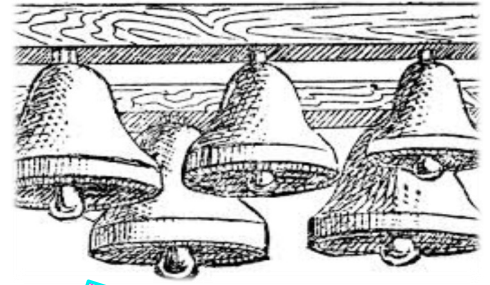


Christ Church

Praying in Harford County Since 1805

Rock Spring Parish

April 2020



"Chimes"

THE DAFFODIL HILL



Christ Church's Daffodil Hill located on Rock Spring Church Road (across from the tennis courts) was planted in 1993 by Dave & Shirley Martell. Mr. Dave added 25 bulbs last year and oh how they've multiplied!

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Priest-In-Charge: Fr. Kirk Kubicek

Parish Administrator: Marianne Kidd

Sexton: John Tipton

Vestry Officers: Molly Neal, Senior Warden

Leslie Amtmann, Treasurer

Dave Martell, Junior Warden

Music Team Leaders:

Marianne Kidd—Choir Director

Lyn Edmunds—Song Leader

Robert Hitz—Music Consultant

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am thinking of you and praying for you daily as we all do our best to stay far away from the Covid -19 Coronavirus. I trust that we are all staying home as much as possible, and utilizing best practices such as frequent hand-washing with soap and water, compassionate distancing if we need to go out, and remembering to **Stay Calm, Stay Connected and Stay Church**. Those last two are essential as social isolation can cause undo stress which in turn makes us more susceptible to infection. **If you are able, do Stay Connected and Stay Church through our Live Stream Services Mon- Fri at Noon, and Sundays at 9:45AM.**

We all need to remember, while we are Staying Home, the financial life of Christ Church continues every day. It is more important than ever that we keep our contributions and pledges up to date. **Remember to mail your contributions to Christ Church Forest Hill, PO Box 215, Forest Hill, MD 21050.** To help facilitate that, Leslie Amtmann has made stamps and address stickers available to us all. I thank you in advance for your ongoing support until we can once again worship together in our historic Rock Spring Parish.

As you no doubt have seen already, life in the midst of the current public health crisis changes almost daily. Plans we had a week ago or even a few days ago are no longer viable. The Holy Week schedule I have posted on our Face Book Page and at christchurchforesthill.org already needs revision with **Governor Hogan's most recent Stay Home order.**

Palm Sunday there will be no procession of cars in the lower lot to distribute palms as we previously had hoped. In fact, there will be no distribution of palms this year as person to person contact of any kind is too risky. So please, **Stay Home** and enjoy the following services on FaceBook or christchurchforesthill.org. So, Holy Week now looks like this:

- **Palm Sunday, April 5**, we will live-stream a service from Christ Church beginning at 9:45AM
- **Maundy Thursday, April 9** we will live-stream the Stripping of the Altar and Prayers from Christ Church beginning at 7:00PM.
- **Good Friday, April 10** we are invited to watch the service live-streamed from our Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore. *(Link will be on Website and Face Book on the day of)*
- **Holy Saturday, April 11** we are again invited to watch the service of The Great Vigil of Easter from the Cathedral. *(Link will be on Facebook and Website the day of)*
- **Easter Morning, April 12** we will live-stream from Christ Church beginning at 9:45AM

A word about Live Stream Services: this requires a tremendous amount of bandwidth from your internet provider. Which in turn is often influenced on conditions with the provider, number of people online at a given time in your network, etc. If you experience difficulty with the Live service, sometimes you can wait for a few minutes and it will clear up. If not, once the service is over, it is available on both platforms, FaceBook and the Website, for at least 24 hours and you will find it will be much easier to view them once it is no longer Live. These, what are called "buffering," issues are

beyond our control. Very much like the virus itself, with the exception that Staying Home and Compassionate Distancing are two ways we can control the speed with which the virus spreads, which in turn does Save Lives.

And a word about the services themselves. I will continue to use forms of Daily Prayer from our Prayer Book. It is not appropriate to celebrate the Holy Eucharist alone in an otherwise empty church. Our traditions insist that there be at least two or three gathered together, which at this time is not safe. Additionally, I will continue to join with you in our unexpected long-term fasting from Communion until that day we can all return to our historic worship space together. Most often I will be using The Order of Service for Noonday. As we become familiar with this order I am hoping you will find it's an order that you can easily use for your daily prayers at home. This was the inspiration for the Book of Common Prayer back in 1549: that we all share common prayer services in our homes and in church. From time to time I will also use an adapted form of Morning Prayer. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer, you may go online to download an electronic version from this link [Church Publishing](#) , which is also listed on our Face Book page and Website.

I will continue to provide an update of life together at Christ Church as I receive information from the Diocese and The Governor. We will continue to initiate the Parish Phone Tree once a week to Stay Connected. Together we will one day return to our historic church home for worship. That will be our true celebration of Resurrection. In the meantime, know that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is with us all to the end of the age, and most certainly in this current crisis. We are One in Christ as our Baptism proclaims!

Yours In Christ,

Fr Kirk Kubicek
Priest In Charge



PALM SUNDAY

LIVE at 9:45 AM

On Facebook.com/ChristChurchForestHill and on our website, ChristChurchForestHill.org under Live Stream Services. Due to the virus outbreak and Governor Hogan's Stay at Home Order, there will be no distribution of Palms this year. The text for this Sunday says the people lay coats and branches on the road as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, not specifically palms. Please prepare for this service by cutting a branch from outside and bring it in, or wear or hold a coat if you cannot get a branch. This way we can still participate in some way together as we remember the Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and our entry into Holy Week, the most sacred 8 days of the Christian Year. If you do bring a budding branch in, you might place it in water and watch it bloom during Holy Week!



Episcopal Church Women



ECW events, just like everything else during the current health situation, are being adjusted as we get updates. Here's the status of what is currently on the agenda:

EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER



Due to the current disruption of business caused by the health crisis, Log Cabin fundraising orders are delayed.

We are sorry to say individual orders will not be available on Palm Sunday. As soon as we are able to receive our fundraiser order from Log Cabin we will be in touch about how we can get your order to you. Thanks to everyone who has placed an order for Easter candy in support of the Christ Church ECW. We appreciate your understanding and your patience as we work through the delay.

TO BE DETERMINED— ALL UPCOMING ECW MEETINGS (HELD AT 7 PM IN THE ANNEX)



PARTY LIKE IT'S 1920!

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD WOMAN DOWN!

OUR ANNUAL LADIES TEA

SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MARCH 22

WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO A DATE IN THE FALL

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT!

VOTE FOR A PLEASANT AFTERNOON OF REFRESHMENT!



Our ever popular

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

is scheduled for
JUNE 6!

Find yourself with extra time to clean out your closets??? We are hoping to begin collection of items for the Rummage Sale in May. However, at this time we ask you to please hold your donations at home until we can give the "all clear" to schedule drop off dates.

Donations accepted: Household Goods, Books, Craft Supplies, Tools, Sports Equipment.
(NO CLOTHING, PLEASE)

**All women of Christ
Church are automatically
members of ECW**

**You are always welcome
at the meetings**

BRING YOUR IDEAS!



ECW Officers 2019-2020

President	Colleen Murphy	410-925-5875
Vice-President	Leigh Spicer	410-838-5922
Corresponding Secretary	Janet Clifton	410-838-5072
Recording Secretary	MaryJane Parrish	410-456-7931
Treasurer	Melinda Chase	443-866-1134

Christ Church Vestry Minutes February 29, 2020

Attendance: Lyn Edmunds, Dave Martell, Leslie Amtmann, Marianne Kidd, Molly Neal, Leigh Spicer, Lloyd Merriam, Kate Davis and Fr. Kirk.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with centering prayer and a reflection on Matthew 17:1-9.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved. Minutes from the Annual meeting were approved, with one correction: the date for the Spaghetti Dinner should have said 2/15.

Treasurer's Report – The balance in the checking account is currently \$10,058, of which \$7,779 is reserved. We haven't had to withdraw from investments since last June and the T. Rowe Price account continues to have healthy growth.

Rector's Report – Fr. Kirk commented on how much he enjoys being part of our parish. There was a great turnout at the recent Annual Meeting, MapDash presentation and Spaghetti Dinner. Confirmation classes have begun (nickname for the group is "EpiscoPals"). Fr. Kirk repaired one toilet in the Annex and a door handle.

Senior Warden's Report – Molly reported the attendance at our spaghetti dinner was 108. It was a great success! Many from the community came and attributed that to our sign. We were asked about any tips to improve the event in the future – maybe having a welcoming committee. We are very grateful for the awesome help from volunteers through the ECW, Men's Group and Youth Group. Our next event sponsored by the ECW is the Ladies Teas on March 22nd. The theme is the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage movement. Then there will be a rummage sale on 6/6. The ECW will be getting an electric stove for the kitchen.

Barbara Grabher has offered to take pictures of parish members to include in our next edition of the church directory. This project would need a leader to help coordinate things and research options.

Junior Warden's Report – Molly reached out to BGE about a couple of flood lights that needed fixing and they are now fixed. Molly's husband fixed a couple closet door handles that needed fixing and the light (dusk to dawn) outside the double doors of the Parish Hall that needed replacing.

An update regarding the last pieces of the old church organ – Phil Klein is planning to build a decorative side panel out of them in the back-right corner of the church.

Cemetery Committee Report – the final sone in need of repair since the car accident in September has been fixed. A contract for re-turfing the ground is on its way and we will get that work on the schedule for the Spring.

Old Business – a Vestry Oath for the new Vestry was presented and we all read it aloud and individually signed the oath.

The newly formed Audit Committee (Leigh Spicer, Dave Fender and Kate Davis) will begin meeting to start the process. Jason Kamrath, controller, from the diocese has offered to come up for our first meeting, if needed.

The MapDash presentation was very resourceful. There were 17 attendees in all, including members of several other small Episcopal churches in the area. Lyn provided us a summary of the highlights of the presentation. One bonus/consequence of this process is that the Parish Hall now has WiFi.

New Business – our ADP and some bank account representatives need to be updated from Leslie and Russ Guhr (since he has moved to FL). We voted/approved this would now be Leslie and Molly.

The Parish Hall rental is currently \$75/day + \$25 for use of kitchen. We discussed we would keep it the same. There will be a rental in June by an AA group, that Saturday after our rummage sale, and they asked what the cost would be. We could suggest if they want to make a donation, that would be acceptable, as we typically do not charge rent to AA groups.

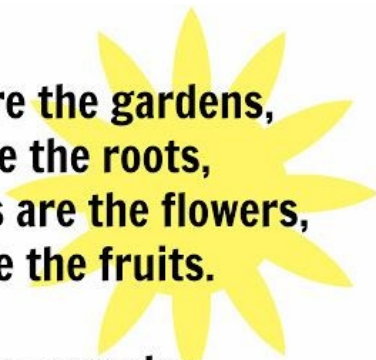
We were presented with a draft copy of the 2019 Parochial Report for review. A motion to approve was made. We won't be getting financial assistance from the diocese this year. One thing we really need to look at is getting more pledge support. Our 2020 diocesan assessment is \$1,000/month.

The Diocesan Convention will be 5/15-5/16 this year. It is recommended that we have one representative from our church attend each year. Molly went last year and really enjoyed it. She offered to go again this year.

The next vestry meeting will be on March 25th at 7PM.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer, at 9:15PM.

Blessings,
Kate Davis



**Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind words are the roots,
Kind thoughts are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.**

**Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds;
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds.**

-H.W. Longfellow



Garden Challenge

How are you tending your garden this month?

Shopping for a friend? Sending a thoughtful letter?
Planting your veggies or flowers? Donating supplies?
Spending time with family?

Send in your favorite "gardening tips" and pictures the entire month of April to ChristChrsp@gmail.com to be included in next month's Chimes.

Watch our Garden Grow!

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish

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Easter Flowers



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please accept this contribution of \$ _____ toward the cost of decorating Christ Church at Easter.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Contribution 2020

Please mail this form to the office or place in the offertory plate

**Please MAIL forms, offerings
or any other documents to:**

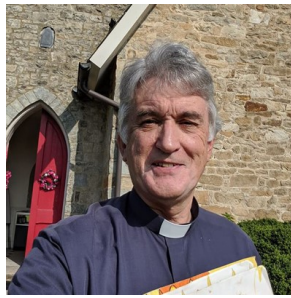
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Mail sent to our street address
will bounce back to you!



JOIN
US
LIVE!



Three Oaks Farm:

Wednesdays 11AM

Alpaca Coffee Hour may have been postponed, but join Farmer Pam on their website or Facebook to see the animals every week!

ThreeOaksFarmAlpacas.com

Www.Facebook.com/
ThreeOaksFarmAlpacas/

www.Facebook.com/ChristChurchForestHill/

Or on our website:

www.ChristChurchForestHill.org

MON-FRI at 12 pm: Prayers

Every SUNDAY at 10 am: Morning Prayer Service



Blessings Report:

March 1:	\$1,960
March 8:	\$853
March 15:	\$940
March 22:	\$1,405
March 29:	\$1,120

We need \$2,500 each week to meet our expenses. Please remember to mail your offering to:

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Thank you for your continued support.

PALM SUNDAY 4/5/2020: Live Stream Service 9:45 AM from Christ Church.

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Holy Saturday 4/11/2020: Check for link to watch The Great Vigil of Easter from the Cathedral.

Easter Morning 4/12/2020: Live Stream Service 9:45 AM from Christ Church.

Stay in touch!

Updated Parish Directories Available:

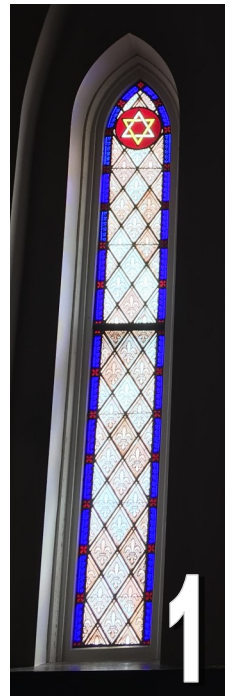
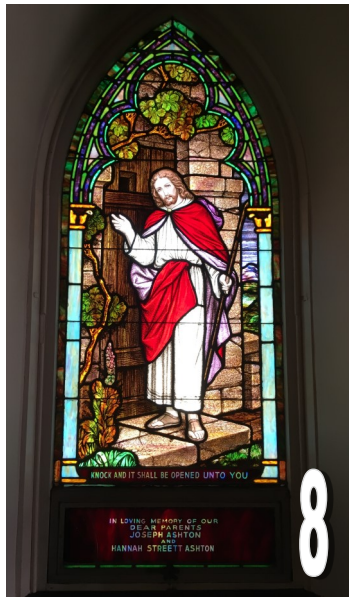
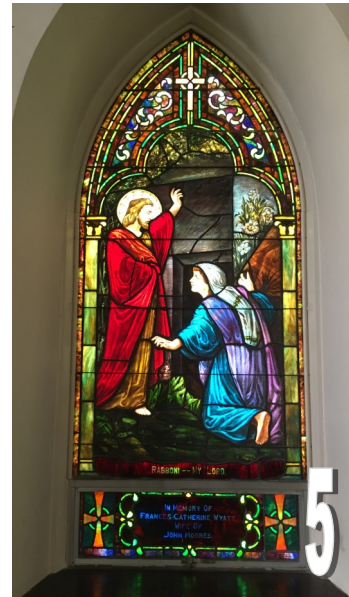
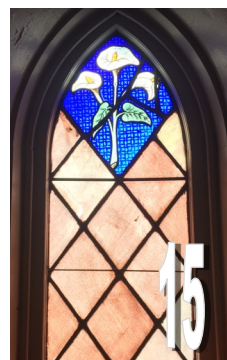
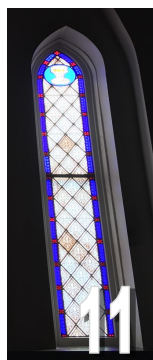
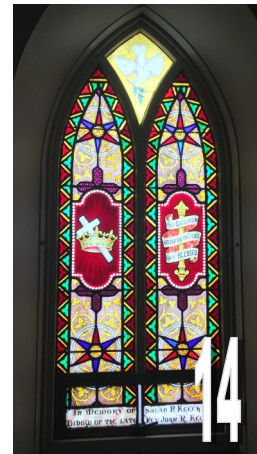
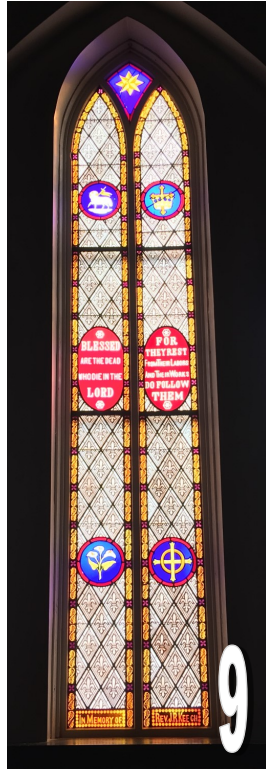
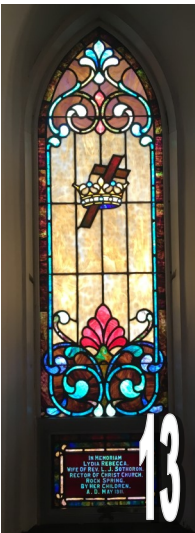
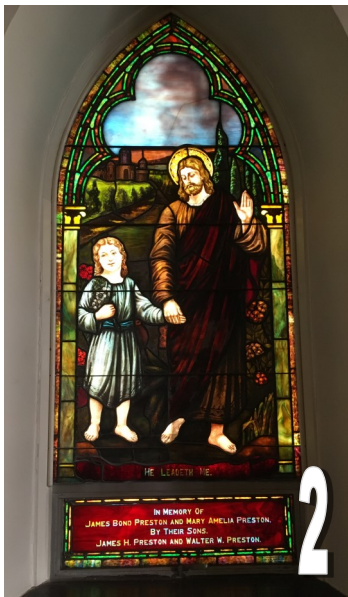
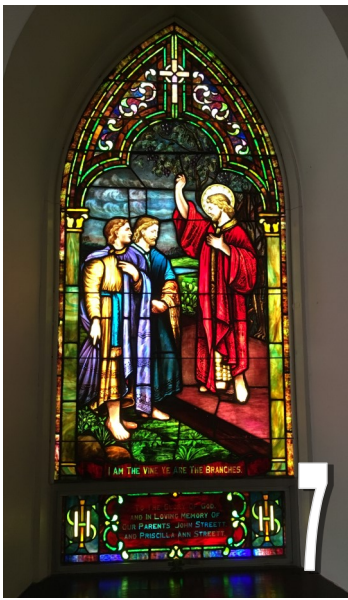
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While the office is physically not open we are still available and checking email and voicemail!

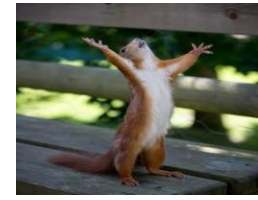


Window What?

We all hate washing windows, but how's your window watching? See if you can remember exactly where these beautiful windows are in historic Christ Church.....



How'd you do???
Answers provided on next page



*Special Thanks and prayers
to our dedicated Priest in Charge,
Fr. Kirk Kubicek, Vestry Officers
and Altar Guild during these
unpredictable days!*

Habits of Grace

An invitation for you,
from Presiding Bishop
Curry. New video
mediation posted on each
Monday of May at
[Episcopalchurch.org/
habits-of-grace](http://Episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace)

April Birthdays

- 1 Lois T.
- 3 Hannah W.
- 5 Kate D.
- 8 Olivia B.
- 19 Scott K.

ALLELUIA

Window Watch

Answers

- 6, 4, 10 Front Altar
- 13 Side Altar
- 15 Sacristy
- 8, 2, 14 Right Side (front to back)
- 7, 5 Left Side (front to back)
- 1, 9, 11 Rear of Church
- 3, 12 Narthex

April Anniversaries

- 4 Melinda & Stephen Chase
- 6 Lyn Edmunds & Dave Fender
- 21 Robert & Christine Lane
- 30 Hank & Sharon Selke

Christ is Risen!



Please PRAY for those who are sick, or in any kind of need or difficulty, especially:

For the residents of Harford Family House;
For peace and understanding in Baltimore;
For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world, especially Brussels, Nice, Syria, and Orlando;
For the refugees leaving Syria in desperation;
For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises in Central African Republic; Yemen; Horn of Africa; Guinea; Sierra Leone; Liberia; Pacific Islands; South Sudan; Middle East; Serbia; Macedonia; Greece; Burundi; Nigeria
For all the people in the Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands
For the victims of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma
For the families affected by gang and cartel violence in Central America.
For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings in the United States



For those on our prayer list: For Sue Tressler, Lynn Klein, Kevin & Linda, Anna Humphreys, Phil Klein, Robert Benjamin, Normie, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Tara Schatzel, Dan Moss, Charles Getscher, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenhou, Joan Flatt, Lois Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smit, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach



For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:

George Rigdon; Vera Dalby; Lois Matusky; Glassell & Betty Parker; Anna Humphreys; Beth Hauser; Lyndon



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9am Bible Study 9am Choir Practice 10am Eucharist	9:30am Jazzercise 7pm AA	10am Quilters 7pm Aerobics 8:30pm AA	9:30am Jazzercise	7pm Aerobics 8:30pm AA	9:30am Jazzercise 7 pm AA	9am AA
			1	2	3	4
5  9:45 am Service Live Streamed from Christ Church AG– Molly N.	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Service Live Streamed from Christ Church  AG– Hazel, Lynn, Molly	10 Good Friday  Live Streamed from the Cathedral	11 Holy Saturday Live Streamed from the Cathedral
12  9:45 am Service Live Streamed from Christ Church AG– Debbie S. & Janet C.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Service Live Streamed from Christ Church AG–Mary Jane P.	20	21	22	23	24	25 St. Mark the Evangelist
26 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Service Live Streamed from Christ Church AG– Hazel B.	27	28	29	30		



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					1 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles	2
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10 5th Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Service Live Streamed from Christ Church AG– Janet C.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 6th Sunday of Easter AG– Kate D.	18	19	20 Vestry Meeting 7 pm	21 Ascension Day	22	23
24 7th Sunday of Easter AG– Molly N.	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost AG– Mary Jane P.						