Durham Church is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, itself a part of what our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry calls, "the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement." As Christians in the Anglican tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and in the Book of Common Prayer, which for centuries has united Christians all over the world in a common, ever-evolving, format of prayer and worship.





# WELCOME!



We worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

There is an an adult Christian formation class most Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall, and we are up to all sorts of other things during the week.

It is our prayer that you will encounter God's love, peace, and hope here.

# CHRIST CHURCH, DURHAM PARISH

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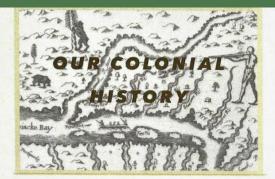
# OLD DURHAM' CHURCH



'Feeding Souls since 1661'
Loving God through our worship, fellowship, and compassionate outreach, we are making a difference...together!

Come join us!





1684 - The first recorded public ceremony at this church was the June wedding of William Dent and Elizabeth Fowke. William Dent, a wealthy landowner, bequeathed money for the purchase of a chalice and paten, which were cast in England in 1706 and given to the Parish in 1708. They are still used today on special occasions and services.

**1692** - Durham was one of thirty parishes chartered by the colonial government. Thus the nickname, "Old Durham".

1732 - Construction of the current brick church began, replacing the log building that served on the same site.

1771 - General George Washington recorded in his diary that he visited Durham Church while staying with his good friend General Smallwood.

1776 - Vestry Minutes record a list of parishioners taking the oath of allegiance to our new nation, rescinding their loyalty to Great Britain. General William Smallwood was a member of Durham Church, serving on the parish's governing body, the Vestry.

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NANJEMOY

This brochure provides some information about who we are at "Old Durham" Church. We have a rich and historic past, but you will find that we are also a living and vibrant community following Jesus right here in Nanjemoy.



### FEEDING SOULS THROUGH... WORSHIP

When we gather as the Body of Christ on Sunday mornings, we worship God with joy. We sing, read scripture, and celebrate Holy Eucharist, using the rites of the Episcopal Church. You are welcome to join us!



Our church building dates from the 18th century.



We celebrate Holy Eucharist on Sunday mornings.

### FEEDING SOULS THROUGH .... FELLOWSHIP

Our parish community comes together over good food, good music, and mutual service. We gather in small groups for study and fellowship, put on a big annual dinner (a tradition since 1878!), have occasional concerts and movie nights, and share plenty of laughter and tears.



We love all kinds of music.



We enjoy helping each other with projects.

## FEEDING SOULS THROUGH...OUTREACH

Joe's Place' is our community food bank, where we provide groceries and seasonal items to our neighbors twice a month. Our Daughters of the King chapter provides food for children at the elementary school, and we all pitch in for special events like holidays, hosting lunch for the local 100-mile bike ride, and other community events.



A first-class sandwichassembly team!



The Diamond Girls hosted a tea for us.