

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 15, 2023 | 10:00 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!

Prelude |

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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 - might - y 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through 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 Exodus 32:1-14 |

Reader: A Reading from Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 | *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*



Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

Antiphon

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Antiphon

A Reading from Philippians 4:1-9 |

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

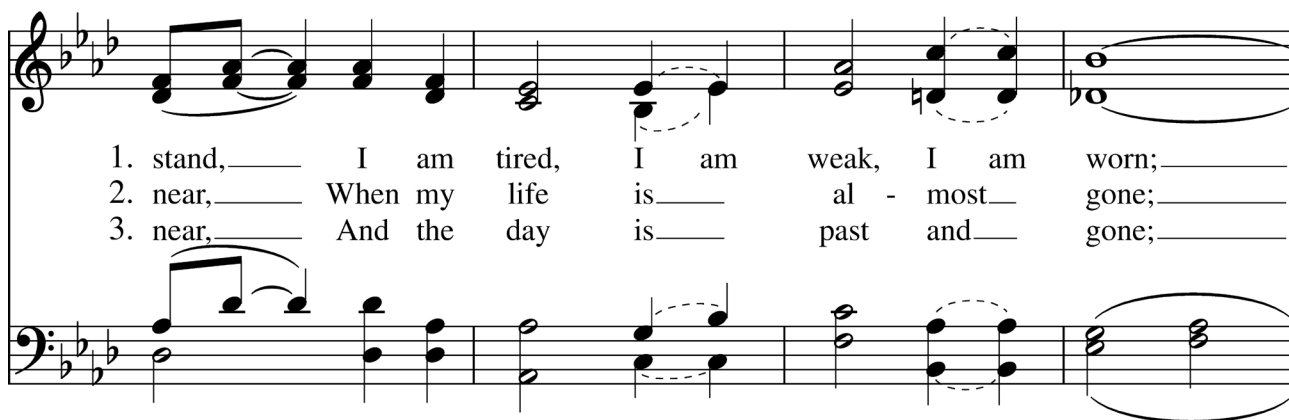
The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 106 | Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey



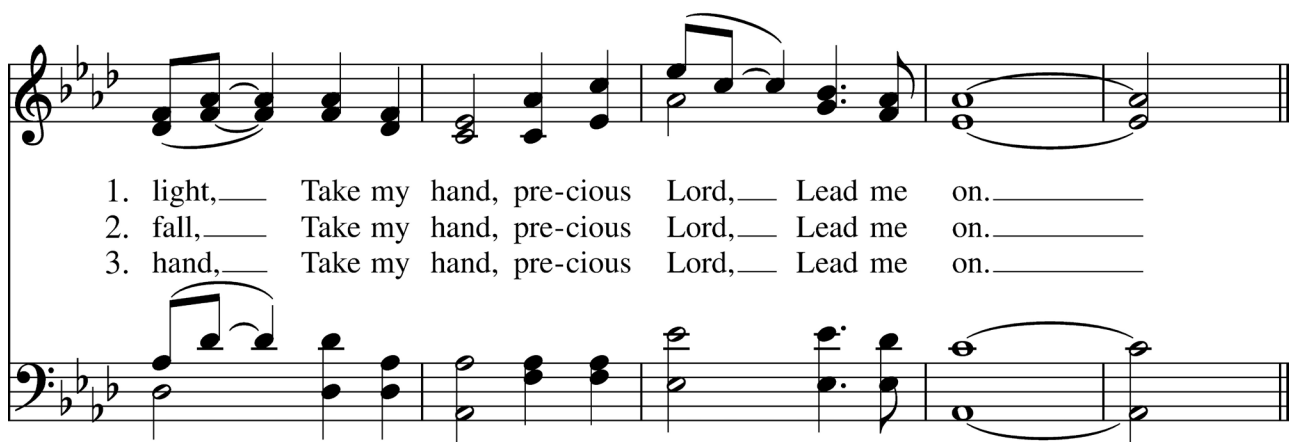
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—



1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —
 2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —
 3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —



1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



1. light, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 |

As children of God, we are called to be holy, to be just, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. That is also our call, in relation to our community and the world. Let us rededicate ourselves to God's work, saying,
Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.

We ask Your grace and guidance for all elected leaders throughout the world, that they may govern with justice and courage to do what is right for their people. We pray especially for peace in the Holy Land, in Israel and Palestine. In our church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon Denise; our Rector Emeritus, Richard, and our clergy, postulants, staff, and lay leaders. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember The Anglican Church of Kenya. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Columbia; Grace, Elkridge; Holy Apostles & St. Stephen, Arbutus. We lift up all new or visiting with us today and welcome them at Your table. **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

Heavenly Father, today, on the occasion of our Annual Meeting, we will review the highs and lows of this past year and reflect on the ways we have tried to do Your work. We pray that in the coming year, we may be like the Psalmist's trees planted near the streams and bear much fruit. We offer our deepest gratitude and ask Your blessing for the outgoing members of the Christ Church Vestry. We give thanks for those parishioners who have agreed to be candidates for election to the Vestry. No matter what the election outcome, we pray they all may continue to do Your work with wisdom and grace wherever they may best serve You. **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

We pray for all those in need and those who suffer from illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Alexandra, Barbara, Sherry, Tim, Fr. Richard, Christine, Carol, Jan, Judy, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Nell, and those you now name. May they and their caregivers find their courage in You. We pray for those in our parish family who serve in the military, especially Conner Warlow. We remember all those who have left their earthly home and now abide with You, especially Charles Hoke, and those you now name. Comfort those who mourn them with Your peace that passes all understanding. **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

With grateful hearts, we rejoice in the birthdays, baptismal and wedding anniversaries, and other happy occasions we celebrate this week, and especially for Hannah, Karita, James, Kathy, Amanda, Richard, Bob, Alfreda, Jenny, Melanie & Suzanne. We thank You and pray, **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

Good and gracious God, you call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings, to use your gifts wisely, to share generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, to be a gift to others. Help us nurture a stewardship way of life, which connects, serves, and impacts our communities. Guide us as we prayerfully discern how to give of our time, talents, and treasures, to further your kingdom on earth. **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 Choral Anthem | Sign Me Up

arr. Kevin Yancy & Jerome Metcalfe
Jim Schempp, soloist

Please scan to give.



The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 3) |

Old 100th

**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.

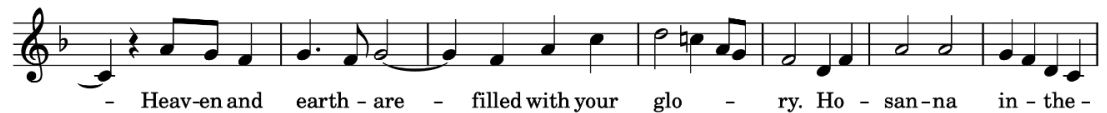
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.**

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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.





1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

The people stand as able.

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.**

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer |

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing |

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

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

10:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman, Robin Bradley

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

Acolytes & Crucifer: Jonah Aribiah, James Mercer, Alex Opiri

Chalicerist: Mary Vail, Joan Harvey

Altar Guild: Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Eileen Harlee

PARISH CALENDAR OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 21

Sunday, October 15 – Annual Meeting

10:00 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:00 am	Annual Meeting Brunch – New Brick, lower level
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting – 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
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Cycling for Health and Fellowship
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 5:00 pm	EFM Meeting – Parish Hall, conference room
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 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
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.	Theology on Tap – Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, October 19

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – Parish Hall, lower level
12:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

7:00 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	NA Women Only – Old Brick
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, October 20

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 10:00 pm	Repat Setup- New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, October 21

9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – Bob Evans, Columbia
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Hoke Memorial Service – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 6:00 pm	Hoke Repast – New Brick, lower level
4:00 - 7:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Old Brick



ONLINE
Begins October 28

A U C T I O N

IN-PERSON
Saturday, November 4



GET READY!

The online auction begins on Saturday, October 28th at 7 p.m.

And don't forget to join us for the big event - the Great Hall doors open for the in-person silent and live auction on Saturday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m.

We're looking for a few people to help provide refreshments for the event, so if you can bring an appetizer, dessert, or drinks, please visit our sign-up sheet at tinyurl.com/CEC-auction-refresh

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, including items available for bidding and ways you can help. Have any questions? **Email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements, 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,

or visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/worship-archive

THIS SUNDAY: Annual Meeting, Vestry Elections, & Potluck Lunch

We will host our Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections this Sunday, October 15th. We begin with our only service for today, held at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick. Following that is a potluck lunch, our Annual Meeting, and the Vestry Elections. As has been our practice, we invite parishioners to donate meals for brunch on this day. Please be sure to join us or stay after church; since it's the day that we review our past year's ministries and activities while making plans for our leadership in the coming year, it's one of the most important gatherings of the year.

No Formation this Sunday

All adult, youth, and children formation classes are suspended this weekend and will resume next Sunday.

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

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - Friday Afternoon

With the cooler weather coming, Diane Phillips LaGuerre and Kevin Osborn are coordinating autumn cycling trips that depart from CEC at a new time on Friday afternoons. We'll gather at 5 p.m. in the lower New Brick parking lot for a ten-mile journey, so join us with your bike and helmet to ride safely through our beautiful community. Please email Diane Phillips-LaGuerre and Kevin Osborn at cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Sacristy Painting - Friday Evening

This Friday, October 13th - we will continue our painting project in the Sacristy of New Brick. We will gather again to finish the project from 6-9 p.m. Please wear clothes you can comfortably paint in. All other supplies will be provided. And hey - why not invite your friends to make it even more fun!

CEC Book Club - Friday Night

Join us on Zoom for the Christ Church Book Club this Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always welcome new readers to join us, so how about you? We're about to begin our next book, so be sure to join us. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Passcode is **CECbooks**.

Centering Prayer - October 16

Join us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings for Centering Prayer, a special evening prayer gathering 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 Passcode is **Centering!**

Thursday Healing Eucharist - October 19

Each Thursday at 12 noon, Christ Church offers midday worship in historic Old Brick. This service includes readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to join in a prayerful time as we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service in our beautiful chapel, the oldest building of worship still in regular use in Howard County.

Christ Church Choirs - October 19

Thursday's a busy night of music! Children's Choir rehearses from 6-7 p.m., Handbell Choir gathers from 7-7:30, and Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30-9 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at [**music@christchurchcolumbia.org**](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org).

Charlie Hoke Funeral Service - October 21

Everyone is welcome to join us for the funeral service of Charlie Hoke, taking place in New Brick Sanctuary on Saturday, October 21st at 12 noon. There will be a repast following this service in the Great Hall. A memorial reception will be held at Witzke's Funeral Home in Columbia the night before from 6-8 p.m., and all are welcome there, as well. You can view Charlie's obituary [**here**](#).

WOCC Nature Walk - October 28

Come walk through the colorful autumn leaves at the Robinson Nature Center on Saturday, October 28th, beginning at 12 noon. The leaves should be "peaking" in color by then, and it's a beautiful setting. The trails are short and friendly, with lots of signs and small creeks. Bring your lunch and we'll enjoy some conversation before setting out. Lots of other events coming up, too! The WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned. Speak to any WOCC member or email [**WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**](mailto:WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org) if you need more info.

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

We want to thank those of you who have helped 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.

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**](mailto: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**](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.

We asked, "Will You Help?" and Shoppers said, "YES!"

The latest Christ Church Food Drive outreach gathering was held last Saturday, Oct. 7, at the ElkrIDGE Giant supermarket. Through the hard work of many wonderful Christ Church volunteers and generous giving by our local community, we successfully collected a half-ton of non-perishable groceries for the Howard County Food Bank and six bins of gluten-free food for its partner, **SAFE Food Pantry** (SAFE).

Our volunteers were so persuasive that shoppers responded despite distractions, including playoff baseball, changing weather, and solicitations by a Boy Scout troop. People accepted our handouts containing a suggested grocery list and later returned with hundreds of canned goods, boxes of cereal and pasta, and jars of pasta and peanut butter. Some items were, as requested, gluten-free and allergy-safe (see photos).

The collection filled the bed of the Knox family's pickup truck and weighed in at 1,000 pounds (a ton weighs 2,000 pounds) upon arrival on Tuesday at the food bank, which is operated by the **Community Action Council of Howard County** (CAC). Some shoppers said they were too rushed to buy items but instead gave cash, resulting in a total of \$145 being donated to CAC.

The drive was the second in 2023 after a pandemic hiatus. Nearly 20 parishioners, including two children, volunteered for shifts of at least an hour. Some chose to stay from noon until 4 p.m. It was clear we were doing God's work: many volunteers wore Christ Church T-shirts or aprons and offered participants a reusable shopping bag that displayed Old Brick and contact information.

It was a rewarding, family-friendly activity. If you missed it, don't fret; plan now to participate next spring when we will hold a drive at a different Giant supermarket. Or if you feel called to do more, consider volunteering at the food bank or at SAFE between now and then. For information, email [**outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org).

CAC's food bank is a lifeline for low-income families and individuals. Its partner, SAFE, provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods to registered clients whose dietary needs boost the price of groceries even higher. The need for all types of food assistance is great due to inflation and other factors. Thanks to all who volunteered on Saturday to help these struggling households.

DreamBuilders Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

After three years without DreamBuilders spaghetti, we know you are eager to get a plate full! Spaghetti is back on the menu at Temple Isaiah this Saturday, October 14th, from 5-8 p.m. We'll be hosting our silent auction at the same time, and we could use your participation. We've got two mission trips to fund, including blitz builds, and local projects, too. This is DB's biggest fundraiser, and we're looking for both donations and help at the auction. And our favorite Christ Church band, Small Delusions, will perform the dinner music! Visit [**DreamBuildersmd.org**](http://DreamBuildersmd.org) for more information, or talk to Stacey Frith and Cathy Gold. See you at the dinner!

Columbia Community Care Issues Urgent Call for Baby Care Items

Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by donating baby care items. Posting on the **CCC Facebook Group** on Tuesday, Oct. 10, CCC Pantry Manager April Lee wrote: "DIAPERS AND BABY WIPES NEEDED PLEASE! As you all know, CCC not only provides food and personal hygiene items for our customers in need but also diapers and baby wipes for our families who have young children. We are very low on diapers (especially sizes 3-6) right now as well as baby wipes. If you are able to, please help us restock our diapers and baby wipes supply. Thank you so much!!"

Please put these diapers and wipes in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. The organization also requests sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is

open or on Sunday. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

CCC distributes the free goods along with produce and groceries at three sites in the community every Saturday and makes home deliveries to those without transportation. To volunteer at various stages in that process, go to the **"I Can Help" portion of its website.**

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

FISH of Howard County needs non-perishable foods and toiletries. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. Please put your donations in the basket at the altar or drop them into the marked black and yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and Parish Hall. 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.



**To pledge to Christ Church for 2024, please visit
www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge**

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

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 info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Stewardship is our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation.

Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

2023

AGENDA

- I. Opening Hymn: 542 - *Christ is the World's True Light*
- II. Prayer
- III. Quorum Established
 - a. Appointment of Secretary and Tellers
- IV. Rector's Address
- V. Reports to the Meeting
 - a. Wardens' Report
 - b. Treasurer
- VI. Presentation of Gifts
 - a. Staff
 - b. Vestry
- VII. Result of Vestry Elections
- VIII. Right of Floor – Q&A
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjournment & Dismissal Prayer
- XI. Closing Hymn: 490 – *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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REPORT FROM OUR RECTOR

Be a Joyful Gift to Others

Romans 12:6-8

As I reflected on the past year, one of the hymns which kept playing at the back of my mind was “*Tell Out My Soul*,” a song derived from the words of the Magnificat - the Song of Mary. It is a praise song which more than recounts the goodness of the Lord, it bellows with gratitude to a God who is trustworthy, a God who has kept the promise made to Israel.

That’s how I feel; in fact that’s how I have always felt, but this year has been different. We began the year with a major change in our worship and common life. After an exhaustive process of discernment and consultation we increased our worship offerings to three. Many of our faithful parishioners who had long worshipped at New Brick, worked towards building New Brick and worshipping in New Brick, now had to go back and worship in Old Brick on a regular basis to accommodate a third Sunday worship service geared towards family and children.

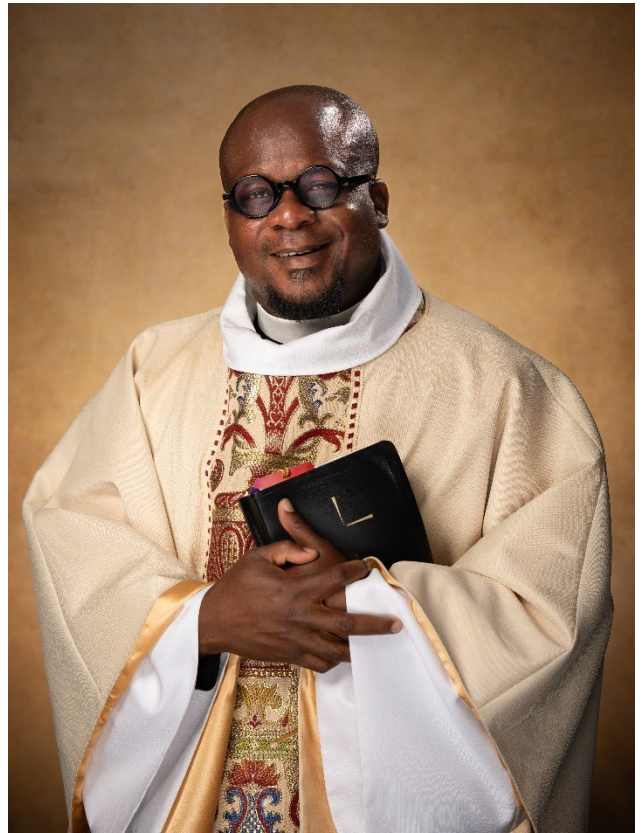
This was one tough decision, but I believe that it is one of the boldest decisions we made as a community. Yes, it came with some risks, disappointments, and controversy - but these are not necessarily bad things. In fact, God sometimes does court controversy, but the point must always be maintained that we are not so much to be defined by any controversy, but by how we decide to solve our problems for the common good.

I give thanks to God and for each of you because as heavy a lift as managing all our differences, each of you was gracious in your pushback and resolute in seeking a forward path which was driven by your love for this community of faith. We all made sure that we were invested in the decision-making process, we all made sure that our voices were heard, and we all made sure that we were accommodating to the views of others. In the end, we all made a decision that I believe has served our parish well.

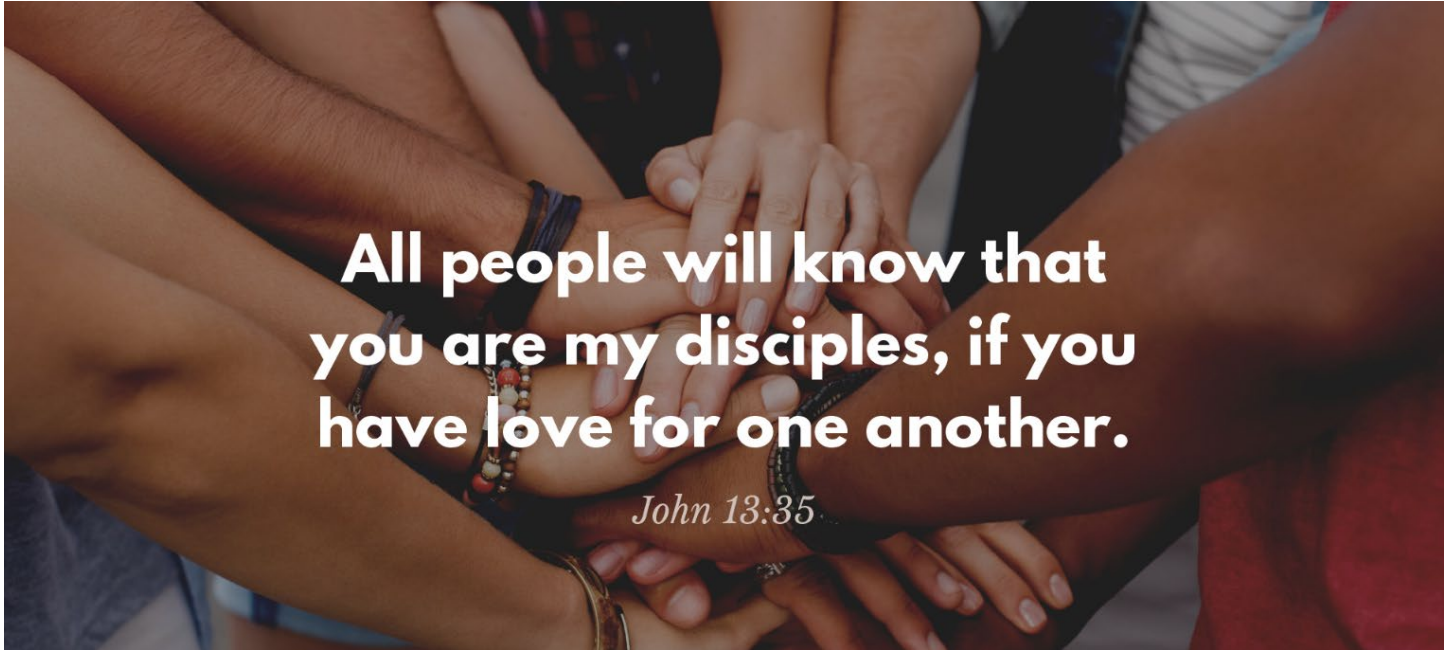
With your support and input, Christ Church has been very successful in offering worship to the community - three worship services on Sundays from fall to late spring, and two Sunday worship opportunities through the summer. The idea of having just two services in the summer, a decision that opened the door for us to worship in one building, was a welcome relief to many.

I take great delight in the spirit of collaboration and compromise that exists here at Christ Church. I believe that our very nature as a community of openness, flexibility, and consensus building helps us deal with issues in ways that eventually strengthen our community. I am thankful for such a community as Christ Church, and the model of Christian discipleship that overflows from here. I do not take it for granted at all, because situations like ours are often hard to come by.

One of the incredible ministries that we began exploring has been the monthly **First Wednesday Fellowship** gathering each month for food, fellowship, and fun. Save for the popular Crab Feast in August – which, in so many ways, reminded me that we are, after all, in Maryland - this part of our common life has not truly attracted a broad



cross-section of our parish family. The reasons may be varied, but as an eternal optimist who believes so much in Jesus's story in Matthew's gospel about the Mustard Seed: "*He told them another parable: **The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.***" I have no doubt in my mind that our continual gathering, month-in and month-out, will, one of these days, be as much inviting to other parishioners to the point where they would want to join in for the fellowship, food, and good times.



In my mind, at the core of all these gatherings is the importance of connecting with one another, getting to know our fellow parishioners, and building long-lasting relationships. I have a very firm belief that it is the relationships that we build with each other that makes it possible for us to do our mission. I remember Jesus' words in John's gospel: ***By this (love) everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*** It is this love that makes it possible for us to pull resources together and to be transformative agents of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our sad reality, however, is this: as rich in diversity as we are, our diversity unfortunately becomes chequered come 12:00 noon on Sundays. We simply do not see as much interaction between parishioners of different backgrounds as one would hope. And this is one of my major worries at Christ Church, because a limited interaction often leads to suspicion and mistrust, and those are the very character traits that I want to help mitigate within our community. But doing so requires the participation of everyone here.

One of the magnificent works that has brought some level of interaction is **Theology on Tap**. This has been a fantastic addition to our common life. Michael Looney, who has been interning at Christ Church over the past year, leads this important ministry. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to get together for fellowship and conversation. Join us on the third Tuesday of each month – this week, in fact (October 17 at 7:15 p.m.)

Over the past couple of weeks, a group of parishioners started **Connections**. This new ministry is modeled along the traditional Foyer Groups idea - parishioners are grouped and then get the chance to meet and fellowship over meals. This is also a way by which parishioners connect with each other and develop relationships.

The point I am humbly making is that it really may not matter which particular ministry invites your passion or excites you, but it is absolutely critical for us to continue the task of building relationships with each other - not for ourselves only, but for the good of the community in which we live, work, play, and worship.

Our worship life has been such a blessing. Music, which gives voice to our deep longings, is such a huge part of our worship. Over the past year, we introduced **Jazz Vespers** during Lent. It was such a special worship experience where soothing jazz music filled our sanctuary and provided us with an ambiance and serene atmosphere that we could prayerfully meditate and offer our prayers to God. We concluded each week's worship with hors d'oeuvres, and this did help create an atmosphere of community and fellowship.

We have since made the decision to offer **Jazz Eucharist** on the fifth Sundays of a month and on Saturday afternoons during the season of Advent - new worship opportunities for our community. The goal here is not only to create as many avenues for fellowship and worship as possible, but to also offer different flavors of worship meant to deepen both our individual and collective spiritual experience.

The interesting thing about these different worship opportunities is that they provide new ways for us to unearth great talents within our community. For example, one of our parishioners who shared a meditation one Sunday evening this past Lent has since preached at a Sunday worship and is scheduled to preach after the first of the coming year. Leah's marvelous sermon reminds me of the gift we all have, and the empowering opportunities that we must make to hear each other's spiritual journey. These stories are what create a welcoming and accepting community. These are the stories that build us all up and I am grateful that we have a community like ours which values this part of our common lives.

One of the highlights of the year was the introduction of handbells to our worship. During the last interim period, our Director of Music, Len, supported our worship with his own handbells. This brief introduction of this instrument into our worship was so fulfilling that, after his tenure, some of you expressed interest in Christ Church having handbells of our own. And so, with your never-ending and generous support, we raised funds to purchase a full set of handbells. Not only that, Christ Church now has a **Handbell Choir**, led by Larissa, that is comprised of both old and new parishioners. Again, this new gift has blessed our community in such an amazing way, and hearing the bells ring this past Sunday was not only fulfilling, but it was humbling to see all the parishioners who are involved in this new ministry.

A few days ago, the Health Ministry of Christ Church hosted a **Community Health Fair** here on campus – a first for us. Led by Bunmi Curley and Diane Phillips LaGuerre, we truly offered our best to the community at large. Because I was traveling, I unfortunately couldn't be there, but I understand that many members of the wider community came to the fair. I am thankful that parishioners like you are more than willing to share your talents, treasure, and time with fellow members of the Christ Church community, and beyond. As the leaders of the ministry have indicated, this would hope be an annual affair, and it is my prayer that we will all support this important community outreach in the future.

I often participate in the monthly **Christ Church Outreach** meetings, and when I do, I am reminded of all the work that we do in touching and transforming many lives. I'd like to invite you to take a moment and think about the students at Lake Elkhorn Middle School, Oakland Mills High School, Friends of Sabina, our neighbors who rely on the Dorsey Resource Center, Columbia Community Care, FISH, Bridges to Housing Stability, SLYC, and a host of others. There's no way that I can put into words the number of lives that we touch or the transformation made possible - all because of your kindness and generosity.

This past week, nearly twenty parishioners held a **Food Drive** in front of a local Giant Food Store to solicit contributions from the public for the Howard County Food Bank. They collected over a half-ton of food. I can only imagine the number of people who would be fed through this effort. I can only imagine the sense of awareness that they created for those from whom they solicited food. I can only imagine the feeling of gratitude that these people felt after donating to this effort. The point here is that we can never tell how many lives are touched by the simple acts of kindness but, as always, I believe that if one hungry soul is fed, one naked soul is clothed, and one thirsty soul is given water to drink, we have kept faith with our God and what He calls us to do.

Part of the “icing on the cake” is our ministry to our refugee family from Afghanistan. In them, we are witnesses to four lives transformed by your kindness, touched by your generosity, sustained by your love and prayer, and renewed by faith in a God who doesn’t look at us in the same way that we often look at each other.

Here’s the takeaway: **we can do the work we do if we look at each other from the prism of the divine.** As unsettling and challenging as our world is right now, you and I simply cannot afford to look at each other any differently than how God looks at us. The ills in our world. The pain we cause each other. The evil that pervades our planet. The hurt we inflict on each other. I can go on and on and on, but you know what I am talking about.

As we celebrate all our blessings, we do so with the current violence in the Middle East as our backdrop. The massacre is horrendous and bears no justification. The response from Israel would be as horrendous, if not more. As angry as we all are, I have often said that I haven’t had an experience where anger solved any problem. But all of these things happen because we fail to look at each other through the prism of the divine.

The sad reality is that it isn’t only those who caused this tragedy that fail to look at others in the same way that God would look at them – we, too, do the exact same thing. And for me, that is the main reason why the Church - and Christ Church, for that matter - is here at this time, in this moment, to remind each of us of the one duty we owe the other - looking at each other like God would want us to.



What more can each of us ask for? Yes, indeed, life isn’t perfect but whatever life is, we have one, and for that I am grateful that I am in your lives as you are in mine. I have been blessed by you and by the wonderful staff that we have here at Christ Church. We are able to offer as much as we do because of the dedicated staff that find so much

joy in serving you. More than that, we are blessed by the many volunteers who labor night and day, every day - warm or cold, rain or sunshine - to bring you the best in worship and to walk with you as you explore your faith and discern what God is calling you to do.

Although Mother Marcia is no longer a member of our staff, I am grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, and the many gifts that she shares with this community of faith. Without her presence and support, I wonder how we would be able to manage the 9:00 a.m. service. I am grateful for the ministry of Deacon Denise, her sense of grounding and faith and dedication to the Refugee Ministry and her many other pastoral responsibilities. Larissa has improved our music, and with her leadership we have introduced different forms of music into our worship. Her building a new Handbell Choir for Christ Church is a fine example. Mike came to Christ Church wondering what it would be like serving in a parish like this. Well, he has found his niche and has begun a new ministry at Vantage Point. Kiona has been a wonderful, recent addition to our Youth Ministry, and I can sense a revival of our Youth and Children Ministry program. Aisha has grown to be the sturdy hand that is effectively managing our parish. She is dedicated to Christ Church and that dedication shows in everything that she does to support our common life.

Chris works behind the scenes, every single day, to make sure that Christ Church stays online, every single day. Whether it is the weekly newsletter and announcements, Morning and Evening Prayer broadcasts, Sunday livestreams - any form of communication that gets to you has the imprints of Chris all over it. Chris' responsibility has evolved over the years, and he is one person that I wish you all get to know.

Yetti is the face of Christ Church. Every Sunday morning, she is up and running, making sure that everything works so each of us would feel comfortable in worship - whether you are present at Christ Church, or worshipping online. Jefferson has been a very hard and effective staff member. Amanda and Nytia have done a great job taking care of our precious ones in the nursery. You see, each staff member brings a different gift to the table, but collectively, we join together in offering our best to you. I cannot thank them enough for their resourcefulness and dedication to this ministry.

I invite you to read this entire report, as they are reflections from both staff and volunteers. Through these reports, you will get to know your Christ Church and the work that goes on here. Through these reports, you will familiarize yourself with the length and depth of ministry that we are engaged in. God has blessed us in so many different ways, and because of your sense of gratitude, we give to support Christ Church and the work that touches so many lives.

As I conclude, I'd like to share with you my profound gratitude for the many ways in which **each one of you** blesses this community of faith - your presence here matters more to me than anything else that you can think of. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve you and I give thanks to God for this unique blessing.

To my family, I offer my sincere thanks. They brighten my day and help me appreciate life in all its forms. What, after all, can we accomplish without the support of family? I can only hope that your family has been a blessing to you as mine has been to me.

I hope you will join me in singing the Song of Mary, a song of thanksgiving to the God who turns our lives around and gives us more than enough reason to turn other lives around.

With Blessings,

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DEACON'S REPORT

This past year has been filled with blessings on many fronts for me. I count among those, at the top of the list, our vibrant common life here at Christ Church, as well the rich relationships I've enjoyed with parishioners and fellow staff members.

The past year also brought many challenges for me personally. A mentor of mine once told me that my first and primary ministry will always be my family. More than ever before, that has borne true over roughly the last 18 months: it's been a time of deep grief and anxiety, but—dare I hope—also gratitude and transformation. Many of you prayed for me; a few of you pastored to me. I feel incredibly grateful for every blessing, every hug, every moment of listening, every word of counsel.

Christ Church hosts many diaconal ministries that you can read about in other sections of this report. I do want to mention that we are nearly two years into our thriving interfaith refugee ministry—and the joy of seeing our sponsored Afghan family grow as individuals, as a family, and as community members. What began as a group of a dozen or so parishioners discerning a possible call to help Afghan refugees has evolved into growing connections across faith traditions and community groups—and spread seeds that I know the Holy Spirit will carry to people and spaces far and wide, some of which we may never know of.

This is the heart of diaconal ministry: it considers all of humanity “neighbors,” those we are called to love and serve, by Jesus and through our baptismal covenant. I experienced this keenly back in January during a DreamBuilders mission trip to Puerto Rico. Alongside fellow Christians and Jews and non-affiliated missionaries, we worked to rebuild homes devastated by hurricanes, some that occurred as long as eight years ago. With each tap of a hammer, each coat of paint, each cut of tile, I experienced a deep and abiding sense of community, one that transcends borders, crosses oceans, and embraces differences in race, religion, and culture—all working together for the common good.

We are all deacons in a sense, members of the Diakonia of all Believers,¹ which states, “Diakonia is a Greek word which means caring for those in need, carrying out God’s vision in word, action, and in attending to all of God’s creation. In today’s world where power can be determined by wealth, but resources only available to some, healing and transformation are possible if we examine that call to diakonia.”

Yes, even in our disconnected and divided world, healing and transformation are possible, if we open ourselves to God’s call. They are also mutual: As we minister to those in need, they minister to us, in ways perhaps harder to put into words. What incredible blessings we create when we resist labeling things “impossible”—and open ourselves to the possible.

In the coming year, we’ll have opportunities to learn more about how we can connect our gifts and passions to the world’s needs. Look for information about our Epiphany Adult Formation series, “Finding Christ’s Light in Dark Places,” which will feature guest speakers sharing about ministry areas like mental health advocacy, prison and re-entry support, and combating human trafficking.



¹ From “Engaging the Diakonia of All Believers,” *Diakoneo*, Special Edition February 2017, Association for Episcopal Deacons, at http://www.episcopaldeacons.org/uploads/2/6/7/3/26739998/diakoneo_feb17.pdf

As I wake each morning to an often chaotic and uncertain world, one thing I do know for certain: the needs of the world will only continue to grow. The work of building God's kingdom requires many hands. We need every member of Christ Church, whether here three weeks or three decades, to engage in diaconal ministry that matches your talents and passions. The choices are many, the workers few. Come, bring your gifts to the table. No amount of time, talent, or treasure is too small for our Divine Creator to multiply into abundant grace.

Finally, I give thanks to God for bringing me to this loving, faithful community of disciples. I'm grateful to be part of Christ Church's dynamic staff, and particularly to Father Manny for empowering me to lead this congregation in fulfilling its diaconal call.

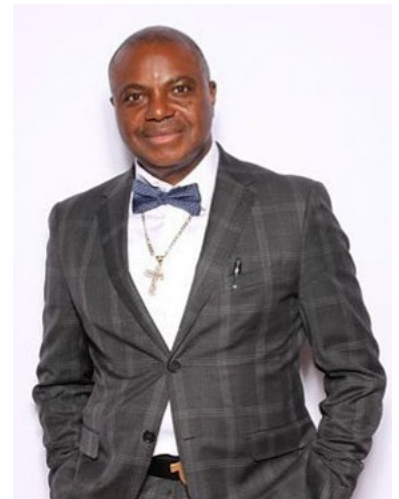
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WARDENS' REPORT

We have been meeting with Father Manny and Drew Eaton (our Treasurer) almost weekly throughout the year to pray, plan, problem-solve, and organize. In the process, we've developed strong, supportive friendships and a deep respect for the dedication we all have for the important work happening at Christ Episcopal Church. Father Manny works very long hours and works very hard. At the same time, he helps Isaac and me slow down to pray and share concerns.



As Wardens, we also work more often with Diocesan events and see the broader Christ Church community. We try to attend and support many events or programs each month as we can while also, of course, fulfilling our duties here at Christ Church.

We appreciate and value the trust you have placed in us to allow us to serve as Wardens.

Jan DeBoissiere, Senior Warden

Isaac Olajide, Junior Warden

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MUSIC MINISTRY



The goal of the Music Ministry at Christ Church is to enhance our worship services and to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Over the last year, our music ministry has been very active in doing this. Our adult choir, made up of volunteers from the congregation who rehearse on a weekly basis, leads the singing at our 10:30 service every Sunday from September through early June. This past year, we increased our choir membership and, for the busier seasons of Christmas and Easter, were able to hire a few section leaders, including Catherine Hinton and Caitlin Gompf, professional singers who read music and can serve as an anchor to the wonderful singers around them. During the Christmas season, our music ministry was joined by a brass quartet for our Lessons and Carols service and for our Christmas Eve services. On Easter Sunday, our full choir, brass quartet, and timpani truly brought the joy of the most important day of the church year to life.

Last February, thanks to your generosity, we purchased a beautiful 3-octave set of handbells. Members of the choir played bells during some of our choir anthems, and we quickly formed a handbell choir. Our handbell choir now rehearses every week and shares an anthem once a month during the 10:30 service.



During the Lenten season, Christ Church offered a Jazz Vespers series featuring The Leister Quartet. We were again joined by The Leister Quartet for Jazz Eucharist in July and will continue to host Jazz Eucharist on the 5th Sunday of the month throughout the year.



In July, a small group of children participated in our Christ Church Choir Camp. During the week, the children sang, played handbells, and learned some hymns. We finished the week with a performance for our families and sang one selection as a musical offering the following Sunday.

We have so much talent in our congregation. Ola Oladipupo has generously shared his music at the organ many times throughout the year. Jan DeBoissiere, JB Hanson, Shannon Pruitt, and Patrick Frith lead us with guitars and vocals for several services over the last year. Our Palm Sunday service started out with a lively procession led by Jim Schempp on bagpipes and Patrick Frith leading the



singing. Jane Adams played some lovely Native American flutes with the choir on Pentecost. Our liturgical dance group, Lumen Christi, collaborated with the choir for a very moving Survivors Sunday service.

Music is such an important part of the life of the church, and we look forward to more participation from members of the congregation in our ensembles or sharing instrumental music. In November, there will be a *Larissa and Friends* recital, something that will hopefully become an annual event. Our beautiful sanctuary is a wonderful space to share music, and as we open up our doors to music teachers and other local groups for their concerts, we hope to invite them back to share their music with us during our services.



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Director of Music

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Larissa
or any Christ Church
Choir Member**





The purpose of the Lay Pastoral Care Commission is to reach out and provide support to Christ Episcopal Church parishioners in their time of need. It encompasses a variety of ministries that together give evidence that our Church community takes care of its members like family. Lay volunteers give of their time and themselves to address both physical and spiritual needs.

The foundation of the LPC Commission is our Prayer Group. Volunteers in this ministry commit to praying faithfully on their own for those struggling with illness, injury, or the death of a loved one. Parishioners can request prayer for themselves or for family members or friends. The coordinated effort provides powerful spiritual support.

To go along with prayer, we have a ***Cards*** ministry handled by a single volunteer who makes her own cards for any occasion and mails them to parishioners on behalf of the Christ Church community.

To address a very practical need, our ***InReach*** ministry volunteers prepare and deliver meals to people who could use a break from cooking for reasons that include illness, injury, coping with a death or even caring for a newborn child.

For our ***Keep In Touch*** ministry, volunteers use telephone calls to connect with parishioners who are temporarily (or for the long term) unable to participate in worship services or activities at church. These personal contacts let people know that they continue to be a part of our community.

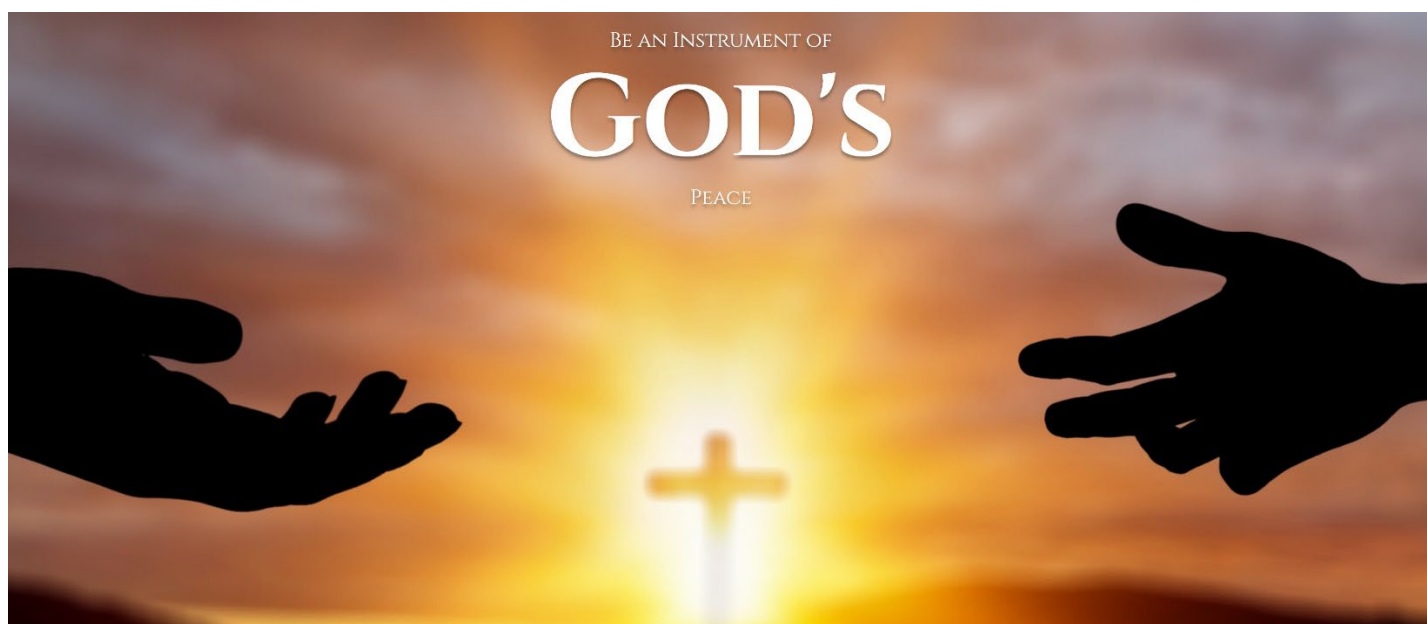
Baptism Preparation is another LPC Commission ministry. Lay volunteers work with the clergy to help parishioners who desire baptism (for themselves or for their children) prepare for this sacrament of initiation into the Church community.

Lay Eucharistic Visiting is a ministry offered for parishioners who are physically unable to attend church. Trained volunteers are commissioned during Sunday Eucharist to take communion to parishioners in their homes. Those who request this service are generally visited once a month.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

The SLC's theme for the 2022-2023 ministry year was **"Be an Instrument of God's Peace"** from the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. We truly appreciated the response of Christ Church over the last year, with the enthusiastic support and participation in our programs, retreats, and publications. This is the 19th anniversary of the Spiritual Life Commission, which was launched in October of 2003, and below is a synopsis of our most recent year of activities. We are so grateful for the support given by our Christ Church, and this opportunity to serve.



Prayers of the People - Spiritual Life continues to coordinate the weekly Prayers of the People offered during our Sunday worship service and for the celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Prayers of the People are composed by a group of dedicated individuals in our congregation, who share their joy in liturgy and worship on over 40 occasions each year. This has been an ongoing ministry since 2006. New writers are really needed, welcome, encouraged and are provided guidance.

Family Weekend Parish Retreat - This 3-day retreat usually occurs in early October sponsored by the Spiritual Life Commission and since 2008 was held at the DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth, Delaware under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. The most recent retreat was held from September 29th to October 2nd and was led by the Reverend Marcia Davenport on the theme of 'Be an Instrument of God's Peace' with 17 attendees.

Advent Quiet Day - This in-person retreat was held on December 3rd and was a morning of peace, openness, and deep joy. There were periods of meditation, poetry reading and composition. It was led by the Reverend Barbara Seras, a past Assistant Rector for Christ Church and presently serving as Priest-In-Charge of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mannheim, Pennsylvania.



Lenten Meditation Book - This has been an ongoing tradition since 2005. In 2022 for our theme **“Be an Instrument of God’s Peace”** we had a 71-page book with 67 meditations from 33 members of the congregation. We printed 100 copies of our booklet for our Parish to have copies of. For the past 12 years, we have posted our meditations daily on the Christ Church website and social media, reaching tens of thousands of individuals worldwide.

Lenten Reflection Day was held on February 25th, on the theme of serving as ambassadors of God’s peace, This gathering was held in Old Brick and led by our Christ Church Seminarian and Priest Postulant, Michael Looney. We heard people’s stories, and incredibly insightful meditations. We also shared our individual life experiences amongst our group of 15 participants.

Lenten Supper Series : 5 Wednesdays in Lent -

Spiritual Life organized a series of five in-person weekly lectures from: Bishop Robert Ihloff, Arch-Deacon Jane O’Leary, St John’s in Harve De Grace, Reverend Kristin Krantz, Rector of St John’s, Mt Airy, Reverend Monique Ellison, Church of the Messiah and St. Matthias, Baltimore and our own Rector, Reverend Emmanuel Mercer.



The Spiritual Life Commission 2022-2023 Theme - SLC met online on July 14th, searching for an encouraging theme for the new ministry year of 2022-2023. We entertained numerous Scriptural passages, from the Old and New Testaments with the themes of: Renewal, Strength, Joy, God’s love and goodness, God’s light, Spiritual Journey, Freeing your Soul, and Closeness to God. We felt that it was best to work toward peace in ourselves, our communities, our nation, and the world. That is why we selected the leading idea in the Prayer of St Francis - **Be an Instrument of God’s Peace**. We thank our Lord for His continued guidance in our ministry and for the vital support of our parish in our work to enrich our meditation and worship.

Christ Church Book Club

The Spiritual Life Commission sponsored a Book Club and during the past year have read: *Invisible Child* by Andrea Elliott, *How Then Shall We Live* by Wayne Muller, *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby, *The Choice* by Dr. Eva Edith Eger and *Faith - A Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter. The book discussion groups are held on Friday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm via Zoom and are open to all. The interest and response has been excellent and future book discussions throughout the year are planned.

Ellen Hoke

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FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE PARISH

We closed out 2022 with all our bills paid. This achievement was the result of our parish members' continued provision of financial support and many in our church, working to carefully manage our spending.

Recognizing the growth in our youth programs, our 2023 budget included additional staffing and funding to support those ministries. That budget also saw significant additional investment in our Parish Life, Outreach and Buildings and Grounds programs. There is more work to be done.

The Budget Committee started working on the 2024 budget in September, in conjunction with the Stewardship Committee's development of the Stewardship Campaign, now underway. We expect to have a balanced budget completed and approved by the Vestry by the end of the year.

Drew Eaton

Treasurer

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SEMINARIAN REPORT

Since September of 2022, I've been involved at CEC as a Seminarian Associate, while pursuing my Masters in Divinity degree at The General Theological Seminary, NYC. Since joining CEC, I've been involved in the following ministries, in addition to supporting worship services:

Youth Group: Supported the Director in curriculum development, weekly meetings, service activities and social events. Youth Group started the year with its bi-annual outing to Hershey Park. We met regularly throughout the year and developed a curriculum centered on faith in action, by connecting readings from Scriptures to relevant life events. Monthly social activities included laser tag, mini golf, movies, seeing a youth in a school play, bowling, and our annual overnight 'lock-in'



Theology on Tap: Commenced monthly evening meetings at a local restaurant/brewery where we engage in lively conversation about theological, familial, and social topics for discussion that participants bring to the community gathering. Join us the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month.

Vantage Point Ministries: In July, we began leading a weekly Protestant Worship Service at Vantage Point in Columbia from 2 - 2:30 p.m. for the VP residents. The worship service is primarily supported by CEC including Father Manny, Deacon Denise, and Mother Marcia in the preaching rotation; Sam and Deepti Jackson, Larissa Sanders, Judith Daffer and Jan DeBoissiere provide music. We have been averaging about twenty attendees in this budding, amazing, vibrant community. CEC parishioners are always welcome (come a little early your first time to sign-in). Our goal is to have other local denominations lead worship twice per month and are actively pursuing this outreach.

Blessings,

Mike

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OUTREACH COMMISSION REPORT

YOUR CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH DOLLARS AT WORK

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Prayerfully distributing \$20,000 from the CEC parish budget, plus by year-end 2023 approximately \$13,250 in likely contributions by parishioners (\$7,350 derived from six major donations).

As of Sept. 22, Outreach has distributed \$15,750 of the \$20,000 parish budget, has allocated (but not yet sent) to specific organizations a further \$3,850, and will determine distribution of the final \$400 as year-end needs arise. As with every year, the entire parish budget for Outreach will be distributed by Dec. 31. Of the \$12,758 in parishioners' contributions by Sept. 22, \$10,783 has been distributed, with all contributions anticipated to be distributed by year-end 2023.



WANT TO HELP? NEED HELP? EMAIL OUTREACH@CHRISTCHURCHCOLUMBIA.ORG

Continuing Outreach's intentional giving locally, nationally, and internationally, we report sending funds to 20 different organizations located from as close as a mile away to as far as the other side of the world.

Here are the local, national and international causes to which your dollars —and volunteer hours —are going in God's name:

- Local housing, utility and eviction needs (Bridges to Housing Stability, Community Action Council of Howard County, Salvation Army).
- Food and other essentials for our homeless and impoverished neighbors (Grassroots, Columbia Community Care, FISH, RISE, SAFE, and CAC's Howard County Food Bank). The Food Bank is our partner in Christ Church's annual Thanksgiving drive.
- Medical supplies for homeless people locally and medical and dental care for residents of a remote area of the Dominican Republic (Grassroots' DRC at the Dorsey Center, Somos Amigos Medical Missions). We provided life-changing hearing aids for a long-term Somos Amigos patient, as parishioners donated to help 23-year-old Emilio.
- Disaster relief in the aftermath of tornadoes in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and the U.S. midwest; wildfires in Maui; earthquakes in Turkey, Syria and Morocco, and war in Sudan (Episcopal Relief and Development, Hawaii Community Foundation, Salvation Army, and UNICEF).
- Rebuilding homes through DreamBuilders. Sales of goods to support KY and PR trips.
- Support for incarcerated and returning citizens: Aid to women recently leaving prison (Baltimore Area Aftercare Program); materials to address spiritual needs of men and women at Howard County Detention Center (Christian Jail Ministry).
- Help for refugees newly arrived in Howard County.

- Supporting the disabled: Housing and physical/occupational therapy for disabled children and young adults (CCD/Thailand and Philip's House in Uganda); Enable one adult to attend Special Challenge Camp at the Claggett Center (Episcopal Diocese of Maryland).
- Supporting youth:
 - Summer camp at Claggett for Mid-Atlantic youth whose families are harmed by the opioid crisis.
 - Support for West Baltimore families whose children attend after-school and summer programs (St. Luke's Youth Center).
 - Angel Tree Christmas gifts for Howard County pre-teens (Salvation Army).
 - Early childhood education and wraparound parental services (CAC).
 - Promoting literacy, digital knowledge, improved infrastructure, and academic progress through Friends of Sabina (FOS). At Sabina Primary School, we pay the librarian's salary and a portion of internet fees and newspaper subscriptions, enabling the library to function as a community resource center in Uganda's remote Kyotera District. We also facilitate parishioners' support of its WASH sanitation effort and direct ties between Christ Church households and individual students whose families lack financial means for school fees. The number of matched students grew from nine to 12 as sponsoring parishioners pay their tuition and communicate through an app or by exchanging letters.

We encourage volunteering, offering multiple hands-on options in the weekly Outreach blog, including these in 2023:

- Monthly meals for up to 130 homeless neighbors at Grassroots' DRC at the Dorsey Center and Grassroots' Live-In Facility. We buy the highly-anticipated fried chicken, and prepare side dishes and desserts in our own kitchens, supplemented by bags of fruits and packaged treats for the pantry. At the DRC, a crew of four to six volunteers serve the food we provide and clean up afterwards. For the Live-In Facility's meal, parishioners who prefer limited personal contact drop off prepared or purchased menu items that are served by the facility's staff. By providing meals for both locations on the same day, Christ Church makes the most of our resources—including your time and talent.
- Representatives of Friends of Sabina (FOS), including students, reported on progress and interacted with parishioners during a well-attended, inspirational Zoom gathering in July. In response, three more students gained sponsors and \$2,800 was given to help FOS.
- Parishioners traveled again to the Dominican Republic to volunteer with Somos Amigos Medical Missions.
- A multi-generational group of more than a dozen parishioners held a food drive to benefit the Howard County Food Bank and SAFE on April 22 in Clarksville, collecting 1,268 pounds of non-perishables. We followed up on Oct. 7 at the Elkridge Giant Supermarket—our second food drive since a pandemic hiatus.

All provided with love, respect, and prayers.

Patricia Fanning

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LAKE ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (LEMS)

Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS) is an under-resourced school less than two miles from Christ Church. Over the years, many parishioners have been involved with the students and families of LEMS through a variety of activities. This year we were able to contribute almost \$8,000 toward required school supplies for 125 students. In this economy, many families simply do not have enough money for food and clothing, much less funds for school supplies for each child.

On August 16 we met to put notebooks, pens, pencils, scissors, earbuds, folders and all the other items on the required list in bags for 50 students. We packaged the remaining materials for 75 students in boxes so the teachers can access them as needed throughout the school year. On August 21, Christ Church parishioners loaded the supplies into their vehicles. We caravanned over to LEMS and, with the help of school staff, delivered the requested items well before the student orientation day.

Brian Wallace, who is in his second year as principal of LEMS, greeted the Christ Church crew and expressed deep appreciation for the significant contribution. Principal Wallace is anxious to have our members involved in other ways with the students. This year we attended the students' impressive musical, poetic and artistic offerings for Black History Month. We are hoping that there will be other ways to interact with students and families on a more regular basis during this school year.

Mary Vail and Cathy Whittaker

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INTERFAITH REFUGEE MINISTRY REPORT



26 MONTHS AFTER THE TALIBAN TOOK OVER AFGHANISTAN and 22 MONTHS INTO HELPING “OUR” AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

“Every time I want to talk with you guys, I remember your kindness, blessings and helpings”

While these words come from a late August email from the eldest son in our Afghan refugee family, each family member has expressed similar gratitude, over and over again, throughout the nearly 22 months they’ve been helped by Christ Church and our three partner congregations. Each member of this family—those here and those still in hiding in Afghanistan—is so deeply, unbelievably grateful for all that our interfaith ministry group of Christians, Jews, and Quakers do for them.

There’s much good to report about the family’s progress in 2023:

- Coming in just under the wire, our family’s “re-parole” applications were approved by U.S. immigration authorities, meaning the temporary legal approval for each family member to be in the United States and to work in the United States has been extended for another two years.
- All four family members are working, full-time or nearly full-time, in jobs as varied as home health aide, social services case worker, retail supervisor, grocery store employee. In his job with Lutheran Social Services (LSS), one son works specifically with newly arriving immigrants, now helping these new arrivals as his family was helped by LSS when they arrived!
- Three family members are currently enrolled in classes at Howard Community College: English as a second language for the mom, English proficiency for the recent high school graduate (a pre-requisite for enrollment in credit classes), medical assistant training and an internship for the oldest son (who was in medical school in Afghanistan).
- Steady progress continues toward financial self-sufficiency. The family is solely responsible for all utilities (including wifi and cell phones), car-related expenses, food expenses (they no longer receive food stamps), household and personal expenses. The family pays a steadily increasing share of the monthly rent for their modest townhouse (the rest is paid from donations to the Refugee Ministry). Transportation for the mom to her job is provided by volunteer drivers, taxis and Uber (the cabs and Uber are paid with funds from a generous contribution for this purpose). Community college tuition and textbook expenses not covered by HCC scholarships and/or financial aid are paid from a generous grant from St. John’s Episcopal Church.
- We are grateful to the family’s landlord, who has contributed to the ministry by not raising the rent for 2023 and by increasing it by only a small percentage for 2024. By 2025, the family will be solely responsible for their rent.

Of continuing concern to the family, and so to us:

- Being able to permanently live and work in the United States. Unfortunately, and of great concern, their long-term immigration status continues to be uncertain, despite submission nearly a year ago of all possible applications for permanent residence, and despite our government’s promise to the mom of SIV status because of her work for the U.S. military in Afghanistan.

- Their husband/father and son/brother left behind in Afghanistan. The fate of these family members, separated during the turmoil of the August 2021 evacuation from the family members who got out, remains extremely uncertain. They remain in hiding from the Taliban, unable to work, with very limited finances, increasingly desperate. Despite our having filed all currently possible applications to bring them to the U.S., all of these applications remain pending (as do those of thousands of other Afghan evacuees).

Financial status:

- Refugee Ministry funds pay for
 - a portion of the family's rent (a decreasing percentage, but still well more than half)
 - community college tuition, books, and fees not covered by scholarships or financial aid
 - work-related transportation for the mom when volunteers are not available
- Expenses paid from Ministry funds for 2023 are anticipated to be just over \$21,000 (representing \$16,239 actual through Sept 15 with \$4776 additional projected through Dec 31)
- Sources of funds for these expenses in 2023: \$5,000 from the Christ Church parish budget, a 2022 grant from St. John's Episcopal Church for tuition needs, proceeds from the Ministry's table at the Christ Church flea market, and donations from people like you (including a generous gift for the mom's work-related transportation costs)

The Refugee Ministry as a source of information for other families:

- In September, help from the Ministry was requested for a recently arrived Afghan refugee family of three (six additional family members are not yet in the U.S.). Sole support for this family (other than \$400/month in food stamps) is currently being provided by one Columbia family. Work authorizations have not yet been approved for the father and the 18 year old.
- While the Refugee Ministry is unable to provide financial assistance, we are providing help with enrolling the younger teenager in Oakland Mills High School and the older teenager in HCC, limited transportation, all the guidance and ideas and learning we've accumulated over the past 22 months. And "our" family's son who works for Lutheran Social Services is helping this new family with ideas and advice from his work and his own family's refugee experience!

How you can help the Refugee Ministry:

- Donate. No amount is too small (nor too large!) via Realm (<https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/refugeeministry>) or by check payable to Christ Church and marked *Refugee Ministry*.
- Volunteer to drive the mom in our family to or from her job on Hickory Ridge Road near the community college and her home in Dorsey Hall. To learn more, or to volunteer, please contact Pat DeLorenzo at patrice.delorenzo@gmail.com.
- Become active in the Ministry. Contact Ann Barnes at annbarnes001@comcast.net to talk it over.
- Email your U.S. Representative and our U.S. Senators from Maryland in support of the Afghan Adjustment Act (which would help our family, and all our Afghan allies, in multiple, critically important ways). A couple of sentences is all that's needed.
- Pray. For our family and for refugees everywhere.

On behalf of the Refugee Ministry and our Afghan family, we thank you for your interest and your support.

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WOCC: WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH

The WOCC provides opportunities to serve God, our parish, community, and one another. All women who attend Christ Church, ages 18 and older, are members and encouraged to participate in our activities. Information about meetings, events and activities is advertised through the Sunday leaflet, *Christ Church Gatherings*, emails, and the Christ Church website.

WOCC holds its monthly hybrid meetings both in person and online via zoom. They are usually held the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. Twice per year, our monthly meeting is held in the evening at a local restaurant, and the December meeting is the Christmas Luncheon, held at 1:00 pm at a local restaurant. Traditionally, we don't hold meetings in July and August.

WOCC's largest fundraiser is the annual Flea Market and Craft Fair held on the church grounds on a Saturday in mid-September. This popular event funds most of the WOCC projects, which are all in support of Christ Church and the community. WOCC also receives funds given as memorials.

We send birthday cards to all women of Christ Church, either through emails or via post.

We support Springfield Hospital by supplying clothing, body wash, books and snacks, as requested throughout the year. We gather presents for the residents at the Christmas Luncheon to help brighten their holidays. We look forward to the day when we can visit in person again, and maybe play some bingo!

We support the Seafarers Mission with calendars, notes, magazines, hats, gloves, scarves, and through visits to their center. Several members also supported their boat tour fundraising event.

We set a busy calendar in our January meeting, and this year the activities included:

- Wear Red for Heart Health campaign in February
- We furnished the first Lenten Wednesday supper in March
- Women's History Month tour of the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center in March
- Guided Labyrinth Walks at St. John's in March and April
- Robinson Nature Center lunch and walks in April
- A Greeting Card making session led by Emily Aubin in April
- The May Tea at Sweet Simplicity in May
- Hats On for Mother's Day event on Mother's Day in May
- Sponsored Dance for Survivor's Sunday by Lumen Christi in June
- Evening Meeting at Maggiano's in June
- Toby's Dinner Theater outing in August
- The Flea Market & Craft Fair in September
- Evening Meeting at The Corner Stable in October
- Robinson Nature Center lunch and walk in October
- Christmas Luncheon in December

We are always looking for ways to attract more ladies to our activities, and welcome all suggestions.

Many thanks to Father Manny, Aisha White, Chris Pouch, and all the Flea Market volunteers for your support!

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YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Greetings in the name of Christ.

The past 100 days have been full of excitement and activity for Youth and Family Ministries at Christ Church! I came on board as Director of Youth & Family Ministries on July 1st, met with clergy & staff, connected with youth and families, had many Zoom meetings with volunteers, served as altar assistant in services, preached my first sermon for this community, prepared the youth rooms by painting them and getting new furniture and rugs, selected the curriculum for this program year—The Episcopal Curriculum for Youth, got the children and youth registration forms prepared and sent out; have been sending out weekly newsletters via Constant Contact and participating in parish events such as First Wednesday Fellowship, the Cookout at the Rectory, the Ministry Fair, the Flea Market, the Community Health & Wellness Fair, and Blessing of the Animals. We are planning our service and outreach event for next summer: DreamBuilders came and did a presentation and we supported the annual fundraiser spaghetti dinner held at Temple Isaiah.



Youth Group had the first gathering at the end of September. We had Game Night in Old Brick with 7 youth and 9 adults. There were lots of board games and card games and nice prizes—the flashlights were a hit with the younger youth!

I ask that you please continue to volunteer and pray for the youth at Christ Church.

Blessings onto you and yours,
Chaplain Kiona Lookingbill, M.Div., BCC
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The Sunday school program has:

2 classes
6 teachers
3 assistants
and 20 students.

Classes are held almost every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and our program year runs from September through May. There is a Primary class (Pre-K to 2nd grade) and an Intermediate class (3rd to 5th grade). The *Episcopal Curriculum*, a three-year program cycle, is used, and information about the lessons can be found on their website at vts.edu/resource/episcopal-curriculum-for-youth. This curriculum is divided into 4 units: Old Testament, New Testament, Baptism/Eucharist/Worship, and The Episcopal Church. The Shell year was taught in 2022/23 and the Chalice year is currently being used for the 2023/24 program year.

We are always looking for more adults to assist us, either weekly or on an occasional basis. If you can help, please come speak with me any Sunday, or email me at the address below.

Jennifer Atkins

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NURSERY REPORT

The Christ Church Nursery is now active every Sunday morning, with a few children ranging from <1 to 3 years old attending weekly.

We do have some needs that require assistance. For example, many of our current toys are getting very worn or are broken, and we have no toys for older children. If you are interested in helping us replenish our toys so that we can provide a safe and fun environment for every child, you can do so via Realm. Simply visit tinyurl.com/CEC-nursery and select "Nursery Fund" from the FUND dropdown menu. We truly appreciate every gift.

We also could use some human backup – if anyone 18 or older would like to volunteer to spend an occasional Sunday morning with us in the Nursery, that would be great! We need to have at least 2 adults present at all times, so the more we have, the better.

Please reach out to us on a Sunday morning, or email us if you have any questions or wish to assist us.

Thanks,

Amanda and Nytia

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was fun and engaging this year with a new class and theme. Along with the usual activities, we introduced a dance program that everyone enjoyed and so we plan to continue that. We are so blessed to have great volunteers who give their all that entire week, and we thank them tremendously – could not do this without each of you! See you all again next year!



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMISSION

*As we do work for God's house, we don't dwell on what we cannot get done.
We celebrate what we do get done.*

Our Commission assists the Vestry and Father Manny with any work that needs to be done in the Rectory, New Brick, Old Brick, Parish Hall and all grounds. We coordinate volunteers or contractors to do the work and set long range goals.

We currently meet monthly via zoom on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm to help organize our work. We are a small but mighty group of volunteers.

One important goal for us is to recruit new chairpersons to lead this Commission – George and I will remain active working on projects but we need two leaders to take over the work of planning and organizing this important work.

We continue to work toward a new HVAC system in Old Brick and have applied for a grant to help pay for that and other work in Old Brick. We await the decision about that grant in December. If the grant does not come through, we have enough funds in reserves to cover the cost of a new HVAC system but only part of the other work we hope to get done. We have solicited bids for HVAC project and hope to have the new system installed by February.

The work of our volunteers often happens quietly, without fanfare. Many come on their own time and weed a flower bed, fertilize the grounds, pick up sticks and carry them to Alpha Ridge, repair a door that sticks, clean the kitchen, the nursery or a closet, clean wax off of the sanctuary floor, etc. Others come for a workday when we work as a group and make friends in the process. Father Manny often expresses his appreciation for the work done by Buildings and Grounds volunteers – George and I certainly feel the same.

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Jan DeBoissiere and George Toth

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HEALTH MINISTRY REPORT

Christ Episcopal Church's Health Ministry was created to serve God by promoting and supporting the holistic (whole human body) wellbeing of our church members and the broader community.

This year, the CEC Health Ministry was able to have its first ever Community Health & Wellness Fair! The fair provided an opportunity for sharing information about ways that health can be enriched through natural remedies, treatment, and therapies.

Examples of shared information came from many sources! Some include:

yoga instructor,
massage expert,
hypnotherapist,
CPR training including AED,
blood pressure screening,
chiropractor,
pharmacists to help discuss the proper use of
medications,
a licensed professional on reducing the stigma
of mental illness,
and prayerful and meditative walking.

We also had other resources such as nutritionist counseling benefits, benefits of home health care, natural stem cell therapy, bariatric surgical intervention as presented by St. Agnes Hospital, Alzheimer's awareness and resources as shared by the experiences of our very own Barbara Scott-Johnson, life and health coaching to survivors of stroke and brain injury, and fitness experts for health, specifically cycling health and fellowship benefits (including a bicycle display/presentation by TREK, our neighborhood bike shop). Thank you to all of the people who helped make the inaugural CEC Community Health & Wellness Fair such a wonderful success, and special kudos and thanks to J.B. Hanson and Bete Dagne, as well as Shahra and George Toth, for their dedication and support toward making the event possible.

This year our Health Ministry was also able to continue a weekly bicycle ride in our local community during the summer, and continues to this day. This weekly ride continues to be available (weather permitting) on Friday evenings at 5 p.m., and is now only on bicycle paths so there's no fear for those who are road-shy, or parents who want to bring their children. Now cyclists of any age and ability can participate! Special Thanks to Kevin Osborne for his great co-leadership with fellowship, fun, and safe rides. Please join us on Fridays for this continued healthy enjoyment of riding in and around the neighborhood of our beloved Christ Church community! If you're interested, email us at cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org





The CEC Health Ministry is looking to expand membership and initiatives for the upcoming year. We hope to see and hear about your valuable thoughts and ideas for moving forward. Currently, we are considering the return of prior Health Ministry activities such as walks around Lake Elkhorn, partnering with other local religious groups as well as other local health facilities such as Johns Hopkins University-Howard County, and activities such as routine blood pressure screenings that were made possible through the position of Parish Nurse previously held by Cynthia Willis, RN.

Those who join us will find that the CEC Health Ministry is a Christian way to engage in fellowship and fun while providing much needed resources for healthy living!

Many Blessings,

Bunmi Daramaja, RPh. and Diane Phillips LaGuerre, RN

CEC Health Ministry

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JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH ALTAR GUILD

WE ARE A COHESIVE GROUP, WELCOMING OF ALL PERSONS INTO OUR MINISTRY. WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON DOING THE SAME PROCESSES IN THE SAME MANNER, WEEK AFTER WEEK, AND RELY ON ONE ANOTHER TO CARRY OUT OUR ASSIGNED TASKS CONSCIENTIOUSLY.

WE PERFORM OUR TASKS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, SHARING COMMITMENT EQUALLY WITH ONE ANOTHER. OUR FOCUS IS ON JESUS CHRIST AS THE BREAD OF LIFE. WE TAKE DEEP PLEASURE IN THE FACT THAT WE EACH PLAY A ROLE IN THE PREPARATION OF BREAD AND WINE WHICH HE CHOSE AS THE MEANS BY WHICH HE BECOMES PRESENT IN US AND NOURISHES US SPIRITUALLY.

TASKS INCLUDE SETTING UP THE ALTAR AND MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR WORSHIP. OUR MINISTRY ALSO INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL WORSHIP OCCASIONS (WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, FUNERALS). WE HAVE OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WHERE PARISH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN JOYFUL PREPARATIONS AT EASTER AND CHRISTMAS.

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

EMAIL INFO@CHRISTCHURCHCOLUMBIA.ORG IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

THANK YOU!

CHURCH OFFICE REPORT

The church office supports the clergy, volunteers, staff, parishioners, and all groups who meet at Christ Episcopal Church. The office also plays a part in coordinating all events that take place at the church.

It has been another very busy year. I would like to thank the many wonderful volunteers who graciously gave their time and support throughout the year—I couldn't have done it all without all of you. Thank you.

Now that things are returning to a normal pace the need for office volunteers has increased. Please look for information about how you can volunteer for the church office in the upcoming weeks. The main responsibilities will be light clerical work, answering the door, and answering the phone.

We will soon begin to transfer files to digital form. There are almost 300 years' worth of records so that is a big task! Don't worry though, you can still volunteer in the office even if you are not tech-savvy at all.

I am so happy to be a part of such a wonderful church.

Aisha White

Parish Administrator

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

We are very thankful to Father Manny for continuing to prioritize the importance of communications both within and beyond Christ Church. We are returning to “normal” these days and doing so by providing clear, thorough, and consistent accessibility to the spiritual, outreach, and social gatherings of the parish.

Digital technology continues to become more integral to our parish life every year, more and more becoming the essential means of providing communication and engagement for us all. Our Christ Episcopal Church website connects to our congregation and reaches far beyond into our community, our region, and across our world. We had over 100,000 visitors to our site in the last year and hope to find ways to continually bring everyone closer. You can easily find links to all of our social media outlets at the top of every page on www.ChristChurchColumbia.org and can sign up to our weekly communications on our website, as well. And now, the Narthex TV provides graphics for events that are coming up. So, if you have an announcement that you wish to share with everyone, or need a graphic or banner made for an upcoming Christ Church event, email details to announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org so that we can help spread the word.

As all of you know, we stream our Sunday 10:30 worship and weekday prayer services online. Recently, we had our 1,000th livestream. These streams would not be possible without the many members of our CEC family providing their time to assist in setting up the livestream equipment on-site and leading morning or evening prayer worship services. Our viewership has reached well outside of our own community, extending to countries around the globe. We welcome all newcomers everywhere to worship with us six days each week and we pray that they, too, will continue to make Christ Church a part of their lives no matter where they reside. In addition to livestreams, many of us congregate and communicate regularly using online meeting apps. Another great number of Christ Church volunteers are initiating and hosting these online gatherings, and we thank you all! Whether it's Book Club, Outreach, WOCC, Education for Ministry, Sunday Circle, Centering Prayer, or any other hybrid gathering, we hope that you all have been able to find a way to connect to one another and gain some comfort from the knowledge that we can still be a

vibrant and engaging parish family regardless of where we are located. A huge and heartfelt “thank you” to all who have played a part in making these online streams and meetings as wonderful and vital as they are. It, literally, could not be done without you.

Our digital equipment has really served us very well for these last few years - we have cobbled things together through the pandemic and continue to do so, but at some time in the not-too-distant future, pieces will surely begin to fail and we’ll need to replace them with newer and better equipment. A recent example of this is our wi-fi network in New Brick; soon, we’ll have a more robust system that extends signal to the Narthex and Great Hall. All of this comes at a cost, of course, so if anyone is called to contribute towards our Communications budget (hint: we don’t really have one, currently) so that we can continue to provide the best possible service and features to our church family, please email communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. We also need people who can help while on campus from time to time, so ask me for more info on that, as well. Thank you!

The Realm database system is going to become an ever-greater part of our communications workflow at Christ Church, allowing for easier communication between parishioners and ministry groups, as well as more efficient management and review of your pledges. If you haven’t yet set up a Realm profile, you can see Aisha today at church and she’ll help get you started. You can also let us know by emailing us and we’ll send you a secure link. Our hope is that all of you set up a Realm profile and download the Realm app on your phone (iOS and Android are available), and we’ll begin establishing ministry groups, calendars, and other features throughout the year, making this a key means of communicating within the parish. Our staff will be trained on the more detailed elements of Realm by developer-certified instructors, so that we can best bring these features of Realm to you. More features are being created and released constantly, and we are excited to bring them to you. If you have any questions about Realm, need to register yourself or your family, or would like to learn more about how to use it, please [email us](#) and we will provide you with links and ideas on how to make your Realm experience more comfortable and productive for you.

The Communication Commission works with every member of Christ Church to determine the best way to communicate and share information. By working together, we adapt materials for those programs for the different online outlets with the goal of reaching more people. We’re always planning new ways to communicate with our current parish family while considerably sharing our wonderful and vibrant Christ Church life with more and more newcomers. Realizing that there is always more that we can do to communicate more effectively through email, website, livestreams, Realm, social media, and hybrid meetings, we hope that you’ll contribute any way you can in order to take Christ Church communications into the future so that we will be able to spiritually feed both our Christ Church community and our many visitors. If you have input or ideas you’d like to share, please email communications@christchurchcolumbia.org with your thoughts. Thank you.

Christopher Pouch

Communications Administrator

communications@christchurchcolumbia.org



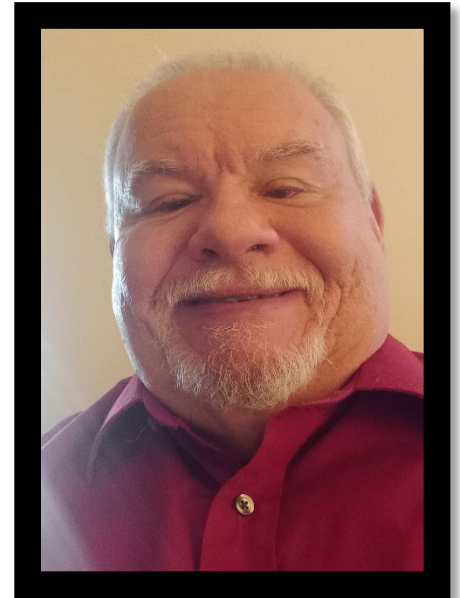
VESTRY CANDIDATES FOR 2023

in alphabetical order

RON BARAN

My name is Ronald Baran and I am a candidate for Vestry. I was born and educated in Chicago, Illinois. My education includes a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in pharmacy. As a pharmacist for over 40 years, I have been a supervisor and director at various hospital pharmacies. I am presently retired from the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie, Maryland, and am married with four grown children. I have lived in Maryland since the late 1990s.

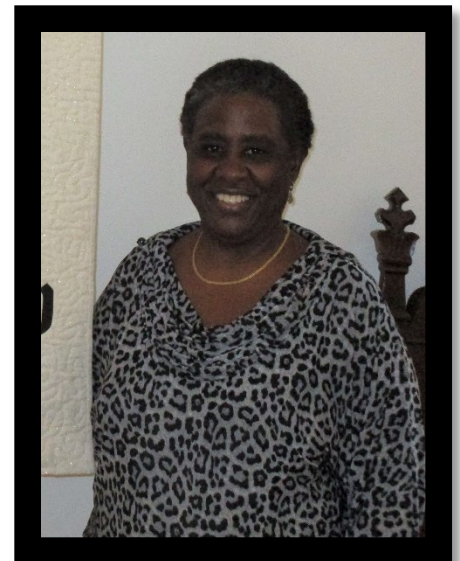
As a volunteer with the Maryland Medical Corps, I am involved with vaccination clinics sponsored by the Howard County Health Department. My hobbies include going to the gym, working in the yard, caring for my fishpond, and reading books about the Civil War. My interest in the Civil War is one of the reasons I moved to Maryland. I have been coming to Christ Church since the early 2000s and usually attend the 8 a.m. service, where I am a lector. I am really inspired by the diversity within the congregation. Hearing the gospel and the words of wisdom in the sermons gives me peace, allowing me to get in touch with my spirituality. As a vestry member I plan to serve the congregation of Christ Church with God's help, and along with other vestry members, clergy, and staff, leading the parish through all challenges, growing the congregation and keeping the parish viable and financially sound.



DIANE PHILLIPS LAGUERRE

Tell the congregation a little about yourself (career, travel, family, time at Christ Church, hometown, time in Columbia)

I currently work for the Maryland Department of Health and specifically the Behavioral Health Administration. I am a RN with lifetime experience working with those suffering with Behavioral Health disorders. I am employed full time but I am temporarily working only 3 days a week until I decide how I will manage ongoing employment. I love local travel and travel to the Caribbean and Central America. I am open to exploring other locations should the opportunity arise. I am currently an empty-nester though I remain closely connected with my 3 adult children. I am one of 5 remaining family members following the loss of 3 my siblings and my parents. I live in Columbia and have been attending services at Christ Episcopal Church of Columbia since the age 15.



What is it that you value most about Christ Church?

The flexibility and camaraderie among the parishioners, admin staff, and clergy of Christ Church. It is a place where the flexibility and openness has allowed me to continue learning more about Christianity and how to become a better Episcopalian and Christian. I love the multicultural environment and the variety of ways to worship while having the Episcopalian services remain consistent, predictable, and reliable.

What skills and experience could you bring to the leadership position on the Vestry?

I have served on the Vestry for 3 years and learned more about the larger scale impact that Christians play toward meeting the needs of those less fortunate. I am willing to do my part and share my thoughts about how we can continue to grow our parish. I am comfortable working with youth and young adults toward helping them recognize that their input and participation matters. I pray that the youth will recognize that through God and with those who worship God, all things are possible. I am also mindful of older adult parishioners and the value they contribute with providing their wealth of experiences. I also recognize and will continue to provide avenues of support for those who need additional support to remain participants in our community of faith.

Most of all, I am grateful to have been on the Vestry, and if given the opportunity to continue my work as a Vestry member, I will do so with respect and honor for the privilege to serve.

Blessings,
Diane Phillips LaGuerre

GREG SCHUCKMAN

Tell the congregation a little about yourself (career, travel, family, time at Christ Church, hometown, time in Columbia)

I was born in New Jersey and moved to Georgia when I was in high school, so some might say that I had the best of both worlds – Northern practicality and Southern hospitality. I earned my Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida and then a Master of Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. Not surprisingly, I became a federal lobbyist – first, for the nation’s engineering societies, and later on behalf of public universities.

As I was finishing my master’s degree at Penn on weekends while living and working in Alexandria, Virginia, I happened to meet my wife Pamela on an AMTRAK train out of Washington, DC headed northbound. That train ride was 30 years ago, and it was probably the best part of graduate school for me. Pam and I have been married for 28 years and we are blessed to have three children – Alexandra, Graham, and Mason – and one precocious granddaughter who just started first grade, Margaret.



While we moved to Howard County in 2011, it wasn’t until last year that I discovered Christ Church. Pam and the children are all Catholic, but I never felt comfortable going to Mass with them. My experience at Christ Church – and with Fr. Manny in particular – has renewed my joy of ‘going to church on Sunday’ and inspired me to learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian. I have never felt more at home – or at ease – with my faith than I do here at Christ Church.

What is it that you value most about Christ Church?

What I value most about Christ Church is its diversity and how it celebrates and draws strength from that diversity. The multiculturalism of our church family makes being part of Christ Church a wonderfully rich experience for me. There is such a welcoming spirit here, and from the first time that I sat in a pew and listened to Fr. Manny embrace his church family, it made me want to become a part of it...a part of us.

What skills and experience could you bring to the leadership position on the Vestry?

Throughout my career, I have served on 23 public and nonprofit boards and commissions, seven of which as its Chair/President. Everything from being appointed by four different governors across three states to serve on national and state education commissions to serving as the president of the Maryland Association of Social Services

Boards to my current role serving as Vice Chair of the Howard County Commission on Disabilities, they have all afforded me the opportunity to lead government or nonprofit boards and contribute to the public good. In those roles, I have done everything from strategic planning and budget development to conference planning and board governance, and that experience will help me be a more valuable member of the Vestry. The relationships that I have forged in Howard County and across Maryland may be useful to Christ Church as well, particularly as we plan for our 300th birthday celebration.

CHERRY WILLIAMS

Tell the congregation a little about yourself (career, travel, family, time at Christ Church, hometown, time in Columbia)

I was born in Orange Walk Town District, Belize, Central America and predominately raised in Los Angeles, California. My father was in the United States Army, and we were blessed to have traveled the world (my mum, sister, and brother). I grew up as a Catholic and was baptized in Belize as it is customary at three months old. My mum's family were Catholic and Episcopalians on my father's side of the family. I have been a practicing Episcopalian since my early twenties and very involved in the church (California, Colorado Springs, Virginia Beach, Maryland, just to name a few). Over the years I've participated in Bible Study and community church events with my children and family members.



I have an undergraduate degree in Applied Psychology from Coppin State University, Masters in Human Service Administration from the University of Baltimore, and Post-Graduate degree in Counseling from John's Hopkins University, and attending Morgan State University in their Community College Leadership Doctoral program. I've held positions as an Assistant Math Teacher, Program Coordinator, Supervisor, and Psychiatric Counselor. I've given back to my community by serving as the Chair for the Citizens Review Board for Children in Baltimore County Board #3 as the Chair reviewing cases of children in out-of-home placement. Currently, I work for Baltimore City Community College as an Office Specialist in Records and Registration.

I joined Christ Episcopal Church in Columbia, Maryland about 4 years ago and baptized a year ago. Christ Episcopal Church is the ideal spiritual home for me. The people in this church, in many ways, are my family. I have been modestly active in our Refugee ministry of Christ Church. This church is my foundation in several ways.

What is it that you value most about Christ Church?

I fell in love with the Lent booklet of prayers as that is how I came to Christ Episcopal Church seeking a new church home as my faith had been broken. I stand as a testimony that prayer book is a gift. I am watching firsthand how our theology, prayer, congregation demonstrate moral support in countless ways, and the love of Jesus Christ lights up something awesome in those who have never been exposed to love, Jesus or a church like ours.

What skills and experience could you bring to the leadership position on the Vestry?

As part of my past and present job skills job, I've been involved in leading development projects, spearheading meetings, being perceptive, being altruistic, and strong attention to details. I have a great deal of experience interacting with teams of people (both large and small) as we work towards common goals. One of my strengths is the analysis and interpretation of policies and procedures in such a way that a variety of audiences can understand it. Recognizing that everyone has a special talent, I believe that the best approaches often come from participation that is diverse. I have always been struck by the welcoming and accepting atmosphere at Christ Episcopal Church, by the diversity of the congregation, and by the dedication of our extraordinary clergy and staff. I believe Christ Episcopal Church must continue to provide a variety of opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, education, service, and fellowship which attract and serve the needs our community and citizens of all ages.



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