

# The Angelus

December 2017



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## From the Rector



*Fr. McDuffie*

Dear Friends in Christ,

December will once again be a time filled with activity at Christ Church, and in this issue of the Angelus you will find announcements of various opportunities for us to gather as a community and observe the spirit of Advent and Christmas. I thought I would mention a few moments in this month that will be special for me:

- 1.) The National Philharmonic singers visit Christ Church with their annual December concert, “Carols Around the World”, on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. in the church.** Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully received to benefit our friends at Community Ministries of Rockville.
- 2.) Come to a very special **Jazz Vespers, Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** Our regular Jazz Vespers Quartet will be joined by guest vocalist Juanita Williams. Ms. Williams sang for many years with the celebrated Airmen of Note US Air Force jazz band, and she performed at our May Jazz Vespers to the great delight of all who attended. We will be featuring favorite classic Christmas songs, accompanying the liturgy of evening prayer. Donations received will benefit Interfaith Works, one of the great Montgomery County social ministries organizations.
- 3.) Be at our Welcoming Committee’s semi-annual reception to welcome newcomer individuals and families at Christ Church on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, during the 10:00 a.m. hour** in the Murdock Room.
- 4.) The annual **Adult Christmas Dinner** is on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** in the Murdock Room. Information on making reservations, cost, and availability of childcare is found elsewhere in this issue. I’m aware that Episcopal priests have traditionally been grumpy about celebrating Christmas during Advent (I’ve already challenged that tradition with this December’s Jazz Vespers!), but one of the great themes of Advent is hospitality, which is gloriously fulfilled each year in this dinner sponsored by our Fellowship Committee. It’s a great time to greet old friends and meet new ones.
- 5.) **Christmas Eve:** Always a special day in the life of Christ Church. This year it is on Sunday, **so that morning we will only have one worship service, at 10:00 a.m.** – but it is a special one as we traditionally observe the dressing of the Christmas crèche with the help of our Sunday School children. Later, our regular schedule of Christmas eve services takes place, with services at 4:00 p.m. (featuring our Nativity Pageant); 8:00 p.m., preceded by anthems and carols at 7:30 p.m.; and 11:00 p.m., preceded by anthems and carols at 10:30 p.m.

As I journey through my final two months of ministry at Christ Church, I think that many of you may enjoy the Adult Forum I'm presenting on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:00 a.m. hour. It's called "Reflections on 19+ Years of Ministry", and I will celebrate the good things that have happened at Christ Church during my time with you.

In closing this letter, I want to say "thank you" to quite a few folks who have sent me emails or notes since my retirement announcement, or who have stopped to say "You have been an important part of my life, and faith journey." All I can acknowledge is that the feeling is mutual – what a privilege I've had in serving in this place! And – since I've told you all before that every December, I worry about church finances – the greatest gift for my peace of mind is knowing that everyone has made a pledge of financial support to Christ Church for 2018, before the end of December. With strong leadership, and your faithful caring and support, this church has a wonderful future ahead.

A blessed Advent and Christmas to all!

Faithfully in Christ,

John+

## **Inside Outreach**

*An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program*



“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

-Proverbs 19:17

As Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas Day approaches, many people think of gift giving. Usually, we reach out to our friends and family, though some go beyond their inner circle. It is however, the Christmas experience of some who may be beyond your circle of family and friends that I want you to consider.

There are many in our community that are poor or homeless, and for them the holidays can be a tough reminder of the things they don't have that most of us do, such as all the food we enjoy or a warm place to live. I want to remind you that your Outreach Committee is partnering with others in the church, like the Youth Group and Bargain Box and organizations outside the church, like Community Ministries of Rockville, to help those in need in our community and around the world. We just recently completed the 2017 Rise Against Hunger, which I hope you were able to join, but we also contribute to many charities that help the poor, hungry, and homeless in the local area.

Your tithing goes in part to these charities and helps families facing homelessness or hunger. The Outreach Committee thanks you for your generosity this Christmas so we can help Christ Episcopal Church do the will of God in helping the poor.

*The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. The next Committee meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:benofwater@gmail.com).*

# *All Christ Church Worshipers*

*Especially those new in the past twelve months,*

*those who have missed earlier newcomer events,  
and those who feel new at heart!!!*



*The Welcoming Committee  
cordially invites you  
to a newcomer reception  
to be introduced  
to our parish family.*

*Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
from 10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

*The Murdock Room*

*All in the Parish are invited!*

## Adult Forum

### *Reflections on 19+ Years of Ministry from our beloved Rector*

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. in the Murdock Room**

Come laugh, cry and revel together in the wonders of what we have become as a parish across the years of The Rev. John S. McDuffie's ministry. To use one of John's favorite phrases, "we almost always have fun sometimes!"

Mark your calendars for his last Forum: Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

## Environmental Stewardship

### **Did you Know?**



Plastic bags are **not** recyclable and should always be disposed of in the **trash**. Plastic bags damage the machines that shred recyclables. This can happen when we either toss plastic bags in the recycling bin or put our recyclable plastics, paper and cardboard in plastic bags and toss the whole thing in the recyclable bins. This practice also increases the fees and fines for recycling.

Clear and/or white bags (the only exception) may be recycled at all major grocery stores in their bins marked for such.

### **Plastic Pollution: Let's Pick It Up**

Look closely as you walk or bike or drive down the street. From cities to suburbs, small towns to seashores, plastic bottles, bags and packaging litter our landscape, flowing into storm drains and watersheds. Ultimately, an estimated 8.8 million tons of plastic trash enters the ocean every year – but that number is reportedly on course to double by 2025.

#### Why Is It a Problem?

You probably don't grind pieces of plastic into your morning coffee. You probably don't add plastic bits to your dog food or cat food. And you probably don't let your pet parakeet nibble on plastic straws. Why? Because consuming plastics can be fatal, both to humans and other creatures. Most plastics were not made to be ingested and generally cannot be digested. They're made from chemicals that you would never deliberately eat or drink, much less feed to other animals.

#### We All Make Choices

So, why do you and I force fish and other marine life to dine on plastic trash? Well, probably because we don't really mean to do it. We get careless. We walk away and forget that bottle of water we put next to our foot at the bus bench. We don't cover our recycling bin on a windy day. Sometimes, we just don't think.

#### Here's the Good News

Cutting the flow of plastic trash doesn't take an international treaty, or billions of dollars in R&D spending, or even an inconvenient Al Gore documentary (although all of that might indeed help).

- You and I simply need to pick up our plastic.
- Better still, you and I can take a few moments each day or each week to pick up plastic trash that others have left behind — and drop it in a recycling container.

#### Wait, It's Really that Simple?

Yes – and no. The bigger problem won't be solved so easily. All the plastic trash that's entered the world's oceans will remain a harmful pollutant for a long, long time. A lot of smart people

around the globe are studying the problem and working on ways to address the enormous volume of plastic trash in the sea.

### Then...What?

You and I can directly and personally slow the flow of trash into watersheds and other ecosystems. Start at your feet, then expand to your street. This simple action will make a big difference. Plastic isn't fish food. So, let's pick it up!

From our own Mark Wright's website, [pickupyourplastic.org](http://pickupyourplastic.org) (soon to be online)

*"Regreening the Planet Could Account for One-Third of Climate Mitigation*

Planting trees, restoring peatlands, and better land management could provide 37 percent of the greenhouse gas mitigation needed between now and 2030 to keep global warming to 2 degrees Celsius, according to a new study (<http://www.pnas.org/content/114/44/11645.full>), published in the *Proceedings for the National Academy of Sciences*."

<http://e360.yale.edu/digest/regreening-the-planet-could-account-for-one-third-of-climate-mitigation>



## 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 wishes everyone and their animal companions a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Flock will be having its annual Christmas party in lieu of the December meeting. Meetings will resume on the second Sunday in January 2018. Keep your paws and claws warm and safe!

## **Key Events for December**

Special Holiday Pet Supply Drive for Disaster Relief: Unfortunately, 2017 was a year of unprecedented natural disasters. This special drive is for disaster relief pet supplies (see list below) for Pet Connect Rescue. Founded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Pet Connect saves the lives of abandoned dogs and cats and places them in loving and permanent homes. Check out our decorative donation box in the dining area next to the Manna cart, decorated by our own St. Francis Flock Youth!

### Disaster Relief List:

- Medium and large wire dog crates
- New or gently used cat and dog beds
- Sheets (can be used)
- Bath and beach towels (can be used)
- Stainless steel food bowls
- Dog and cat food (meat as 1<sup>st</sup> ingredient)
- Wet canned kitten and cat food (Royal Canin ad Proplan preferred)
- Cat Litter
- Cleaning supplies: trash bags, bleach, paper towels, dog poop bags, Clorox wipes, sponges, hand brooms/dust pans, litter scoopers, mops, mop buckets, and push brooms
- Leashes (all sizes – flat)
- Martingale collars (all sizes)

Please drop off the supplies from the list above in the decorative box in the dining area (next to Manna cart). Thank you to all who donate/donated pet food and supplies to help pets in need!

## 2017 Highlights

The Flock had both a wonderful and challenging year. We look back on 2017 with gratitude. Highlights include:

- Welcomed new members Rhea Wilson, Laurel and Rachel Pepper, and Laura and Louise Keenan. Said “Goodbye” and “Thank you” to founding member Eva Lin who moved to Virginia. A special thanks goes to Carolyn Cole for stepping up to take on Eva’s role in the Flock’s pet grievance/counseling ministry.
- Blessings of the Animals
- Chompers Pet Food Drive
- Celebrate Animals Fair

In 2017, the Flock hosted its first ever “Celebrate Animals” Fair. We extend special thanks and prayers to our non-profit participants who continue to do God’s work in care of His creatures:

- Your Dog’s Friend: Specializes in force-free positive dog training and provides free workshops.
- Star Gazing Farm: Provides safe haven to abused, stray, and neglected farm animals.
- Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue: Educates on proper feeding and care of Guinea pigs.
- Mid Atlantic Dogs Search and Rescue: Provides professional search and rescue dog teams to official agencies at no-charge.
- Fish Feel: Educates the community about fish being sentient beings deserving of humane treatment and protection. Fish Feel is a one-of-a-kind organization based in Silver Spring.
- Dogs on Deployment (DoD): Helps military service members locate volunteers to board their pets while away on military duty.
- Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County: Provides no-kill shelter, Chompers Pet Food Bank, and programs directed at education, adoption, animal shelter, and low-cost spay/neuter services. The League is no stranger to our parish, as we support Chompers via our pet food donations, which helps keep pets with their guardians and out of the shelters.
- House with a Heart: Senior cat/dog sanctuary that provides forever homes for seniors if not adopted.
- Senior Dog Sanctuary of Maryland: This sanctuary provides a permanent safe haven for senior dogs who are unable to be cared for by their owners, have been abandoned or abused, or face euthanasia.
- The Humane Society of the United States: A partner and ally of St. Francis Flock through its Faith Outreach program, HSUS works to address animal abuse that occurs through factory farming, dogfighting, and animal testing in cosmetics.
- Montgomery County Humane Society: Helps to alleviate overcrowding in public shelters which saves lives. MCHS takes cats and dogs out of overcrowded shelters and gives them the care, socialization, enrichment, and new homes they need and deserve.
- Pet Connect Rescue: Founded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Pet Connect saves the lives of abandoned dogs and cats and places them in loving and permanent homes.
- Phoenix Landing: Facilitates adoption for parrots, from parakeets to macaws, because most birds need a succession of good homes.
- Days End Farm Horse Rescue: Ensures quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education, and outreach.

## 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 Carolyn Cole at [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto: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](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org) if you need assistance.

All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us! Our monthly meeting is the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Meetings will resume in January 2018. For more information contact [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org).

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### Firm Foundation, Bright Future

Capital Campaign Update, from Laurie Hofmann

Many Christ Episcopal Church members know that my husband is a Wake Forest (Demon Deacon!) alum, and also a die-hard college football fan. Put the two together, and when Wake wins a Saturday match-up, especially from initially being behind, 'energy and joy' abounds in our household – which happened today immediately before writing this update. Wake Forest beat Syracuse 64 to 43.

The anticipation of this 'energy and joy' is also building for the Capital Campaign as it continues humming along in the final phases for fundraising. Yes, it IS a stretch to compare the Capital Campaign with 60 minutes of watching young athletes prove their prowess on a football field. But it is still nonetheless proof of the passion and commitment shown by the caring people who have already pledged financial support for Christ Episcopal School's future and to support the sustainability of what CES represents over a long period of time. If you haven't pledged already, it's time to get on the TEAM.

As Dr. Caroline Chapin recently wrote in *The Cardinal*: "It is Christ Church's school. It is Rockville's school. I believe in what we do here and the impact it has on the lives of everyone who has been a part of the community. It is exciting to see others doing it too. Christ Episcopal Church and School are worth it!"

As most people know, in order to accomplish what is needed, we need to raise \$4.5 million dollars. As of this writing, our pledge level has reached \$ 2,228,000. The time to include the proof of your own commitment has not passed – it's not the end of the game yet...

We pray that EVERYONE will join the team and make Christ Episcopal School's future full of the 'energy and joy' that surrounds winning teams – for the future of the children, the School, The Church, and the community. If you have already pledged – thank you. If not, please find

out more at <http://www.christchurchrockville.org/capital-campaign/>, and join the winning team today.



## Altar Guild

### **Christmas Decorating**

The Altar Guild will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. The more, the merrier! No need to RSVP, but mark your calendars now. Thanks for considering devoting some of your holiday time to make the church beautiful.

## Music at Christ Church

### **Christ the King & Advent Preparations**

As the Last Sunday after Pentecost (aka The Sunday after Thanksgiving) approaches, we prepare to celebrate with biblical readings, hymns, and anthems which proclaim Christ the King. “Crown Him with Many Crowns”, “Rejoice the Lord is King”, and “Jesus shall reign”. In some years, the Choir has sung the famous “Hallelujah” from Handel’s Messiah with its repeating line “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords”. This year, both Choristers and Choir sing an anthem composed especially for them two seasons ago and dedicated to Michele Craig and Craig Peters. The anthem “Rejoice in Christ the King” contains the words “Let heaven’s arches ring with praises” and uses bells playing the familiar Westminster Chimes in a composer’s playful text-painting.

As we move into the new church year of Advent, a number of changes in our service mark the four weeks in which we look forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas. At the 9:00 a.m. service, we sing the “Kyrie”, “Holy, holy, holy”, and “Lamb of God” based on the medieval Advent hymn “Creator of the stars of night” (Creator alme siderum) and composed for us by our Music Director. At the 11:00 a.m. service, the Choir help the congregation to offer the florid melodies of the medieval “Missa Marialis” (aka Missa Cum Jubilo) found in the service music section of the Hymnal 1982.

On Advent I, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we hear the evocative motet of the late Paul Manz “E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come” and the haunting spiritual “Keep your lamps trimmed and burning”. Then on Advent II, December 10<sup>th</sup>, we have the opportunity to hear “Comfort ye, my people” from Handel’s Messiah. Advent III brings us Bach’s “Prepare thyself, Zion” offered by the Choristers, and the famous Tudor anthem “Rejoice in the Lord alway”. Advent IV is also Christmas Eve this year, with one morning service at 10:00 a.m. including the Dressing of the Creche. There will certainly be an abundance of Advent hymns and Christmas carols throughout December.

### **Renaissance Germany Comes to Rockville on December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We are blessed in being able to offer choral Mass settings as part of the monthly musical cycle at Christ Church. Not only that, but our choir for these occasions is an inter-generational one including the boys and girls of our Choristers, teen Choral Scholars, and adults of several generations in the Christ Church Choir. On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist, we celebrate with the music of German composer and organist Hans Leo Hassler, born 450 years ago in Nuremberg. By the age of twenty, he had moved to Venice, where he became friends with Giovanni Gabrieli and studied organ and composition with Giovanni’s uncle Andrea Gabrieli at St. Mark’s basilica. The following year, Hassler moved to Augsburg, where he served the Catholic nobleman and banker Octavian Fugger. As a Lutheran, Hassler was highly productive in composing liturgical for both Protestant and Catholic usage.

Hassler’s Missa super Dixit Maria is known as a “parody Mass” because it recycles melodies and, indeed, entire sections from his motet Dixit Maria (Mary’s response to the Ave Maria of the Angel Gabriel), by substituting the Greek and Latin words from the Mass: Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. In this concise form, the composer made further use of his own musical material, and linked this particular setting to the themes of Advent. Our choirs take special delight in offering both Hassler’s Motet and Mass during the month of December.

## **National Philharmonic Singers in Concert**

*Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau, Conductors*

Please join the National Philharmonic Singers for a festive holiday concert here at Christ Church on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

**Carols from Around the World** highlight this annual event, a benefit performance for the Community Ministries of Rockville, raising monies for this worthy cause at one of their most crucial times of the year.

Beginning with a processional to *Gitanjali* chant, the Singers will present *Gaudete*, a Swedish collection of holiday arrangements of favorites of *In Dulci Jubilo*; *Lo, How a Rose*; and *Psallite*.

To balance this traditional music, the Philharmonic Singers will present new Christmas arrangements of *The Wexford Carol*; *Sleep Little Baby, Sleep*; and the beautiful, tender *O Magnum Mysterium* by Nicholas White.

The lighter side of Christmas music is explored with *Jingle Bells*; *Carols for All to Sing*; and the audience-favorite of *Twelve Days of Christmas* before closing with a moving candlelight rendition of *Silent Night*.

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 includes pieces from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, and it often premieres new compositions by local composers. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of performance at Christ Church.

There is no admission charge. ***Free-will donations will benefit the Community Ministries of Rockville.***

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

## MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



**Anna Mighell** is a retired volunteer. She recently wrote her memories of working at the Bargain Box for 20 years. "I started

working at the Bargain Box about 20 years ago. My dear friend, Irene Orris, was invited to work there by Doris Richetts, her friend and neighbor. Doris and her husband, Ted, were members of Christ Episcopal Church. Irene asked me if I would like to work with here, which I did. We had many good years there. We worked at the Bargain Box when it was located in back of the old Magruders. We were to work one Friday a month but Cai Conway told us if we liked it they needed someone every Friday morning. We decided to work every Friday morning since we were both retired. Cai was an angel. She was always finding clothes for someone who was looking for a job. Soon after Irene and I started working there we knocked over some glassware and broke it. Cai would not let us pay for it. She said the store could cover it. Nellie Lou Quay was the store manager then. She was a dynamic lady in her eighties. She liked to call you an angel when you volunteered to help out. One day not long after we started working there we had our first experience with shop lifting (At that time the cost of a piece of clothing was only stapled on). One lady brought to the cash register a lovely evening gown. It had a \$2 price tag attached to it. Irene and I were very surprised it cost so little, but we sold it to her. Later that day someone found a ticket on the floor for \$18. We were sorry

to learn that even at a store run by the Church some would steal. Jane Berg worked for many years doing consignments. She did such a good job. Dar Carroll enlisted some of her golfing friends to become volunteers at the Bargain Box. Virginia Grier was in charge of Wednesdays when I worked there. She was such a lady and inspiration to all who knew her. I started working also on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. When the shopping center was torn down to make room for the Town Center, we had to move to our present location on Hungerford Drive near the Fire Station. Gina McAndrew was very helpful in the transition period when Nellie Lou Quay could no longer be the manager. Donna Wolohojian started working at the Bargain Box and became the full-time manager which she still is. She does a wonderful job, spends many hours, and is totally devoted to the Bargain Box. I missed the opening blessing of the new Bargain Box location but was told Holy Water was sprinkled in the store. Maybe that's another reason it's such a special place. I was very lucky to have worked with Frank Braisted. Frank was a very loving man - the customers loved him- he was especially fond of birds. At one time he had 26 birds but had to give up all but one because of health issues. There was a homeless man named Joseph who used to come in for free clothing. Fortunately, we had a good supply of new underwear which Joseph appreciated. Frank always called him "Saint Joseph." Frank also said his vet reminded him of Saint Francis. There were so many dedicated and interesting volunteers at the Bargain Box. I wish I could mention them all but their names will be listed in God's book. Iness Davis was a former Bargain Box customer who became a volunteer when her husband passed away. She was about 90 at the time. She was so much fun. One day she

was modeling the hats and had us all laughing. She was very good at folding clothes for the customers. She knew how to turn a suit jacket inside out to protect it. She also knew how to remove stains and spots from clothing and would give helpful tips to customers. I always thought she should write a manual about how to remove stains. An embarrassing moment for me was when I sold Ted Conway's bicycle helmet to a customer for one dollar. Ted used to volunteer with consignments. He would ride his bicycle to the store. He took his helmet off and put it on a shelf - I guess. Later a customer brought up a bicycle helmet with no price on it. I said it was a dollar. Later I found out that it was Ted Conway's new bicycle helmet and he paid forty-four dollars for it. I offered to pay the \$44, but Ted wouldn't let me. He said the family got a good laugh out of it. One inspiration experience for me was when a young Spanish woman wanted to buy two religious paintings. The reminded her of the pictures of saints in her country. She had no way to get them home. I told her I could bring them to her. That same day there was a small sculpture of the Pieta by Michelangelo. She bought that also. I brought the pictures to her apartment and she told me her son's name was Michelangelo. There was a dear lady named Cliffodine. She loved to buy jewelry at the Bargain Box. She always bought a lot of things. One day she was going to a party and found the perfect hat at the Bargain Box. She had breast cancer and passed away. Her son would come in to say hello and shop at the Bargain Box. So many customers would tell us about their lives. I think they felt free to talk because the Bargain Box is run by a church. Truly it is a wonderful witness for the Church as well as providing low cost items and money for many worthwhile charities."

## THE BARGAIN BOX GETS AROUND



both from the Bargain Box.

Last month saw the Bargain Box going to St. Kitts. This month, in a blast from the past, you can see Christie Carrico in Iceland wearing a ski jacket and woolen winter hat with earflaps,

The Bargain Box will not be in the Dining Room on the third Sunday of December. We wish all of our customers and volunteers from the Church a  
**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**ERRATA:** Last month our Volunteer of the Month was Laurie HOFMANN, not Hoffman as written in the article. We apologize for the misspelling.

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# Children's & Youth Ministries

## *Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*



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

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

**Children's Church begins at 9:00am** in the Dining Room

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

**Nativity Pageant Sign-Ups at 11am** in the Dining Room



## *Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*

**Kid's Night OUT from 6:00 –9:30pm** in the Nursery & Parish House  
Youth Group will be offering a night of dinner and childcare for parents while they attend the Adult Christmas Dinner, shop, nap, wrap gifts, grocery shop or even see a movie! Childcare will be provided by the Youth and event will be a simple meal followed by story time and holiday movies. The night is for church families with children 1 year and older. **RSVP** to 301/762-2191 #15 or [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org). Space is limited - call today!



## *Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>*



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

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

**Nativity Pageant Rehearsal at 9:00am** in the Murdock Room

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

**Youth Group Christmas Dinner begins at 6pm** in the Murdock Room

**NEEDED ..... NEEDED ..... NEEDED**

***NEW or Gently Used Children's Books***

*Books collected will be given to St Ann's Home for Infants & Children in DC*

***Toiletries***

**Full Size Women's Toiletries, \$5 Target Card, SOCKS and more SOCKS!**

*Items donated will be given to our friends at Interfaith Shelter in Rockville*

***Bring donations to Trees in the Church or Dining Room – THANKS!***



# Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Group from 9am – 3pm** in DC for **Wreaths Across America**

The youth group will be laying wreaths on the veteran gravestones of US Soldiers & Airmen’s Home National Cemetery after the ceremony at noon. This is part of the

**REMEMER...HONOR...TEACH** program and **Wreaths Across America**.

Make a donation to sponsor a wreath at [mccraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mccraig@cecrockville.org) or online at <https://donate.wreathscrossamerica.org/?pageId=47592&relatedIds=47139>

# Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>



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

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

**Nativity Pageant Rehearsal** at **9:00am** in the Dining Room



**SOS – Serving Others Sunday** at **10:15am** in the Murdock Room

**Smart Sacks, Sandwich Making, Gifts for the Shelter & Pets** - We make 350 sandwiches and 300 Granola Bags for McKenna’s Wagon and fill 340 bags of food for 85 children at Meadow Hall Elementary School who need food on the weekends. **WE NEED YOU!**

**Nativity Pageant Costume Distribution** at **11:00am** in the Dining Room

# Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>



**Worship Service** at **10am** - Dressing of the Creche in the Church

**Children in the Nativity Pageant** arrive at **3:15pm** in the Murdock Room

**Worship & Nativity Pageant** begins at **4pm** in the Church

**Nursery** is available **4pm** for infants & toddlers

**Worship Services** are at **8pm & 11am** with **Carols** at **7:30pm & 10:30pm**

# Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>



**Worship Service** at **10:00am**. Merry Christmas!



## Sunday School

12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24
Sunday School	Sunday School	SOS Serving Others Sunday	Dressing the Creche
		Costume Distribution	Nativity Pageant

**Children’s & Youth Ministries – please contact:**  
Michele Craig

Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries  
301/762-2191 #15 or [mccraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mccraig@cecrockville.org)



## Adult Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 9, 2017

7 - 10 pm

Dining and Murdock Rooms

An evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

A - J - Desserts

K - Z - Appetizers

\$20 per person

RSVP to Bobbie Power (301-460-4458)

brbrpowr@comcast.net) by December 4.

*Please let us know if you need gluten-free food.*

**Child care for all children (1 yr & older) will be provided for those attending the Adult Christmas Dinner by the Youth Group & adult volunteers!**



### Kid's Night Out

**AKA – Parent's Night Out, Date Night,  
Church Christmas Dinner or Holiday Shopping**

Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-9:30pm

Nursery & Parish House



Dinner, Holiday Movies, Playtime & Fun! Bring your favorite PJ's & Blanket.

**Dinner for Kid's Night Out:** Cheese Pizza, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Carrots w/Ranch Dip, Ice Cream, Milk & Apple Juice. The Youth Group and Mrs. Craig will be providing the child care while parents are out! The Kid's Night Out is open for all children of Church pledging families (at least one year or older). Space is limited!

RSVP to 301/762-2191 #15 or [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org). You will get an email confirmation.

**December 2017**

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

**DECEMBER 2017 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Regular 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 (Dec 3, 10 & 17)*

**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 – Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade *(Dec 3, 10)*
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room

**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services:**  
**10 AM, 4 PM (Nativity Pageant), 7:30 PM & 10:30 PM**

**Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service, 10:00 AM**

**Dec. 27 Holy Eucharist 7:45 AM**  
**Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM**

**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)
- Thursday**  
12:00 PM AA (PH LR)  
4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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- 2 Nat'l Philharmonic Singers Holiday Concert **8:00pm** (Church)
- 3 Newcomer Reception for Everyone! **10:10am** (MR)  
Jazz Vespers **5:00pm** (Church)
- 4
- 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 6
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- 9 Kids’ Night Out **6:00pm** (Nursery, PH) **RSVP by 12/4**  
Adult Christmas Dinner **7-10pm** (MR) **RSVP by 12/4**
- 10 St. Francis Flock Meeting **4:00pm** (PH LR)  
Youth Group Christmas Dinner **6:00pm** (MR) **RSVP by 12/4**
- 11
- 12 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the January 2018 issue  
Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)  
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 13
- 14
- 15 CES School Christmas Concert **6:30pm** (Church)
- 16 Youth Group Wreaths Across America **9am-3pm** (meet at PH)
- 17 “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)  
Nativity Pageant Costumes **11:00am** (DR)
- 18 Dessert & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 19 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
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- 24 **Christmas Eve Church Services**  
Holy Eucharist 10:00am  
Children Arrive for Pageant 3:00pm (MR)  
Nativity Pageant w/Eucharist 4:00pm  
Pre-Service Carols 7:30pm  
Holy Eucharist-Rite II 8:00pm  
Pre-Service Carols 10:30pm  
Holy Eucharist-Rite I 11:00pm
- 25 **Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist Rite I, 10:00am**
- 26
- 27 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm**
- 28
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- 31 New Year’s Eve  
Holy Eucharist – Rite I **7:45am**  
Holy Eucharist w/ Lessons & Carols **10:00am**

<b>KEY</b>	<i>CEC = Christ Episcopal Church</i>
<i>PH = Parish House</i>	<i>CES = Christ Episcopal School</i>
<i>LR = Living Room</i>	<i>K = Kitchen</i>
<i>DR = Dining Room</i>	<i>N = Nursery</i>
<i>MR = Murdock Room</i>	<i>YR = Youth Room</i>





**ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS  
AS A MEMORIAL OR CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

We invite you to give a Memorial or Christmas Offering of a poinsettia to decorate the Church in celebration of the Birth of our Savior. A donation of \$30.00 per plant is requested. The deadline for all poinsettias orders is **Wednesday, December 13, 2017.**

Given By \_\_\_\_\_ # of plants \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

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Please place your order (*Use a separate check when ordering, and note "Poinsettia" on the memo line*). You may mail your order to the Parish House or place it in the offering plate. The deadline is **Wednesday, December 13, 2017.** Thank you.