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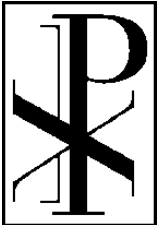
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January 2018

Sunday Services 8 am & 10 am ▪ Saturday Service 5 pm ▪ Sunday School 10 am - September through May
Our mission is to grow spiritually in the Christian faith, to support one another and to spread God's love throughout our community and the world by our example and deeds.

From the Rector

Nicholas S. Szobota



Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ Church concludes 2017 with much for which to give thanks. We have just had tremendous Christmas celebrations, all made possible by the dedicated members of our congregation and our staff. Our annual Ham and Oyster Dinner featured record attendance from friends old and new. That event also marked the first time our parish hall was occupied for a major church function, and the fully accessible rest rooms in particular made it possible for all attendees to enjoy the event with comfort and cheer. I am pleased that, at our December meeting, the vestry decided to direct any excess funding donated to the 2017 parish hall expansion to any future renovations on the parish hall kitchen.

We also celebrate the on going ministry of the South County Baby Pantry, under its transformed format in cooperation with Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater. Thanks to volunteers Irene and Tony Gamboa, Cel Petro, Chloe Colhoun, Lisa Siciliano, and others I may have missed, the ministry continues its small way of serving needy families in south county. The Rev. Sara Yotter, the pastor of Joy Reigns Church, will be our preacher for the service on January 5th at 7 PM marking the Eve of the Epiphany. I hope you will come and welcome Pastor Sara to the pulpit in honor of our shared ministry with Joy Reigns.

Above all, I am most grateful for the ways in which we gather week after week to connect to God more deeply as disciples of Jesus Christ. Your presence and participation in worship, in programs like Sunday School and Education for Ministry and the Sunday morning book study, make this a vibrant and thriving parish. Thanks be to God!

I pray God will bless Christ Church in 2018 with more for which to be grateful, and that God will do the same for you. If you wish to be a part of supporting our parish through your treasure as well as through your prayers and deeds, would you please return the attached pledge form to the church office if you haven't already? You won't want to miss what God has in store for us next. See you in church!

Sincerely,

The Rev. Nick Szobota

Parish Milestones Baptisms

Michael William Wetherholt III, son of Michael William Wetherholt II and Amanda Ford

Spring Yard Sale

Our Annual Christ Church Yard Sale will be the first Saturday in May again this year—May 5th. As you begin your early spring cleaning, please start saving items for the sale. More to follow in the February newsletter

"Not My Child" Opioid Misuse Prevention

January 25, 2018, 6:30 pm
Christ Church Parish Hall

"*Not My Child*" Video followed by Panel Discussion

The Office of County Executive Steve Schuh
Anne Arundel County Presents:
A Community Conversation for Parents and Children
(3rd Grade +)about Substance Misuse in OUR
Community. A candid discussion to understand.....

Substance misuse IS in your neighborhood. It is in ALL communities. AWARENESS is the first and most important step in PREVENTION. Learn how to avoid the most common trap into which parents fall: "NOT MY CHILD"and save a loved one's life. Please contact Rev. Nick with questions. Anyone needing accommodations or information should contact Constituent Services Officer Nancy Schrum at 410-222-1527 or nschrum@aacounty.org at least 7 days prior to the event. TYY users, please call via Maryland Relay 7-1-1

Vestry Notes Meeting of December 7, 2017

*The Celtic Concert proceeds exceeded \$1500. It was suggested to raise the ticket price next year to \$25.

*The Parish Hall project has come in under budget due to generous donations. Up to \$800 will be used to address an issue with wall outlets and door locks. Remaining leftover funds have been designated by the vestry toward any future renovation of the parish hall kitchen.

*The Vestry approved a recommendation to the bishops for Lisa Siciliano to be accepted as a candidate for ordination to the diaconate. This is customary when a potential deacon is about six months away from ordination.

*Walk-the-Walk, an organization which formerly supplied Foodlink prior to that organizations closure, is now donating diapers, etc., directly to the South County Baby Pantry.

Christ Church Newsletter

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Editor Needed

Christ Church News and Views is published twelve times a year, once per calendar month. Information about parish projects, events and activities; formal communication regarding Vestry and Special Parish meetings are communicated to the parish through Christ Church News and Views. It is one way the fabric of our spiritual community is knit together.

We are looking for a volunteer editor for the newsletter. The volunteer editor requests and receives submissions from the members of the parish, Vestry, Officers and Rector and selects items from the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland newsletter. This material is edited and given to the Parish Secretary who then lays out, prints and distributes each issue.

If you are interested in serving your faith community by providing important and interesting information that supports the objectives and needs of your parish and can also share information that individual parishioners might find spiritually fulfilling, contact Rev. Nick Szobota at ccwrnick@comcast.net

Deadline for Articles 2nd Monday of the Month

The second Monday of the month is now the set deadline for submissions to the newsletter. Having a set deadline should make it much easier for both those who wish to submit material and those who prepare and produce the newsletter.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

The following information is passed on from the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland newsletter.

Winter Retreats at the Claggett Center

Registration is now open for these annual offerings for women and men. Make a resolution you can keep to start the New Year off with reflection, nurturing and self-care. For more info: <http://www.claggettcenter.org/>

Women's Retreat *Spiritual Resiliency*

January 12-14

bible-based retreat where women of different faiths and generations join together to study and discuss scripture related to the topic of resilient spirituality. There will be small and large group discussion on how we as women can cultivate resilience as a spiritual practice in our lives and in our communities. There will be time for worship, reflection, relaxation and time to share, all while enjoying the wonderful view, warm hospitality and comfort of the Claggett Center. The Rev. Adrien Dawson, rector of All Saint's Parish, Frederick, will be the spiritual leader for the weekend. For more information about this spirit-filled retreat, contact Sharon Tillman at 410-467-1399 X6383 or Barbara.DeLorenzo@gmail.com.

<https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/543/donate.asp?for mid=WinterRetreats&c=6672564>

Weekend for Women *Free & Clear January 19-21*

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us... are being transformed..." 2 Cor. 3:17-18.

Keynote speaker: The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, rector of St. Andrew's, Glenwood. Join women from around the Diocese of Maryland for workshops, worship, Sunday School class, Bible Study, sharing, good meals (that someone else prepares!), fun and formation in Faith. The retreat will be held at the gorgeous Claggett Center in Adamstown, where a revamped menu is producing delicious meals. Join us for time to explore the significance of freedom in Christ, and to deepen our clarity around how we are called to live transformed in that freedom. Christ Church parishioners should note that The Ven. Michelle S. Doran will emcee this retreat.

<https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/543/donate.asp?for mid=WinterRetreats&c=9909215>

Men's Retreat

**Sharing the Light of Christ:
*Opportunities from Abundance***
Fri, February 2 at 5 pm through
Sun, February 4 at 11:30 am

In this time of Late Epiphany explore the gifts you've been given that you can give back to your partner, family, Church or the wider community. Along with keynote presentations by Bishop Ihloff, this retreat features a Healing Service, small group discussions, social time, free time to explore Claggett Center or simply reflect, and the camaraderie of Christian men from across the diocese and denominations. We invite you to join us for the first time, or come back to what will be a rich and powerful weekend retreat.

Retreat costs include lodging, meals and materials: Inn single: \$225. Inn Double (roommate required, double occupancy): \$205. Commuter (meals and materials only): \$160. Click here to register:

<https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/543/donate.asp?for mid=WinterRetreats&c=737811>

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

The Seeing the Face of God in Each Other Antiracism Workshop (SFG) is an experiential workshop created by the Episcopal Church. SFG's is open to all Episcopalians. Deadline for registration is one week in advance for facilitators to prepare. Both parts are required to fulfill the requirements. Register or learn more: Adam Barner, abarner@episcopalmaryland.org. Below are listed the nearby sites, (Ellicott City, Hagerstown and Baltimore and dates not listed here).

January 6 from 9 am to 5 pm.
St. Paul's, Prince Frederick

February 16, 9 am to 5 pm, February 17, 9 am to 5pm,
St. Martin's in the Field, Severna Park

Episcopal Advocacy Day in Annapolis

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 8:30 am

Episcopal Advocacy Day in Annapolis is quickly approaching. Join us in Annapolis Thursday, February 15, 2018 to learn about our legislative priorities, meet your legislators and network with your peers. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

Registration starts at 8:30 AM with a Continental Breakfast meeting in the Miller Senate Building – President’s Conference Center, West I & II reception room.

(The Miller Senate Building is located at 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis MD 21401)

Issues to be discussed

Advocacy training
Bail reform, ban the box for higher education
Environmental issues
Prescription drug affordability
Status of education funding in Maryland
Juvenile justice issues
And much more!

Find your legislator here: <http://mdelect.net/>

Participants are also encouraged to attend the Senate and House proceedings, visit their legislators, and attend hearings on various issues.

The event is free to attend but please register using the ticket link and remember to bring your photo ID to enter buildings.

Contact: The Rev. Kathy Shahinian, 443-253-6191

Christ Church Vestry and Officers

Christopher Schultz, *Senior Warden*
Frank Tremel, *Junior Warden*

MaryBeth Austin Cindie Brown John Colhoun
Tom Collinson Tony Gamboa Elsie Whitman

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ACOLYTES-TBD

ALTAR GUILD:Jean Krebs, Elizabeth Aikin

CHALICISTS:8am-Magee Turner; 10am-Ken Brown, Emily Phipps, Bill Whitman

FLOWERS:OPEN

GREETER-Tom Collinson

HOSPITALITY HOUR-8am-GROUP; 10am-OPEN

LESSONS:8am-MaryBeth Austin;10am- Anne Schultz

PRAYERS:8am-MaryBeth Austin ;10am- Chris Schultz

VISITATION: Christmas Flowers to go

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CHALICISTS:8am-Magee Turner

FLOWERS:OPEN

GREETER-Tom Collinson

HOSPITALITY HOUR-8am-GROUP; 10am-OPEN

LESSONS:8am-Magee Turner; 10am- Cindie Brown

PRAYERS:8am - Magee Turner ; 10am - Susie Stricker

VISITATION: Magee Turner

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ACOLYTES-TBD

ALTAR GUILD:Jean Krebs, Elizabeth Aikin

CHALICISTS:8am-Magee Turner; 10am - Mike Stricker, Susie Stricker, Paula Tremel

FLOWERS:OPEN

GREETER-Tom Collinson

HOSPITALITY HOUR-8am-GROUP; 10am-OPEN

LESSONS:8am- Elizabeth Bonner: 10am - Robin Anderson

PRAYERS:8am - Elizabeth Bonner; 10am - Frank Tremel

VISITATION: Jean Krebs

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ACOLYTES-TBD

ALTAR GUILD:Jean Krebs, Elizabeth Aikin

CHALICISTS:8am-Magee Turner

FLOWERS:OPEN

GREETER-Tom Collinson

HOSPITALITY HOUR-8am-GROUP; 10am-OPEN

LESSONS:8am - Magee Turner: 10am - Peyton Robertson

PRAYERS:8am - Magee Turner; 10am - Susanne Talbott

VISITATION: Elsie Whitman

Church Events

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICES CLOSED No Ballet Class Class Resumes Jan 2	2 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH	3 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	4	5 7:00 pm AA, PH 7pm Epiphany HE 2	6 No 5 pm Service Resumes January 20, 2018 3:00 pm – 11 pm Hall Rental
7 8:00 am HE-1 9:10 am Book Group 10:00 am HE-2 Family Service	8 RECTOR'S DAY OFF 6:30 pm Ballet, PH	9 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 7:00 pm Education for Ministry Class SSB	10 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	11 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting, SSB	12 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	13 No 5 pm Service Resumes January 20, 2018
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In thanksgiving for God's gifts and as a steward of the treasure which is God's, for the work and ministry of Christ Church in the world, I/we commit to a financial contribution for the year 2018.

_____ I/We Pledge for the year 2018 **Annual Pledge** \$ _____ *To be contributed annually*

- OR - *Monthly* \$ _____ *To be contributed monthly*

- OR - *Weekly* \$ _____ *To be contributed weekly*

_____ I/We will make a one-time gift *Check included* \$ _____

_____ I/We are not in a position to Pledge at the moment, but will contribute throughout the year.

_____ I/We would like, and plan to use, *Weekly Offering Envelopes* (Available Jan 1st 2017)

Signature

Date

Name (Please Print)



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