

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Day of Pentecost | Whitsunday

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 28, 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!

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
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Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

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Opening Song | We Are the Church

Donald S. Marsh; Richard K. Avery
 Children's Choir

Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day |

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people.
People: **Kindle in us the fire of your love.**
Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Acts 2:1-21 | verses 1-13 Read by Bunmi Daramaja in Yoruba
verses 14-21 Read by Dione Mahoney in Portuguese

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

Continued

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
'Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse. The response to the Psalm will be read in English.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Read by Jane Adams in Chinese – Response to be read in English

Benedic, anima mea



O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

**in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

Antiphon

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
**you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

Antiphon

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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.

1. Come, Ho - ly ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
 2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
 3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone, Know we the
 4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly

1. hearts— take up— thy rest;— Come with thy grace—
 2. gift— of God— most high;— Thou fount of life,—
 3. Fa - ther and— the Son;— Be this our firm—
 4. Spir - it with— them one;— And may the Son—

1. and heav'n - ly aid— To fill the hearts— which— thou hast
 2. and fire of love,— And sweet a - noint - ing— from a -
 3. un - chang - ing creed,— That thou dost from— them— both pro -
 4. on us be - stow— All gifts that from— the— Spir - it

1. made,— To fill the hearts— which— thou— hast made.
 2. bove,— And sweet a - noint - ing— from— a - bove.
 3. ceed,— That thou dost from— them— both— pro - ceed.
 4. flow,— All gifts that from— the— Spir - it flow.

The Gospel | John 20:19-23

Read by Robin Bradley, Czech
Read by Alex Amponsah, Twi (Ghanaian)
Read by Shahra Toth, Hungarian
Read by Mtr. Marcia, German
Read by Deacon Denise, English

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed |

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

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

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

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

The Prayers of the People |

Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit help us as you helped Peter and all the disciples to know you and to feel the energy and love of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

We pray with others in many languages this day and every day and know you hear us, Lord. We pray for visitors and new members among us and pray they feel the loving spirit of Christ Church. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Emmanuel, Baltimore; Grace & St. Peter's, Baltimore; and Guardian Angel, Baltimore. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene, and Robert; our elected Bishop Co-Adjutor, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; and all Christ Church clergy, staff, and postulants. We also hold up in prayer our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We ask for wisdom and compassion for all our government leaders. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember all those who have given their lives in service to their country. We also pray for the protection of those in the military and in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBossiere and Conner Warlow. **Lord, may we express our gratitude.**

We pray for all who have died and entered eternal life and for those you now name. We pray for all who are grieving and for all caregivers providing loving comfort. We pray for all those ill in body, mind, or spirit and ask that You help them find healing and peace. As we commemorate Mental Health Month in May, may you open our hearts and minds to the ways we can reduce stigma, raise awareness, and pastor those affected by mental illness. We pray especially for Tim, Cherrylynn, Fran, Doris, Jordan, Jason, Patricia, Linda, Elizabeth, Patricia, Emily, Kellene, Shirley, Louise, Danny, Cindy, Roberta, Francis, Fr. Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and for those you now name. Sometimes we feel you have hidden your face from us, and we are terrified. **Lord, do not let our hearts be troubled, do not let us be afraid.**

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the students and educators in our church family and everywhere, especially our Sunday school teachers and youth leaders, and ask that you watch over them in these summer months. We ask your blessings, especially for Mati, our youngest Afghan family member, on the joyful occasion of his high school graduation, and we give special thanks for the mentors and tutors who supported him in his educational journey, especially Paula, Pat, Leslie, Russ, and Susan. We ask you to watch over Lake Elkhorn Elementary and Middle School as they prepare for summer and for new educational adventures in the fall. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Aston, Havilynd, Olamma, Suzanne, Skip, Rebecca & Patricia, Sonni & Teddy Aribiah & Cathy & Denny Gold, Alex, Tolu, Preethi, Peter & Lorraine, and those you now name. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

Today, we celebrate the birth of the Church. Alleluia!

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 Anthem | The Lone, Wild Bird

“Prospect” from Southern Harmony, arr. Jessica Nelson

Adult Choir

Jane Adams, Native American flute

Please scan to give.



Presentation Hymn 400 (v. 7) |

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer C |

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***People:* By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***People:* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***People:* By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***All:* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S 171 | Be Known to Us

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Cantor: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Cantor: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Cantor: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

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

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Please 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.

The Blessing |

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

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

Fine

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

unison

1. Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills the

(?)

1. mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
2. bod - y but not the soul. There ain't but one train runs this

D.C.

1. fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
2. track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

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

Postlude | Three Chorale Variations on Veni, Creator Spiritus

Marcel Dupre

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Kayode Fatodu

Acolytes and Crucifer: Hannah Boyer, Shreya Chrzanowski, Deepti Jackson

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Gail Braatelein



PARISH CALENDAR
MAY 21 TO MAY 28

Sunday, May 28

10:00 – 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:00 am	Pentecost/Mtr. Marcia Potluck – New Brick, lower level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lumen Christi Practice
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Tuesday, May 30

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
1:30 – 4:00 pm	Lumen Christi Practice – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 7:30 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, June 3

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lumen Christi Practice – New Brick, upper level
12:00 – 3:00 pm	Viola Recital – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Flute Recital – New Brick, upper level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.

For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Pentecost Sunday at Christ Church

This Sunday, May 28th, Christ Church will only have one service, and it takes place at 10 a.m. It will be a celebratory and colorful procession - we invite parishioners to wear **red** (the liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost) and the children and choir will process around the church. The children are invited to come and lead us in singing "We are the Church," which Larissa has been rehearsing with them. We will also share the Gospel passage in many languages that make up this vibrant and varied congregation at Christ Church.

Following worship will be a communal potluck lunch, and we hope you'll all join us - sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CEC-PentecostPotluck>. This day is also Mother Marcia's final Sunday as Associate Priest at Christ Church. She is not leaving our parish family, so don't worry; she is just stepping back from the day-to-day staff responsibilities. We will be thanking her for her immeasurable service to Christ Church these last few years - as well as celebrating her birthday, also this weekend! - so be sure to join us. But **PLEASE** - Mother Marcia has requested to not bring any gifts... just a ton of food and fun!

Communion to You

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church is now offering *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to your home, or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you would like more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Youth and Adult Formation

The program season for both Youth and Adult Formation has concluded and will pick up again in late summer. Thank you to everyone who has participated - whether as an audience, teacher, assistant, or group leader - as none of this is possible without every one of you! We will need plenty of assistance during the fall season, so if you want to help out - whether every Sunday or just once in a while - please email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2023 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECAltarflowers>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Church Office Closed - Next Monday

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, and will reopen on the morning of Tuesday, May 30th.

WOCC Evening Meeting - June 5

On Monday, June 5th, join us for a special evening WOCC gathering/meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy at 6:30 p.m. The WOCC calendar is posted in the New Brick Narthex **and on our website**, and it contains all the fun events planned for this year. Speak to any WOCC member or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org.

First Wednesday Fellowship - June 7

First Wednesday Fellowship is approaching quickly! It will be on June 7th from 6 - 8 p.m. We will serve pizza and wings and play outdoor games such as cornhole and can jam. Bring your own outdoor games, as well! Stay tuned for a sign-up list in upcoming communications.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

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

Choral and Handbell Choirs - Thursday Evenings

Music is a rich and vital part of the liturgy at Christ Church, and now we have a new way for you to take part - our handbell choir! **We posted a wonderful video of the handbell choir in action here**, but why not take part yourself? We're always seeking more new members for both handbell and vocal choir - whether you have previous experience or not, there's a place for you. All ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary. If you're interested or have questions, please speak with Larissa at church or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church Book Club

Christ Church's Book Club has wrapped up its latest book and is now on hiatus for the summer. Then, as the fall weather cools down, it'll be a perfect time to curl up with a good book, so join us then. Interested? Email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We have begun gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but we're 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 would like more information, please speak with Father Manny or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Vacation Bible School - This Summer

Vacation Bible School takes place from June 26 - July 2, and gathers each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks and refreshments are served daily. After the 10:30 a.m. service on July 2nd, we'll have a wonderful celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants.

VBS is open to all children aged three (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade, and you can register your child(ren) at any time by completing our VBS registration form at tinyurl.com/CEC-VBS2023 The cost is \$30 per child or \$70 per family, and **you can process the payment on Realm**. Scholarships are available for those in need. Volunteers are also very much needed, so come and have fun with us! **Email us** if you're interested in registering your child, want to help with the program, or if you have any questions about the registration process.

Help Claggett Camps Offer Getaways to Youth, to Special-Needs Adults, and to Children From Families Coping with the Opioid Crisis

You can play an active role in making summer special for several groups of campers who will travel to scenic Adamstown, Md., home of the **Claggett Camp and Conference Center**.

The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland** describes Claggett as “a place where our community of love comes together to grow and learn in spiritual harmony with one another.” You can learn more about its history, going back to the Fifties, and its present-day purposes in **an article posted Aug. 3, 2022**, on the diocesan website.

If you desire a hands-on role in the fun and spiritual growth that occurs on the 268-acre site, with its view of Sugarloaf Mountain, you can:

- Spread the word to families in the region whose children may wish to sign up for a week. **Sessions are available** for youth who have completed second grade all the way up to those who recently graduated high school.
- Tell those whom you know have been affected by the opioid crisis. Starting in 2019, Claggett has offered **Camp Spirit Song**, described as a “safe space created for children to have fun while surrounded by caring, compassionate staff and peers who can relate to their experiences.” Claggett partners with the **SpiritWorks Foundation** to serve children in grades 4 through 8 who live in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.
- Consider volunteering, so that you can enjoy the bucolic setting while helping others at the same time.

Claggett is especially eager to recruit volunteers from churches in the diocese for **Special Challenge Camp**. Held in late July for a group of independent adults with developmental disabilities, the session is in such demand that it has a waitlist.

“It takes many hands for camp to run successfully, and we have volunteer roles available for both short-term help, such as assisting with setup for special events and supporting campers with daytime activities, and full-week volunteers, who stay at Claggett for the week to help campers with day-to-day life at camp,” says Programs Director, Rita Yoe.

Special Challenge volunteers arrive for pre-camp training and preparation on Saturday, July 22 (alternative make-up training is on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Campers arrive on Sunday, July 23, and are picked up on Thursday, July 27, by 2 p.m.; volunteer responsibilities end that day at 4 p.m. In between, activities include nature hikes, swimming, fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts, and daily chapel.

Please make a decision soon because, among other things, volunteers must complete a background check. It’s due one month in advance, or by June 23; Yoe says the typical process is rapid. To obtain a copy of Claggett’s volunteer information sheet, please email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

For several years, Christ Church has made it possible for two campers to experience Claggett who might not otherwise be able to afford it. At the Outreach Commission meeting on May 8, we approved a \$1,700 donation to Claggett toward expenses. The amount of \$700 covers the cost for one person at Special Challenge Camp, with the rest going to subsidize a child attending Camp Spirit Song.

The funds come from the commission’s Vestry-approved budget for 2023, which is derived from your pledges and contributions. Thanks to all on behalf of our campers – and their extended families.

To personally support camps at Claggett, you can do so **on its website**, through **the Bishop’s Appeal**, or by directing a Christ Church contribution to “Outreach/Claggett” on Realm or on the memo line of your check.

For parishioners who would like to visit Claggett, there are two special opportunities next month related to the **Claggett Barn Grand Re-Opening**. One is the consecration of the Delaplaine Barn, which takes place on Saturday, June 17, from noon to 3 p.m. Together the bishops of Maryland and Washington will conduct a worship service of thanksgiving and will commission the camp staff. The second is the ribbon-cutting for the barn, to be held Thursday, June 22 at 10 a.m. Both events are free but require RSVPs.

Columbia Community Care Takes a Holiday, Requests Future Volunteers at Sites

Columbia Community Care (CCC) announced that its three distribution sites will be closed on Saturday, May 27, for Memorial Day weekend. More information about its summer plans can be found on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

On subsequent weekends starting June 3, volunteers are needed on Saturdays to help distribute free groceries, produce, baby supplies, and household essentials. Sites are located at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and at The Barn in Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia.

Recipients are welcomed on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, or when supplies run out, and volunteers are encouraged to register for their slots at each location. Those shifts last from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Signups for volunteers are posted through the end of the year for each site: **Wilde Lake**, **Long Reach**, and **Oakland Mills**.

CCC plans a “Free-For-All” version of a flea market on Sunday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at its pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Given the conflict with Sunday morning worship, why not attend the 8 a.m. service or delegate a neighbor to handle your unwanted merchandise? Pass along the CCC instructions: “Please bring your free items, your own table and chair, or **sign up for a parking space** and open your trunk.” Participants also are asked to donate non-perishable food or personal hygiene items.

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith is our representative who takes parishioners’ donated items to CCC. Please continue your support by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

Celebrate Wellness, and Help Support DreamBuilders

Temple Isaiah, our partner in DreamBuilders, is inviting us to join in their **MatzohBall Run** on June 4th. It’s a fundraiser, whose profits go to help support **DreamBuilders**, **Grassroots**, and **HopeWorks**. In addition to the family fun run/walk, there will be health screenings, wellness booths, and plenty of events to entertain. Please visit the MatzohBall Run link above, or read all of the details **on the Christ Church website**.

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

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. The yellow bin is back in its spot between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

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

Greetings, CEC Community!

One way I experience God's grace in my life is when one door closes, another seems to open. Often the challenge for me is to quiet my mind and be present with God in order to recognize where those doors may be located. I am regularly amazed to find that they are not where I was expecting them to be.

Case in point – a couple of months ago, I was knee-deep in school work, but aware my schooling was winding down. A successful end was in sight for my first year of seminary, and it was becoming clear that my college teaching career was coming to an end, as well. It turns out that I was not such a great fit in the system of academia, and so we were preparing to part. A door was closing. While disappointed it did not work out as I had hoped it might, it was a tremendous experience that I am much wiser for pursuing. During March, I began to think about and pray for direction on what may be next. It didn't take long for a new door to open.

One day in early April, I was visiting the senior living community of Vantage Point with my mother. She had just committed to moving in and we were discussing specifics with the sales rep, Katie. Katie was there fifteen years earlier when my father moved in (he lived well there for a few years). We remembered each other and enjoyed reconnecting. Once my mom committed to being a resident, Katie turned to me and said, "Now, maybe we can get you to lead a Protestant service?" What a surprise, and a blessing.

After a couple of meetings with folks at Vantage Point, I am excited to announce the start of a new ministry! On Sunday, June 18th at 2 p.m., I will lead our first service at Vantage Point.

Prior to the Covid pandemic, there was an active ministry there and four local priests were in a rotation, all ministering to the Vantage Point community. However, since the pandemic has eased, they have not been able to get those Sunday services going again.

And so, we will start small and see if our mustard seed can take root. The Christ Church community is always welcome to worship with us, and I have already recruited Deacon Denise, Mother Marcia, and Kathy Lyon to be in the rotation to occasionally help lead services. I plan to reconnect with those priests from other local churches who participated previously so that we can broaden the rotation. It is my hope that by the time fall arrives and the youth return from summer break, we will have an active ministry going at Vantage Point, one where the youth can get involved with the senior community - worshipping together, playing games, and sharing in the joy of life together. There is a magical connection that can occur between seniors and young people. So, we will see how the Spirit moves us all and what this new ministry becomes.

For me, this opportunity is a reminder of how we have to be open to hearing how God may be calling us forward. God's influence in our lives will be as strong as we allow it to be. When I consider Christ Church, the outreach that's occurring, and the lives we are touching, I want to encourage those of you that have the time, talent, or treasure to offer to pick an area of interest and get involved. If there is not an active ministry at CEC that inspires you, then maybe you feel called to start a new ministry and head in that direction.

Christ Church is the foundation where we come together to take action, leading our communities from a place of love and compassion for our neighbor. I experienced this first-hand when I went to Father Manny with the idea for this new ministry at Vantage Point. He guided me through the process and engaged the appropriate resources to fully prepare me to launch.

As we all survey the landscape around us in our daily lives, let us look for places God may be calling us to act. As Jesus encourages us: ***In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).*** I pray for our growing community that God will use us as instruments of peace to do God's will and let us always remember - as one door closes, through the grace of God, another is sure to open.

Blessings,
Mike

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Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank YOU.

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

Text Giving

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.

Online Giving

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

Pledge for 2023

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who continually support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for this calendar year. You can pick up and complete a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu).

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



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