CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 13, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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At the 8:00 AM service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN **Please hum or mouth the words only.** *Allein Gott in der Höh*

All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth from heaven,
and God's good will unfailingly
be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise
for your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed
upon the cross to save us;
and, as you sit at God's right hand
and we for judgment there must stand,
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One,
who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son,
who was before creation.
You only, Christ, as Lord we own and,
with the Spirit, you alone
share in the Father's glory.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

GLORIA *Read in unison*

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN **Please hum or mouth the words only.** *Engelberg*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
As living members of our Savior Christ.
Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL — Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

SERMON — Kathy Lyon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ you have told us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." We ask that You fire our hearts with passion and place a restlessness in our souls to speak the Gospel and to do Your will. We must not allow the drive for success to impede our desire to serve you so that justice will flourish and prosperity return. We reaffirm our pledge to this service by saying with conviction, "**Thy will be done!**"

Our strength rests entirely in Your will and its execution is true life in perfect freedom. Your spirit brings everyone of one accord into a fellowship of harmony without any divisions. Fill our hearts with words of wisdom and waves of conviction to act accordingly. May our words and actions be Yours as we pledge today, "**Thy will be done!**"

We are spiritually fed by our church leaders and laypersons. May they speak boldly and with zeal inspiring all to act in support of your Church. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops, Manny and Denise, our Rector and Deacon. We ask for revival and strength to the churches in the Diocese of Maryland, especially St Thomas', Hancock, St James' Chapel, Hagerstown, and St George's, Mt. Savage, and with equal fervor pray for the Church of Nigeria of the Anglican Communion. We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers who are worshipping with us today. We give thanks for your presence. "**Thy will be done!**"

We pray for all leaders of the world that their hearts be open and that they ensure the welfare of their people. For our governmental leaders, Joseph, and Lawrence, we ask that you guide them to justly serve their people. "**Thy will be done!**"

We pray for those whose lives are marred by violence and countless acts of hurtful actions. We pray especially for the destitute, abandoned, imprisoned, oppressed, those trapped into slavery, and those suffering from domestic abuse. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, whose hearts are broken by grief and sorrow, especially those you now name. Our prayers are for the sick, the hurt, and the dying and those who care for them especially Seiko, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron, and Jeanette, and those you now name. May all those who suffer feel Your love and healing Spirit. For those who have lost their faith through adversity be restored., "**Lord, hear our prayer!**"

Your boundless blessings always give us cause to give You thanks for all the joyous and important occasions in our lives. We celebrate the birthdays of Elizabeth, Marquis, Steven, Charlie, Christian, Nathaniel, Janelee, and Yetti, and anniversaries of Jan & Tom DeBoissiere and Patrick & Rowe Stapleton. We celebrate the graduation of Evan. May You grant health, joy, and Peace in their lives and bless the labors of their hands. We pray, "**Bless all who labor to do Your will!"**

May all we do reflect Your love in this world to all we encounter, and may we always seek Your guidance to better understand and properly fulfill Your will. **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 HYMN

Please hum or mouth the words only. *Rendez à Dieu*

Father, we thank thee who hast planted
thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,
didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in thy love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto thy will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered
into thy kingdom by thy Son.

DOXOLOGY **Please hum or mouth the words only.** *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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
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.

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 for ever.

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,
for ever 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

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN **Please hum or mouth the words only.** *Sandria*

God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar of the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are gate of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet,
God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

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 blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Please hum or mouth the words only.

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansion bright and blessed,
He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.
Refrain

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay;
Refrain

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold.
Refrain

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Sunday at Christ Church | Join us this Sunday morning as we worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in New Brick. Canon Joanna White will lead us in worship, and we'll livestream the 10:30 service on our Christ Church website, YouTube, and Facebook pages for those who are worshipping remotely. If you'd like to worship in person, just complete the brief attendance form on our website, and please wear your mask at all times while on campus. See you on Sunday!

Pastoral Care This Week | For all pastoral emergencies, please reach out to Fr. Travis K. Smith, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church. (410) 796-3270. Fr. Smith will reach out to you if you leave a voicemail.

From the Director of Music | As we continue to re-gather, and especially when we gather for worship outdoors, please feel free to be in touch with me with any specific comments or questions about the musical selections in worship. Your feedback is essential for the success of the music ministry here at Christ Church. You can e-mail me at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or grab me after church. Please, don't be shy! ~Adam

Re-Gathering Survey | With the new protocols that are taking shape in our parish and our communities, we've updated the Spring Re-Gathering page of our website. This page has our latest congregational plans for the spring and summer, and we'll continue to update it as we learn about health developments in our area. However, as we slowly re-open and re-gather for worship, there are still questions and adjustments that we need to make together so if you haven't completed it already, please participate in a new survey that will help us make the necessary adjustments for the benefit of our common life. Thank you.

Join Us for the CEC Fall Retreat - This October | The Spiritual Life Commission is pleased to announce that the Christ Church Fall Retreat is back for 2021! Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. We've reserved the weekend of October 1-3 for us, so if you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information. The CEC Fall Retreat is a unique and enriching parish gathering, and a great opportunity to get acquainted with one another and deepen our faith.

Vacation Bible School is Almost Here - Register by June 20th | Summer is coming... and so is Vacation Bible School, back at Christ Episcopal Church for 2021! At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends. It will be held the week of June 28th to July 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for all children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade. Registrations are due by Sunday, June 20th, so download our VBS registration form on our website or pick up a copy from the church office. The cost is $20 per child or $50 per family, and you can process it online or contact the church office for alternative methods. Scholarships are available for those in need. Questions? Email us.

Morning and Evening Prayer – Weekdays | Christ Church leads morning prayer at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and evening prayer is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to worship live via Facebook or the main page of our website, and join in the centering and healing Anglican practice of observing daily offices. You can also watch each service afterward if you can't join us at those times.

Lectionary Bible Study - Wednesday Morning | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and is a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. The readings for our next gathering can be found here. You don't have to know much about the Bible; just join us online and let's all study together. If you're interested, simply gather with us online next Wednesday; the Zoom link is here, the meeting ID is 854 7191 2087, and the password is BibleStudy.

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting - Wednesday Evening | Mark your calendars! On June 16th, Christ Church's Spiritual Life Commission is having an important gathering on Zoom, and everyone is encouraged to participate. The SLC is quite a vital component of life at Christ Church (you can learn more about the SLC here), and this meeting will center around ideas for our next Spiritual Life Theme. This theme represents the focus of our parish and plays a vital role in guiding many activities held throughout the year. Examples include the popular Wednesday Lenten Supper Series, various daily and weekend retreats, and the widely-read Lenten Meditation Book. Come and join us for this important gathering; Zoom details will be in next Monday's email, or you can contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Centering Prayer - Thursday Evening | Come join Kathy and Adrian in Old Brick on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for this contemplative prayer gathering, one which allows for shared energy and connectedness that fosters an openness to God's presence. All attendees wear masks and sit at an appropriate distance from each other. You are welcome to participate as their schedule permits, whether it's every week or once in a while.

WOCC News | The Women of Christ Church will hold its next meeting in September, and more information will be made available later this summer. Also, the WOCC started sending birthday e-cards for those WOCC members interested in receiving an e-card rather than one via USPS. Don't forget to check your email's spam folder if you don't see yours. If you would prefer to receive a card in the mail instead, please send us an email. Please ensure that Christ Church has your correct email address and birthdate (month/day) in your Church's REALM account. If you do not have a REALM account, email Yetti at office@christchurchcolumbia.org so that she can send you a link to set up an account. And remember, every woman at Christ Church over the age of 18 is already a member of the WOCC, so join us any time. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org: Gail Braatelien, President; Rhonda Tomlinson, Vice President; Cathy Gold, Financial Secretary; Joan Harvey, Secretary; and Pamela Brown, Chaplain.

Prayer Shawl Ministry | Christ Church has created a Prayer Shawl Ministry, so grab your knitting needles and yarn, and join us. Don't have time to knit a whole shawl? Think about knitting some Prayer Squares, with each measuring 5" x 5". These are easily and quickly made and will be appreciated by those who are ill or grieving. If you are interested in making shawls or squares, contact Rosemary Hubbard at rhubbard553@gmail.com or 410-730-2985.

Upcoming Howard County Vaccination Details | Howard County General Hospital / Johns Hopkins Medicine will be offering COVID-19 vaccines in Howard County communities that have a higher number of unvaccinated individuals. This month, we will be hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics at Grace Episcopal Church in Elkridge this Friday, June 6th, and Calvary Lutheran Church in Mt. Airy on Saturday, June 19th. Anyone interested in attending can pre-register at http://www.hcgh.org/vaccine, however, advance registration is not required.

Also, the Horizon Foundation is currently working on a media campaign aimed at helping African American and | Hispanic residents in their decision-making around COVID-19 vaccinations. The hope is that the campaign, paired with other outreach activities that local community organizations are undertaking, will help residents in their vaccination decision-making. The Horizon Foundation is currently recruiting African American and Hispanic residents of Howard County who were previously skeptical or simply hesitant about COVID-19 vaccines, but ultimately got vaccinated, to be part of a video. If you or anyone you know is willing to be part of this video please complete this survey https://forms.gle/rekTo6SVG138fPSm6.

Stay in Touch with - or Be a Part of - the CEC Buildings & Grounds Team! | Want to get emails from the Building & Grounds Team about events & projects? Let us know by emailing Jan DeBoissiere at wardens@christchurchcolumbia.org or jdeboissiere@gmail.com or you can connect with Yetti Lipede in the office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, too, if you'd like to join us (via Zoom right now). Everyone's more than welcome!

Columbia Community Care Seeks Volunteers for New 'Produce' Slots | Now that summer has arrived, Columbia Community Care (CCC) has added two new categories to its volunteer slots. If you have a suitable vehicle and a strong back, consider these opportunities to help our less fortunate neighbors in Howard County to eat healthier.

One slot occurs on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. to pick up produce that is being donated from Clark's Elioak Farm, 10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD, 21042 (near the intersection of Rt. 108 and Centennial Lane). The volunteer then delivers these vegetables and fruits to the CCC site at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd. And lastly, the person must return Clark's crates back to its farm stand.

Another slot occurs on Saturdays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. A volunteer must pick up the CCC's produce order from one of the vendors at the Maryland Food Center Authority, a wholesale produce distribution center at 7460 Conowingo Ave., Jessup, MD, 20794, then deliver the order to the dropoff point so that other volunteers may then distribute it. That destination is the CCC site at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd. For this duty, a pickup truck is preferred, although a large van works also. One strong person or two capable people are needed.

CCC is in the process of adding the new slots to its signup section under "I can help" on its website but, until that site is updated, it's best to sign up at the CCC Group on Facebook.

Existing volunteer slots continue from spring into summer. For more flexibility in timing, for example, consider taking a slot to "shop and deliver" an order of groceries to a recipient who lacks transportation. You can choose when you wish to go to the CCC pantry to fill a family's shopping list and then take it to the home, following directions sent by text message. One Christ Church parishioner who has performed this volunteer duty finds there's room to deliver goods for two families at a time. (see photo)

The "shopping takes place not at a supermarket but at the CCC pantry within New Hope Adventist Church, 12350 Hall Shop Rd., Fulton, MD, 12350. Pantry hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Whether you plan to volunteer or not, please spread the word in the community among those who need food and other essentials so that more people can benefit. Besides the distribution site at Wilde Lake, CCC sites are located at Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd., and at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Court, all in Columbia.

CCC hours are on Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for volunteers; the line will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, volunteers work from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; the line is open from 10 a.m. to noon.

At Christ Church, our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians (R.A.G.E) and the Outreach Commission join in asking parishioners to continue supporting CCC in various ways. We have been gathering diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers such as Depends. To make it convenient, you may drop off requested items in the yellow collection bins in the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

Outreach Flourishes as a Team Effort: Attend our June 14th Zoom Meeting to Get Involved | The Outreach Commission is making an effort to better spread the word about what we do and, in turn, persuade more parishioners to participate during 2021. We invite you to join us at our next meeting, to be held on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14. Information on how to log on using a device or by phone will be provided in the Church notices about online activities next week. To become active in other ways, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

As you consider becoming more involved in helping people, keep in mind the scripture that underpins our mission: *And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."* Matthew 25: 40

Donate Personal Care, Household Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser. Also, the families who call on FISH during times of crisis could use personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. At the present time, the pantry has an adequate supply of groceries.

Seafarer's Donation Requests | We could use your help in gathering the following items. Delivery is made and the date announced when the number of collections gets reasonably accumulated. Contact Carolann Sawyer with any questions.

- Bible in modern English (or Tagalog, Russian, or Chinese)
- Times/Newsweek/etc. up to 3 months old
- Sports Ill/People/etc. up to 6 months
- Cars/Computers/Consumers up to 1 year
- Reader's Digest up to a couple of years
- National Geographics post-2000
- Books (except for Bibles) are less often requested, but some seafarers do appreciate action novels, as well as picture books about Baltimore or the U.S.
- Action/adventure DVD's. Recent popular CDs.
- Religious books (in easy English), DVDs, CDs; rosaries.
- Clothing - men's jeans, other sturdy pants (no bigger than XL) or shorts, T-shirts, warm outerwear, and non-skid shoes/boots (in good condition only), and gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks

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.

Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider **submitting a pledge online**. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

Text Giving

You can now 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 towards 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**

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. **You can complete the form by clicking here** or use the **Realm form located here**, and if you have any questions, please email **stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org**

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