

CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL
ROCK SPRING PARISH

OCTOBER, 2023



Christ Church Rock Spring Parish

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Priest-In-Charge: Fr. Kirk Kubicek

Parish Administrator: Anna Risdorfer

Sexton: John Tipton

Vestry Officers: Molly Neal, Senior Warden

Jane O’Leary, Interim Treasurer

Tony Davis, Junior Warden

Lyn Edmunds, Registrar

Cemetery Administrator: Leslie Amtmann

Music Team Leaders:

Robert Hitz—Choir Director

Lyn Edmunds—Song Leader

The Chimes



Priest in Charge

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Fall Season is the traditional time of year that congregations in The Episcopal Church begin to look forward to the next fiscal and program year. With our Parish Annual Meeting scheduled for the third Sunday in January, January 21, there is important work to be done that will be ratified at that meeting.

- 1) **Vestry Members serve three-year terms**, which means three people will rotate off in January: Molly Neal, Lois Tidey, and Lynn Klein. Our Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer says that we are all at some time or other contribute time to the life, worship and governance of the Church (BCP p855). Please prayerfully consider if might make yourself available to serve on Vestry beginning in January 2024.
- 2) Those who are involved in specific ministries at Rock Spring Parish, from the Episcopal Church Women to the Rock Spring Keepers **need to begin writing up a short annual report** on the work in your ministry in 2023 so it may be included in the Parish Annual Report for all to see and review.
- 3) **By the end of November 2023, we all need to recommit our financial support of Christ Church Rock Spring Parish in the form of a Pledge for 2024.** Since 1972 at General Convention, The Episcopal Church has urged all its members to consider the Biblical Tithe of 10% as our aspirational goal for funding ministry in the local parish, the diocese, and the national church. The financial support you give to Christ Church each year sustains our ministries, maintenance needs, and outreach to the greater Harford County community. For instance, we make the Christ Church Parish Hall available to a variety of county groups to use during the week at a fraction of what it would cost to rent similar commercial space. The Twelve-Step and Dance groups who meet here provide vital opportunities for people throughout the community to live healthier and productive lives. The Diocese provides grants and assistance to parishes, aids in refugee resettlement, supports feeding programs, education for young people through the Sutton Scholars Program, all ministries that takes resources no single parish could sustain, so we do it cooperatively. And The Episcopal Church Center in New York City sustains missionaries at home and abroad, prison ministries, university chaplains and more, programs that no parish or diocese could sustain on its own. This is why the official name of The Episcopal Church is The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Your pledge to Christ Church enables you to sustain a large host of ministries throughout the USA and abroad!
- 4) **Regarding our parish finances, please read, study and inwardly digest the next page of this newsletter to learn about the financial challenges which face Christ Church Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish, and how you can be involved with our newly formed Finance Committee in finding ways to sustain the future of our Historic 1805 parish mission to Harford County.** Our Finance Committee is actively partnering with the Diocese and with all of us to make sure that Christ Church remains a vital ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ for generations to come. We are privileged to worship and continue Christ's ministry of reconciliation in the world thanks to the Pledges and Stewardship of those who have gone before us. Now is our moment to secure our future for others to enjoy the same historic community of God's Beloved People called Christ Church Forest Hill!

Yours in Christ,

Fr Kirk Kubicek, Priest in Charge

The Finance Committee invites the whole congregation to work for financial solvency.

Did you know that Christ Church operates at a deficit? Despite the faithful generosity of Christ Church members, we don't take in enough income to cover our very basic expenses. For the coming year, we must find \$20,000 to balance the budget.

The Vestry has created a Finance Committee to work on this problem, and we are looking to the whole parish for help. This is not a fundraising request. This is an appeal for all of us to be aware of our shortfall and suggest ways that we can increase our income and/or decrease our expenses. We believe we can balance our budget if everyone helps. Here is what you can do:

- ◆ Notice and use the new PayPal button on Christ Church's website: christchurchforesthill.org. This makes it easy to pay your pledge or to invite your circle of friends and family to donate. How can you invite donors to click that PayPal button?

****https://paypal.me/christchurchfh?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US**

*****If you have a paypal account..... paypal.me/christchurchfh**

- ◆ Think of big ways that we can save, and new possible sources of revenue. Give your suggestions to a Finance Committee member. We are considering all ideas in terms of required effort and dollar impact. We want to be working on ideas that will make a big impact.
- ◆ Put your heads together! Talk to one another to uncover some great ideas.
- ◆ Be ready to help. As we consider ideas, we'll need people to research and carry out plans.
- ◆ Think outside the box. Fixing this problem might come with an outrageous solution.
- ◆ Be open to changes that may be coming. Like any household that must tighten its belt, we know that balancing our budget may come with some amount of pain.

We think we can do this together. You'll be hearing more about this parish effort. In the meantime, if you have ideas, please contact us.



CHRIST CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Peggy Reel
Molly Neal
Kate Davis
Rick Baker
Jane O'Leary

Stewardship Pledge Form

2023

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 2023 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.

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Thank you and God Bless!

Christ Church Altar Flowers Dedications 2023

Please indicate whether you would like to pick up the flowers after the dedication date or leave for church use.

I would like to **add** the following dedications in 2023:

Date	Preferred Sunday	Dedication (as will appear in bulletin ex: In memory of, In honor of, In thanksgiving for)	Pick Up ☐	Church Use ☐

NAME: _____ (PLEASE PRINT) Envelope #: _____

Method of Payment (**\$30 contribution per Sunday**)

Payment Included _____ Will send _____

☐ **Cash**

☐ **Check** (made payable to Christ Church Rock Spring Parish)

Should you wish to pick up the flowers, please do so after services on the 2nd week of flower delivery. (for more information, contact the parish administrator or a member of the altar guild).

Please mail this form to the office or place in the offertory plate.



Christ Church Vestry Minutes

The August vestry meeting was not held; therefore, no minutes.



Save the date

40 Years



Father Kirk Rubiczek

Ordained December 17th, 1983

With praise and gratitude to God, please join us for a service of
Thanksgiving for 40 years of dedication.

Sunday, December 17th, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Christ Church Rock Spring Parish
Reception to follow in the parish hall
Please RSVP to Anna at christchrsp@gmail.com or 410-838-6606

*"What we choose changes us. Who we love transforms us.
How we create remakes us. Where we live reshapes us.
So in all our choosing, O God, make us wise;
In all our loving, O Christ, make us bold;
In all our creating, O Spirit, give us courage;
in all our living, may we become whole."*

Ordination & Consecration of Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent September 16, 2023



Christ Church was well represented...
Molly Neal, Father Kirk, Julie Fender, Lyn Edmunds



Julie Fender representing our parish as
the banner holder for Christ Church



Deacon Jane O'Leary on
the altar with the new Bishop



Father Kirk Kubicek in
the procession



Newly Ordained
Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent





Episcopal Church Women

Homecoming Sunday On September 24 it might have been a bit rainy and chilly outside, but the parish hall was warm and inviting for our **POTLUCK FEAST** after the church service! Many thanks to all who helped set up and decorate the hall on Saturday, brought a delicious dish (or more!) to share, and cleaned up afterwards. It was a great get together, even though we were missing those who couldn't join us that day.



November will see us busy preparing for upcoming events including the parish-wide **Adopt-a-Family, Cheer Basket** assembly and delivery, and **MORE** in the new year!



December 17— 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. KIRK'S ORDINATION
Mark your calendar for this **FESTIVE CELEBRATION** and look for more information to come!

ECW Meetings are GENERALLY held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month,
Our meetings are open to anyone and we'd be happy to have you join us to share your ideas and energy!

OCTOBER 11 ECW MEETING - 7 PM in the Annex

NOVEMBER 1 ECW MEETING - 7 PM in the Annex— **Note: this meeting is being held on the FIRST Wednesday of November, due to a scheduling conflict.**

DECEMBER 13 ECW MEETING - 7 PM in the Annex



NEWSFLASH! It was a busy night at The Creamery with Christ Church supporters! ECW received a check for \$227.57 which goes a long way in covering our contributions to the **Stuff the Bus** campaign as well as **vestment gifts** for our new **Bishop Coadjutor Carrie Schofield-Broadbent**. Thanks, everyone!

ECW Officers 2022-2023

President
Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875
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Janet Clifton 410-838-5072
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MaryJane Parrish 410-456-7931
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Melinda Chase 443-866-1134



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

KEEPER'S CORNER

**RSK's
WILL
RETURN
SOON!**



My son was promoted on 9/14/23 to Major for the Baltimore County Police Department. Rick was promoted to Captain in January of 2022 and supervised Criminal Intelligence and Homeland Security. As Major, his new assignment is Assistant Commander of Operations, which includes all patrol, SWAT, the marine unit, air support and more.

In 2022, Rick was nominated by his superiors to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico. After an intense, but fulfilling 12 weeks, he graduated from the Academy adding that distinction at the top of his achievements and commendations over the last 21 years. The FBI National Academy is awarded to only 1% of law enforcement in the world and graduation is a necessity for all Police Chiefs. Rick is part of a proud blue bloods legacy to include my Grandfather, my Dad, his uncle, and multiple great-uncles and cousins.



My grandson's face 😊



Proud to share....Anna

#policemom

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

BLESSINGS REPORT

Many Thanks For Your Generosity

September total - \$5,610

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

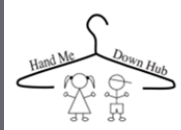
**Please remember to
mail your offering to:**

**Christ Church
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Forest Hill, MD 21050**

HAND ME DOWN HUB

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**Infant to Teen sizes available.
Send a request for yourself
or another.**

PLEASE REMEMBER

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

If you need envelopes or have questions regarding your giving statement, please contact the office.

**Guess who
turned 91?**

**Happiest of birthdays
to the lovely
Pat Rohrman!**



Molly Neal was taking the photo

18th—St. Luke

Psalm: 147 or 147:1-7

1st Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-142nd Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:5-13

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

23—St. James of Jerusalem

Psalm: 1

1st Lesson: Acts 15:12-22a2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

28—St Simon & St. Jude

Psalm: 119:89-96

1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:1-42nd Lesson: Ephesians 2:13-22

Gospel: John 15:17-27

**ANNIVERSARIES**October

3—David & Shirley Martell
 6—Adam & Brooke Eaton
 19—Richard & Lois Tidey
 22—Mark & Stacy Lane

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**October

5—Gwendolyn Baker
 14—Jacob Sampson
 21—Susan Sampson
 22—Rose Eaton
 22—Kevin Chmielewski
 24—Stacy Lane
 25—Lyn Edmunds
 28—Len Parrish, Jr.
 29—Meredith Fender

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST: If there is a name that you would like added to the list for prayerful support, please contact the parish office, or feel free to drop a note onto the collection plate on Sundays. Names will remain on the Prayer List in our weekly bulletin and monthly Chimes for 4 weeks unless other arrangements are requested.

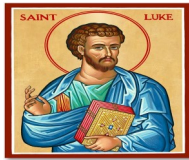
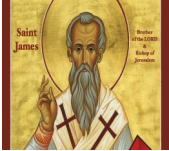
LET US PRAY: For those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially: For the residents of Harford Family House; For peace and understanding in Baltimore; For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For refugees worldwide desperately seeking safety; For those who suffer because of any humanitarian crises, especially those created by the war in Ukraine and the escalating climate crisis; 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.

For those on our prayer list: Hazel Borkowski, Sue Sampson, Betty Parker, Kevin & Linda Michael, Jackson, Libby Ohl, Dave Fender, Lyn Edmunds, Mike & Bonnie Marciszewski, James William Knell, Pat Rohrman, The Parr and Palmere families.

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday: Glassell & Betty Parker; Pat Rohrman; Lynn Klein



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jazzercise 6:00— 7:00pm AA—Mon Night Raw 7:30— 8:30 p.m.	Jazzercise 9:45— 11:15 a.m. 10 am Quilters (annex) Jacki's Aerobics 6:50—8:00 p.m.	Jazzercise 6:00—7:-00 p.m.	Jazzercise 9:45— 11:15 a.m. Jacki's Aerobics 6:50—8:00 p.m.	AA—Fri Night Group 6:30— 8:00 p.m. (chairs stay up)	AA—New Beginnings 9:00—11:00 a.m.
1 9:45 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost A.G.— Melinda Read: — Melinda Chalice—Lois	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:45 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost A.G.— Debbie Read: — Molly Chalice—Molly	9	10	11	12 RSK 7:00 p.m.	13 Jazzercise 9:45— 11:15 a.m	14
15 9:45 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost A.G.— Kate Read— Kate Chalice—Christine	16	17	18 ECW 7:00 p.m.  St. Luke the Evangelist	19	20	21 Jazzercise 11:30—1:00 p.m.
22 9:45 — 21st Sunday after Pentecost A.G.— Janet Read— Lois Chalice— Lois	23  St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ	24	25 *  VESTRY 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28  St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
29 9:45 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost A.G.— Mary Jane Read— Mary Jane Chalice— Kate	30	31	*Jazzercise to extend time in hall 10/25.			
Harford 250 Celebration—Begins March 2023; Ends March 2024						