The Angelus

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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the exciting things for me in recent weeks in the church is that I'm in conversation with many people who are new to us and are interested in baptism for their children. I thought I would take this opportunity to share my thoughts about this sacrament, which provides the foundation for our life in Christ.

At Christ Church, we designate four special occasions between September and the end of May in which we offer holy baptism. We follow the recommendations of our Book of Common Prayer (p. 312) in this regard. These four occasions include;

- The Sunday following all Saints Day (November 1st). Baptism is about not only becoming the member of a local church community it is also about becoming a member of the mystical communion of saints, which is one large, unnumbered family of all who have been baptized in the past, all who are living, and all who are to come. The All Saints celebration is a special time to mark this membership.
- The First Sunday after January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany, which we observe as the feast of the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus experienced his formal commissioning as the Messiah in his baptism, so do we receive our vocations to be his disciples in our own baptisms.
- The Eve of Easter Sunday. We celebrate each year on that evening the Great Vigil of Easter, and in the early Christian Church, this was the time in which people were baptized after undergoing a strict 3½ year process of formation for membership in the community, culminating in the season of Lent, which was a time of rigorous preparation.
- Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day of Easter. This day commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, inspiring them to become ambassadors of the faith. In our baptisms, we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit, so this is a very appropriate day to celebrate this sacrament.

We also work with families during the summer months (June, July, August) who wish to arrange to have a baptism scheduled on one of those Sundays. Except in very unusual circumstances, baptisms are always scheduled at times in which the entire church community gathers, because part of the baptismal liturgy is the welcome offered to the newly baptized by the community – an extended family in God.

I always like to tell people that baptism isn't a "once and done" event – i.e., you have your child baptized, and then you needn't show up again since you have obtained for your child a divine "life

insurance policy of grace", and it has provided for a happy occasion to gather family and friends. Instead, baptism simply marks the beginning of a new, ongoing journey of faith.

When we baptize children, we are assuming promises for them that we will actively continue in the community of faith, which means regular participation in the worship life of the community, as we bring them up to share in the corporate faith of the church. We don't have a rigorous screening mechanism for who can qualify for baptism – some churches do, but Christ Church has pretty porous boundaries. We don't take attendance either, but I try to impress upon baptismal sponsors that they are making solemn vows before God, and that those vows are in every way as important as their wedding vows, if they are married. We do have porous boundaries, but our hope is that we can be strong in the heart and center of faith as a gathered community.

I also say to newcomers who are having children baptized that since their children are becoming members of Christ Church through baptism, they should also work to transfer their memberships to our parish. I'm available to discuss with them how they can make their transfer of membership.

I hope that these reflections on baptism are helpful. I'm looking forward to the coming Sunday after All Saints Day (November 6th) in which we will welcome the newest members of Christ's one holy, catholic, and apostolic church into our fellowship!

Faithfully in Christ, John+

"Living by Faith" Fall Stewardship Campaign Continues

Our fall stewardship campaign, "Living by Faith", had its kick-off Sunday on October 2nd and will continue until the formal close of the campaign on Sunday, November 13th. Please remember that your financial pledges of support for the mission, ministry, and maintenance of Christ Church are the best way for our Vestry to plan our budget and figure out how to support all that we are and do. A pledge is a faith statement – a testimony of hope in these challenging times in which we live.

We hope to have 100% participation from those who work, worship, and pray with us, as we seek to fund a proposed budget that reflects a 3.1% increase over last year. Thanks to all who have already pledged, and we hope that <u>everyone</u> will have offered their pledge in the Sunday alms basis, or will have mailed it in by November 13th.

- Your Stewardship Committee and Vestry

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Session Saturday, November 12

One of the valuable and essential ministries of the church on Sunday morning is that of a lay Eucharistic minister. LEMs (abbreviated) are licensed in the Diocese of Washington, and have a primary duty of assisting the clergy in the administration of Holy Communion in our liturgies. At Christ Church, they also read lessons and lead the prayers of the people—and occasionally, may double as acolytes when we have an acolyte absence.

To become a lay Eucharistic minister, one must be at least 16 years of age, and either be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or else be formally received into the fellowship of the Anglican Communion.

We are in need of more LEMs to help on Sundays! If you are qualified and would like to serve in this ministry, you are invited to a training session on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the church. Fr. McDuffie and John Arnold, coordinator of this ministry, will lead the training. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Judith Schneider at 301-762-2191; or by emailing jschneider@cecrockville.org.

Sunday, November 20th, is CES Sunday

Christ Episcopal School continues in its 50th anniversary year, and Sunday, November 20th is the Feast of Christ the King – the last Sunday in the liturgical year of the Church. At the 9:00 a.m. service that day, we will welcome students, their families, and faculty members and administrative personnel of CES, as we give thanks for our day school and its ongoing ministry.

Whether or not you have a direct connection with our School, it is important to know that the educational model used at CES is one of the important ways in which we as a church live out our mission in the world. In a fractious age of negative sound bites and emotional knee-jerk reactions, Christ Episcopal School seeks to form students with minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve – helping to undergird our future society and its well-being. Come that day to learn more about our School, and celebrate with us!

Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program





Stop Hunger Now

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

Matthew 14:15-16

After Jesus directed his disciples to feed the multitude in that remote place, they collected what little bread and fish they had, leading to one of the few miracles documented in all four Gospels: the feeding of the 5,000.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 19th, 2016, when the Outreach Committee invites you to "give them something to eat" as we gather for our seventh annual Stop Hunger Now packing event.

Christ Church, in partnership with Stop Hunger Now, has prepared meal packets for over 175,000 children worldwide living in remote locations with few resources. Stop Hunger Now (rated 3 out of 4 stars, "good" by Charity Navigator) is a U.S.-based nonprofit hunger relief organization that supports both crisis response (disaster, famine relief, etc.) and transformational development programs (vocational training, early childhood development, etc.). The meals provided are easily stored and transported, shelf-stable, and nutritious. In a few hours, Christ Church volunteers assemble thousands of meal packets that are delivered to places of need worldwide such as Africa, Cambodia, Haiti, Nicaragua, and North Korea. Christ Church has been a leader among Maryland churches in support of this effort, with participants of all ages and generations making the event a highlight of our Outreach Ministry.

A key to the success of Stop Hunger Now Saturday is that it is organized as an efficient and family-friendly enterprise, with roles for every age and ability. Children and teens work alongside their parents, grandparents, and peers in a cooperative and raucous setting, where the work of our hands connects us all with our sisters and brothers all over our planet. It's also great fun!

Please look for further details and registration forms that will follow in the weekly bulletin as the event draws closer. The Outreach Committee will accept any donation but suggests \$50/family, \$25/individual, and \$15/youths 16 and older who participate on their own. This year, the funds will be used to support our ministries of the Outreach Committee. If you have questions or would like to sign up early, please e-mail David Craig at david@spacesaverVA.com.

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 November 8th, 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, contact Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.

Music at Christ Church

Benefit Concert

November 5th at 7:30 p.m.

The 50-strong Choir of UNC Chapel Hill will offer a concert at Christ Church, on Saturday evening, November 5th at 7:30 p.m. The delightful 60-minute program will feature *a cappella* repertoire from the Renaissance through the Twenty-first Century. Admission is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Music Scholarship Fund of Christ Church, supporting the young Choristers and Choral Scholars. We hope that many Christ Church parishioners and friends will be able to join UNC alumni and students in attending this benefit concert.

National Philharmonic Singers Presents In Dulci Jubilo!

Choral Music for the Holidays at Christ Church Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

This delightful group, under the direction of Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau, will again begin their holiday musical season with a concert here at Christ Church. A Candlelight Processional leads the program that includes familiar works such as the Stanford's Magnificat in G Major, Renaissance Motets In Dulci Jubilo and Resonent in Laudibus, and familiar carols sung by the choir and for "All To Sing" during the Christmas season. There is no admission charge. Free-will donations will benefit the Community Ministries of Rockville.

The National Philharmonic Singers is a chamber choir and one of several performing ensembles of the National Philharmonic, which is in residence at the Music Center at Strathmore. As such, it promotes works suited for smaller ensembles, whether with accompaniment or a cappella. Its repertoire ranges from 16^{th} to 21^{st} centuries, and it often premieres new compositions by local composers. This is the eleventh year of performance at Christ Church.

For more information, please call 301-493-9283, Ext. 116

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.

The Flock thanks all those who participated in the Blessings of the Animals. A special thanks goes to Reverend Simpson for her eloquent and thoughtful words in leading a beautiful ceremony. God's presence was felt, and a good time was had by all! Next year, we look forward to partnering with the youth group on snacks and readings.

Upcoming Event

• Second Annual Pet Memorial Service: Sunday, November 20th, 5:00 p.m. Location: CEC. Join us for this heartfelt service honoring our beloved pets that have passed away and are with God. If you would like your pet to be remembered at the service, please submit a pet photo (email jpeg file) with the pet's first and last name to Lori Nicely at stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org by November 5. If you have a photograph on paper that you would like to use, take a digital picture of it and email it to stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org. If you don't have a photo but want your pet to be remembered, submit your pet's first and last name to stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org. Please feel free to invite friends and coworkers. All are welcome. This event is a community outreach service of St. Francis Flock.

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 stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org if you need assistance.

All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us in doing God's work. There are animal welfare ministries in all 50 states. Compassion for God's creatures continues to grow in our Christian community!

Monthly meeting: 2nd Sunday @ 4:00 p.m., Parish House Now on Facebook! Check us out! https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisFlock/

Environmental Stewardship

Did You Know?

Jeremiah 2:7 - I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. (NIV)

Under the guidance of Master Gardener Carolyn Oakford, the two-year landscaping project that included the church building, the columbarium, and the parish house

has been completed. Greg Lin, working on an Eagle Scout project, provided the leadership and labor for the work on the Columbarium. Perennials and new shrubs, including native species, were added, in addition to the weeding, mulching, trimming, and pruning. A butterfly bush was planted and a bird bath was put in front of the Columbarium.

Mark Wright and the Environmental Stewardship Committee are investigating efforts to save on energy costs at the Church, and at the same time use carbon-free sources of energy. One possibility is to "bundle" with other nearby churches in a cooperative to get reduced rates.

The Episcopal Church at the national level is very involved with Environmental Stewardship issues. Please check out this web site www.episcopalchurch.org

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, November 6th



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

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

Children's Church begins at 8:45am in the Dining Room for all Preschoolers - Third Grade. *ALL SAINTS' PARADE TODAY!*

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

Sunday, November 13th



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

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 Juniors (6th – 8th grade) from 12 – 2pm in the Youth Room

Youth Group Seniors (9th – 12th grade) from 3 – 6pm in the Youth Room



Saturday, November 19th

Youth Group Breakfast & Set-Up from 8:30 – 10am

Youth Group (6 – 12 graders) are invited to a Waffle Breakfast in the Parish House followed by setting up for Stop Hunger NOW. Friends are welcome and you earn SSL hours!

STOP HUNGER NOW Food Packing Event at 10:00am

All ages are welcome to this fun and lively event packaging food for Stop Hunger NOW! Meet in the Dining Room and bring your family & friends to help us package 20,000 meals in 2 hours. Donations are welcome to help use pay it forward for next years' event!



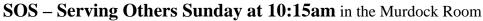
Sunday, November 20th



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

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

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





Pet Memorial Service at 5pm in the Church followed by a Reception All ages are welcome to come honor beloved pets who have passed - recently or in the past.





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

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

Advent Wreath & Crafts Workshop at 10:15am in the Dining Room

Sunday School ROTATIONS

	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
Preschool	Regular Class	Regular Class	SOS Serving Others Sunday	Advent Crafts
K & 1 st	Bible Games	Art & Drama	SOS Serving Others Sunday	Advent Crafts
2 nd & 3 rd	Cooking & Science	Bible Games	SOS Serving Others Sunday	Advent Crafts
4 th - 7 th	Art & Drama	Cooking & Science	SOS Serving Others Sunday	Advent Crafts

For questions relating to Children's & Youth Ministries – please contact:

Michele Craig

Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

301/762-2191 #15 or mcraig@cecrockville.org

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Canned Foods

Canned Vegetables, Tuna and Peanut Butter Food collected will be given to Manna Smart Snacks Program

Toiletries

Travel and Full Size Shampoo, SOCKS and more SOCKS! *Items donated will be given to our friends at DC Thrive*

Pet Food

Cans or Bags of food for Cats & Dogs Donations will be given to Chompers

Bring donations to the Narthex or Dining Room - THANKS!



Meet Our Volunteers



Ruth Shawn and Margaret Hoppman are our 1st and 3rd and 5th Monday front desk dynamic duo. Ruth was

recruited to the Bargain Box when she retired by Cai Conway, one of the early managers of the store. She has been at the Bargain Box since 1996. Ruth, in turn, recruited Margaret around 2005 since they both volunteer at the Rainbow Shelter. While they usually work together, both Ruth and Margaret are generous in volunteering to fill in other times when needed. In addition to working the front desk, Ruth records and calculates the consignment sales. Margaret loves stylish shoes and helps price shoe donations. If there is a fancy shoe on the rack in her size, you can bet Margaret has modeled it! Both Ruth and Margaret are known for testing out kitchen gadgets and have been known to bring in food from home to see if various cucumber parers, egg peelers, or other gadgets perform as advertised! When not volunteering at the Bargain Box or Rainbow Shelter, Ruth likes reading and gardening. Margaret, who originally hails from Corby, England, also volunteers at nursing homes and likes walking and knitting. Both think the Bargain Box is a fun place to work and they love the people, volunteers and customers alike, with whom they come in contact.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Our Christmas Closet is bursting out of its seams with new holiday merchandise, including clothing, decorations, and gifts. We will be putting out Christmas merchandise after Halloween so be sure to stop by and get the best selection of gifts and decorations.

OUTREACH SUNDAYS

The third Sunday of the Month is Serving Others Sunday. The Bargain Box will be back in the Dining Room on November 20 with Thanksgiving and Christmas merchandise and a fall/holiday themed raffle. We won't be here in December so stop by and see our jewelry and gift selection for Christmas. See you in 2017.

Come in and See our Merchandise!







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

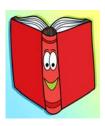
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On the web: <u>www.bargain-box.org</u>

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

Booktalk



The Boys in the Boat, by Daniel James Brown, has been chosen for **Booktalk's Monday, November 14**th meeting. This is the story about nine working-class Americans, who were never expected to defeat teams from the elite East Coast or Nazi Germany, and their quest for gold in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Please join us at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish House to discuss this fascinating story.



All are invited to The Christ Church 2016 Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing Event!

November 19, 2016 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Parish Dining Room

- ➤ Our first events allowed us to provide more than 175,000 meals for children in Haiti, Africa, North Korea, and other troubled parts of the globe. The Christ Episcopal Church community has established itself as a leader among Maryland churches in the cause of alleviating hunger worldwide.
- ➤ When we commit our time and resources, we work to make a real difference in the lives of people who are most in need. As one participant summed up so clearly: "It reinforced just how important it is to reach beyond our own parish, and it brought home the impact that one church can have in the world."
- ➤ Please join us on November 19 by filling out this sheet and dropping it in the Offering plate, or e-mailing David Craig at david@spacesaverVA.com. A suggested donation to the Outreach general budget (please make checks out to CEC with "SHN" in the memo line) is: \$50 per family, \$25 per adult and \$15 for youths 16 and older who participate on their own.

About	Ston	Hunger	Now

Established in 1998, Stop Hunger Now is a non-profit international relief organization. For more information, please go to www.stopHungernow.org.

Name(s):		 	
Contact info:			

Memorial Bricks



The All Saints Walk at Christ Church features a walk of imprinted bricks, donated by members of the Christ Church and Rockville Communities, with the name of loved ones, in recognition of all the saints of God who have been or who are still with us. It also includes a Columbarium in a garden setting.

We invite you again this year to support our All Saints Walk through purchasing a brick in the walk, dedicated to a loved one. You may want to commemorate a parent, grandparent, child or spouse, living or deceased. Alternately, you may like to acquire a Columbarium slot, or an inscribed memorial plaque in the walk area.

Please return a completed application to the Church office by **November 30**. Thank you.

All Saints Memorial Walk

Christ Episcopal Church 107 South Washington Street Rockville, MD 20850

Inscribed brick: Up to 2 lines of print, 18 characters & spaces per line - \$100.00 Make checks payable to: "Christ Episcopal Church", marked "All Saints Walk"

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NOVEMBER 2016 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 (Nov. 6, 13, 20)

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems Christ Church Choir

Nursery 8:45 AM – 12:15 PM for infants and toddlers 6 months to 4 years old

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 (CEC DR) **Tuesday** 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH) Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR) 12:10 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

7:30 PM Acolyte Training (Church) Thru 11/16

Thursday

12:00 PM AA (PH LR)

4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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

OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

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

Acolyte Training **7:30pm** (Church)

3 CES Book Fair, Nov. 3-11 (MR)

5 UNC Choir Concert 6:00pm (Church)

All Saints' Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends (fall back 1 hour Saturday night) Children's Saints' Parade 9:00am (DR, Church)

CES Scholastic Book Fair **10:10am** (Murdock Room)

Welcoming Committee Meeting 7:00pm (PH LR)

The Angelus Submission Deadline for the December issue Youth Retreat

Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)

Acolyte Training 7:30pm (Church)

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11 Veterans' Day (office closed)

12 LLEM Training Session 9:00am (Church)

Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Lynn & Larry Posorske)

13 Faithful Professionals Meeting 10:15am (PH LR) JuniorYouth Group 12-2pm (YR)

Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home 1:30pm

Senior Youth Group **3-6pm** (YR)

St. Francis Flock Meeting **4:00pm** (PH LR)

Booktalk 1:00pm (PH LR)

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

16 Acolyte Training - final session **7:30pm** (Church)

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19 Youth Group Waffle Breakfast 8:30am (PH)

Stop Hunger Now Event **10:00am** (CEC DR)

"Manna" Sunday (Third Sunday of each month) Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)

Bargain Box Outreach Table (DR)

SOS - Serving Others Sunday 10:15am (MR)

Pet Memorial Service **5:00pm** (Church)

followed by a reception in the Murdock Room

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

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

23 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood 2:30pm (Rockville)

24 Thanksgiving Eucharist 10:00am (Church)

Thanksgiving Day (office closed)

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Advent Crafts Workshop for ALL 10:00am (CEC DR)

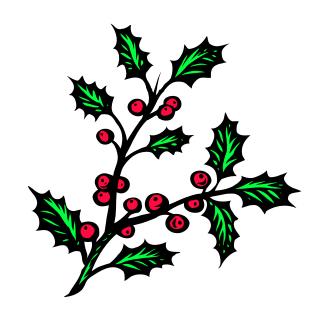
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KEY CEC = Christ Episcopal Church

 $CES = Christ \ Episcopal \ School$ $PH = Parish\ House$ $LR = Living\ Room$ K = KitchenDR = Dining RoomN = Nursery

MR = Murdock Room YR = Youth Room



Adult Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 10, 2016 7 – 10 pm Dining and Murdock Rooms

An evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

K - Z - Desserts A - J - Appetizers

\$20 per person

RSVP to Bobbie Power (301-460-4458) brbrpowr@comcast.net) by December 4.









