

THE CHIMES

APRIL 2026



NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST CHURCH ROCK SPRING PARISH

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Fr. Kirk Kubicek

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Molly Neal, Senior Warden

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Octave of Easter – eight days between Palm Sunday and Easter – has from the very beginning of the Community of Christ's Love been the most Holy days of the Christian year; days of special devotion and reflection on just what it means to follow Christ. To carry our crosses. To represent the very heart and soul of the one we call Lord, Master, Christ, Son of God, Son of Man; the embodiment of the great "I AM." Culturally, Christmas, as it has been hyper-commercialized, gets the most attention from the rest of the world. Holy Week walks us through the events of a week in Jerusalem that was both tragic and triumphant all at once.

Tragic in that the machinations of Empire are at once revealed. An Empire, Rome, which eventually absorbed and co-opted the church for many centuries. The "Church" only recently, over the past one hundred years, is just beginning to reckon its entanglement of having lost its way, drunk with the power and control of being a servant of Empires, first Rome, then acting as national-state religions, especially after the fracture into protestant denominationalism. The narratives of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday can help us to see just how far much of Christianity has strayed from Jesus's primary concern with the "least of these, my sisters and brothers": the poor, the hungry, the naked, the stranger, the thirsty, the children, women, those who mourn, the meek and humble of the Earth. We have also long-lost sight of the central role of stewardship of the Earth itself that is the focus of Biblical religion from the opening verses to the last throughout the whole Bible. Empires routinely neglect the very people and causes Jesus of Nazareth taught and lived every day of his brief time among us.

The Triumph of Holy Week, of course, is that its revealed that Empire is incapable of putting an end to Jesus, nor to the movement he set in motion: a movement devoted to Love of God, and Love of neighbor, including his commands to put down the sword, and to love and pray for our enemies. As the Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* reminds us, "All are neighbors to us and you." Again, the Bible, from beginning to end, is in part a cycle of sagas of immigrants and refugees seeking a place to call home, away from the dangers of Empire in their own lands, and to find new life among people who wish to be a Community of God's Love. Whether they are stories of Abraham and Sarah, and the families to which they gave birth, or the Hebrew slaves escaping Pharaoh's Egypt, the deportations from their homelands to Assyria and Babylon, and the complicated Empire in miniature, Israel, against which the great Hebrew Prophets seek again and again to get the royal leadership back on track to be a Kingdom of God – by caring more for the people Jesus would champion more than for the ways in which the Temple and royal leadership came to dominate daily life with corrupt land practices and exorbitant taxation to prop up the elites.

Return to the Kingdom of God, Jesus proclaimed: the Reign of God which is utterly unlike human kingship. Jesus in every way means to help us, one and all, to realize that the Kingdom of God is always here – present wherever "two or three gather in my name." It is not a destination far in the future, or after our Earthly life. Jesus taught that we are never separated from God's presence. Even at times we feel stuck, or that the Kingdom of God is far off, it is always right here. For where we are, Christ is, and where Christ is, God is. The openness and warmth of God's presence is in fact our true nature. Even when we feel most confused, most alone, most hopeless, the presence of God in Christ Jesus is always here, undiminished by the clouds that temporarily cover it. This is the wisdom and truth that resides within the stories of Holy Week. This is Easter! Awareness of this is Resurrection!

Yours in Christ - Fr. Kirk A Kubicek, Priest in Charge

THREE EASTER POEMS, BY THREE EXTRAORDINARY CONTEMPORARY POETS

“Easter”

by Joyce Kilmer

The air is like a butterfly
 With frail blue wings.
The happy earth looks at the sky
 And sings.

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“Easter”

by Marie Howe

Two of the fingers on his right hand
had been broken

so when he poured back into that hand it surprised
him — it hurt him at first.

And the whole body was too small. Imagine
the sky trying to fit into a tunnel carved into a hill.

He came into it two ways:
From the outside, as we step into a pair of pants.

And from the center — suddenly all at once.
Then he felt himself awake in the dark alone.

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“spring song”

by Lucille Clifton

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible

*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

Christ Episcopal Church

2100 Rock Spring Rd.

Forest Hill, MD 21050

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CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MINUTES

February 25, 2026 - 7 PM Virtual Meeting Via Zoom



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

Meeting opened at 7 PM with prayer for reunion and restoration from *Sounds of the Eternal*, by J.P Newell. The January minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer: Reporting numbers from January 26, 2026. Cash assets growing, thanks to investment growth. Pledges are at 70% of budget, expected to improve as checks are deposited. Reminder that YTD numbers reflect only one month. Line 6410 shows \$1800 for slate roof repair. Line 6421-2 reflects weather-related "sky-high" fuel bills (oil is 3x over target, BG&E 2x over).

Finance Committee reflected on Canon Dina's visit, where she spoke of legacy giving, tools such as a simple will (free forms & notarizing available from Diocesan consultants), and qualified charitable donations from retirement accounts. These tools to be posted on website. Committee is also exploring a process to identify and prioritize property improvement projects, as well as provide further details/instructions on legacy gifts from retirement accounts. Kate D. will be the point person for questions about legacy giving.

Peggy notes change in the monthly Blessing Report (Chimes), a month-to-month picture of income/expenses. Going forward, report will include not only member contributions, but also other sources of income (e.g., non-member contributions, grants, prudent withdrawals, rentals).

Rector: Fr. Kirk recapped Canon Dina's visit, commenting that she was keen to win the raffle quilt. Colleen Murphy won the quilt, which she accepted it, then voluntarily chose to gift it to Canon Dina, who was "bowled over by this gesture."

Clergy in new Deanery will hold first clergy luncheon at Holy Comforter Church in Lutherville.

Rector Emeritus Rev Mark Gatza has become involved with Holy Communion Lutheran Church in Fallston, a church wishing to serve communion from a common cup, but lacking a silver vessel for this purpose. Fr. Mark has requested to either borrow, acquire as a gift, or purchase the large silver chalice owned by CC which he originally helped to fund. The chalice has not been used for many years. Original cost of the chalice and paten was \$1200. Fr. Kirk favors a donation in support of our partnership with the Lutheran Church, with which Vestry unanimously agreed. It was suggested that the chalice be inscribed as a gift from Christ Church Rock Spring, with the date, and that CC members be on hand for the presentation.

During the recent heat emergency, Fr. Kirk spoke to Mike of First Class Mechanical. Problem seems to be that the water temperature is exceeding the 180 degree maximum safe temp causing the oil burner to shut down. Problem to be addressed by FCM. Tony adds that the pipes in the sanctuary are showing signs of age and rust. Fr. Kirk expressed appreciation for our flexibility on "heatless Sunday," noting that Rev. Canon Dina "had the best time being here."

Senior Warden. Molly noted two recent weather-related events, the first resulting in a virtual service, the second relocated the service to the Parish Hall. Emergency Phone Tree is in place. The Christ Church Parochial Report is complete, and ready to submit with Vestry Approval. Molly noted the increased financial focus on endowments, and use of endowment income, consistent with the practice of prudent withdrawals. Vestry voted to accept the Parochial Report which will be sent to the Diocese ahead of the March 1st deadline. She will ask Renee to send the PDF to the Vestry.

The first Deanery meeting was held 2/2/2026, with Fr. Kirk, Molly, and lay delegate Rick Baker attending. Bishop Carrie spoke about Holy Hospitality. Rick found meeting interesting, and enjoyed meeting the attendees. The Harford Regional Council meets March 23 at Holy Trinity. Fr. Joe Z. has asked CC to talk about our Green Team, so Lyn will attend to do that.

. The Annex Fire Security (required in 2001 by Code) is serviced by Town Security, who requires that we upgrade from dial-up system to cellular. Cost increases from \$570 to \$920/year, which Molly reports is comparable to other service providers, so we will stay with Town Security. We don't have fire security in the other buildings.

Junior Warden: Tony reports a "good level of service" from our snow removal service during recent storms, though the initial blizzard caught our provider off guard. Cost for this event was \$1500. Tony and family did much of the hand shoveling. Will stay with Chesapeake for now.

Re property lighting: Solite, BG&E reached out to offer their Empower Maryland for Promoting Energy Efficiency Program which would replace fluorescent lights with LED fixtures in all three buildings, at no cost. Molly toured our buildings with service providers, who predict our energy costs would be reduced by half. Change would include fixtures in the Parish Hall and Annex. Vestry discussed range of brightness and color quality features, preferring warmer over daylight options. Features include automatic turn-off settings for further energy savings. Vestry voted to move forward with this program, which appears to be a win-win situation.

Rock Spring Keepers: Group met on Feb. 8th to pack dried zinnia seeds and plan for CC Earth Day on April 19th. Lyn reports that Sarah Randall, Senior Lead for Harford County Recycling will speak after the service at a festive during coffee hour.

ECW: Beth reports 70 people were served at the Spaghetti Dinner on 2/21/2026, with a successful bake sale. Net proceed numbers not yet in. Half of the basket and quilt raffle tickets were sold at the event, winners were also present, adding to the fun! Lyn reports 28 people were served at the 2/15/26, pancake breakfast which benefitted from the casual ambience resulting from relocation of the service to the Parish Hall due to the heat emergency in church. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated.



Upcoming ECW events include the March Harford Family House Paper Drive, the March 14th Roving Shelter Lunch Prep at Centre Methodist, the Red Cross Blood Drive April 29th from 1-6 PM, the ECW Tea on May 3rd, theme is Triple Crown, and the Rummage Sale on June 13th.

Cemetery: Rick reported for Leslie, stating there have been no interments this month.

Jane noted that she is one of three mentors for those Exploring Baptismal Ministry, the first step for folks aspiring to ordination. Program began by exploring lay ministry featuring a panel to raise awareness of opportunities for church ministry by lay people. Panel included Molly Neal, whom Jane notes to be a “real model of a church lay leader, giving her talents and time to CC.” Vestry heartily agrees!

The Vestry meeting closed at 8:10 PM, with a prayer for restorative sleep for the soul. Next Vestry Meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 7 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by,
Lyn Edmunds, Registrar



On Easter Sunday, the altar will have a bright and renewed presence after the bare solemnity of Lent.

Fr. Larrie Smith polishes some items in preparation for their return to the communion rotation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

BRING A FRIEND!



CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026

10:30 AM

BRING YOUR GLOVES, TOOLS, CARTS, AND TARPS

Indoor and Outdoor Projects - something for everyone!

PIZZA LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



Contact Molly if you can make it!
410-692-5218



KEEPERS' CORNER - MARCH 2026

The daffodils are blooming, the birds are about, and soon our small but mighty Rock Spring will be hidden by greenery. Keepers are getting ready for spring chores and Earth Day, which we will celebrate at Christ Church on Sunday, April 19th.

This past week, it was an honor to represent Rock Spring Parish and the Keepers at the Harford Regional Council, held March 23, 2026, at Holy Trinity, Churchville. I shared with the assembled delegates and clergy, how the Rock Spring Keepers evolved, our Pledge to the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, and our mission. Mostly, I addressed what our congregation has done to protect, preserve, and honor our beautiful church property which has a direct connection, by water, to the Chesapeake Bay.

I found myself bursting with pride describing the successful conservation planting, our amazing Monarch Way Station, our Earth Day Celebrations, and the numerous projects accomplished by our small and mighty parish in just four years. I learned other parishes also have eco-projects, and it was nice to see that Holy Trinity's cozy Coffee hour area featured a wall of reusable mugs. Every eco-conscious action makes a difference. Thanks to Fr. Joe Zollickoffer, Dean, for the invitation to talk about the Rock Spring Keepers.

EARTH DAY:

On Sunday, April 19th, after an Earth-themed service, we will celebrate Earth Day with a festive coffee hour, a presentation about recycling by Sarah Randall from Harford County, giveaways, and the winner of the RSK raffle basket will be drawn.

Hope to see you there, and also at the Property Spruce-up Day on April 11th.

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

**Do you ever WISH something could be recycled,
but wonder if it really can be?**

**Add your item to our
WISHCYCLE BIN
and we will ask Sarah!**

You may write a note with your question.

Example:

**This container looks like a clamshell, but there is a perforation to remove the lid.
Can those two separate pieces be recycled?**



BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES QUILT



**VINTAGE QUILT HANDSTITCHED IN APPALACHIAN TENNESSEE
WITH APPLIQUED BUTTERFLIES AND EMBROIDERED DETAILS**

94" X 84" Queen size

Also includes two embroidered pillowcases

Made by Louella Lane of Kingsport, TN

**Generously donated by Rock Spring Keeper Lyn Edmunds,
who will happily share the history and provenance of this keepsake!**

**TICKET PRICES \$2 each Three for \$5 Ten for 15
WINNING RAFFLE TICKET TO BE DRAWN AT THE
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

April 19, 2026

Episcopal Church Women



ANNUAL LADIES TEA SUNDAY MAY 3, 2-4 PM

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

Please look for more information in this issue
of The Chimes and the Parish Hall display
IT WOULDN'T BE A PARTY WITHOUT YOU!



Thank you

for your abundant contributions to the

March Paper Drive

Our friends at **Harford Family House**
are grateful for your generosity!

April 8 ECW Meeting - 7 PM in the Annex

April 13 Visit Harford Family House - Meet at church **11 AM** to carpool

May 13 ECW Meeting - 7 PM in the Annex

ECW continued our commitment to provide HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS by
serving lunch to community members at the ROVING SHELTER on March 14.
Look for the photos to see love in action!



RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 13! This BIG fundraiser for Christ Church will be here before we know it!
Please see the flyer for information and the schedule for donation drop offs.

April 29 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1:00-6:00 PM in the Parish Hall

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=christchurchrockspring>

APPOINTMENTS ARE NEEDED



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!



March 14, 2026

Several members of Christ Church ECW prepared and served lunch for the Roving Shelter at Centre United Methodist Church in Forest Hill. The 20-25 guests and volunteers were well fed, both spiritually and by the delicious food.



Pictured:

(Beth Chmielewski, Christine lane, Bonnie Klein, Molly Neal)



ALL WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!



TRIPLE CROWN LADIES TEA SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 2-4 PM PARISH HALL CHRIST CHURCH, ROCK SPRING

Who is invited? All women from Christ Episcopal Church along with their family, friends and/or neighbors are welcome to come. Children & grandchildren are welcome to attend too, if you think they would enjoy this event.

What is the theme this year? This year's theme is "A TRIPLE CROWN TEA".

What is the Tea? Our church has had an annual ECW Tea for over 20 years! The themes change every year, but the basics remain the same. The main focus of the Tea is for the women at Christ Church to have a fun afternoon of fellowship & a chance to visit with friends. It's also a chance to get to know the newer members of our congregation. There will be a few door prizes & a 50/50 raffle this year. Also, the tea itself is free ~ JUST COME AND ENJOY!

How do I sign up? There will be a large sign posted in the Narthex of the church & in the Parish Hall. You can also call Colleen Murphy for more information. Please include all the requested information when signing up to assist us in organizing this fun event.

How does it work? People bring their own card tables (or borrow a table that has been lent to the church for the day.) You sign up to either host a table or to attend the Tea and sit at someone else's table. If you are a hostess, you will be the main contact person for that table. You are in charge of organizing your table and who at your table will be bringing what. If you want to be a guest at someone else's table, please note that when you sign up. If you are new to the church or the ECW Tea and are not sure who to sit with or have any other questions, please call Colleen Murphy, or make a note of it on the chart. We will make sure you are sitting with a nice group of new or current friends at the Tea.

What do I need to bring? Each table of 4 or more people should bring their own tablecloth, napkins, place settings (cup & saucer, plate) including silverware and a tea service (teapot, creamer & sugar bowl) for your table to use. This is a chance to show off your favorite china set or linens that you rarely get to use! At least one person from each table of 4 should bring either an appetizer or a dessert to be shared (enough for about 6-8 people). If you have a favorite type of tea, feel free to bring it with you for your table or to share with others. However, there will be various types provided.

What should I wear? The dress is casual. Some people like to use the ECW Tea as a fun excuse to dress up a bit or show off a special hat they have. Please wear whatever is most comfortable for you.

Have fun at the Photo Booth!

WANTED ~ CARD TABLES - If anyone has a card table that the ECW can borrow for Sunday, 5/3/26 for the ECW Tea, please notify Colleen.

For more information, please call or text: Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875

email: cmurphy803@aol.com



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



<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=christchurchrockspring>

or call 1-800-RED CROSS

UPCOMING ECW RAFFLES!

“DUE SOUTH” QUILT RAFFLE



Featuring Flying Geese and Star blocks, this handcrafted quilt will make a cozy addition to your decor!

Measures approx. 72" X 80"

Take a chance, or a whole flock, and this beauty could be winging it's way to your home!

Ticket Prices: \$2 each three for \$5 ten for \$15

WINNING RAFFLE TICKET TO BE DRAWN AT THE
TRIPLE CROWN TEA
MAY 3, 2026

“SPILL THE TEA” BRACELET RAFFLE



Brighten up your day with this charming bangle!
It features two delightful charms perfect for tea lovers.
The first charm is an interactive tea bag filled with glitter that moves around, adding a playful sparkle. The second charm is a cup with “Spill the Tea” written on it, accompanied by a teardrop smokey quartz crystal that mimics a playful tea spill.

Expandable from 2" to 3.5" 3. 2026
Nickel-free

WINNING RAFFLE TICKET TO BE DRAWN AT THE
TRIPLE CROWN TEA
MAY 3, 2026

LOOK FOR THE DISPLAY IN THE PARISH HALL!

RAFFLE!



RAFFLE!



RAFFLE!

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



COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE 13, 2026 RAIN OR SHINE!

8 AM - 2 PM

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 Rock Spring Rd or Grafton Shop Rd)



WE ARE THE HISTORIC STONE CHURCH WITH THE CHIMES

AT THE CROSSROADS OF ROUTES 23 & 24!



- Household Goods
- Craft Supplies
- Tools
- Sports Equipment
- Toys & Games

BARGAINS GALORE! SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Bring your appetite!

JOHN'S BACKYARD BEEFSTRO will be fired up, selling breakfast and pit sandwiches, and more!



WE WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS! if you have items in GOOD, CLEAN, USABLE CONDITION - household, sporting goods, tools, toys & games, jewelry, and accessories (NO CLOTHING, PLEASE) we will be accepting donations according to this schedule:

- Saturdays
 - May 30 11 AM - 1 PM
 - June 6 11 AM - 1 PM
- Sundays after church - May 24- June 7
- Monday
 - June 8 5 PM - 7 PM
- Tuesdays
 - May 26 10 AM - 2 PM
 - June 2 10 AM - 2 PM
 - June 9 10 AM - 2 PM
- Wednesday
 - June 10 7 PM - 9 PM
- Thursday
 - May 28 10 AM - 2 PM
 - June 4 10 AM - 2 PM
 - June 11 10 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 7 PM

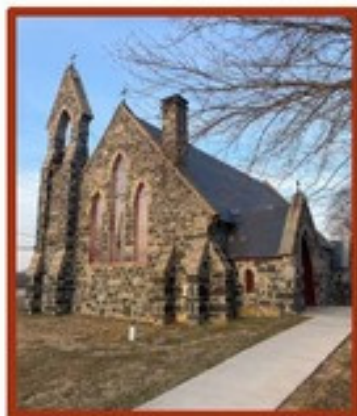
HEAVY, BULKY ITEMS???

PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK OF JUNE 8-11 TO BRING THEM SO THEY CAN GO DIRECTLY ONTO THE SALES FLOOR

For Information
call Molly

410-652-4502





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 on March 16 and reports the following high points.

- Since the Operations investment fund balance now exceeds the threshold for qualification, the Finance Committee is moving that fund from a pooled investment product into an actively managed product, like the Cemetery endowment fund. The Operations investment fund and the Cemetery endowment fund will be maintained as separate subaccounts; the monies in the two funds will not be commingled and will be reported separately.
- Christ Church recently received the very generous bequest of \$84,812 from the estate of Patricia Rohrman, which together with earlier bequests from her estate total in excess of \$130,000. The bequest will be moved into the Operations investment fund per policy.
- The Finance Committee continues to consider the creation of policies to prioritize property projects, and perhaps a separate fund for major property expenses.
- The ECW generously gifted \$450 to the Parish Operations account from the profit from the Spaghetti Dinner.
- The Committee will continue to refine the legacy giving materials for the Christ Church website and encourage everyone to consider these avenues for stewardship. Kate Davis is the point person for inquiries about legacy giving.

Blessing Report - March 2026

Member Contributions: \$9,388.00

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!

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!**

Bible Study Group

ADJUSTED SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

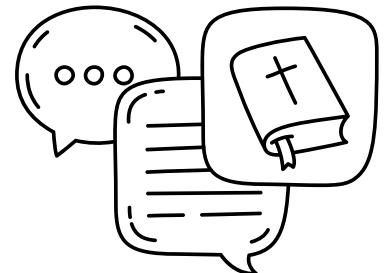
Due to Easter being on the first Sunday.....

The Bible Study Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in April (approximately 15 minutes after Church service).

April 12th, April 26th

*****The usual 1st and 3rd Sunday schedule will resume in May*****

**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.





April Birthdays

1 - Lois Tidey

5 - Kate Davis

8 - Olivia Borkowski-Johnson

19 - Scott Kidd

let us celebrate

April Anniversaries

4 - Melinda & Stephen Chase

6 - Lyn Edmunds & Dave Fender

21 - Robert & Christine Lane



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, Lyn Edmunds, Ken, Bill Mundy, Alice Richardson, Chris Martin, Jonathan Miller, Will, Tracey Kahl, Lynn Klein, Leslie Amtmann, Duffy H., Rebecca Bauerschmidt, and David Martell.

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 Episcopal Church - Rock Spring Parish

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2026



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** ☐ **PayPal**

Checks are made payable to Christ Church Rock Spring Parish

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

Please indicate whether you would like to pick up the flowers after the dedication date or leave for church use.
Should you wish to pick up 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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APRIL 2026

May 3rd - Ladies Tea

May 25th - Memorial Day Service

June 13th - Rummage Sale

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:00PM MAUNDY THURSDAY  A.G. - Molly Read - Bonnie Chalice - Molly	3 NOON GOOD FRIDAY  A.G. - Read - Lois Chalice - Lois	4
5 9:45  Blessing Box Sundays First Sunday of each month EASTER  A.G. - Kate Read - Sherry Chalice - Kate	6	7	8  ECW Meeting 7pm Annex	9	10	11  10:30AM SPRING CLEAN-UP
12 9:45 A.G. - Debbie Read - Bonnie Chalice - Christine	13 ECW visit to Harford Family House Finance Committee 3:30 pm Zoom	14	15  Vestry Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)	16	17	18
19 9:45  Earth Day Service + Activities A.G. - MJ Read - MJ Chalice - Bonnie	20	21	22  HAPPY Earth DAY	23  ROCK SPRING KEEPERS CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION CAREFUL CHOICE IN HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY FOREST, FISH, AND RSK Meeting 6:30 PM (Zoom)	24	25
26 9:45 A.G. - Melinda Read - Melinda Chalice - Kate	27	28	29  American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM	30		
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10am Quilters
(annex)

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AA - Mon Night
Raw
7:30-8:30

Jacki's
Aerobics
6:50-8:00pm

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Unity thru
Wellness
4:30-5:30pm

AA- New
Beginnings
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****