

Christ Church *Bell*

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From this Sunday's Gospel, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6: 36

"Chances are there is someone in each of our lives who is hanging on by a thread; a family member, a friend, a colleague, a stranger, someone who is a fixture in our life or someone who is just passing through. Sometimes we know they are hanging on by a thread, other times we don't. They're in need of love, mercy and forgiveness, prayer, a blessing, compassion, generosity, the benefit of the doubt, an open heart and open hands. We all know what that's like, we've been there too.

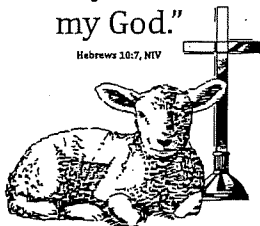
Let's not be the scissors that cut their thread."

Michael K. Marsh *from Interrupting the Silence*

Lucretia+

"I have come
to do your will,
my God."

Hebrews 10:7, NIV



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

Deceased / Burial

- Theresa Buehler Barrett, Anne Yoe

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Linda Battenfield, 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

Confirmation

- Ron Marney

- 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. | -Anjje McCollumn |
| -Roberto Dennis | -Lynn H | -Carolyn M | |

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.

Year of Transition

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Mite boxes.

Please pick up a mite box either at church or in the parish hall and fill it with sacrificial giving, as part of your Lenten discipline. We will gather boxes on Easter Sunday. The vestry decided at their February meeting to have SMILE be the recipient of the Mite Box donations this year. Please give generously.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

40 — In Scripture, this number often indicates a time of trial or testing, or simply marks significance. It rained 40 days and nights during the Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. The Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).



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The **Search Committee** continues their diligent work in the search for or next rector. The committee appreciates the congregation's prayers of support.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, Southern Regional Council, met February 7, with a spaghetti dinner at All Saint's Sunderland. **Christ Church will be hosting this on May 16, 2025.**

The February Vestry Meeting had to be postponed from Feb. 11 to Feb. 18 due to snow.

February 16, Ron Marney was confirmed by the Bishop at St. Paul's Church, Prince Frederick.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Prince Frederick, will be having the Saturday Night Easter Vigil. All are welcome to attend.

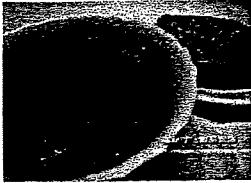
Christ Church will be having the Easter Sunrise Service on the Tournament Field at 6 am, weather permitting. Other Easter Day Services will be at 8:30 and 10 am in the church. We will not have the Seder Dinner this year.

The Soup and Bread Lenten suppers will begin on Friday, March 7.

Thank you for all you do for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden

Greeters, ushers, and bread & wine presenters. All are invited to share these ministries of welcome. Please speak to Nancy Zinn, Senior Warden, to volunteer or for more information (410) 586-0682.



Lenten Fellowship Evenings. Join us on the six Fridays in Lent (7, 14, 21, & 28 March, 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 watch & discuss *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent* (Materials have been ordered and should be available for purchase soon.) All are welcome; join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits. **Coordinators and hosts are needed** for the suppers: Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



See! The winter is _____; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _____, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _____, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _____, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

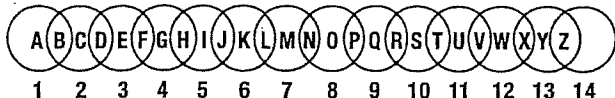
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _____ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



1,2 3 6 5 7,8 2,3 1 7,8 2,3

2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10

5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3

3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV


Volunteers Needed

Beverly Lusby and Pam Briscoe will be retiring as Assistant Treasurers. We thank both of them for years - decades! - of service in these positions. Parishioners wanting to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of the assistant treasurer positions, or to volunteer to fill them should contact Jimmy Yoe at 410 474 7753, or by email at treasurer@christchurchcalvert.org

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

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

CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Christ Church Website – christchurchcalvert.org Rev. Lucretia Mann's e-mail lwm9795@gmail.com Cell 831-295-2617			7:00 pm Bible Study
2 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	3 6:30 am Alcoholics Anon.	4	5 7:30 am, No Wed. H. B Ashes 9:30 am Dri
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	10 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	11 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	12 Duke St. 7:00 pm Bible Study
16 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	17  6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	18	19 7:00 pm Bible Study
23 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	24 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	25 Bell Deadline	26 7:00 pm Bible Study
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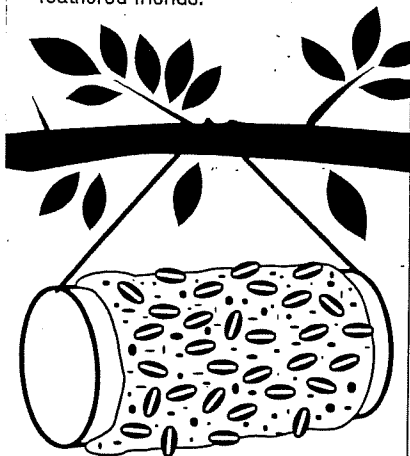
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Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry</p> <p>10:45 am Bible Fellowship</p>	<p>11:30 am Juliet's Luncheon</p>	1
by ZOOM	<p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 Dream Weaver's</p>	8
7:00 pm - Ash Imposition of		<p>6:00 pm The Way of the Cross In Person and by ZOOM</p> <p>6:30 pm Soup & Bread Supper</p>	
Thru Ashes, Lloyd Bldg.			
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	27	28	29
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FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



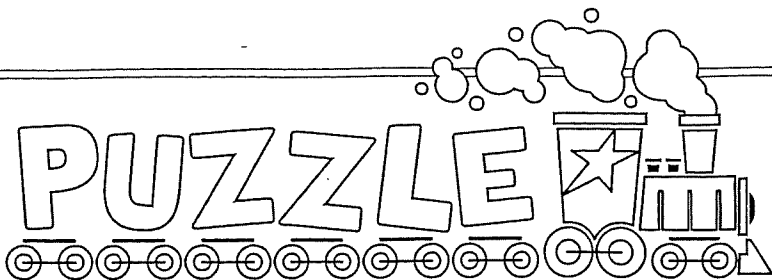
What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String



What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.



PUZZLE

BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VIDEO

_____ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

_____ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

_____ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

_____ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

“Are not five _____ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many _____.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Washed clean

Make customized jelly
soaps to banish dirt
and grime.



What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¾ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

PUZZLE



A wonderful washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _____	_____ out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _____	_____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _____	_____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _____	_____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _____	_____ your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _____	_____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _____	_____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _____	_____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _____	_____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHPA _____	_____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant

CALLING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Voting Members who are exploring a possible call by the Lord to Vestry service are expected to take full opportunity to prayerfully learn prior to the Parish Annual Meeting on May 4, 2025, as much as possible about the duties, responsibilities, dynamics, challenges, and joys of Vestry service; please speak with any Vestry member or Officer. Election to the Vestry will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting. "Voting Members shall be nominated from the floor by another Voting Member at the annual meeting. No nominations for Vestry member shall be accepted unless the person nominated has agreed to serve if elected."

NOTE: "Voting Members: are persons at least 18 years of age who have been Ordinary Members for at least six months, and who are enrolled in this Parish, for the period aforesaid, as communicants-in-good-standing and as contributors. ("Communicants-in-good-standing" have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and are faithful in corporate worship unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving, for the spread of the Kingdom of God.) Also, the Safe Church Policy of The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland requires Officers and Vestry members to complete a criminal records check, a sexual offender registry check, a reference background check, and to hold training certificates from this Diocese in both "Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct" and "Prevention of Adult Sexual Misconduct."

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
- Apple Sauce 3.9oz/pkg. of 6/foil top
- *Beefaroni, 15oz/pop-top lid
- *Canned corn, 8 oz./pop-top lid
- Chicken & Rice Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid
- Chicken Noodle Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid
- Cup O'Noodles, 2.25 oz./any flavor
- Fruit Cups 4 oz./removable plastic lid
- *Goldfish Crackers, 1.1 oz./individually wrapped
- *Green Beans, 8 oz. can/pop top lid
- *Instant Pancake Mix, 32 oz. box
- Syrup
- *Jelly, 18 oz. plastic jar
- Peanut Butter, 18 oz. plastic jar
- Juice - Individual
- Peanut butter Crackers, 6 count/individually Wrapped
- *Pop Tarts, individually wrapped/any flavor
- *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
- Vienna Sausages, 5 oz./pop-top lid
- Meat Flavored Spaghetti Sauce (Pasta Sauce)
- Beanee Weenees
- *Cash donations gladly accepted
- *Grocery Store Gift Cards
- *Stared items are needed most*

The backpacks would be packed on Friday or Saturday to be taken to the school on Thursday by Allyson Sigler.

All food that comes in and goes out has to be weighed.

Nancy Zinn, Christ Church
Coordinator for the Heart
F.E.L.T. Program.



MARCH

Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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

1 Kyle Gott
Jonah Miller
Brian Williams

2 Donna Effers
Ryan Sickle

4 Thomas Gallagher
Joan McCready

5 Clare Cruppenink

6 Parisa Hassanpour

8 Bob Graham
Rick Hill

9 Kendra Dove

10 Greg Bowen
Tricia Gott
JoAnn McCready
Kyle Smither

11 Lisa Capobianco

13 James Coffren, II
Pamela Weems

14 Shannon Campbell
Preston Young

15 Patty Gott
Robert Link

17 Jamie Lee Schwallenberg Kelly

18 Jonathan Davis, Jr.

20 Annie Mae Mason
Karen Griggs Nolan
Katie Seymour
Geoff Wanamaker

21 Audrey Link

23 James Briscoe
Tim Fridman
Thomas Gott
Vera Lind
A. J. Tomlinson

25 Liam Campbell
Ricky Weems, II

26 Jacob Gott
Catherine Howanstone

27 Jamie Gallagher

28 Cooper Keeley
Victoria Wolf

29 Donna Drew

30 Megan Coffren
Gunnar Johnson

31 Paul Fulcher

March Altar Guild

Teri Beck
Shannon Masters
Shannon Campbell

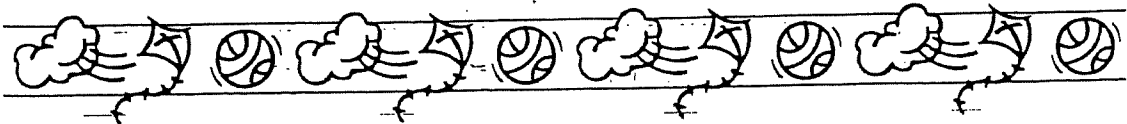
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Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, 4 March 5:00-7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, and beverages. Enjoy a last feast of meat and rich foods before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. No RSVP needed for the meal; just come and enjoy! Contact Rich White 410-610-2449 (text or voice) or rich.white.7110@gmail.com, if you would like to help preparing and serving this meal

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.*

Ash Wednesday this year is **5 March**. Join us at **7:30 am., noon, or 7:00 pm.** for Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, or stop by the Lloyd Building, 89 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD for **Drive-Thru Ashes 9:30 am.**

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