

Christ Church *Bell*

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The sermons for the next two Sunday's will arise from the Gospel and further develop the theme of "Becoming Beloved Community."

While Martin Luther King, Jr., popularized the concept of Beloved Community, it was Harvard philosophy professor, Josiah Royce, who first developed the idea of Beloved Community. In 2013, Royce wrote, "My life means nothing, either theoretically or practically, unless I'm a member of community." Royce believed that, in addition to the actual communities we inhabit, there is an ideal "beloved community" that comprises all who are dedicated to loyalty and truthfulness.

Royce's thinking is both reminiscent of the African concept of Ubuntu, I am because we all are, and also congruent with Thich Nhat Hanh's core belief that all life and all things are interconnected. With his friend, Thich Nhat Hanh, Martin Luther King, Jr., further developed Royce's notion of Beloved Community.

"Becoming Beloved Community" is a vision of the Episcopal Church that arises from the Bible's most important commandments: to love God and love our neighbors, in whom we see the face of God. The promise and hope of "Becoming Beloved Community" is that we grow together as children of God who love as God intends us to love...across differences and disagreements.

Lucretia+

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. 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

Homebound and Long-term Care

- Erich Fronck, Jessica Lewis, Vera Lind, Elaine Williams

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Abell/Francisco family, Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Tom Cavin, Nancy Dare, Gloria DeBolt; Mason Lee Gott; Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Virginia McCready, Ted Money, 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

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| - Molly | -Kay Hoile | -Little Woody Lee | -Dale Norfolk |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll | -Billy Bonolis | -Tink Trow |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman | -Ronnie |
| -Ann Garner | -Josh Nudge | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman | -Franklin King |
| -Tommy Rosnage | -Daniel Carter | -Linda Hill | -Christine Reczuch |
| -Ronnie Bowen | - Carrie | -Jaylyn Almond | Shelia |
| -Bill Lerch | -Amy Marburger | Joyce Spangler | -Valarie |
| -Jamie Gurney | -Catherine Howanstine | -Barbara Clem | -Charles |
| -Linda | -Shannon Persetic | -Jean Bates | -Richard Geffin |
| -Carole Mistarka | -Gaylyn Krenik | -Cindi Cauffman's Family | -Thalbert Wilde |
| -Norma Jean Welch | -Lisa Porter | -Pat S. | -Anjie McCollumn |
| -Roberto Dennis | -Lynn H | -Carolyn M | -Woody Lee |
| -Kenny and Jean Dyson | | | |

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.



Easter Extravaganza at Christ Church

Anyone who attended the Christ Church/One-room Schoolhouse Christmas Open House sensed the excitement and fun at this event. To continue that level of enthusiasm and fun, several parishioners have started planning an Easter Extravaganza at Christ Church on Sunday afternoon, April 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Your help and participation is needed! So, how can you help?

There are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

- Supplies for the crafts are needed. Please leave your donation in the last classroom on the left.
- Help is needed on Sunday with the different crafts and games
- Cookies and other treats are welcome, as this is always a way to gather hungry folks. Please label the ingredients.
- Set-up the day before on Saturday morning, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. and Clean-up after the event on Sunday will be helpful.
- Allyson is once again planning on Attic Treasures – a Spring Theme this time. So, please gather up items to sell that day, and bring them in. Please leave them in the last classroom on the left. Maybe you will find a treasure to buy and take home

Come and join the fun!

J.U.L.I.E.T.s

The J.U.L.I.E.T.s meet the first Friday of each month at 11:30 at Dreamweaver's in Prince Frederick. Mark your calendar and join us for lunch on April 4th!



EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

Contributions, in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, support the decorating of the Church during festival seasons and regular worship needs. Checks are due by Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Cribbery and Future Sunday School Program. A dinner benefit to support our Cribbery and the future of our Sunday school program, will be held in the Parish Hall, **Saturday, 5 April** from **4:00-6:00 pm**. The dinner consists of appetizers, a Reuben sandwich, choice of soup, dessert and beverage. All tickets sold in advance. No sales day of dinner.

Maundy Thursday Youth Overnight. St. Paul's Church in Prince Frederick is planning an overnight stay on Maundy Thursday, **17 April at 8:30 pm**. This is a supplement to their tradition of doing a "Garden Watch". There will be Holy Eucharist, stripping of the altar, times of reflection, a movie, games, and hanging out. This event is open to Youth who are in Middle through High School. Adults are needed to chaperone, donate snacks and help with RSVP/Registration. Please contact St. Paul's (410-535-2897) if you are interested in helping.

Spring Clean Up. Join us **Saturday, 5 April**, as we clean up the grounds and church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Work will begin at **8 a.m.** and a victory lunch will follow at **noon**. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact John Yoe (301-704-8833).



Lenten Fellowship Evenings. Join us this evening and on the two remaining Fridays in Lent (4 & 11 April) for worship, fellowship, a simple supper, and study. We begin in the church at 6 pm with Stations of the Cross, followed by a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall. After supper, we'll discuss ***Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent***. All are welcome; join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits for the suppers: Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

EASTER FLOWER MINISTRY

The Church will be adorned for Easter by Helen Prince and Nancy Thompson. No other help is needed as they will be placing lilies and plants around.

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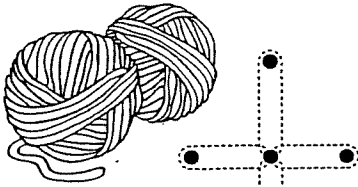
Mary Linda Wegner

Nancy Zinn, Editor

Deadline for next issue: April 22, 2025

CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

158^h JOUSTING TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 30, 2025

Jim Coffren – Overall Tournament Chair

Garry Baker – Jousting Chair

Chloe Ewalt and Allyson Sigler – Bazaar
Chairs

Richard Dodds – Publicity Chair

Susan Yoe – Organ Recital Chair

Nicole Foveaux and Nancy Zinn – Supper
Co-Chairs

Dotty Greene – Supper Consultant

Mark your calendar now, so you can plan
to volunteer for this special event!







CHRIST CHURCH





Christ Church Website -

Cell 831-295-2617 Rev. Lucretia Mann's e-mail

Cell 407-256-3298 Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 	2 7:00 pm - Bible Study
6 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 am Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	7 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	8 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	9 7:00 pm - Bible Study
13 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 8:30 & 10 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist 2-4 pm Easter Extravaganza	14 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	15	16 7:00 pm - Bible Study
20  6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service Tournament Field Weather Perm. 8:30 am Festival Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Festival Holy Eucharist	21 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	22  Bell Deadline	23  7:00 pm - Bible Study
27 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	28 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	29	30 7:00 pm - Bible Study

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Study via Zoom 3 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 11:30 am JULIETS Luncheon Dream Weaver's 6:00 pm The Way of the Cross 6:30 pm Soup and Bread Supper	5 Spring Clean Up 8:00 am - Noon 4 – 6 pm Benefit Cribbery & SS Dinner Presale Only	
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Study via Zoom			



SUNRISE SURPRISE

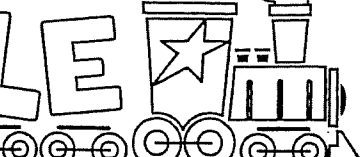
The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

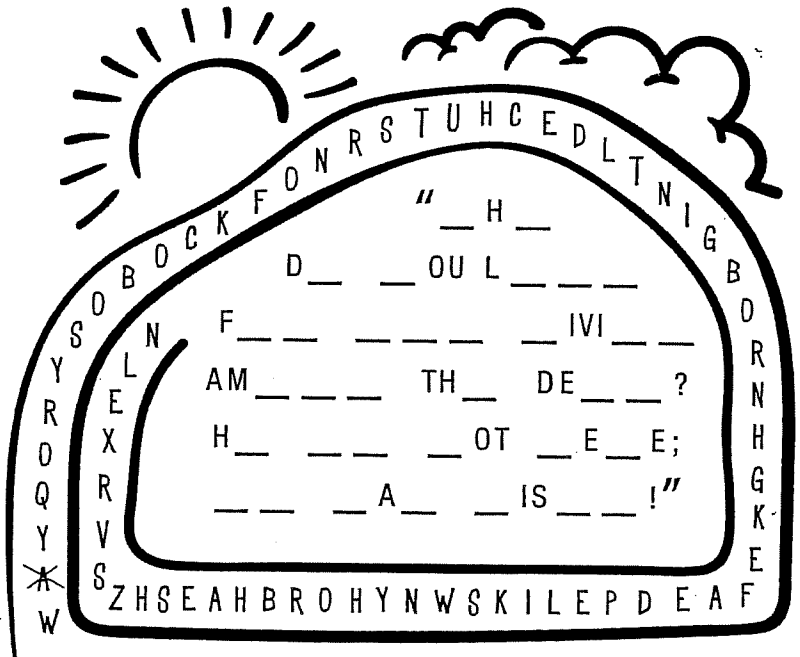


PUZZLE

EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

HEART FILLING EMPTY LITTLE TUMMIES

We are now packing 13 tote bags for St. Leonard Elementary School each week.

A **BIG Thank You** to all who have given food and money.

Listed below is a suggested donation list for Heart F.E.L.T.:

"Easy Mac" – Macaroni & Cheese, single serving
Beans and Wieners

Beefaroni, 15oz/pop-top lid

Beef Stew

Canned corn

Cereal – Individual boxes or cups

Chicken Noodle Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid

Chicken Salad

Chips – individual bags

Cookies – Variety Pack – 8 or 10 pack

Goldfish Crackers, 1.1 oz./individually wrapped

Grahamola Bars

Green Beans - can

Peanut Butter, 18 oz. plastic jar

Pancake Mix and Syrup

Pudding Cups, 3.5oz/non- refrigerated

Raisins, 1.5oz/individual boxes

Ramen Noodles, 3 oz. single serving/any flavor

Ravioli, 15 oz. can/pop- top lid

Spaghetti & Meatballs, 15 oz. can/pop-top lid

Tuna Salad

Cash donations gladly accepted

The food for the backpacks are being put out and the tote bags packed on Friday or Saturday and carried to SLES on Thursday's.

Nancy Zinn, Christ Church

Coordinator for the Heart

F.E.L.T. Program.

Save the date: annual meeting. On **Sunday, 4 May**, we'll have a consolidated worship service at 9:15 a.m., followed by a parish potluck brunch and our annual meeting. Don't miss this celebration!

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Saint Leonard Vision Group will be held on Saturday, 12 April, 11 a.m. (rain date Sunday, 13 April at 3 p.m.) at the St. Leonard Polling house, 5095 St Leonard Road, St Leonard. Come out with your family for a fun-filled day of hunting for Easter Eggs and a cupcake decorating event.

HOLY WEEK!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY April 13

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy
& Eucharist

10:00 am Palm branches are distributed
at both services

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17

7:00 pm Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

8:30 pm Maundy Thursday Youth

Overnight, St. Paul's Church,
Prince Frederick

GOOD FRIDAY April 18

Noon Ecumenical Service
(St. Peter's, Solomons/OLSS)

7:00 pm Liturgy for Good Friday

EASTER VIGIL Saturday, April 19

8:00 pm St. Paul's Church
Prince Frederick

EASTER DAY Sunday, April 20

6:00 am Sunrise Service
Tournament Field
Weather Permitting

8:30 am Festival Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Festival Holy Eucharist

Year of Transition

The **Search Committee** continues their diligent work in the search for our next rector. Please see the update on the back page of this issue of the Bell.

April is a busy month at Christ Church. Clean up day is April 5. Thank you John Yoe for being in charge of this Clean Up. The dinner to benefit the Cribbery and Sunday School is from 4 – 6 on April 5. Thank you Brian Ritter for arranging this for the Church. The Vestry will be meeting on April 8. Palm Sunday is April 13 with the Liturgy of the Palms at 8:30 and 10 am and the Easter Extravaganza held from 2 – 4 pm that afternoon. Service will be held at 7 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 17, and there is a Youth Overnight at 8:30 pm at St. Paul's Church. Good Friday service, April 18, is at 7 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Prince Frederick, will be having the Saturday Night Easter Vigil at 8 pm. Easter Day, April 20, we will have the Sunrise Service at 6 am, and services in the church at 8:30 and 10 am.

Thanks to all who attended the Stations of the Cross and the Soup and Bread suppers on Friday nights during Lent.

Mark your calendar, **May 4, for the Pot Luck Brunch and Annual meeting starting with one service at 9:15 am.**

Thank you for all you do for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden

Start by filtering out some of the bad news. A steady stream of television, radio, and Internet news can definitely affect our outlook. Limit your exposure to updates on current events to once or twice daily. Unless you hold an important position as a world leader, that is quite enough to stay informed.

Compose a list of questions to ground you and set the tone for your day. Jot them on an index card to keep in your wallet. When you feel discouraged or overwhelmed, review them to revive your spirits. Here are some suggestions to barrow or tweak:

- *Am I OK right here and right now?* Take a quick inventory. Are you warm, healthy, and have plenty of food and water? Rejoice!
- *What has made me smile lately?* A clear, blue sky after a spell of rainy days? The news that a dear friend became a grandmother? Notice and remember.
- *How can I make someone else's day a bit brighter?* Complimenting a cashier on her colorful sweater or penning a thank-you note improves our own spirits and uplifts others.
- *What can I learn today?* Try a new route to work, look up a word in the dictionary and use it in a sentence, explore Pinterest, or learn a new shortcut on your smartphone.
- *What am I grateful for?* Count your blessings.
- *How can I make tomorrow a better day?* Plan something that helps you look forward to tomorrow.



Remember
Our Shut-ins

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the birthday list by the other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.

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

- 1 John Jacobs
- 2 Ann Bowie Briscoe
Hannah Bourne
Michael Briscoe
- 3 Haylie Browning
Kevin Pitcher
- 4 Todd Jarrett
- 5 Kimberly Crowe
- 6 Patrick Briscoe
Gail Gott
Zach McCready
- 7 Joe Carnes
Richard Dodds
- 8 Julie Metz
Sarah McCoy
- 10 Kaileigh Weems
Robert Williams
- 11 Keith Graham
Taylor Buck
- 12 Shannon Todd
- 14 Cindi Hodskins
Mike Hassanpour
- 15 Kara Sweitzer
Karly Sweitzer



- 16 Kinsey Weems
Brooke Young
- 17 Dale Glenn
- 18 Alexis Bagley Figueroa
Don Johnson
- 19 Mary Gott
Jacob Hall
Ricky Weems, III
- 20 Galen Gott
Jesse Hammett
- 21 Drew Smialek
- 22 Jane Estabrook
- 23 William Carey
Kathie Maguire
- 25 Kathy Clark
- 27 Jack Dare
- 28 Corinthia Cornellier
- 29 Cassie Campbell
- 30 Isabelle Briere

APRIL ALTAR GUILD

Holly Briscoe
Ann Bowie Briscoe
Adele Maguire
Lisa Capobianco



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Search Committee Update

The rector search closed on February 20, 2025. Priority was given to applications received by January 15, 2025. Applications were received before and after that priority deadline. The Search Committee has been reviewing applications and conducting phone and Zoom interviews with candidates. The committee is not able to give information about the number of applications received, but it has been working hard these last few months and meeting almost every week since the beginning of January. Unfortunately, the Search Committee and Vestry are not able to share when a candidate comes to interview at Christ Church. This is to protect the candidate's confidentiality. Candidates may not have informed their parish that they are considering a change, or candidates might be interviewing at multiple churches and do not want that information to be common knowledge. Both the Search Committee and the Vestry thank you for your patience and understanding.

Shannon Campbell, Search Committee Chair

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.*