

Christ Church

Serving Harford County Since 1805

Rock Spring Parish

MAY 2020



"Chimes"



Beautiful water color painting by Pamela Padley in New Jersey
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Live Service at Christ Church

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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

First, I pray every day for your safety and health as we all do what we can to survive the current public health Coronavirus crisis. I am proud of how our small but mighty congregation has met the challenges as they have confronted us both as a parish and as individuals. So many of you, from our Officers, Vestry, and Altar Guild, to Maryanne Kidd and Robert Hitz, have made it possible for us to adopt safe practices while maintaining an even more robust schedule of worship services Live Streaming six days a week, and now on three online platforms: christchurchforesthill.org, [Christ Church Forest Hill on Facebook](#), and as of this writing on my personal page, [Kirk Kubicek on Facebook](#). We are making it possible for more people than ever to worship with Christ Church Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish! This includes people from all over the United States and my sister, Kim Kubicek in Athens, Greece. Without the hard work and patience of many, I would not be able to do this. Please continue to join us Monday-Friday at Noon and Sundays at 9:45AM.

Secondly, on Wednesdays the clergy and Senior Wardens meet with the bishops by a Zoom online meeting to update us on what we can and cannot do. In turn, they meet with our Diocesan Standing Committee, Maryland State Government Officials and Public Health Officials, as well as bishops and others from our neighboring dioceses of Virginia and Washington developing 'best practices' as we as a nation find our way through this once in a lifetime Public Health Crisis. It is unlikely we will be back in church in May. Numbers in Maryland need to decline for two consecutive weeks before we can move into Phase One. At that time there will be limited seating (people need to be six feet apart), everyone will be wearing masks, and whenever we are cleared to return to Holy Communion it will be bread only for the foreseeable future. The bishops also emphasize that the Church is changing, as the paragraph above bears witness. When the current Suspension of Public Worship is lifted church will not be the same as it once was. How we pray is changing and must change. With change comes a sense of loss, and that loss is real. Yet, with change also comes growth and new opportunities. And we already see that in the number of people we currently reach each week above and beyond what we have been able to do in the recent past. To read Bishop Eugene Sutton's remarks, [Do Not Be Afraid click here](#). You may also find his remarks on our Facebook page, [Christ Church Forest Hill](#) and our [website](#)

Finally, our biggest challenge is to remember that to sustain Christ Church now and for the future, we all need to make our regular pledge and contribution offerings by mail to: Christ Church Forest Hill, PO Box 215, Forest Hill, MD 21050. Or, arrange to have an Electronic Fund Transfer as a check from your bank sent to the same Post Office Box. Just as it is for the rest of us, the bills still come due monthly to maintain our property and our Historic 1805 Church. I thank you in advance for attending to this important new way of making our offerings unto the Lord. I am so proud of Christ Church Forest Hill for doing all we can to Stay Church, Stay Connected and Stay Safe. It has been deeply moving for my prayer-life to now be able to share it with all of you Monday thru Friday and on Sunday mornings. I pray for the day we are back in church – all together once again, giving Thanks unto our Lord, Jesus Christ with Joyful Song and Prayers!

Yours in Christ,
Fr Kirk Kubicek

We Are... those People who have always been on the Forefront of change

Many people suppose that the Church of England (COE), of which The Episcopal Church (TEC) is one of many manifestations, began with King Henry VIII and his marriage difficulties. Nothing could be further from the truth. As a missionary outpost of the Roman Empire, the Church of England dates all the way back to at least the Third Century, with several bishops in the British Isles. Later, the Gregorian mission to England by Augustine of Canterbury in AD 597 helped to unify the earlier missions. From that beginning, Augustine was instructed to incorporate local customs in those Anglo-Saxon islands that would one day become Great Britain. As such, we benefit from early Celtic and other indigenous practices that have always made the COE unique in the Western Church tradition. Which is to say that change has always been in the DNA of the English Church.

For instance, The Synod of Whitby in 664 forms a significant watershed in that King Oswiu of Northumbria decided to follow Roman rather than Celtic practices. The Synod of Whitby established the Roman date for Easter and the Roman style of monastic tonsure in Britain. Eventually, in Henry VIII's time, the Reformation caused a split from the authority of Rome and the Pope, and the introduction of the Book of Common Prayer solidified worship practices that were in English and distinct in many ways from the Catholic Church in Rome. At the same time, the COE did not go so far as other Reform churches on the European Continent, and distinguished itself as being "fully reformed and fully catholic" – sometimes referred to as the Via Media, or the church that forms a bridge between Protestant and Catholic expressions.

As one of the major churches in the New World, the church found it necessary to change again, and this time quite significantly by establishing itself as The Episcopal Church of the newly liberated United States of America. As a result of the Revolutionary War, the new church adopted worship practices for its first Book of Common Prayer from Scottish Churches who at the time were also at odds with the parent Church of England. Three successive authorized versions of the American Book of Common Prayer have borne witness to the necessity of change throughout our 244 years as a church here in America. In that time we have helped abolish slavery, established a democratic form of church polity similar to the US Congress (as opposed to the top-down polity of Rome), promoted the ministries of the laity, ordained African-American and indigenous peoples as clergy, led the way for full participation in the church by LGBT people, and now face changes that will once again make us a Traditional Church adapted to whatever the new environment post-Coronavirus will demand.

Oddly, The Episcopal Church throughout its origins in the COE to this day confirms the observation of The Buddha some six centuries before Christ: everything changes/nothing stays the same. That is, except for the head of the Church, the Body of Christ, remains our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who was in the beginning and promises to be with us to the end of the age. Indeed, one need not read too far into Paul's letters or the four Gospels to recognize that Jesus of Nazareth was himself an agent of change the likes of which the world is only beginning to understand! Yes, as Episcopalians, we are those people who are and have always been at the forefront of Change!



Episcopal Church Women



WE'RE STILL ACTIVE! Even with physical meetings on hold, ECW has continued to support Christ Church and the community with creativity, energy, and funding by the generosity of so many in the congregation:

- At our last meeting in March, we voted to allocate money to the Christ Church General Fund
- We also learned that Harford Family House had a great need for bed sheets; ECW ordered five sets and delivered them to the Aberdeen office, where they were gratefully received by Harford Family House staff
- We provided support to missionary Jean Baumbach's Bible translation ministry with a financial contribution to SIM USA.
- **FIRST EVER DRIVE-THROUGH EASTER CANDY PICK UP!**
We thank everyone who placed an order for Log Cabin Easter Candy, your patience when delivery was delayed, and your flexibility in picking up your order during the designated **SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE-THROUGH** time slot! What a relief for an anxious Easter Bunny!

The ever popular
CHRIST CHURCH

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

is **SUSPENDED
INDEFINITELY!**

DATE TO BE DETERMINED!

We will begin collection of items for the **RUMMAGE SALE** when it is safe to do so. 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, Tools, Craft Supplies, Sports Equipment.
(NO CLOTHING, PLEASE)**

SPEAKING OF BOOKS! Plans are in the works for Christ Church to become a **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** site and join the world's largest book sharing movement!



ECW MEETINGS — WE ARE CONSIDERING ZOOM MEETINGS UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO RESUME MEETING IN PERSON



PARTY LIKE IT'S 1920! ANNUAL LADIES TEA

WE HOPE TO RESCHEDULE TO A DATE IN THE FALL,



**FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES OF THE DIOCESE FOR GROUP GATHERINGS,
TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT
AND ENJOY A PLEASANT AFTERNOON OF REFRESHMENT!**

ECW Officers 2019-2020

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An Excerpt update from our Missionary

Ms. Jean Baumbach



April 16, 2020

Dear friends,

I started writing this letter at least six weeks ago. Since then there have been a lot of changes with the Corona virus pandemic.

Corona Virus in Niger: We had our first confirmed case of Covid-19 on March 19th. Currently there are 491 confirmed cases with 11 deaths. The government has declared a state of emergency. They closed schools on March 20th and all gatherings of more than fifty people have been cancelled (this includes church meetings and daily Muslim prayers). Busses and taxis have stopped running as well. The airport is closed at least until the 17th, and a curfew has been in effect for the city of Niamey since March 29th.

Since I fall in the higher risk category, being over 60 and having respiratory issues, I was urged to leave the country. The embassy had organized a repatriation flight that I was able to get in on leaving on Tuesday March 31.st

It wasn't exactly a normal flight. We were flown in a modified 747 with removable seats and toilets fastened down inside the fuselage. The crew were all in hazmat suits, but there was space to walk around to get water and box lunches. We were the third and final stop. (They had already evacuated others from Madagascar and Tanzania who had been on the plane for 16 hours before we joined them!) Altogether we were in the plane for about 16 hours, which included a refueling stop in Portugal. We arrived in Dulles about 2am on Wed April 1st.

My brother had already bought me some groceries and arranged for someone to pick me up at the airport and drive me straight to my condo where I've been in self-quarantine. There's a nice neighborhood behind our condos, so I've been enjoying long walks exploring it and admiring all the flowers and blooming trees. I especially appreciate being in the US in the spring when I'm usually in Niger. Despite the uncertainty around us it's good to remember who's in charge and His promises to us.

Praise and Prayer

1. Praise that our translation team is all healthy again and that I am safely back in the US.
 2. Pray for the people of Niger dealing with Covid-19 and its devastating effects on their country. Pray that many would be drawn to Jesus, the great healer.
 3. Pray for protection for Tambaya, Keejo, Moh, Caleb, René and their families from Covid-19.
 4. Praise that we were able to finish the consultant check of Ezra, 2 Samuel, and Judges last month.
 5. Pray for Caleb as he takes on additional responsibilities supervising the translation team. Pray also for Caleb and Rolanda and their family as they settle into life in Maradi.
- Pray for consistent funding for our translation project.

Thanks so much for your continued support despite my long silence! Rejoicing in Jesus' resurrection.

*In His service,
Jean*

Jean Baumbach
working with the
Fulani in eastern
Niger to translate
the Bible



Inside the plane

Molly's 'Mater Marathon

Our Senior Warden is challenging you to a good old fashioned Ripe Tomato Race!

**Who can harvest the
FIRST
Red Ripe Tomato
by July 4th?!**

- Name a favorite tomato plant in your garden and send a picture to be included in the JUNE Chimes! Feel free to share your best Tomato Growing Secrets to getting the firmest, tastiest tomatoes!
- Keep a close watch and report in! As soon as you get a ripe one let us know and send a picture of your July 4th garden beauty!



**Stay Calm
Stay Connected
Stay Church**





JOIN **US** **LIVE!**



www.Facebook.com/ChristChurchForestHill/

Or on our website:

www.ChristChurchForestHill.org

WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
12 pm

Prayers
for the Socially Isolated



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/



EVERY
SUNDAY
9:45 am

Morning Prayer
Service



Blessings Report:

April 5: \$2,705
April 12: \$1,195
April 19: \$155
April 26: \$973

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.

Stay in touch!

If you did not get your 2020 Directory at the Annual Meeting with contact info for all members of the parish please contact the office.

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



Silvia's Welcoming Walkway



Ribbon Snake, caught on camera by Leslie, sunning himself in the bush in front of the Annex at Christ Church

Original still which was the inspiration for the water color on front cover



Garden Challenge Entries



Molly's impressive asparagus patch and a day's harvest

Kidd Family's flock of Crazies. They produce a dozen eggs every 2 days!

- Chica Dumpling
- Chonkwong Chow Mein
- Chigi Alfredo
- Big Mama BBQ
- Bullet Bouillon
- Riptide Ragout



Hollis has enjoyed being safe at home coloring, playing in the grass and laying on her dog!



George & Danette's
Dump truck of JOY!



Mary Jane has been planting buffer plants and native plants around the condo. She is on the Gardening Committee at Water's Edge.



Laurie's
horse,
Harry,
with his
improvised
face mask!



MY JOYS

(In no particular order)

By Lyn Edmunds

- ◇ Father Kirk's guitar solos and comforting words on Sunday mornings. Easter, especially.
- ◇ When we lost our heat, Marianne & Ezra met us in a parking lot with portable heaters which got us through a cold week. Thank you!
- ◇ My nephew from Rockville took his twin daughters to Rocks State Park where I had taken him as a child. It was too crowded, so he texted me, and we met at Christ Church where we visited on the porch, socially distanced, and ate chocolate cake from ShopRite. The girls loved Julie's narrated tour of the cemetery.
- ◇ Starting to clean the attic, and discovering "treasures" from our children's childhood.
- ◇ Discovering it takes more than a vicious virus to "distance" people. Thank you, phone & internet!
- ◇ Getting to know my "branches" on the CC phone tree.
- ◇ A pair of pileated woodpeckers who have taken up residence near our house, never in 32 years have we seen such beauties!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



* Thank you Fr. Kirk for your continued leadership

* Thank you Dave Martell for keeping Christ Church grounds and gardens manicured, mulched and beautiful

* Thank you Robert Hitz for your gift of music to Christ Church

* Special Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support, especially the generosity from those who have shared their Economic Impact Payments (stimulus)

* Thank you ladies of the Piece Makers for the donations of face masks

* Thank you Medical Professionals and Essential Personnel!!

Happy Mother's Day!



Mother's Day Trivia

1. When was the first Mother's Day observed?
2. Where was the first Mothers Day celebrated?
3. Who is credited with founding Mother's Day?
4. T/F: The founder of Mother's Day filed a lawsuit in an effort to stop the over-commercialisation of the holiday.
5. What flower symbolizes Mothers Day
6. When is Mother's Day celebrated?
7. T/F: Mother's Day is the third most popular holiday.
8. About how many phone calls are made on Mother's Day in the United States?
9. What was the first state to issue a proclamation for a day honoring mothers?
10. When was Mother's Day officially declared?

ANSWERS: (1) May 10, 1908 (2) Church (3) Anna Jarvis (4) True (5) Carnation (6) The second Sunday of May (7) True (8) 1.22 million (9) West Virginia (10) May 8, 1914

A Memorial Day Prayer



May Birthdays

- 12 Slava M.
- 12 Jarred R.
- 13 Yvonne G.
- 17 Jan B.

May Anniversaries

- 7 Jack & Jan Bowersox
- 19 William & Leigh Spicer



Let's remember.

The wife who lost her husband.
The husband who lost his wife.

Let's remember.

The mother and father who lost their child.

Let's remember.

The child who lost a parent.

Let's remember.

To pray. To be grateful. To never take our freedom for granted.

Thank you to those who have been called to serve and to those who have given their lives.

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

May Feast Days

- 1 Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles
Isaiah 30:18-21
Psalm 119:33-40
2 Corinthians 4:1-6
John 14:6-14

- 21 Ascension Day
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 OR Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53



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 families struggling with the health and economic side effects of the Corona Virus



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

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

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

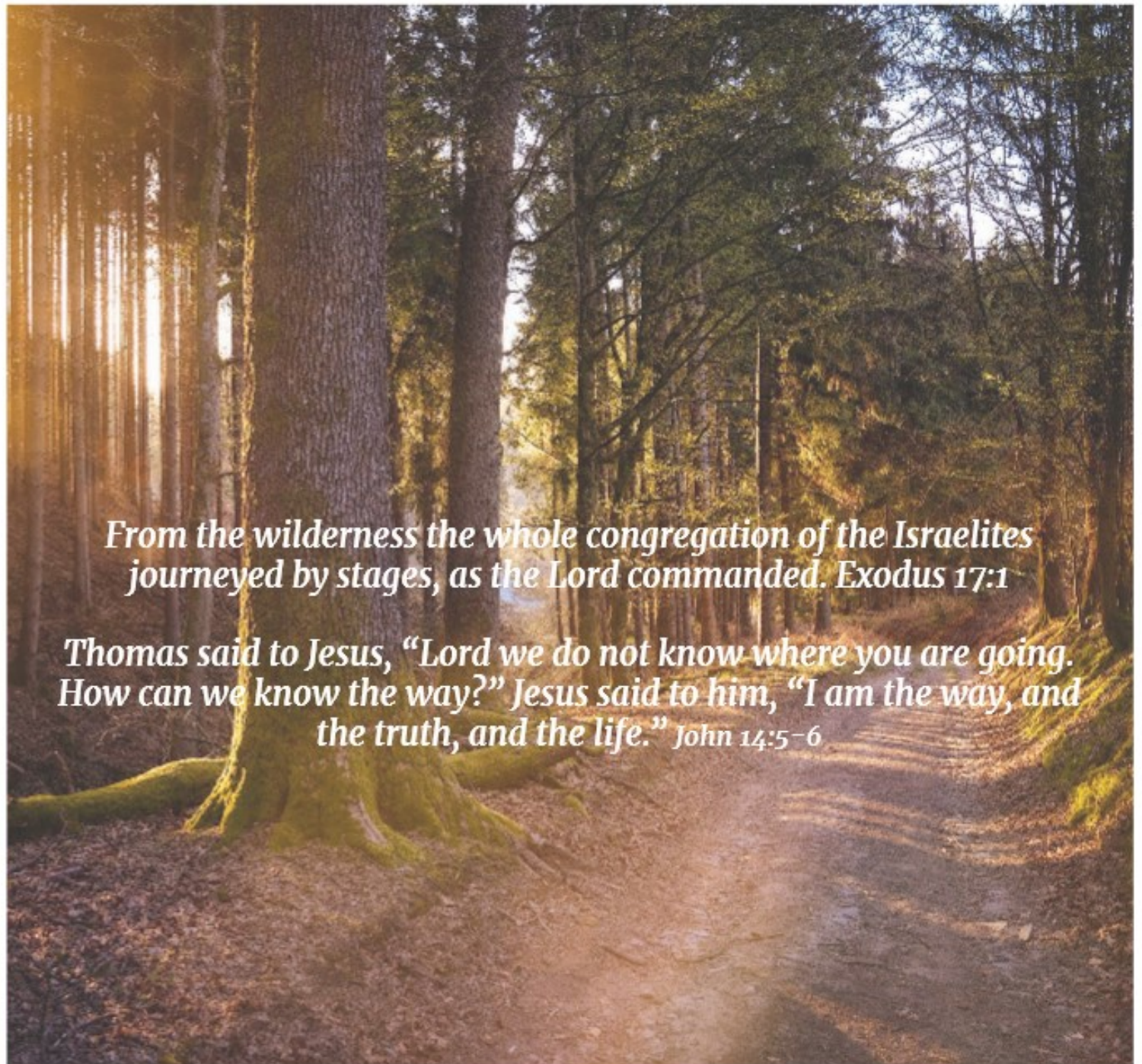
George Rigdon; Vera Dalby; Lois Matusky; Glassell & Betty Parker; Anna Humphreys; Beth Hauser; Lyndon

A Phased Approach to Regathering as Church

Turning Toward the Future with Caution and Hope

From the Episcopal Bishops of Maryland, Washington, DC and Virginia

May 4, 2020



From the wilderness the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. Exodus 17:1

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:5-6

In the first weeks of societal efforts to contain the novel coronavirus' spread, we had all hoped that the most restrictive measures of social distancing and closure of non-essential business would be effective and brief. Yet in our region--that of Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia--both the number of lives lost and the economic impact of containment efforts continue to rise and there is, as yet, no clear end in sight.

Thus we continue to live in a suspended time of suffering and loss. Yet with quiet amazement, we're discovering within ourselves and in our virtual communities untapped reserves of resilience and creativity. We're heartened daily by acts of generosity and kindness and inspired by those whose quiet heroism helps to save lives and care for the most vulnerable.

People of faith are not immune to human suffering, nor are we spared anxiety or grief. What we can do, and are doing, is to draw upon the deepest wells of our biblical and theological traditions which sustain us in times like this. Like our ancestors who walked through their own valleys of the shadow of death, we call upon our God for guidance and strength. As followers of Jesus, we make our way trusting in His abiding presence and love, while we take our place among all God's children in this uncertain time.

Since early March, our churches have responded to the abrupt end to public worship and community gatherings with creativity, goodwill, and compassion for those hardest hit by the pandemic. As your bishops, we have seen that in the midst of your own grief and disorientation you, clergy and laypersons alike, have been a calming presence for others; in your own suffering, you have offered the solace of heartfelt prayer and solidarity with others in their hour of need. Words cannot express our gratitude.

Our elected officials are beginning to make plans for gradual, phased reopening of non-essential business and easing of social distancing.

Governors Hogan and Northam and Mayor Bowser have pledged to coordinate their efforts, and we, the bishops of Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia are committed to do the same, as we begin to plan for a gradual re-gathering of our congregations.

The hard truth is that we will not be able to welcome all people into our places of worship for the foreseeable future. Thus we must prepare for different stages of regathering, following the guidelines of civic leaders. Moreover, the process of regathering may not be uniform, but vary according to county or region, and we must also prepare for the possibility of suspending in-person gatherings again should cases of infection rise.

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As the Wisconsin Council of Churches recently wrote to its member congregations,

"What future we find ourselves in depends not only on the behavior of the virus, but on the actions of people--as individuals, churches, communities, and governments. The way forward will not be a matter of following a timetable, but of faithfully discerning the signs of the times, and responding accordingly."

The way forward is also the road of our own transformation, in the midst of a societal transformation that we can help shape by our faithfulness to the God of resurrection and hope. God is calling forth from us now far more than we could have asked for or imagined just a few months ago. If we choose to embrace this

moment and learn all that we can from it, we will emerge as a stronger church, with greater capacity for faithful and fruitful ministry when this season passes.

What follows is a description of both the phased regathering of our churches and a parallel discernment of God's call to us in this crucible time.

Levels of the Opening of Church Buildings for Worship in Response to a Public Health Emergency

PHASE ONE

No Live In-Person Gatherings
(Stay-at-Home/Most Businesses and
Institutions Closed)

CHURCH PROTOCOLS UNDER PHASE ONE

Congregations holding virtual worship,
livestreamed or recorded

Bible studies, coffee hours, social gatherings,
and meetings via telephone or online

Pastoral care via telephone or online

Continued ministries of service and
compassion within protocols of safety

First assessments of economic impact on
members of the congregations and wider
community--preliminary adjustments of
budgets, ministry goals

PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATOR FOR PHASE ONE

COVID-19 CASES,
HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS
ARE INCREASING

PHASE TWO

Significantly Limited Gatherings
(Some Businesses and Institutions
Reopened with Limitations)

CHURCH PROTOCOLS UNDER PHASE TWO

**Note: All regatherings require bishop's
advance approval of the congregation's plan*

Church offices may reopen in spaces
large enough for physical distance to be
maintained, with the requirement that
proper sanitation measures be strictly
adhered to and enforced

Small indoor church worship (under 50 or
number designated by civic authorities)
may re-start in spaces large enough for 6
feet of physical distance to be maintained
between people

Outdoor worship for limited numbers with
physical distancing

Restrictive practices for celebrations of the
Eucharist

Small group gatherings permitted with
physical distancing

Continued health/safety protocols,
including the use of masks at all gatherings.

Ongoing care for the most vulnerable, engagement with those assessing the societal impact of the pandemic and advocacy for justice

Next level assessment of pandemic's impact on members of the congregation and community. Forecasting of necessary long-term adjustments of ministry initiatives. Exploration of collaborative partnerships

Virtual worship will still be necessary in all congregations to accommodate vulnerable populations and larger worshipping communities

Pastoral care to those in high-risk categories for contracting the virus remains restricted, particularly for clergy and lay visitors in high-risk categories

PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS FOR PHASE TWO

14-DAY CONSECUTIVE DECLINE IN NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND INTENSIVE CARE BED USE

WIDESPREAD TESTING / CONTACT TRACING AVAILABLE TO TRACK THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS

SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

EVIDENCE THAT OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS HAVE SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND ARE NOT OVERWHELMED BY THE NUMBER OF CASES

PHASE THREE

**Moderately Limited Gatherings
(More Businesses and Institutions
Reopened / Fewer Restrictions)**

CHURCH PROTOCOLS WITH GUIDELINES UNDER PHASE THREE

Increased number of persons allowed for public worship, according to guidelines set by health officials

Continued physical distancing and masking requirements likely

Restrictive practices may still guide the celebration of Eucharist, with gradual easing

Restrictions eased on office/classroom gathering, within guidelines

Larger group ministries (youth groups, camps, classes) may resume within established guidelines

Continued assessments of pandemic impact and prayerful discernment of future ministry

PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS FOR PHASE THREE

COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS HAVE FALLEN TO NEAR ZERO

WIDESPREAD TESTING AND TRACKING

HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WELL EQUIPPED AND ABLE TO TREAT ALL IN NEED

PHASE FOUR

Unlimited Gatherings with Some
Protections
(All or Most Physical Restrictions Lifted)

CHURCH PROTOCOLS WITH GUIDELINES UNDER PHASE FOUR

No limit to the number of worshipers who may attend, except that those who are known to be infectious, actively sick or who display any of the symptoms of being ill should not attend

Worshipers may wear masks throughout the service but masks will not be required

Sacramental worship and community gathering restrictions are lifted

PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS FOR PHASE FOUR

A VACCINE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND IS AVAILABLE TO ALL IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC

TREATMENT OF PROVEN EFFECTIVENESS IS WIDELY AVAILABLE

TESTING IS WIDESPREAD FOR VIRUS AND IMMUNITY

LIFE AFTER COVID-19: CONTINUED ADAPTATION TO NEW REALITY

The process of reflection and adaptation has already begun. We place our hope in Christ, whose resurrection assures us that on the other side of death, there is life.

POST COVID-19 CHURCH INCREASED MISSION CAPACITY

Both in-person and virtual worship

Both in-person and virtual meetings

Increased engagement in small group gatherings and widespread pastoral care

Increased online giving as well as in-person offerings

Fruitful collaborative endeavors

Right-sizing of building use and capacities to meet a growing mission field

Streamlined, efficient use of financial and other resources

Strategic efforts toward the realization of key strategic mission, vision and goals

Emergency preparedness plans and strategies in place

Each diocese will develop specific strategies and checklists for its unique situations.

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Right Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles	2
3 4th Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Melinda C.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 5th Sunday of Easter Mother’s Day 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Janet C.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 6th Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Kate D.	18	19	20	21 Ascension Day	22	23
24 7th Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Molly N.	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost  9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Mary Jane P.						



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	1  The Visitation	2	3	4	5	6
7 1st Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Debbie S.	8	9	10	11  Saint Barnabas The Apostle	12	13
14 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Hazel B.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 3rd Sunday After Pentecost Father’s Day 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Janet C.	22	23	24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	25	26	27
28 4th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Melinda C.	29 Saint Peter & Saint Paul	30				