

# Christ Church *Bell*

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Beloved in Christ,

We often think of summer as a time for rest, relaxation, and vacation. Yet every year I am amazed at how busy things can be at Christ Church during the summer – often below the surface. Summer is a rich season of preparation.

Already, preparation has begun for our 157<sup>th</sup> Calvert County Jousting Tournament, on Saturday, 31 August (this year, on Labor Day weekend). Attic Treasures arrive in the shed almost every day. Behind-the-scenes prep has begun for dinners – both sit-down and box suppers to go. Phone calls come in asking for details. The tempo will only pick up as the summer goes on.

We're looking forward to several fellowship Sundays, with combined worship services at 9:15 a.m., on the last Sundays in June (30<sup>th</sup>), July (28<sup>th</sup>), August (25<sup>th</sup>), and September (29<sup>th</sup>). We'll worship together at 9:15, and then gather in the Parish Hall for fellowship and hospitality. Please let the office know if you would like to help with hospitality on any of those Sundays. (Weather permitting, on 30 June *only*, we'll worship outdoors, on the Tournament Field, as did during CoViD in 2020 and 2021: remember to BYO lawn chair).

The profile and search teams have begun their work, trying to discern God's will for leadership for our parish in the years ahead. Please pray for them daily: *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.* We hope to be able to share updates of the search process during hospitality time on the summer fellowship Sundays in June, July, and August.

For my own part, I'm beginning to wrap up loose ends from the past seven years: finishing projects that I began and preparing notes so that the next rector has a place to begin. As I write down details of a rector's ministry in this place, I am grateful for the incredible gifts that so many of you offer so generously to our life together. And I am mindful of the steady pulse of God's love – that you make visible and live out in our life together.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher +". The signature is written in black ink and includes a small cross at the end.

# CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

## Boys / 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

## Deceased

Franklin Wood, May 16, 2024

## Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

Joe Bellner, 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 157<sup>th</sup> 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         |
| Bonnie Kelly     | --Bill Lerch          | -Amy Marburger         |
| 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.*

**Attic Treasures for Tournament.** We are starting early this year collecting all your attic treasures for the Jousting Tournament's Attic Treasures. All your treasures may now be dropped off in the shed behind the Parish Hall. Please, **no clothing, large furniture, large exercise equipment, or liquids. Toys, games, puzzles and books are not being collected at this time.**

**Support Claggett Camps.** The Claggett Center practice is no child is turned away from attending the summer camps due to financial need. This is only possible through the support of the community. You can help by making a contribution to the Claggett Center at <https://www.claggettcenter.org/support/camp-scholarships>.

The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together)** will be meeting for **lunch** at Dream Weavers at 11:30 am Friday, 7 June. Come out and join other women of the parish for lunch and fellowship.

**Heart Felt Backpack Program.** The last day for backpacks is June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please do not bring any food donations for the backpacks over the summer. We will start collecting for the 2024-2025 school year in September. Thank you all so much for all the food donations given to this program.

## MESSAGE FROM DEACON BETH

Several years ago I wrote an article for the Bell outlining my duties as your Deacon. I believe it is time for a "refresher course" now that we have gotten to know each other a lot better as time has passed.

My responsibilities are not just to serve Fr. Christopher at the altar but to serve you, the family of Christ, as well. A Deacon wears her (or his) stole over the left shoulder so the right hand is always free to serve. I serve you by always being available for prayer, to bring communion to you at home if you are unable to come to Church, and to be at the hospital to pray with you and your family prior to surgery and to sit with your love ones during surgery. If you are in the hospital because of illness I can come to visit you, pray with you, and bring you communion if it is allowed.

However, as I have learned over the years, I am unaware of your various circumstances until long after they have occurred and that saddens me. Even if you don't want a visit I can always pray. God does listen.

My phone is always on until 10:30 PM. You can reach me via phone call or text at 407-256-3298.

Please don't be afraid to ask me for prayer or help in anyway. This is what I signed on to do when I was ordained almost 19 years ago. The role of a Deacon is to bring the world to the Church and the Church to the world.

I pray God continues to fill you and your families with His unlimited peace and grace.

Deacon Beth



We're Proud of You

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following graduating senior from Christ Church. We wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

**Arika Hill** graduated from West Virginia University on May 12<sup>th</sup> with a degree in Health and Well Being. She is taking a job in sales and marketing with Techtronic Industries (TTI) and moving to Savannah, GA.

**Abby Scrivener**, daughter of Alice Armacost, graduated on May 10<sup>th</sup> from the College of Southern Maryland with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She was pinned from the nursing program on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Abbey is planning on continuing her career in the Emergency Department!!

Check out the **new photos on our website**: "Our Life Together," "The Grounds Tour," and "Our Church Grounds Through the Seasons." at [www.christchurchcalvert.org/gallery/](http://www.christchurchcalvert.org/gallery/)

**Online Giving.** We are pleased to announce a new way to give to Christ Church. Utilizing **Square** you may now send contributions to Christ Church using your credit card, debit card, or mobile wallet. If you wish to make a specific donation such as a pledge contribution, memorial contribution, donation toward tournament expenses, or another type of donation, please visit [christchurchcalvert.org](http://christchurchcalvert.org) for a full range of options. 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](mailto: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](mailto:ahayes104@yahoo.com).

# ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



## What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

## What you do:

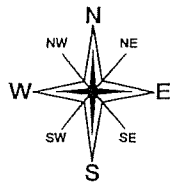
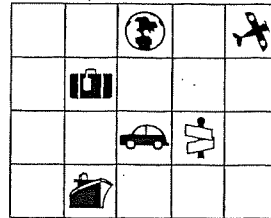
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family:
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

# PUZZLE

## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*



### Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

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### Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

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### Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

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### Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

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### Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

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### Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng  
both no\_ and for\_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

# CHRIST CHURCH

# JUNE

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED
8:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 am Fellowship <b>2</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 am Fellowship	6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.		
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9:15 Joint Service Holy Eucharist Tournament Field, Weather Permitting. By ZOOM <b>30</b> Forum immediately following service In Parish Hall			


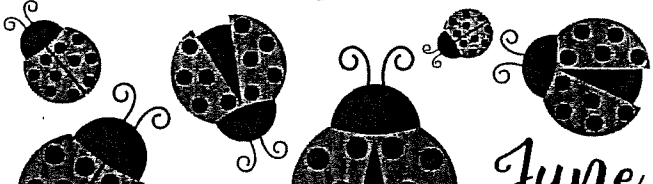


Holidays and Observances: 14: Flag Day, 16: Father's Day, 19: Juneteenth

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# 2024

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[eabellner@gmail.com](mailto:eabellner@gmail.com) Cell 407-256-3298

D	THU	FRI	SAT
20	21	22	1
5	6 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	7 11:30 am JULETS Luncheon Dream Weavers	8
12	13 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	14	15
19	 20 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	21	22
26	27 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	28	29
			

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# DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



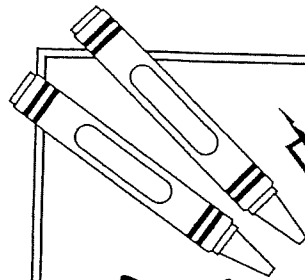
## What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



## What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best \_\_\_\_\_ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



# PUZZLE

## Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

*Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.*

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



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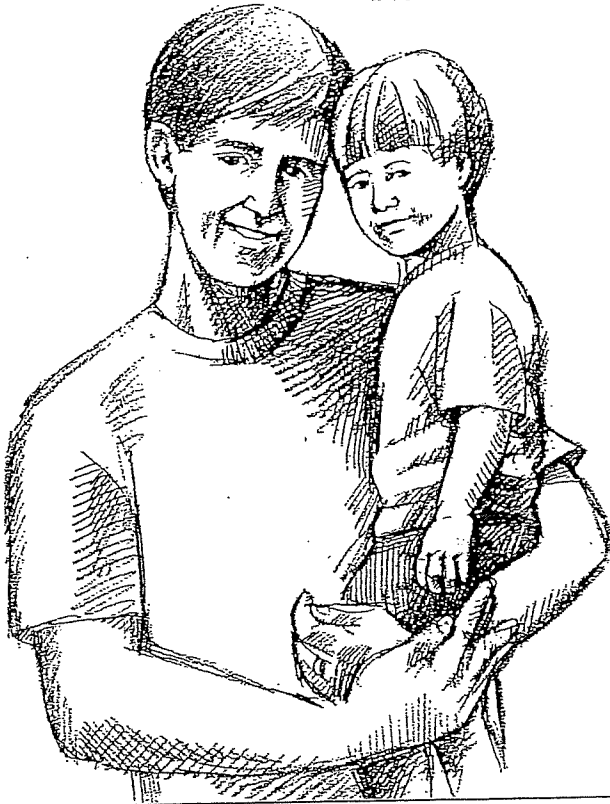
The Rev. Christopher Garcia, *Rector*  
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Helen Prince, *Registrar*

VESTRY MEMBERS

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

*A wise son brings  
JOY to his father.*

*Proverbs 15:20*



GREEN BUCKETS

There are green buckets in the storage area of the Parish Hall marked "For Applesauce Making and Cooling"

Did you put the green buckets in the storage area?

Please contact Nancy Zinn 410-485-0682 or [kayzinn716@comcast.net](mailto:kayzinn716@comcast.net) and let her know if you did. Thanks..



*Flag Day  
June 14*

## TRANSITION FOR CHRIST CHURCH

In January, Fr. Christopher announced that he would be retiring on September 29, 2024.

The Profile and Search Committee names were announced on April 28 at the 8:30 and 10:00 Services.

At the Vestry Meeting on May 14, 2024, the Vestry voted to add Terri Beck to the Search Committee and remove Terri from the Profile Committee. This was done so that there is better representation from the 10 o'clock service on the Search Committee. There are now 11 members on the Search Committee and the Profile Committee.

The members of the Profile Committee are: Richard Dodds, Chair; Holly Briscoe, Lisa Capobianco, Peggy Cochran; Chloe Ewalt; Debbie Francisco; Debbie Kennedy; Adele Maguire; Ron Marney; Patti Wahl; and Jim Yoe.

The members of the Search Committee are: Shannon Campbell, Chair; Terri Beck; Heather Brady; James Briscoe; James Coffren; Nicole Foveaux; Norm Prince; Patti Ritter; Brian Williams; Bill Wright; and Phil Yeats.

The Profile Committee met with Canon Kristin Krantz on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. They are now busy working on updating the Christ Church Profile.

During the summer, we will be having a joint service at 9:15 am the last Sunday - June 30, July 28, and August 25. We are hoping to have a Forum with the Profile Committee and the Search Committee present after each service to answer any questions that the congregation would like to ask about the process.. We would meet in the Parish Hall and have cookies or snacks and drink.

Please reserve September 29 for a joint service at 9:15 am followed with a thank you luncheon for Christopher and Cheryl.

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

## FALLEN HEROES

Thanks to all who helped put the Memorial Day flags in the Churchyard and took them down and to all who helped make the Fallen Heroes Service on May 26<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful service.



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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*Prayer is offered for each person posted on the Birthday list by 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	Luke Brady	14	Terri Beck
	Roxanne Kastner		Thomas Cotner
3	Stephanie Bowen		Robert Link, III
4	William Keeley, Jr.	16	Diane Azpiazu
5	Ethel Dutky		Brittany Eaton
	Madeleine LaTour	17	Bobby VonNessen
	Lana Smith	18	Corey Nims
	Joshua Weems	19	Jane Dodds
6	Michele Bowen	20	Deacon Beth Bellner
	Nathan Graham		Anna Williams
7	Bill Barwick	21	Jon-Thomas Garner
8	Caileigh Foveaux		Carter Peake
9	Robyn Riddle	22	Barbara Carey
10	Jim Bourne		Gary McCready
	Anna Mary Cole	25	Lia O'Branovich
	Philip King		Susan Chabot
	Sheila Pitcher		Courtney Horsmon
	Anne Yoe	26	Suzanne Skinner
11	Arika Hill		Elaine Williams
	Kelli Jarrett	27	Donas McCready, Sr.
12	Steven Dargan	28	Heather Brady
	Tim McCoy	29	Emily Cotner
	Jamie Yoe		Marci McGray
13	John Selock		Louis Tacchetti
	Kade Weems	30	June Whitson
			Cameron McNatt

### JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Cochran  
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