

Part VI: Parish Ministries



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Christ Episcopal Church Day School

It is our philosophy at Christ Episcopal Church Day School (CECDS) to provide a nurturing environment where the development of the whole child is encouraged emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically, and spiritually. We promote activities that reinforce cooperative living and sharing as well as physical and cognitive development appropriate for preschool age children. It is our goal to enhance children's self-esteem while striving to allow each child to develop to his or her fullest potential academically and spiritually in a Christian atmosphere.

As early childhood educators, we know that children grow and develop at different rates. We provide activities for children to discover themselves in relation to God, to others, and to the world around them. We encourage creativity in children, which also means we are encouraging them to have fun and be adventurous, expressive, and sensitive.

We offer a variety of activities for creative exploration such as art, puppetry, cooking, music, dramatic play, nature, literature, and science. We know that children learn best by doing and, therefore, all of our activities include "hands-on" materials that allow children to discover and progress at their own rate of development.

In addition to small class sizes, involved families, and a caring atmosphere, we believe that the strength of our program is the dedication of our teaching staff. All of our teachers and assistants receive ongoing training in early childhood education and are CPR and First Aid certified.

Christ Episcopal Church Day School holds a certificate of approval from the Maryland State Board of Education and is a member in good standing of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Broad Creek Cemetery

Broad Creek Cemetery, located at 370 Romancoke Rd. Stevensville, MD 21666, is one of our most precious assets, situated on one of the earliest church sites and dating back to 1632. The cemetery has been lovingly restored and is open and available to all.



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Education for Ministry

Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education which supports their faith and teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, EFM has come to play an important role by providing a program that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity.

The EFM program is preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

Choral Internship

As part of our outreach to the community and a desire to further the study of sacred choral music, Christ Church offers a Choral Intern program to Juniors or Seniors in high school each school year.

The Choral Intern sings with the Parish Choir and is given opportunities to present solos, conduct the choir, and play the piano and organ, as appropriate. The Intern receives coaching from the Minister of Music and a small stipend at the completion of the program.

The intern will gain additional experience in choral singing and experience the rich world of sacred choral music.

- The intern will gain experience in sight-singing and section leadership.
- The intern will receive coaching from the Minister of Music.
- The intern will have opportunities to conduct and present solos.
- The intern will make connections within the local professional music community and enhance their résumé.



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Backpack Meals for Kids

The Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids program is an initiative in which churches throughout Queen Anne's County provide weekend food for children who are most at risk of not having enough to eat when school is not in session. Every elementary and middle school in the county has a Backpack program.

At Christ Church, we provide 170+ bags of food every week for children at three schools: Bayside Elementary, Kent Island Elementary and Sudlersville Middle School. Children in need are identified by the schools and are anonymous to us. Each week these children receive a bag of child-friendly, non-perishable food containing 2 breakfast items, 2 lunches, 2 snacks, 2 drinks and 2 fruit cups.

We meet on Thursday mornings at 8:30 to pack and deliver the food to the schools. Teachers place the food in each child's backpack. We love our volunteers, so please join us any time to see what we do and pitch in to help. We are almost always finished by about 9:15. During the summer, we work with the Migrant Program and the four Title I school summer programs.

Haven Ministries

Christ Church is one of the coalition of churches that supports Haven Ministries which provides shelter, food, and resources to needy and at risk residents of Queen Anne's County. Haven Ministries operates:

- Emergency Overnight Shelter from October through April
- Street Outreach Services year round
- A Food Pantry is open for Daily Food Distribution at Haven Ministries Headquarters in Queenstown, MD. Additional Pop-up Food Pantries will be held monthly in Sudlersville, MD.
- A Resource Center located at Haven Ministries Headquarters in Queenstown, MD that provides resume writing classes, Bible study, computer access and training, and other classes.
- Our Daily Thread, a thrift store on Thompson Creek Road that takes donations of clothing, shoes, toys and small household goods, and then sells them to help offset the cost of its operations or provides them to clients in need.



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Soup Group

The Soup Group began in 2012 when CCPKI started to host the Kent Island Farmer's Market and Lindy Coltharp made one pot of soup on Thursday morning. Since then, it has grown into a major production with Lindy leading about 15 volunteers to make 2 or 3 soups and 2 or 3 salads each week.

How It Works:

- The menu is decided by Monday night. Shopping and some food prep begins on Tuesday afternoons and evening. Late Tuesday Lindy sends an email to the volunteers describing the menu and the tasks for each day.
- On Wednesday morning Lindy sends an email to people on the pre-order list so they can place orders for the week. Full production begins on Wednesdays at noon and goes until 9 pm (or later, as needed) to make the soups and prepare as much as possible for the salads, which get finalized on Thursdays.
- We start at noon on Thursday to complete any soups and assemble the salads. The Pre-order Team, usually about 4 people, assemble the pre-orders for the day, which range between 70 and 120. Order pickup begins at 2:30 and ends at 5:30 pm. It takes about an hour after that to get everything cleaned up and put away. Any leftover soups and salads are packed for donation to those in need in the community.

Acolytes

Acolytes assist our clergy in Sunday Services and enhance the worship service to help glorify God. Acolytes are trained by an Adult Mentor to instill confidence in the role.



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Altar Guild

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for services, weddings, and special occasions. They are the loving hands that decorate for festive times such as Easter and Christmas by arranging flowers donated by the congregation. Tending the altar is a ministry of love to God and our Church.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers assist the clergy during the Eucharist, read the Psalm, and read the Prayers of the People. During the 2nd Semester of the senior year in high school, acolytes are offered the opportunity to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors read Scriptures at all services, including special services, such as Palm Sunday, Easter, and Christmas.

Ushers

The Ushers help the church service run smoothly, distribute the bulletins, assist people with special needs, make coffee before the 8 a.m. service, collect the offering, and direct the congregation during the Eucharist. After each service, Ushers clean up the church and straighten Prayer Books and Hymnals.

Food & Fellowship

Small groups meet monthly and share a meal in a home, a restaurant, or have a picnic. It is a great opportunity to meet people from church that you may not already know and get to know your church family better. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship; you do not have to be a gourmet cook to participate! Each group sets its own schedule and activity.

