

Christ Church Bell

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Dear friends,

What sort of church do you want? What are your hopes and dreams for Christ Church? What are your priorities for our congregation? The profile team is hard at work on these questions; the search team will ask them of applicants soon enough – but how each of *you* answer these questions – week in and week out – is far more important.

Do you want Christ Church to be a welcoming church? Then welcome newcomers. Every time you see *anyone* at church you do not know, go up them, smile, and introduce yourself. Every time. Don't worry if you've seen them before. Don't worry if you "should" know their name (or they "should" know yours). Just make it a point, exert a little effort, get through the momentary awkwardness, and *be* welcoming. If *you are* welcoming, every week, then we'll be a welcoming church.

Do you want Christ Church to be an inviting church, a growing church? Then invite your friends, your neighbors, your checkout clerk at Giant, the person waiting with you in your doctor's office. *Especially* invite back those "members" who haven't worshiped on a Sunday in years. Invite the younger generations who have disappeared from our common life. "Well, I could never do that?! What would people think?!!" Well, people will think you're enthusiastic about your church! So smile and be a fool for Christ. If *you are* inviting, then we'll be an inviting, growing church.

Do you want Christ Church to have a youth program? Then start one. Find one or two other people who can pray with you, dream with you, dare with you, research with you, and then reopen the nursery. Tell Bible stories. Sing camp songs. Kids aren't worried about perfection. They just want someone who cares, who will show up, love them consistently, and share the good news of Jesus. If *you* re-start the Sunday School program, then we'll have a Sunday School.

I could go on and on, but you get the idea. The actions of each person in the weeks and months ahead will decide what sort of church Christ Church is to be. Be welcoming, be inviting, get passionate about programs that you think are important – and new rector applicants will notice that Christ Church is vital and alive for Jesus. Don't wait for the new rector to arrive – *you* decide the future of Christ Church.

Yours in Christ,

*You are cordially invited to attend the
celebration to honor
Father Christopher and Cheryl's
Seven years of dedication and service to
Christ Church*

Sunday, September 29

9:15 am Joint Service Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Celebration and Reception

Christ Church, Port Republic



A basket will be available for cards. Fr Christopher and Cheryl request no personal gifts. Gifts in thanksgiving for their ministries may be given to the Christ Church Rector's Discretionary Fund, and will be used for unbudgeted needs in the future.

Please RSVP to Patti Wahl, cell 410-610-6389, or e-mail pattiwahl@comcast.net
for the 10:30 am Reception
by September 20, 2024

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

Joys / Thanksgivings

- Historic witness and mission of the parish in Calvert County, in Maryland and worldwide
- Buildings and 47 acres of grounds entrusted to the parish

Military

- Aaron Boudreau, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Clay Liles, Evan Metz, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

Homebound and Long-term Care

- Ruth Green, Jessica Lewis, Vera Lind, Elaine Williams, Anne Yoe

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Johnny Brodigan, Gloria DeBolt; Mason Lee Gott; Cindy Horsmon, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Sheila Pitcher, Kirk Taylor, Mary Linda Wegner, Joan Wood

Special Needs / Concerns of our Parish

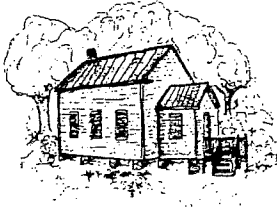
- Discernment and labor for strengthening faithful parish witness & mission
- Ukraine
- Turkey
- Syria
- Israel
- God's guidance for our self-study and search for our next rector
- The Upcoming 157th Jousting Tournament

Friends of Parish

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| - Molly | -Kay Hoile | -Little Woody Lee |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll | -Billy Bonolis |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman |
| -Ann Garner | -Josh Nudge | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman |
| -Tommy Rosnage | -Daniel Carter | -Kathy W. |
| -Ronnie Bowen | - Carrie | -Jaylyn Almond |
| --Bill Lerch | -Amy Marburger | Joyce Spangler |
| -Jamie Gurney | -Catherine Howanstine | -Barbara Clem |
| -Linda | -Shannon Persetic | -Jean Bates |
| - Carole Mistarka | | |

We will pray for members of the parish who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering for three Sundays in church, and then remove their names from the prayer list, unless specifically renewed. We will list Friends of the Parish for one month and then remove their names from the Bell, unless specifically renewed.

TOURNAMENT BAZAAR ITEMS



ONE ROOM SCHOOL

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Rain-or-Shine

Enjoy an old-fashioned summer evening with friends, ice cream, and music.

The School House will be open. Bring your lawn chair and come to enjoy.

First cone or dish of ice cream is free.

Families will find period games and activities for young children to enjoy.

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Hosted by

Friends of the One Room School House

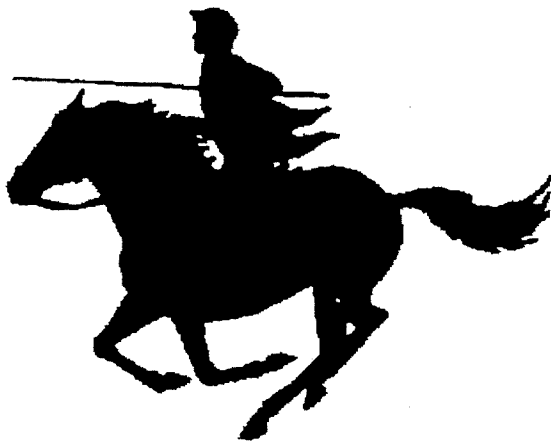
The One-Room School House has become easier to access for all the community with ramp and level flooring which brought the schoolhouse into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Toys, games, and puzzles may now be dropped off in the designated classroom. Books may now be dropped off in the Parish Hall for the Tournament.

Worship on July 4th. Independence Day this year falls on Thursday. Why not join us at 10 a.m. for our regular Thursday Holy Eucharist that day as we give thanks for our nation? Thursday Holy Eucharist is beautiful, quiet, reflective and refreshing way to take some time with God in the middle of the week.

Online Giving. We are pleased to announce a new way to give to Christ Church. Using **Square** you may now send contributions to Christ Church using your credit card, debit card, or mobile wallet. If you wish to make donation such as a pledge contribution, memorial contribution, donation toward tournament expenses, or another type of donation, please visit christchurchcalvert.org select "online Giving with Square", then select "the Square Box. Please be advised, if you wish to get credit for an online pledge payment, please send a completed pledge form to the office prior to your first payment if you do not have already have a pledge form on file. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl at ccgarcia.va@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School at Middleham & St Peter's Parish (SCUBA – Diving into Friendship with God). **8-12 July**, 9a – noon. Smith Hall. All are welcome to join in the fun, open for children age 4- Grade 6. Registration required. Storytelling, crafts, snacks, games, science experiments, and music. Interested in volunteering? Contact Anne Hayes at 443-624-6959 or ahayes104@yahoo.com.



157th Tournament Day

Saturday, August 31

Always the last Saturday in August

Everyone's help is needed and appreciated.

For information, please speak with:

General Chair	<i>Jim Coffren, 443-307-6864</i>
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THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

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VESTRY MEMBERS

2025	Peter Cochran	Patti Wahl
2026	Ron Cole	Allyson Sigler
2027	Bob Graham	Phil Yeats
2028	David Campbell	Sandy Hall

CHRIST CHURCH

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christopher@christchurchcalvert.org

Cell 540-471-7445



JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	1 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	2	
7 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 Fellowship	8 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	9	
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28 9:15 Joint Service By ZOOM @ 9:150 10:15 Fellowship and Forum	29 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	30	

Holidays and Observances: 4: Independence Day

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Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail – ebellner@gmail.com Cell 407-256-3298

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	 <p>4 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry</p>	5	6
10	<p>11 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>12 J.U.L.I.E.T.'s Luncheon Dream Weavers 11:30 am</p>	13
17	<p>18 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry</p>	19	20
24	<p>25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry</p>	26	27
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PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

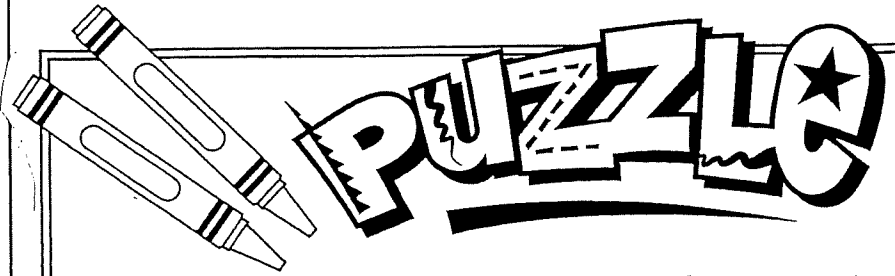
What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

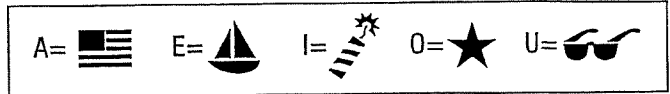
1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



k _ _ p my _ _ y _ s
 _ lw _ ys _ n th _ L _ RD.
 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

TRANSITION FOR CHRIST CHURCH

The Profile Committee members have been very busy updating the Parish Profile. Richard Dodds, Chair of the Profile Committee, provided this update: **"Profile Committee Update**

The eleven members of the Profile Committee first met on May 21 with Canon Kristen Krantz of the diocese, who provided useful information and documents to help the committee in its work. The committee is charged with producing the parish profile which will provide a concise picture of what Christ Church is today, and who we seek to become, with the help of our new rector. The committee held its first regular meeting on May 28, and has been meeting every other week since, both in-person and on Zoom.

Integral to the profile is the creation of a parish-wide survey of the membership, the draft of which is almost complete. More information on the survey will be made available after the joint service on June 30. Feedback from the survey will be reviewed and incorporated into the profile. The results will also be available to the membership later this year. The last "deliverable" will be the OTM (Office for Transition Ministry) Ministry Portfolio which requires some detailed information about the church not found elsewhere and a series of questions that we have to answer that are aimed directly at prospective candidates. Like the profile, the OTM will not be completed until the survey results are known.

The committee would like to thank Cheryl Garcia and Debbie Francisco for their assistance in mastering (well almost) the Zoom technology."

The Vestry has been planning the September 29 Reception to Honor Fr. Christopher and Cheryl for their seven years of dedication and service to Christ Church. An invitation to the Reception is enclosed as part of this Bell. Please note that reservations are required. Response is to go to Patti Wahl.

July 28 will be a Joint Service at 9:15 am in the church. After the service, we will have a Fellowship time along with a Form of questions and answers for the Profile Committee and the Search Committee.

The summer is flying by. Fr. Christopher and Cheryl are making plans for their move to Springfield the last week of September.

In all of this, we are also planning our 157th Jousting Tournament on August 31st. Hope you also have this on your calendar and will volunteer to help!

Please keep Christ Church in your prayers as the Profile Committee and the Search Committee begin their important job of finding a permanent rector for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn
Sr. Warden

JOIN THE J.U.L.I.E.T.S

Can't decide what to have for lunch today. Join the **J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together)** for lunch on Friday, July 12th, at Dream Weavers at 11:30 am. Come out and join other women of the parish for lunch and fellowship.

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Maryland tradition returns with the 157th Calvert County Jousting Tournament set to run on the grounds of Christ Church on Saturday, August 31, 2024. As in the past, festivities that afternoon will include a delicious Tournament Supper held in the Parish Hall from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Box Suppers will be available from 12 noon – 6:00 pm and can be reserved by calling (410) 586-0565 that morning.

This is a major fund-raising event for Christ Church. Unlike other fund-raising activities, the supper requires a significant "front end" investment of time and money. Cost of the many items that go into the supper all add up quickly and we are again asking you to consider donating to defray upfront costs for supper supplies. Tournament Supper sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation and can be made in any amount. If donating by check, please make your check payable to Christ Church and indicate "Tournament Supper Sponsor" in the memo line. **Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection plate or mailed no later than August 18th to Treasurer, Christ Church Parish, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.**

In recognition of your support of Tournament Supper, you can elect to have names printed on the placemats under any of the following categories: "Parishioners and Friends", "Commercial Sponsors", "Memorial Donations", or "In Thanksgiving". Please complete the bottom portion of this request and return it with your donation. Placemats are included in the box suppers.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to enjoying the 157th Tournament Day with you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy W. Greene
Tournament Supper Consultant

Nancy W. Zinn
Tournament Supper Co-Chair

Nicole Foveaux
Tournament Supper Co-Chair

Please print name(s) exactly as it should be listed on the placemats:

Parishioners and Friends:

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Given by _____ in the amount of \$ _____



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the Birthday list by The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, The Daughters of the King, and other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.

Happy Birthday to each and every one of you!!! Birthdays are posted from the most current parish records. Please provide updates.

- 1 Brooke Peake
John Peake
Norman Prince
- 2 Jane Joy
- 3 Robert Young
- 4 Bill Seymour
Nancy Thompson
- 6 Destiny Cotner
Billy Myers, Jr.
Kathy Tomlinson
- 7 Frank Griggs
Temperance Hance
- 8 Vicky Bowen
Bruce Dell
Danielle Philipp
Angel Swann
- 9 Katelynn Maguire
- 10 Bobby Graham
- 11 Madeline Graham
Annette Huntzberry
Dennis Struchen
- 12 Greg Coffren
Mary Linda Wegner

- 13 Ron Marney
- 14 Vic Kennedy
Sara Neely-Azpiazu
- 16 Kay Zinn
- 18 Bobby Ritter
Mary Seymour
John Stephenson
- 19 James Coffren
Alison Gallegos
- 21 Noah Brady
Robin Manning
Susan Wanamaker
- 23 Will McCready
- 24 Pat Buehler
Kim Thompson
- 26 Karen Sharpe
- 28 James Hill
- 29 Dan Brown
- 30 Willie Dove
Barbara Smith
- 31 Alison Clark Yurchik

JULY ALTAR GUILD

- Dotty Greene
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- Nancy Zinn



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AUDIT COMMITTEE THANK YOU

Thank you Ron Cole, Chair, Mary Gott, and Peter Cochran for conducting the audit this year of Christ Church books.

Thanks also to Beverly Lusby and Pam Briscoe, Assistant Treasurers, Jim Yoe, Treasurer, and Fr. Christopher Garcia, for providing all the information requested from the Audit Committee in a timely matter so the audit could be completed.



THOSE OF US SORTING BOOKS FOR THE JOUSTING TOURNAMENT NEED LOTS AND LOTS OF PRODUCE BOXES. WHEN YOU ARE IN YOUR LOCAL GROCERY STORE, PLEASE PICK UP AS MANY AS YOU CAN AND DROP THEM OFF AT THE SORTING STATION IN THE PARISH HALL.

ANY AND ALL HELP WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED

THANKS.
TERRI BECK
SANDY HALL
SHANNON MASTERS



Search Prayer. Please pray daily for our search for our next rector: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*