

# The Angelus

December 2018



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## The Interim's Corner **Farewell from Mother Debra**

Dear fellow journeyers in Christ,

With your vestry's anticipation of the arrival of your new rector in February, the vestry and bishop have discerned that the Interim Focus Points outlined in my Letter of Agreement have come to a close and it is time for me to say "good-bye" to you on Sunday, December 2.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance. Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

With God you can be certain that after each "good-bye" a new "hello" is on the horizon. How appropriate as we enter the season of Advent. Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. And while we have been preparing in many ways for the one who is to come, your new rector, it is now time for you to grow in your expectation, anticipation, and yes, excitement!

While our time together has been much shorter than a traditional interim, I was able to help the parish and choirs move through a difficult staff transition, as well as help Christ Church examine combining (or not) the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, and "look at and experience some new ways of doing ministry in the areas of worship, evangelism, and stewardship" as outlined in my Letter of Agreement.

A good beginning for the new person always stands on a good ending of the person who came before them. So, let's give a gift to your new rector and clear away any concerns and share our joys and thanksgivings as well. That gets us all in the best frame of mind for a new start!

I want you each to know what a privilege it has been for me to accompany you on this phase of your transition journey, to listen to your many heartfelt and joy filled stories, and to hear of your passions and deep love for Christ Episcopal Church and Christ Episcopal School. I treasure the accomplishments we have made together and our friendships found. You will remain in my prayers in the days ahead and I ask that I remain in yours as I search for a new Interim position.

In Christ's love,

*Mother Debra*

## Meditating on Christmas

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Christmas is just around the corner. It is a time for celebrating the mystery of God who has come to live with us, to bring the joy of new life and discovery to us, to bring hope for fruitful lives, and salvation for God's children.

This Christmas, many are having a hard time seeing joy and hope in our world. We are aware of the vagaries of life, the seeming randomness of existence, and the thoughtlessness seeded by hatred and racism. For some, the joy of Christmas is taking a back seat to the struggle for survival. For others, hard times make Christmas even more powerful.

Though it may sound strange, this Christmas could be one where we discover the "true meaning" of the holiday, precisely because of the conditions in the world. For too long, perhaps, we have equated the meaning of this time with joy, peace, and prosperity. But recall, when Joseph and Mary presented themselves at the inn, they were among the homeless! They shared accommodations with the animals because the people had no place for them – they were too late. Jesus entered a world of deprivation, with no address, no security, and according to the Gospel, spent the early years of his life as a refugee in Egypt. It was literally years before his family could go back to Nazareth and have a "normal" life.

This is the Jesus who understood what life was like, the Jesus who lived through the dark times; the Jesus in whose life and death and new life we see the possibility of hope for our future. He was victorious over the worst the world could do, and with his help, we can share that victory.

I invite you to observe a holy Christmas – a time of reflection on all that we have been given, a time of gratitude for all that we have, and a time of joy knowing, that even in difficult times, our God has been and continues to be with us. Try to reach out to someone who has less and plan to worship your living Lord this Christmas, you won't be disappointed.

This letter brings Christmas blessings from all the staff at Christ Church. Our prayers are for a blessed Christmas and a better 2019.

In Christ's love,

*Mother Debra*

Interim Rector

## Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

### **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Advent 4**

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 a.m. Dressing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:20 a.m. Decorating the Church for Christmas

### **Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

- 3:15 p.m. Choristers Warm Up
- 3:30 p.m. Pageant Dress Rehearsal – Murdock Room
- 4:00 p.m. Nativity Pageant Service and Holy Eucharist (*Nursery available*)
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Music
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 10:30 p.m. Christmas Music
- 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Lessons & Carols**

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 a.m. Procession of the Three Kings

## MD Does MD...Last Chance

### **Mother Debra does Maryland**

As you now know John's and my time with you has come to a close. We have a bit of time still to enjoy the area. This is your last chance to tell us those things that we simply must experience while we are blessed to live next door to you! Please contact John with your recommendations at [jvoaks@me.com](mailto:jvoaks@me.com).

So far our food finds have included: Mexican, Chinese (including Dim Sum and Szechuan), Lebanese, Japanese (including Sushi), Vietnamese, Thai, Italian, Tex-Mex South American, Indian, Peruvian, Mediterranean, Cuban, Jamaican, Ethiopian. ***What have we missed?***

Below are some of the things we have enjoyed recently.

### **Best Recent Finds**

- La Limena, Cuban - Richie Center, Rockville Pike, Rockville\*\*\*\*\*
- Island Pride Jamaican Restaurant, Hungerford Drive, Rockville \*\*\*\*
- York Castle Jamaican Ice Cream, Hungerford Drive, Rockville\*\*\*\*\*
- Sheba Ethiopian Restaurant, Rockville\*\*\*\*\*
- Niwano Hana Sushi, Rockville\*\*\*\*
- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Park

### **What I love about Christ Church**

- Christ Church Choir and Choristers\*\*\*\*\*

- Aspergillum - Sprinkling Pets and People at St. Francis Pet Blessing!
- Getting to teach at Adult Forum
- Stewardship Committee's Spiderman song & trying new things\*\*\*\*\*
- Monster Trucks with Christ Episcopal School
- Wednesday Holy Eucharists
- Getting some Halloween socks at the Bargain Box to wear at the...
- Halloween Walk at CEC and CES
- Christ Episcopal School Thursday morning Chapel services
- CEC's Outreach Committee's commitment to hunger initiatives

## Inside Outreach

*An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program*



*And who is my neighbor? – Luke 10:29b*

Why does Jesus ask us to be concerned with those who live beyond our immediate neighborhood? Possibly because it's a lot of fun! Over the last 15 years, Christ Church's English Conversation Club has brought me so much joy helping people who want to improve their skill in speaking English. Here are some of the hopes and dreams of our current students.

Maria is a Peruvian grandmother currently taking care of her very young twins grandchildren. Maria initially came to our class, she said, to improve her English pronunciation so that she could read more fluently to the twins. But recently, when a speaker came in to talk to us about starting a business, I saw her eyes light up. After the speaker left, we asked the students to write a business plan for their own future business. Without hesitating, Maria wrote up one that combines two of her favorite hobbies, decorating wooden boxes and making hand crafted chocolates. Ultimately, Maria says, she hopes to sell her chocolates in her little wooden boxes at craft fairs or, perhaps, on-line. I was so pleased that we could help this shy woman see herself in a new way, not only as a babysitter, but now as an entrepreneur.

William, from the French-speaking part of Cameroon, is currently a stay-at-home dad of two young children, but he hopes to return to the sales career he had in his home country. He loves the lessons we have on defending your viewpoint and comes up with truly original arguments. In a few years, I can picture him going back to his sales career, well-armed with English phrases he's practiced in class like: "I'll bet you'll like this" and "You couldn't do without it".

Fre is an Ethiopia woman who speaks English fairly fluently, but feels she doesn't have much chance to express her personality at work because it would be 'unprofessional'. But in our class, we encourage playfulness. So I was happy to see another side of Fre the day the students read aloud Alexander's Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Her dramatic reading of the part assigned to her made us really care about poor Alexander and his many troubles.

Being a conversation partner to someone learning English is one way to do as Jesus commands, to be a neighbor to someone who isn't like you. Anyone who would like to volunteer at our English Conversation Club on Monday evenings, please call Mary Belknap at 301-251-1486.

*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 11<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).*

## **Environmental Stewardship**

### **Remembering Barbara Hunt-Wolper**



As many of you know, our dear Committee member Barbara passed away on October 18<sup>th</sup> after a short battle with cancer. Barbara was a long-time parishioner at Christ Church and a faithful Baker and Angel for Coffee Hour. She will be missed on so many levels in our Church Community as well as the Rockville Community at large. Please keep Barbara's family in your prayers.

### **Reflections on Barbara's life from Janice Musselman, Environmental Stewardship Committee Co-Chair**

Barbara was a charter member of the ESC. She attended our first meeting in June of 2012 and was at her last meeting this past August, just two months before she passed into greater glory.

Barbara was the sweetest, most kind and compassionate person I have ever known EXCEPT the Sunday morning in July when she became very angry over the lack of proper recycling in the kitchen. She came bounding into the DR, heading straight for me. I jumped right out of my seat. The result of Barbara's wrath was the formation of a recycling committee in the school working in conjunction with the ESC in the church to educate and model better recycling.

To further Barbara's cause, two very generous people in our parish purchased all of the new recycling bins that are located throughout the church and PH, in memory of Barbara and her commitment to caring for God's creation.

### **New Recycling Committee at CES!**

Christ Episcopal School has officially started a Recycling Committee! The school is currently in the process of communicating to each division the importance of recycling

paper and co-mingled materials (glass, plastic, and aluminum) separately. Bins have been provided in each classroom for this purpose. The school is also in the process of transitioning to the use of silverware in the dining room. The school has already discontinued the use of straws.

### **From November 15<sup>th</sup> Day by Day Reflection**

**Joel 2:21-22** *Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.*

When I think about salvation, I usually reflect on what it means for human beings. The vast majority of faith formation rightly focuses on human life and how over time we can conform and are transformed by the indwelling work of God. Joel helps us expand this vision to consider the implications of God's salvation upon all creation.

Yet God's love is not bound to specific species or objects or items. God loves us and is also in love with all of creation. The saints often reflect this deep insight into the love of God. The love and care for creation exhibited by Saint Francis and Saint Seraphim are two blessed examples. Does this mean how I engage with and care for creation impacts my spiritual life? It just might.

### **St. Francis Flock**

*My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:21*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM ST. FRANCIS FLOCK!**

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. Our next regular meeting will be on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Keep your paws and claws warm and safe!

**Mark Your Calendars! Adult Forum - February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, at 10:10 a.m.  
David Clough, On Animals: Theological Ethics**

We are thrilled to announce our next upcoming speaker! David Clough, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chester in England, will be joining us on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service for the Adult Forum. David has just finished Volume II in a landmark monograph, On Animals: Theological Ethics. He is excited to make us one of the stops on his US book tour.



David describes his teaching and research as focused on “the ethical questions provoked by the juxtaposition of the Christian tradition and the world as we find it.” Willie James Jennings, Yale Divinity School, a reviewer of David’s work, has said, “No theologian writing today has a deeper or richer understanding of what it means to be a co-creature than Clough. He is our most able theological guide in thinking about animals, food, and the built environment and this text (along with Volume 1, On Animals: Systemic Theology) is a redefining moment for how we should teach theology and hopefully a redefining moment for how we should live in the world with our animal-kin.”

In addition to teaching and scholarship, David has begun **CreatureKind** ([www.becreaturekind.org](http://www.becreaturekind.org)), an organization formed to work with churches to foster new ways of thinking about animals in the context of Christian faith. He is a lay preacher in the UK Methodist Church and lives with five humans, one cat, and two gerbils in North-West England.

Please look forward to learning more about David and CreatureKind in the next Angelus!

**Ongoing Activities – Great Giving Opportunities to Help Animals and People!**

- Donations of new pet toys, gently used dog beds, and old towels and blankets are always welcome. Drop off your donations in the shopping cart in the main dining area of the basement and the Flock will deliver them to the animal shelter.
- Pet Food Drive: 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 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.

Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us. For more information contact [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org).

God Bless! See you in 2019.

## Altar Guild

Christmas Decorating: The Altar Guild will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.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.

## Service Schedule Changes?

### ***Exploring Sunday Morning Worship: How Many Services? 3 to 2 to 3***

In the Spring of 2018, Christ Church's vestry charged a small group of ministry leaders to explore the possibility of combining the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The committee developed a survey which completed in August.

The survey had a very hardy response. 64% of the respondents supported a trial of a combined service schedule. Because the trial required quite a bit of preparation with so many moving parts: worship, choirs, acolytes, fellowship, formation for children, youth, and adults, it was decided to begin the trial in January 2019.

Now, with the expectation that the new rector is going to arrive in February, the vestry has decided that Christ Church will continue with three services for the time being.

With that in mind, Christ Episcopal Church's worship services will continue to be held at 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

## Music at Christ Church

### **Introducing Jason West, Interim Director of Music Ministry & Organist**



Jason Kent West studied organ, voice, and choral conducting at Westminster Choir College in Princeton NJ, receiving a Bachelor's degree in organ and voice. He made his concert debut at the John F. Kennedy Center in a solo organ recital followed by concerts throughout the US as well as Switzerland, France, and England. In addition to his solo performances, he has been featured as soloist with several orchestras. Jason held several organist/director

positions in the NY, NJ, and Washington DC areas. He also served as assistant at the Crystal Cathedral in Southern California.

In 1992, Jason moved to England and sang & played at various Cathedrals and parish churches. He was appointed event coordinator for a fund-raising concert sponsored by Her Grace, The Duchess of Westminster, held at Chester Cathedral. He also was requested to play for special services held in the family chapel of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster's estate.

While in England, he changed careers and became a computer trainer for law firms, banks, and the medical sector. He combined his musical and computer abilities by working as a trainer for Sibelius, a music notation software. Jason designed and taught their courses held in London. He applied this skill to his own compositions and is a published composer of church choral and organ music. This past Christmas, one of his choral compositions was premiered at Washington National Cathedral.

In 2005, after 13 years in the UK, Jason moved back to the Washington DC area and is now employed as a Business Analyst for a government agency. In addition to his IT work, Jason has held several part-time permanent and interim organist/director positions in the DC area.

### **Christmas Eve 2018 Music**

Plans are underway in designing all three of this year's Christmas Eve services with an emphasis of full congregation participation in singing all your favorite Christmas Carols. Each service will include ten or more of your favorite Carols, all supported by choir and organ. The Carols will be interspersed appropriately throughout the service, giving you a chance to sing and bring back memories of past Christmases. The choirs will also sing lively Christmas arrangements during the service.

With all the Carols being sung during the service, the 30-minute Prelude before the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. services this year will feature vocal and instrumental selections, all based on familiar Christmas tunes, sung and played in various parts of the church. There will be solos and duets as well as full choir selections. Instrumentalists from the church will also be featured during the Prelude, offering a wonderful variety of seasonal music based on familiar tunes everyone loves to hear. The choir at both the 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. service will lead the congregation in singing their favorite Carols.

If you are looking for a way 'to get into the mood' for Christmas, come at 7:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. and be serenaded by the wonderfully talented musicians at Christ Church. This will be a spectacular way to start the evening in celebrating Christ's Birth.

Jason West, Interim Director of Music Ministry & Organist

### **National Philharmonic Singers in Concert at Christ Church**

Mark Your Calendars for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

The National Philharmonic Singers are pleased to announce their annual Christmas Concert that will be held at Christ Church at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Processionals

and recessionals frame this beautiful "Christmas by Candlelight," concert, featuring a range of Renaissance to Contemporary music styles for choir with organ and A Cappella. A wide variety of familiar holiday music is also planned, including "Carols for All to Sing", as well as favorites such as "Silent Night" and other special music selections for the season.

The National Philharmonic Singers, conducted by Victoria Gau and Stan Engebretson, is a select group of 25 vocal artists drawn from the National Philharmonic Chorale of Strathmore. The Singers perform featured concerts throughout Montgomery County communities. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for their return to Christ Church for their holiday program.

All donations are for the benefit of Community Ministries of Rockville, a most important ministry for the care of the Rockville community. Welcome!

## Adult Forum

### **Adult Forum Schedule 2018-2019**

Every Sunday starting at 10:10 a.m. in the Murdock Room

<b>ADVENT</b>		
12/2/18	Newcomers Reception	
12/9/18		
12/16/18	SOS - Serving Others Sunday - All are Welcome	Mrs. Craig and Company
12/23/18	No Forum	
12/30/18	No Forum	
<b>EPIPHANY</b>		
1/6/19	Unveiling Father McDuffie's Portrait	
1/13/19	"Reclaiming Jesus" Part 2	Peter Bastian
1/20/19		
1/27/19	Hebrew Prophets & Just Society Part 1	H. Gossai or New Rector Reception
2/3/19	Be Creature Kind - sponsored by St. Francis Flock	David Clough
2/10/19	Hebrew Prophets & Just Society Part 1 or 2	H. Gossai or New Rector Reception
2/17/19	SOS - Serving Others Sunday - All are Welcome	Mrs. Craig and Company
2/24/19	Hebrew Prophets & Just Society Part 2 or 3	H. Gossai or New Rector Reception
3/3/19	Hebrew Prophets & Just Society Part 3	H. Gossai or New Rector Reception

# *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 2nd  
from 10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

*The Murdock Room*

*All in the Parish are invited!*

And now for something completely different!



## Christ Church Christmas Social

All adults welcome!

Saturday, December 8, 2018 7 – 10 pm

At the home of Donna & George Wolohojian

15448 Indianola Drive Derwood

~Bring a generous serving of your favorite appetizer or dessert ~

~Ready to serve & with a serving utensil~

~No main dishes or sides, please~



~Soft drinks, coffee & tea will be provided, but BYOB~



~RSVP~ by December 1

301-738-7148

[donnawolo2@aol.com](mailto:donnawolo2@aol.com)

Smile! Say cheese!

Guests wearing “festively festive”

Christmas attire may be featured

in the next Angelus!

In case of inclement weather, we will email any change in plans.

## MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



**Lynn Posorske** began volunteering at the Bargain Box in August of last year as a front desk clerk. Her family and friends would all agree that she is a pretty good shopper, and that she is also pretty good at helping other people pick out just the right items as well. Pre-medical school she spent a year working in retail which she found surprisingly enjoyable so when she went looking for a volunteer activity, the Bargain Box seemed a good fit. When asked what she likes best about working at the Bargain Box, Lynn said, that there were two things that definitely jumped out, " - the first one is a little like Urgent Care in medicine - the amazing variety of interesting people, all with an interesting story, who come through the store." The second one circles back to why she chose to volunteer at the Bargain Box to begin with .....seeing someone get an amazing looking dress, or the extra set of glassware needed for a gathering.....all at our BB prices. When not volunteering at the Bargain Box, Lynn is an infectious disease doctor in private practice. In what remains of her spare time, Lynn enjoys piano and choral singing - she is a member of the Christ Church choir - and cooking.

## BARGAIN BOX JOINS ROCKVILLE REWARDS PROGRAM

Rockville Rewards cards cost \$25 and are sold by partner non-profits (e.g. The Bargain Box) and presented at over 150 businesses in Rockville for savings. These include restaurants, services, activities, and health and beauty businesses. You can find out more at <https://rockvillerewards.com/>. Not only can you buy your Rockville Rewards card at The Bargain Box, BUT you can use it there as well to get 10% off your entire purchase each time you shop with us. **Rockville Rewards cards make great Christmas gifts that keep giving all year long!**



## Winter Weather Closing Policy

For inclement weather, we use MCPS as a guideline. However, call the store to check our open/closed status. If driving is safe and the power is on, we aim to be open!

## Have a Bicycle to Donate?

Our bicycle guru, John Oakes, who repairs all our bikes and checks them for road-worthiness will be leaving us January 20. If you have a bicycle to donate, please do so ASAP so that we can get it refurbished before John leaves.

**The Bargain Box will be closed Sunday, December 23 - Wednesday, December 26 and Monday, December 31 - Tuesday, January 1.**

### *The Bargain Box*

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*An Outreach Ministry since 1957*

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

# Children's & Youth Ministries

## Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>



**Kid's Night OUT from 6:00 –9:00pm** in the Nursery & Dining Room. The Youth Group will be offering a night of dinner and childcare so you can nap, shop, wrap gifts, dine out or even see a movie! Childcare will be provided by the Youth and it will be a simple meal followed by story time and holiday movies. The night is for church families who have turned in a 2019 pledge! Children need to be 1 year and older. **RSVP** to [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org) & space is limited.

## Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</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

**Newcomers Reception for ALL at 10:15am** in the Murdock Room

**Nativity Pageant Sign-Ups at 10:45am** in the Dining Room



## Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>



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

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

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

**Families & Youth to Revels Concert.** Meet at 1pm in the Parish House to carpool. Come join us for an amazing show with cast of over 100, ages 8-88, a journey into the Winter world of Queen Elizabeth I and Will Kemp, Shakespeare's favorite Fool! This boisterous blend of art and folk features the glorious music and dance of Renaissance England, delightful children's songs and games, seasonal sing-alongs, and a few lines of Shakespeare for thespians and Rude Mechanicals alike. *Welcome Yule!* Tickets were donated to Youth & Families, but you must **RSVP** to [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org).



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***NEW or Gently Used Clean Children's Coats***

*All donations will be given to St Ann's 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 15<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Group from 9am – 1pm** 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 and a ceremony followed by lunch. This is part of **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 16<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

**Smart Sacks, Sandwich & Granola Making, Gifts for the Shelter** – We'll make 350 sandwiches and 300 Granola Bags for McKenna's Wagon and fill 280 bags of food for children at Meadow Hall Elementary School who need food on the weekends.

**Family Christmas Dinner & Caroling at 5:00pm** in the Murdock Room.

**RSVP to [mccraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mccraig@cecrockville.org)** by December 12<sup>th</sup>!



## Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

**Nursery is available 10am – 11:15am** for infants & toddlers

**Holiday Christmas Fellowship Hour at 10:15am** in the Dining Room

**Nativity Costume Distribution at 11:30am** in the Dining Room

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

**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**

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

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



## Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Service at 10:00am. Lessons & Carols!**





## 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 \$25.00 per plant is requested. The deadline for all poinsettias orders is **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**.

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 12, 2018**. Thank you.



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**OTHER PARISH EVENTS**

*(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)*

- 1 Kids' Night Out **6:00pm** (Dr, K, Nursery) **RSVP by 12/3**
- 2 Newcomer Reception for Everyone! **10:10am** (MR)
- 3
- 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)  
Vestry Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
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- 8 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (George & Donna Wolohojian hosts)
- 9 Families & Youth to Revels Concert **1:00pm** (meet at PH)  
St. Francis Flock Meeting **4:00pm** (PH LR)  
NPS Rehearsal **7:00pm** (Church)
- 10
- 11 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the January 2019 issue  
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 12 CES School Christmas Concert **6:30pm** (Church)
- 13 CES Preschool One-on-One Fun (Preschool)
- 14 NPS Rehearsal **10:00pm** (Church)
- 15 Youth Group Wreaths Across America **8:30am** (meet at PH)  
Nat'l Philharmonic Singers Holiday Concert **8:00pm** (Church)
- 16 "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)  
Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting **12:30pm** (PH LR)  
Youth & Family Dinner & Caroling **5:00pm** (MR) **RSVP by 12/12**  
Dessert & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
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- 23 7:45 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 am - Dressing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:20 am - Decorating the Church for Christmas  
Nativity Pageant Costume Distribution **11:00am** (DR)  
Church Decorating for All **11:20am** (Church)
- 24 **Christmas Eve Church Services**  
Children Arrive for Pageant 3:00pm (MR)  
Choristers Warm Up 3:15pm  
Nativity Pageant Rehearsal 3:30pm (MR)  
Nativity Pageant w/Eucharist 4:00pm (Nursery available)  
Christmas Music 7:30pm  
Holy Eucharist-Rite II 8:00pm  
Christmas Music 10:30pm  
Holy Eucharist-Rite II 11:00pm
- 25 **Christmas Day** – Holy Eucharist Rite II, **10:00am**
- 26 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm**
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- 30 Holy Eucharist – Rite I **7:45am**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Lessons & Carols **10:00am**
- 31 New Year's Eve

**DECEMBER 2018 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

- 7:45 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
*A Spoken Service*
- 9:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite – Enriching Our Worship  
*A Family Service for All People and Ages*  
*Featuring Choristers of Christ Church*
- 9:00 AM** Children's Church – Murdock Room  
*A Service for Young Children*  
*Using a Story-Telling Theme with Music 9:00-9:30am*  
*(Dec. 2 & 9)*
- 11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*Featuring 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
- 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-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*(Dec.9 only)*
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room

**REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

- Monday**  
7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (DR)
- Tuesday**  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting (PH)
- Wednesday**  
12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
- Thursday**  
12:00 PM AA (PH LR)  
4:45 PM Chorister Snacks & Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

<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>