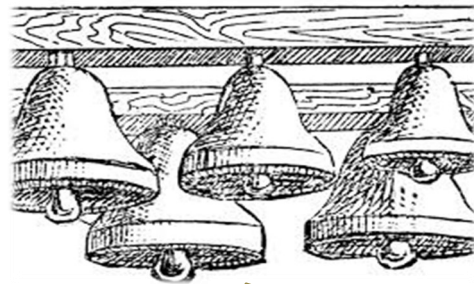


Christ Church

Serving Harford County Since 1805

Rock Spring Parish

September 2020



"Chimes"



Festive Choir send off for Laurie Morris as she and Bill embark on their next adventure. All the best to you both. You will be missed!

Christ Church Rock Spring Parish

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Parish Administrator: Marianne Kidd

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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 don't know about the rest of you, but as this Time of the Coronavirus seems to drag on and on, it also seems as if all of a sudden it is September! Here in Sykesville in the Kubicek household, the only family members who have actually been in the house besides Mallory, Bella the Puppy and me have been son Kirk Jr and his wife Jamie, and they were here for less than one day, and most of that time was outside. And we had one mechanic in the basement for a few minutes, and a Verizon repair man also in the basement for a short time. Both wore masks and kept their distance. We have hosted combinations of our children in the backyard, socially distanced, with masks, several times, including our grandson Mo, who is one year and three months old and a little perpetual motion machine on his feet for hours at a time!

And as you know by now, I have either been in church alone on Sundays, with either Marianne Kidd or Robert Hitz there at the other end of the sanctuary for about a half hour, or in a bedroom here at home leading Noonday Prayers Monday through Friday Live on Facebook and our website, christchurchforesthill.org. That is until this past Saturday when Marianne and I were joined by six vestry plus Mary Jane Parrish to run through a service of Holy Eucharist for the first time since March. We could only do that because of the herculean efforts of a number of people over the past two months to make our church safe for somewhere between 17 to 25 people: hand sanitizing stations put in place, extra masks in place, all books removed, seating designated by blue painter's tape, crews to sanitize the entire church after each service in place, a register for everyone to sign-in when in attendance...the list goes on and on. And we have devised a shortened version of the Holy Eucharist so as to keep us in church a minimum amount of time as required by the Diocesan Guidelines for the Orange Phase, or Phase Two.

The Plan, as previously announced: Holy Communion in the Church on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month. First, Third and Fifth Sundays will be Live Stream Online only for the time being. Once we work the kinks out and see how the fall plays out with the Novel Coronavirus and Flu Season, we plan to expand the number of Sundays in Church. *All services from now on will be Live Streamed every Sunday.*

Sunday, September 13th will be Homecoming Sunday at 10:00am. *We can seat 17-25 persons: 17 individuals, 25 people if there are up to four groups of two people each from the same household who are allowed to sit together.* Everyone must wear a mask covering both mouth and nose. Everyone must sanitize hands on the way in and the way out. Everyone must sign the register each time when in church. There can be no singing, but there will be instrumental music. There will be an offering plate near the entrance, no passing of the plate- and ***we are all still encouraged to mail our offerings and pledges in every week.*** There will be no physical passing of the Peace – a simple bow or wave will have to do for now. People who do not feel well, or who know they have been exposed to someone who is infected with the Coronavirus will need to stay home. More details to follow on the next page.

Please feel no pressure to return. You will know when it is the right time for you to ReGather in Church. In the meantime, we all need to Stay Calm, Stay Connected and Stay Church in the new ways we have been doing so since March. Thank you all for your patience and ongoing support of Christ Church Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish. We are a small but mighty congregation of God's Faithful People!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Kirk Kubicek

We Are...

Those People Who ReGather in Safety!

Despite the Governor's recent announcement September 2, we are still in Phase Orange. This is how the Second and Fourth Sundays ReGathering in church are going to look:

1. As you enter the Bell Tower entrance you sanitize your hands.
2. Upon entering you will be asked if you sanitized your hands, and if you forgot a mask there will be extras at the entrance.
3. When you step in the church, you will be handed a sanitized pen to sign the register.
4. You may place your pledge envelope or offering in the plate in the rear of the church.
5. You may find a place to sit only where it is designated by Blue Tape.
6. A paper copy of the Service of Holy Communion will be at your seat.
7. You will see that we are using Eucharistic Prayer II from Rite One for the time being since it is the shortest option available, and because it is in traditional Elizabethan language. Certain other elements, such as the confession, are from Rite Two.
8. There will only be one or two lessons plus a psalm, not the customary three.
9. You will note that in warm weather the church has been cooled as low as possible, then turned off, and the windows will be open during our time in church. In the winter we will run the heating units at low speed, and the overhead fans will help to drive aerosols and droplets to the floor.
10. At the time of the Peace, and throughout one's time in the church, we must all stay in place – there can be no roaming the aisles so as to maintain Social Distance at all times. This is a requirement of the Diocesan Guidelines which are on our website, christchurchforesthill.org. A simple wave or bow from your seat will have to do for now.
11. Only the Celebrant will receive bread and wine – everyone else will receive only the Body of Christ (wafer) at the rear of the church on the way out. This is to minimize the amount of time we are indoors with other people. The Celebrant will be standing near the door, six feet apart from the person receiving communion. You hold out your hands and the wafer will be dropped into your hand with no contact. (Also, only the Celebrant will handle the wafers– taking them out of the packaging, placing them on the altar, on the Paten, and into the communicant's hand.)
12. Everyone is to maintain at least a six-foot distance from the person in front of them on the way in and on the way out.
13. We are not allowed to have a Coffee Hour/Fellowship Hour in the Parish House in Phase Orange/Phase Two.
14. After we have all cleared the church, a team of volunteers will sanitize the church inside all over again.

We must all enter into this with the understanding that **there is no such thing as a completely safe indoor environment**. The precautions we are taking are best practices as detailed by Public Health Officials in concert with Diocesan Staff to provide as great a degree of safety as possible. If you have any reason to need to stay at home, please be advised to do so and join us on the Live Stream offered on our Facebook Page and our Parish Website. We are each the best judge of what will be the safest practices for ourselves.

Also remember, **we have agreed to follow the Guidelines of the Diocese of Maryland which may differ than those of the County, the State of Maryland, and those of other denominations.**

The governor's recent announcement does not change our current guidelines. These guidelines aim to create as safe an environment as possible in Phase Orange/Phase Two. We will update on any changes made along the way!

Please review the
Covenant prior to
attending (Copy on
"Join us live" page)

Join us for **HOMECOMING**

Live Stream
still available
every Sunday!

Sept. 13th

Online or In Church



2nd & 4th Sunday

10 AM at Christ Church

Stay Calm

Stay Connected

Stay Church

Know your Vestry

Christ Church, Rock Spring



Leslie Amtmann, Treasurer

Leslie Jones Amtmann was born in Baltimore City, moved to Baltimore County at age 4 and to Harford County at age . . . well, never mind.

Leslie and her four sisters were baptized and confirmed at St. John's, Huntingdon (now called St. John's in the Village) an Episcopal church in Waverly, where their parents were married and where she served as assistant treasurer. After marriage, Leslie attended St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Overlea, where she first met Libby Ohl and Lois Matusky. During her 23 years at St. Matthias, she served as acolyte, chaliceist, lay reader, Registrar, and served on many committees and in various roles at church dinners, bazaars and flea markets. She started a Prayer Shawl ministry and crocheted a hundred shawls and lapghans for residents of the local nursing home.

As a youth, she often accompanied her father and his Boy Scout troop on hikes. This came to a halt when she became more interested in the boys than in the flora and fauna of the woods.

Leslie's dancing career began at age 7 after being cast as a Sugar Plum Fairy in the school Christmas production. For many years, she taught ballet, tap, jazz, and aerobic dancing. She retired from dancing at age 56.

One of her fondest memories is learning embroidery from her grandmother on Sunday afternoons. She started collecting stamps at age 12 and continues to add to her collection. One of her greatest thrills was learning horseback riding and jousting. It was a short-lived hobby as it was financially unsustainable. But it is a wonderful memory, nonetheless.

Leslie started to work for Black & Decker at age 17 on the day after her high school graduation. She worked in various departments and positions for the next 47 years. During her working years, she married, had two children (B.J. and Caroline), worked as a typesetter, proofreader, paste-up artist and bookkeeper for her husband's businesses, was a columnist for a weekly county newspaper, and earned a BA in Mass Communication from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland (now University of Notre Dame of Maryland).

These days, Leslie enjoys helping Caroline with her endeavors, spending time with her two grandchildren, gardening, hand and machine sewing, crochet, learning to play the piano, and working in her 10-acre woods to eliminate invasive plants.

In addition to serving as our treasurer, she handles cemetery matters, serves as chaliceist, acolyte, and lay reader and has served as president of the ECW. Leslie feels fortunate to have found Christ Church and looks forward to singing with the choir again one day.



The Hand Me Down Hub closet is overflowing! Clothes of all sizes from infant to teen available - coats and shoes too! Send in a request for yourself or someone you know. Bless a family near you with hand me downs as they prepare for the beginning school year!

Hand Me Down Hub, Inc.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Gracious God,
as the summer begins to fade,
new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning
or returning to their roles as teachers
and catechists as well as those who
lead and support them in their efforts.
May this school year be a time of grace
and potential as they teach, share,
and challenge others to grow in faith,
knowledge, and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with
their parents, as they begin a new
school year.
May their minds be open to learning
and to the wonder of discovery and
insight.

Be with us all as we embark on this
new year.
Amen.



Harford County Public Library is holding a Virtual Library Series!
Check out the Virtual Story Times at HCPLonline.org. New videos will continue to be added through the end of the year.
You may even see a familiar Christ Church face!

New!

Virtual Story Time

with Harford County Public Library



A LOVING FAREWELL



Anna Humphrey waving goodbye to all her dear friends at Christ Church. Anna will be making her move to the Pittsburgh area in the coming weeks. She says she will greatly miss this beautiful church. She would greatly appreciate folks keeping in touch!

Good Luck Anna, from your loving family at Christ Church, Rock Spring!



News that is bittersweet! Bill & Laurie Morris are moving to the mountains of NC following Laurie's retirement as a US Army civilian the end of September. Our new address is available in the office at Christ Church. All are welcome to visit, just not all at once! We love you and will miss you! Thank you for enriching our lives while in MD. God Bless!
~Laurie & Bill



UPDATE FROM A FRIEND

THANK YOU'S

- ♥ Thank you Fr. Kirk
- ♥ Thank you Leslie Amtmann for your help organizing the Hand Me Down Hub closet!
- ♥ Thank you to the altar guild and cleaning crew for your hard work to keep the church clean and sanitized.
- ♥ Thank you ladies of the ECW for all you continue to do for Christ Church.
- ♥ Thank you Laurie Morris for sharing your many talents with all of us at Christ Church! You will be remembered with warm thoughts, many smiles and will always hold a special place in our choir section!

~Marianne

Dear congregation at Christ Church,

It has been too long a time since I thought about writing to the parish I used to call "home." I hope that at least one person will remember me with a smile! When I left Maryland, the parishioners I remember most were Lynn Klein, George & Danette. I do hope the parish is servicing the community.

I now live in North Carolina. I live with my daughter, husband and two children. I try not to interfere in their raising of the two kids. It's been a while since I saw my parents in Maryland or my sister and her family! Thankfully they have some pets that keep me occupied - especially the cat! I have managed to keep my sense of humor! I hope someone there will remember me and think of writing back so I can keep in contact.

Bless you all!

Russell Guhr
906 Merchants Court, Sanford, NC 27330



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www.Facebook.com/ChristChurchForestHill/

Or on our website:

www.ChristChurchForestHill.org

WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-
FRIDAY

12 pm

Prayers
for the Socially
Isolated



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

EVERY
SUNDAY
9:45 am

Morning
Prayer
Service



2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
10 am at Christ Church
Communion Service



September Feast Days

14 Holy Cross Day

Isaiah 45:21-25
Psalm 98
Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:31-36a

15 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Proverbs 3:1-6
Psalm 119:33-40
2 Timothy 3:14-17
Matthew 9:9-13

29 St. Michael & All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17
Psalm 103
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

September Birthdays

6 Timothy R.
9 Kincaid L.
11 Tyler C.
11 Nadia M.
16 Bob B.
19 Shirley M.
21 Betty M.
27 Pat R.
29 Cassandra R.



Blessings Report:

August 2: \$745
August 9: \$2,380
August 16: \$1,295
August 23: \$728
August 30: \$60

September Anniversaries

*Contact the office to have
a loved one's special day
included here!*

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

Please remember to mail
your offering to:

**Christ Church
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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 Slaughenhoup, Joan Flatt, Lois Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Ingrid Page, Lael

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

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




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



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6 14th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Mary Jane P.	7  Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 15th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service Live Streamed AG– Debbie S.	14 Holy Cross Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 16th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Hazel B.	21  St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist	22	23	24	25	26
27 17th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service Live Streamed AG– Melinda C.	28	29  St. Michael & All Angels	30			

October 2020

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4 18th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service Church Open for in person worship AG– Molly N.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 19th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service Live Streamed AG– Kate D.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 20th Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG– Hazel B.	19  St. Luke the Evangelist	20	21	22	23  St. James of Jerusalem	24
25 21st Sunday After Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service Live Streamed AG– Mary Jane P.	26	27	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles	29	30	31 