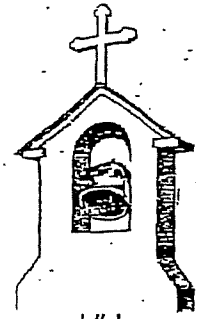


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Jesus said to his disciples, "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."

The Message, John 10: 40-45.

During the current prolonged election season, regardless of our own positions, we have all been, will continue to be, and, regardless of election results, will likely be surrounded by people who "have lost their tempers", "throw their weight around", and "get a little power [that] quickly goes to their heads."

It may or may not be reassuring that these very human tendencies have been around at least since the 1st century... and were I a betting woman...I'd say since the beginning of human life on earth.

Jesus' harsh words to his 1st century followers apply equally to his 21st century followers: "It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant."

Jesus calls his followers across the ages to adopt the demeanor of servants; to behave with humility and respect towards others, all others, at all times.

I recently participated in a small group Zoom conversation with my bishop, Bishop Mariann E. Budde, Diocese of Washington. The topic of discussion was dignity...approaching others with dignity. In recent times, the word "respect" has been substituted for "dignity." However, respect, an act of showing esteem to others, *is often based on our own perception of another's worth.* Dignity, however, *is the inherent worth of a person, regardless of circumstance and actions. Respect can be taken away. Dignity cannot.*

Throughout this prolonged election season, my prayer for each and every one of us is that we embody the words or our common response taken from our Baptismal Covenant; word recited at every baptism and on every occasion we renew our Baptismal Vows: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? ***I will, with God's help.***

In peace and hope and love

Lucretia+

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

2yrs / 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. For our Interim Rector, Dr. Lucretia Mann.

Military

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

Marriage

James and Kelsey Briscoe

Homebound and Long-term Care

Eric Fronk, Jessica Lewis, Vera Lind, Elaine Williams, Anne Yoe

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

Johnny Brodigan, Nancy Dare, Gloria DeBolt; Mason Lee Gott; Cindy Horsmon, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Virginia McCready, Sheila Pitcher, Kirk Taylor, Joe Wegner, 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

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
Liamie Gurney	-Catherine Howanstine	-Barbara Clem
Linda	-Shannon Persetic	-Jean Bates
Carole Mistarka	-Gaylyn Krenik	-Cindi Cauffman's Family
Norma Jean Welch	-Lisa Porter	-Pat S.
Roberto Dennis	-Lynn H	-Carolyn M
Richard Geffin	-Thalbert Wilde	-Anjie McCollum

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.

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Year of Transition

Rev. Lucretia Mann, Interim Rector moved into the Rectory on Wednesday, October 2. On October 3, David Campbell, Bob Graham, Bill Seymour, Richard Dodds, Bill Wright, John Briscoe, Peggy Cochran, Beverly Lusby, Pam Briscoe, Mary Gott, and Nancy Zinn helped unpack many of the boxes in the Rectory for Lucretia+. She was so thankful for the help and felt she had made the right decision to come to Christ Church.

Sunday, October 6, we had a consolidated service at 9:15 am to welcome Rev. Lucretia Mann followed by a Meet and Greet Coffee Fellowship.

Richard Dodds sent the following update for the Profile Committee to me on October 6, 2024. "I would like to commend to the vestry the hard work and commitment of the following committee members: Holly Briscoe, Lisa Capobianco, Peggy Cochran, Chloe Ewalt, Debbie Francisco, Debbie Kennedy, Adele Maguire, Ron Marney, Patti Wahl, and Jim Yoe. The committee has been meeting regularly since May to produce the Parish Survey, the Parish Profile, and the OTM, despite regular work commitments, summer holidays, and tournament preparations. Their efforts should provide the search committee and the church in general a foundation on which to move forward in finding a new rector and in exploring a future direction for Christ Church.

I will work with Patti Wahl and look at adding more content from the survey to the website. Otherwise, I believe the mission of the profile committee has been completed. However, if there are any questions, please let me know.

Richard Dodds"

Further update from Richard Dodds. The Profile Committee wrapped up its work in early October with the production of a final draft of the OTM (Office of Transition Ministry) document. It consisted of several sheets of data about the church, together with 12 narrative questions the diocese needed to have answered. The OTM draft was submitted to the diocese for their review and they responded with recommended revisions, which have been addressed. Once the diocese has completed their review, it will be submitted to Nancy Zinn for forwarding to the vestry. This is expected to occur the week of October 21. The OTM will then be posted on the diocesan website for prospective rector candidates to view.

The Search Committee update by Shannon Campbell, Chair, is the Search Committee is in the process of reviewing and discussing the results of the parish survey conducted by the Profile Committee.

The Vestry approved Ron Marney as the new Vestry Member to fulfill the unexpired term of Robert Graham on October 8. He will be sworn at the November Vestry Meeting..

Canon Krantz visited Christ Church on October 27 followed by a Coffee Fellowship provided by the Vestry. Canon Krantz took questions on the Search Process.

November 17, we will have a joint service at 9:15 am followed by a pot luck brunch and the Fall Business Meeting.

Thanksgiving Day, there will be one service at 10 am. A pot luck breakfast will be had at 9 am in the Parish Hall before the service.

Year of Transition (Cont.)

The Search Committee and the Vestry will be attending a 2-hour ZOOM Workshop on Tuesday, December 3rd. from 6:30 – 8:30 pm entitled "Eyes Wide Open" led by Canon Krantz and Canon Randy.

Please continue to pray the prayer for our search for a new rector.

Nancy W. Zinn
Sr. Warden



ALL SAINT'S DAY

Let us remember those who have passed away since All Saint's Day 2023:

Henry L. Wegner
Richard Hance
Fred Gott
Martha Horton
Ruth Marie Green
Diane Briscoe
Daniel O. Baker, Jr.

THANKSGIVING

This year, there will be a consolidated thanksgiving service at 10:00 am on November 28, 2024, inside the Church. Please share Thanksgiving with fellow parishioners and then everyone will have time to share Thanksgiving with their families and friends or bring them to church with you and give Thanks!

Join us for the pot-luck breakfast at 8:45 before the Thanksgiving Service.

The Vestry of Christ Church Parish

OFFICERS

Rev. Lucretia Mann, Interim Rector
Nancy W. Zinn, *Senior Warden*
Bart Ewalt, *Junior Warden*
Helen Prince, *Registrar*
Jim Yoe, *Treasurer*
Pam Briscoe, *Assistant Treasurer*
Beverly Lusby, *Assistant Treasurer*

VESTRY MEMBERS

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



*"All the World Is
God's Own Field"*

Heartfelt Backpacks are being delivered to 12 students who attend Saint Leonard Elementary School. Your donations of non-perishable food such as fruit snacks, cookies, pop tarts, individual boxes of cereal, instant oatmeal packets (8 or 10 pkgs per box), pancake mix, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, ramen noodles, mac and cheese, pudding, applesauce, fruit juice, instant mashed potatoes, marshmallow treats, and any other non-perishable foods are needed through-out the school year to keep the pantry shelves full. Your donations may be dropped off in the **basket located in the Parish Hall.**

PLEDGE CARDS

Your Pledge Card for 2025 is below. Please return to the Assistant Treasurer, Pam Briscoe, with your pledge for 2025 before the end of the year.



STEWARDSHIP: OUR COVENANT WITH GOD

In partial fulfillment of this covenant, I/we pledge to give as follows:

\$ _____ per (week) (month) (year)

to _____

(Church name)

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

- I/we have remembered the Church in my(our) will.
- Please send me/us information concerning wills and other forms of planned giving.
- I/we will need a supply of response envelopes.

The Office of Stewardship
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(800) 334-7626

52-9348-5

FOR YOUR RECORDS

My/our commitment to

_____ (church name)

is \$ _____ per (week) (month) (year)

(circle one)

_____ (name)
for

Save the date
Fall clean-up
Saturday, December 14
8 am

2025 Christ Church Annual Operating Budget Version 1.0

For Initial Review by the Financial Committee and Wardens. (Version 1.1, w/o notes and with any changes received/accepted by 10/22/24, will be published in the November Bell, and discussed at the November 12 Vestry Meeting and the November 17 Fall Parish Meeting)

File - 2025 Ann Op Budget Plan(ner)	2024	2025	2025
Tab - Version 1.0	BUDGETED		Draft Proposal
EXPENSES:			
Payroll			
Rector Salary + SECA Reimbursement	\$80,683	\$114,082	\$61,000
Music Director/Organist	\$17,865		\$18,401
Secretary	\$13,146	\$18,780/h x (700 h)	\$14,462
Payroll Taxes Paid	\$2,388	Pro Formula	\$2,530
Other	\$0		\$0
Other Compensation		\$39,203	\$27,916
Rector's 403(b) contribution	\$8,068	NA	\$0
Health Insurance, which could run as high as \$37584 per year	\$8,400	6 months zero; + 6 months new rector family (estimate)	\$18,000
Life Insurance (Rector)	\$478	5 % Inc	\$502
Church Pension	\$20,788	\$0 6 mos; pro forma 6 mos for new rector	\$7,851
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$1,489	Pro Forma	\$1,563
Other (Stipend for Samaritan Intern)	\$0		\$0
Contractor Expenses		\$29,900	\$30,645
Janitorial Service	\$12,000	48 wks @ \$275/week	\$13,200
Cemetery Care (mowing)	\$6,300	5% Increase - Grover's	\$6,615
Other Mowing ("Sexton")	\$8,600	5% Increase - Grover's	\$9,030
Substitutes	\$3,000	In line w/ recent	\$1,800
Other (Paid Musicians TBD by Vestry)	\$0		\$0
Office Operations		\$13,600	\$16,780
Office Supplies	\$1,600		\$1,680
Postage	\$1,800		\$2,100
Other Office Expenses	\$8,000		\$8,400
Telephone	\$2,100		\$2,100
Pamphlets and Printed Materials	\$2,000		\$2,500
Ministry and Worship		\$64,850	\$55,020
Diocesan Assessment	\$32,050		\$33,428
Outreach	\$12,000		\$12,000
Conferences	\$2,000		\$1,000
Congregational Life	\$1,000		\$1,100
Altar Supplies	\$1,500		\$2,400
			Includes ^ for copier

5 BUDGET

Music Supplies	\$600		\$600	
Church School Supplies	\$500		\$500	
Auto Mileage (Rector)	\$1,200		\$600	
Continuing Education	\$2,000		\$1,000	
Facilities and Utilities		\$47,502		\$49,194
Property Insurance	\$18,202		\$19,294	
Property Maintenance	\$10,000		\$12,000	
Ground/Building Supplies	\$5,000		\$3,000	
Kitchen Expenses	\$300		\$300	
Fuel and Electric	\$11,000		\$11,550	
Trash Collection	\$1,000		\$1,050	
Rectory Utilities	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$4,000		\$3,000
Accounting	\$0		\$0	
Other Miscellaneous	\$4,000		\$3,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$303,037	\$303,037	\$278,956	\$278,956
INCOME:				
From Individuals		\$167,820		\$185,320
Pledge Payments	\$161,000		\$161,000	
Plate Offerings	\$20,000		\$17,500	
Parish Appeal	\$2,250		\$2,250	
Church School Offerings	\$250		\$250	
Initial Offerings	\$120		\$120	
Easter/Christmas/Thanksgiving	\$1,800		\$1,800	
Altar Memorials	\$2,400		\$2,400	
Not from Individuals		\$115,217		\$93,636
Tournament Profit	\$24,000		\$26,000	
Use of Buildings/Grounds/Facilities	\$2,500		\$3,000	
Miscellaneous Income	\$10,000		\$6,000	
Planned Transfer from Endowment	\$78,717		\$58,636	(Set to zero shortfall)
Total Income:			\$278,956	

FINAL FIGURES FROM THE
157th Calvert County Jousting Tournament
Held on August 31, 2024



<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Cash, Checks, & Card</u>	<u>Change (start)</u>	<u>ADJUSTED GROSS</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>NET</u>
Prize Money	\$0.00		(\$835.00)			(\$835.00)
Snowcones	\$769.00		\$669.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 719.00
Souvenirs	\$1,582.00		\$1,482.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,532.00
Hot Dog Stand	\$2,175.25		\$1,995.25	\$ 675.01		\$ 1,320.24
Books	\$982.00		\$832.00			\$ 832.00
Afflic Treasures	\$4,247.25		\$4,097.25		\$ 50.00	\$ 4,147.25
Meat Balls	\$595.00		\$460.00			\$ 460.00
Country Store	\$1,372.00		\$1,202.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,252.00
Toys	\$622.00		\$512.00		\$ 552.39	\$ 1,064.39
Games/Children	\$140.00		\$140.00			\$ 140.00
Baked Goods	\$1,424.70		\$1,314.70			\$ 1,314.70
Suppers & Leffoyers	\$20,917.25	\$570.00	\$20,047.25	\$ 7,179.72	\$ 6,837.00	\$ 19,698.53
Lemonade	\$1,051.00		\$921.00			\$ 921.00
Organ Recit.	\$146.00		\$146.00			\$ 146.00
General Contributions	\$1,669.16		\$1,669.16		\$ 509.00	\$ 2,178.16
Spare	\$60.00		\$0.00			
TOTALS:	\$37,746.61	\$3,100.00	\$34,646.61	\$ 7,854.73	\$ 8,098.39	\$34,890.27
						\$34,890.27
					Confirm Totals:	\$ 5,621.65
					General Expenses:	
					Net:	\$29,268.62

Year: 2024
Date: 10/12/2024

NEW VESTRY MEMBER

Ronald A. Marney was elected to the Vestry at the Vestry Meeting on October 8, 2024 to fill the unexpired term of Robert (Bob) Graham who resigned from the Vestry as he was moving out of the area. Ron is serving his first term. We are spotlighting our new Vestry member this month.

Ron said he was not raised in the Episcopal Church. Growing up, his family did not regularly attend church.

He grew up on Maryland's Eastern Shore in the Town of Berlin. Ron attended Salisbury University receiving a Bachelor of Science in Environmental & Land Use Planning, Bachelor of Science in GIS as well as a minor in Environmental Issues. He also attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln receiving a Masters in Community & Regional Planning.

Ron met his wife, Heather, in Berlin. Ron and Heather have been together almost 13 years and married eight. They have one daughter, Evelyn and a white cat named Itsy.

Ron, Heather, and Evelyn regularly attend Christ Church services (8:30) and on feast days. They participate in events with the church (Tournament, etc.) as well as family-oriented events throughout Calvert (Celtic Festival, events at the Marine Museum and Ann Marie Sculpture Garden, etc.)

Ron works for Calvert County in the Department of Planning & Zoning. His title is Environmental Planning Regulator. Ron administers various environmental laws and serves as the County's floodplain administrator.

The Marney's were invited to Christ Church by the Briscoe Family.

When asked what do you like about Christ Church, Ron said Christ Church has always been warm and inviting. They enjoyed Father Christopher's sermons and look forward to meeting the future pastor and appreciate our Interim pastor.

**Advent Wreath Workshop,
Sunday, 1 Dec.** Please plan now to join us on Sunday, 1 December, right after Thanksgiving, at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. We will prepare for Advent by making our own Advent wreaths to take home. Supplies will be provided, but please help by bringing clippings of evergreens and a pair of garden clippers, if possible. A light lunch will be provided. More details as the date gets closer but do please join us for fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome. Small fee for supplies.

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*Daylight-Saving
Time Ends*

November 3, 2024



Christ Church will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine wreath maker Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve, Teach the next generation the value of freedom- is carried out, in part, each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at thousands of participating locations in all 50 states.

Christ Church has 81 identified veterans in our cemetery. On Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. we will be holding a Wreath Laying Ceremony. You can help support this event by sponsoring a wreath at a cost \$17 per wreath. You may purchase a wreath with cash or a check made out to Christ Church with Wreaths Across America in the memo line. You can also help by attending the ceremony on December 14th and help lay the wreaths on the graves of our veterans. Everyone is welcome to join in this event to honor our service men and women.

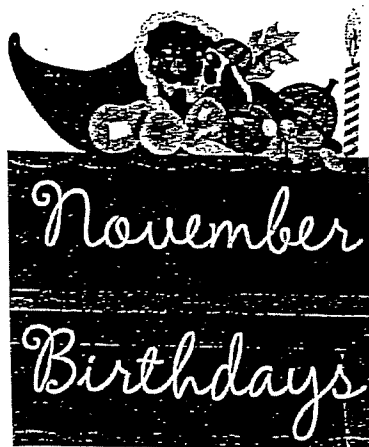
The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s** are having their next lunch **Fri, 1 Nov.**, 11:30 a.m., at Dream Weavers. All women of the parish (and their friends) are welcome!

NOVEMBER 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.

Birthdays are posted from the current parish records. Please provide updates.

- 1 Dotty Greene
Doug Trollinger
- 2 Evan Davis
Missy McNatt
- 3 John Briscoe
Nina Cavin
Steve Weems
- 4 Andrew Graham
Adam Hammett
- 6 David Call
Suzanne Joseph
Francine Lamson
Paul Nims
- 9 Sarah Muth
Emily Young
- 10 Valerie Bowen
Kim Briscoe
- 11 Amber Hutchins
- 13 Dan Muth
- 14 Carol Dargan
Jared Gott
Nancy Williams



- 15 Clayton Cruppenink
Sandra Gott
- 16 Beverly Lusby
Shelby Stinnett
- 18 Philip Yeats
- 19 Linda Battenfield
Rachel Beck
Jacob Ritter
- 20 Lisa Sickle
- 21 Johnny Wahl
- 22 Jessica Rosnage
- 26 Gloria DeBolt
Joan Lippold
- 27 Pam Briscoe
- 28 Steve Coulby
Joe Wegner
- 29 Jennifer Johnson
Doris Weems
- 30 David DeBolt
Bruce Dell
Lisa VonNessen
Tina Young

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Missy McNatt
Chloe Ewalt

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FALL PARISH MEETING AND BRUNCH

After the One Service at 9:15 am

November 17, 2024

Please bring a dish that will be shared for the Brunch. No Initial Assignment for the Brunch. Whatever comes in is what you will have to eat. Truly a Pot Luck Brunch!

Juice and Coffee provided by the Church

RSVP not required