CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 6, 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.** *Winchester New*

Before the Lord's eternal throne,
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone;
he can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign Power without our aid
formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,
he saved us from the power of death.

We are his people, we his care,
our souls, and all our mortal frame:
what lasting honors shall we rear,
almighty Maker, to thy Name?

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is thy command,
vast as eternity thy love;
firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move.

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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 29 *Confitebor tibi*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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.** *Rhuddlan*

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapor
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noonday, glorious noonday,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labor,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with heavenly beauty,
full of health, and strong, and free,
full of vigor, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labors
may with endless gifts be paid,
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

THE GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Celebrant: 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 Canon Stuart Wright

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this National Cancer Survivor's Day, we remember all who are affected by this terrible disease. We pray for those who have died, those who currently battle cancer, and those who survived. We thank all the family members, health professionals, and supporters who care for those in the fight, and we pray you give them strength**. "***We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."* **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for those ill or suffering from loss of any kind. Within our parish, we pray for: Sam Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron, and Jeanette, for all those who care for them and for those you now name. We pray for all who have died and hope their loved ones find comfort in the memories of good times shared. Today, we pray especially for those you now name. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

In gratitude, we celebrate graduations, birthdays of Kelmie, Rhonda, Parker, and Janelee, and anniversaries within our church family, including: April & Robert, Aileen & Milnes. We celebrate our recent confirmands Frances, Cherryllynn, Diya, Ian, Jonah, Laura, Ron, Ryan, Tele, Gavin, and Hannah. We also welcome all who are visiting us in person or on-line and encourage you to join us in fellowship and ministry. You strengthen and enrich us with your presence. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St Luke's, Brownsville; St Mark's, Lappans; and St Paul's, Sharpsburg. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar. We pray for our Church and government leaders, including: Bishops Michael, Eugene and Robert, our Rector, Emmanuel, our Deacon, Denise, our Rectors Emeritus Richard and James, our President Joseph, and our Governor Lawrence. We pray these leaders continuously seek your counsel. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for Rebecca and Kathy as they continue their discernment and begin formation for becoming deacons. Their leadership and loving spirits that have served us here at Christ Church will be shared with others. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the Christ Church ministries that have struggled to keep membership during the pandemic. We know You will help us fulfill our missions as we near our full regathering. We especially pray for the Altar Guild, which is down to only four active members, and for the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Committee, which supplies monthly food deliveries to community families, as well as student school supplies and teacher appreciation gifts. We pray that we have additional Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders to help continue and expand our excellent programming. We thank Adam Detzner and his team of musicians, as well as the amazing members of our youth group who led us in worship and bring us comfort and encouragement. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We thank you, Lord, for all our blessings and hope we can always remember to recognize these good things in our lives. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

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. *Lyons*

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

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.

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.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like seabillows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
Refrain

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain

And, Lord, hast the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.
Refrain

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. *Cwm Rhondda*

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Charakterstücke, Op. 156 — Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
11. Passacaglia

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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 Stuart Wright leads 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. We'll also have our first in-person Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service on the main lawn (more on that below). 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!

In-Person Coffee Hour | Now that we have begun regularly re-gathering and our region is reaching higher levels of vaccination, awareness, and safety, the Diocese of Maryland has permitted us to host in-person coffee hour this Sunday. It's a ritual that's often taken for granted during more "normal" times but now takes on more significance after a year-plus of very little social engagement. We hope that you'll join us as we safely gather for a few moments of food and fellowship. We're also looking for volunteers to provide provisions during future coffee hours, so if you'd like to do so, please sign up here. Thank you.

Pastoral Care Next 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.

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.

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.

Christ Church Book Club - Friday Evening | The CEC Book Club concludes our discussion of C.S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity* this Friday evening. Book Club takes place via Zoom each week from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and you'll find the Zoom link here, with the meeting ID 858 3414 8580 and password CECbooks. If you'd like to join us for future gatherings, do so! Email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com and she'll get you set up.

WOCC June Meeting | The WOCC's next monthly meeting will take place next Monday, June 7th, at 1:00 pm. Once again, we will be meeting via the Zoom meeting app, which is free and available for sign up on www.Zoom.us so please go to their site and sign up prior to the meeting. Feel free to join us! The Zoom link is here, the meeting ID is 843 0204 4790 and the password is cecWOCC. The rest of the WOCC news can be read here. All the women of Christ Church over the age of 18 are already members of the WOCC. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org

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.

Now's the Time to Register for Vacation Bible School | 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..

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 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.

Let's Beautify Our Campus Together! Volunteers Needed | Next Saturday, June 12th, we will be gathering at Christ Church between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to continue beautifying our grounds. Some of the projects we need help with are:

Painting parking lot (weather permitting)
Clearing and mulching playground
installing door stops
organizing our new storage area under stairs
Repairing small potholes
Installing vent covers in Nursery
Sanding and staining 3 benches around the cemetery

Bring water, a mask, and work gloves. Box lunches will be offered. Whether you can join us all day or for an hour or two, your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Other B&G News | Did you notice the new lights in the New Brick restrooms are touchless? They come on and off automatically with a motion sensor. Also, our lovely quilt is back and is hanging over the stairs in New Brick! Thank you, Nancy Winchester and Michon Semon, who cleaned it!

Stay in Touch with the B&G Team | Want to get emails from the Building & Grounds Team about events & projects? Please let us know by either emailing Jr. Warden Jan DeBoissiere at wardens@christchurchcolumbia.org or jdeboissiere@gmail.com or by contacting Yetti Lipede 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!

It's Virtual: A June 6th-June 13th "Run" to Promote Health and Help Worthy Causes | For the first time, the Howard County government is combining its Health and Wellness Day with the well-established Matzohball 5K run/walk and 1 Mile fun run held by Temple Isaiah. This is the 17th annual running/walking event and the 12th annual family wellness day in Howard County. All the activities are virtual, and you can register or donate here.

Christ Church partners with Temple Isaiah and three other congregations in DreamBuilders, which is one of the non-profit organizations that will benefit from the Matzohball Run/Walk donations. The others are Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center and HopeWorks, which is Howard County's sexual assault and domestic violence center.

In announcing the combined events this year, Howard County Executive Calvin Ball said on YouTube, "It feels good to see people coming together to run, walk, and make our health and the health of our community a priority."

Sign Up for Bridges' June 6th "Taste of Wine, Splash of Charity" by Sunday, June 10th | Supporters of Bridges to Housing Stability have been invited to a dine-in dinner and wine tasting accompanied by a fundraiser or a takeout opportunity. The in-person tickets, which have sold out, include access to a silent auction to be displayed at Iron Bridge. The remaining tickets cost $70 for a 3-course take-out meal and bottle of wine.

Tickets must be ordered by this Sunday, June 6th, for this event that's held June 10th at the Iron Bridge Wine Co., 10435 Rt. 108, Columbia, MD 21044.

The goal of the nonprofit organization is to prevent and end homelessness in Howard County. Each ticket purchased, whether for takeout or in-person dining, results in a $20 contribution to Bridges' efforts. For information and to buy tickets, go here.

Christ Church has a very warm relationship with Bridges that dates to 2019 when we participated in its countywide chili cook-off, *Holier Than Thou*. Parishioner James Collins, a Bridges board member, was a master of ceremonies. That fundraising and camaraderie were surpassed during our own cook-off in February 2020, which raised $1,000. And that, in turn, led to Christ Church winning a Silver Ladle Award during the Chili & Challenge virtual fundraiser last fall.

Collection Drive Continues to Provide Diapers, Personal Care Items for CCC | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to support Columbia Community Care (CCC) by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put any of these items in the yellow bin that's marked "CCC" and is located inside our Parish Hall. You can drop off items any weekday until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time so that we can ensure your entry into the Parish Hall.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. At present, its pantry has an adequate supply of groceries. The bin is labeled and located outside, in between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

Local Families Need Our Support! | Christ Church's Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS) ministry is a partnership between CEC and Lake Elkhorn Middle School, geared toward providing support to students, teachers, and families. As one element of this partnership, the LEMS Committee supports the school's Weekend Food Program, providing food for 10 families experiencing food insecurity. This past year, we've done this despite the myriad challenges of the pandemic—and with the generous contributions of this congregation. The school has asked us to continue this support through the coming summer and into the next school year this fall. If we're to continue - and possibly increase - our level of support, the LEMS Committee needs parishioners to help shop for and package food, as well as parishioners to help deliver the bagged groceries to the school. Shopping is from a pre-set grocery list, is funded by the committee, and can be done on your own time. Delivery is a socially distanced, quick drop-off to the school on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Christ Church deeply values our partnership with

LEMS, and families in our community depend on our support. If you're available to help shop or deliver, please contact Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org.

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**

THANK YOU.



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