

## Part IV: Newsletters

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*What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

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With this, the Psalmist cries out in faith and gratitude for the blessings of protection and deliverance. Christ Church Parish on Kent Island has had many moments in her long history at which it was neither hyperbolic nor excessive to cry out with the Psalmist.

Imagine the relief and thanksgiving at its founding at the conclusion of a perilous transoceanic voyage in August 1631 - God's faithful people having built a Church on dry land of the Crown's gift, and saying their prayers together.... or when Charles II was restored to the Throne in 1660 and we realized that we'd survived The English Civil War.... or when we'd weathered the several epidemics that beset us (COVID-19 included).... or when the countryside, riven and torn with violence, was peaceful once again, be it 1783, 1815 or 1865, and we were still here.... or when, already known as "The Old Parish," we took our place in the newly constituted Diocese of Easton in 1868.... or when our own beloved Rector became Bishop of that same diocese generations later. These were moments - historic moments - worthy of the psalm.... *the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living* indeed!

Of equal moment we added another on Monday, 22 April 2024.

Three women walked into Queenstown Bank - our current Church Warden Lois Vanderbok, our Treasurer Kate McNeeley, and the former Church Warden Molly Cannon, whose breathtaking courage put her signature on a document necessary to ensure the survival of the Parish - and paid off the mortgage on this property. The debt represented the largest by far of any debt in our near-four centuries of existence; it was a necessity brought on by strife and it entailed untold anxiety and strain in this

Psalms 27:17 *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*, pg.618

community of faith for years. It called upon us to engage years of vigilant, faithful stewarding of our financial resources. And it's gone. It's over. It's done. *What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

Savor this moment and thank God for the privilege of being alive and here to witness it. In the days ahead, we shall mark this event properly in sacred, joyful celebration, and we shall turn our minds and hearts to what lies ahead. We are strong and capable, and we have proven that in the retirement of this debt with such gracious, intentional, generous speed, especially in these last six months. What lies before us requires no less of us than the mortgage did. We now turn our attention to the needs of the World and the ways in which we do the work of Jesus outside these walls. We turn our attention now to the ways in which we maintain these walls that now shelter no debt. We turn our attention now to what lies ahead, *"Not that we have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but pressing on to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has made it our own; but Beloved, we do not consider that we have made it our own; but this one thing we do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Love you.... I'm more proud of this Parish that I have words to say.

For all that has been, *Thanks*. For all that will be, *Yes*.

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*Continued*

Philippians 3:12-14 NRSV



## A Word from Our Sr. Warden

**May 2024 holds much in store:**

**5 May 2024**, we will honor those youngsters who have been working with Lindy Coltharp in what the Parish knows as “*First Communion*.” This is a short program in which school age children are brought together to learn about some of our sacred practices and the beliefs that drive them.... and to learn as well about some of the places in the Church and objects that we use in worship.... and finally to make the Communion Bread they will use in marking this moment on Sunday, 5 May 2024.

**9 May 2024 at 11AM**, we will Consecrate and set apart forever the new Columbarium in Broad Creek Cemetery. We will do that with formal prayer and preaching, an apostolic blessing, and the first burial by which the structure is put into service. +James J. Shand, X Bishop of Easton, will preside, and Mark S, Delcuzet, the Rector Emeritus, will preach. There’s no rain date, so bring an umbrella if the weather looks rainy that day.

**19 May 2024 at 10AM**, we will observe what’s often called “*an instructed Eucharist*,” it’s the same liturgy, and of the same duration as any other, using a leaflet that I think you will find interesting and helpful. Please be certain to be there.

**26 May 2024**, we commence the Summer schedule of worship, having one Sunday liturgy at 9:30AM.

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I have never had any doubt that the Holy Spirit was alive and well in Christ Church, but the month of April solidified that belief. Truly, this parish believes in its mission to serve God and each other in everything we do.

Here are the highlights of April in my view:

- The Mortgage has been paid off at a speed that caught everyone off guard.
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- The survey conducted by the Search Committee had unprecedented response and showed this parish to be in a perfect position to grow. (On the following pages, you’ll see graphs prepared by Jennifer Leach, Search Committee Chair)
  - The Vestry and Search Committee met together on April 14 in order to support, collaborate and review the process as we prepare to submit our Call to the Office of Transition Management. Many parishes who do not have this mutual support face a greater chance of a failed search.

- Dan and Marguerite Staroneck, Sue Schafer, Ben Riley, Carol Conrad and I met with Joanne Fisher, Youth Commissioner for the Diocese of Easton in order to determine our path forward in formation programs for all children of our parish. (We will very much miss Jane Ford!) We are looking at best practices from other successful youth programs, and looking for creative ways to engage our youth and families in programs that recognize the challenges parents face in these times.
  - The Vestry voted to change Lindy Coltharp's title to Hospitality Ministry Coordinator in recognition of the valuable ministry that Lindy and our Soup Group provide to our parish and our community.
  - The Vestry Minutes will now be posted on our website. This will bring another level of transparency to our parish, potential candidates and visitors.
  - The Vestry and Finance Committee approved some upgrades to the sound and video system that will add an additional camera, better sound and a Narthex TV that will run announcements.
- April has been a busy, productive and positive month. Father Frank and I are praying that May will bring us additional financial prosperity as our generous parishioners transition their remaining mortgage gift plans to the Operating Account and Capital Improvement Funds. As we approach Pentecost, I know the Holy Spirit will continue to soar through this community of faith and light our hearts on fire with love.

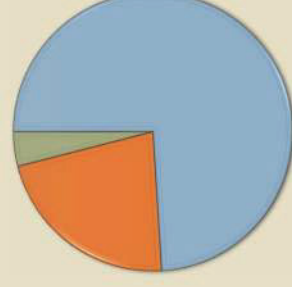
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## Christ Church Parish Kent Island

### *A summary of the interpretation of our Parish Survey*

- The Key Indicators point to high levels of satisfaction and energy at CCPKI.
- The Top Priorities are shared by all age groups as well as long-standing and new members
- We are a hospitable parish that welcomes and values differences in theological perspectives.
- There were no significant internal issues identified.

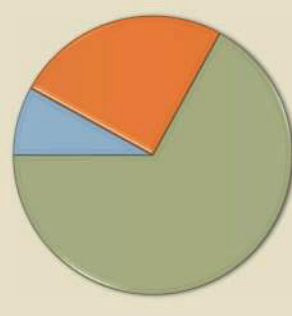
### Satisfaction (High)



Clearly Agree - On the Fence  
Clearly Disagree

*Overall, I am satisfied with how things are in our Church.*

### Energy (High)



Clearly Agree - On the Fence  
Clearly Disagree

*It seems to me that we are just going through the motions of church activity. There isn't much excitement about it among our members.*

## Drivers of Satisfaction



EXCEPTIONAL  
WORSHIP



FLEXIBILITY



TRUST IN  
LEADERSHIP

## Drivers of Energy



QUALITY  
WORSHIP



HOSPITALITY



TRUST IN  
LEADERSHIP

## Top 3 Priorities

1

### GROWTH

Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.

2

### GROWTH

Develop & implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.

3

### EDUCATION

Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.

High  
Satisfaction



High  
Energy

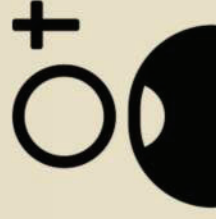


Transformational  
Parish


*Focus on strategic planning*

## Who is our next Rector?

- A **bridge builder**, able to connect people with differing views.
- Helps people **feel valued and loved**.
- Able to lead the parish toward the **realization of our vision**.
- A **creative** and mindful agent of change.
- Increases **spiritual vitality** of the parish by combining activity with prayer.
- Develops **educational programming** that suits a wide variety of schedules.



# Christ Church Calendar ~ May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting	2 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	3 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 AI-Anon Meeting	4 2:00 AA Meeting
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Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday





## 2024 First Quarter Financial Highlights

### Generous Offerings

The Christ Church family has been very generous in the first quarter of 2024. General Offerings were 23% more than expected at this point. Contributions to the Mortgage Fund were twice the amount expected and have resulted in reducing the mortgage balance to \$74,600 at the end of the quarter. Many families made special contributions towards the replacement of the Shand Hall roof; these robust donations enable Christ Church and her ministries to shine. **Thank you so very much!**

### Pressure on Expenses

Maintenance and repair costs for our aging facilities continue to put pressure on our expense budgets, and we are spending somewhat more than anticipated on administrative supplies and services. On the other hand, personnel costs have been less than anticipated while we enjoy the services of our Interim Rector. Overall, expenses have been within our budget.

### Mortgage Progress

**Many thanks** for the sustained, dedicated parishioner commitment to eliminating our mortgage debt! We have reduced the balance of our loan during the first quarter by more than \$34,000 to \$74,600. We maintained about \$53,000 in our Mortgage Fund, so at the end of the quarter, we needed donations of approximately \$21,600 to completely pay off the mortgage loan!! Since the time of this report's publication, the payoff amount has continued to decline, and we anticipate that the mortgage will soon be paid off!

Once the mortgage is paid off, we will no longer be asked to donate money to retire the mortgage debt. While this is welcome news, to be sure, it is also a terrific opportunity to fund the ministries of Christ Church more fully by shifting our planned mortgage donations to the Operating Fund. It is essential to increase our traditional level of operating funds, so that we can reduce our reliance on endowments to fund our ministries and facility maintenance needs. Thank you in advance for your continued understanding and generosity.

## 2024 FUND PERFORMANCE (as of 3-31-2024)

OPERATING FUND	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
<b>Revenues</b>			
General Offerings	\$65,625	\$80,953	\$15,328
Building Use	\$9,861	\$9,085	(\$776)
Fund Raisers	\$16,500	\$19,111	\$2,611
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,562	\$1,351	(\$212)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$93,548</b>	<b>\$110,500</b>	<b>\$16,951</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	\$49,266	\$31,367	\$17,898
Facilities	\$28,924	\$36,251	(\$7,327)
Parish Life	\$19,185	\$18,789	\$395
Administration	\$11,278	\$13,588	(\$2,310)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$108,652</b>	<b>\$99,996</b>	<b>\$8,656</b>
<b>Revenue Minus Expenses (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$15,104)</b>	<b>\$10,504</b>	<b>(\$4,599)</b>
<b>MORTGAGE FUND</b>			
Offerings	\$22,708	\$43,645	\$20,937
Outstanding Mortgage Loan		\$74,600	

### Financial Statement Notes

**General Offerings** include contributions, plate collections, special offerings and memorial gifts. Some memorial gifts are restricted and may not be used for budgeted expenses.

**Building Use** includes rental of our building facilities and kitchen to Living Water Lutheran Church, Christ Church Episcopal Day School and to individuals and organizations for weddings and special events.

**Fund Raisers** include such events as Plant Sales and Soup Sales.

**Personnel expenses** include the salaries, benefits, educational and travel expenses for our Rector, Minister of Music, Sexton, Nursery staff, and Parish Administrator.

**Facilities** includes all expenses associated with maintaining the "home of our ministries" (including our rectory, the home of our rector), such as utilities, repairs, grass cutting, snow plowing and property/liability insurance.

**Parish Life** includes expenses to support outreach ministries, including programs for the homeless and hungry in our community, as well as our contribution to the Diocese for the work of the Episcopal Church. Our worship programs, including the altar guild and music ministry are also funded here.

## CECDS Newsletter Article May 2024

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> CECDS is graduating our 52<sup>nd</sup> class! Our graduates know how to be kind to others; respect themselves, their peers and their elders; ask for help when needed; share their gifts with others and embrace those who are like them and those who are different. They began at CECDS as toddlers and are leaving as confident, curious, and caring children willing and ready for the next step. We are so proud of them!



This month we look forward to our Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic at Camp Wright. The fun starts with a tractor ride and ends with a Bear Hunt and so much in between. Such a great way to end our school year!

The Pre-K will enjoy the annual field trip to Matapeake Elementary to visit Kindergarten. We will explore the playground, cafeteria, gym and media center. It's fun to note the similarities and differences between Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Grandparents Day was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. Our children loved showing their grandparents what they do in school- decorating picture frames, experimenting with magnets, creating with playdough, blowing bubbles, dancing to music and enjoying Father Frank's Family Chapel.

We cannot end the year without a Big thank you to our PTO! The PTO continues to support the school, staff and children with fundraising and enhanced activities this year. We so appreciate all you have done.

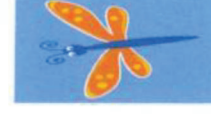
Mark your calendars for May 4<sup>th</sup> to join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **FUND THE FUN** fundraising event at Ten Eyck Brewing Company in support of Christ Episcopal Church Day School's scholarship and enrichment programs! Rain date: May 11, 2024, 12-4PM

- Silent auction of themed baskets
- 50/50 raffle, door prizes
- Class mascot raffle drawing
- Face painting, bounce house, field day games
- Alumni group photo
- Fun-O-Kake food truck, Ten Eyck's food truck, pizza, baked goods

All are welcome to this family friendly event! CECDS alumni of all ages - we would love to see you! —

**May 4, 2024  
12-4PM**

**Ten Eyck Brewing Company  
205 Grange Hall Rd  
Queenstown, MD 21658**



**Christ Episcopal Church Day School**

KENT ISLAND'S ORIGINAL PRESCHOOL

*EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH 2024*



*EASTER EGG AT CHRIST CHURCH 2024*



*Chesapeake Bay Community Band  
Free Concert 2024*



# Announcements

**Confirmation/Reception**—For anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, classes will be held on Sunday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>** after the last service. Bishop's visitation will be on **June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**. Please contact the parish office for more information 410-643-5921 or [office@ccpki.org](mailto:office@ccpki.org) or speak to Fr. Frank directly.

**First Communion** for those in Lindy Coltharp's class will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am service.

**Summer Worship Schedule**—Begins May 26<sup>TH</sup>. Join us at 9:30AM in person or online.

**BROAD CREEK CEMETERY NEWS**—You are invited to join the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee at the consecration of the columbarium on May 9, 2024 at 11:00 am.

In addition to our Interim Rector, Father Frank Crumbaugh, we anticipate Bishop Bud Shand and Father Mark Delcuze to attend. Mrs. Marilyn Hargrave, the mother of Patricia Spinella, will be interred during the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

If you would like further information on the columbarium, please contact Charlie Schwan (443) 262-1074.



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## Easter tide 2024

....*somebody had to be last*....  
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It's funny how the mind and heart work... what leads to what, and how things are connected in thought and prayer... it's seamless but not always logical. Not long ago, I was contemplating how we know when things begin and when they end. A useful framework when discovering when things begin and when things end is to determine who's first and who's last.

Someone has to be first. Someone has to be last. With such distinctions we draw the boundaries of processes and events and periods of time. We understand an individual event like a footprint, both as the event itself elapses and in total, by the one who finishes first and the one who finishes last. We understand class rank by discovering who has generated the most accomplished record, and whose record sparkles the least. We understand a fundamental change in the human experience when we mark the firsts or lasts like the first person to eat an oyster, the first person to fire pottery, the last linen-covered bi-plane, the last incandescent light bulb, the last steam locomotive, and so forth. Personal vital statistics make records of when and where individual births and deaths occur – lifetimes captured on small government forms. Until we know when/how something began and when/how it ended, we have little sense of what it means or how to value it. So we mark the day/time/place that we understand to be a beginning and we note the same markers at the end. The great sweep of life around us makes more sense with first and last.

**Florence Li Tim Oi** was the first woman ordained an Anglican priest. Someone had to be. **Roger Bannister** was the first human being recorded as having run a mile in under 4 minutes. Someone had to be. **Charles Lindbergh** was the first aviator to solo non-stop New York-Paris, and **Yuri Gagarin** was the first human being to travel in space. Someone had to be. **Junko Tabei** was the first woman to climb the Seven Summits. **Jacques Piccard** and **Don Walsh** were the first to reach the Challenger Deep. Someone had to be. **Robert M. Losey** was the first American killed in World War II, and **Darwin Judge** and **Charles MacMahon** were the last Americans killed in Viet Nam. Someone had to be.

None of these human events is small. Each marks a tender boundary with the addition of a human face.

That last item – the last person to die in a war – was where my heart stopped wandering and my prayers re-focused. When it occurs, we don't know that the victim *is* the last person killed. When they die they're just the next – the latest – person claimed by the conflict. Later however, when the shooting has stopped, we take stock and realize who the last person to die was. That's sobering. Anyone who has seen the violence of war abhors it, and the ones I know who have seen it would gladly give their life as the last one killed if they had faith that the fighting really would stop when they died. The staggering sacrifice marked by any human death in war seems magnified by the pathos of knowing it was the last. Someone had to be the one by whom the boundary was set – someone had to be last.

Jesus is the last man to die in our war with death. Someone had to be, and God willed that it should be His Son. Someone had to be the last one who faced death as all preceding humanity had – having only faith, without demonstrated proof – of Resurrection. Someone had to be that last person. Some might say that having been resurrected, (and having made some intimations of resurrection) the evidence suggests that Jesus didn't die. Oh, no. He really did die; that's the whole point. If He hadn't really died, the Resurrection wouldn't really be Resurrection. If one is not dead one cannot be raised. It would be no more than sideshow sleight-of-hand... a cosmic parlor trick. Jesus was a casualty in the war with death – the last casualty. As with any other such last wartime death, there is a particular poignancy and pathos that the last casualty in the war with death was God's Son. Someone had to declare of death by His own death “*it is finished*.” That someone is Jesus.

Having set one boundary as the last person to die, Jesus sets another boundary, this time as the first. Someone had to be first, and in the case of the war with death it had to be Jesus. If Jesus were not the first one raised, He would not, by definition, have been the last one to die. The only way we know who the last one was is to see who the first raised is... adds vivid clarity to “*the last shall be first*” doesn't it?

Lazarus notwithstanding, Jesus is the first person to be Resurrected. Being fully human as well as fully divine, Jesus is the last person to die crying out, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me*” in order to be that He might be the first person ever described as: “*He is not here, but has Risen!*” Paul understands the universal, had-to-be-last-so-He-could-be-first nature of The Cross and The Empty Tomb when he writes to Rome: “*The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.*” Resurrected, Jesus is “*the beginning, the*

*firstborn from the dead*" and what happens to Jesus personally happens now for us all, forever. His Resurrection provides to each his/her own resurrection - "we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Jesus sets the endpoint on death with His death. Jesus sets the starting point on eternal life by being raised.

I am grateful to all souls who gave themselves as the last in any conflict, setting that boundary. I am more grateful than my words can say that Jesus was the last to die in the fight with death, setting the ultimate boundary. He is risen, and that means that you and I can be too.... it gives true depth to the phrase, "Thank you, Jesus!"

For all that has been, **Thanks**. For all that will be, **Yes**.

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## **A Word from Our Sr. Warden**

The 156<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, online and in person at Washington College in Chestertown and was hosted by Emmanuel Church. Charlie Mead, Warren Prender and I attended as representatives of Christ Church. The online portion consisted of various reports and voting on several proposals as well as approval of the annual budget. The in-person portion included the Bishop's annual address with three presentations of churches who have experienced "resurrection" and renewal. Christ Church was one of the three and this provided an excellent opportunity to showcase how far we have come in the past 11 years. The Iona Collective and the Bishop's Institute presented programs showcasing their many educational opportunities within the Diocese. It was very eye opening to see all of the ways our Diocese is working to provide initiatives in new ministries such as Spanish language worship and services, ESL programs, new clergy, and training for lay ministers in serving and teaching. The entire convention and presentations are available at [Dioceseofeaston.org](http://Dioceseofeaston.org).

On March 13, a delegation from the Diocese, known as a Listening Committee visited Christ Church to discuss our nonpayment of our full apportionment. (In 2024, we are paying 50% of the apportionment assigned to us.) This was a congenial and collaborative meeting between the delegation and representatives of Christ Church. The Listening Committee congratulated and praised CCPKI for all of the work we have done on our finances and mortgage over the past ten years. They also expressed how much they relied on our support as one of the two largest churches in the diocese to continue and enhance their ability to provide services to all member churches such as educational and youth programs, providing services to the needy, and basic maintenance for the Cathedral and Diocesan held buildings.

For those not familiar with this, an apportionment is the contribution that a church makes to the Diocese annually. It is a defined percentage based on donations received and other income (rentals, sales, etc.). All churches within a diocese contribute an apportionment to their diocese to provide funds for programs and ministries as well as the everyday costs of maintaining the diocese and its buildings, and personnel. In turn, the diocese provides a portion of these funds to the work of the national Episcopal Church.

Also in March, John Dragone, the Lay Canon to the Ordinary, met with Father Frank and I, and then met with the Search Committee to offer his support in the process of calling a new Rector. The Canon to the Ordinary is the primary contact for our parish to review and post our official call and parish profile. He also receives, and with the Bishop, screens responding candidates as to background, experience, and fit to our call. John was very informative and will be an integral partner with Christ Church in our search for the right fit for our parish.

We have had a very busy month! And, as always, our parish has stepped up in all areas, from funding a new roof for Shand Hall, to serving our neighbors. As we look forward, I am convinced that we are indeed blessed and that we will continue to bless all those whom we serve!

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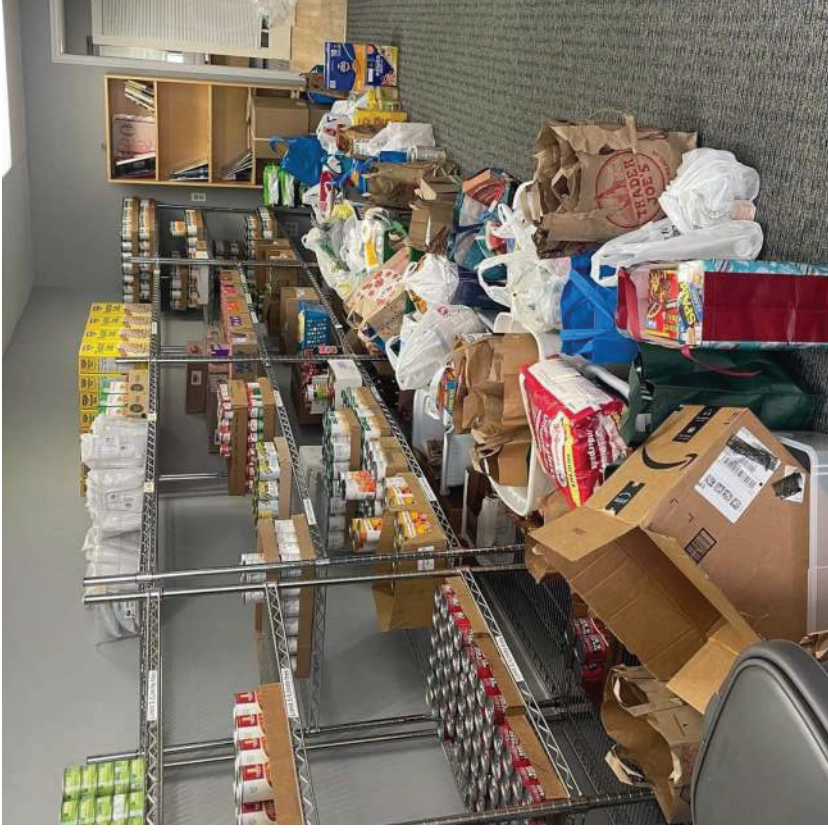
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Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



## Shand Hall Roof Project

*Thank you* to everyone who donated to help pay for a new roof for Shand Hall. The roofers were busy working to tackle the project but the weather did not want to cooperate with rain followed by high winds, making the job take a little longer than anticipated. But it looks FANTASTIC!!



## HAVEN MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

Haven Ministries asked Christ Church to hold a food drive and you answered with a big YES!!! (see photo on next page)

Thank you to all who donated. The response was wonderful. And thank you to all those who helped load and unload at the pantry. (see photo)

Last Sunday as I shared my appreciation for your support of the recent Haven Ministries Food Drive, I was overcome with emotion while speaking and had to end before finishing the story.

So as Paul Harvey would say, "Now for the rest of the story". Food from the Food Pantry helps feed 750+ people every month. I'm there nearly every day and see the faces of and hear the grateful thanks of the guests. I hope all of you are very proud of yourselves and our church- the generosity and kindness is overwhelming; not just for our food drive but every week! Thank you-

Wishing everyone Easter blessings!

Susie Reckord



## 2nd Quarter Serving Chart-Master Sheet

LEM		Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
<b>4/7/2024</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM	Liza Hamill	Betsy Sipes Jeffrey Pike	Cathy Smith	Maria Jones	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder		
<b>White</b>	10AM	Lisa Herlthy	Cheryl Valentine	Dan Starsonneck	Landon Rosekrans Avery Miller Samuel Radley-Taylor	Anna Sisson	Connie Clark	
<b>4/14/2024</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM	Charlie Mead	Maria Jones Cathy Smith	Marguerite Starsonneck	Eric Hummel Linette Hummel	Donna Guilford, Maria Jones, Becky Myers		
<b>White</b>	10AM	Juanita Dombkowski	Leona Parker	John Reckord	Izzy Slavin Vivian Dorsey Samuel Radley-Taylor	Dottie Wilson	Mary Lu Prender Toinette McDowell	Bill Vanderbok
<b>4/21/2024</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM	Jeff Pike	Lois Vanderbok	Lois Vanderbok	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Eileen Shreve, Carole Tulip			
<b>White</b>	10AM	Charlie Mead Patti Snyder	Liza Hamill	Ron McCready	Katie Schaefer Emily Schaefer Reagan Hohman	Judy Peppel	Caroline Aland Susie Reckord	Dottie Wilson
<b>4/28/2024</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM	Lois Vanderbok	Cathy Smith Maria Jones	Cathy Smith	Cathy Smith	Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Nancy Link, Julia Bollinger		
<b>White</b>	10AM	Leslie Schneider Bob Rosekrans	David Lee Pat Spinella	Warren Prender	Landon Rosekrans Avery Miller Izzy Slavin	Leslie Schneider Liza Hamill	Molly Cannon Bob Thompson	Liza Hamill
<b>5/5/2024</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM	Patti Snyder	Jeffrey Pike Betsy Sipes	Lois Vanderbok	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
<b>White</b>	10AM	Lois Vanderbok Keith Fulmer	Jennifer Leach Carole Katrinic	Bob Rosekrans Charlie Mead	Katie Schaefer	Anna Sisson Judy Peppel	Connie Clark Becky Myers	Steve Dombkowski



# FAMILY DINNER & FREE CONCERT

Join us for Family Dinner  
and a FREE Concert by the  
Chesapeake Bay Community Band

**APRIL 7, 2024**

**5:30 PM DINNER**

**&**

**7:00 PM CONCERT**



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- ✝ Growing in Faith
- ✝ Giving in Community

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*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton*

*“.... it depends on faith....”*

*“For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”*

Paul lays out a brief that is clear and easy to understand. Paul writes Romans (his only letter to people he had not met previously) putting forward the case that faith is the only legitimate access to God. Paul is doing theology. He is making the distinction between all other standards, avenues, or qualifications for a relationship with God, and **faith**. He claims that it is faith and **faith alone** - not ancestry, good looks, natural brilliance, or Pharisaic observance - that brings a human being into closer relationship with God. Faith alone. Hearing Paul's assertive “Roman voice,” we better understand why Dr. Luther loved Paul so much.

Paul does not engage the simplest, utterly self-evident argument: when Abraham made covenant with God, there were no Jews and there were no written Hebrew scriptures (*we're not entirely certain that, among the Semitic languages, Hebrew had even fully coalesced*). There was not yet any community of faith that operated as a context for Abraham's relationship with God. When Abraham's relationship with God began, Abraham's son Isaac had not been born, and so of course neither had his grandson Jacob/Israel.... and Ramses II, the Red Sea, the Exodus, Moses and the Ten Commandments were still *well* into the future.

Paul instead engages the theological argument. Paul wants to describe the features, the goods of the relationship - the particular features of the relationship that give evidence of how we know what we know about any relationship. We do this with our friends, our partners, our families - we check to see what it is that binds us together. We certainly do this as we assess our relationship with God, and so does Paul. The goods of Abraham's relationship with God as Paul sees them are God's faithfulness and Abraham's trust. When we look at faith and faith alone as the beginning of relationship with God, we see what Abraham sees; Abraham sees God's faithfulness and Abraham feels the impulse of his own trust in the promises God makes. How would you describe your relationship with God? What are the features, the goods of the relationship?

For example, if God is a scorekeeper, we delude ourselves into racking-up “good-points” against an inevitable tally of errors, hoping to lose by a narrower margin. We spend a lifetime playing defense against God. If God is a cosmic

sugar daddy, the Cross is nonsense. We spend a lifetime as barely faithful, vacuous airheads, believing that ‘*all dogs go to Heaven*’.... our choices being without consequence because we’re just so doggoned nice.... making God a thin veil - nothing more really than a reflection of our ego-driven unfettered personal autonomy. If God is angry, it doesn’t make much difference anyway, and we live our lives trying to keep our heads down, staying well out of His way. We spend a lifetime avoiding God. If God is a borderline personality, we feel Him draw us close, only to distance us and control us by keeping us off balance. We spend a lifetime protecting ourselves from a capricious, unstable, dangerous God.

Any of this look/sound/feel familiar? The greatest step of faith is the first one - the step that believes there is a God with whom it is possible to have a relationship. Once *that* step is made, the rest is the unfolding of the features, the goods, of your relationship with God.

Paul encourages the Roman church to understand that it is a community of faithful people that God is building one faithful heart at a time. We are the Church. No question. The Church is a community of faith. No question. In Romans 4, Paul points to Abraham and demonstrates that the community of faith, the Church, springs from the faith of individual people before that faith ever grows through the nurture of the community. The Church grows “*soul by soul, and silently, (and) her shining bounds increase.*”

It is undeniably true that the Church is a community where our faith can be awakened, and strengthened, and grown. No one could legitimately state otherwise. It also is undeniably true that the faith of the Church lives only as vibrantly as the faith of her individual members. There is a lovely, essential symbiosis between the believer and the Church; it is the faith of the believer that sustains the Church which in turn sustains the faith of the believer. We are given to each other as the Church to support and encourage one another to “grow up into the full stature of Christ.”

Lent invites us to examine our relationship with God, and the faith that gives that relationship roots. Lent invites us as well to steep and deepen in covenant with God, just as Abraham did - *by faith*.

For all that has been, ***Thanks***. For all that will be, ***Yes***.

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Romans 4:13-17 NRSV

...a critical issue in the conversations between Abraham and God...

Cecil Spring-Rice. *Urbs Dei*. 1908

Ephesians 4:13 NRSV

## A Word from Our Sr. Warden

During the Fall of 2023, the Stewardship Committee organized three small group sessions to ask questions, and receive feedback in order to assist in planning budgets, goals and ministries of Christ Church. The three sessions were well attended and the Stewardship Committee received many great ideas and some criticism, it was immensely helpful in the formation of our budget for 2024 and plans for a new ministry in the area of Pastoral Care. However, the total attendance was thirty-five people, not the recommended number of average Sunday attendance which is generally thought to be the standard for a true and comprehensive survey of a parish.

And so it is that in this newsletter, you will find a call from our Search Committee to respond to a Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) provided by a third party. This online, or on paper, survey will allow every adult and teen in the parish to answer targeted questions anonymously, efficiently, and in their own time. It will provide the Search Committee with the most comprehensive possible data on which to base our call to a new Rector.

The paperwork involved in submitting our call to the Office of Transition Ministry is extensive and gives us one chance to state who we are, where we are going and who we want to lead us. It is the only documentation that an interested candidate will see. If the Parish Profile and Call are not clear and reflective of Christ Church, we will spend a great deal of time weeding through candidates who may not be a good fit for our parish, or miss the candidate who could be a perfect fit.

Friends, Father Frank and I urge you to update your email address with the office here at Christ Church and to add any teenaged child who may be willing to respond (we need to hear the voice of our youth as well as our adults) so that our database is accurate. If email is not an option, you can request a paper copy that can be mailed in to be added to the survey.

Let's all respond quickly, thoughtfully and faithfully to this survey so that we can hear and acknowledge all voices, plan for the future and have our call answered. I know that God's grace is with us as we undertake this exercise as it is always in the life of our church family.

## Vestry Notes

Jennifer Leach was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Search Committee

The financial portion of the Parochial report was approved.  
This report is sent to the national church offices for analysis as to the health of the body of the Church

**Lois Vanderbok**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	W
<p>3</p> <p>8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service <b>5:30 Family Dinner</b> 7:00 Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 1:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>5:00 Eveni</b> 7:30 AA Me</p>
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<p>24 <b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>5:00 Eveni</b> 7:30 AA Me</p>
<p>31 <b>EASTER</b></p> <p><b>6:30 Sunrise Service</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service</p>			

**alendar ~ March 2024**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
		1 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 AI-Anon Meeting	2 2:00 AA Meeting
Evening Prayer Meeting	7 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	8 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 AI-Anon Meeting	9 2:00 AA Meeting
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As part of our search process for a new Rector, we recently engaged HolyCow! Consulting to prepare a survey for the members of our parish. This survey will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. The survey tool we'll use is the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), which will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at Christ Church Parish Kent Island and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

If you have provided us with a current email address you will receive a unique web link to complete the assessment online. If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The survey will open on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and close 3 weeks later on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** If there is only one email address for all members of your household, it may be tempting to have one person take the survey on behalf of the family. However, *please be sure your spouse and all young adults living in your home have an opportunity to complete the survey.* INDIVIDUAL INPUT is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences.

Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions. This will take about 30 minutes. All survey responses are strictly anonymous.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregational assessment and for adding your voice to the search for our new Rector at Christ Church Parish Kent Island. Contact Jennifer Leach, Search Committee Chair at [searchcommittee@ccpki.org](mailto:searchcommittee@ccpki.org) or 443-695-5759

## Queen Anne's Chorale Presents the *Choral Classics* -Accompanied by String Quintet

The days are definitely getting longer, and the chance of snow is getting less. It must be SPRING in DelMarVa. Queen Anne's Chorale, accompanied by a string quintet, presents a program of choral masterworks with selections by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and more!

Centreville Methodist Church will once again host the concerts on the weekend of April 20th at 7pm and April 21st at 3pm. The theme is *Chorale Classics* and this concert will feature stunningly beautiful music, with a few fun selections added to delight the audience. Each concert includes the Select Ensemble, a traditional audience sing-along, and other special music. Following the concert, singers will greet audience members during a light reception.

Tickets will be available online on February 23 at [www.qachorale.org](http://www.qachorale.org) and are:

Adults: \$25.00  
Students (ages 13-17): \$15.00  
Children (12 and under): Free.

Tickets are limited so please, do not hesitate to reserve a spot. There are also always opportunities to support to QAC with donations or sponsorships. For more information visit [www.qachorale.org](http://www.qachorale.org).

Queen Anne's Chorale is an all-volunteer, non-auditioned community chorus with the motto "Entertaining, Engaging, Educating since 1989". The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We always welcome new singers!

Queen Anne's Chorale is supported in part through grants from the United Way of Queen Anne's County, the Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, and the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

<b>2024 1st Quarter</b>				
		<b>LEM</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>3/3/2024</b>	8AM		Maria Jones	Cathy Smith
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>		Patti Snyder	Lois Vanderbok	Lois Vanderbok
<b>Lent 3B</b>	10AM	Lisa Herlihy		Bernie Gast
<b>Purple</b>		Patrick Herlihy	Helen Vansant Charlie Mead	John Reckord
<b>3/10/2024</b>	8AM	Jim Lipsner	Liza Hamill	Maria Jones
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>			Betsy Sipes	Cathy Smith
<b>Lent 4B</b>				
	10AM	Bob Rosekrans	Patricia Spinella	David Lee
<b>Purple</b>		Leslie Schneider	David Lee	Susan Hogan
<b>3/17/2024</b>	8AM		Jeffry Pike	Lois Vanderbok
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>		Charlie Mead	Maria Jones	Maria Jones
<b>Lent 5B</b>	10AM			
<b>Purple</b>		Keith Fulmer	Dottie Wilson	Bernie Gast
		Juanita Dombkowski	Bob Thompson	Warren Prender
<b>3/24/2024</b>	8AM		Cathy Smith	Lois Vanderbok
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		Liza Hamill	Thom Hirsch	Maria Jones
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10AM			
<b>Dark Red</b>		Leslie Schneider	Beverly Cooper	Dan Starsonneck
		Lois Vanderbok	Becky Myers	Marguerite Starsonneck
<b>3/28/2024</b>	7PM			
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		Jeff Pike	Donna Guilford	Charlie Mead
<b>Dark Red</b>		Patti Snyder	Bob Thompson	Bernie Gast
<b>3/29/2024</b>	12PM	Juanita Dombkowski	Leona Parker	Charlie Schwan
<b>Good Friday</b>		Keith Fulmer	Mike Parker	Dan Starsonneck
<b>No Hangings</b>	7PM	Leslie Schneider	Jennifer Leach	Warren Prender
		Bob Rosekrans	David Lee	John Reckord
<b>3/31/2024</b>	8AM		Betsy Sipes	Maria Jones
<b>Easter</b>		Jeff Pike	Lois Vanderbok	Cathy Smith
<b>Easter Yr B</b>	10AM	Lisa Herlihy	Carolyn Aland	Ron McCready
		Patrick Herlihy	Jennifer Leach	Laurelle McCready

**Quarter Serving Chart**

Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
	Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith,			
Katie Schaefer	Nancy Link,	Leslie Schneider		
Emily Schaefer	Julia Bollinger	Liza Hamill	Charlie Mead	
Samuel Radley Taylor			Molly Cannon	Liza Hamill
Izzy Slavin	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes,			
Landon Rosekrans	Patti Snyder	Anna Sisson	Connie Clark	Dottie Wilson
Vivian Dorsey		Judy Peppel	Becky Myers	
Emily Schaefer	Donna Guilford, Maria Jones,			
Katie Schaefer	Becky Myers	Dottie Wilson	Mary Lu & Molly	Dottie Wilson
Avery Miller		Bob Thompson	Toinette McDowell	
Reagan Hohman	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken,			
Samuel Radley Taylor	Eileen Shreve, Carole Tulip	Judy Peppel	Caroline Aland	Dottie Wilson
Landon Rosekrans		Kate McNealey	Susie Reckord	
				Dottie Wilson
				Liza Hamill
Avery Miller	Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith,	Leslie Schneider	Molly Cannon	
Izzy Slavin	Nancy Link,	Liza Hamill	Mary Lu Prender	
			Charlie Mead	Dottie Wilson

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH - KENT ISLAND

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024



**PALM SUNDAY**

March 24th

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

March 28th

7:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

March 29th

Noon & 7:00 PM

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

March 31st

6:30 AM

**EASTER SERVICE**

March 31st

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM