

**CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL
ROCK SPRING PARISH**

September 2022



Christ Church Rock Spring Parish

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Vestry Officers: Molly Neal, Senior Warden

Jane O'Leary, Interim Treasurer

Tony Davis, Junior Warden

Kate Davis, Registrar

Cemetery Administrator: Leslie Amtmann

Music Team Leaders:

Robert Hitz—Choir Director

Lyn Edmunds—Song Leader

The Chimes



Priest in Charge

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In September of 2016 I arrived to lead worship at Christ Church for the first time. Expecting to be here for 12-18 months, I never would have imagined we would still be sharing our Journey with Christ seven years later! We began our time together facing many challenges, which one-by-one we have met, resolved and moved forward one day at a time. It is a joy to be at the start of another year together as a Community of God's Love, and still finding new ways to serve God and serve our neighbors throughout Harford County. Despite nearly half of our time together has been meeting the challenges of being a community that worships, works, and supports one another has been in the midst of the greatest worldwide public health crisis most of us have ever faced, still we have managed to find ways to remain present to one another and to the Christ in our midst in new and very different ways.

Gradually, our Sunday worship is returning to familiar ways. Depending on how the virus continues to mutate, I am hopeful that things will look very much as it did when I first arrived. For those who desire and are comfortable with it, the Common Cup has returned. As of this writing, Harford County Community Covid-19 Level is rated as Low. Current recommendations are:

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on public transportation. You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.

In Harford County, 202,475 (79.3%) residents have had at least one vaccination, and 181,689 (71.1%) are fully vaccinated. This includes 95% of the population of our county already fully vaccinated. Yet, despite these numbers, we must be aware that the current Omicron variants of the virus is more easily transmissible than earlier variants, and that re-infections of the Omicron variants is not uncommon.

As we all know, our worship life together is beginning a new chapter in our Music Ministry as Mr. Robert Hitz assumes the position of Director of Music as of September 1. Marianne Kidd promises not to disappear from our life altogether, but Robert will be here most Sundays, rehearsing the choir, playing the keyboards and adding his own special character to our experience of the Risen Lord at Christ Church. Sundays that Robert is unavailable I will be filling in with the guitar, or we will find a substitute.

As summer activities wind-down, we are all welcome to worship in-church or by the online Live Stream, beginning at 9:45am each Sunday with musical preludes. I thank you for continuing to welcome me as a part of your Community of Christ as we find ourselves led by the Spirit to continue to find new ways to serve God and serve our neighbors.

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

We are those people who Tradition, Scripture and Reason!

A defining dimension of Anglican and Episcopal expressions of the Body of Christ is what the Sixteenth Century English priest and theologian referred to as the Three-Legged Stool as the basis for authority: Tradition, Scripture and Reason. Some branches of the Jesus Movement rely solely on Tradition, such as the Roman Catholic and Orthodox communities of faith; some rely solely on Scripture, such as many Protestant denominations and non-denominational Evangelical churches. Hooker's Three-Legged Stool, therefore, makes Anglican and Episcopal churches unique in the broadness of the Body of Christ, and we are sometimes referred to as "The Bridge Church," or "the Via Media," the Middle Way.

As relates to Ecumenical relations throughout the Body of Christ, we are those Christians who are constantly in dialogue with churches who rely solely on Tradition or Scripture. And these dialogues touch on all aspects of church life: worship, mission, theology, and finding ways for all branches of Christianity to work together as One.

Tradition, viewed as the first leg of the Stool, begins with the earliest descriptions of early Christian worship and community life that were practices that evolved before the appearance of what we know as the New Testament. From some early documents we have descriptions of how the Holy Eucharist was celebrated as the principal Sunday worship; how Baptisms were conducted; and how the followers of Christ took care of one another and those beyond the community of faith, just as Jesus cared for those beyond his own community of faith. We also learn how these traditions evolve and change over time. For instance, what we call Morning and Evening Prayer came from patterns of worship in monastic communities and were incorporated into our Book of Common Prayer, which itself has been updated and added-to over the centuries since its introduction into English worship in the mid-sixteenth Century.

Scripture as leg number two includes the totality of the Hebrew or Jewish scriptures, or what we call the Old Testament. When we read in Paul's letters or the book of the Act of the Apostles that early Christians studied the scriptures together, it is primarily the books of this first testament that they were reading. The oldest documents of the New Testament are Paul's Letters to emerging church communities scattered throughout the Middle East. These letters span a time from about the years 48-62 in the Common Era (CE, or AD). These were collected together and read by church communities as early guides to Christian Life. The Gospels as we know them appear in the years 69 through 100 CE, and some of the later texts like Hebrews were as late as the year 200CE. Anyone reading the New Testament will agree that there are broad interpretations as to what the Christian Life looks like.

Finally, Hooker was first to assert that both Tradition and Scripture need to be understood and interpreted through our God-given powers of Reason. Hooker appears to have understood that Christian Life continues to evolve in response to the world in which we live, encountering situations that were never imagined in the first two or three centuries of the Church, which by the time Hooker was writing was already changing rapidly through the years of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. That is, Hooker sought to open the Church to the idea expressed in my High School Motto: Ever Changing, yet The Same. All three, Tradition, Scripture and Reason work together to allow the Spirit to re-invigorate the Church in all generations!

Stewardship Pledge Card

2022

In prayerful consideration of my/our stewardship of God's resources, responsibility to Christ Church, and the desire to take the next step in my/our journey of faith, I/we pledge the following financial support to Christ Church for the 2022 church year:

Weekly \$ _____

Quarterly \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____



For a total of \$ _____ per year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

I would like to receive envelopes (circle one): YES NO

Envelope # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Thank you and God Bless!

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

July 20, 2022

[Virtual meeting via Zoom]

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Molly Neal, Lyn Edmunds, Jane O Leary, Leslie Amtmann

Meeting began at 7:05 PM with opening prayer. Vestry minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cash assets up from last month, due to investment fluctuations (Edward Jones Fund). Pledges are on target, 3% ahead of budget as of July. CC is at 96% of budget for income and 18% above budget for expenses; projecting a \$9000 deficit for spending by end of 2022. Vestry discussed Treasurer's proposal to move \$7000 from investments into spending account to complete the year, vs. treasurer moving a smaller amount initially and repeat, if needed (up to \$3000 does not require Vestry approval). After discussion, Vestry agreed to treasurer initially moving \$3000 to cover expenses in the next month or two, and revisit as needed, so motion not required.

Utility costs are 98% above budget, mainly due to unforeseen rise in utility costs. Group discussed possible mitigations, including need to more closely monitor a/c usage in church, conservation efforts, sharing part of the increased expense with rentees (Sr. Warden to address).

Additionally, six month pledge statements have been mailed. Diocese sent thanks for our contribution to Bishop's Appeal. Thank you sent to Necker family for the project which their gift enabled. Hurrah for audit team (see below)!

Rector's Report: Fr. Kirk planning a September trip to visit family. Will miss one Sunday. Though Harford County remains in COVID Code Yellow Phase, HC transmission rates appear lower than other areas said to be in Green Phase.

Senior Warden: Reports church attendance averaging 10-15 people/week. Libby Ohl has moved to Florida. Sue Sampson visited and received a beautiful Peacemaker's quilt in memory of Mark Sampson. On August 21, congregation celebrated tenure of Music Director, Marianne Kidd, with a festive coffee hour and gifts. Dave Martell and Molly Neal have been trying to keep up with summer growth on church campus. The sign message on Rt. 24 is regularly updated, the process of changing the sign will be done by Autumn Neal and her friend. Anna, church administrator, is effectively working from home due to health. Sr. Warden is working with Chad La Fleur to put a technology disaster recovery plan in place.

Robert Hitz will assume duties of Music Director. He may miss one Sunday/month when Fr. Kirk will fill in with guitar.

Sr. Warden has spoken to rental group leaders that attendees may be using basement bathrooms in Parish Hall. Leaders are receptive, situation will be monitored. Could CC Sexton add these restrooms to his task list, if not done already? Parking lot trash can is working well!

Sr. Warden on vacation from 9/3 to 9/12.

Junior Warden report by Sr. Warden: Gutter debris from Annex and Parish Hall has been cleaned. Men's room faucets replaced. To do list includes replacing pull chains on two Parish Hall fans, and replacing solar light near church sign if part is unavailable.

Quote for upgrading Parish Hall electrical service from Comfort Air is \$16,500 (Installation of heat pump and condensers). Quote from another vendor is needed. When information is available, a separate meeting will be held to address resolution of electrical issues in Parish Hall.

Audit Committee Report: Four documents of the 2021 report dated 8/9/2022, will be sent to the Diocese: 1. Annual Report; 2. Audit Program Checklist; 3. Committee Findings, and 4. Committee Certificate of Audit. There is one adjustment to the Annual Parochial Report, which will be made at the Diocese (per Jason Kamrath who is financial person at the Diocese), who will let CC know if anything else is needed.

A hearty resolution of thanks goes out to the CC Audit Committee (Kate Davis, Peggy Reel) who completed the audit in record time, noting also the diligence of our former Treasurer, Leslie Amtmann.

Vestry Quorum of present members and those canvassed in absentia (T. Davis, K. Davis, L. Tidey, and D. Martell) voted to accept the audit committee report, with Leslie Amtmann abstaining.

Cemetery: Two memorial markers were installed in the urn garden area. A visitor to the cemetery commented how nicely the grounds are kept. A note of thanks was sent to former member, Arch Phillips, who donated some cemetery reports based on Maryland Archival information.

The next meeting will be September 20th at 7:00 PM.

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM with a closing prayer by Fr. Kirk.

Blessings,
Lyn Edmunds



Episcopal Church Women



Ice Cream Social



THE FESTIVE FAREWELL COFFEE HOUR FOR MARIANNE was a lovely time to celebrate the many gifts she has shared with Christ Church over the years. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this gathering with the Kidd family so special and attended in-person or in spirit! Your contributions made it possible to provide a generous gift card for the Kidd's ongoing home renovations, too!

ECW will once again be making a monetary donation to The Harford County Education Foundation in support of their Tools for Schools initiative. We also have a collection box in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like to donate materials to help county students get off to their best start as they begin the new school year! Please have your school supply donation in by September 11.



Learn about the impact our support makes at: <https://harfordeducation.org/about/what-we-do/>



WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 15 for our popular ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Jarrettsville Creamery! Please see the flyer for details and plan to join your Christ Church friends for a fun time from 5-9 PM. We'd love to see you in person, but if you prefer carryout, avoid the line and place your order online! <https://jarrettsvillecreamery.hrpos.heartland.us/menu>

All orders placed between 5-8 PM will count toward our fundraiser, so please wait until 5 to place yours! Don't forget you can order deli items for lunches, and get extra ice cream for the freezer!

SEPTEMBER 12 — ECW MEETING 7 PM in the Annex

It's time for our first meeting after the summer break. All women of Christ Church are members of ECW—your ideas are always welcome!

OCTOBER 3 — ECW MEETING 7 PM in the Annex

ALL WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH ARE MEMBERS OF ECW!

AS WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS,
YOUR IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

~ **WE KNOW YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE!** ~

EVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ALL OF OUR
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS,
YOUR INPUT, SUPPORT, ENERGY, AND INVOLVEMENT
ARE APPRECIATED!



ECW Officers 2018-2019

President	Colleen Murphy	410-925-5875
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Treasurer	Melinda Chase	443-866-1134

**Join us for
FUNDRAISER NIGHT
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
5-9 PM at**



**Episcopal Church Women
Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish
will receive a percentage of ALL sales!**

DINE IN or CARRY OUT!

**Savory sandwiches, wraps, and paninis
as well as tasty soups and salads!**

See their menu at: jarrettsvillecreamery.com

**Place your carryout order online between 5-8 PM
and it will count toward our fundraiser, too!**

<https://jarrettsvillecreamery.hrpos.heartland.us/menu>

HOMEMADE HAND-DIPPED ICE CREAM!

In an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor Setting!

STOCK UP!

Deli meats & cheese!

Freshly-baked cookies & brownies!

**Shop the country store for jams, dip mixes, candy,
Amish-Style canned fruits & vegetables and more!**

Fill your freezer with ice cream quarts & cakes!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Questions? Contact Melinda 443-866-1134

KEEPER'S CORNER

Rock Spring Keeper's Corner: August, 2022

Intrepid members of the Rock Spring Keepers continue to attack the invasive plants next to the parking lot. Danette Moss and George Barnett are applying weekly weed killer to the knotweed, which is mostly dead or dying. Richard Tidy is making great progress cutting back the weedy growth above the knotweed area. We are working on establishing a composting area on the back side of the parish hall.

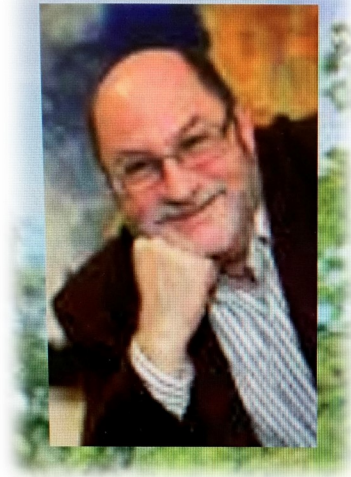
Teams of RSKs and friends are patrolling Rock Spring Church Road monthly to clear the discarded blue disposable gloves from the road. Help with this project is always welcome.

TREX plastic collection update: RSKs are thrilled that after only three weeks, Christ Church has collected 174 pounds of "stretch" plastic. This is more than one third of what's needed to meet the goal of 500 pounds in six months to earn a TREX bench for the church. Members are receiving donations from friends, family, and neighbors! The collection can is on the covered porch of the Parish Hall. So keep that plastic coming!

Fun Fact: The Prince of Peace Chapel in Fallston, which was once an Episcopal mission church, was built of wood from the American chestnut tree which once dominated Eastern forests. Soon after the Chapel was completed, the American chestnut was entirely wiped out from a severe blight, making the "little chapel in the woods," a one-of-a-kind church in Harford County. The Chapel is currently active as the Prince of Peace Baptist Church.

By Lyn Edmunds

Welcome to your new position as Music Director Robert Hitz.



*Many thanks to all who coordinated and attended the
farewell coffee for Marianne Kidd.*





Swan Song

What an amazing gift you have all blessed me with! Not only the last 12 years of your love and friendship, but the special time last Sunday to enjoy your company and be filled with good food and plenty of hugs. Thank you for your amazing generosity and beautiful pictures. You have truly been a blessing in our lives and I will miss you all so very much!!

~Marianne, Scott, Ezra & Vivi

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

BLESSINGS REPORT

August's total is: \$6,675

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



Please remember to mail your offering to:

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PLEASE REMEMBER

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

HAND ME DOWN HUB

Marianne Kidd
410-937-0865

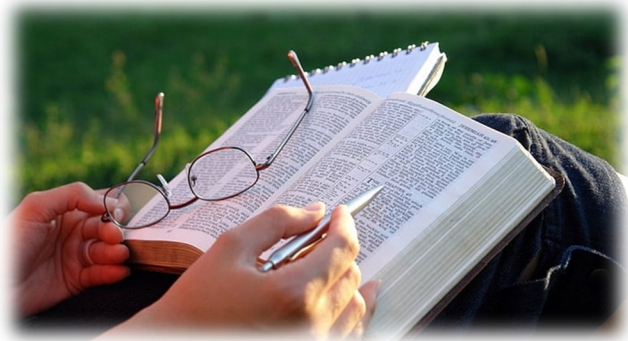
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Special Days in September



14—Holy Cross Day

Psalm: 98
1st Lesson: Isaiah 45:21-25
2nd Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 or Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel: John 12:31-36a

21—St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Psalm: 119:33-40
1st Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-6
2nd Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

29—St. Michael & All Angels

Psalm: 103
1st Lesson: Genesis 28:10-17
2nd Lesson: Revelation 12:7-12
Gospel: John 1:47-51

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

- 9—Kincaid Lane
- 11—Tyler Chase
- 11—Nadia Morris
- 16—Bob Bunch
- 19—Shirley Martell
- 21—Betty Martin
- 27—Pat Rohrman
- 29—Cassandra Reagan



Please PRAY for those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially: For the residents of Harford Family House; For peace and understanding in Baltimore; For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For the refugees leaving Syria and Central America in desperation; For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises; For all the people in the Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the victims of natural disasters; For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings & Riots.

For those on our prayer list: For Sue Tressler, Lynn Klein, Kevin & Linda, Anna Humphreys, Phil Klein, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Dan Moss, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenhoup, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Don, Peter, Lael, Jacqueline, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Sherry Cole, Silvia Meranski, Sam Robertello, Blake Gude, Wayne Hall, Amanda Tidey, Bill D., Hazel Borkowski

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

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

Glassell & Betty Parker; Anna Humphreys; Beth Hauser; Lyndon

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SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday 9:45 am Live/In Person Morning Prayer (4 th Sunday) Comm Service (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th Sundays)	Monday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:30-6:45p Jazzercise 7:00-9:00p AA—Mon Night Raw	Tuesday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 10 am Quilters 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose	Wednesday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:45-7:45p Jazzercise	Thursday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose	Friday 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 7:00-8:00p AA—Fri Night Group	Saturday 8:30-10:30 a AA—New Begin- nings
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4 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service AG— Debbie	5  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	6 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	7 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	8 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	9 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	10
11 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service AG— Hazel*	12 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	13 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	14 Holy Cross Day  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	15 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	16 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	17
18 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 am Communion Service AG— Melinda	19 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	20 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	21 St. Matthew  Vestry Meeting Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	22 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	23 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	24
25 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 am Morning Prayer AG— Kate*	26 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	27 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	28 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	29 St. Michael & all Angels  Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	30 Live Stream 11:55 noon prayer	

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