

Christ Church News and Views

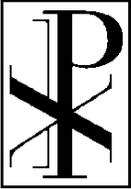
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From the Interim Rector



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This issue, of the November Newsletter, is going to serve as a kind of "transition:" thanks to Tony Gamboa stepping up to be its "point-person" (thereby relieving Petey of much of the responsibility of gathering/editing the Articles--although she will still be heavily involved in the production-aspects) you will immediately notice some changes. In an attempt to make CCWR's Newsletter more timely and relevant, we have gone to a much shorter format--with the idea being that, realistically speaking, you will see a Newsletter appear once monthly, (towards the end of every month.)

That said, with Advent/Christmas soon upon us, this issue focuses on November--and coming soon, we will send out another one in early December--highlighting all of the goings-on and our Advent/Christmas Worship schedule. With your inputs (Thanks to all who commented and offered suggestions!) and the due-diligence of our Worship Committee, expect to see a "re-shaped" Worship schedule--one that offers alternatives and options and hopefully, will meet many of our needs--both of our parishioners and those from the larger community seeking a church home.

So much has been happening over the past two months! Your Vestry, and Lay Leadership have been stepping up "across the board:" in areas of Finance and Administration, Hospitality and Outreach, and most importantly of all, Worship. Look for a new Confirmation class forming--in anticipation of Diocesan Confirmations in late April, 2019 at our Cathedral in Baltimore. Look for a new venue in which to offer your inputs/suggestions as to how CCWR should go forward expanding our Outreach. And look for ways that we can become an ever closer part of our Diocese and local ecumenical Ministerium.

And as always, To God be All the Glory!

Linda K+

Stewardship

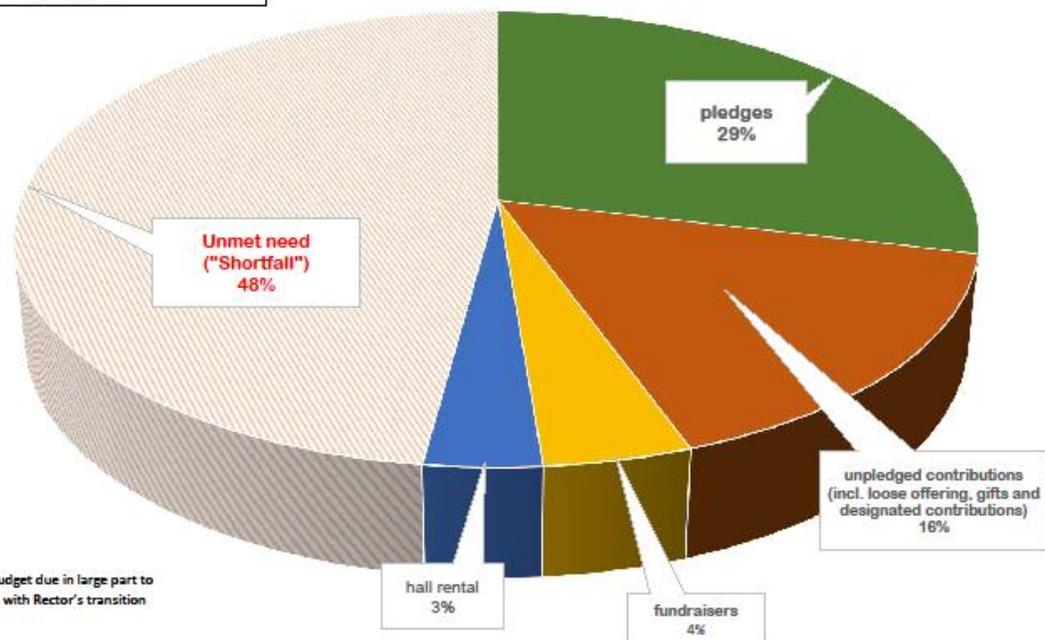
As Thanksgiving and Advent approach, it will be time for the annual giving campaign, which is a time set aside to reflect how the practice of intentional giving is in keeping with all that God has given us. You should have already received a letter with an enclosed pledge commitment card.

Your contribution allows us to plan for the coming year, and enables us to reduce our reliance upon our investment accounts to cover our annual expenses. Over the last several years contributions have been down. Please reflect upon all that God has given you and then respond as generously as you can.

Your financial pledge is a positive and measurable commitment to our Christ Church community that allows the Vestry to budget for the coming year. As portrayed by the enclosed pie chart, pledges for the current year covered only 29% of our annual operating expenses. After other contributions and fundraisers, there remains a shortfall of almost half of the income needed for day to day church operations. Relying on our endowment to bridge such a large gap is not sustainable. Rather, it is necessary for member contributions to support the bulk of the church's expenses while the endowment is reserved as a safety net for major projects or emergency repairs. We invite you to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to share God's abundance through giving. Think about how this community of faith impacts your life and the wider community and then respond as generously as you are able

2018 Projected Income:
Pledges \$58,060
Unpledged Contributions \$31,866
Other Income \$15,500
SHORTFALL - \$96,791

Christ Church 2018 Anticipated Income v. Projected Expenses of \$202,217*



*projected expenses exceed budget due in large part to unanticipated costs associated with Rector's transition

Vestry Notes

The Christ Church Vestry met on Thursday, October 11, 2018. In addition to the Treasure's report, the Vestry was provided updates on a number of matters. These topics included the baby pantry, the service schedule, the 100th Homecoming Dinner, the update of the parish-wide directory, the Search Committee, the hall kitchen renovation, the worship committee, the outreach/hospitality/newcomer committee, and the Interim Rector transition.

The Vestry took a vote on two items: the proposals for the church entrance ramp and the proposals for the treatment of mold in the rectory. The Vestry tentatively voted to accept the Wimbish Masonry proposal subject to further analysis of its pricing. The selected proposal keeps with the historical designation of Christ Church and the contractor has significant experience with this type of work. The proposal includes a ramp to the church, a ramp to the Sunday school building and a walkway to the sacristy. The second item voted on was remediation of mold in the rectory. It was agreed to accept the proposal of Moldgone, LLC, for remediation of all living areas.

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will Thursday, December 13, at 7 pm in the Sunday School Building. Unless otherwise announced, vestry meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the SSB.

Need for articles for Newsletter

The Newsletter is always in need of articles or subjects for articles. You are invited and encouraged to submit an article on a subject you deem would be helpful to our fellow parishioners. If you are not comfortable in writing an article, we also welcome you providing a subject and information and we will draft the article. Please send articles and subjects to Tony Gamboa at itgamboa@me.com.

Baby Pantry

The Baby Pantry is a joint ministry of Christ Church and Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater. It is conducted the first Saturday of every month at Joy Reigns Lutheran Church. A week's worth of diapers and wipes are provided for each child, as well as cream, if available. The Baby Pantry supports low income families in certain zip codes south of the South River Bridge. This geographic limit is imposed to keep the cost of the program sustainable and to serve the local population.

Each family is also provided a gift card for the Joy Reigns thrift shop.

Christ Church's representative for the Baby Pantry is Irene Gamboa, who attends the monthly Baby Pantry with the Joy Reigns counterpart. An organization called "Walk the Walk" donates diapers to the Baby Pantry on a periodic basis, which Irene picks up when they are available. She also purchases wipes and additional diapers as needed from Sam's Club. The clientele of the Baby Pantry has stabilized at 25 to 30 families and some 50 to 60 babies.

Stepping Up

Susanne Talbott has volunteered to oversee the Sunday Hospitality Hour. She is in the process of creating a list of volunteers who will provide refreshments and snacks on assigned Sundays. If you are interested, you can sign up for a given Sunday on the top right hand corner of the Parish web site at christchurchwestriver.org or you can contact Susanne.

Tony Gamboa has agreed to help Pastor Linda and Petey with drafting the monthly parish newsletter. The goal is to have a timely monthly newsletter. All are invited to submit articles or ideas for articles as discussed above.

Search Committee

A Search Committee has been appointed by the Vestry to identify and screen candidates for a permanent replacement Rector. Frank Tremel chairs the Committee. Other members of the Search Committee include Susanne Talbott, Pam Bush, Anne Schultz, Robin Luxemburg, Emily Brown and Bill Krebs.

The Search Committee has met with Canon Wright from the diocese for guidance in the search process. Canon Wright informed the Committee that Christ Church was on the right schedule. The Interim Rector has been selected and transitioned into the Parish. The next step is to distribute questionnaires to all parishioners in January. Thereafter, the Search Committee and the Vestry will submit the Christ Church profile to the Diocese in February. Christ Church can expect to receive names of interested candidates in March.

Celtic-Christmas Concert

The Eighteenth Annual Christ Church Celtic-Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 2, 2018, in the church. There will be one show at 3:00 PM with a reception to follow. The concert features Maggie Sansone, hammered dulcimer, Andrea Hoag, fiddle, Sharon Knowles, Celtic harp, Laura Byrne, Irish flute, and Connie McKenna, vocalist and guitar. Come join this rousing celebration of Celtic and Holiday songs and music. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12

and under and can be obtained by calling the Parish office at 410-867-0346 or emailing the Parish Secretary at ccwr.secretary@gmail.com.

West River Area Churches

Continuing the Clergy-tradition here (of previous CCWR Rectors and Interims) Rev. Linda met over lunch with The Rev. Joanna Marceron, Pastor of Galesville UMC and Cel Petro, CCWR's "rep," to receive an introduction to the ministry of the West River Area Churches. On October 16th, she subsequently attended the first (of what will become) quarterly meetings of this ecumenical organization—which consists of all interested churches in "metro" West River and environs. After introductions and prayer, we set about the main ministry of this group: planning and organizing ecumenical Worship Services for mutual, major feasts. The first of which is a combined Thanksgiving Service: which was held on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day, November 18th, at 3.30 P.M., at St. Matthew's UMC, in Shadyside.

Watch this space—and the Sunday Bulletins—for notice of other, up-coming events.

Annual Clergy Conference

Annual Clergy Conference: the first of two, "command performances," i.e., required attendance, events for Clergy (the other one being Diocesan Convention later in the year) took place from Sunday evening, October 14th, through Tuesday Lunch, October 16th. Held at the Diocese's Claggett Retreat & Conference in what—except for the drizzle and fog—would be a glorious, Catoctin-mountain setting, these conferences are part family-reunion, retreat, and continuing education. This one was no different. Although it was her first clergy-conference in the Diocese of Maryland, Rev. Linda found that she already had many clergy-friends and colleagues with whom to re-connect and renew. Despite the relentless damp drizzle, she didn't let that dampen her views of those glorious Catoctin mountains, and spent every minute of free time outdoors (she is, after all, a New Englander...) The continuing education piece: facilitated by The Rev. Cyndi Banks of the Diocese of Kentucky and taken from The Rev. Brene Brown's Daring Way Curriculum (highly appropriate for a mountain-view conference, wouldn't you agree?) provided much grist for our communications' mill—as both in plenary and small groups we focused on practical strategies for "talking about things that matter," i.e., in situations of conflict or other stressors. Interspersed with good food and fellowship in the spacious conference-setting, the time away was enlightening and energizing—and a good chance, so early in my tenure at CCWR—to become a closer part of our Diocese.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

The following information is passed on from the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland newsletter. For more information on a story, click on the blue underlined text to go to the link.

LATEST NEWS

St. Hilda's, Catonsville Closing

Highlights from September's Diocesan Council meeting St. Hilda's, Catonsville, is closing. Their last service will take place November 17 (the eve of the feast of St. Hilda). We are grateful for the time, energy and commitment that the Rev. Jason Poling and lay leaders working with him have given to this ministry. The property will continue to be used by New Hope independent church, two Burmese church groups and three school groups. The Diocesan Council and Property Committee will continue to explore long-term use of this viable property in the community of Catonsville.

COMING EVENTS

Celebrate Transcendence! with the Handel Choir of Baltimore and the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. This one of a kind concert on Sunday, November 18, 5:00 PM, at the Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, is not one to be missed. Proceeds benefit the Bishops' Annual Ministries Appeal and the Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program. Learn more and purchase tickets.

Youth Event, Martin Luther King Jr. Lock-In, January 20-21, 2019, (grades 6-12), Memorial, Bolton Hill. Lock-in overnight at the church and march in Baltimore's MLK parade. Learn more and register online.

Youth, Puerto Rico Mission, July 23-29, 2019. Primary deadline: November 23. This summer our diocesan youth will travel to our sister diocese of Puerto Rico (Iglesia Episcopal Puertorriqueña). They will work with Wonder Voyage on this trip combining spirituality, cultural immersion, and showing love through service. Learn more and register.

Evensong to celebrate Bishop Chilton Knudsen's ministry and to bid her farewell, December 16, 5:00 PM, prelude, 4:45 PM, Cathedral of the Incarnation. Clergy: Vest in choir dress by 4:30 PM and process. Church banner procession line up, 4:45 PM. The prelude and service will be streamed live online, the link will be posted to our website homepage, EpiscopalMaryland.org.

Christ Church Lay Service Schedule

<p>18</p> <p>ACOLYTES: Gus Colhoun Nikki Rodda Emma Talbott</p> <p>ALTAR GUILD: Margaret Gwathmey</p> <p>CHALICE: Mike Stricker</p> <p>GREETER: Cindie Brown</p>	<p>HOSPITALITY HOUR: Susanne Talbott</p> <p>LESSONS: Susanne Talbott</p> <p>PRAYERS: Susie Stricker</p> <p>VISITATION: Jean Krebs</p>
<p>25</p> <p>ACOLYTES: Alex Schultz Vincent Schultz</p> <p>ALTAR GUILD: Margaret Gwathmey</p> <p>CHALICE: Paula Tremel</p> <p>GREETER: Cindie Brown</p> <p>HOSPITALITY HOUR: OPEN</p>	<p>LESSONS: Anne Schultz</p> <p>PRAYERS: Chris Schultz</p> <p>VISITATION: Paula Tremel</p>

Please let Petey know if there is a conflict or error with this schedule- the full December schedule will be out in the December newsletter during the last week of November

Church Events

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Choir Practice - Church</p> <p>10:00 am HE-2</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH</p> <p>6:30 pm BALLETT, PH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 pm AA, Hall</p> <p>7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>10:00 am Grandell Family Reunion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Black Friday</p> <p>7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am Choir Practice - Church</p> <p>10:00 am MP II & HE II</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH</p> <p>6:30 pm BALLETT, PH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 pm AA, Hall</p> <p>7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.</p>	

Announcements

Your Amazon purchases can help our church. On your Amazon account page, choose Account & Lists, scroll down the lists to AmazonSmile Charity Lists, under Select a Charity ..or pick your own charitable organization type in Christ Episcopal Church West River, then check us off on the next page. Then every time you want to order from Amazon, use the smile.amazon.com website and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Christ Episcopal Church when you do your holiday shopping. Be sure to always use smile.amazon.com.

Eleanor Morris' daughter, Caroline (who lives in Florida) is looking for someone local who can visit with Eleanor and help her with small chores. Caroline's number 727.692.0875

The collection bin for donations to veterans at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home (CHVH) is once again under the tract table. A sheet detailing items needed (as well as items not wanted) is on the tract table.

Beginning in December, the Parish Office Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays will change from 9 am - 1 pm to 10 am - 2 pm.

To sign up for a Hospitality Hour or to provide Altar Flowers, see the buttons on our website: <http://www.christchurchwestriver.org/> you can also view the church calendar there.

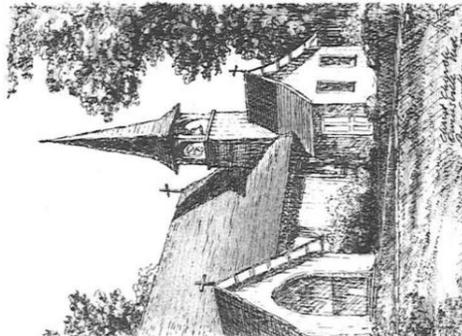
Upcoming Events

The 18th Annual Celtic Christmas Concert Sunday, December 2, 2018

One 3 pm show with reception to follow

A joyous evening of Celtic & Holiday songs and music with: Maggie Sansone: hammered dulcimer, Andrea Hoag: fiddle, Sharon Knowles: Celtic harp, Laura Byrne: Irish flute, & Connie McKenna: vocals & guitar.
Adults \$25, ages 12 and under \$10

Email: ccwr.secretary@gmail.com to reserve tickets or send check to parish office. Be sure to note 'concert' on the check.



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