

CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL
ROCK SPRING PARISH

April 2022



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Lyn Edmunds—Song Leader

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The Chimes



Priest in Charge

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our job is to proclaim the Good News of God in Jesus Christ: We are God's Beloved! God is well pleased with us! It's a great story. And we just celebrated our Third Easter in the midst of a world-wide Pandemic. And we were in-church, together, singing hymns of New Life!

Now for some more Good News: It was announced today that the United States has transitioned from Pandemic to Endemic. Like the Good News that came to us from the Cross of Christ, this new good news comes at a cost: one million lives lost, millions suffering still from "long-covid," and millions more were infected over a two-year-plus period of time. And in much of the world it is still pandemic-time. By staying calm, staying connected and staying Church, albeit in very new ways, and thanks to those researchers who created vaccines, monoclonal antibodies, and strategies to contain the disease, we have reached a better place.

This year, the month of May invites us to celebrate this transition with two significant events. **First, on Sunday, May 15, we will welcome The Right Reverend Robert Ihloff for our first Episcopal Visitation since December 8, 2019** when Bishop Eugene Sutton was our visitor. Like the Second Sunday in Easter, we will be in-church, mask-optional, and singing more of the service. Bishop Ihloff will meet with our Vestry before church, Celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us at 9:45 am, and join us for Fellowship in the Parish Hall, mask-optional, ready to answer questions you may have about this year's General Convention hosted by our Diocese at the Baltimore Convention Center, the already started Search Process for a Bishop Co-Adjutor, and anything else you may want to know more about.

The Second event will be our Annual Memorial Day Celebration in the Cemetery, Monday, May 30th, 10:00am, beginning with a Procession from the Parish House Patio up into the Cemetery. There will be our traditional Memorial Day service, time to place flowers on the graves of Veterans buried at St. Peter's, Prayers, the Gettysburg Address, and Fellowship time afterwards back on the Patio. It is a time to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and security of our nation.

Finally, this month is the time of The Bishop's Annual Appeal to support ministries throughout Maryland like the Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program, the Johns Hopkins Hospital Chaplaincy, The Baltimore International Seafarers' Institute, Campus Ministries at Maryland Colleges and Universities, and many more programs that bring the Love of Christ to those who need our support. Details of The Bishop's Appeal can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, and in church on Sunday Mornings. Your donations will be collected by Christ Church to be sent to the Diocesan Center, and this year there is a new surprise: Fifteen percent (15%) of our combined contributions to the Appeal will be sent back to Christ Church to support our own community ministries.

Christ is Alive! The Diocese of Maryland is Alive! And Christ Church is Alive! God bless us, everyone!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kirk Kubicek, Priest in Charge

We are those people who work together as One Church!

Some churches are Top-down, hierarchical communities of Christ, in which all decisions are made by a person or group of persons who make decisions and define the mission of the church. There are those churches which operate entirely at a local level by consensus of their members. And then there is the Episcopal Church. We are an interdependent church of the Anglican Communion of churches world-wide. At the same time, we operate independently as The Episcopal Church, consisting of 100 dioceses in the United States proper, plus eleven dioceses in other countries or outlying U.S. territories and the diocese of Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, for a total of 2 dioceses. Ours is an international church!

We meet once every three years in General Convention, hosted this year in Baltimore. The General Convention is arranged much like the U.S Congress: there is the Senior House, the House of Deputies: four clergy and four lay persons representing each of the 113 dioceses; and a House of Bishops consisting of all active bishops from the dioceses of The Episcopal Church. Every resolution of General Convention must pass both houses. A resolution may originate in either house. Like Congress, there are committees that hammer out differences and compromises until a resolution is acceptable by both houses.

Resolutions may also begin at a Diocesan Convention, where they may be introduced by bishops, clergy and lay people. And resolutions may also originate in parishes and parish vestries, sent to Diocesan Convention, and eventually land at General Conventions. Which is a long way around to say that The Episcopal Church is democratic from the bottom up. This is very different than many other churches throughout the world.

This means that decisions ranging from the Book of Common Prayer, the Ordination of Women, establishing ministries at home and abroad, and any other theological or mission issue are all decided by Lay Persons, Priests, Deacons and Bishops together. General Convention is one of the largest legislative bodies in the world. It's hard work, but in the end all voices are heard, and we move forward together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to see how it all works, there are opportunities to volunteer at this year's General Convention. Volunteers for the General Convention are the broader church who come together in faith to assist, support and serve the Convention, its officers, deputations, staff, and commissions by providing a welcoming and safe environment through hands-on, behind the scenes work as an extension of the Executive Office of the General Convention. We welcome all who are interested and willing to share their time and talents with us. You can register to volunteer at this website:

<https://80thgenconvepiscopalchurch2022volunteer.my-trs.com/>.

We are The Episcopal Church.





BISHOP'S APPEAL WEEKEND

MAY 1, 2022

The Bishops Annual Ministries appeal gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together as a diocese and support the ministries that need our collective resources to share the hope and love we have in Christ with our community. When you make a gift to the ministries of the Annual Appeal you are participating in our community of love.

When we join together in giving:

- * Our youth will be loved unconditionally and given a safe place to grow and flourish.
- * Our Sutton Scholars will sharpen the soft skills needed to become leaders in their community.
- * Seafarers far from home will feel cared for and loved when they arrive in our harbor.
- * Immigrants and refugees will get dedicated support to transition to life in a new country.
- * Our young adults are cared for and supported through our college campus ministries.
- * Patients, faculty, and medical staff at Johns Hopkins Hospital will be cared for and loved.
- * Latino families will find a home in The Episcopal Church.
- * The history of our churches and diocese will be preserved for generations to come.
- * We are challenging violence and injustice of every kind through Truth and Reconciliation.
- * Our Claggett Center will provide spiritual renewal and rest for our faith community.
- * Our children will become confident readers through reading camps at our churches.

For the first time the Bishops Annual Ministries appeal will also provide support for our ministries here at our church. When you make a gift to the Annual Appeal, 15% of your gift will be used here, at our church to support our Ministry. This is wonderful chance to support the work we are doing here, and the work we are doing collectively as a diocese.

In the back of the church, you will find the Bishop's Appeal Prayer card. Please prayerfully consider joining me in making a gift the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal. Gifts can be made online and Instructions can be found on the back of the prayer card. A replica of the prayer card can also be found in this Sunday's bulletin.

Please join me while I pray.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal.

Fr. Kirk Kubicek



Appeal Prayer

Lord of Care,
In our affections
In our attention
In our sacrifice
May we find balance.

May we be in balance with each other,
knowing that we can go further as a family.

May we be in balance with our neighbors,
and ourselves, knowing that you gave to us
before we even knew our own needs.

From your love, teach us to give carefully,
kindly and with true faith that the
resources we hand away were, in the
beginning, never ours.
We are only the stewards.

Stewards seeking balance in all
things...except love, our love is limitless
and overflowing,
like you, Lord of Care.
Amen.



When we work together, we can
make a positive difference in the lives
of many and share the love we have in
Christ. Start your gift to the Bishop's
Annual Ministries Appeal today!

HOW TO GIVE

ONLINE

www.episcopalmaryland.org/give

SEND CHECK TO:

"Bishop's Appeal"
4 E University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21218

GIFTS OF STOCK

Contact the Development office at
410-467-1399

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Point your phone's camera
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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF MARYLAND

Stewardship Pledge Card

2022

In prayerful consideration of my/our stewardship of God's resources, responsibility to Christ Church, and the desire to take the next step in my/our journey of faith, I/we pledge the following financial support to Christ Church for the 2022 church year:

Weekly \$ _____

Quarterly \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____



For a total of \$ _____ per year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

I would like to receive envelopes (circle one): YES NO

Envelope # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to Christ Church by mail.

Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish,

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Thank you and God Bless!

Christ Church Vestry Minutes
March 23, 2022
[Virtual meeting via Zoom]

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Lois Tidey, Lyn Edmunds, Molly Neal, Leslie Amtmann, Jane O'Leary, Kate Davis, and Tony Davis.

Meeting began at 7:05 PM with opening prayer.

The Vestry minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – The total income in February was \$7,491 and the total expenses were \$7,821. The balance in the Harford main checking account is \$10,859. We recently received a contribution from Ridgon Farms (for \$450) for the use of the land for crops. The treasurer's report was approved.

Rector's Report – Fr. Kirk attended clergy meeting today. The good news is the Covid positivity case rate is now under 4 per 100,000, so we are still in the green phase. However, the unpredictable news is that the Omicron BA2 variant is on the rise and is 30% more transmissible. It is projected to spike around Holy Week/Easter. The federal government doesn't anticipate making any more recommendations around masking, so it will be up to local jurisdictions, churches, etc.

It is still recommended to keep masks on while singing, for now. Gradually, we may work toward the common cup, after Easter. At that point, we will need a Chaliceist to help with the service. We will keep the offering/collection as is, for now. And we will consider moving toward mask-optional, in the coming weeks. Since we don't have all choir members present, we won't have the choir singing in the back, just yet. We may begin to fill the baptismal font with Holy Water again. And we can go back to coffee hour in the Parish Hall, which would be mask-optional (when not eating/drinking). We will serve individually wrapped food items. Fr. Kirk will make an announcement that this will begin on 4/3.

Recently, we received a visit from the Harford County water inspector. The gasket to the well needed to be replaced and the salts/brine in tank needed to be replaced, which were completed by First Class Mechanical.

Sadly, Russ Guhr, a longtime member of Christ church who served on the Vestry for many years and as the former Sr. Warden, passed away on March 20th. His funeral, followed by a graveside service, will be held at Christ Church on 3/28.

A motion was made to increase the fee for our musicians (Marianne Kidd and Robert Hitz) to \$150/Sunday. This was approved.

Sr. Warden's Report – the annual meeting was very successful. It was nice to have fellowship again, after 2 years of having to skip this event. The ECW did a great job organizing the meal (pizza/salad) and setup, etc.

Jr. Warden's Report – we received a quote to paint the louvres of the bell tower for \$3500. We also received a quote to replace the steel door to the janitor's closet in the Annex for \$1290. It was discussed that we could use some of the remaining Necker/Ridgon gifts to help cover the cost of these important projects.

Green Team update – the group has a new name of Rock Spring Keepers. An upcoming project that will require assistance is to move the stones by the Spring to the sloped garden area between the Annex and Parish Hall. This will be part of a conservation effort, which may include a retaining wall. There would be no cost to the church, as it would be volunteer supported. A motion was made and approved to move forward with this project, pending exact details of where to store the stones and any liability concerns to be ironed out.

The next meeting will be on 4/20 at 7:00pm.

At 8:36 pm, the meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Blessings,
Kate Davis



***What a joy to have the Christ Church Choir back
together for Easter service.***



Episcopal Church Women

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS ON!!!

The long awaited date is here when ECW will once again organize the always popular **PARISH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE!**

- **WHEN: JUNE 11**
- **TIME: 8 AM—2 PM**
- **DONATIONS: ACCEPTED JUNE 4 (10 AM—2 PM) or JUNE 5 (12 PM—2 PM)**

Since we have a large amount of items to haul up from the basement, we ask that you please hold off bringing any new donations until the times indicated.

- **ACCEPTED DONATIONS:** household goods, craft supplies, tools, books, sports equipment, toys, small furniture
- **NOT ACCEPTED:** clothing, large furniture (sofa, hutch, etc.)



CATERING BY JOHN'S BACKYARD BEEFSTRO!

All that shopping got you hungry? The grill will be fired up with breakfast and pit sandwiches available! YUM!

RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS—WE NEED YOU!

This is a big undertaking requiring plenty of man and woman power! Please contact Lois at 410-692-5401 or loistidey80@icloud.com to volunteer.

- ♦ **FRIDAY 6/10 (10 AM-2 PM)** SET UP CREW
- ♦ **SATURDAY 6/11 (7:30 AM—3:30 PM)** SALES ASSISTANCE, CLEAN UP CREW

When John, our Christ Church Sexton, reported that both vacuums had stopped working, ECW replaced one with a brand new Shark.

Do you have a vacuum in good working order you no longer need?

Please consider donating it so one can be available in the annex and church buildings.



UPCOMING ECW MEETINGS

MAY 2—ECW MEETING 7 PM IN THE ANNEX

JUNE 6—ECW MEETING 7 PM IN THE ANNEX—FINALIZE RUMMAGE SALE PLANS



**All women of
Christ Church
are automatically
members of ECW!
YOUR IDEAS ARE
WELCOME!**



Current Roster ECW Officers

President

Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875

Corresponding Secretary

Janet Clifton 410-838-5072

Recording Secretary

MaryJane Parrish 410-456-7931

Treasurer

Melinda Chase 443-866-1134

KEEPERS' CORNER

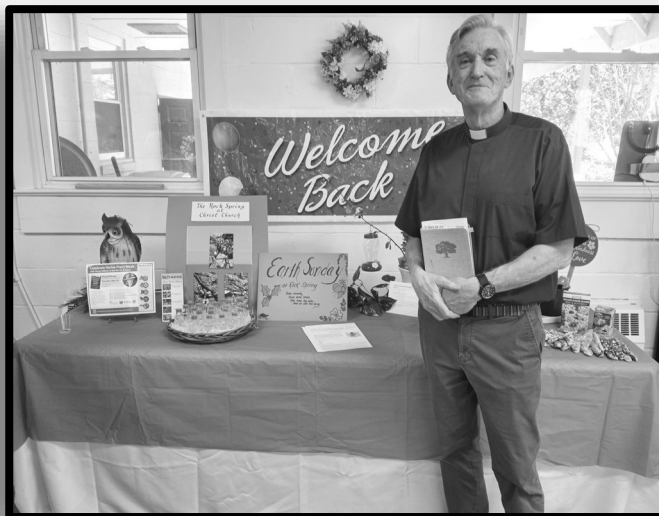
The Rock Spring Keepers have been busy bees!

Fr. Kirk led a lovely Earth Day Service on April 24th, with special prayers and music to celebrate creation. Following the service, a seed planting activity took place during coffee hour. Pole beans should be sprouting about now! Bottles of blessed Holy Water from the Rock Spring were given to all attendees. Later that week, team members braved the chilly wind to plant a “buffer bundle” of native saplings near the little brook that runs near Rock Spring. The “whips” are protected from deer (hopefully) by sleeves, thanks to Leslie Amtmann.

Fun Fact: an intact roll of toilet paper can be planted (either round end up) flush with the ground as an artificial but biodegradable nesting place for bees.



A blustery day for planting but the team of Rich, Ed and Molly were able to get the first 25 saplings in the ground around the lower perimeter of the AG field down along the stream. We had just enough protectors, including the 2 that Leslie provided. Took us 2.5 hours. Whew! Now we ask Mother Nature to take over. A great feeling of accomplishment.



In addition to planting 25 saplings in the ground, the Rock Spring Keepers also held a seed planting party during the coffee hour on Sunday, 4/24.

Molly and Autumn gathered water from our Spring and Father Kirk graciously blessed it. It was then transferred into individual bottles and labelled appropriately—

Rock Spring Holy Water



BLESSED PARENTS...



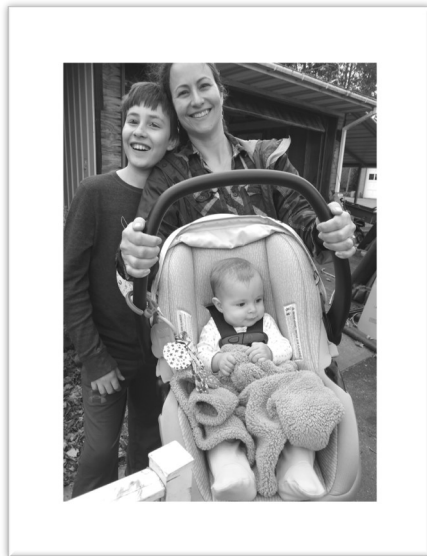
“Here’s to the smiles, the giggles, the little laughs, and the endless hugs. To the precious moments, when as parents, we realize we have everything we ever wished for.”

Colleen Murphy and Jack Gude are thrilled to announce that their daughter **Rosalie** has been accepted into the Veterinary program at Kansas State University. Rosalie will begin classes this fall and is very excited to see a new part of the country; as well as, beginning her journey to becoming a vet!

And

The Lane family would like to pass on the address for **Kincaid** who is currently stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah:

Kincaid Lane
7338 Loncki Street, Unit #553
Hill AFB, UT 84056



Look how sweet Viviana Kidd has grown. And, young Ezra too. Almost as tall as mama.

Sharing some personal news—I am so proud of my son Rick who was promoted to Captain on the Baltimore County Police Department. He comes from a blue blood family including my Grandfather and Father who served on the Philadelphia Police force. Rick has been hand picked by the Police Chief to work as her “Chief of Staff”. It is quite the honor.

Anna



WEEKLY ENVELOPES

BLESSINGS REPORT

April total is \$6,071.00.

We need \$2,000 **each week** to meet our expenses.

**Please remember to
mail your offering to:**

**Christ Church
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PLEASE REMEMBER

INCLUDE YOUR PARISHIONER NUMBER ON
THE ENVELOPE. IT HELPS ENSURE ACCURACY
OF OUR RECORDS.

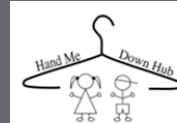
**The Rock Spring is flowing crystal clear and is
such a beautiful, peaceful spot this time of year.**



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If you need envelopes or have questions regarding your giving statement, please contact Jane O'Leary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

12 Slava Morris
12 Jarred Rahn
13 Yvonne Golczewski
17 Jan Bowersox



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May

7 Jack & Jan Bowerski

2—The Apostles Sts. Philip & James

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40
1st Lesson: Isaiah 30:18-21
2nd Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
Gospel: John 14:6-14

26—Ascension Day

Psalm: Psalm 47 or 93
1st Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

31—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalm: Psalm 113
1st Lesson: Samuel 2:1-10
2nd Lesson: Romans 12:9-16b
Gospel: Luke 1:39-57



Please PRAY for those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially:

For the residents of Harford Family House; For peace and understanding in Baltimore; For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For the refugees leaving Syria and Central America in desperation; For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises; For all the people in the Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the victims of natural disasters; For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings & Riots.

For those on our prayer list: For Sue Tressler, Lynn Klein, Kevin & Linda, Anna Humphreys, Phil Klein, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Dan Moss, Ken Edmunds Jr, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenhoup, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Don, Peter, Lael, Jacqueline, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Sherry Cole, Silvia Meranski, Sam Robertello, Blake Gude, Wayne Hall, Amanda Tidey

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:

Glassell & Betty Parker; Anna Humphreys; Beth Hauser; Lyndon

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MAY 2022

Sunday 9:45 am Live/In Person Morning Prayer (4 th Sunday) Comm Service (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th Sundays)	Monday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:30-6:45p Jazzercise 7:00-9:00p AA—Mon Night Raw	Tuesday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 10 am Quilters 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose	Wednesday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:45-7:45p Jazzercise	Thursday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose	Friday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 7:00-8:00p AA—Fri Night Group	Saturday 8:30-10:30 a AA—New Beginnings
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Communion Service AG—Kate	2 The Apostles Sts Philip & James  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	3 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	4 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	5 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	6 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	7
8 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day  9:45 am Communion Service AG—Melinda	9 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	10 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	11 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	12 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	13 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	14
15 5th Sunday of Easter 9:45 am Communion Service AG—Debbie	16 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	17 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	18 Vestry Meeting Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	19 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	20 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	21
22 6th Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) 9:45 am Morning Prayer AG—Molly	23 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	24 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	25 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	26 Ascension Day  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	27 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	28
29 7th Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day) 9:45 am Communion Service AG—MJ	30  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer				

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