

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, July 21, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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!

*Thank you to today's musicians, Small Delusions,
for providing our music this morning!*



Guide my feet

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
2. Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
3. Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
4. I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
5. Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
6. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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. **Amen.**

Glory to God |

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

The Collect |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.



A Reading from Jeremiah 23:1-6 |

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 23 | *Dominus regit me*

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A Reading from Ephesians 2:11-22 |

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one

body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 154 | Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

continued

1. — His praise — shall al - ways — be on my
 2. — To - geth - er — let us all — praise His
 3. — You'll — want for noth - ing — if you

1. lips; — my soul — shall
 2. name. — I called — the
 3. ask. — Taste — and

1. glo - ry — in the Lord; — for
 2. Lord — and He an - swered me; — from
 3. see — that God is good; — in

1. He — has been — so good to me. —
 2. all — my trou - bles — He set me free. —
 3. Him — we need — put all our trust. —

D.C.

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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. 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 |

Lord, we thank you for your Creation and for your new re-creation of us. **You are the Word of Life!**

We thank you for the Church, its leaders, and people, particularly, in the Anglican cycle of prayer, for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; in our diocese, for St. Andrew's, Clear Spring; St. Anne's, Smithsburg; and St. John's, Hagerstown. We pray for all places of worship in our community, especially for the congregations who partner with us in ministry: Columbia Jewish Congregation, St. John's Episcopal, The Patapsco Friends, Wesley Freedom United Methodist, and New Hope Lutheran. We pray for our spiritual leaders: Emmanuel, our Rector; our Deacon, Denise; our assisting Priest, Marcia; our visiting Celebrant; Joanna; our postulants, Mike, Kiona, and Rebecca; and our vestry. In gratitude, we pray for all our volunteers in ministry. **You are the true Vine, and we are Your branches!**

We pray for peace on Earth, in our cities and communities, in our families, and in our hearts. We also pray for those peacekeepers serving in the military, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah. **You are the Light of the world!**

We pray that you give wisdom to those in any authority, close to home, across our nation, and around the world. **You are King above all!**

We ask your blessings for those in any need—physical, emotional, or spiritual—especially Rachan, Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Lisa, Patricia, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those we now name. We pray for their caretakers and the family and friends who support them. **You are the Bread of Life!**

We pray for all who have died (and their loved ones), particularly those we now name. We rejoice, saying, **You are the Resurrection and the Life! You are our Hope!**

We pray for those who are lost. **You are the Good Shepherd! You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life!**

And we thank you for all the blessings of this life: in particular, those who are celebrating birthdays: Caleb, Andrew, Joshua, Alfred, Thomas, Harrington, Edward & Julia, baptismal anniversaries of Chelsea & Ross,

and other special occasions. We also pray for those visiting us today; may their spirits be filled with peace and love. **We rejoice! Again, we say “Rejoice!” 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 |

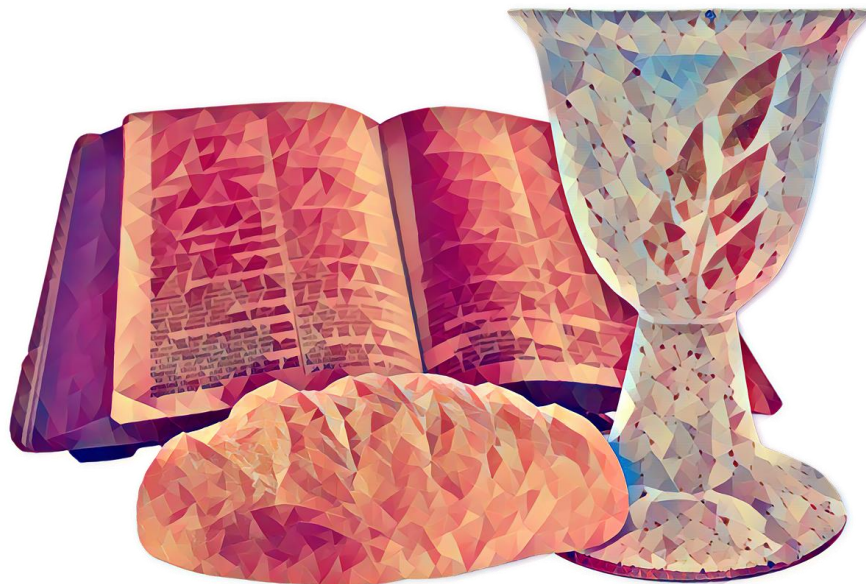
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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



One bread, — one bod-y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - 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

continued

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

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

D.S.

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

Please scan to give.



**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:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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 | Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.



Ostinato Refrain

Capo 1: (D) E $\flat$ (Em/G) Fm/A $\flat$ (A) B $\flat$ (D) E $\flat$

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

Post-Communion Prayer |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing |

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



Em Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em Em Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth we turn to you.
 2. Long-ing for peace our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, ma-ny des-pair.
 3. Long-ing for food, ma-ny are hun-gry. Long-ing for wa-ter, ma-ny still thirst.
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, ma-ny are home-less. Long-ing for warmth, ma-ny are cold.
 5. Ma-ny the gifts, ma-ny the peo-ple, ma-ny the hearts that yearn to be-long.

9 Em Am⁷ D G C Am D(sus4) D

Make us your own your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 Your Word a-lone has pow'r to save us. Make us your li-ving voice.
 Make us your bread bro-ken for o-thers, shared un-til all are fed.
 Make us your bul-ding, shel-ter for o-thers, walls made of li-ving stone.
 Let us be ser-vants to one a-no-ther, ma-king your king-dom come.

G Gsus G Em Bm Em

descant Christ, be our light! Shine out through the

harmony Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine in the

Am D7 G Gsus/D Em

dark, shine! Christ be our light!

dark-ness. Christ, be our light!

12 G C D7 G C/G G

Shine in your church gath-ered to day.

Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

Thank you to The Rev. Canon M. Joanna White, *Canon for Pastoral Services*,
for being today's Celebrant.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Jo Emily Knox

Chalicerist: Joan Harvey

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah,
Eva Oladipupo, Hope Oladipupo

Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex Opiri, Ainsley Couch, Jasmine Opiri

Chalicerist: Mary Vail

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Ed Koharik, Nicole Moon-Koharik

Tellers

Jenny Cecil, Maggie Thompson

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28

The Rev. Denise Schiavone – 8:00 a.m.; The Rev. Marcia Davenport – 10:30 a.m.

PARISH CALENDAR JULY 21 TO JULY 27

Sunday, July 21

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
8:45 am	Blood Pressure & Medication Check – New Brick, hospitality room
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, July 22

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level

Tuesday, July 23

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 -9:00 pm	Vestry Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom

Wednesday, July 24

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 11:00 am	LEMS Supply Packing – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, July 25

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, July 26

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 pm -12:00 am	Event Rental Setup – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, July 27

2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
5:30 pm – 12:00 am	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to 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.

Nametags are Back!

We are thrilled to have quite a few people join our parish family recently, and since we've found all the parishioner nametags used a few years ago, we'd like to wear them again so that no one feels like a stranger. If you need one, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and we'll make one for you. Others can find their old nametag in the Narthex and we hope you'll wear it at Sunday services and other CEC events. Let's get to know one another this summer!

Blood Pressure and Pharmacist Consults at Church - This Sunday

To provide health and wellness services to parishioners of all ages, the CEC Health Ministry will provide blood pressure checks and 1-to-1 private consults with a licensed pharmacist on Sunday, July 21st. These occur in the Elevator Room in New Brick from 9:00-9:30 a.m., so stop by, and bring any of your medications you want to discuss or any other questions you might have. If you can't make it that Sunday, place "BP/Meds Check at Church" on your calendar on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9 a.m., or regularly check the [**website's Parish Calendar**](#) for the next one.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **875 9496 3596** and the Passcode is **Centering!** You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing **centering@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

When Midsummer Comes, So Do the Crabs! - Wednesday, August 7

Fresh crabs... delicious sides... BYOB - get ready for the tastiest FWF gathering yet! We are planning a crab extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and fellowship. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark August 7th at 6 p.m. on your calendar, and gather outside the lower level of New Brick. The cost for crab is \$25. per person, and that'll cover our cost of getting the freshest ones around. **Just let the church office know** if you want to have some, so we can make sure we get enough for everyone. There's also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Of course, there are options for non-crab eaters, as well, so join us!

Christ Church's Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - Sunday, August 25

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair will be here before we know it! This is a very special highlight on our calendar every year, so join us for Holy Eucharist in New Brick at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all, and activities for kids. Each Christ Church ministry will also be represented, where you can grab an informational pamphlet or flyer and speak with ministry members to learn more about why each is a vital contribution to our common life - and how you can join in and help make us even better.

Does Your Ministry Need an Updated Trifold or Flyer?

One of the ways we can spread the word about the many ministries at Christ Church is with printed pamphlets or flyers. For those ministry leaders with existing ones, please send Chris any information or revisions you might have so he can prepare updated ones for the Ministry Fair in late August. Send any text, photos, etc. to him by Sunday, August 11th, and feel free to email any questions - **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**. And if your group or ministry doesn't have a document to share and would like to, email him ASAP.

The Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair - Saturday, September 14

The Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC, will take place on the CEC campus on Saturday, September 14th! Spaces are now available, and you can complete yours by picking one up in the Narthex, or you can download a copy on our website at **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market**. And start getting your gently used books, baked goods recipes, and other items ready! This is the WOCC's biggest fundraiser, and proceeds help support many Christ Church activities and gatherings throughout the year. The more people involved in this community gathering, the more successful this important event can be!

Second Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair - Saturday, September 21

The Christ Church Health Ministry is proud to announce that it has begun making plans for its second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair! On Saturday, September 21st, everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall as many booths and presentations will be addressing a wide array of health and wellness topics and concerns. At the H&W Fair, you can learn ways to improve your mental, physical, or family health. Stay tuned for more details over the summer, and if you would like to help the Health Ministry in the future, please email **health@christchurchcolumbia.org**

We're Trying to Help Secure our Parish for Centuries to Come, but We Need Your Help.

A few weeks ago, Fr. Manny told us that our church needs to explore options for how to expand our income so that we can be financially secure for years to come. To that end, he created a task force comprised of parishioners and current and former Vestry members, to explore those options over the summer and to solicit other ideas from all of you.

We are currently holding a series of small group meetings to brainstorm ideas and reimagine what Christ Church could and should be - especially as we approach our 300th anniversary in 2027. Sign-up sheets for these meetings are located in the Narthex, and several more gatherings – in homes, on campus, and on Zoom – will be held throughout the summer. Our most valuable resource lies in you, our fellow parishioners, and we need your ideas and feedback to develop the vision for what our church can do to generate the resources that are necessary to maintain, and to expand, our ministries.

Please help us in this shared journey to help reimagine what Christ Church can be in the years ahead by signing up to join us for one of these meetings. If you have any questions or want more information, please reach out to Denisa Abdallah or Greg Schuckman, co-chairs of the task force, either at church or by emailing reimagine@christchurchcolumbia.org. **Our first virtual meeting will be next Thursday, July 25th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. The link is here, the Meeting ID is 882 0307 8141, and the Passcode is *Task***

EfM Invites You to Learn More about Ministry

Education for Ministry is a unique small-group program based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we are looking for a few additional people to join us as we enter the next year of study and reflection. Because of the program's cyclical nature, individuals may begin their studies during any calendar year of the four-year cycle. Participation by members at a variety of levels of study will be so enriching for us all. Please consider joining us! If you have questions, you can speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church, or email EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Help

The Christ Church Altar Guild is looking for a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and liturgical items for every worship service. We currently have three teams, but if we can gather together one more, we each only have to manage one week a month. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild

Office Hours During the Summer

Each week, the Church Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday throughout the summer. Stop by the office at these times, or email office@christchurchcolumbia.org if you can't make it then.

Communion to You

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 our campus. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org.

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 a massive milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many people 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 Robin Bradley at church or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Welcome SLYC Leaders for Coffee, Pastries, and a Presentation in the Great Hall of New Brick Between Worship Services on Sunday, July 28

Please join us when leaders of St. Luke's Youth Center (**SLYC**) visit Christ Church to update us on its work brightening lives in West Baltimore. Gather from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall on Sunday, July 28. Coffee, drinks and pastries will be served.

SLYC is a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with critical resources, life-enriching experiences, and a safety-net of support. Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot will speak during announcements at both worship services and will conduct an informal presentation between services. See a slideshow and learn about volunteer opportunities in the summer and year-round.

From July 1 to Aug. 2, SLYC holds **Camp Imagination**, a day program that takes place at a cooperating parish while SLYC's campus is under renovation. The host is **St. John Lutheran (& Episcopal) Church**, 300 Maple Ave., Linthicum, MD. Children and counselors complete their experiences at **Claggett Camp and Conference Center** with a week at All God's Children Sleepaway camp, Aug. 4 to Aug. 9. It's not too late to volunteer in Linthicum. For information, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. SLYC's results are impressive, as described in its **Fiscal 2023 Impact Report**. The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland** is a partner, and its reparations task force **awarded a grant** to SYLC in 2022. Don't miss a chance to learn more in person on July 28.

Christ Church Sends Aid to Hurricane Beryl Victims in the Caribbean

In early July, Hurricane Beryl became a deadly Category 5 storm, sweeping across islands in the southeast Caribbean and damaging Jamaica. Later it hit Mexico, caused flooding and power outages in Texas, and caused yet more flooding in Vermont and in Nova Scotia, Canada. Severe Caribbean destruction appears in NPR's "The Picture Show," in a July 5 post, **"Photos: See the Path of Destruction from Hurricane Beryl."** Outreach Commission members voted at the July 8 meeting to contribute \$750 to **World Central Kitchen**, which says in an **online post** that it had resources in place for the most timely help. Within hours of Beryl's passing, WCK made food deliveries in locations stretching from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to small coastal communities in Texas. These are the latest in a series of disaster-relief donations, including one earlier this year to WCK as it helped starving residents of Gaza displaced by the Israel-Hamas War. Previously Outreach responded to help victims of a Moroccan earthquake, Libyan flooding, and the Maui wildfire in Hawaii. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Thank you!

CCC Depends on Gardeners and Its Partners for Fresh Produce for Families

In the spring, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) planted a garden outside its former home in the Columbia Flier Building with help from its partner, the **Community Ecology Institute** (CEI). If you have a green thumb, consider helping this summer to tend the **CCC CEI Community Garden** located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. For information, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Meanwhile, CEI gardeners have been harvesting crops at the ecology institute's site, which is called **Freetown Farm**. On July 12, they brought a bountiful donation of fresh produce to CCC's new location. CCC Pantry Manager April Lee expressed gratitude in a post on the **CCC Facebook Group**: "CEI has been providing CCC (and other non-profits) with donations of BEAUTIFUL produce for the past three years. They also built our community garden. On

Friday, they stopped by with their first drop-off to our new pantry space in Long Reach Village Center... We love CEI!"

Keep in mind that CCC shortened summer hours for its distribution sites, which serve our neighbors in need on Saturdays. Volunteers arrive at 9 a.m., start distribution between 9:30 and 10 a.m., and close by 11:30 a.m. Locations are at Long Reach, Suite 107, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; and The Barn at Oakland Mills Village Center, 5853 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to **"Get Help"** on CCC's website. Or **learn how to volunteer** at distribution sites or as a translator or shopper at its pantry.

CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6 and pullups in sizes 3T, 4T and 5T. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers 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 bin and delivers items.

Help Us Organize the LEMS School Supply Backpacks - July 24

We will be putting the supplies into the backpacks for LEMS on Wednesday, July 24th from 9-11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, so please come and help! Soon, we'll announce a mid-August date for delivering the supplies, and we could use your help here, as well. The details for this part of the drive will come in upcoming Christ Church communications, so stay tuned.

You can still help, even if you cannot make it on the 24th. Contributions can be made via check, online, or via text:

If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you indicate "LEMS School Supplies" on the memo line. You can send it to the church, or drop it at the office or in the collection plate.

If you would like to **give online via Realm**, please choose "LEMS" from the FUND dropdown, and write "School Supplies" in the MEMO line. You can also use the light blue "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page on our website for that form.

To give via text: text CECGIVING to 73256 to give using your mobile device; you'll immediately receive a link to our form. Click the link, then choose "LEMS" from the FUND dropdown menu. Please also write "School Supplies" in the MEMO line so that your donation is used as you wish. (Note: This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, simply text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply).

If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help, please speak with Cathy Whittaker at church or email **lemssupplies@christchurchcolumbia.org**. Thank you very much for your support.

Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. **FISH** provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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.



You can view the most recent monthly financial report here.

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website - **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge**

Text Giving

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing toward your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our **overview page** for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at



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