holy Land.

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May 1 st	Fr. Jason Welle, OFM	Pope Francis' Laudato si': Poverty,	
6 th Sunday of Easter		Environmental Justice	
May 8 th	Rev. John McDuffie	Reception / Brad Linboom	
7 th Sunday of Easter			
May 15 th	SOS	SOS	
Day of Pentecost			
May 22 nd	Newcomer's Reception	Newcomer's Reception	
Trinity Sunday		_	

Adult Forum Schedule for May 2016



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There is still time to shop for Mother's Day gifts. We have spring clothing, housewares, books, shoes, and lots more.









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: <u>www.bargain-box.org</u>

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BargainBoxRockville All our profits fund outreach projects in the community and diocese.



is Serving Others Sunday. The Bargain Box will be in the Dining Room on May 15 with lots of spring merchandise and a gardening-themed raffle.

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One Man's Junk...

Thrift stores run on the principle that "One man's junk is another man's treasure." However, that is not always true. Sometimes

items are outdated and unusable, such as travel guides and medical books. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has rules about what can be sold in secondhand stores, especially car seats, cribs and certain toys. And sometimes, junk is truly just junk, and should be trashed or recycled. We are fortunate to live in a city and county that provides an outlet to recycle just about everything. Check the Bargain Box website for what donations we accept and what we can and cannot sell.

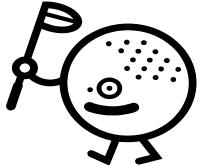
..... "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

- --Booker T. Washington ш
- The Bargain Box gives away hundreds of
- dollars of free clothing every year to 111
- those most truly in need.

Youth Group Mini Golf Outing

Sunday, May 1st from 12:30 - 4:00pm Friends are welcome!

Bring \$5.00 for Lunch & Golf





Meet at the Parish House & Parent Drivers are needed.

YOUTH GROUP Workday!



Where:	Christ Church Grounds
When:	Sat, May 14 th from 9am – 1pm



Wear: Work clothes – gloves provided



- Why: To service & beatify our Parish!
 - Lunch from 12 1pm for all YG workers!

Earn SSL (Student Service Learning) hours Questions? Call Michele Craig at 301/762-2191 #15 or <u>mcraig@cecrockville.org</u>



YOUTH GROUP Afternoon Adventure in the Trees? Join us on Sunday, May 22nd 2 – 6pm at the Largest Aerial Forest Adventure Park in North America!



We will meet at the Parish House at 2:00pm and carpool (drivers needed) to Go Ape at Lake Needwood in Rockville for an afternoon of fun on the Zip Lines, and aerial forest obstacle courses. Friends are welcome, but an RSVP is required!

Cost is \$15.00 per person for Youth Group and \$25.00 for friends that includes snacks & water. RSVP ASAP – Space is limited to 15 & Fr McDuffie will be joining us!

RSVP by Sunday, May 15th 301/762-2191 #15 or <u>mcraig@cecrockville.org</u> Info about Go Ape <u>http://goape.com/</u>



2016 Graduates

We are preparing our Graduate Celebration to be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 and are now collecting information for all Middle School, High School and College graduates.

Please send in the information requested below ASAP to Michele Craig at <u>mcraig@cecrockville.org</u> or to the church office at 107 S. Washington Street, Rockville, MD 20850 **no later than Sunday, May 29th**.

Name _____

School you are graduating from _____

School you will be attending _____

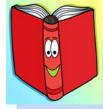
Degrees or Honors ___

Thank you and please plan to join us **Sunday, June 12th at 10:00am** for a special recognition of all Christ Church graduates!

> Michele Craig Director of Children's & Youth Ministries 301/762-2191



Booktalk



On **Monday, May 9th**, **Booktalk** will will discuss <u>**Emma**</u>, by Alexander McCall Smith, the best-selling author of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. Mr. Smith escorts Jane Austen's beloved, meddlesome heroine into the twenty-first century in this retelling. His gentle satire and

old-fashioned sensibility prove to be the perfect match for Jane Austen's wit and characters, proving that Emma's story is timeless. Please join us at 1:00pm in the dining room of the Parish House. Everyone welcome!

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MAY 2016 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

REGULAR SERVICES AT 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am Summer Schedule begins May 29 Services at 7:45 & 10:00am

- **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 (May 1st, 15th & 22nd)
- **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 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

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7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (DR) **Tuesday** 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)

Wednesday

11:00 AM	Bible Study (PH LR)
12:10 рм	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
8:00 pm	Korean Congregation Prayer Group (PH LR)

Thursday

12:00 рм	AA (PH)
4:30 pm	Chorister Rehearsal (Church)
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Church)

OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

- Youth Group Mini Golf & Lunch Outing **12:30-4pm** (\$5) (PH) Jazz Vespers for Bishop Walker School **5:00pm** (Church)
- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting 7:30pm (PH LR)
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- 7 Spring Planting in the Columbarium 9:00am National Philharmonic Singers Concert 8:00pm (Church)
 8 Mother's Day
- Farewell Reception for ALL for Brad Linboom **10:10am** (MR) Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR) Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
- 9 Booktalk **1:00pm** (PH LR)
- 10 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
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- Parish Outdoor Work Day 9:00am (Parish Grounds)
 Youth Group Work Day & Lunch 9am-1pm (PH)
 Confirmation 10:00am (Washington National Cathedral)
 Adult Supper Club 7:00pm (home of Donna & Tom Gentry)
- "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
 Loaves & Fishes carpool 10:15am (leave from Church)
 SOS Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project 10:15am (CEC DR)
- 16 Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 17 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the Summer 2016 issue Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
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- Newcomer Reception for All 10:10am (MR)
 Youth Group Go Ape Zip Line Adventure 2:00pm (meet at PH) (\$15) RSVP by May 15th
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- 24 The Angelus Printing
- Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH) 25 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- 26 *The Angelus* Assembly
 - Choristers Ice Cream Party **4:30pm** (Ben & Jerry's)
- 27 28
- 29 **Summer Worship Schedule Begins, Services at 7:45 & 10:00am** Sophia House Meal (K)
- 30 Memorial Day (office closed)
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KEY	CEC = Christ Episcopal Church
PH = Parish House	CES = Christ Episcopal School
LR = Living Room	K = Kitchen
DR = Dining Room	N = Nursery
MR = Murdock Room	YR = Youth Room