



THE CHIMES

NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST CHURCH ROCK SPRING PARISH

FEBRUARY 2026

CHRIST CHURCH ROCK SPRING PARISH

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, we will transition from the Season of Epiphany, a time in the life of the Church to reflect on the nature of the Christ and his invitation to “follow him,” into the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is what we call “a moveable feast” dependent on the day of Easter, which is also moveable based on its connection to astrological calculations: the first Sunday after the Full Moon that falls on or after March 21. The Book of Common Prayer has a Table and Rules for Finding the Date of Easter Day, which involves something called the Golden Number, Sunday Letters, and a table that coordinates all of that with a mathematical calculation, all found on pages 880-881. Fortunately, on pages 882-883 there is another table listing the Day of Easter for every year from 1900 to 2051. The next time we are homebound due to snow or some other weather event, you may want to try using the Golden Number calculations on pages 880-881 just for fun!

Lent is related to the word “length,” reflecting the fact that the days are getting “longer” as the Sun begins its transit north again. Lent is a forty-day time in the life of the Church to reflect on just what it means to follow Christ. The basic disciplines of Lent include reading and meditating on God’s Word, prayer, fasting and self-denial, self-examination, and repentance, which is another word for following Christ. For those looking for an organized way of reading the Bible (God’s Holy Word), the Book of Common Prayer has a Daily Lectionary of readings for every day of the week. It is a two-year schedule of readings, and for this year it is Year Two (which began on the First Sunday of Advent preceding an even numbered year). Year One will begin the First Sunday of Advent in 2026.

Similarly, all 150 Psalms are in the Book of Common Prayer, and are divided into a monthly cycle of readings twice a day: morning and evening. Psalms are prayers that were written to be sung – they are songs or hymns really. I once met a seminary professor who could recite all 150 Psalms in order while driving long distances! I don’t suggest that as a goal, but reading all 150 Psalms during Lent is a rewarding way of organizing one’s prayer life during this time of self-examination.

As to fasting and self-denial, this does not have to revolve around food, nor is it meant as some sort of spiritual diet plan. I fast from all radio programming while driving and listen to the symphonies of Gustav Mahler. That is, fasting might mean refraining from one habit and replacing it with another that offers spiritual reflection.

Please do not forget to bring last year’s Palms in to church so they may be burned to be this year’s Ashes for Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday Services will be at Noon and 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 18. Now is the time to begin to plan how you might use the Forty-days of Lent to refocus how you, and all of us, might be faithful in following Christ. Join us on Ash Wednesday to launch your entry into a Holy Lent!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kirk Kubicek, Priest in Charge

Poetry for the Season of Lent: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) is widely regarded as the greatest Catholic theologian. One could say he was a spiritual master, always striving to reveal to others the path to Christ. He received his education from Benedictine monks where he developed a lasting love of the scriptures, especially the Psalms, stunning his teachers with profound questions and insights about God at an early age. He also developed a great love for meditation and solitude, which he later described as the greatest opportunity offered to a human being, a life of contemplation of the wonders of creation and God. He composed nearly 100 truly remarkable works of theology, and near the end of his life he announced, *"I can no longer write, for God has given me such glorious knowledge that all contained in my works is straw – barely fit to absorb the holy wonders that fall in a stable."*

All are having a relationship with God.
A pear taken from a limb and
Set in a bowl
Surely it is talking to its Lord,
And happy that it is honored for its life,
And somehow knowing
That soon it will be returning to Him.
We use words like "returning."
Think about that. Inherent in that word is
Separation,
And separation from God is never
Really possible.
What can you be that He is not? "You
Cannot be what I am not
My Lord once said to me.

One may never have heard the sacred word "Christ,"
But be closer to God
Than a priest or nun.

From my breath I extract God.
And my eye is a shop
Where I offer
Him to the
World.

Every creature has a religion. Every
Foot is a shrine where
A secret candle burns.
Every cell in us worships God.
Every arrow in the box of desire
Has rushed out in hope
Of nearing Him.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2025 , 7 PM Virtual Meeting Via Zoom



Attending: Fr. Kirk, M. Neal, J. O’Leary, L. Amtmann, T. Davis, L. Edmunds, R. Baker, K. Davis, P. Reel, L. Tidey. As visitors: B. Chmielewski, B. Klein

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm, with prayer for the close of day. November minutes were accepted with one name spelling correction. We officially welcomed prospective Vestry members, Beth and Bonnie to the meeting.

Treasurer: Overall, CC is in a favorable position. Investments have grown. Pledges are at 100.4% of budget (in terms of very faithful congregational giving). We appear to have closed the budget gap for 2025. With one month to go, income equals expenses. Thanks to everyone, especially our Finance Committee, all those who worked to reduce costs and increase income creating a group awareness of working together toward financial health. Looks like we will end with a balanced budget! Go Team! Jane shared the 2025 budget and proposed 2026 budget for which the finance Comm. is seeking approval, commenting that for the first time in her tenure as Treasurer, we do not have a budget deficit (yay!). Both income and expenses have slowed, evening out toward year’s end, resulting in a balanced budget with no new initiatives anticipated.

Jane described the Vestry approval policy which enables a portion of investment accounts to be added as income to the budget (Lines 4210 and 4220). For 2026, the rates of proposed prudent withdrawals from the Cemetery Fund will be 4.5%, and from the Operating Investments, 5%, based on the formula recommended by the Diocese. Peggy explained the process of determining the withdrawal % based on average of the past 12 quarter balances of each account. For the Cemetery withdrawal, this average is further reduced by the predicted amount of operating expenses.

Vestry voted to approve the proposed budget for 2026. A hearty thank you to Treasurer, Finance committee for diligence in recent years, described by Fr. Kirk as a “very positive experience.” A shout out also to Bonnie for stepping up as Assistant Treasurer and Finance team member.

Anyone is welcome to join the Finance Committee, which aims to establish a system of priorities (e.g. wish list) as we move toward better financial health.

Cemetery: No report. Molly asked for clarification when a “Green Burial” is requested. Leslie explains that CC doesn’t do this, only one cemetery in Maryland does. Green burials over time cause sinkholes to form, presenting problems for visitors and lawn care.

Rector: On a personal note, Fr. Kirk reports continued caregiving at home, and “stable” physical

health though his long-time PCP is retiring. Fr. Kirk visited Lynn Klein during her recent hospital stay; Lynn is now at home and doing better.

Highlights of “a deeper and more meaningful” **Diocesan Convention** at Clagett, include the theme of Holy Hospitality, aimed at full inclusion, with keynote and session speakers including The Very Rev. Winnie Varghese from The Cathedral of St. John the Divine Church in NYC, and Bishop Carrie. Most powerful presentation was Dean Winnie’s personal account of growing up in India. Attendees learned of a ministry of Angola Prison in Louisiana, where 99% of inmates are African Americans, many of whom only leave when they die. Prisoners began a hospice program making quilts for inmates in the final stage of illness. “Quilts are deeply Christ centered.” A church can request to have a display of these quilts (currently stored in Hoboken, NJ). [Social Justice and the Quilts of Angola Prison | Discover Jersey Arts](#)

Molly notes the beautiful fellowship space and worship service. Clagett Center is built upon ancestral land of the indigenous Piscataway Nation, a site of frequent archeological digs. During Convention, attendees witnessed the return of remains of a child removed by American University archeologists, to the Chief of the Piscataway Nation. Local Piscataway members were involved in the process of reconciliation; a formal re-interment of the remains is planned. Diocese staff helped to facilitate the exchange between AU and the Piscataways. See Dec. Chimes.

Senior Warden: Molly reports recent snow removal response as very poor, noting late arrival, parking lot remained frozen, no response the next day. Seeking another snow removal service.

Would like to identify CC member as Lay Delegate to Convention. Rick Baker has expressed interest. Involves also attending regional meetings at Deanery. Installation at Annual Meeting.

2025 Highlights:

1. Office open Tuesday and Thursdays, four hours/day; Renee doing great job!
2. Donation Drop-off box on Annex porch, thanks to Kate and Tony. Pantry is well used.
3. Parish Hall Use: three AA groups, one Dance group; one exercise group. (need to keep church accessible in bad weather for our renters).
4. ECW Christmas: Cheer boxes delivered, Friday will “green the church.” 100% success with “Giving Tree.” All gifts chosen, and all delivered.
5. ECW Raffle Fundraiser drawings rescheduled for Dec. 21.
6. Annual meeting to be held Sunday, January 18 th , 2026. Pot Luck, and Vestry Installation
7. No one taking Sr. Warden opening, so Molly will stay on for another year. (Thank you!)
8. Janet Clifton going off Vestry; Leslie Amtmann off Vestry, but remains as Cemetery Adm.
9. Hope for Homeless meal prep on Jan. 11, with delivery on Jan 12 th , 2026. ECW will provide lunch at Centre Methodist Church in March.



Junior Warden: Tony gathering information to either repair or replace dehumidifier before the warmer seasons.

Rock Spring Keepers: Group is taking a short winter break, will reconvene in January. Birdhouses are up and ready for tenants. Raffle basket is coming together. Earth Day to be observed at Rock Spring on Sunday, April 19, 2026. Universal theme is “Restore Our Earth.” Focus on renewable and sustainable energy, conservation, recycling. More to follow.

Fr. Kirk noted that at Convention attendees shared stories of “how mercy met you in your life.” He told the story of how he came to be at Christ Church. Tonight, at this meeting, Fr. Kirk shared that “Rock Spring remains an extraordinary event of mercy” in his life. Thank you, Fr. Kirk.

Christmas Eve Service begins at 4:30 with caroling, service begins at 5:00 PM.

Meeting closed at 8:10 PM with prayer by John Philip Newell. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2026, via Zoom.

Submitted by,
Lyn Edmunds, Registrar

Please join us for a Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast

Sunday - February 15, 2026

immediately following the 10am service!



REMINDER: DROP OFF
YOUR DONATED "PIGGIE"
FOOD ITEM ON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY
14TH OR BEFORE
CHURCH ON SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 15TH

ASH WEDNESDAY PREPARATION : BRING IN LAST YEAR'S PALMS



Bring last year's palms to church to be burned for this year's ashes. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and it falls on February 18th this year.

The Ashes represent ancient customs of wearing sack-cloth and ashes to repent from notorious sins. Among a host of other themes, Lent is a time to reflect on those times on which we failed to be the Light of Christ for others. And a time to renew our personal practices of reading and studying the Bible, praying, and to consider what sorts of acts of loving kindness we might perform for others – especially those in need.



Episcopal Church Women



SPAGHETTI DINNER—FEBRUARY 21 (snow date February 22)

We are so excited to welcome family, friends and neighbors to the popular **Community Spaghetti Dinner! 4-7 PM in the Parish Hall. Now featuring a BAKE SALE!** It will be a fun and delicious time for all! **\$15/per person, \$8/children under 10** Get tickets from an ECW member—for yourself and/or to sell to others! To help us plan, please have payment and unsold tickets to ECW by February 15. And don't miss our fabulous **RAFFLES!** Drawing to be held that night!

FEBRUARY 11 ECW MEETING - 7 PM in the Annex

FEBRUARY 21 SPAGHETTI DINNER - SET UP 10:30 AM , DINNER SERVED 4-7 PM

MARCH 11 ECW MEETING - 7 PM in the Annex

MARCH 14 HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS LUNCHEON ECW will prepare & serve lunch for a gathering of single members of our community.



PAPER GOODS COLLECTION FOR HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE During the month of **MARCH**, please help us fill to overflowing the collection box in the Parish Hall! Your donations of essential supplies (please see list for specific requests) will be delivered to HFH at month's end.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The **ANNUAL LADIES TEA** is scheduled for **Sunday May 3, 2-4 PM.** We'll be off to the races, so be sure to join us in The Winner's Circle!

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



June 13, 2026
Start setting aside your
items in good usable
condition to donate.
More info to come!

DECLUTTER, DOWNSIZE, DONATE!

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



COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER

**CHRIST CHURCH, ROCK SPRING
2100 ROCK SPRING ROAD,
FOREST HILL, MD 21050**

Entrance on ROCK SPRING CHURCH ROAD
(parallel to Route 23—turn in from either Rock Spring Road, across from
ShopRite, or Grafton Shop Road)

Saturday, February 21, 2026

(Snow date Sunday, February 22)

4:00-7:00 PM

\$15/per person, \$8/children under 10



LIVE MUSIC!

BAKE SALE!

For tickets & information call:
Molly 410-652-4502

Tickets also available at door

RAFFLES!



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The Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church are offering a dynamic duo of raffles!

These raffles help us raise funds as we strive to provide outreach in the community and support of our Rock Spring Parish.

DRAWING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 21 AT THE SPAGHETTI DINNER!



1 CABIN FEVER BASKET

\$20 Horizon Cinemas Gift Card
\$20 Barnes & Noble Gift Card
2026 Farmer's Almanac
Fleece Blanket
Cozy Socks
Amber & Sandalwood Yankee Candle
White Chocolate Sugar Cookie Ghirardelli Squares
Art Glass Wine Stopper
Animal Garden Party 1000 Piece Jigsaw Puzzle
Hot Dog Stress Reliever Squishy
Creamy Potato Soup Mix



2 SAMPLER IN RED QUILT

Each block is unique!
60" X 48" Finished Size
Donated by the Piecemakers Quilting Group

Ticket Prices: \$2/ea  3 for \$5  10 for \$15

Purchase your tickets and take a chance on one or both prizes!

Drawing to be held at the Spaghetti Dinner on February 21

Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Hall

Questions? Please contact Melinda: phone 443-866-1134 email: melinda.a.chase@gmail.com





PAPER DRIVE

During the month of March, the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN are organizing a PAPER DRIVE to benefit our friends at HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE.

Please help us fill the collection box in the Parish Hall
with items from their WISH LIST!

Your generous donations will be delivered at month's end.

THANK
YOU!

- Paper Towels, napkins
- Aluminum Foil & Plastic Wrap
- Plastic Bags (quart & gallon sized)
- 10 inch Plastic Dinner Plates
- 10-20 oz. Plastic Bowls
- 10-20 oz. Plastic Cups
- 3 oz. Paper Cups
- Tissues and Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers (sizes 4,5, & 6)
- Pullups (sizes large & extra-large)
- Baby Wipes
- Hand Wipes
- Lysol Wipes
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Swiffer Refill Cloths (Jet + Dry Mops)



Serving the Community

January 11th and 12th, 2026

Members of the Christ Church ECW prepared and delivered meals in conjunction with Harford County Hope for the Homeless Alliance. A BIG thank you to all who prepared, donated, delivered, and shared WARMTH & LOVE from Christ Church to families being housed for the winter.

ABOUT HCHHA (from <https://www.hchha.com>)

Before the Welcome One Emergency Shelter was established, Harford County churches volunteered to shelter adult homeless neighbors for a week during the winter. Today, Welcome One serves as Harford County's year-round emergency shelter, yet there remains a need for additional emergency shelter during the winter months. To address this ongoing need, the Harford County Hope for the Homeless Alliance (HCHHA) was organized in 2015 with the support of then-County Councilman Curtis Beulah. The HCHHA was established as a coalition of Harford County government, businesses, nonprofit agencies, and faith-based groups to re-implement the Emergency Rotating Shelter.

Harford County

HOPE

FOR THE HOMELESS ALLIANCE



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

Deanery Leadership Gatherings in 2026

Bishop Carrie shared at our Diocesan Convention that the new deanery gatherings for lay leaders and clergy are starting in 2026. Fr. Kirk will represent Christ Church along with Rick Baker, this year's lay delegate to the Convention. Bishop Carrie will be continuing the conversation around Holy Hospitality and there will be time for some questions or concerns.

February 1 2:30-4:00 PM Northern/Susquehanna St. Mary's, Abingdon



ALTAR GUILD MEETING:

There will be an Altar Guild meeting after Coffee Hour on February 22, weather permitting.

We will be discussing the Lenten schedule and working on upgrading our instruction books.

If you are interested in joining our team, please attend.

Questions call MJ
410-456-7931.

COLD COMFORT



It's 16 degrees outside as I write, the snow and sleet creating beautiful havoc. It reminds me of winter holidays spent with family in Buffalo, NY. Makes me wonder if this year's snowfall pattern in Maryland has anything to do with a "lake effect" similar to winter storms around the Great Lakes.

According to meteorologist Larry Brown of Virginia, areas around the Chesapeake Bay do experience "Bay-effect-snow" under certain conditions.

This happens when Arctic air sweeps across the Bay, often trailing a cold front. As the low pressure passes, the wind shifts and blows from the North and Northwest. When that cold air collides with the Bay's (relatively) warm water, clouds form and produce snow. The Chesapeake's warmer waters can energize low pressure-systems, with the middle and lower parts of the Bay serving as wind funnels.

The average January temperature of the Bay waters is 41.7 degrees F. Today's temp is 40.6 degrees, and dropping. February's average temps range from 32.4 degrees to 49.1 degrees F. For more information, check out [seatemperature.info/Chesapeake-bay-water\[temperature.html\]](http://seatemperature.info/Chesapeake-bay-water[temperature.html]), with data provided by NOAA.

During the winter months, the Bay experiences lower fresh water flow, resulting in higher saltiness, and higher levels of dissolved oxygen. While biological activity is reduced in winter, the Bay is habitat to many overwintering species, such as the Diamondback Terrapin.

Fun Fact: Chesapeake Bay holds 18 TRILLION gallons of water, enough to fill 27 million Olympic swimming pools.

By Lyn Edmunds

Source: Wendy Mitman Clarke, Science Writer and Editor, Maryland Sea Grant



Congratulations



Isabella Lou Armiger was born to parents Nadia Morris and Paul Michael Armiger of Forest Hill, MD on January, 15, 2026.

The proud grandparents are Laurie and Bill Morris.

Laurie, Bill, Nadia and Slava were members of the Christ Church Family until 5 years ago when they retired to Flat Rock, NC.



Colleen Murphy and Jack Gude proudly announce that their daughter, Rosalie Gude, finished her studies at Kansas State and passed the board licensing exam and is now a full fledged vet!

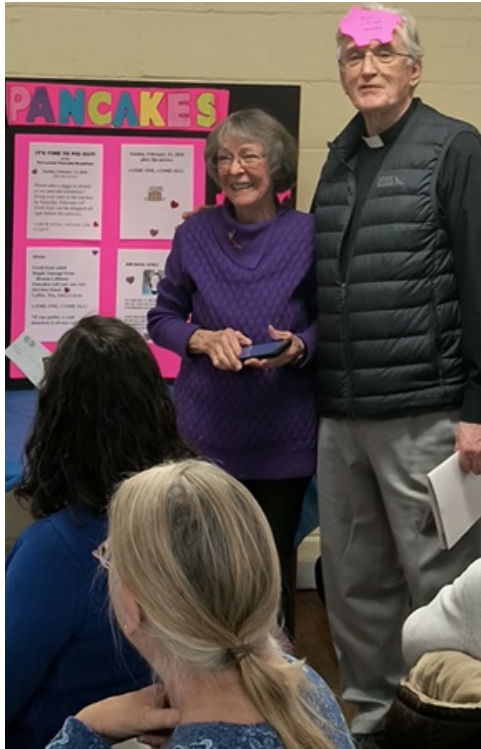
She hopes to move to the Asheville, NC area to begin work this fall.

Way to go!

ANNUAL MEETING

January 18, 2026

A potluck and camaraderie...something Episcopalians do so well! At the Annual Meeting, groups reported on their actions in 2025, stated their goals for 2026, and enjoyed some fantastic food. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share, helped to set up, and/or pitched in for clean up!





At our regular meeting in January, the Finance Committee reviewed the latest balance sheets from the two investment funds. Since the balance in the Operations investment fund now exceeds \$100,000, the possibility of converting it to a managed fund (like the Cemetery investment fund) is being considered. The Committee reviewed the financial records that were to be reported at the Annual Meeting on January 18th, and they show a positive trend toward greater financial stability/health. The fact that a balanced budget has been approved for 2026 by Vestry after several years of deficit budgets is proof of the commitment and support of the entire parish to this goal.

In 2026, we will report in The Chimes "Blessings Report" that income of \$9,000/month is needed to keep Christ Church operating. We are grateful for the increase in pledges for 2026, which provides the bulk of Christ Church's income.

According to the Junior Warden, recent weather-related damage to our slate roof resulted in immediate repairs that cost \$1,800, but additional needed repairs are estimated at \$16,000, an expense that is not included in our current budget. Timing of repairs and ways to cover the cost are under discussion.

We are excited about Canon Dina Van Klaveran's upcoming visit to Christ Church on Sunday, February 15, at our pancake breakfast. She will explore with us the topic of legacy giving, her area of expertise.

Blessing Report

JANUARY DONATIONS:

\$4,603.00

WE NEED \$9,000 EACH MONTH
TO MEET OUR EXPENSES.



WAYS TO GIVE?
THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

Please include your parishioner number on your envelope and check.

This helps ensure the accuracy of our records.

IF YOU NEED ENVELOPES OR HAVE QUESTIONS
REGARDING YOUR GIVING STATEMENT, PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE.

- Place your envelope in the collection plate on Sunday
- Mail your offering to:
Christ Church
PO BOX 215
Forest Hill, MD 21050
- Make an online offering using PayPal



scan here



YOU'RE INVITED!

Gathering after our Sunday morning service is a time to share something to eat and drink, welcome new people, and check in with friends—everyone's invited!

And anyone can be a Fellowship Host!

Each week, we need a volunteer to set-up, clean-up, keep the coffee brewed, and provide sweet & savory goodies. Teamwork is encouraged!

Never hosted before? Never fear—experienced hosts are always happy to help.

Won't you join the Fellowship Team? Please look for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall and pick a date convenient for you. It's a rewarding way to keep our Christ Church community connected!

Hand Me Down Hub, Inc.

Supporting families with gently used children's clothing
Since 2015



Marianne Kidd
HMDHub@gmail.com
www.Facebook.com/HMDHub

Located at Christ Church,
Rock Spring Parish
2100 Rock Spring Rd.
410-838-6606

Submitting a request is easy...

- Contact us by phone, email or Facebook and provide the following:

Name:

Phone #:

Boy/Girl:

Sizes:

Specific Clothing Needs:

(Ex: jeans, coats, variety)

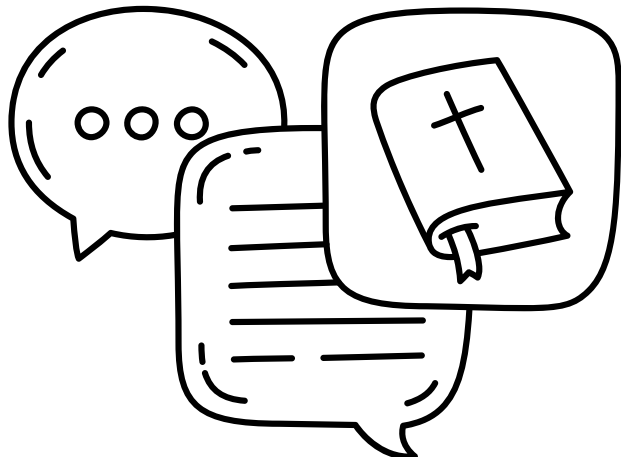
- We will pull available items per your request and you will receive a phone call advising your request is ready.
- You may pick up your items at Christ Church from our designated location any time of day at your convenience.

****ALL items are FREE****

Requests are subject to availability but we will do our best to locate special items.
DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME. Drop box on back patio behind Hall.

**Every little bit helps
Let's turn the little bits into a BIG Difference!**

Interested in a Bible Study Group?!



We would like to begin a new Bible study group!

Those interested should contact Rick Baker:

rbbaker2321@msn.com

443-616-8642 cell



Blessing Box Sundays

First Sunday of each month

***All items must be
shelf-stable (non-perishable), sealed, able to
withstand high temperatures,
and cannot contain alcohol.***

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES...

MUST BE CURRENT!



**SPECIAL REQUEST:
BABY FOOD ITEMS
ARE AN ONGOING
AND POPULAR NEED.**

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT YOUR CONVENIENCE!

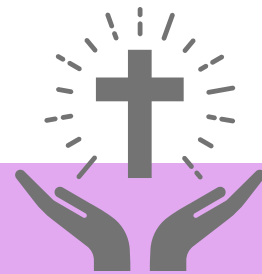
- Bring donations to any service...not just the monthly blessing service! Donations are sorted and stored in the Annex Building and brought over when it is time for the blessing.
- Drop donations in the outdoor bin by the Annex doors (see picture above).
- Come by the Annex Building during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am to 2pm). There is an additional donation basket in the Music Room.
- Please see Bonnie Klein if you have any questions.



February Birthdays

- 4 - Julie Fender
- 7 - Wendy Thomas
- 8 - Susie Necker
- 11 - Emory Parrish
- 14 - Alexandra Copes
- 14 - Hazel Borkowski
- 18 - Grant Parrish
- 19 - Adam Eaton
- 21 - Jane O'Leary
- 23 - Betty Parker
- 27 - Jack Gude

let
us
celebrate



Let Us Pray

For those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially:
For the residents of Harford Family House; For refugees worldwide desperately seeking safety; For those who suffer because of any humanitarian crises in the world and the escalating climate crisis; For all the people in the world, 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 the prayer list: Sue Sampson, Linda Michel, Dave Fender, Lyn Edmunds, Ken, Bill Mundy, Alice Richardson, Chris Martin, Jonathan Miller, Will, Tracey Kahl, Casey, Wade W., Lynn Klein, and Leslie Amtmann

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

Betty Parker, Lynn Klein, Hazel Borkowski

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 otherwise requested.

Christ Episcopal Church – Rock Spring Parish

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2026



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 2026:

Date	Preferred Sunday	Dedication (as it will appear in the bulletin Ex: In memory of, in honor of, In thanksgiving for, etc.)	Pick Up✓	Church Use✓

NAME: _____

(PLEASE PRINT) Envelope #: _____

Method of Payment (\$35 contribution per Sunday)

Payment Included _____ Will send _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check (made payable to Christ Church Rock Spring Parish) ☐ Paypal

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

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).

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FEBRUARY 2026

Upcoming: **March 14th** Hope for Homeless luncheon

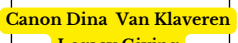
May 3rd - Ladies Tea

March 29th - Palm Sunday

June 13th - Rummage Sale

April 5th - Easter

April 29th - Blood Drive 1-6pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:45	2	3	4	5	6	7
 Blessing Box Sundays <i>First Sunday of each month</i> A.G. - Debbie Read - Sherry Chalice - Kate						
8 9:45	9	10	11	12	13	14
A.G. - Kate Read - Bonnie Chalice - Christine		Finance Committee 3:30 pm Zoom	 ECW Meeting 7pm Annex			
15 9:45  PANCAKE BREAKFAST  Legacy Giving A.G. - MJ Read - MJ Chalice - Molly	16	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY NOON A.G. - MJ/Molly Read - MJ Chalice - Lois 6PM A.G. - MJ/Molly Read - Molly Chalice - Molly	19	20	21  Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm (set up 10:30am)
22 9:45	23	24	25	26	27	28
Spaghetti Dinner snow date A.G. - Melinda Read - Melinda Chalice - Kate			 Vestry Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)	 RSK Meeting 6:30 PM (Zoom)		
The Finance Committee meeting is NOT a firm date monthly The ECW meeting is routinely the 2nd Wednesday monthly The Vestry meeting is routinely the 3rd Wednesday monthly The Rock Spring Keepers is routinely the 4th Thursday monthly						

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		10am Quilters (annex)				
	AA - Mon Night Raw 7:30-8:30	Jacki's Aerobics 6:50-8:00pm		Jacki's Aerobics 6:50-8:00pm	Unity thru Wellness 4:30-5:30pm	AA- New Beginnings 9:00-11:00am
Jackie's Aerobics - Winter Session 2026 Tues/Thurs: Jan 12 to March 26 **Follows HCPS schedule**						
					AA- Fri Night Group 6:30-8:00p	