

Christ Episcopal Church

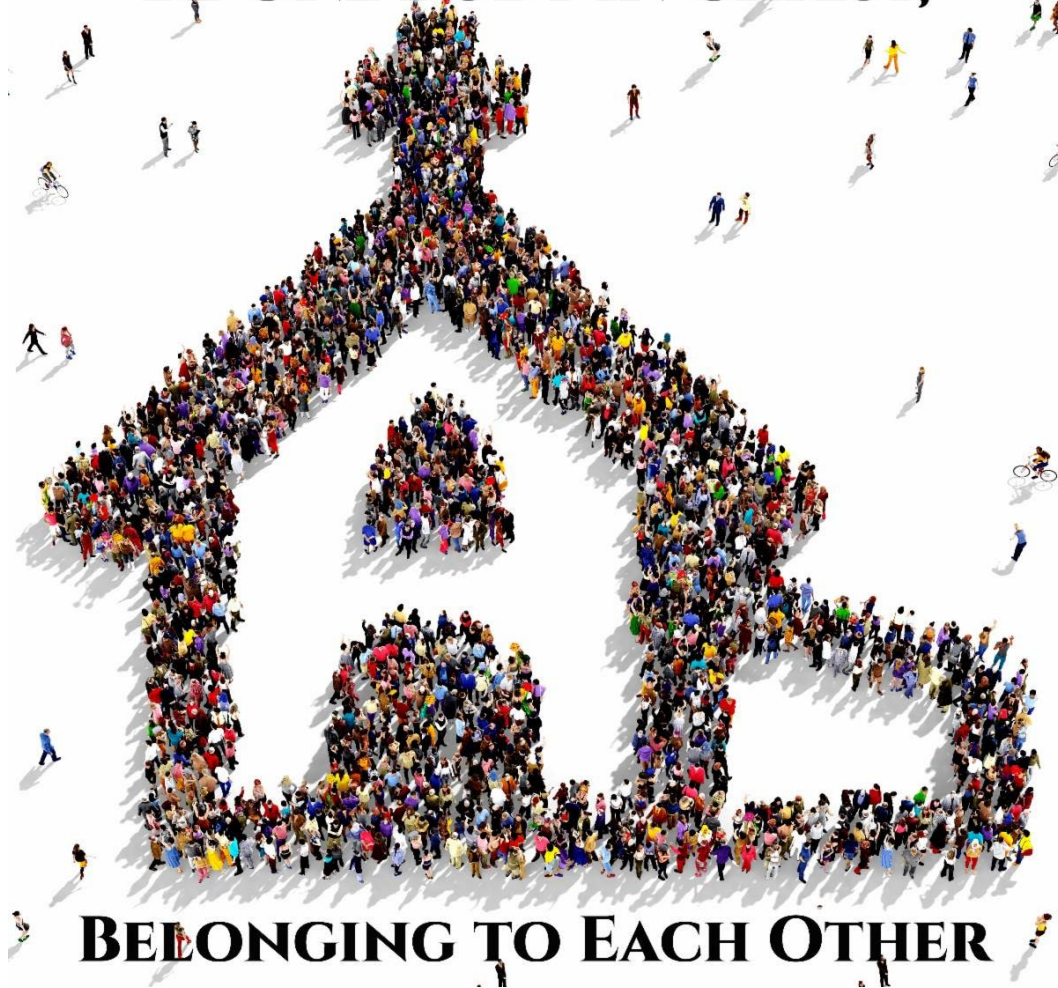
Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, August 27, 2023 | 10:00 am

BE ONE BODY IN CHRIST,



BELONGING TO EACH OTHER

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

Prelude |

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

***People:* Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Exodus 1:8-2:10 |

Reader: A Reading from Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 124 | *Nisi quia Dominus*

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

A Reading from Romans 12:1-8 |

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon | The Rev'd Marcia Davenport

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed |

All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People |

Hope of the world, send us out in your name. **Light of the world, shine on us.**

Our faith is alive in deeds of love that show our thanks to God. Our Lord has given us gifts of the spirit to serve the community of faith. May we share enthusiasm, compassion, generosity, cheerfulness, diligence, service, and the ability to teach others about the love and goodness of God. **Light of the world, shine through us.**

Welcome to each of you who are new or visiting with us this morning. We are blessed to have you worship with us today. As the school year begins, we share in the excitement, hopes, and dreams of students and teachers at all levels of education. Their knowledge shapes the future for us all. **Light of the world, shine in us.**

We pray this morning for our country and for our President, Joseph. We pray for our Church: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Eugene and Bishop Coadjutor, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; all members of our clergy, staff, and vestry; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. May they guide us with wisdom and loving care. We pray in our diocese for St. James, Parkton; St. Mark's on-the-Hill, Parkville; and Trinity, Long Green. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we lift up the church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. **Light of the world, unite us as one body.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or in spirit, for those who hunger, for those who are alone, for those who are persecuted, for those without shelter, for those who are victims of fires, climate change and natural disasters, we bow our heads, and we pray this morning, especially for Fr. Richard, Forrest, Christine, Carol, Rhonda, Wayne, Davar, Javon, Marten, Janeen, Malik, Marian, Denise, Shanaya, Ronald, Jan, Judy, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, and those we now name. For those who have passed on, we know they rest in light and joy in Your presence. We also pray for those in military service and in harm's way, especially Conner Warlow. **Hope of the world, call us.**

For those whom you have carried home to their eternal rest, we pray especially for Bola Adams, Nana Yahan Oppong, and for those we now name. Hold them each gently in your eternal arms of perfect love. Cover those who grieve with the peace and comfort that only your love can provide. **Only you, Lord, are our hope; only you, Lord, are our salvation.**

A joyful heart and a joyful spirit are gifts from above. We thank you, Lord, for the occasions of joy in our lives, for the birthdays and wedding and baptism anniversaries especially this morning for Kevin, Dorothy & Janet, Jesse & Shirley Funches, and Alex & Michael. **God, we thank you for blessing our lives each week with time set apart to celebrate one another.**

Our faith is alive in You, Savior Christ. **Lord, let me be your servant. Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory | Nalini Jairath, soloist

Please scan to give.



The people stand as able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

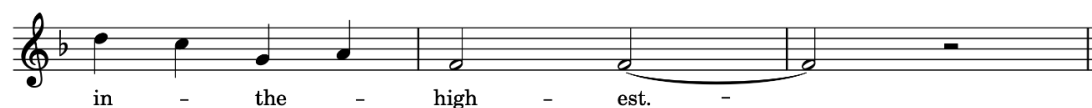
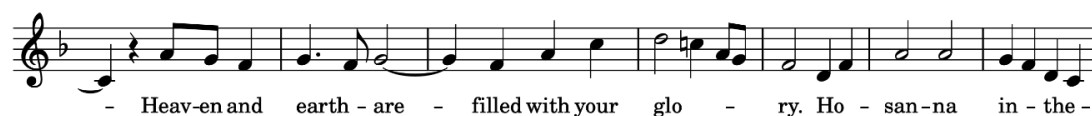
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer |

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

organ

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: — grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

One bread, one bod - y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bles - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

D.S.

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord.

The Blessing |

*The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond **Amen.***

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

The Dismissal |

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude |

Thank you to Orlando and Gregory Phillips for their music during our Ministry Fair today!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

10:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Steve Alpern

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Acolytes & Crucifer: Deepti Jackson, Danny Jackson, Ava Fox

Chalicerist: Steve Alpern

Altar Guild: Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett, Gail Braatelein

PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2

Sunday, August 27

9:00 am	Cycling for Health and Fellowship
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:00 am	Parish Festival/Ministry Fair – Outside
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Monday, August 28

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, September 1

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, September 2

12:00 – 4:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level & Field
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication, email communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.
For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Stick Around - Christ Church's Parish Festival and Ministry Fair is Today

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair is back! After worship, join us a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, live music from Orlando and Gregory Phillips & Family, and fantastic ways to learn about the many ministries that make Christ Church this wonderful parish.

Many ministries will have tables around the campus with information pamphlets and group members, and you can speak with them to learn more about why each ministry is a vital contribution to our common life - and how you can join in and take part.

Vestry Candidates Update

The Vestry has approved the following candidates for election at the Annual Meeting scheduled for October 15th. They are (in alphabetical order): Ron Baran, Dee (Martha) Bauer, Diane Philips LaGuerre, Greg Schuckman, Kathleen (Kathy) Simms, and Cherrylynn Williams. Thank you for your consideration. Information about the candidates will be published soon.

There's still time to submit nominations. This year, there are four (4) slots open for election, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org and they will let you know what's needed for this process. The election will be held at our Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th. Sincere thanks to the nominating committee for all their work.

Centering Prayer - August 28

Gather with us on Mondays in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. for Centering Prayer, a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are - the Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340**, and the Password is **Centering!** For more info, email Kathy Lyon at rklyon@cablespeed.com.

WOCC's September Meeting - September 5

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Toby Dinner Theater's production of Margaritaville last week! **Be sure to check out the photos on our website's WOCC blog.**

And don't forget to join the WOCC for our first meeting for the second half of 2023 on Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. It will be a hybrid event, so you're welcome to gather with us in New Brick or on Zoom. The details will be available later this month. The WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned for this year. Come join us for these events! Speak to any WOCC member, or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org.

First Wednesday Fellowship - September 6

Why not celebrate Labor Day goodness for an extra evening that week? Join us for the September edition of Christ Church's First Wednesday Fellowship, when we'll have an indoor picnic with sandwiches and sides. And in one final celebration of summer, we'd love for you to bring along some photos of your summertime memories that we can pass around and share with one another. We'll gather in the Great Hall at 6:00 p.m. that Wednesday evening.

CEC Health and Wellness Fair - September 30

The Christ Church Health Ministry is creating a Community Health and Wellness Fair for Saturday, September 30th, on our campus. Many health-related tables, booths, and presentations will be available, and everyone's invited to take part. Stay tuned for more information.

Christ Church's Annual Auction - November 4

Can you believe it? The auction is just nine weeks away! Once again, we will hold Christ Church's Annual Auction online for a week, ending with a fun- and fellowship-filled evening of a silent and in-person, live auction. Mark your calendars! Start thinking about great gifts and ideas that you can donate in order to help raise funds to support many of our ministries. We need your DONATIONS DONATIONS DONATIONS! The auction website is up and running. You can use this link to go directly to the auction website and enter your donation. <https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/cec2023auction>, or you can email auction@christchurchcolumbia.org with a description and pictures of your item. Likewise, if you have any questions, please email auction@christchurchcolumbia.org and we will get right back to you.

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

We want to thank those of you who have recently offered to help replenish the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The RDF typically helps fund - among many other things - rental assistance, gas and electric bill aid, financial support, mortgage assistance, and transportation needs. As you know, the needs of those in our community are always present - there are real people with real needs that we support on a consistent basis, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF in order for us to help our neighbors. [Visit our main Online Giving Form](#) and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - No Ride this Sunday

NOTE: We are taking this Sunday off for the Parish Festival. Please join us next Sunday, August 31, for refreshing cycling before or after church. Diane Phillips LaGuerre and Kevin Osborn are organizing invigorating cycling trips that depart from CEC and take advantage of bike lanes and trails around Columbia. There are some beautiful lakes and paved trails right outside our backyard and is a great way to see parts of our community from a different perspective. We always go at a pace that suits everyone in our group, with the goal of returning to Christ Church in time for the 10:30 service. These trips occur every week, weather permitting. Please speak with or email Diane or Kevin at cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but are always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is such an important milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or need more information, please speak with Father Manny or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Communion to You

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers Communion to You, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you want more information, [please complete this form](#) or [email](#) the Church Office.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2023 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltarflowers>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from

the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Supporting CCD to Improve the Lives of Disabled Children in Thailand

Christ Church has long supported **Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD)**, a ministry that helps disabled children to live more fulfilling lives in Thailand.

The Christ Church Outreach Commission at its July meeting voted to send \$2,500 to **CCD-USA**, the nonprofit that backs CCD in this country. The funds will go toward the salary of a physical therapist or occupational therapist who works with children and young people to improve their mobility and dexterity (see photos).

This is in keeping with our mission to support organizations – local, national, and international – that enhance the lives of people in need. Funds are derived from parishioner donations to Outreach and a Vestry-approved budget drawn from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to all who make this possible.

Founder and Executive Director Wasan Saenwian expressed gratitude to Christ Church parishioners in a July 14 email. “Thank you very much for your support of CCD’s ministry,” he wrote to Michon Semon and others on the Outreach Commission, saying the money would add to the CBR fund for staff salary and petrol. CBR refers to community-based rehabilitation and petrol is a British term for fuel. He concluded: “Thank you again for your love and care for disabled children in Thailand.”

The work of CCD spans four provinces in Thailand and reaches more than 400 children and their families. Its community-based model prevents the institutionalization of hundreds more.

Here’s how the nonprofit describes its community-based rehabilitation model: “Through this project, CCD provides on-site care in the homes of families who have children with disabilities. The objective of CBR is to encourage each family to raise their child with disabilities at home and prevent the child from being abandoned.”

Another project is Rainbow Rehabilitation Centre. It offers free daily care, physiotherapy, and special education to children from the community. It also offers residential care for children from government institutions, providing a child-centered environment while they receive rehabilitation services and become re-integrated into families or into the community as young adults.

To speak to someone who has seen firsthand CCD’s heartwarming work in Thailand, please email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**, and we will put you in touch with Michon.

Coffee and Tea – But No Chocolates – to Benefit DreamBuilders at Parish Festival

We will be selling DreamBuilders bags of coffee and boxes of tea this Sunday, Aug. 27, during the Christ Church Parish Festival. (The inventory of chocolates and Java Drops has been depleted). Proceeds will help fund future missions of DreamBuilders, whose last trip was to Hazard, Ky., from June 18 to June 24. You’ll also find other DB news elsewhere in this post.

Christ Church Extends Extra Help to the Homeless in August

This summer has brought hard times for our homeless friends who depend on the Day Resource Center (DRC) for more than its tasty meals. So it’s a good thing that staff members of the DRC knew that they could call on Christ Church to help replenish some of those resources.

Once again, the shelves at the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center in Jessup were empty of an essential: underwear. We fulfilled a similar request in July. Responding to the latest need, Outreach member Dione Mahoney bought a new supply for both men and women. She purchased 18 six-count packages of men's underwear and 15 nine-count packages for women in a range of sizes. Taking delivery was DRC Floor Supervisor Randy Clay. The needed items cost \$343. Funds came from parishioners who donate through the church and mark their contributions to "General Outreach" or specifically to the center. Thank you!

Many of us at Christ Church are familiar with the DRC, which is operated by the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. There a team led by Shahra Toth, with Dione's assistance, serves a midday meal on the second Monday of each month. On the same day, other Christ Church volunteers bring menu items for an evening meal at Grassroots' Live-In Facility. The next opportunity to serve a meal or to drop off side dishes is on Monday, Sept. 11. For information go to the **Christ Church Dorsey/DRC Meal link on SignUp Genius**) or to our **Grassroots online signup form**. Mark your calendars.

Christ Church's LEMS Delivery was a Success!

The school supplies have been delivered to Lake Elkhorn Middle School. The LEMS Committee would like to thank the many people who helped sort and pack the supplies and take them to the school. And thanks also for the contributions that made it all possible. We had 12 volunteers who made packing go quickly. There were 7 volunteers who put the supplies in three cars for delivery. Principal Wallace met us at the school and we moved everything in. There were 50 canvas bags of supplies and enough extra supplies for 75 students. **You can see photos and learn how to help in the future by visiting our website's Outreach blog.** Principal Wallace was very grateful, and we will meet with him later to see how we can help during the school year.

Columbia Community Care Seeks Volunteers and Baby-Care Items

Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by giving essentials and with your time and talent. People can select tasks that suit them such as volunteering to make home deliveries or choosing to sort and stock items at the CCC pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Look for updates posted in the **CCC Facebook Group** or on the **"I Can Help" portion of its website.**

Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

Save the Date for the DreamBuilders Spaghetti Dinner

Please support DreamBuilders' annual dinner and fundraising event in October 14th at Temple Isaiah. Bid on a wonderful selection of auction items at the silent auction and purchase tickets for their iPhone 14 raffle! All proceeds directly support DreamBuilders mission trips and projects. For more information, be sure to check out their flyer at **<https://ibb.co/CWdTBbb>**

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** continue to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. Please put items in a basket that has been returned to the altar. Or drop them in the yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

Vendors, Visitors, and Volunteers - The Flea Market is a Month Away!

The Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC, is about a month away! We very much need your White Elephant Table items, baked goods, and volunteers! Please read the entire message on our website. Spaces are also still available - It's taking place on Saturday, September 16th (rain date 9/23) and you can now reserve your space(s) - grab one for \$15., two for \$25., three for \$35., or four spaces for \$45. If you have rented space in the past, you should have recently received a registration form. We also have forms available in the Narthex, or you can download a copy on our website at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market.



You can use Realm to pay - simply visit onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/fleamarket - or you can also pay by cash or check, as in years past. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. We also need volunteers, crafts, bakers, and books! It's the WOCC's biggest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds are used to help Christ Church. We're getting organized for this big event, so stay tuned for more information and opportunities to participate. The more people that take part, the more successful this important event can turn out to be!

The White Elephant Table Needs Your Contributions!

Here is your opportunity to pass special items you don't need anymore on to others who are looking for something just like that! It's for a great cause - all the proceeds from the White Elephant Table will go to Christ Church's Refugee Ministry.

Here's how to contribute:

- Donated items can be dropped off at the Parish Hall, during the week of September 11-15 during office hours (9-4:30). All items should be labeled with a suggested price (and remember this is a fund-raiser, so don't be shy).
- All items should be clean and in good repair/user-ready. Please consider the size and weight of your contributions - no extra heavy items or large furniture. Also - no clothing, please.

Attention All Bakers!

Yummy goodies are needed for the Flea Market Bake Table! Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Donuts, Rolls, Breads, Gluten-free, Dairy-free, all versions are welcome! We will need your delicious individually-wrapped contributions by 8:30 on Saturday, 9/16, or you can arrange with Veronica Ivey to deliver them the day before. There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can send us an email to wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org.

We Want Your Books!

Here's your opportunity to clear out those books you've got stacked up, and replace them with different reads at a cheap price. Please drop off your books in the parish hall, lower level, during the week of September 11-15 during office hours (9-4:30).

We Need Your Help!

The Flea Market & Craft Fair is a big undertaking, and we need your help to make it run smoothly. We especially need people to help with parking and traffic flow, and grillers for the food station. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex, or you can volunteer via email at wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org. The Flea Market is the biggest fund raiser for the Women of Christ Church, and all proceeds are used for the church.

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