



THE CHIMES

NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST CHURCH ROCK SPRING PARISH

MARCH 2026

CHRIST CHURCH ROCK SPRING PARISH

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Holy Season of Lent is well underway. But as it always is with our Lord Jesus Christ, it is not too late. It is never too late to adopt a Lenten Discipline for the rest of our journey together toward Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter! There is an easy and deeply meaningful resource from Episcopal Relief and Development: Daily Meditations by Sister Monica Clare. You can **subscribe** at this website: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/> . Once subscribed, they will come directly to your email once a day for the remainder of Lent! And for those who want to go a little deeper, you can also download from the “Resources” tab a Study Guide to go with the Daily Meditations. Or, perhaps you want to focus on Prayer during Lent. One can click on the Prayer Tab and scroll through a series of prayers from the Book of Common Prayer. From the Prayer tab one can also consider making a contribution toward a ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development to enrich the lives of others all around the world. The website offers a variety of ways to observe a Holy Lent alongside Episcopalians across the country and around the world!

Once you have subscribed to the Daily Meditations, before we know it, it will be the Octave (eight-days) of Holy Week, beginning with **Palm Sunday, March 29**. Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion has evolved to have what one might call a split-focus: first on the entry to Jerusalem, and then on the Passion Narrative. It has been the custom for the church to read the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of the year, which this year is Mark, on Palm Sunday. Later, on Good Friday it has long been the custom to read the Passion According to Saint John. This way, every three years we hear all four versions of our Lord’s final hours on the Cross. Which is important, because each evangelist tells a slightly different story – the main points are the same, but the details offer different reflections on the meaning of this foundational story for us today.

I say “foundational,” because there was a time in the early church when the story of our Lord’s Passion was the only story there was. The Passion, and then Paul’s letters were widely circulated while most of the lessons in the Sunday liturgy came from the Old Testament. It was over a period of 50-75 years or more that the rest of each of the four gospels told the story of Jesus of Nazareth before the week of his Passion. It can be insightful to read these four Passion Narratives to notice the differences, while knowing that you are connecting with the very earliest followers of Jesus, before there was even a Church! Mark your calendar(s) today: **Palm Sunday, March 29; Maundy Thursday, April 2 @ 7pm; Good Friday, April 3 @ Noon; Easter Sunday, April 5 @ 9:45am**. And then go right to Episcopal Relief and Development and **Subscribe to the Daily Meditations of Sister Monica Clare**. May your Lenten season be Holy and Meaningful this year!

Yours in Christ

Fr. Kirk A Kubicek, Priest in Charge

More Poetry for the Season of Lent: Kathleen O'Toole

Kathleen O'Toole has braided writing and teaching poetry into a professional life in community organizing and faith-based social change right here in Maryland! She has taught at Johns Hopkins University and Maryland Institute College of Art, and is a Benedictine oblate of Emmanuel Monastery in Lutherville, and Poet Laureate of Takoma Park, Maryland. A collection of her poetry, **This Far**, is published by Paraclete Press, Brewster, MA.

Parable

His name is John, dapper in denim jacket
and shades, standing with his white cane
at the entrance to Union Station Metro,
where he greets streams of commuters
he can only hear passing by: *Good Morning!*
Good Morning! Feeling their busy breeze.
For once today, I have time, take time
to stop, to talk to John, find out who he is
and ask what brings him to the station.
Life's been hard ... but I'm not bitter, he offers.
Turns out he came up from North Carolina
decades ago. In ninety-eight, he was working
on his car, when the battery exploded,
blinding him in both eyes. Now I notice
the scars. He wants to know my name.
Though he is not holding a cup, or asking
for spare change, I press a few bills into his palm:
for coffee. He insists on giving me a hug
with thanks for stopping, though I don't know
why I did, on this particular day.
I've always loved the parable of Jesus
and Bartimaeus, how in Mark's account
the blind beggar calls out, makes a ruckus
so Jesus and the disciples could not miss
seeing him. Jesus assumes nothing,
instead takes the time to ask the man:
What do you want me to do for you?
Bartimaeus's reply: *Teacher, I want*
to see. So, in the end, Jesus credits
the blind man with the miracle.

[Mark 10:46-52]

Beyond Doubt

“Truth” said Pilate. “What does that mean?”
- John 18:38

The minute the preacher named it, I knew:
Thomas was a hero, not the foil. It took guts
for him to offer his hand to Jesus’s slit
side, to poke his fingers into the nail holes.
And besides, he was the honest one: *What
do you mean you saw him?* Logical to ask
his brothers still cowering behind locked
doors. And how come Mary Magdalen
never earns a Sunday solo – her moment
of truth, recognition, in the Easter garden,
her witness buried like the lost coin,
in the mid-week lectionary days after
we celebrate the Resurrection she proclaimed.
In truth, she and Thomas should be our guides:
wail that grief out in some public place,
question, if you doubt, but bloody your hands
in the world’s wounds for Christ’s sake,
do what it takes to find *your way*.



*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise
You, because by Your Holy Cross You
have redeemed the world*

2026 HOLY WEEK

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE

All are welcome

Palm Sunday (March 29):
9:45 AM

Maundy Thursday (April 2):
7 PM

Good Friday (April 3):
Noon

Easter Sunday (April 5):
9:45 AM

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CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MINUTES

January 21, 2026 - 7 PM Virtual Meeting Via Zoom



Attending: Fr. Kirk, M. Neal, L. Edmunds, R. Baker, B. Chmielewski, K. Davis, B. Klein, P. Reel, L. Tidey.

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm, with prayer to pause and listen to God's presence. December minutes were approved with two corrections (typo; Earth Day Theme is "Restore Our Earth.") We officially welcomed new Vestry members, Beth and Bonnie to the meeting.

Treasurer: Reporting in Jane's absence, Peggy affirms that CC ended "in the black" for 2025, thanks to "can-do" spirit and those who made year end contributions beyond their pledges. Balanced budget for 2026 noted, with expenses expected at \$108,000 (\$1000 less than 2025).

Finance Committee: Met in January, and reviewed the latest balance sheets for the Operating Fund and Cemetery Fund (see spreadsheets in email from Kate Davis). Kate notes that since the Operating Fund balance exceeds \$100,000, we could consider converting that fund to a managed fund similar to that for the Cemetery. The downside is if the funds beyond \$100,000 are used for an unexpected expense, this would reduce the total amount required for a managed fund. For 2026, the amount of needed pledges has been increased to \$9000.

We look forward to The Rev. Canon Dina Van Klaveren's presentation on Legacy Giving following the February 15, 2026, Pancake Breakfast.

Cemetery: Rector notes two burials since last meeting. The interment of long time CC Music Director, Sandra Dean, took place January 3, 2026. An error in past cemetery record keeping has been corrected.

Rector: Fr. Kirk notes "wonderful holiday season and annual meeting." Renee did a wonderful job on the Annual Report. Fr. Kirk did the memorial service for Glassell Parker at Evans Chapel. He has visited Lynn Klein in the hospital, and asked that we keep her in our prayers.

With reorganization of the Diocese from regions to deaneries, the Northern Susquehanna Deanery meeting will be held for clergy and Bishop on Feb. 1, 2026, and for lay delegates and clergy on Feb. 26th at St. Mary's Church, Abingdon.

Senior Warden: Molly is working on the Parochial Report, due March 1. She visited with a former member, Laurie Morris, who now lives in NC and was visiting her new granddaughter.

We discussed how to handle snow forecasts and cancellations in the future. In the past, a "phone tree" was activated. Most members now use email, texting, Facebook, church website to receive notifications. Molly agreed to set up a "phone tree" to use only when needed; for now we will use email for urgent notices. So, anticipating heavy snow this Sunday, an email was sent that Fr. Kirk will live stream service, Liturgy of the Word, without communion, from home.

Molly expanded on the role of the deanery in sharing information and gathering laypersons and clergy, stating that Christ Church can send a lay delegate. Rick Baker was nominated and elected as CC's lay delegate for this year.

Junior Warden: In Tony's absence Molly reports that Chesapeake Landscape has been hired for snow removal, with Tony serving as contact. Our slate roof required 19 tiles replaced on 1/7/2026, by Stewart Slate Roof. We are told that the roof is "okay for now," but recommends an annual maintenance visit, and repairs needed given the age of the roof. The identified areas for work are not critical, but imminent. Molly believes the quote for this work is around \$17K.

ECW: Beth will be reporting on ECW in the future. She noted a slew of events planned:

February 15th: Pancake Breakfast

February 21st: Spaghetti Dinner

Month of March: Paper product drive for Harford Family House

April 29th: Blood drive

May 3rd: ECW Afternoon Tea

June 13th: Rummage Sale (can start bringing items now)

Rock Spring Keepers: We will miss Joy Mayfield's expertise and boundless energy, as she has become involved in a church closer to her home on the Eastern Shore. Keepers have a raffle basket for Earth Day, whose theme is "Restore Our Earth." We plan to have a speaker on recycling in Harford County, and giveaways after the service. The group is interested in visiting Sherwood Church in Cockeysville to see their amazing Water Project. Re: annoying insects in the parts of the cemetery ground, Molly wants to take photos of the insects to the Extension Office and get an ID before we take any steps that might harm pollinators.

Fr. Kirk will send "Communication Norms" to Lyn who would like to find a way to "communicate" these to the congregation.

The meeting closed at 8:10, ending with prayer from Praying With the Earth. Next meeting will be via Zoom on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**, due to Ash Wednesday Service on 2/18.

Submitted by,

Lyn Edmunds, Registrar





Dina Van Klaveren is at Christ Church Forest Hill.

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I'm spiritually encouraged by the commitment evidenced today at Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish. They are building up the community of love! Thank you for the warm welcome from senior warden Molly — for her kindness, gifted leadership, and faithfulness.

These flexible folks moved worship from the historic stone church (boiler issues! 🤖) into the cozy parish hall! Thank you to my brother in Christ, the Rev. Kirk Kubicek, for his leadership, music, and friendship.

If you are in the mood for some community and spaghetti, come eat and be encouraged here on Saturday 4-7. Live music & great raffles!

May God continue to bless you in all the ways you offer yourselves to serving one another.



PIVOT/MULTITASKING AWARD GOES TO.....



Feb. 15, 2026 - The boiler in the sanctuary was malfunctioning on this cold February Sunday, so the flexible and faithful folks of Christ Church moved the service over to the warmth of the Parish Hall. A last minute pivot requires a lot of logistical steps in this modern age where a camera set up is needed to record the service for live streaming. As the service is underway...a phone rings. The usual auto-reaction to a phone ringing in church ensues: eyes dart and pockets are checked. Father Kirk realizes that in the flurry of the new set up, his phone was not placed on silent mode. It is **his** phone and the caller is the boiler repair company. Wisely, he lets the congregation know that he must take this call to ensure prompt service so that everyone can return to the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday. Canon Dina Van Klaveren was visiting, and she rolled with the situation also. This masterful multitasking moment was beamed out like “reality tv” and can be enjoyed again by tuning into the Christ Church video feed on the Facebook page!



Episcopal Diocese of Maryland



Jan 29 · 

A GIFT FOR YOU: Our new diocesan partnership with FreeWill allows a person to complete a will for free in about 20 minutes. We are happy to share this new, free resource (<https://episcopalmaryland.org/give/>) with you and yours - which we pray will give you peace of mind & allow you to care for the people and ministries you love. (Already have a will that includes a gift to your congregation or a diocesan ministry? We would like to thank you -

Gift Intent Form here: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/freewill-planned-giving/>)

A gift to your future self, your family, and your church community.

Plan ahead and find peace of mind this year.

Visit FreeWill.com/EpiscopalMaryland to get started on your end of life planning and will today.



FREEWILL 





Episcopal Church Women



- **SPAGHETTI DINNER** The food! The music! The conviviality! Thanks to everyone who attended and special thanks for all those who helped with set up, decorations, serving, and clean-up. The Bake Table was another delicious success, thanks to the talented Christ Church bakers!
- **Cabin Fever Basket & Quilt Raffle - ECW members & The Piecemakers** generously donated goods and gift cards for these wonderful prizes, with the lucky winners drawn from the many tickets purchased—THANK YOU for your support!

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 will be delivered to HFH at month's end.
(please see list for specific requests)

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.

April 8 ECW Meeting - 7 PM in the Annex



ANNUAL LADIES TEA SUNDAY MAY 3, 2-4 PM

WE'RE OFF TO THE RACES FOR OUR
TRIPLE CROWN TEA!

Save the date and get your best hat ready for this popular event!

April 29

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

1:00-6:00 PM in the Parish Hall

APPOINTMENTS ARE NEEDED

Sign up link/QR code coming soon

OR visit

redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

(search for zip code 21050 4/29)

or call [1-800-RED CROSS](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS)



ECW Officers 2026-2027

President

Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875

Corresponding Secretary

Janet Clifton 410-838-5072

Recording Secretary

Mary Jane Parrish 410-456-7931

Treasurer

Melinda Chase 443-866-1134

ALL WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH ARE AUTOMATICALLY MEMBERS OF ECW!

YOUR IDEAS ARE WELCOME!

Annual Community Spaghetti Dinner

February 21, 2026 - Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers that helped sell tickets, set up, cook, and serve at the Annual Community Spaghetti dinner. We are grateful to our guests that attended and the funds that were raised.

Congratulations to Colleen Murphy on winning the quilt raffle!



RAFFLE!



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The **ROCK SPRING KEEPERS OF CHRIST CHURCH** are **GOING GREEN** and offering a Fundraiser Raffle Basket to support environmental awareness and creation care activities in the community and on our Rock Spring Parish grounds.

DRAWING TO BE HELD APRIL 19 AT OUR EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH, THEN FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH HALL!



GOING GREEN RAFFLE BASKET

\$25 Gift Card to The Mill

Maryland Native Plant Guide—Piedmont Region

Hummingbird Pair Stained Glass Suncatcher

Hydro Flask

1000 Piece Monarch on Milkweed Jigsaw Puzzle

Happy Hour Laundry Sheets

Enjoying Bluebirds More: the Bluebird Landlord's Handbook

Honeybees Tea Towel

Mini Honey Jar & Honey Dipper

Pollinators of North America Playing Cards

4 X 6 ' All Purpose Reversible Tarp

Alien Tape

Green Garden Gloves

Solar Garden Light

Floral Bee Spiral Notepad

Hello Spring Garden Stake

17 Gallon Galvanized Round Tub

*This Raffle Basket has been generously
donated by members of the Rock Spring Keepers*

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

Purchase your tickets and take a chance!

Drawing to be held at the Earth Day Celebration on April 19, 2026

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





PAPER DRIVE

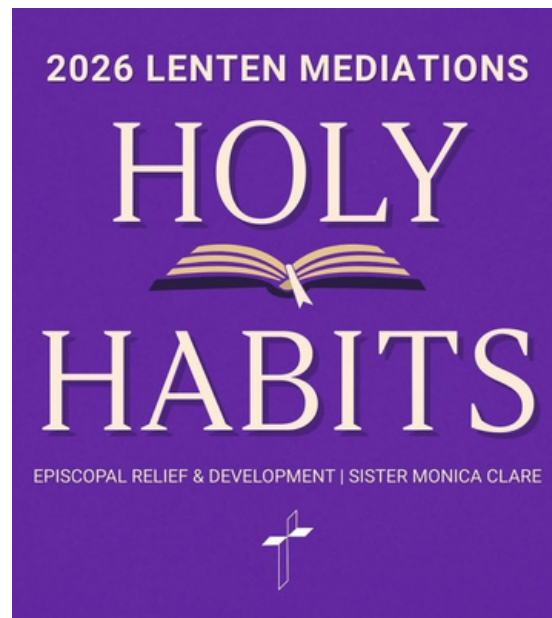
During the month of March, the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN are organizing a PAPER DRIVE to benefit our friends at HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE.

**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)



This Lenten season, Episcopal Relief & Development and Sister Monica Clare, a nun of the Community of St. John Baptist and beloved TikTok personality, invite us to reflect on the "Holy Habits" that bring us closer to God. Through daily meditations, we're invited to think deeply about our faith, transforming this Lenten season into a time of holy habit-building.

To follow or subscribe:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

KEEPERS' CORNER - MARCH 2026

“Spring is when life’s alive in everything....” Christina G. Rossetti

Victorian English poet Christina Rossetti was said to be a great lover of nature. Her work reflects keen observations about the changing seasons. As much as Rossetti touted the joys of spring, as an Anglican worshipper at London’s Christ Church, she also gave us the beloved Christmas Hymn, In the Bleak Midwinter (“snow was falling, snow on snow, snow on snow...”). Despite the beginning, that hymn has a happy ending.

Keepers spent our own bleak midwinter planning for a glorious spring. We’ve harvested zinnia seeds from the pollinator garden which will be available at our Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 19th, during coffee hour after the service. A speaker from Harford County will instruct us in Recycling 101, a good time to ask questions about what **is or is not** acceptable for the recycling bin, and what happens to all that stuff! Our raffle basket winner will be announced on that date.

On March 23rd, Lyn will accompany Molly Neal and Rick Baker to the Harford Regional Meeting at Holy Trinity Church to share the history and projects of the Rock Spring Keepers.

It will be fun to see how our gardens and streams have managed over the winter, and also how much clean-up will be needed after winter storms. We’ve observed several prospective tenants for the new birdhouses.

Let Melinda, Molly, Richard, Lyn, MJ, or Janet know if you’d like to join us. RSK typically meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

By Lyn Edmunds





April 19, 2026

Join the celebration at
CHRIST CHURCH, ROCK SPRING PARISH!
Special Earth Day Service in church
followed by activities in the Parish Hall

We welcome
Sarah Randall, Senior Lead of Recycling,
who will share information on
RECYCLING IN HARFORD COUNTY



June 13, 2026

Start setting aside
your household
items in good usable
conditon to donate.
More info to come!

DECLUTTER, DOWNSIZE, DONATE!



April 29, 2026

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

1:00-6:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church, Rock Spring Parish
2100 Rock Spring Road Forest Hill, MD 21050
Parish Hall

APPOINTMENTS ARE NEEDED

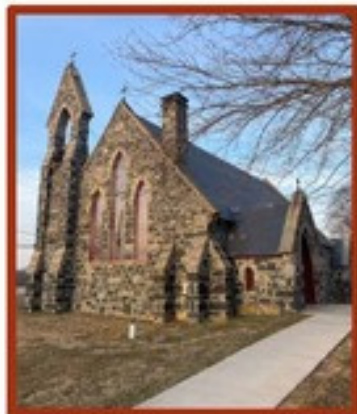
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OR visit

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HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH JOAN HICKEY KELLY SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Scholarship:

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Deacon Joan Hickey Kelly, a life-long resident of Harford County, a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Deacon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and a former teacher of HCPS and The Highland School.



To Apply:

<https://htrinitychurchville.org>

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 25
Churchville, MD 21028
410-914-5531

jhkscholarship@gmail.com

The Very Reverend Joe Zollickoffer, Rector

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be a member of one of the Episcopal churches in Harford County.
- Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college or university during the 2026-2027 academic year in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or certification as specified by the application category.

DEADLINE:

All applications for the Joan Hickey Kelly Scholarship need to be postmarked no later than April 30, 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE



The Finance Committee met for its regular meeting on February 16, 2025. We discussed the recent visit of Canon Dina Van Klaveran and the various information she shared about legacy giving. For example, a simple form to create a will is available on the Diocese website. She also described the benefits of Qualified Charitable Donations made directly from an individual's required minimum distribution (RMD) from a retirement account. We will add some of these tools and information directly to the Christ Church website for easy access. You can direct questions about legacy giving to Kate Davis.

Every month in the Chimes, we want our Blessing Report to give the parish a clear month-by-month financial picture. In the spirit of transparency, going forward, we will report total actual member contributions (e.g., pledges, plate money, etc.) as well as other income (e.g., grants, prudent withdrawals from investment accounts) next to our estimated monthly expenses.

We continued to discuss the idea of establishing a process to identify, prioritize and fund major property improvements. Although our 2026 budget is a balanced one, it plans for only routine maintenance expenses. We're discussing an investment fund reserved for high-cost repairs or significant new projects. This might be funded in part by legacy giving. We are just in the exploring stage.

Blessing Report - February 2026

Member Contributions: \$9,123.00

We need \$6,500 each month in member contributions, to meet our budget expenses.



*** Thank you to our faithful givers who are utilizing their IRA Required Mandatory Distributions to give to Christ Church, tax free. If anyone would like to know more about this method of giving, please contact Kate Davis of the Finance Committee.***



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



WAYS TO GIVE?

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

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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!

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- 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.

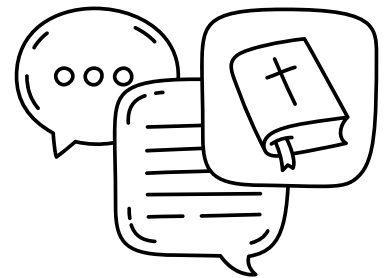
**Every little bit helps
Let's turn the little bits into a BIG Difference!**

Bible Study Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays

Update from Rick Baker:
3/01/2026

"Thank you for attending the kick off of the Bible study group. We had a good discussion of old and new testament topics. Lois, thank you for the heater!"

We have agreed to meet in the music room approximately 15 minutes after Church service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (subject the change, as needed). "



**FOR ADDITIONAL INFO,
PLEASE 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.





March Birthdays

- 1 - Mallory Kubicek
- 4 - Clay Lejeune
- 9 - Richard Tidey
- 23 - Ezra Kidd
- 25 - Patrick Chase
- 26 - Becky Borkowski-Johnson
- 27 - Zachary Clayton

let us celebrate

March Anniversaries

- 4 - Scott & Marianne Kidd



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, Wade W., Lynn Klein, Leslie Amtmann, Duffy H., and Rebecca Bauerschmidt.

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

Betty Parker, Lynn Klein, Hazel Borkowski, and Betsy Crowl

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 Church, Rock Spring Parish

2026 Easter Flower Contribution



Name _____

Address _____

Please Accept My Contribution of \$ _____ toward the cost of decorating
Christ Church at Easter.

The citation in the bulletin should read: **(please print)**

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Thanksgiving for:

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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MARCH 2026

Upcoming:

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday, 7pm

April 29th - Blood Drive 1-6pm

April 3rd - Good Friday, Noon

May 3rd - Ladies Tea

April 5th - Easter

June 13th - Rummage Sale

April 19th - Earth Day Service

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1 9:45  Blessing Box Sundays <i>First Sunday of each month</i> Parochial Report Due A.G. - Janet Read - Bonnie Chalice - Bonnie	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 A.G. - Kate Read - Kate Chalice - Christine	9	10	11  ECW Meeting 7pm Annex	12	13	14  ECW: Hope for Homeless luncheon
15 9:45 A.G. - MJ Read - MJ Chalice - Kate	16 Finance Committee 3:30 pm Zoom	17	18  Vestry Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)	19	20	21
22 9:45 A.G. - Debbie Read - Sherry Chalice - Lois	23	24	25	26  RSK Meeting 6:30 PM (Zoom)	27	28
29 9:45 Palm Sunday  A.G. - Molly Read - Lois Chalice - Molly	30	31				
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10am Quilters
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AA - Mon Night
Raw
7:30-8:30

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Unity thru
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4:30-5:30pm

AA- New
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9:00-11:00am

AA- Fri Night
Group
6:30-8:00p

Jackie's Aerobics - Winter Session 2026

Tues/Thurs: Jan 12 to March 26

****Follows HCPS schedule****