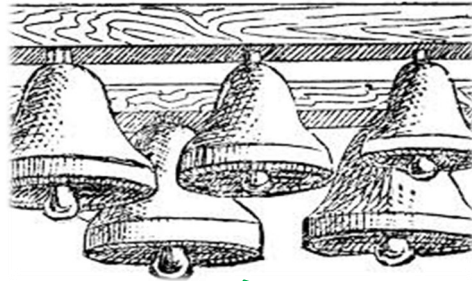


# Christ Church

Serving Harford County Since 1805

Rock Spring Parish

March 2021



## "Chimes"



Drive-Thru Distribution of Ashes  
Ash Wednesday 2021

### Christ Church Rock Spring Parish

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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,

There is Good News to share. First, as our Treasurer, Leslie Amtmann, closed the books on 2020 she reports that our income last year was greater than our expenses. In addition, this was achieved without financial assistance from the Diocese of Maryland which we received the three prior years, and without drawing down money from our remaining two investment accounts! Thank you, everyone, who made this achievement possible! It is the first time in at least 15 years that Christ Church has achieved this sort of financial stability. Your pledges, your contributions, and the fiscal management of our Officers and Vestry made this possible.

Next, the case numbers and the positivity numbers in Maryland, and specifically, Harford County, **allows the Diocese to give us the green-light to re-open for in-church public worship**. There will still be limited socially-distanced seating, masks (not bandanas) required, and the no-singing prohibition in place. We will continue the instrumental preludes at 9:45am, and some sorts of music during the services. **We will continue to Live Stream the services as well**. The plan is **to begin on Palm Sunday, March 28**. Detailed plans for Holy Week will be on the next page. We have already allowed outside groups back into the Parish Hall, also with the same Covenant Restrictions that were in place before the Diocese went into total “lock down.”

In addition, I propose that with Palm Sunday and Easter (April 4) we “flip” the weekly schedule such that beginning in April we will have Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, and Morning Prayer the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We will also continue Noonday Prayer & More Monday-Friday Live Stream at 11:55am.

As I have shared on our Sunday Morning Live Stream services, I will complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the Pfizer vaccine on Tuesday, March 16. At present, it is still best practice to continue wearing masks, practice social distancing, and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds throughout the day. It is worthy of note that during these past few months, there have been few reported cases of Flu nationwide. No doubt this is due to the vigilance of following the best practices for the Covid Pandemic. This is concrete evidence that these measures, as well as limiting one’s time spent indoors with crowds of people, greatly reduce viral infections from spreading.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank our Officers, Vestry, Altar Guild and Women’s Group for all the hard work that has made our continued Live Stream Worship safe and possible. In addition, we have been blessed to have the musical offerings of Marianne Kidd and Robert Hitz every week! Our experience of “being church” has in fact deepened during the Pandemic, and our appreciation of the many gifts God in Christ has bestowed on Christ Church, Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish are many and very rich. Stay Calm. Stay Connected. Stay Church. Stay Safe. And please, when your turn comes, get vaccinated if that is at all possible for you. We will continue to work through this together and return to Church stronger for it.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kirk Kubicek, Priest in Charge

# We Are... those People who Celebrate the Octave of Holy Week

Beginning with Palm Sunday, it has been the practice of Christians from the Church's earliest days to observe the Eight-day Festival (Octave) of Holy Week – the Days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. Centuries before there was a Christmas Holiday, Holy Week was, and remains, the primary Festival of the Christian Year, with many people returning to Jerusalem to walk the Stations of the Cross, and mark the days of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. Last year we marked the Octave of Holy Week virtually with [Live Stream Worship on Face Book](#) and on our website, [christchurchforesthill.org](http://christchurchforesthill.org). It is with great joy that it appears we will, in limited numbers and with our Covenant Restrictions in place, return to worship in our Historic 1805 Church while still offering the services Live Streamed.

We can only accommodate between 17 and 25 people, depending on the number of pairs of people from the same household. And we will still wear masks (no bandanas or neck gaiters), and sit at least six-feet apart, with no singing allowed. The windows will be open and the ceiling fans will be off. Marianne Kidd will play instrumental music to accompany our worship. The plan for Holy Week looks like this:

**Saturday, March 27:** 11:00am-12:30pm those who wish may Pick-up Palms drive-thru in the parking lot.

**Sunday, March 28:** A limited number of people may arrive in the church at 9:45am to listen to the Instrumental Preludes followed by the *Palm Sunday Service*.

**Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday:** A limited number of people may enter the church at 7:00pm for the Stripping of the Altar and Holy Communion.

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday:** At Noon we urge you to view the *Good Friday Solemn Liturgy at the National Cathedral*. [Click here\\*](#), then scroll down to the Good Friday Service.

**Sunday, April 4:** 9:45am *Easter* A limited number of people may arrive for the Instrumental Preludes and Holy Eucharist.

As we are back in Phase Orange, we will continue to offer only the Bread, the Body of Christ, at Holy Communion when we return to church. Our new "No Touch" approach will be a tray with small paper cups, each with a consecrated wafer, that you may take off the tray yourself. Remember, *all services will continue to be Live Streamed on Facebook and the Christ Church Forest Hill website*. On Facebook they remain available for at least a couple of weeks, and on our website they remain available for at least 24 hours, so you may watch at any time.

If you would like a resource booklet for individuals, families and children, I suggest you download this Booklet from the National Cathedral website: [Pray, Reflect, Rejoice.\\*\\*](#)

Lent and Holy Week invite all Christians to Pray, Reflect and Rejoice – reflecting on the mysteries of the Last Days of our Lord's life and death, and his glorious Resurrection on Easter Day. Observing the services of Holy Week can be the most rewarding spiritual experience of the Christian Year for those who enter into the deeper meanings of each service. As we continue to live in this Time of the Coronavirus, we are urged to take the time day in Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, to reflect and pray upon those events in Jerusalem that gave rise to our being those people who belong to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When we do, the following Great Fifty Days of Easter become even more meaningful, reminding us not only who we are, but whose we are. We call ourselves Christians because we know that we are in Christ just as Christ is in us!

[\\*https://cathedral.org/lent/](https://cathedral.org/lent/)

[\\*\\*https://cathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/LentEaster2021-FamilyBooklet-final.pdf](https://cathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/LentEaster2021-FamilyBooklet-final.pdf)

# Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish

## Easter Flowers

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

## Contribution 2021

Please mail this form to:  
Christ Episcopal Church  
P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, MD 21050

**Christ Church Vestry Minutes**  
**January 20, 2021**  
**[Virtual meeting via Zoom]**

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Lyn Edmunds, Leslie Amtmann, Molly Neal, Lloyd Merriam, Laurie Morris, Marianne Kidd and Kate Davis.

The meeting began at 7:05 PM with contemplative prayer.

The vestry minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report – the balance in our checking account is currently \$7,155; however, after payroll and upcoming bills, the balance is down to \$2,641. Supplying special envelopes in the mail for holiday collection seemed to help. So far, the total pledge income for 2021 is around \$52,000 (this is \$10,000 less than last year). The treasurer's report was approved.

Rector's report – Fr. Kirk was unable to attend the bishops/clergy meeting from today, but he will find out any guidance given from the diocese regarding Ash Wednesday. The initial plan for us on Ash Wednesday will be one service at Noon (in place of Noonday prayer) and we will explore having a drive-by distribution of ashes for a short time after the service.

In examining data from Facebook, there are a lot more viewers on our site than what appears as "attending" the live-stream services.

The Harford County Health Dept. has information on how to sign up to be in the cue to get notified of when you may schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sr. Warden's report – the donation week for the Roving Shelter is coming up the first week of February. Once we have collected donations of pre-packaged snacks/drinks, Victorious Faith will deliver them on 2/8. Molly will be updating our phone tree to use for having regular check-ins with parishioners. The 2020 annual giving statements are being prepared and will be mailed out soon.

Leslie will contact Town Security alarm company to update the points of contact in case of an emergency (the alarm system is mainly for fire protection) to David Martell, Molly Neal and Kate Davis.

The next meeting will be on 2/10 at 7:00pm.

At 8:17pm, the meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Blessings,  
Kate Davis

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please update your home directory with new contact info for:

Anna Humphreys  
c/o Atria McCandless  
8870 Duncan Ave. #238  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



## WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Please remember to include your parishioner number on your envelopes. It helps ensure accuracy of our records.

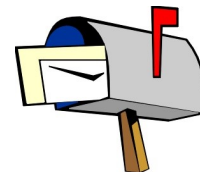
If you need envelopes or have questions regarding your giving statement please contact Leslie Amtmann.

**We are having trouble with mail delivery:**

**Please send all mail to P.O. Box ONLY.**

Christ Church, P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, MD 21050

**Do Not include the street address!**



## Episcopal Church Women

**VIRTUAL ECW Meetings 7PM**

**We will meet on the third Monday of each month (subject to change):**

**MARCH 15**

**APRIL 19**

We plan to continue meeting via ZOOM until it is safe to resume in-person meetings. All women of Christ Church are members of ECW and are INVITED & ENCOURAGED to join us! If you would like to receive a link to our ZOOM meetings, please send an email to Molly at [rosie4us2@yahoo.com](mailto:rosie4us2@yahoo.com).



Centre United Methodist Church's food pantry remains open distributing food on Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Donations of non-perishables can be dropped off on the outdoor picnic tables all day on Wednesday prior to 6 pm.



God Provides  
Food Pantry  
Centre United Methodist Church  
2409 Rocks Road  
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050  
410-838-4207

**Help our Local Food Pantry**

## Hand Me Down Hub, Inc.

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.



Marianne Kidd  
410-937-0865  
HMDHub@gmail.com  
[www.Facebook.com/HMDHub](https://www.facebook.com/HMDHub)



**Thank you!** To all of you who met and sometimes exceeded your pledges for 2020 and to those of you who gave additional gifts, thank you! I am delighted to report that for the first time in at least 16 years (maybe longer), we are in the black at the end of the year. We had about two hundred dollars more of income than expenses!

This outcome was achieved without financial aid from the Diocese, without drawing funds from our investment accounts and in spite of the fact that we have not had the benefit of hall rental and other income such as loose plate offering, kitchen sales and our usual fundraisers. Three other changes have contributed to our favorable results:

- 1) The Diocesan Allocation (money we pay to support the Diocese and its missions) is determined by calculating a percentage of the average of the last three years of operating income. After reporting accurate financial numbers for the past four years, we finally have an appropriate Allocation. (Down from \$22,800 in 2016 to \$8,895 for 2021.)
- 2) Since we are not using our buildings, utility costs are much lower.
- 3) In addition to your generosity, we received contributions from people around the country who tune in to the live-streamed Sunday and noonday services.

Once again, I thank you most sincerely for your faithful and generous support.

Leslie Amtmann  
Treasurer

Thank you to Melinda for the research and Thank you to all the Altar Guild members for their set up each Sunday!

Mary Jane



Thank you Father Kirk for your continued hard work and dedication!

Thank you to the Altar Guild members for donating the new black wrought iron candelabras for Lent!

Dear Rock Spring Parish,

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation to the Harford County DSS Foster Youth. Generous gifts and caring support from donors like you helped provide 52 Holiday gifts packaged to our older youth (ages 14-21 yrs old). There is no way to fully express our gratitude, but we at Harford County DSS are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of our community supports. Thank you for brining a smile to the faces of so many youth we serve.

Our Sincerest gratitude,  
Harford County Department of Social Services



# Join Us Live

[www.Facebook.com/ChristChurchForestHill/](https://www.Facebook.com/ChristChurchForestHill/)

Or on our website:

[www.ChristChurchForestHill.org](http://www.ChristChurchForestHill.org)



**WEEKDAYS  
MONDAY-  
FRIDAY  
12 pm**

Prayers  
for the Socially  
Isolated

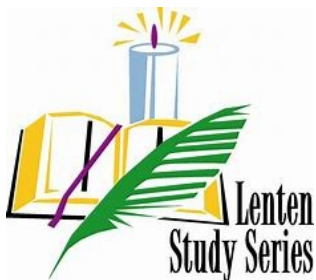


**EVERY  
SUNDAY  
9:45 am**

Morning  
Prayer  
Service

## **2nd & 4th Sundays Live Streamed Spiritual Communion Service**

Join Fr. Kirk during  
Lent to study the  
Book of Ruth  
Mon-Fri at 11:55 am



**Join us Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday In Person or  
Virtually! Please stay tuned for updates.  
Live Stream still available every Sunday at 9:45 am.**



# Lent



## March Feast Days

### 19 Saint Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16  
Psalm 89:1-29  
Romans 4:13-18  
Luke 2:41-52

### 25 Annunciation of our Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 45 OR Canticle 15  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:26-38

### March Anniversaries

4 Scott & Marianne Kidd  
13 Nadia & Slava Morris' Adoption Day

## Blessings Report:

February Total: \$6,235

We need \$2,500 **each week**  
to meet our expenses.

Please remember to  
mail your offering to:

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### March Birthdays

14	Sharon S.
23	Ezra K.
25	Patrick C.
26	Becky B-J.
27	Zachary C.
30	Laurie M.

1	Mallory K.
4	Clay L.
9	Richard T.

## **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, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Tara Schatzel, Dan Moss, Charles Getscher, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slausenhoup, Warren Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Lael, Jacqueline, Roland, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Hazel Borkowski, Lois & Richard Tidey, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Dave Fender, Bob & Mary Tucci.

**For our Missionary:** Jean M. Baumbach

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

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



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7 3rd Sunday In Lent  9:45 am Live Streamed Service  AG– Hazel B.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 4th Sunday In Lent  9:45 am Live Streamed Service  AG– Mary Jane P.	15	16	17  Vestry Zoom Meeting 7 pm	18	19  Saint Joseph	20
21 5th Sunday In Lent  9:45 am Live Streamed Service  AG– Debbie S.	22	23	24	25  Annunciation of our Lord	26	27
28 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  9:45 am Live Streamed Service  AG– Molly N.	29	30	31			



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4  Easter Sunday 9:45 am Live Streamed Service AG— Mary Jane P.	5	6	7	8	9	10
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