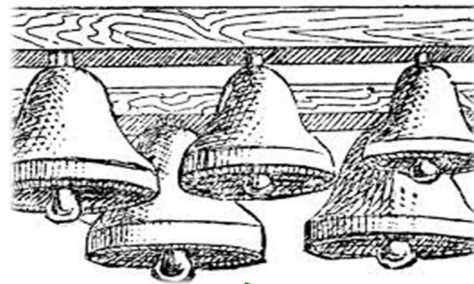


Christ Church

Serving Harford County Since 1805

Rock Spring Parish

June 2020



"Chimes"



The historic bell which hangs in the bell tower at Christ Church. May 8, 2020 marked the 10 year memory for Danette Moss and her adventure up the rickety wooden ladder to check out the leaky ceiling. As the Senior Warden at the time it was her "duty" to make the climb! See additional photos on "Thank You" page

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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 give thanks to God every day for the privilege to serve Christ Church, especially during the Coronavirus Pandemic. It has stretched me technically, and deepened my daily prayer life sharing it with so many of you and others from around the country Monday thru Friday at Noon EDT. The Sunday Live Stream services have also been exciting to see more people virtually attending church than is our usual Sunday average attendance. As good as this all is, I miss you all not being there in person and look forward to the day we can be back in church together. Even then, our Live Stream Services will continue.

Although the bishops have officially allowed parishes to enter Phase Two/Orange as of Pentecost Sunday, certain preparations need to be met and a willingness to return to church both need to be in place, as well as a plan approved by the diocese. Our Vestry has had two discussions via Zoom Meeting and has begun making preparations. And together we are trying to gauge when a re-gathering date might be set.

When we do re-gather, things will not be the same. Everyone must wear a mask, bandana or scarf to church and sit at least six-feet apart. That means we can allow approximately 20 people on any given Sunday. Up to two people who live in the same household may sit together. There will be no congregational singing allowed, and only one singer/cantor – and that will probably be pre-recorded for each week. Although communion will be allowed, it will be bread in the form of our customary wafers only, no wine except for the celebrant. Details of the logistics of communion have yet to be determined, but the current thinking is that we will defer having communion and continue the current shape of worship that we have been Live Streaming the past two months until such time people are comfortable to resume Holy Communion. There will be no passing of an offering plate and there will be an online option to make offerings as well as still being able to mail your pledge in. There will be a plate near the entrance where you can place your offering as well. And of course, there is still to be no “coffee hour” and no food or beverages are to be allowed to be served. Finally, there needs to be a written attendance record with name, phone number and email address for each Sunday.

You can read the Covenant Agreement we need to make with the rest of the parishes that constitute the Diocese of Maryland before returning in this Newsletter. Over the next month or so we will continue to call people and get your input on when to return to church and when to recommence Holy Communion. First and foremost, we want everyone to feel Safe and to keep the interior of the church sanitized and a Safe Place for visitors as well.

Should you need a pastoral visit from your Priest in Charge, you may call the office or email the church, and Marianne Kidd will get the information to me so arrangements can be made. Since future changes in Phases Three/Yellow and Four/Green depend on there being a working vaccine and adequate testing and tracking underway, we can all assume Phase Orange will last for some time. And remember, you can always see our worship Live Streamed Monday thru Friday and Sundays on Facebook and our Website. The video of these services is available on our Christ Church Forest Hill Facebook page 24/7 for you to watch any time of day or night! Our church has been open all along and will remain open. Please remember to keep your contributions up to date as our financial obligations remain open as well!

Yours in Christ

Fr Kirk



Covenant for Regathering

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Maryland for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (*BCP* p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant
- Will abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, and cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Trust and support the decisions of both my diocesan and congregational leaders
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, or mail

We Are...

those People who have been given
The Ministry of Reconciliation by our Lord

Our Catechism on page 855 in the Book of Common Prayer defines the ministry of all lay persons as: "...to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of Reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church." All Clergy, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, are first and foremost Lay persons as well. Everyone who is Baptized is a Lay Person. So, this is the job description for all of us. Reconciliation means the restoration of relations between us and God, and with one another. This reconciliation is grounded in God's Eternal Love for the world and everything therein. For one who is baptized into the Body of Christ, his Church, reconciliation is not an option. It is to be our life's work.

Reconciliation is characterized by the two commandments Jesus declared: To love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. When asked about who our neighbors are, he told the story of the Good Samaritan – which was his way of saying, "all are neighbors to us and you," as the hymn *Jesu, Jesu* so aptly states it.

Yet, looking around us we see a world, a country and even the Church bitterly divided and polarized – anything but reconciled. Past sins and current circumstances have kept us from becoming one people in Christ – or in anyone else for that matter. To take the ministry Christ commends to all who are baptized at all seriously, we need to first learn how to listen to others with an open heart. Only then can we form a common ground in which we can learn to live with one another and work side by side to unite us into serving the One God of all.

We see divisions most evident in race relations and in the growing economic disparity that divides the world and our country into those who have and those who have not. The great Prophetic traditions enshrined in our Bible calls us to strive for justice for all people so that there may be peace for all people; calls us to respect the dignity of every human being. Sadly, one need not look very far to see how little respect there is for anyone not just like 'us.' Jesus loved everyone no matter what their background or circumstance.

This is perhaps the greatest of all challenges to the life of the Spirit: how will we show our love for God through loving our neighbor, all persons, the way Jesus loved and accepted all persons?

It is no accident, by the way, that two of the most spiritual human beings of the 20th century, Elie Wiesel a survivor of the Holocaust, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, warned that neutrality in these matters is not a choice. As Bishop Tutu often remarked, if a mouse is about to be stepped on by an elephant and you declare yourself neutral toward the fate of the mouse, neither God nor the mouse is at all impressed by your neutral stance. Which was his way of saying, when you see someone mistreated or killed because of their race, or homeless and hungry because of economic injustice, and you are neutral, or even worse, indifferent toward their fate, neither God nor Jesus is impressed by your looking the other way. Hate is not the opposite of Love – indifference is. We are to be those people who work for reconciliation among all people. For this is the ministry Jesus calls us to practice.

Episcopal Church Women



The **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** are joining forces with the **ALTAR GUILD** as we move toward reopening Christ Church to modified services. **WE'RE NOT THERE YET!** but when we are, our **CLEAN TEAM** will have a plan of action and approved cleaning materials to make our beloved worship space as clean and safe as possible.

- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?** Please contact MaryJane Parrish if you are able to join The Clean Team for an hour on Saturdays to help sanitize before each Sunday service. MaryJane will make a schedule of rotating teams who will remain socially distant while performing this important task.
 - We also welcome and appreciate any monetary donations to offset the cost of supplies: buckets, microfiber cloths, spray bottles, disinfecting wipes, gloves, masks, acceptable sanitizing solution, etc.
- Checks may be made to ECW and sent to the church PO Box, Attention ECW.



When we are able to do so, we hope to reschedule these events:

- **RUMMAGE SALE:** Please continue to collect items, but 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)
- **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY:** Please set aside any books to donate to this project still "in the works"!
- **ANNUAL LADIES TEA:** Before the end of 2020, we plan to **PARTY LIKE IT'S 1920!** to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and enjoy a pleasant afternoon of refreshment!
- **REGULARLY SCHEDULED ECW MEETINGS**



All women of Christ Church are automatically members of ECW

YOUR IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



ECW Officers 2019-2020

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

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

May 20, 2020

[Virtual meeting via Zoom]

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Lyn Edmunds, Leslie Amtmann, Lois Tidey, Marianne Kidd, Molly Neal, Leigh Spicer, Laurie Morris and Kate Davis.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM. This was our first Zoom meeting, since we have been under a stay-at-home order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The main items on the agenda were:

- 1) Zoom account for future Vestry/church group meetings and possibly another resource for broadcasting our Sunday services; and
- 2) Review/discuss the tentative requirements, established by the diocese, that must be met in order to re-open live services in the church, as well as preparations that would need to be made.

The Vestry voted to approve a 1-year membership to Zoom, which will allow us to have meetings that last more than 40 minutes. Even after the COVID-19 crisis, we plan to continue live-streaming services, as it enables us to reach more people. We have a little over \$2,500 from our reserved communications grant funds, and we voted to approve these funds to go toward appropriate camera/microphone equipment for this effort.

The Episcopal bishops worked with state government officials and public health advisors to establish a thorough list of requirements that would need to be met in order to re-open for live services. Fr. Kirk sent us some initial documents from the diocese ahead of time, so we could review these tentative requirements. The bishops have stated that Episcopal churches in Maryland are allowed to re-open as early as May 31st, if the requirements are met, but there would be many restrictions. However; it is up to us when we feel comfortable to re-open after that date. Once we decide upon a timeframe, we will need to submit a Readiness Checklist (pertaining to Regathering on Church Property for Worship and Other Public Use) to the diocese for approval. We agreed it's best to take it slowly. And the good thing is we've been able to keep up with virtual Sunday worship and Noon-day prayer services (Monday-Friday), throughout this time.

Once we have more particulars and decide on the timeframe to re-open, we will need to notify the regular groups that use the Parish Hall about safety protocols that would need to be followed and sanitizing supplies (disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, masks, etc.) that each group must come prepared with. We will also need to post signage with safety protocols in several places throughout the Parish Hall, church and Annex buildings.

Highlights of the preparations/requirements to re-open include:

- Per the physical distancing requirements, we would be able to fit about 20 people maximum, inside the church. Fr. Kirk has already placed index cards on the backs of the pews indicating where people may sit a safe distance from each other.
- Would need to have weekly teams to disinfect the church before/after service.
- Sufficient disinfectant supplies and extra disposable masks (for anyone who arrives without one) must be on hand.

- It would be good to have an Usher position on the Rota, so we can be sure to have someone dedicated to making sure people are aware of where to sit, hand out masks (for those who don't arrive with their own), point to the etc.
- All books will need to be safely stored away, as we need to eliminate the use of shared items for the time being. Only disposable paper copies of the bulletin may be used.
- Copies of the "Covenant for Regathering" must be made available to all in attendance.
- No singing/choir would be permitted.
- It was decided it would be safest to store away our seat cushions, as it is safer/more feasible to keep a simple wooden bench sanitized.
- No food/beverages before/after service would be permitted.
- Would need to disinfect door handles of bathrooms before/after use.
- It was decided that we would hold off on serving/participating in Communion for now, as that would be the safest option. We could revisit this, once we reach a later phase.

Fr. Kirk encouraged us to coordinate and get started on some of the preparations, as we are able.

Leslie will investigate the option for online pledge contributions, as this will provide additional flexibility in making donations (eg., the link to make a contribution could be posted on our live-streamed services, Facebook page, website, etc.).

The next vestry meeting will be via Zoom on May 27th at 7PM.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer, at 8:15PM.

Blessings,
Kate Davis



You're in for a TREAT!

Each month, the Chimes will include a biography of a Current Vestry Member. Mary Jane Parrish will be interviewing each of our members and providing a summary of interesting tidbits.

Stay tuned!

Know your Vestry

Christ Church, Rock Spring



Molly Neal, Senior Warden

Molly O’Leary Neal is a true Harford County girl. Born at Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace, I have lived all my life in or around Bel Air (with the exception of a brief military stationing in California). I am 6th in a line of 7 wonderful siblings born to John & Joyce O’Leary. Mom & Dad, both from PA, moved to Harford County for his post-WW II scientific work at APG. I had a strong Catholic Church upbringing at St. Margaret’s Church and School. The nuns were my teachers and all the tales you’ve heard are true. They were tough. Good for me, I guess! High school (BAHS), college (HCC) and career training (CEA) couldn’t come soon enough.

I married my high school sweetheart, Ed Neal. We were head over heels in love and vowed to be together no matter what. So with our parents blessing, these 2 impetuous teenagers married and shipped out to CA for the military life (USMC). God must surely have given his seal of approval because 47 years later we love our journey together. We had 2 children, son Nathan who lives in Oregon with wife Tatum, daughters Violet (16) and Ava (12). And, daughter Erin who lives in NC with partner PJ. Erin gave us our first granddaughter, Autumn (19) who is a member of Christ Church but now lives in Dillsburg, PA.

I have had a host of career opportunities, mostly administrative in various settings; business, government, medical, veterinary, human resources. My true calling came within the Board of Elections for Harford County. I was second generation. My mom worked there and invited me to get involved as an election judge. 30 years later I had trained and worked every level of election administration from clerk, administrator, director and retiring as board president. I am very proud of this service. I can think of nothing more important to all that we hold dear about our life as citizens of the US than to be assured of a free and fair system of voting.

In 2007 I came to visit Christ Church looking for a welcoming place to introduce Autumn to a foundation of faith. I had been away from church a very long time. What we found there were the open arms of so many welcoming people who to this day I consider some of my dearest friends and family. It reminds me of the stained glass window in our church where Jesus is knocking on the door waiting for it to be opened. Well thank God, I opened that door the day Autumn and I walked in. Alleluia!

Since retirement just last year, Ed and I cherish our little acre enjoying the yard, flowers, and his fabulous vegetable garden. If you haven’t had any of his amazing veggies yet, you’ll hopefully see them this fall. All this stay-at-home has given us plenty of garden time to get things “just right”. We also enjoy our “old dog” Jessie, kayaking and traveling. I do a bit of volunteer work at a food pantry in Baltimore and am very grateful to serve as the Sr. Warden at Christ Church, my second home. Thanks for the opportunity to tell my story. I can’t wait to hear yours!

Written by Molly Neal

Date: May 17, 2020

It's a Race to the Red!



NOT THAT RED!



THIS ONE....



Molly's 'Mater Marathon

Contestants



"BASIL"

(And it's friend moose)



"TOM E. TOE"



"BEETHOVEN"



"MERRY (Cherry) & ARNOLD (Big Beef)"



"LATE FOR DINNER"

Who are you rooting for?

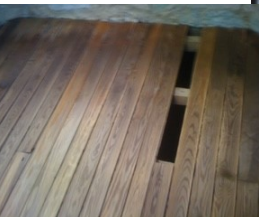
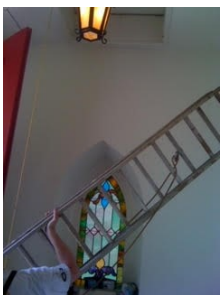
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- ◆ **Thank you** Fr. Kirk for your continued dedication and leadership
- ◆ **Thank you** Christine Lane & the Boy Scouts for remembering our Veterans by placing flowers on the graves at Christ Church on Memorial Day.
- ◆ **Thank you** Dave Martell & Molly Neal for organizing the supplies closet in the Annex
- ◆ **THANK YOU DADS!**



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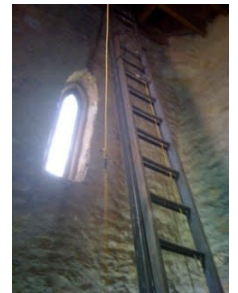
- ◆ **Thank you** to the cleaning crew that packed up the books and cushions in the church getting it ready for our return!
- ◆ **Many Thanks** to all of you who continue to send your pledge offerings and especially those who have sent additional contributions. Your support is gratefully acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.
~Leslie



Father's Day Trivia

1. Where was the first Father's Day celebrated?
2. What year was the first Father's Day celebrated?
3. When did Father's Day gain national attention?
4. What president proclaimed Father's Day a federal holiday?
5. How much do people spend on Father's Day?
6. T/F: About 20 percent of Father's Day cards are bought for husbands.
7. About how many men are stay at home dads?
8. When is Thailand's Father's Day celebrated?
9. T/F: Father's Day is the fourth-biggest day for sending greeting cards.
10. T/F: Around 72% of Americans celebrate and acknowledge Father's day.

ANSWERS: ((1) Spokane, Washington (2) 1910 (3) 1924 (4) Richard Nixon (5) About 12 billion dollars (6) True (7) 214,000 (8) December (9) True (10) True.



—Christ Church's Bell Tower—

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Or on our website:

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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:

May 3: \$2,645
May 10: \$3,385
May 17: \$1,000
May 24: \$2,123

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!

June Birthdays

2 Robert L.
3 Leigh S.
6 David N.
11 Lynn K.
13 Christine L.
14 Douglas C.
14 Brooke E.
15 William S.
16 Rosalie G.
20 Betsy C.
20 Caroline C.
27 George B.
28 Jean B.

June Anniversaries

12 Bill & Laurie Morris
21 Susie & Joseph Necker
23 Molly & Ed Neal
26 Colleen Murphy & Jack Gude

Pentecost



June Feast Days

1 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Psalm 113
Romans 12:9-16b
Luke 1:39-57

11 St. Barnabas the Apostle

Isaiah 42:5-12
Psalm 112
Acts 11:19-30;13:1-3
Matthew 10:7-16

24 The Nativity of St. John

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85 OR 85:7-13
Acts 13:14b-26
Luke 1:57-80

29 The Apostles St. Peter & St. Paul

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Psalm 87
2 Timothy 4:1-8
John 21:15-19

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 Slaughenhoup, Joan Flatt, Lois Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Nathan, Carole, Becky

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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7 1st Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Debbie S.	8	9	10 ZOOM Vestry Meeting 7 pm	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				



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