

The Angelus

June 2019



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From the Rector

To everything - turn, turn, turn
There is a season - turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under heaven

Although the Byrds released this song in the fall of 1965, it is a song that I always associate with summertime. Perhaps that is because it wasn't until the summer that we had endless days of riding our bikes, playing outside, reading books, and going to the swimming pool. Weaving itself through all these activities was music, always AM radio! And, yes, I did have one of those radios that attached to the handlebars of my bike, and I was quite proud of it. I didn't realize what a nerd I am until recently.

I had no idea that "Turn" was a protest song written by Pete Seeger in response to the anti-war sentiment around the Vietnam War. I learned that later. And, much later than that later, I learned the source of this song. Perhaps those of you who come from scripturally based faith backgrounds recognize its origins.

As I have said in a previous article, these lyrics are taken from a passage in the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8). Ecclesiastes is considered an example of the genre of Wisdom literature. This genre is characterized by sayings of wisdom intended to teach about divinity and about virtue; and presume to offer insight about nature and reality.

Professor Amy-Jill Levine says that the storyteller in Ecclesiastes urges people to fear God (live in respect, awe and submission to the deity) and seeks to understand the human condition within a religious framework.

To everything there is a season.

After Pentecost, we embark on the second part, and longest stretch, of Ordinary Time in the Church. It isn't that it isn't special, but we use (ordinal) numbers to identify it. This portion begins on the Monday after Pentecost and continues until the day before Advent.

People scatter during the summer months, and we wish you Godspeed and refreshment. Wherever you find yourself, know you are in our hearts. We hope that you can find God and community, and we anxiously will look forward to seeing you again when you return from your travels. We will miss you while you are enjoying your adventures.

For those of you who find yourselves staying in the area for the duration, we look forward to seeing you and continuing to worship with you. Please join us throughout the summer. We will have the AC running, and you can watch the progress being made on the Christ Episcopal School renovation.

Come to the table, we have bread and wine in the sanctuary. And we will have lemonade and cookies on the porch. We look forward to seeing you and continuing to live as community.

- Lisa Zaina

Inside Outreach



An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

'It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.'
Psalm 74:17

Concern for the hungry and homeless is certainly present all year, but we tend to think of the holidays and winter as the times where our help is needed the most. In fact, summer months can be dangerous with the high heat and direct sun. Clean water is not always easily available for the homeless and people with shortages of funds are no less short of food in the summer than the winter.

Many of the programs the Outreach Committee supports are actively engaged with the community throughout the year. As an example, one of our partners, Community Reach of Montgomery County (formerly Community Ministries of Rockville), is active throughout the year in their Housing program which operates two transitional housing facilities, the Jefferson House (for men) and the Rockland House (for women).

There are ways that you can become involved in the summer. One way is to join us as we visit Saint Stephen & the Incarnation Church on Serving Others Sundays (the third Sunday of each month) to serve meals to those in need. The children and youth sponsor a multigenerational activity on these days to pack sandwiches for the homeless in D.C. and weekend sacks of food for low-income school children. See <http://www.christchurchrockville.org/ministries/outreach-service/> for more information on Serving Others Sunday activities.

The Outreach Committee March meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 12th from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. 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.

Recognition

Jan Schiavone recognized at Seabury Celebration of Senior Service Ceremony

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington partnered with Seabury Resources for the Aging to honor the older members of congregations in the Diocese who enrich us with their service and volunteer work. Each parish was given the opportunity to nominate someone to be recognized at this Celebration of Service. Christ Church nominated Jan Schiavone who just recently “retired” after volunteering for over 60 years as our music librarian.

Jan started volunteering as music librarian shortly after she and her husband joined Christ Church. John Preston was music director at that time and the music library consisted of perhaps 200-300 anthems. When Tad Cavuoti came to Christ Church, he increased the

types and amount of music sung by the choir dramatically, and Jan's workload increased accordingly. With the creation of the Chorister choir, the workload increased still more and even though the handbell choir ceased to exist, Jan organized all their music for possible future use. When the new choir room was built, for some reason the music was stored on the top shelf, which necessitated the use of a 15-foot ladder to reach the music files. Jan climbed up and down this ladder for 10 years. By the time Jason West arrived, the library had grown to nearly 900 titles of anthems, over 170 different major works and collections, and more than a hundred Psalm settings in addition to the Soprano descants. There were times Jan was told there was no budget for supplies, so she purchased the plastic bins to organize and keep the music dust free herself. She also purchased a label maker and created a better way to label each of the folders that held the multiple copies of each anthem. Every Sunday after church, Jan would file the music. She would come in on Tuesdays to finish any other filing or create new folders for new music. She also would come in early for choir rehearsals on Thursday evening to do any last minute preparation for rehearsal and then stay after.

At the Celebration of Service Ceremony, Jan was among over 50 individuals recognized. She received a certificate from the Bishop. Several members of Christ Church attended the service at Washington National Cathedral.

Acolytes



Lots Of New Acolytes Needed in the Fall

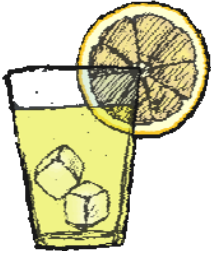
Training classes for new acolytes, youth in grades 6 to 12, will begin in September. We had 9 senior acolytes graduate from high school this spring, which leaves us with a significant shortage of acolytes. In past years, classes have been on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for one hour and run for 7 weeks. However, this schedule can be flexible to allow for conflicts with other activities.

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 bobjames3@msn.com

Fellowship



Lemonade on the Porch begins for the summer June 2

Once again this gathering will be held each Sunday thru September 1 on the Parish House Porch, after the 10:00am service. The last available date for which to sign up is **July 28**.

Thank you to everyone who signed up! Just a reminder-- lemonade, plates, cups and napkins will be provided. The host each week provides finger foods of their choosing plus setting up and clearing following the event. Any questions, please call Bobbie Power (301-460-4458).



Supper Club

June Supper Club will be held at the home of Ellen van Valkenburgh on **June 8th** from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All adults are welcome. Just bring a dish to serve approximately 8 people and enjoy an evening of good food and lively conversation. The address is 9117 Willow Pond Ln. Potomac, MD 20854-2411 and telephone number is 301-424-8040.

Reflections on the Care of Planet Earth

Reflections from CEC Professional Environmentalists: what Believers might best focus upon

Dear Friends, in observing Rogation Sunday on May 26, the Lord's day liturgically dedicated to giving thanks for the earth, its harvests & blessings, I asked several professional environmentalists in our parish where they would suggest we believers focus our thoughts and energies re. the current state of our planet and our care of it. I have permission from the two who responded to share much of their reflections in this newsletter, as I shared in worship. Don English works in program oversight with the U.S. Forest Service and is a literal beekeeper, among his many callings. Peter Boice is retired from the U.S. Department of Defense, where he oversaw natural spaces and resources. He remains a global-traveling, bird-watching aficionado among his many pursuits! Don offers suggestions on transformation from the inside out, while Peter offers a birds-eye perspective on the challenges we face and ways to address them. How blessed we are to abound in such wisdom and giftedness in our parish on this front and so many more.....

Gratefully, Cindy Simpson, Associate Rector

Don English: "We have a social and economic paradigm that is in desperate need of a fundamental revision. That paradigm defines our mindset and approach to the earth. We do not have dominion over the earth -- we are charged by God to steward it. It seems to me our most basic Christian duty is to make better the beautiful sphere that God has allowed us to spend time on. I read the phrase 'God so loved the world' not so narrowly as 'God so loved the people of the world'. We have discovered the science that links us all to our environment; we cannot truthfully deny that our actions (all 7 billion of us) are damaging what many believe is Gods most wonderful creation. I would hope the new paradigm emphasizes that there is no trade-off between jobs/livelihoods/economic health and environmental protection; rather, that stewardship is our job, it is how we should measure our health and wealth. We as Christians, and especially as Episcopalians, need to embrace the evidence of science and be the role models for trying to bring about a change that values the long-range health of our world as the embodiment of Gods will.

SO what do we do? It's a gargantuan task -- it took billions of us thousands of years to get where we are. Turning it around will be somewhere between inconvenient and debilitating. How does it happen? We do something. Each of us. Each day/month/year. We can be ones to give hope and ideas to those who need them. We can plant trees, remove lawn, drive less, walk more, install solar panels, fund more science, grow some of our own food, buy local. It ALL matters. We can give testimony that a pantheistic approach is not blasphemous. Maybe what it is, is an explicit recognition that the Holy Spirit is everywhere."

Peter Boice: "For me, the simple but accurate response must be the climate change crisis. Changing weather patterns. More rain someplace/more drought elsewhere, extremely elevated temperatures at the poles, more pronounced extremes in how we measure all aspects of climate - drive most of the related crises we face - biodiversity loss; resource scarcity and insecurity (food, water, etc.); melting ice caps and sea level rise; national and international insecurity (conflicts over these resources have already spurred regional conflicts between haves and have nots); major spread of invasive species; disease spread - driven by ticks, mosquitoes, and what not.

But then there are the underlying factors that make it so difficult to wage the full-scale battles (sorry, DoD-speak sneaking through!) against scientific ignorance and mistrust; the deadening and undue influence of powerful lobbying groups; still inadequate (but improving in, some states) public education; willingness to allocate the trillions of dollars that are needed over the next decade to fight this crisis; lack of political and economic leadership by more affluent countries, especially but not limited to the U.S.; unseemly and counterproductive political bickering and lack of coordination at national and international levels.

We have good examples of what works, but we need much more.

- ... we also need more action from the top down -- e.g., financial incentives - the tax credits on solar panels helped jumpstart that industry.
- All peoples of faith need to act, not just Episcopalians or Christians - although action by necessity should start at "home." In fact, many faith groups are - individually and jointly - e.g., through various interfaith environmental-based groups, etc. "



Veggie Tales

Summer Sundays

Young Children

June 16 - August 18

10:00 - 11:15 am

CEC Dining Room

Summer Sundays are a fun time for children 4 - 10 years old to worship together using **Veggie Tales** DVDs and play.

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

Veggie Tales is for children Pre-Kindergarten thru Third Grade.

We begin at 10:00 AM in the Dining Room and concludes immediately after the service.

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

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

Thank you for supporting this exciting program!

Questions? Mrs. Lynch at julie10025@aol.com or Mrs. Craig at mcraig@cecrockville.org





VOLUNTEER PROFILE



DEBBY KREITER works every Tuesday morning as a front desk volunteer. She began working at the Bargain Box in the summer of 2017 after she retired. Debby not only enjoys interfacing with our customers, but she likes shopping for herself. While Debby is not a member of Christ Church, her husband has been a member since around 1957 and used to sing in the choir! When not volunteering at the Bargain Box, Debby volunteers serving Wednesday teas at Strathmore. Debby's son-in-law, Mitchell Zuckoff, just published a book, entitled *FALL AND RISE: The Story of 9/11*. This book was described as "remarkable and groundbreaking" by The Washington Post, as it offers "a more intimate perspective of the tragedy for those who lived through it." Zuckoff is married

to Debby's daughter, Suzanne, who is a photo-journalist for the Boston Globe. Debby has two other children, Joanne and Paul.

OUTREACH SUNDAY



June 16 is not only Serving Others Sunday at Christ Church but Father's Day as well. Since we are into the summer schedule, The Bargain Box will be set up in the PARISH HOUSE Dining Room after the 10 am service. So come shop, get a last-minute Father's Day gift for Dad, sign up for our raffle and enjoy Lemonade on the Porch. Our next two SOS sales will be July 21 and August 18, also in the Parish House.


FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is June 16. We have some great gifts for Dad, including sports items, wine-related gifts and lots of nice ties. Don't wait until the last minute to shop for Dad.

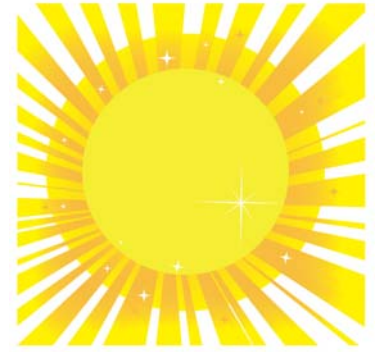
DID YOU KNOW?

The Bargain Box has a new landlord and our shopping center has been renamed Rockville Plaza. Did you know that it used to be called Hungerford Plaza? One of the first things the new owner did was to replace all our interior lighting with brighter, more efficient LED lights. The entry ways on each end of the pavilion have been repaired and there is now a handicapped accessible ramp at the front sidewalk near Nail Tech. So come see the new brighter Bargain Box!

The Bargain Box will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday May 27.

The Bargain Box
Thrift and Consignment Shop
An Outreach Ministry since 1957
 398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850
 301-762-2242
 Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4:30 pm
 Donna Wolohojian, Manager
 Email: bargainbox@cecrockville.org
 On the web: www.bargain-box.org
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www.facebook.com/BargainBoxRockville
All our profits fund outreach projects in the community and diocese.

Happy Summer!



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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2019 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES: JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23
 JULY 7, 14, 21, 28
 AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25
 SEPTEMBER 1

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

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

10:00 AM Summer Sunday School – Murdock Room
a service for young children (ages 4-10), using Veggie Tale
videos, games, stories and crafts
 June 16, 23, 30
 July 7, 14, 21 & 28
 August 4, 11, 18

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

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

9:00 AM Summer Studies in Christian Faith – Parish House
9:15 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Church
11:00 AM Lemonade on the Porch – Parish House

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Thursday

12:00 PM AA – Parish House

OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

JUNE

- 2 Recognition for Graduates at the **10am service**
- 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 6 St. Andrew's Bacculaureate service **7:30pm** (Church)
- 8 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (Ellen van Valkenburgh host)
- 9 St. Francis Flock Meeting **11:30am** (PH LR)
- 12 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 16 Bargain Box Sale in the Parish House
 Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
 Veggie Tales begins **10:00am** (CES DR)
- 22 Celebration of a New Ministry:
 Institution of Lisa M. Zaina **10:00am** (Church)
 followed by a reception
- 25 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 26 Lay Eucharist Visitation **2:30pm** (Collingswood Nursing Home)
- 30 Interfaith Shelter Meal

JULY

- 2 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 4 Independence Day/ Office Closed
- 10 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 13 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Von Arx)
- 14 St. Francis Flock Meeting **11:30am** (PH LR)
- 21 Bargain Box Sale in the Parish House
 Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
 Environmental Stewardship Committee Mtng **11:30am** (PH LR)
- 23 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 24 Lay Eucharist Visitation **2:30pm** (Collingswood Nursing Home)

AUGUST

- 6 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 10 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (hosted by Bobbie Power)
- 11 St. Francis Flock Meeting **11:30pm** (PH LR)
- 14 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 18 Veggie Tales Last Day **10:00am** (CES DR)
 Bargain Box Sale in the Parish House
 Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 28 Lay Eucharist Visitation **2:30pm** (Collingswood Nursing Home)

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