

**CHRIST CHURCH FOREST HILL
ROCK SPRING PARISH**

JANUARY



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,

Christmas at Christ Church was an evening of magic and wonder as we gathered in church to give thanks for the gift of God's eternal Love in the Christ child, Jesus of Nazareth. It is this Love of God in Christ that breathes life and spirit throughout the years of our historic 1805 parish. Those of us who have been chosen to follow in the Way of Christ's love for all persons value the very fact that we have a common desire to be with one another in worship, in mission and in fellowship. It may have been bone-chilling frigid outside this year, but inside our beloved Christ Church our hearts were warmed as we worshipped, prayed and sang with one another in the Eucharistic Feast of the Incarnation of Emmanuel – God with us.

As the Season of Epiphany unfolds, we are reminded that one meaning of the word "epiphany" is "manifestation." The hallmark moments of Christ's manifestation include the Visit of the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus, and our Lord's turning water into wine at a wedding reception in Cana of Galilee. We are reminded that just as the life-giving spirit of Jesus was made manifest to those first present on these three moments in his life among us, those of us baptized into Christ's Body, the Church, have been called to make Christ manifest to others beyond the boundaries of our small but mighty parish. We are those people called to bring Christ to the world in which we live, just as he did in Galilee and Judea.

Sunday, January 15th we will gather once more for our mandated Parish Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon. It is a day when all of us are called to gather together to reflect on the year past and look forward to new ways we find ourselves called to manifest the love of God in Christ to others – all others. As we heard in our lessons for The Feast of Our Lord's Baptism, our God shows no partiality in reaching out to all persons. We are commissioned by Holy Baptism to do the same.

If you have not been back since we have fully re-opened Worship and Fellowship on Sundays, January 15th is the day to do so. After our morning worship in the church, we will gather in the newly improved Parish Hall for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Our new heating and cooling system, and improved kitchen welcomes all who come to share bread and take stock of where we are as a community of Christ in Harford County.

Epiphany Season – a time to reflect on how the Christ and God's Love were made manifest daily in the life of Jesus, and how we too might make God's love manifest in the daily life of Christ Church, Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish. Here's hoping to see you on the 15th .

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

The Rector's Annual Report - 2022

Once again, I give thanks to God every day for having brought us together as witnesses to the love of God as made evident in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, and in the life of our historic parish, Christ Church. In the six years I have had the privilege of serving you, the people of Rock Spring Parish, despite the limitations and challenges of a world-wide pandemic, we managed to experience another banner year in the life of Christ Church.

As we will be meeting in our upgraded Parish Hall for this Annual Meeting, we enjoy the comfort of a new heating and cooling system, upgraded electric service for the kitchen, and a new commercial-grade electric range and oven. These improvements were made thanks to a generous gift from Leslie Amtmann, along borrowing some funds from our Investment Fund. The result is more even heating in the winter months, and cooling in the summer months. As we all know, the Parish Hall is home to a number of county groups daily, ranging from AA meetings to Jazzercise and Aerobics, as well as special events for families and groups from around Harford County. These groups have already commented and thanked us for the more comfortable environment for their gatherings, and we have experienced the same comfort on Sunday mornings after church.

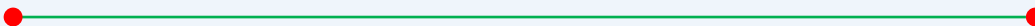
We have also seen the ongoing work of our new environmental ministry, The Rock Spring Keepers. As we know, the Rock Spring originates on our property, and the Keepers have cleaned up the area around the spring and removed invasive plant species to keep it flowing and healthy. We have also removed invasive species from areas along the parking lot and between the Annex and Parish Hall. In the matter of a few weeks, we gathered over 500 pounds of "film plastics" for recycling, which earned us a new bench upon which to sit and enjoy the gardens between the Annex and Parish House with a view of the Church and Church tower. Sitting there at the appointed hours of the day, and you can enjoy a concert of our Chimes as well.

In accordance with our Covenant with the parishes of the Diocese of Maryland, during 2022 we were finally able gradually to return to "normal" worship in the Church with Air Conditioning and Heating full-on, singing hymns with choir support, and communion at the rail of both the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. We also enjoy full lay participation again with choir, lay readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers serving the common cup. Up until late summer, we had 126 services of Noon-day Prayer live streamed. And of course, every Sunday and special services continue to be Live Streamed. Anyone who desires to be a lay participant in our weekly worship is welcome to sign up.

And of course, we had a transition in our Music Ministry as Marianne Kidd resigned to take on the full-time care and education of her children. Marianne's imprint on our music program remains under the capable leadership of Robert Hitz, a long-time substitute for Marianne, and a familiar presence in the Parish Hall for special musical programs. On Sundays that Robert is unable to be with us, he has arranged for one of his students to play and the return of Marianne Kidd for the occasional Sunday. The Christ Church Choir has been dedicated in working with Robert, and also collaborate with me on Sundays when rely on guitar accompanied and acapella singing.

As we move forward in 2023, we hope to increase Sunday In-Church attendance even as we continue to Live Stream, and to continue to find more opportunities to bring the love of Christ to more people throughout Harford County. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Priest in Charge. It is my joy to serve among such a faithful and loving community!

Yours in Christ
Fr. Kirk A Kubicek



Christmas Eve 2022

We welcomed 33 in attendance for joyful singing and peaceful worship.



Stewardship Pledge Form

2023

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 2023 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: _____

Please return to Christ Church by mail.

Christ Church, Rock Spring Parish
P.O. Box 215
Forest Hill, MD 21050



Thank you and God Bless!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Each Sunday morning, we are blessed to have fresh flowers on the altar at Christ Church. By a contribution of **\$30 per dedication date**, you may have a loved one remembered, honored, or give thanks on a special date of your choosing.

To dedicate flowers, please fill out the form attached. All Sundays are available, and your dedication will be placed in the bulletin on your chosen Sunday. The form for dedications is attached and copies will be on the back table of the Church.

If you have not made dedications in the past, please consider making one this coming year. Any dedication is welcome including memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and special occasions. Please note, special holiday dedications will be collected separately just before those holidays. Additional flower dedications can be made throughout the year by sending an email to Christchrsp@gmail.com or calling the office at 410-838-6606.

Thank you for bringing beauty to Christ Church,

Anna

Anna Risdorfer

Parish Administrator

Christ Church Altar Flowers Dedications 2023

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

I would like to **add** the following dedications in 2023:

| Date | Preferred Sunday | Dedication (as will appear in bulletin ex: In memory of, In honor of, In thanksgiving for) | Pick Up | Church Use |
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NAME: _____ (PLEASE PRINT) Envelope #: _____

Method of Payment (**\$30 contribution per Sunday**)

Payment Included _____ Will send _____

- Cash**
- Check** (made payable to Christ Church Rock Spring Parish)



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

Christ Church Vestry Minutes

November 16, 2022

[Virtual Meeting Via Zoom]

Attendance: Fr. Kirk, Molly Neal, Lyn Edmunds, Jane O'Leary, Lois Tidey, Leslie Amtmann, Kate Davis, and Tony Davis.

Meeting began at 7:03 PM with an opening prayer.

Vestry minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our net income vs. expenses is currently at a deficit of about \$8,000 year-to-date. Pledge income is still up compared to the budget. We're encouraged to think about the proposed budget for 2023 by our December meeting and provide any suggested changes where needed. The treasurer's report was approved. Cemetery Report: We received a recent inquiry which Leslie Amtmann is following up on. Christina Farmer's ashes will be buried on top of her mother's, in section 5. There will be a burial ceremony tomorrow.

Rector's Report: Fr. Kirk attended the Diocesan convention this past weekend, along with Molly Neal and Jane O'Leary. One topic discussed was the College for Congregational Development program, which may be something we would want to consider in the future. The Diocese subsidizes part of the cost. The Christmas Eve service will begin at 5 pm with carols/singing before for 30 minutes prior to the service. Fr. Kirk will take a poll to determine a good time for the service on Christmas day since it's on a Sunday this year and we'd like to be flexible with time.

Senior Warden Report: Molly Neal was grateful to be at the convention; she met some other local church members and learned about what Claggett has to offer for our use. There was a recent issue with the office computer, which turned out to be a disruption of the signal between the computer and monitor. Chad LaFleur came to help fix it. Perhaps an item to add to our budget for next year is a new computer/monitor.

Junior Warden Report: The new HVAC system in the Parish Hall seems to be working well. Tony Davis will work with Molly Neal to determine a location for the thermostat controls. Last weekend Tony hung blinds in the windows on the sunny side of the Parish Hall. The sign at the entrance of the parking lot needs reinforcement, per Dave Martell, so Tony will be looking into getting that fixed. Molly Neal pointed out that we have new signage for the Annex and Parish Hall buildings, which were donated by Mary Jane and Leonard Parrish.

Rock Spring Keeper's Report: Melinda Chase is continuing to work on her capstone project. We now have a plaque on the new Trex bench. A movie night has been proposed for January 21st; details will be forthcoming. They will be joining the Adopt-a-Road program. The Piece Makers (quilting group) would like to move their meeting space from the basement of the Parish Hall into the Annex, for ease of access. They would need two of the classrooms. Fr. Kirk suggested the back two rooms (across the hall from each other), but the exact plan/details will be worked out soon. Kate Davis mentioned her sons could help with the actual moving of furniture/items, when ready.

Upcoming events:

- The annual meeting will be on January 15, 2023.
- Lyn Edmunds offered to help host the pancake breakfast on February 19th .
- Molly Neal pointed out there is a calendar posted outside the office, in the Annex, for us to post dates of events.

The next meeting will be on December 21st at 7:00 PM.

The meeting ended at 8:28 PM with a closing prayer by Fr. Kirk.

Blessings,

Kate Davis



Episcopal
Church
Women



ECW MEETINGS: are held on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month.

JANUARY 4— ECW MEETING 7 PM in the Annex—**note: this is earlier than our usual 2nd Wed. meeting**

FEBRUARY 8— ECW MEETING 7 PM in the Annex

Potluck



ANNUAL MEETING—JANUARY 15

Have an appetite for one of Christ Church's renowned COVERED DISH LUNCHEONS? Have a favorite recipe you can't wait to make? You're in luck! The ECW will be organizing the POTLUCK for our Annual Meeting on January 15—look for the display and sign up to bring a dish to share!

RAFFLE BASKETS—We have two great raffle baskets on display in the Parish Hall, plus see our flyer with details. Tickets may be purchased at the display; if you'd prefer to purchase without being in-person, please call Molly or Melinda and we can arrange that! **Drawing will be held February 4 at the Spaghetti Dinner.**



SPAGHETTI DINNER! We can't wait to see YOU there!

**We're excited to bring back this popular community event!
It's always a fun way to get together, share good food, listen to music,
and take a chance on our great raffle baskets.**

**FEBRUARY 4
4-7 PM in the Parish Hall**



**ALL WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH
ARE MEMBERS OF ECW!**

**YOUR INPUT, SUPPORT, ENERGY, AND
INVOLVEMENT ARE APPRECIATED**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2023!



**Current Roster
ECW Officers**

President
Colleen Murphy 410-925-5875
Corresponding Secretary
Janet Clifton 410-838-5072
Recording Secretary
MaryJane Parrish 410-456-7931
Treasurer
Melinda Chase 443-866-1134

RAFFLES!



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The Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church are offering a dynamic duo of raffles!
These raffles help us raise funds as we strive to provide outreach in the community and support of our Rock Spring Parish.

DRAWING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 4 AT THE SPAGHETTI DINNER!



1 COZY WINTER

- \$15 Dunkin Gift Card
- Pair of Snowman Mugs
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Microwave Popcorn
- Dunkin Box O' Chocolates
- Creamy Potato Soup Mix
- Cheddar Broccoli Soup Mix
- Pirouline Cookies
- Peppermint Mocha Candle
- Luxe Plush Throw
- Pick-A-PomPom Beanie
- Polar Band—headband/gator
- 10 Pair Low-cut Women's Socks
- 2 Pair Men's Socks
- Decorative Storage Box



2 FAMILY FUN BASKET

- \$25 IHOP Gift Card
- Two \$15 Dunkin Gift Cards
- Microwave Popcorn & Box
- Assorted Snacks
- Lindor Truffles
- Dunkin Box O' Chocolates
- Stuffed Teddy Bear
- 1000 Piece Winter Scene Puzzle
- King James Version Bible
- 12 Days of Christmas Metal Puzzle
- Five Crowns Rummy Card Game
- Massage Roller
- Vera Bradley Double ID Holder
- Tech Case

Ticket Prices:

\$2/ea



3 for \$5



10 for \$15

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

Drawing to be held at the Spaghetti Dinner on February 4

Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Hall beginning January 1.

Questions? Please contact Molly: phone 410-652-4502 email: rosie4us2@yahoo.com





COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER

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

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

Saturday, February 4, 2023

(Snow Date Sunday, February 5)

4:00-7:00 PM

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



LIVE MUSIC!

For more information call:

Molly 410-652-4502

The ECW spreads cheer to Christ Church friends!



KEEPER'S CORNER

MOVIE MATINEE – **Saturday, January 21st 2-4 pm**

featuring

“Hometown Habitat”*

Stories of Bringing Nature Home

starring

Dr. Doug Tallamy – Univ. of Delaware

Academy Award Winner: Mother Nature

Hometown Heroes all over the US

And Introducing: Birds, Bugs, and Native Plants

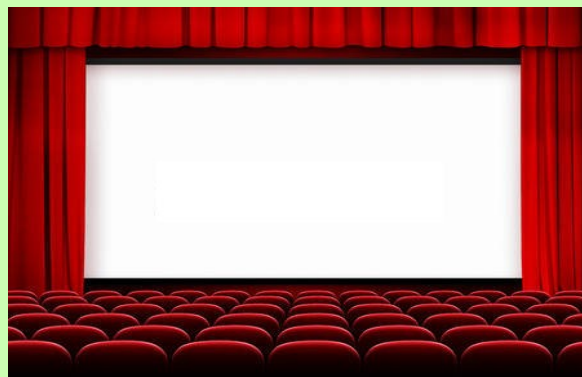
Christ Church Parish Hall

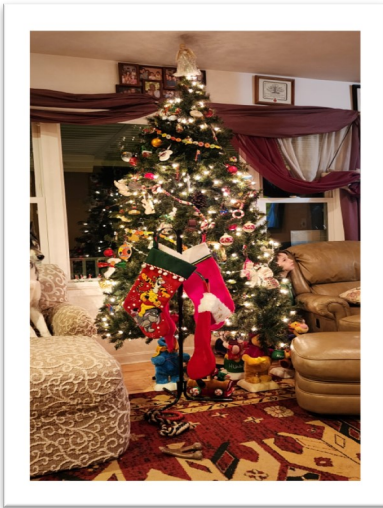
Refreshments and Door Prizes

Free admission

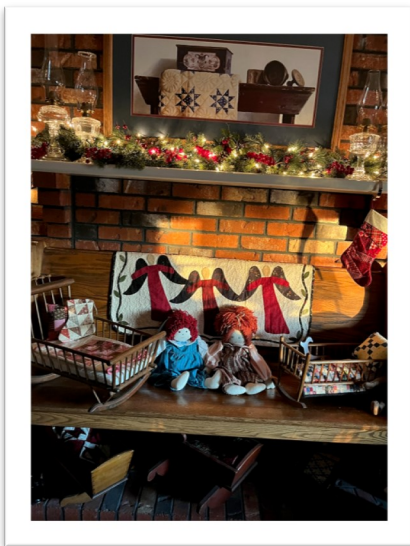
“Makes you think outside of the lawn...”L. Edmunds in The Chimes
We guarantee this will warm you up and inspire your spring gardening!

* A Production of the Meadow Project

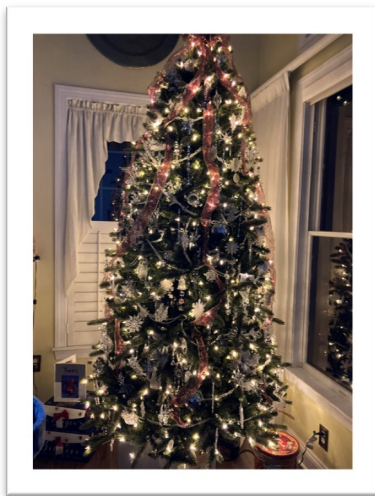




Thank you to the Lane family for sharing some of their holiday memories.

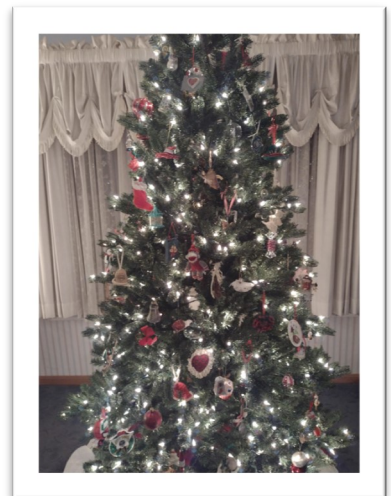


Thank you to Lois & Richard Tidey for sharing their beautiful Christmas décor



Thank you to Mary Jane Parrish for sharing their festive family Christmas tree.

Thank you to Beth Chmielewski for sharing their lovely family Christmas tree.



WEEKLY ENVELOPES

BLESSINGS REPORT

December's total is: \$7,149

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



Please remember to mail your offering to:

**Christ Church
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Marianne Kidd
410-937-0865

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



**Infant to Teen sizes available.
Send a request for yourself
or another.**

PLEASE REMEMBER

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

If you need envelopes or have questions regarding your giving statement, please contact the office.



The annual meeting for Christ Church Rock Spring Parish is Sunday, January 15, 2023 following the 10:00 service. Please join us for a celebration of our parish and a recap of this year's projects and activities. All this while you enjoy lunch, refreshments and socializing with your fellow parishioners.



January 6—The Epiphany of Our Lord

Psalm: 72:1-7 10-14
1st Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

January 18—Confession of Saint Peter

Psalm: 23
1st Lesson: Acts 4:8-13
2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-4
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

January 25—Conversion of Saint Paul

Psalm: 67
1st Lesson: Acts 26:9-21
2nd Lesson: Galatians 1:11-24
Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

- 1 Bailey Critcher
- 2 Peggy Reel
- 3 Jennifer Clifton
- 5 Hank Selke
- 9 Brendon Rahn
- 12 Fr. Larrie Smith
- 20 Sophia Borkowski-Johnson
- 21 Stephen Chase
- 22 Jacob Lane
- 23 Tony Davis
- 28 Sierra Lejeune
- 29 Ed Neal
- 30 Leonard Parrish
- 30 Isabelle Eaton



ANNIVERSARIES

January

- 1 George Barnett & Danette Moss
- 22 Mary Jane & Leonard Parrish

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 Sampson, Sue Tressler, Kevin & Linda, 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, 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, John

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:
Glassell & Betty Parker; Beth Hauser; Pat Rohrman, Lynn Klein, Libby Ohl

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JANUARY 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9:45 am Live/In Person Morning Prayer (4 th Sunday) Comm Service (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th Sundays) | 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:30-6:45p Jazzercise 7:00-9:00p AA—Mon Night Raw | 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 10 am Quilters 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose | 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 5:45-7:45p Jazzercise | 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 6:50-7:50p Aerobics 8:30-9:30p AA—Primary Purpose | 9:00-11:00a Jazzercise 7:00-8:00p AA—Fri Night Group | 8:30-10:30 a AA—New Beginnings |
| 1 9:45—The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ A.G.—Molly | 2 | 3 | 4 ECW Meeting | 5 Rock Spring Keepers Zoom Meeting | 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord  | 7 |
| 8 9:45—The 1st Sunday after Epiphany—The Baptism of Our Lord A.G.—Debbie | 9 | 10 | 11 Vestry Meeting  | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15  9:45—The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany A.G.—MJ | 16 | 17 | 18 The confession of St. Peter  | 19 | 20 | 21 Showing of Hometown Habitat Film 2:00 p.m.  |
| 22 9:45—The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany— Morning Prayer A.G.—Melinda | 23 | 24 | 25 The conversion of St. Paul  | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:45—The 4th Sunday after Epiphany A.G.—Janet | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Spaghetti Dinner—Saturday, February 4th



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