

Christ Church News and Views

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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 Interim Rector



With May in full bloom upon us (ask John Colhoun to show you his outstanding picture of Christ Church is full, azalea-bloom!) we are just about at the mid-point of our Easter season. On May 30th, the Church celebrates the Great Feast of the Ascension—marking the end of the 40 days of Easter-- and on the 50th day: June 9th, we celebrate Pentecost, which heralds the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the “great green season”—when the hangings at the altar all revert back to green, all through summer- and autumn- long. In full bloom also is the Rector-Search process. Of recent note, our Annual Meeting (which you can read more about later in this issue) was held on April 28th, the Second Sunday of Easter. We were some 30 strong!

For those who were unable to attend, I'd like to recapitulate some of the information and points which I made to the assembly on that day. Related to Sunday Morning Worship, some attendance figures of note:

Average Sunday Attendance (ASA): 49 (vs. 59 in 2018.) This figure for 2019 largely reflects attendance at the 10 a.m. Service. From 09/02/2018 through 02/10/2019, when the 8 a.m., (Rite I, no music) was offered, one family (with an average of 2 -3 persons) attended; once they left, from 02/17/19 – 04/07/19, Sunday attendance was 0.

Christmas Eve (2018): 4 P.M. (Children's Pageant and Holy Eucharist Rite II)	105
7.30 P.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II	125
Christmas Day 9 A.M. “	8
	TOTAL: 238
This compares with a TOTAL ATTENDANCE from 2017 of	TOTAL: 232

Easter Day (2019)	
Sunrise Service (W. River Sailing Club)	50
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, w/Music, 8 a.m.	15
Holy Eucharist, Rite, II, w/Music 10 a.m.	170
	TOTAL: 235
This compares with a TOTAL ATTENDANCE from 2018 of	TOTAL: 199

Since 09/04/18, there have been a total of 6 Baptisms, and 1 Funeral.

In addition to Worship, the fostering of Lay Leadership at Christ Church has seen a new bloom, most notably, in Outreach; Communications; Administration.

From the Interim Rector Continued

Because it is so vital to do so in the life of our community, here again is a listing of the “shout outs” given to those who volunteer their time, talents, and efforts to lead our various ministries:

- To Vestry members, especially the out-going members: Sr. Warden, Chris Shultz; Mary Beth Austin; and Assistant Treasurer, Anne Grandi; and to out-going Registrar of the Vestry, Carole Magee-Turner;
 - To Melissa Robertson, as Treasurer and Pay-roll Administrator;
 - To members of the Altar Guild and Worship Committee, tirelessly headed up by Jean Krebs;
 - To Sylvia Jennings, for stepping up to organize Parish-registries, office files and Personnel records;
 - To Bill Brown, John Colhoun, and Tommy Collinson, for the care of the cemetery;
 - To Betty Colhoun, for scheduling each Sunday’s Altar Party;
 - To Irene & Tony Gamboa, for their work on Outreach and to Tony, for taking on the editing of the Newsletter;
 - To Shelly Collinson, for teaching our children in Sunday School;
 - To Cindie, out-going Jr. Warden, & Kenny Brown, for being indefatigably on call for the myriad of buildings- and ground issues—and always with a smile and good humor;
 - To Susanne Talbott, for cheerfully heading up the Hospitality volunteers on Sunday and at other times—and to Paula Tremel for always pitching in with hospitality;
 - To Frank Tremel, for opening up the church on Sunday mornings;
 - To Pam and David Bush, for their ongoing efforts with the Parish Directory.
- And to anyone else I may have missed!

Ready to be primed for full bloom in the future are some other initiatives going forward: a Vestry Off-site (tentatively scheduled for 8 June); improvements to the Website and other Communications’ venues; and adopting an organized, Committee-structure, enabling each Vestry member to “shepherd” one or more of the Ministry areas. The greatest challenge to doing the work the Lord has given Christ Church to do is in the area of building consensus and working together for the common good. Working together as a team and reaching consensus on decisions represents a new way of doing business at CCWR. Adopting this model (vs. centralizing all decisions in the Rector’s Office) will launch (to leave the gardening metaphor and use a nautical metaphor!) the entire parish into a new era of vitality. The building up of community: a sense, that ‘we’re all in this together,’ and acting as if ‘the good of the whole’ trumps individual agendas and issues, is something we can all grow into. ‘Tis the season for it: new life and new growth.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!
Faithfully, Pastor LindaK+.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Christ Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting was held on April 28, 2019, at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Hall. A Quorum was present and the Interim Rector, the Rev. Dr. Linda M. Kapurch opened the meeting with a prayer and led the meeting. This is a summary of matters that may be of interest to those who were unable to attend.

Introduction of Candidates. The first order of business was to introduce the candidates for the Vestry and for Treasurer. There were three candidates for the three open positions on the Vestry: Kim DiPietro, Shelly Collinson and Tony Gamboa (2nd term). There was a candidate for Treasurer: Melissa Robertson. The position of Registrar became vacant as Carole Magee-Turner would be stepping down. We are searching for a person to take on the responsibilities of Registrar.

Minutes. Following the introductions, the Minutes for the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report. Melissa Robertson presented the Treasurers report. She stated that despite a downward trend in pledges, we benefited from generous unpledged donations from donors who continue to give annually, despite no longer attending services or having moved from the area. The church also received a large bequest from the estate of Buddy Carlton which limited our need to draw funds from our endowment. Our endowment is healthy and growing. Melissa further pointed out that the fundraisers in 2018 were well attended and exceeded income expectations. Additionally, we were able to fund significant upgrades to the Parish Hall kitchen.

Melissa also pointed out some challenges. Income is steadily declining and operating expenses continue to go up, resulting in greater reliance on the endowment to balance the budget. Contributing to this situation is the need to repair and maintain four aging buildings which is time consuming and expensive.

Melissa then pointed that we cannot count on generous endowments in the future to sustain us. Also relying on drawing on our endowment at the current rate would outpace our returns and could

entirely deplete the investments in the next 20-25 years.

Melissa stated that Anne Grandi was stepping down as Assistant Treasurer after many years of service as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Melissa stated that we will need an Assistant Treasurer.

Election of vestry Members and Treasurer. The candidates for the vestry and for Treasurer were unanimously elected and the oath of Office was administered to Kim DiPietro, Tony Gamboa for the Vestry and Melissa Robertson as Treasurer.

Junior Warden' Report. Cindie Brown, the Junior Warden, reported on the maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

Rectory. A significant effort was undertaken by Cindie and Ken Brown to rehab the rectory after the departure of the last tenant. Extensive work was done controlling mold and cleaning and repairing the bathroom. More work is required once a determination is made on how the building will be used. The flower beds also need work

Furnaces. The furnaces in the Sunday School building, the Hall and the church experienced difficulties. While requiring several visits by technicians, the Hall and Sunday School building problems were resolved. The Church furnace had water in the tank which was causing the furnace to turn off. The solution required a new above ground tank with new lines to the furnace. This was an expensive undertaking, a total of \$8700. The Treasurer provided the following data: the new tank cost \$1850, removal of the old underground tank cost \$2400 and soil remediation and testing cost \$4500. There is also an additional cost of \$3100 for the transport and disposal of the contaminated soil.

Lighting. Work was done to repair and improve lighting. A new light fixture was installed above the altar. Old light bulbs were replaced with LED in all three buildings. Also, a short was discovered on a wall sconce and was repaired and the wiring in other sconces was upgraded.

Yard. Wildflower is once again taking care of weekly mowing and seasonal mulching. The Boy Scouts have faithfully picked up sticks, improving the appearance the church yard and making it easier for the grass cutters. On April 20, three families participated in a cleanup day.

Senior Warden Report. Chris Schultz, the Senior Warden, closed out his tenure as Senior Warden with a heart felt statement. He outlined his satisfaction in his work as Senior Warden and thanked all for the support he had been given. He pointed to the installation of new crosses on the roofs of the Church and the Sunday School building. He also pointed out the need for parishioners to get along well and work together in the future.

Committee Reports. Written Committee Reports were submitted by the Music Director, The Altar Party (those who assist at services), the Altar Guild, the Search Committee, and the Sunday School and Adult Education programs. Those reports are contained in the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

Interim Rectors Report. The Interim Rector, Rev. Dr. Linda M. Kapurch, summarized her oral report at the Annual Meeting. She praised the work of the Worship Team, organized from a group of disparate elements. It works together as a team and reaches consensus on decisions and represents a new way of doing business at Christ Church. Going forward we will have one combined Sunday service at 10 a.m. The schedule is as follows: Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays; Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 2nd and 4th Sundays. She gave attendance figures in her written report which showed a decrease in regular Sunday attendance, but an increase in Christmas and Easter attendance. Pastor Kapurch went on to individually thank and praise the work of the many persons that have contributed so much to the parish. In closing, she stressed the need to work together and build consensus on all the issues we face at Christ Church. See also above.



CHRIST CHURCH SPRING YARD SALE A SUCCESS!

It truly takes a Parish to have a successful yard sale. Many thanks to all those very hard-working parishioners and friends who helped, from pre-sale publicity, intake, baking delicious munchies, and set-up, to the day of the sale, to clean-up. We cleared \$1,692 with 75% (\$1259) of the income going to the Christ Church operating budget and 25% (\$423) going to the south county emergency baby pantry in Edgewater. The baby pantry is the main outreach project of Christ Church. The youth took in \$151.60 with their munchies, coffee, tea and plants. This will go to the youth group projects. The results are a testimony to everyone's hard work and the quality of the goods donated. Sylvia Jennings organized the troops – Paula & Frank Tremel, Tom & Shelly Collinson, Melissa & Peyton Robertson, Chris & Anne Schultz, Margaret Gwathmey, John Colhoun, Bill & Jean Krebs, Rob & Jo Stout, Joan Turek, T.C. Palmer, and Maggie MaGee-Turner to name a few. They spent the week before the sale directing intake, from small items to furniture and then sorting and arranging everything on tables. Thursday, a large crew came for final set-up and the tent erection, but mother nature said no-way with a violent storm, so the team regrouped on Friday and finished set-up and the pre-sale. The sale opened at 8:00 with helping hands inside and out to aid the shoppers. The helpers stayed after the sale to box and load a donated covered trailer with left-over goods going to the Edgewater thrift shop and books to the Rotary's

SEARCH COMMITTEE

You no doubt have heard that a Search Committee has been appointed in August 2018 to begin the task of looking for a new rector to replace Nick Szobota on a permanent basis. The Search Committee's first meeting was held on August 19, 2019, and elected Frank Tremel as Chairman and Pam Bush as Secretary. Other members of the Search Committee are William Krebs, Robin Luxenburg, Emily Phipps, Anne Schultz, Susanne Talbot, and Carole Magee Turner.

The Search Committee has expressed frustration on the delay involved in the process. The Committee has met several times together and twice with the Diocese representative on transitions. One source of delay was the mandatory requirement for a class with the Vestry, which was finally completed on January 19, 2019.

The next step was the development of Parish survey which was distributed to the congregation and was due to be returned on May 5, 2019. The information from the survey will be used to develop a parish profile which will give a description of our congregation to be used in soliciting candidates for Rector. If you have not yet completed this important parish survey, please do so as soon as possible and submit it to the Search Committee.

After the parish profile, the search Committee will develop the advertisement of the position of Rector and the Vestry will develop the compensation package. After advertising the position, the Search will narrow down the list of candidates to ten and conduct telephone interviews with the ten and then reduce the list to five. The Search will then visit these five at their home parishes and listen to their sermons. These five will then be cut to three which will be submitted to the Vestry for final selection.

BABY PANTRY

The Baby Pantry is a joint ministry of Christ Church and Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater. Irene Gamboa of Christ Church and Angelika Fischer of Joy

Reigns co-chair the baby pantry ministry. The baby pantry hands out diapers and wipes to needy families on the first Saturday of every month at Joy Reigns Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A week's worth of diapers and wipes is donated for each child.

In March the baby pantry served 44 families and 77 babies. In April the numbers were 37 families and 59 babies.

Diapers and wipes are expensive, and the baby pantry ministry provides much needed assistance to needy families and helps alleviate a costly but necessary expense.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Voices in Praise will conduct a concert entitled Music of Creation at Christ Church on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Voices In Praise is a faith-centered, community youth choir made up of nearly 50 students in Grades 6-12. With 20 years of music-making experience, Voices In Praise provides amazing opportunities to sing, serve others, and grow in faith and friendship.

Please consider attending this concert if you are able. An offering will be collected to support the ministries of Voices in Praise and Christ Church.

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Music of Creation

A CONCERT BY:

VOICES IN PRAISE

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

AT 2PM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST RIVER

220 OWENSVILLE ROAD
WEST RIVER, MD 20778

AN OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED TO SUPPORT
THE MINISTRIES OF VOICES IN PRAISE AND CHRIST EPISCOPAL.

Church Events

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yard Sale preparation and collection only in the Parish Hall - No Other Activities 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	2 Yard Sale preparation and collection only in the Parish Hall - No Other Activities 2:00 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting - SSB	3 OFFICE CLOSED Yard Sale preparation and collection only in the Parish Hall - No Other Activities 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	4 Yard Sale preparation and collection only in the Parish Hall - No Other Activities
5 Yard Sale preparation and collection only in the Parish Hall - No Other Activities 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	6 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLETT, PH	7 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 7:00 pm EfM - SSB	8 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	9 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting, SSB	10 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, PH	11
12 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite II	13 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLETT, PH	14 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 7:00 pm EfM - SSB	15 2:00 pm South River Nursing Home Visitation 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	18 8:00 am Cursillo Reunion - PH
Parish Secretary on leave through May 23						
19 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II 3:00 pm Dawson-Crandell Reunion - PH	20 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLETT, PH	21 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 7:00 pm EfM - SSB	22 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	25
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26 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist, Rite II	27 OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLETT, PH	28 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH 7:00 pm EfM - SSB	29 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	30 Ascension Day	31 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	

Lay Service Roster

May 2019

May 5

ACOLYTES: Gus Colhoun, Vincent Schultz, Will White
ALTAR FLOWERS:
ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson
CHALICIST: Emily Phipps
GREETER: Melissa Robertson
HOSPITALITY HOUR: Susanne Talbott
LESSONS: Cindie Brown
PRAYERS: Ken Brown
VISITATION: Shelly Collinson

May 12

ACOLYTES: Chloe Colhoun, Lucy Palmer
ALTAR FLOWERS: Etta Wisner & Loretta Bryant
ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson
CHALICIST: Bill Whitman
GREETER: Melissa Robertson
HOSPITALITY HOUR: Loretta Bryant
LESSONS: Amy Colhoun
PRAYERS: Kim DiPietro
VISITATION: Cindie Brown

May 19

ACOLYTES: Gus Colhoun, Vincent Schultz, Will White
ALTAR FLOWERS:
ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson
CHALICIST: Paula Tremel
GREETER: Melissa Robertson
HOSPITALITY HOUR:
LESSONS: Anne Schultz
PRAYERS: Susanne Talbott
VISITATION: Cindie Brown

May 26

ACOLYTES: Emma Robertson
ALTAR FLOWERS:
ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson
CHALICIST: Susie Stricker
GREETER: Maggie Magee-Turner
HOSPITALITY HOUR:
LESSONS: Maggie Magee-Turner
PRAYERS: Susie Stricker
VISITATION: Maggie Magee-Turner

Ralph J. Bunche Community Center, Inc.

Community Day

Saturday, June 15, 2019

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Bring your tent, lawn chairs and blankets for a fun-filled day with activities including a parade, dancing, singing, face painting and enjoying time with your family and friends in the community.

Food and drinks will be on sale!

Vendor Spaces available for \$25.00



For more information contact:

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