

# CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL ROCK SPRING PARISH December 2021







# **Christ Church Rock Spring Parish**

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Leslie Amtmann, Treasurer Dave Martell, Junior Warden

Music Team Leaders:

Marianne Kidd—Choir Director Lyn Edmunds—Song Leader Robert Hitz—Music Consultant



#### December 2021

## "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!"

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The epigram above has been on our outdoor sign since before I arrived in September 2016. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ: that our God, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, in the person of Jesus, the Christ, came down to live among us! This tells us that our God is not far off, but chooses to live in our midst – Emmanuel, "God with us."

Unlike a year ago, this Christmas Eve we can, and will, come together in church to celebrate the birth of our Savior! For several years before 2020 we have celebrated Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM. We shall do so again, Friday, December 24th, 6:00pm, Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music and limited singing. The current mitigations will be in place: wearing a mask, windows open, singing with masks on, and receiving Holy Communion at the Altar Rail, standing, hands outstretched to receive the Body of Christ – the Word become flesh. And social distancing in our seating can be reduced to 3 feet apart rather than six.

As happens every six or seven years, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the First Sunday of Christmas are one day after the other. We will have services on Friday, Christmas Eve at 6:00pm, and Sunday morning at 9:45am. Christmas Day there will be no service so that we may all attend to life at home and with family, rather than having services three days in a row.

I give thanks for so many of you who have made it possible for us to continue to meet in church and by Live Stream all these months of the Pandemic. The Altar Guild, the ECW, our Vestry and Officers, Choir Members, our Parish Administrator and of course our exceptional musicians, Marianne Kidd and Robert Hitz. The Body of Christ is strongest when we all work together to make it possible to worship every week. We have attracted viewers at our Live Stream services six days a week, Sunday through Friday with the addition of our Noonday Prayer offering. This is extraordinarily good news!

We have also continued to serve the wider community, with a variety of groups meeting in our Parish House Monday through Saturday – helping others to maintain healthy and spiritual lives thanks to the generous support of everyone in our congregation.

You have received in the mail, and also in this newsletter, a Pledge Sheet for 2022. To keep our mission to ourselves and those beyond our congregation, it is important for each of us to make a pledge to keep our historic 1805 parish alive and growing in the months and year ahead. Take prayerful time to make your pledge and send it in as soon as possible so that our Vestry can begin the Budget Process for 2022. Every pledge makes a difference in the lives of others as we continue the work Jesus began. He promised not only will we do the things he does, but greater things than these we will do In His Name.

Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas and join us on Christmas Eve and the First Sunday of Christmas to give thanks that our God, our Lord and Savior, chooses to be among us in the Sacrament of his Body, and the presence of his Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Kirk Kubicek, Priest-in-Charge

# Stewardship Fledge Card 2022

In prayerful consideration of my/our stewardship of God's resources, responsibility to Christ Church, and the desire to take the next step in my/our journey of faith, I/we pledge the following financial support to Christ Church for the 2022 church year:

Weekly \$						
Quarterly \$	_					
Monthly \$	-					
	For a total	al of \$		per year		
Name:						
Address:						
Phone #:						
<ul> <li>I would like to receive</li> </ul>	envelopes (circle one):	yes	NO			
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Please return to Christ Church by mail. Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill, MD 21050

Thank you and God Bless!



# Episcopal Church Women



Thanks to everyone for supporting ECW's recent fundraising efforts! Whether you purchased raffle tickets, sent in a monetary donation, OR BOTH, your generosity made it possible to provide toys, clothing, and gift cards for a mother and her three children at Harford Family House! They will surely feel your love on Christmas morning! For more information about Harford Family House and the important resources they provide, please be sure to visit their website at <a href="https://harfordfamilyhouse.org/">https://harfordfamilyhouse.org/</a>. In addition to cash donations and holiday gifts, HFH has an everchanging Wish List of essential household items for their clients; in person donations are accepted or make it easy and head to their online Amazon Wish List!





Lucky winners of our Holiday Raffle drawing on December 1 will be congratulated in the January edition of The Chimes.

ECW will be assembling and planning for delivery of Christmas Cheer Baskets at the December meeting.



DECEMBER 13 ECW MEETING 7PM—ANNEX

MEETING DATES IN THE NEW YEAR TO BE DETERMINED



All women of Christ Church are automatically members of ECW! YOUR IDEAS ARE WELCOME!



#### ECW Officers 2018-2019

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm writing to let you know of a faith-based mission which celebrates, respects, and reveres the blessings of the Earth, "our island home (BCP)"

The Vestry of Christ Church is proposing that Christ Church enter into a pledge with the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), a network of congregations who share a commitment to be good stewards of the land and waters of the Chesapeake Bay. (See Pledge Below)

Signing the IPC pledge signals Christ Church's commitment to environmental stewardship. We would be joining a diverse group of congregations working to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay watershed. There is no financial cost to Christ Church; rather, we honor this pledge by our words and actions.

Signing the pledge also entitles Christ Church to seek financial grant support and professional assistance for environmental education and projects which benefit our watershed. For example, we will receive a \$500 startup grant if we sign the pledge by the end of December. These funds could be used, for example, to purchase native plants and materials which reduce rainwater run-off on our property.

At Christ Church, a "Green Team" has formed with leadership from Melinda Chase, who attends the Harford County Watershed Stewards Academy. The team is excited about both the spiritual commitment and possibilities for environmental projects at Christ Church and in the greater community. New members are most welcome!

If you have questions about the IPC pledge or would be interested in participating in the Green Team at Christ Church, please contact.

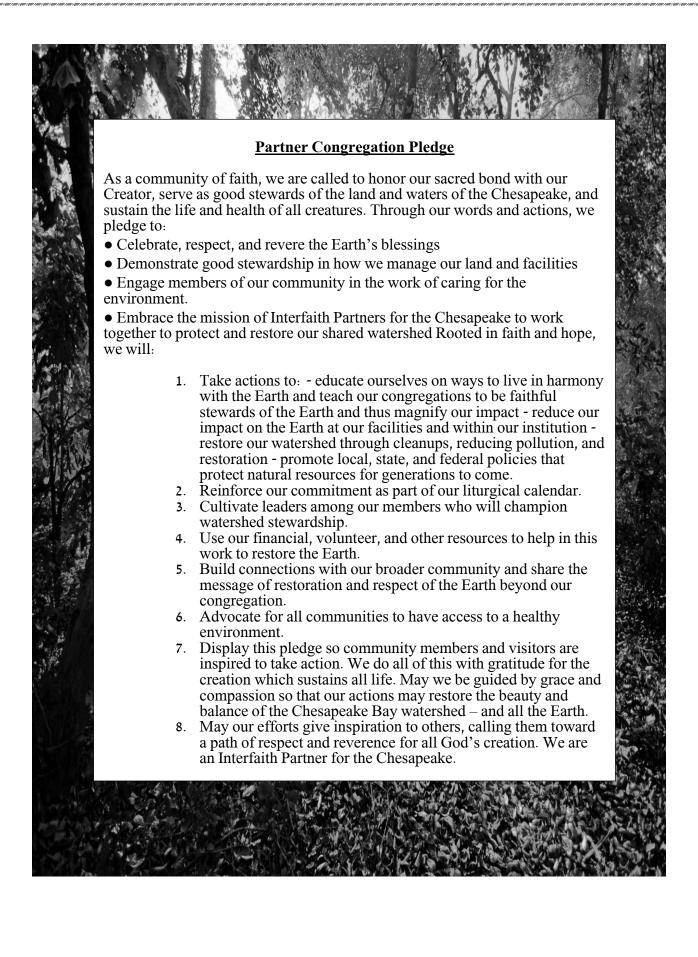
Melinda Chase < melinda.a.chase@gmail.com>
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Lyn Edmunds at < lynedmunds79@gmail.com>

The Vestry sees the IPC pledge as the first step toward embracing this important mission.

Thank you, Lyn Edmunds



Christ Church Rock Spring Parish An Interfaith Partner for the Chesapeake



# Christ Church Vestry Minutes October 20, 2021 [Virtual meeting via Zoom]

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Lyn Edmunds, Lois Tidey, Molly Neal, Laurie Morris, Lloyd Merriam, and Kate Davis.

Meeting began at 7:05 PM with opening prayer.

The Vestry minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and a correction to the spelling of "Peace Makers" was made – the correct spelling is "Piecemakers."

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Balance in our checking account is currently \$14,765. However, \$10,483 is reserved for designated expenses and another \$8,854 represents gifts, so we are in the red by \$4,572. We have \$3,162 left to pay off the chiller (WHCW) debt. Our insurance company issued a new cyber liability rider at no additional cost. We have also added the leased office copier to our insurance policy, at no additional cost, which lowers our monthly payment to the leasing company. Also, our insurance company advised that they must be notified in advance if we plan a church-sponsored mission trip outside the U.S.A.

The Diocesan Assessment for 2022 will be \$799.17 per month, approximately \$58 more than this year's monthly assessment amount.

AmeriGas has increased their fees. If we call for a refill on an emergency basis, they will charge an additional \$300 for that delivery; or if we require delivery in 3 days, the additional charge is \$200. Leslie believes we are on automatic delivery, but if we are on "will call," whoever sees to that should be aware of the additional charges for short turnaround time.

<u>Rector's Report</u> – Since the pastoral directive, 100% of clergy in the diocese have gotten up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. The clergy had a meeting with Bishop Sutton and discussed singing in church with masks. The recommendation is to do this toward the middle of service, and it would be wise to have the windows open. Fr. Kirk will determine the timing for hymns and will send out an announcement to the parish soon.

Fr. Kirk has tried recruiting a new Treasurer, as Leslie's 5-year term is up, but has been unsuccessful, so far. If anyone is interested in helping with this important role, please contact Fr. Kirk.

<u>Sr. Warden's Report</u> – the new cross dedication/ceremony on 10/17 went very well. About 15 people attended church that day and more than 25 attended the ceremony/fellowship afterward.

Melinda is currently attending a Watershed Academy training where she became aware of a group called the "Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake." The focus of the group is to become active caretakers of the Chesapeake watershed. A small group of Christ Church members (Janet, Lyn E., Melinda, Molly and Danette) has formed to attend training sessions and become "faithful green leaders." If anyone else is interested, they would be glad to have additional members. Fr. Kirk mentioned there is a resource called "The Green Bible" which highlights essays and passages that have to do with the earth/land in green.

Pat Rohrman was grateful for Fr. Kirk's recent visit. Molly checks in with her weekly, as well.

Molly received a surprise call from Anna Humphreys who misses us and just celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. She joins the virtual services on Sundays.

We will be getting a quote from a sign company to post information about our new free library and free pantry.

<u>Jr. Warden's Report</u> – the work on the fascia repairs has been completed. Dave recently cleaned out the Annex gutters and he sanded/primed/caulked/painted the window frames and windowsills on the outside of the church. Dave, MaryJane, and Hazel cleaned out the Sacristy and the stairwell area, as well. Molly and Leslie did some trimming of bushes in the cemetery (filled a pickup truck full of clippings).

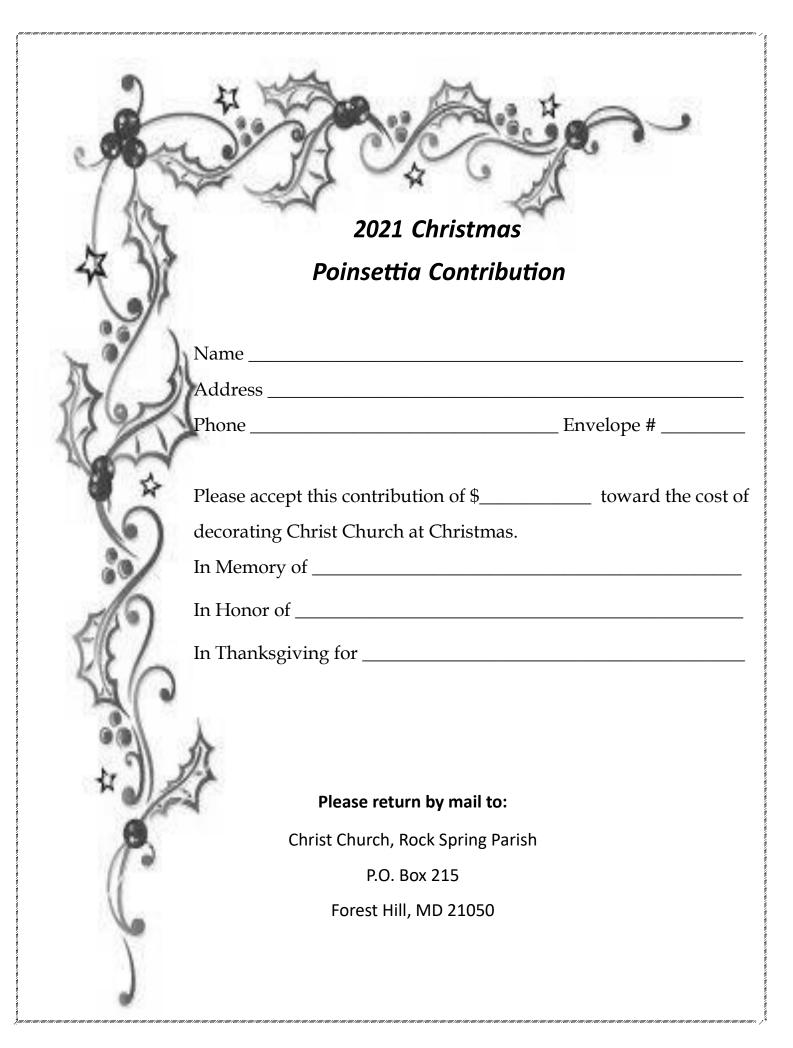
Kate mentioned that Tony is considering taking on the Junior Warden role and will be following up with Molly and Dave to review responsibilities.

The next meeting will be on 11/17 at 7:00pm.

At 8:05 pm, the meeting ended with a closing prayer and blessing.

Blessings,

Kate Davis



### From Marianne:

Many heartfelt Thanks for all the love, prayers and cards these last couple of months for the passing of my father, Charles Getscher, and new blessing of our daughter, Viviana. Vivi is growing fast and was baptized the day after Thanksgiving with big brother, Ezra proudly standing guard! I'm looking forward to seeing you all as I return to play this blessed Advent Season!





CHRISTMAS EVE, 12/24 6:00 P.M. COMMUNION SERVICE THERE <u>WILL NOT</u> BE A NOON PRAYER

CHRISTMAS DAY, 12/25 NO SERVICE



# WEEKLY ENVELOPES

# **BLESSINGS REPORT**

November total is \$6,120.

We need \$2,000 **each week** to meet our expenses.



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(Do not include the street address)

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.





HAND ME DOWN HUB

**Marianne Kidd** 

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Infant to Teen sizes available.

Send a request for yourself

or another.



Many thanks for your generosity.

- Stewardship Giving Pledge Cards
- Poinsettia Contributions

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# December

Gabrielle Hotham

2nd Tyler Davis

4<sup>th</sup> Fr. Kirk Kubicek

11<sup>th</sup> Marianne Kidd

12<sup>th</sup> Anna Risdorfer

15<sup>th</sup> Debbie Senes

31st Pam Copes-Purce

# 21 - St. Thomas the Apostle

80:1-7 Psalm:

1st Lesson: Habakkuk 2:1-4 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Hebrews 10:35-11:1 Gospel: John 20:24-29

26 - St. Stephen, Deacon/Martyr

Psalm: 31:1-5

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 26:1-9: 12-15 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Acts 6:8-7:2a,51c-60 Gospel: Matthew 23:34-39

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

# **December**

26<sup>th</sup> Becky Borkowski & Doug Johnson

# 28 – The Holy Innocents

Psalm: 124

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Jeremiah 31:15-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

# Please PRAY for those who are sick, il

For the residents of Harford Family Hou PECEMBER 2021

of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For the refugees leaving Syria and Co desperation; For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises; For Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the vic For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings & Riots.

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, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaugenhoup, Warren Flatt, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Don, Peter, Lael, Jacqueline, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Lois & Richard Tidey, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Sherry Cole, Silvia Meranski, Sam Robertello, Eileen Shaver, Nancy Capricciuolo

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

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

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

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Sunday 9:45 am Live/In Person Morning Prayer (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday) Comm Service (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>rh</sup> Sundays)	Monday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:30-6:45p Jazzercise 7:00-9:00p AA—Mon Night Raw	Tuesday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 10 am Quilters 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose	Wednesday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:45-7:45p Jazzercise	Thursday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose	Friday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 7:00-8:00p AA—Fri Night Group	Saturday 8:30-10:30 a AA—New Beginnings	
			1 Live Stream	2 Live Stream	3 Live Stream	4	
_		_	11:55 noon prayer	11:55 noon prayer	11:55 noon prayer		
5 2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent	6	7	8	9	10	11	
9:45 am Communion Service AG– M.J.	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
3rd Sunday of Advent			Vestry Meeting				
9:45 am Communion Service AG—Hazel	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer		
19 4th Sunday of Advent	20	St. Thomas the	22	23	Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.	The Nativity of our	
9:45 am Communion Service AG– Kate	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Apostle Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	Communion Service AG – Melinda No noon prayer	Lord Jesus Christ No service	
26 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	St. Stephen, Deacon	28	The floly Innocents	30	31		
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