

THE CHIMES

MAY 2026



NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST CHURCH ROCK SPRING PARISH

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

This year, the Great Fifty Days of Easter all come to a close with three major feasts of the Church Year: Ascension, Thursday May 14 (which we transfer to Sunday, May 17); Sunday, Pentecost, May 24; Trinity Sunday, May 31. To which we add our Annual Observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

Ascension traditionally, as recorded both in Luke's gospel and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (volume 2 of Luke's Gospel), is observed on the fortieth day of Easter Season. These are two different stories, both of which the tradition has chosen to retain. In both, we read of final conversations between the Risen Lord and his disciples – essentially some final instructions – before they witness him ascend back up into the heavens. Both accounts stress that despite the departure of the Risen Lord, the important work he began needs to continue. As reported in John's gospel, they are to continue the works he began, “and greater works than these.”

Ten days later, the disciples, which is more than just the twelve, are in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – a Jewish harvest festival which also celebrates the giving of Torah at Sinai, when all of a sudden the promised sending of the Holy Spirit takes hold of the household, and Peter “the denier” delivers a powerful speech to those attending the festival who represent countries throughout the ancient world. Everyone, we are told, understood what Peter was proclaiming in what one might consider the inaugural Christian Sermon. Pentecost literally means the fiftieth day after Easter – seven weeks of seven days, plus one more day symbolizes a New Day, just as the giving of Torah represented a New Day for the Hebrew people who had escaped slavery in Egypt.

Over time, the Sunday after Pentecost has become a Sunday to ponder the meaning of the Holy Trinity – the idea that we know and experience the One God of the Bible as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit. This is baffling to our fellow monotheistic religions of “the book,” Judaism and Islam. It is fair to say that it is baffling to many Christians as well. Athanasius, one of the early bishops of the Church tried hard to make sense of it in what we now call The Athanasian Creed, which may be found and studied on pages 864-865 in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. At its core, the concept of God as Holy Trinity seeks to witness to the ongoing and different ways in which Christians experience the eternal presence of God here and now.

Finally, Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day this Year. The first national observance of what would become Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic – a fraternal organization of veterans – to honor Union soldiers who had died in the American Civil War. It is now observed on the last Monday of May to remember those who have died serving in all wars that have involved the U.S. Military. Our cemetery is the final resting place for those who have served in our Military in conflicts going back to the very beginnings of our United States. It is one of the most moving important observances we open to the public each year, concluding with placing flowers on the gravesites of those who have served to preserve the democratic republic which is our United States of America. It is our honor and privilege to remember those who in the day of decision gave their lives that we might live.

Please join us on these sacred days in May, all of which form the core of the Christian understanding of what it means to love and serve God, and to love and serve our neighbors.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kirk A Kubicek, Priest in Charge

Poems for Memorial Day 2026

Herman Melville (1819–1891) and Stephen Crane (1871–1900) offer two extraordinary meditations on the experience and complex meanings of war. Both writers reflect on the American Civil War, despite Crane's birth after the end of hostilities. Both poets achieve a kind of quietness and mystery, devoid of the kind of glorification that is more typical of war poetry.

from War is Kind ["Do not weep, maiden, for war is kind"]

By Stephen Crane

Do not weep, maiden, for war is kind.
Because your lover threw wild hands toward the sky
And the affrighted steed ran on alone,
Do not weep.
War is kind.

Hoarse, booming drums of the regiment,
Little souls who thirst for fight,
These men were born to drill and die.
The unexplained glory flies above them,
Great is the battle-god, great, and his kingdom—
A field where a thousand corpses lie.

Do not weep, babe, for war is kind.
Because your father tumbled in the yellow trenches,
Raged at his breast, gulped and died,
Do not weep.
War is kind.

Swift, blazing flag of the regiment,
Eagle with crest of red and gold,
These men were born to drill and die.
Point for them the virtue of slaughter,
Make plain to them the excellence of killing

And a field where a thousand corpses lie.

Mother whose heart hung humble as a button
On the bright splendid shroud of your son,
Do not weep.
War is kind.

Shiloh: A Requiem (April, 1862)

By Herman Melville

Skimming lightly, wheeling still,
The swallows fly low
Over the field in clouded days,
The forest-field of Shiloh—
Over the field where April rain
Solaced the parched ones stretched in pain
Through the pause of night
That followed the Sunday fight
Around the church of Shiloh—
The church so lone, the log-built one,
That echoed to many a parting groan
And natural prayer
Of dying foemen mingled there—
Foemen at morn, but friends at eve—
Fame or country least their care:
(What like a bullet can undeceive!)
But now they lie low,
While over them the swallows skim,
And all is hushed at Shiloh.



CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MINUTES

March 18, 2026 - 7 PM Virtual Meeting Via Zoom



Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Molly Neal, Bonnie Klein, Rick Baker, Jane O'Leary, Beth Chmielewski, Peggy Reel, Kate Davis, and Lyn Edmunds.

Meeting began at 7:02 PM with an opening prayer.

Vestry minutes from the last meeting were approved with corrections.

Fr. Kirk gave a special announcement – we have received another legacy gift in the amount of \$84,812 from the estate of Patricia Rohrman. This is in addition to the previous legacy gift of \$46,000 that we received from her estate in 2025.

Treasurer's Report: the cash balance in the Harford bank account has now increased greatly due to the legacy gift from Patricia Rohrman's estate. Per our Gift Acceptance Policy, this unrestricted gift will be allocated to the Operations investment fund.

We are currently at 112% of budget for our pledges YTD. Some members have adopted the suggestion made by Canon Dina Van Klaveren to provide contributions from their retirement accounts.

The full prudent withdrawal from the Operations investment fund, in the amount of \$3,397, has been taken for the year. Most items are on target, in terms of income. Under expenses, the cost of utilities is off the charts, so we are ahead of budget currently. Hopefully the expenses will go down after the winter months.

Finance Committee Report: up until now, the Operations investment fund has not met the minimum threshold (\$100,000) to be an individually managed account (rather than a pooled account). Now that we have exceeded the threshold, we will be combining the Operations and Cemetery funds under the individually managed account portfolio, and they will be tracked as 2 separate sub-accounts, as of April. We will get one statement showing details for each of the sub-accounts.

We continue to consider the development of a "Project Priority Policy." If anyone is interested in working on helping to establish such a policy, please let anyone on the Finance Committee know.

Rector's Report: Fr. Kirk recently attended the latest Deanery meeting, in Lutherville, which lasted about 90 minutes and was attended by about 10 clergy. There will be another meeting on March 23rd. The Deanery is still new and is in an experimental phase. Fr. Joe Zollickoffer of Holy Trinity is the Dean of the Deanery.

There have been a couple of glitches with the live stream, but they are now fixed.

Robert Hitz will be away this coming Sunday, so Rick may help with guitar music to accompany the choir.

Senior Warden Report: Molly has been involved with gathering several bids from vendors regarding recent property issues:

- HVAC in the Annex needs replacing.

- Fire alarm service in Annex – still waiting on one other quote besides Town Security.

- Grass cutting – the company we've used previously (Fitzpatrick's) is closing business. We received quotes from 3 providers and have decided to move forward with Hartsoe Property Services, which gave us the most competitive price (close to what we had been paying previously).

SoLite will be replacing the fluorescent light fixtures in all 3 buildings with new LED lighting, on March 23-24th.

We are planning a parish wide Spring cleanup day on Saturday, April 11th. There are some upcoming Parish Hall rentals scheduled.

Cemetery Report: there was some recent negative commentary related to the cemetery on social media, which boiled down to someone who was unhappy with the restrictions put on decorations surrounding a gravesite. The church did not engage in the social media chatter; however, we responded to one email that was received and encouraged them to reach out to the church office directly. Leslie Amtmann has always treated people with respect while managing the cemetery regulations. The Rock Spring Cemetery regulations are provided to all families who have a loved one buried in the cemetery.

Junior Warden Report: the new lawn service will be Hartsoe Property Services.

We received 3 quotes for replacing the HVAC (2 units) in the Annex:

- 1) First Class Mechanical = \$30,751 total (1st unit = \$16,099 and 2nd unit = \$14,652); warranty details not provided.
- 2) Eco-Cool HVAC = \$61,434 total (did not provide breakout per unit); 10-year parts warranty and 1-year labor warranty.
- 3) Comfort Air = \$25,222 total (1st unit = \$13,648 and 2nd unit = \$12,574, both are high-efficiency variable speed units) which includes \$1,000 discount for replacing both units at the same time; 5-year parts warranty and 2-year labor warranty.

We're still awaiting further details from Comfort Air about the possibility of consolidating to 1 unit, rather than 2, but that would require significant duct rework. We expect to receive an update next week and will follow up with the Vestry via email to obtain approval to proceed with the recommended vendor.

The new dehumidifier will be setup in the church once the A/C is turned on for the season and we're hopeful the pump will work.

ECW Report: the Spaghetti Dinner took in \$633 in sales and the bake sale made \$266. The ECW will donate \$450 toward church operations, from the proceeds.

The Hope for the Homeless event went well (fed about 14 people). The Paper Drive for Harford Family House is currently in progress.

Upcoming events:

- Blood Drive on April 29th
- Ladies Tea (theme is Triple Crown) will be on May 3rd
- Rummage sale on June 14th. Early donations may go in the basement of the Parish Hall (to the right-hand side).

Rock Spring Keepers' Report: the keepers have their next meeting on 3/26. They will be getting ready for an Earth Day celebration on April 19th, and plan to have a speaker to talk about meaningful recycling. They will also be giving away zinnia seeds. Lyn Edmunds will be giving a short presentation at the regional meeting on 3/23, outlining the keepers' mission statement and how they started.

The next meeting will be on April 15th at 7:00 PM.

The meeting ended at 8:15 PM with a closing prayer.

Blessings,
Kate Davis





From Jim Hoops with the
Hope for Homeless Roving Shelter



.. whoever is kind to the needy honors God.."
PROV. 14:31

Dear Mollie and friends from
Christ Episcopal Church,
Thank you so much for the time
and effort you gave to prepare a
delicious meal for our guests
today. Many of them commented
to me how much they enjoyed
the "sloppy joe" and coleslaw and
I certainly did as well. Desserts also!
Our hope in the Lord for our
guests is that lives will be changed,
addictions will be broken and families
will be reunited. Thanks to each
one of you for helping to make that
happen. Blessings,
Jim

From Canon Dina van Klaveren, Diocese of Maryland

2-16-26

Dear Community of Christ Church,
Oh how lovely to worship with you
yesterday - and to witness how you offer
your lives to one another in love.
Thank you for the lovely gifts
of zinnia seeds, tulips, spring holy
water and pancakes with sausages!
I look forward to coming in better and
weather to see your pollinators! Peace
love, Dina



EARTH DAY 2026: RECYCLE OR TRASH?



Christ Church celebrated Earth Day on Sunday, April 19, with an Earth focused service, festive coffee hour, and a program given by Sarah Randall, Senior Lead for Recycling for Harford County. The service theme, “One Planet, One People, One Love,” incorporated traditional readings and eucharist, contemporary prayers, and eclectic music from Woody Guthrie to Beethoven. We sang Raffi’s “Three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.”

After the service, we gathered in the Parish Hall for a delicious buffet, followed by a program on recycling in Harford County (single-stream and landfill drop-off).

Sarah Randall began by describing the recycling operation at Harford’s Scarboro Landfill in Street, noting that ALL of Harford’s single stream recycling goes to the Baltimore County Central Acceptance Facility in Cockeysville. Our recycling guidelines are the same as those in Baltimore County, but not necessarily those of other MD counties. Then, Sarah sorted the Christ Church “Wishcycling Bin,” dubious items collected by the parish over the past month. One by one, Sarah placed the items on either the TRASH side of the table or on the RECYCLE side, explaining reasons for her decision. This was an eye-opener for many, and generated a lot of questions. Some items (a cell phone, large plastic sled, fabric) require a trip to the landfill for recycling. Empty Aerosol Cans go in single-stream.

The single stream recycling determinant is whether an item can safely and successfully go through the recycling machines in Cockeysville. We learned that size of item and quality (thickness) of plastic or paper are important. For example, a small hard plastic toy was deemed recycle-able versus a larger item made of very thin plastic. We learned that plastic “clamshells” from supermarkets and carry-outs, plastic hangers, plastic bags, Styrofoam, as well as most retail receipts are TRASH. Keep caps on plastic bottles and empty aerosol cans in your home recycling.

Since some judgment is required in what can or cannot be recycled, the best policy is “when in doubt, throw it out.”

The raffle basket winner was announced, and MJ Parrish took home the butterfly quilt. Thanks to Fr. Kirk, Sarah Randall, the Keepers, and everyone who took part!

Lyn Edmunds

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT CHRIST CHURCH



Featuring Sarah Randall, Senior Lead of Recycling,
RECYCLING IN HARFORD COUNTY



ADOPT-A-ROAD



Christ Episcopal Church is a faithful steward in the Adopt-A-Road program. Volunteers led by the Rock Springs Keepers do a clean up once a month. Thank you for keeping the areas surrounding the church and spring free of debris!

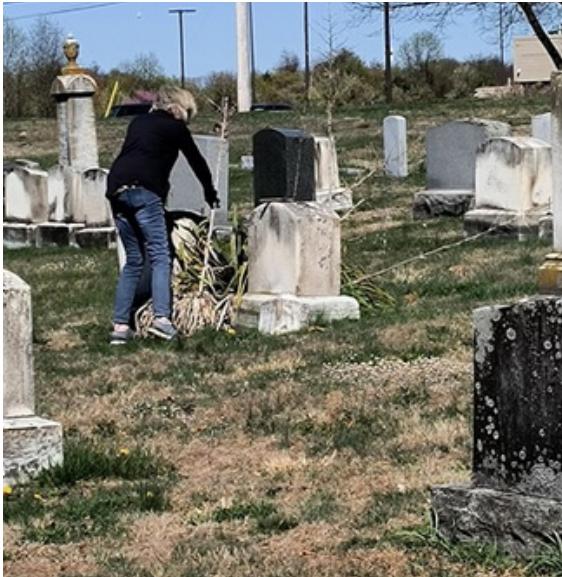
Spring Clean-Up Day 2026

Thank you to so many of our Christ Church members and friends who participated in the 2026 Spring Cleanup on April 11th. We were blessed with fantastic weather as we poured ourselves into the care of this glorious parish property that God has given into our care. The parish grounds look more beautiful each day thanks to what was accomplished and to your continued care.

I also would like to acknowledge the generosity of Season's Pizza and member, Sherry Necker for providing those onsite that day with a delicious lunch.

May God Continue To Bless Christ Church,

Molly



Beth Chimielewski reports that Christ Church had a successful Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 29, 2026!

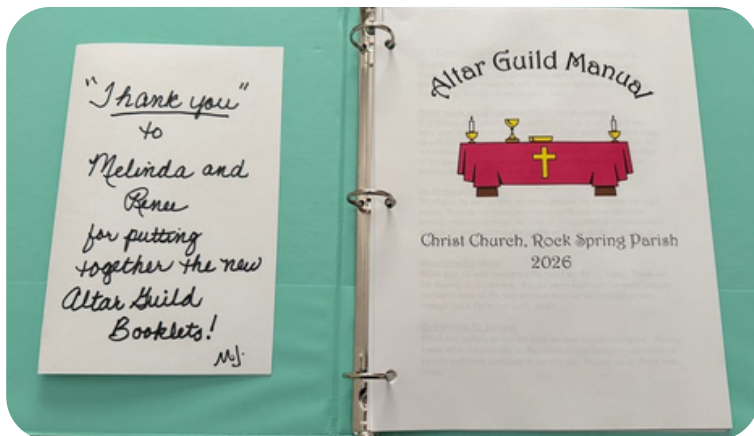


American Red Cross
**BLOOD
DRIVE**

There were 16 donors and 13 pints were collected.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors that made this life saving event happen!

Photographed: Blood donors Jane O'Leary, Adam Eaton, Molly Neal, and Melinda Chase



Mary Jane Parrish, Melinda Chase, and the Altar Guild have worked diligently and faithfully to create the updated Altar Guild Manual. The manual describes, in detail, the appropriate ways, meanings, and care responsibilities of the elements in and around the altar during the various liturgical cycles of the year.

Altar Guild members assist the Rector with the care of the most sacred part of the church—The Altar. It is a privilege and a blessing to care for and adorn this Holy Place.

Episcopal Church Women



The ECW looks forward to welcoming attendees to our

TRIPLE CROWN TEA

SUNDAY, MAY 3 FROM 2-4 PM

Invitations to share with guests are available in the parish hall, along with a sign up sheet.

Please let us know if you will be hosting a table for your invited guests. If you are not hosting, you may choose to join one of us at our table.

May 13 ECW Meeting - 7 PM in the Annex

May 25 - ECW will provide refreshments for Memorial Day Service

June 10 ECW - Rummage Sale Prep

July - no meeting scheduled

August 12 (tentative date) - End of Year Dinner Meeting

*Mark
YOUR
Calendar*

DECLUTTER, DOWNSIZE, DONATE! Rummage Sale June 13, 2026

This is a popular event in our community and a major fundraiser for Christ Church!

Sorting and pricing is a HUGE undertaking, and we have scheduled dates to collect donations to help us keep the inventory organized - please refer to the flyer for details.

If you must move things from your home before those dates, please

let an ECW member know, and we will do our best to accommodate you!

We are happy to accept items in good, clean, usable condition—household, sporting goods, tools, toys & games, jewelry, and accessories (NO clothing, please).



ECW Officers 2026-2027

President

Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875

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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!



On April 13 th several ECW members visited and toured Harford Family House in Aberdeen, MD. While there we dropped off the many supplies that the members of Christ Church donated.

We were guided by Kailey Jourdan, Community Engagement and Volunteer Manager, who graciously explained the many ways the HFH organization supports and lifts families and individuals who find themselves in varying degrees of homelessness. We came away feeling grateful for learning firsthand how the efforts of so many community volunteers and faith-based donors go directly to our brothers and sisters who need it most.

Our Parish supports the Harford Family House residents through donations of household and personal supplies each year during the month of March, and by fulfilling a HFH family's wish list during the Christmas holiday. These are just a few of the many ways individuals or groups can volunteer and support this amazing mission. You can visit the HFH website anytime to view their Amazon Wishlist and personally support them.

To learn more, visit <https://harfordfamilyhouse.org/>



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

UPCOMING ECW RAFFLES!

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

**“SPILL THE TEA” & “ELEGANT TEA SERVICE”
TO BE DRAWN AT THE TRIPLE CROWN TEA, MAY 3
LOOK FOR THE DISPLAY IN THE PARISH HALL!**

“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



“ELEGANT TEA SERVICE” RAFFLE

Set a regal tea table with this service for 6.
A beautiful blue & white pattern, trimmed in gold,
all in a gilded display caddy!



FALL RAFFLE....NOW ON DISPLAY!

“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!



*****The raffle for this incredible piece has been extended to the fall*****

Memorial Day Service & Celebration

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

May 25, 2026 at 9:00am

RAIN OR SHINE



We ask that all participants bring cut flowers to place on marked gravesites during the service.



Join us as we remember those who fought for our freedom, in particular, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Christ Church's historic cemetery holds the remains of veterans of domestic and foreign wars (Civil War, Spanish American War, Indian Wars, WWI, Korea, WWII, and Vietnam).

The day is scheduled as follows:

- Procession to the Cemetery led by a color guard
- Gathering Prayer
- Bible readings, Prayer for our Country, Lord's Prayer
- Singing of two historic patriotic hymns
- Reading of the Gettysburg Address
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Remembrance of the departed veterans
- Church bells will toll while flowers are placed on the graves of the veterans
- Closing prayer
- Procession out of the cemetery

The service will be followed by refreshments on the patio of the church hall.

A member of our community will provide us with the beauty of bagpipe music throughout.

**Want to retire your worn American flags?
Christ Church will collect old flags for proper and respectful retirement.**

All are welcome!

If you know any women in the military or women veterans, please share.

Christine Lane

WOMEN WARRIORS NETWORK

Connecting & Empowering Military Women

Tea & Cup Painting Event!

FREE • NO COST TO ATTEND
Sunday, May 24 • 1:00 PM

**Christ Church,
2100 Rock Spring Rd.,
Forest Hill, MD 20150**



- ✓ Enjoy Tea & Paint Your Own Teacup!
- ✓ Memorial Day Themed Fun!
- ✓ Share Your Favorite Teapot & Stories!

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For Info: dwilliams@everymind.org



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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



FINANCE COMMITTEE



The Finance Committee met via Zoom on Monday, April 13, 2026. It was agreed that the recent Vestry-approved purchase of new heat pumps for the Annex (total cost, \$24,722) will be paid for out of the Operations Investment Fund. The Finance Committee suggests that going forward, requests for Vestry approval for non-budget expenditures should include the Finance Committee's recommendation of the source of the money to cover the expenditure.

Work continues to make information about legacy giving available on the Christ Church website.

The Finance Committee continues to discuss the establishment of a process for prioritizing property projects and is considering the possibility of organizing a group/committee to handle this function at some point in the future. Jane O'Leary is looking into getting advice from the Diocese on this topic.

The annual audit will commence with a kick-off meeting in May. Kate Davis and Peggy Reel currently constitute the Audit Committee, but a third member is being considered.

Blessing Report - April 2026

Member Contributions: \$6,840.00

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



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WAYS TO GIVE?

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

Retirement Account Charitable Rollover

Please thoughtfully consider the advantages of making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your retirement account to Christ Episcopal Church.

In the spirit of stewardship of the gifts that God has entrusted to us, we encourage eligible donors to thoughtfully consider the advantages of making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from their retirement account to Christ Episcopal Church.

An individual over age 70½ is permitted to make a transfer directly from his or her retirement plan custodian to a qualified charity. The transfer is not included in taxable income. If the retirement account owner is over age 73, the distribution may fulfill part or all of the required minimum distribution (RMD).

For many individuals, this may be an economical way to give. Please consult your financial advisor to see if it is a good option for you. And if you would like to make a QCD to Christ Episcopal Church, please contact the Church office for instructions....or see the next page for a sample of a request letter to submit to your IRA plan provider.



Contact the Christ Episcopal Church office for instructions on making your qualified charitable distribution.
christchrsp@gmail.com 410-838-6606

Please thoughtfully consider the advantages of making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your retirement account to Christ Episcopal Church.

Sample of a request letter to submit to your IRA plan provider:

(Call your plan provider to determine the most efficient way to send this letter of instruction to them).

[DATE]
[NAME OF IRA PROVIDER]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY, STATE, ZIP]

Re: Request for Qualified Charitable Distribution from Individual Retirement Account

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a qualified charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account under Sec. 1201 of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (the PPA) and Sec. 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and made permanent under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016.

My account Number is: [INSERT ACCOUNT NUMBER]

Please issue a check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Christ Episcopal Church at the following address:

Christ Episcopal Church, Rock Spring Parish
PO Box 215
Forest Hill, MD 21050

The tax identification number of Christ Episcopal Church is 52-6043950.

In your transmittal to the church, please state my name and address as the donor of record regarding this transfer, and copy me on your transmittal. It is my intention to have this transfer completed during the 20__ tax year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, I can be reached at [INSERT PHONE NUMBER].

Thank you for your prompt attention to and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[DONOR NAME]



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!

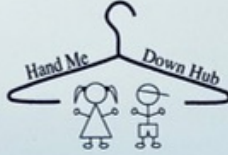
Each week, we need a volunteer to set-up, clean-up, keep the coffee brewed, and provide sweet & savory goodies. Teamwork is encouraged!

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)

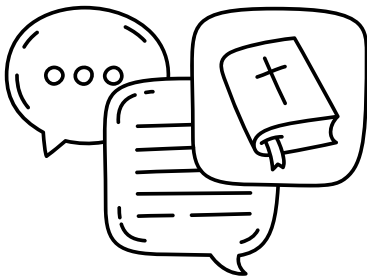
- We will pull available items per your request and you will receive a phone call advising your request is ready.
- You may pick up your items at Christ Church from our designated location any time of day at your convenience.

****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!**

B i b l e S t u d y G r o u p



*The Bible study group meets in the music
room approximately 15 minutes
after Church service on the*

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

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!

ITEMS NEEDED: BABY FOOD, TUNA, CRACKERS (SNACK, SALTINES, RITZ), CHEF BOYARDEE CANS, PROTEIN SNACKS



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).
- 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.





JUNE 6th
2026
10AM-2PM

Annual Strawberry Festival

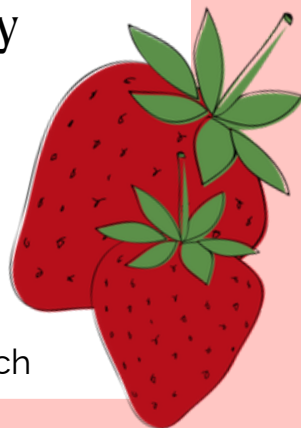
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
4603 Rocks Rd, Street, MD 21154

Music by: Mason Dixon Line

- **Bricker's FAMOUS FRENCH FRIES**
- Flea Market
- Vendors
- Free Kid's Activities
- Silent Auction
- Strawberries
- Ice Cream
- Pulled Turkey
- Plant Table

And More!

Interested in being a vendor? Contact us at 410-452-5502
Find us on Facebook: @ Holy Cross the Rocks, Episcopal Church





May Birthdays

30 - Joseph Klein

let us celebrate

May Anniversaries

15 - Joe & Bonnie Klein



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, Rebecca Bauerschmidt, David Martell, and Catherine H.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2026

Help us keep the altar beautiful

Dates that currently have no dedications:

May 31

June 7

June 28

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

August 9

August 23

September 6

September 13

September 27

November 1

November 15

November 22



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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ChristChrsp@gmail.com

MAY 2026

Upcoming:

June 13 - Rummage Sale

July 20-24 - Diocesan Reading Camp

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9:45  Blessing Box Sundays <i>First Sunday of each month</i> Ladies Tea 2-4pm A.G. - MJ Read - Lois Chalice - Molly	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:45 A.G. - Molly Read - Molly Chalice - Christine	11	12	13  ECW Meeting 7pm Annex	14  Ascension Day	15	16  Private Event Baby Shower 11am-5pm
17 9:45 Ascension Day Liturgy A.G. - Kate Read - Bonnie Chalice - Lois	18 Finance Committee 3:30 pm Zoom	19	20  Vestry Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)	21	22	23
24 9:45 PENTECOST Private Event C. Lane 1pm-3pm A.G. - Melinda Read - Melinda Chalice - Bonnie	25 Memorial Day Service 9am 	26	27	28  RSK Meeting 6:30 PM (Zoom)	29	30
31 9:45 TRINITY SUNDAY  A.G. - MJ Read - MJ Chalice - Kate	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)			Unity thru Wellness 4:30-5:30pm	AA- New Beginnings 9:00-11:00am
	AA - Mon Night Raw 7:30-8:30	Jacki's Aerobics 6:50-8:00pm		Jacki's Aerobics 6:50-8:00pm	AA- Fri Night Group 6:30-8:00p	
Jackie's Aerobics - Spring Session 2026 Tues/Thurs **Follows HCPS schedule**						