Christ Church

Serving Harford County Since 1805

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Rock Spring Parish







The interior view of Christ Church from the altar showcases our flags!

Christ Church Rock Spring Parish

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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 happy to announce, that after thoughtful and diligent hard work by members of our Vestry and Officers, we submitted a plan for ReGathering in the church and it has been approved by the Diocese of Maryland. This is the result of hours of conversation, creative thinking, and consideration first and foremost for the safety of those who choose to return to church on Sundays. Please know that the Live Streaming of services will continue for those not ready or able to return to church and will remain available on Facebook and christchurchforesthill.org at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. No one is to feel it is necessary to ReGather in church *until you feel ready to do so.*

All that said, for those who choose to return, worship during the current Orange Phase will be significantly different than we were used to before the Pandemic: everyone must wear a mask, seating is marked in specific places six-feet apart, no more than two people who live together may sit next to one another, there is to be no singing, one must sanitize one's hands on the way in and on the way out of church, there are no prayer books or hymnals in the church, and communion will be in one kind only – a wafer consecrated as the Body of Christ.

Following a suggestion in a recent meeting of diocesan clergy with Bishop Sutton, we will be distributing Holy Communion on the way out of the church, people processing out six-feet apart. The wafers we use for communion come wrapped and sealed in rolls of 50. Only the celebrant will handle opening the rolls and handle the wafers after his or her hands have been sanitized, washed in warm soap and water, and wearing nitrile gloves (*no latex*). As you leave the church, those desiring communion will stretch their hands out to receive communion, as the celebrant will reach out at arms-length as well, and drop the Bread of Life into your hands. Once received, the communicant will continue immediately outdoors. Those desiring a final blessing may wait outside, carefully practicing social distancing, and still wearing a mask. There is to be no "Coffee Hour" afterwards, and no food or beverages are allowed to be offered during the Orange Phase of ReGathering.

There is to be no hand-shaking or hugging. The Peace is to be passed by a simple nod of the head, or bow, to those nearby. There will be music before, after and during the service, and you may hum along making sure you are still masked and that the mask always covers both mouth and nose.

Sunday, August 2 continues to be our target date as the *First Sunday for ReGathering*. As we have all learned by now, circumstances may require us to change the date, but for now we feel confident that *August 2* will be the first Sunday of ReGathering. Feel free to contact me or members of our Vestry with any questions you may have. It has been a particular privilege to work with our Vestry to plan and execute our return to Public Worship.

Please remember to review the Covenant for ReGathering found online and in this edition of the Chimes. And please do not feel in a hurry to return until you are ready to do so. If you are not feeling well, do not plan to attend church, but rather contact your health-care provider immediately. Our Lord has walked with us as we find a way forward in the current Pandemic, which is still a threat to public safety. We will continue to revise all procedures as necessary. Nowhere in this life is there anything like "total safety," but we are doing our utmost to make ReGathering as safe and respectful as possible, following the guidelines of our Diocese which are more stringent than those of the State of Maryland. Stay Calm. Stay Connected. Stay Church.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kirk Kubicek, Priest in Charge

We Are those People who are a Covenant People

Throughout the Biblical Story, God's people enter into a repeated Covenant Relationship with the God of Israel and with One Another. God is shown to repeatedly invite us to renew these covenant relationships with God and one another. In Baptism we further define what these Covenant relationships ask of us. That is why at every Baptism, and on other Feast Days throughout the Christian Year, we renew our Covenant promises. Covenants require that we do our utmost to respect the dignity and safety of everyone, and that we be those people who "strive for justice and peace for all people." This is what it means to follow Christ, and to be, as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us, members one another of the Jesus Movement.

We now have a Covenant for ReGathering for Public Worship in the church. Please read and review it right here and now:

Covenant for Regathering

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF MARYLAND

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



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.
- Individual ECW & Altar Guild members have donated needed supplies that have been identified so far, and the Episcopal Church Women voted to provide funding for the purchase of DISPOSABLE MASKS and HAND SANITIZING STATIONS for the church, parish hall, and annex.
- We welcome and appreciate any monetary donations to offset the cost of supplies. 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:

- 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 refreshement!
- <u>RUMMAGE SALE</u>: Please continue to collect items, but <u>hold your donations at home</u>
 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)

- <u>LITTLE FREE LIBRARY</u>: Please set aside any books to donate to this project still "in the works"!
- REGULARLY SCHEDULED ECW MEETINGS

All women of Christ Church are automatically members of ECW

YOUR IDEAS
ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



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Christ Church Vestry Minutes May 27, 2020 [Virtual meeting via Zoom]

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

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Fr. Kirk read an excerpt from the 3rd chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, followed by contemplative silence.

The vestry minutes from our last meeting on May 20th were approved.

We spent some time checking in with vestry members about conversations with our phone tree contacts and how people are doing. Many people have been joining our virtual Sunday service (including several who have never been able to attend our in-person services). And the prayer service at Noon on weekdays has been very well-received. A few parishioners do not have internet service or email, so it's not been possible for them to attend our virtual church services. We discussed some possible ways of offering them assistance. Marianne will make sure those who need a hard copy of The Chimes monthly bulletin have one mailed to them. Some parishioners do not feel quite ready to go out yet, as they have been mostly sheltering in place to stay safe. Molly mentioned the groups that use the Parish Hall were grateful to get an update as to where we are regarding re-opening plans.

Several members of the ECW helped recently with the initial sanitizing of the pews and storing away the seat cushions and books for the time being, in preparation for the next phase when we would re-open the church. We discussed several ideas for how to accomplish the necessary sanitization of the church and other buildings that would need to occur, once we re-open. The ECW has offered to help with the cost of sanitization materials. Mary Jane will coordinate with the Altar Guild members on new protocols for cleaning up after the Sunday service. Marianne suggested the choir group may be willing to help out with the cleaning after service, as well.

It wasn't exactly clear whether a cleaning before service would be necessary, if we do a thorough sanitization after service and no one else is using the church during the week. Fr. Kirk will check with Rev. Scott Slater of the diocese. Molly will also inquire about the recommended disinfectant for wooden pews (something that would be safer on wood).

Leslie gave an update on the church finances: pledge income continues to be lower than usual, but we have received a few donations from non-members who have been attending our virtual services and some parishioners have made extra donations. In order to cover upcoming expenses, we will need to withdraw \$3,000 from the T. Rowe Price account. We did not apply for a payroll protection loan, as it would have added more expenses later to pay back over time. Leslie has started looking into online donation options, but so far, the finance charges are fairly steep with all vendors. There may be a way to add a donation option directly on our Facebook Live page, but we would need to find out how the funds are collected.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer, at 8:30PM.

Blessings, Kate Davis

Christ Church Vestry Minutes June 10, 2020 [Virtual meeting via Zoom]

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

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

We discussed the 10th verse of Psalm 116: "How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?" followed by contemplative silence.

The vestry minutes from our last meeting on May 27th were approved.

Lynn K. mentioned how she and Phil have been making/donating sandwiches for "Our Daily Bread," which has been especially needed during this time.

Leslie gave an update on the treasurer's report – a full report through May will be available at the end of the month, but it remains that we will need to withdraw funds from our T. Rowe Price account to cover our expenses. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, our diocesan assessment has been reduced to \$850/month (from \$1,000/month).

Cemetery report – we received the cremains of Cindy Warren and will schedule interment as soon as practical. In responding to an inquiry from a woman whose great grandfather is buried in our cemetery, as to the location of his grave site, it was discovered that there is no record of where he is buried (and the location of several other plots is missing, as well).

Senior warden's report – the ECW has been evaluating hand sanitizer options. One quote received for 2 upright, touch-free stations and 4 wall-mounted dispensers was \$760. We will consider other options that may be more economical. The utility closet in the Annex has been reorganized to store sanitizing supplies. Several ECW members have been laundering extra choir robes that were in closet. The vestry approved to donate these to a group that could use them.

Updates from Fr. Kirk – so far, 27 parishes have submitted plans to the diocese about regathering (of these, 8 have begun to gather inside, 5 are meeting outside and the rest have been approved to open at a later date to be determined by each parish). Outdoor flea markets are okay, but safety protocols (eg., masks, physical distancing, disinfecting bathrooms after each use) must be in place.

It was suggested that we conduct a phone survey of our parishioners to obtain feedback about returning to service inside the church building and communion, etc. Lyn E. offered to help with spearheading this effort.

We discussed whether we're still interested in renting our worship space to the old Catholic Church that approached us several months ago. They would need to adhere to all the guidelines form our diocese, and they would use their own vessels, wine/bread, etc. We still need to think about when this would be good to start, but it's worth exploring.

We began the discussion of how do we engage in the greater community and become more diverse? It's important to have a serious conversation on how we might be able to reach the greater community. When we are diverse, we are more like Jesus. Fr. Kirk was invited to participate in a three-year

interfaith conversion on race relations, which began recently. It's a group of several clergy and some lay people around Baltimore and Maryland that is committed to change. He will share any helpful insights with us.

Once we get an appropriate camera and other equipment, there is a Facebook package we could get that has a "donate" button and call-in option. We will need to provide documentation that we are a non-profit organization.

We will meet again in 2 weeks.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer, at 8:50PM.

Blessings, Kate Davis



Dave Martell, Junior Warden

Many of you might not know that David was born and had his early upbringing in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. Yes, it is the home of the world famous Shakesperian festival and yes located on the Avon River. He left in November 1957 when he was 16 and emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Education from Bowling Green University, Ohio.

David taught in Baltimore County for over thirty years - 12 years at Parkville Senior High and 19 years at Loch Raven Senior. During that time he earned a masters in math from Morgan State University. After retiring from teaching he was a professional painter for ten years (not the canvas type of painting).

In November of 1977, after forty years in the U.S. as an immigrant, he became a U.S. citizen! Bet he celebrates both the 4th of July and Canada Day which is July 1st.

David has lived in the same house on Purdue Court in Bel Air for 51 years with his wife Shirley, whom he met during his first year of teaching. She also was a teacher, but left for the business world (more about Shirley Lippy Martell at a later biography). They have one son, Craig, who grew up attending Christ Church. Craig works at the Naval Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Virginia as a rocket scientist (no kidding). Craig's wife, Annette, is an elementary school teacher and their home is in Fredericksburg, Virginia. David and Shirley have one Granddaughter, Raeanne, a graduate student at UVA.

David and Shirley have been members since 1970 except for a brief time at Emanuel. He has served on the vestry several times and was even the registrar at one time. He currently is our Junior Warden. David does all sorts of jobs around the church as well as attending to several of the gardens. We are very lucky the Martells have made Christ Church their home.

In David's spare time he is an avid golfer. He also likes to garden, play bridge and watch British mystery T.V. series.

Molly's Marathon UPDATE

MY, HOW WE'VE GROWN.....But NO Beautiful RED yet!



"BEETHOVEN" Grown By: Laurie Morris



"LATE FOR DINNER" Grown By: Marianne Kidd



"TOM E. TOE" **Grown By: Molly Neal**



"ARNOLD" **Grown By: Leslie Amtmann**



"BASIL"

(not pictured—Grown by: George Barnett & Danette Moss) And it's friend moosepictured above!

Dear Friends and Fellow Competitors, I am excited and have been working hard to be a big, red, juicy tomato by July 1. But alas, the cool ground this Spring delayed my planting. I don't think I'll make the cut. However, wishing you all good luck

and, may the best boy, early girl, better boy or hybrid cutie win. Tom E. Toe

Dated: July 1, 2020



"Monkton" **Grown By: Lynn Klein**



Stay Calm Stay Connected Stay Church







- Thank you Altar Guild for keeping Sundays running smoothly.
- ◆ Thank you Molly Neal for getting power returned to the church buildings and reorganizing the thawed freezer.
- Thank you Ed Neal & Dave Martell for repairing the damaged kitchen tiles.
- ♦ Thank you Lois Tidey, Shirley Martell, Lynn Klein & Pat Rohrman. These ladies laundered all the choir and acolyte robes!
- ◆ Thank you Justin & Kate Davis for completing your Boy Scout Project at Christ Church by deep cleaning the back of church, narthex, window sills and under the pews. GREAT JOB!



Harford County Public Library will be holding a Virtual Library Series! Check out the Virtual Story Times at HCPLonline.org all summer for something new.

You may even see a familiar Christ Church face!

A clipping from our local AEGIS.....CONGRATS OLIVIA!!!

Bel Air High student wins award at Maryland History Day competition

THE AEGIS

June 11, 2020

Olivia Borkowski-Johnson of Bel Air High School won an award at the 2020 Maryland History Day competition. Nearly 600 middle and high school students submitted projects online to present their extensive historical research at the Maryland History Day competition. The competition, usually held in person, is the culmination of a year-long program from 2020 Maryland History Day competition. (Courtesy photo) Maryland Humanities. Maryland History Day, coordinated by Maryland Humanities since 1999, is open to public, private, parochial, and homeschool students in grades 6 through 12. Working solo or in small groups, students create original documentary films, exhibits, performances, research papers, or websites exploring a historical topic of their choice on an annual theme, which this year is "Breaking Barriers in History." Maryland History Day sparks critical thinking and helps develop skills in research and analysis, writing, and public speaking. Competitors at Maryland History Day have already won first or second place in their category at school and district levels. Students from 17 Maryland counties and Baltimore City received special awards, designated for outstanding Maryland History Day projects that cover specific subjects.





Olivia Borkowski-Johnson of Bel Air High School is pictured in front of the S.S. W. John Brown. Olivia's project, titled "Maritime Heroes of Liberty Ships: Breaking Barriers on Land and Sea," recently won an award at the



An excerpt from a letter from Sue Sampson:

"I miss Christ Church and the many wonderful members and friends.

Christ Church will always be our church. I send my love to everyone there. Please tell them if and when you see them! I would love visitors when things open up more.

I am studying to become a member of "Daughters of the King," an Episcopal order for women based on service, evangelism and prayer. I take my vows on July 29, if all goes well. Please pray for that.

Sending prayers to all of you and may God bless you.

As ever,

Sue"

Danette Moss is overjoyed to announce the marriage of her son,

Jarred Daniel Rahn to Celia Aimee Karp on June 20, 2020



It was a magical occasion for 15 family and friends in her parents' backyard in Bethesda. They plan to renew their vows one year later with all their family and friends able to be a part of it!





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Or on our website:

www.ChristChurchForestHill.org

WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY 12 pm

Prayers for the Socially Isolated





EVERY SUNDAY 9:45 am

Morning Prayer Service



ReGather Service Scheduled August 2nd

Our first ReGathering is scheduled for August 2nd at 9:45 am in Christ Church. Remember to review the Covenant for ReGathering (included on "We Are," page 3) and keep an eye out for further updates.

We need \$2,500 each week to meet our expenses.
Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings Report:

June 5: \$2,950 June 13: \$735 June 21: \$1,130 June 28: \$1.045 Please remember to mail your offering to:

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July Feast Days

22 St. Mary Magdalene

Judith 9:1,11-14 Psalm 42:1-7 2 Corinthians 5:14-18 John 20:11-18 25 James the Apostle

Jeremiah 45:1-5 Psalm 7:1-10 Acts 11:27-12:3 Matthew 20:20-28 29 Mary & Martha of Bethany

Romans 12:9-13 Psalm 36:1-5 Luke 10:38-42

<u>July</u> Birthdays

- 1 Leslie A.
- 4 Phil K. Sr.
- 5 Mary Jane P.
- 10 Blake G.
- 11 David F.
- 16 David M.
- 21 Danette M.
- 22 Angela H.



<u>July</u> Anniversaries

2 Angela & Christopher Hoover

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, Normie, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Tara Schatzel, Dan Moss, Charles Getscher, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaugenhoup, Joan Flatt, Lois Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Ingrid Page

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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			1	2	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY!
5 5th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Kate D.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 6th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Molly N.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 7th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Mary Jane P.	20	21	22 Saint Mary Magdalene	23	24	James the Apostle
26 8th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Debbie S.	27	28	Mary & Martha of Bethany	30	31	

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9:45 am Live Streamed Service Church Open for in person worship				The Transfiguration of our Lord		
AG– Hazel B. 9 10th Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15
After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Melinda C.						St. Mary the Virgin - Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ
16 11th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Janet C.	17	18	19	20	21	22
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