

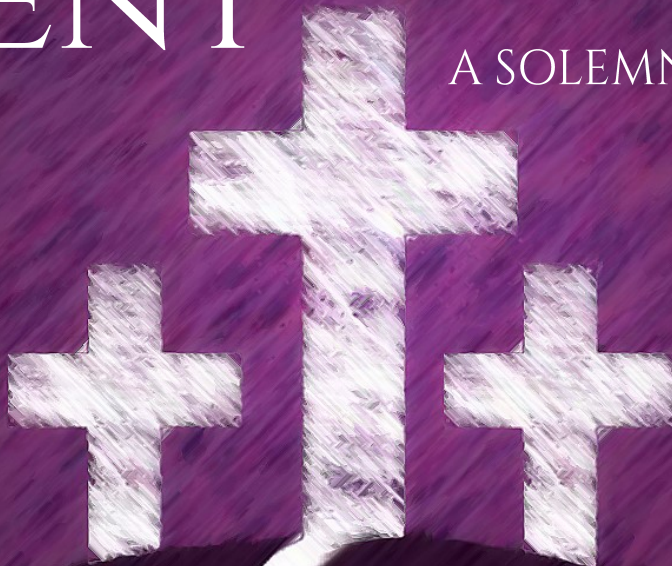


# Gathered Together

THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER

# LENT

A SOLEMN PATH



MARCH 2020

## LENT



We begin the solemn season of Lent - forty days and forty nights of a somber walk on a path littered with mirrors and thorns. It is littered with mirrors because we live accountable lives, and looking in the mirror - for good or bad - helps us to live those accountable lives. The Lenten journey is also littered with thorns; call it self-discipline. But like a rose flower with thorns all over the stem, to hold it is to be open to being pricked by one of those thorns.

A few days ago, we began our Lenten season with Ashes-To-Go and three wonderful Ash Wednesday services. The first person who came by the driveway for Ashes-To-Go was a gentleman who was on his way to work. He isn't a parishioner, but I am sure he may have read on our website that we are offering Ashes-To-Go on this morning. When I approached him and asked if he was interested in either worship service or in Ashes-To-Go, he asked me what time the service started. I responded that it begins at 7:00 a.m. His response was emphatic: "Ashes-To-Go, it is."

Lent comes from the medieval English word *Lente* - which means "springtime." Lent is, then, a springtime of devotion to spiritual exercises of self-discipline, fasting, and prayer. It is more like holding a rose flower - you feel the thorns prick your fingers, but you keep your eyes focused on the bigger prize of Easter.

In some cultures, there is a custom of giving a tenth of each year's income towards some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went alone into the wilderness, where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask, in one way or another, what it means to be themselves.



When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like, and what do you see in it that you most deplore? If you had only one last, twenty-five word message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would that message be? Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember? Is there any person in the world, or any cause that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for? If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

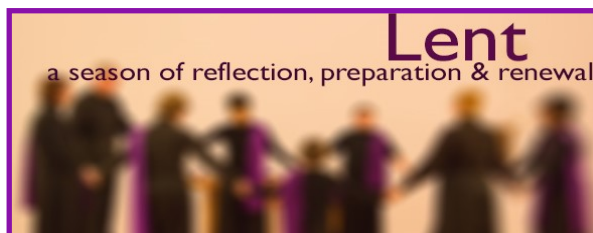
To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are, but also of what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing business, all in all, but these may not matter much if something like Easter is forty-something days away.

Lent lasts six weeks, and contemporary psychology suggests that the brain can be rewired in that amount of time. Lent, then, is an opportunity to change your life by practicing, for the duration of the season, something that you'd like to make a part of your permanent life moving forward.

I believe that inviting something life-giving and spiritually nourishing into your life leaves a little less room for the baggage that we wish we didn't have.

Come, let's walk on this most solemn path together.

*Manny.*



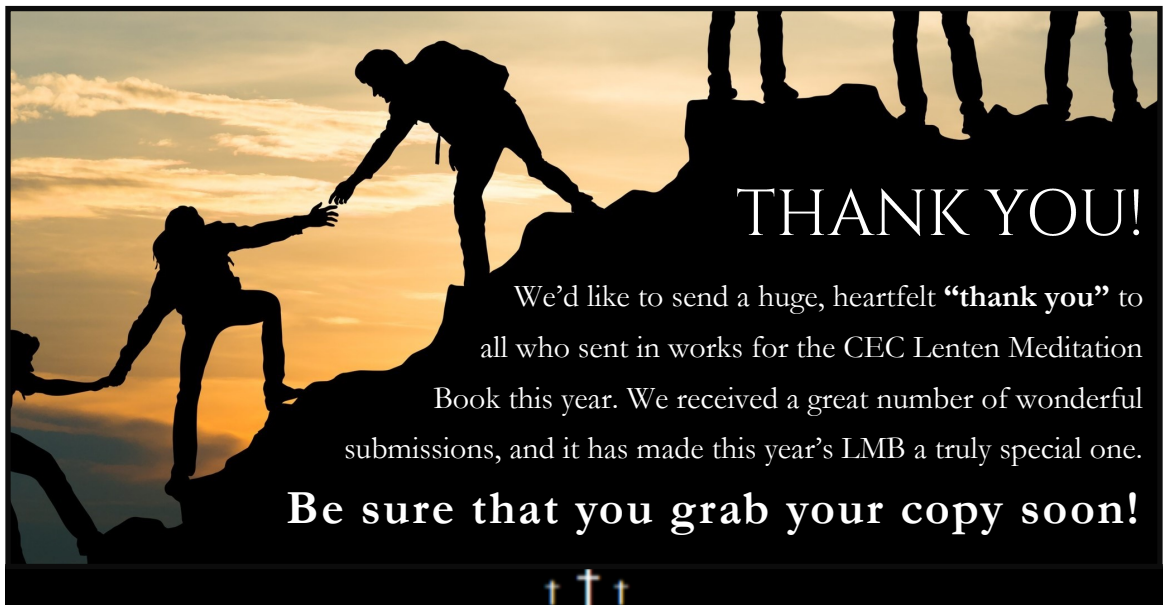
## WARDENS' MESSAGE

As we enter the season of Lent, please consider participating in the Wednesday evening Lenten Programs, which begin with a simple supper and conclude with Eucharist. Also, remember to pick up a Lenten Meditation Book in the narthex to assist in your personal devotions. Daily scripture readings and seasonal events are listed in the back.

At the February Vestry meeting, Tim Beatty and Sara Kirkpatrick, with Steve Alpern as alternate, were elected as lay representatives to the Diocesan Convention in May. Representatives can be from the parish at large, so consider whether you may be called to attend next year. The Diocese of Maryland will be hosting the national convention in 2021. Watch for volunteer opportunities with that.

Steve Alpern  
Sara Kirkpatrick  
Wardens

**You can find an outline of Christ Church's Lenten services, programs, and gatherings on our website: [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent)**



# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

## LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

An outline of the Lenten season services and gatherings is on the ***Lent at Christ Church*** page our website; you can find it by visiting [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent)

You can also pick up a copy of the 2020 Lenten Meditation Book, presented by the Christ Church Spiritual Life Commission, in the narthex while supplies last. Our LMB and [website](#) & [social media posts](#) are viewed by thousands of individuals worldwide during Lent, containing prayers, songs, stories, poems, personal reflections, as well as our parishioners' favorite inspirational pieces by writers or theologians.

As is our custom here at Christ Church, during the season of Lent we will celebrate Holy Eucharist using the Rite I liturgy from our Book of Common Prayer. We first use Rite I at the Eucharistic part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, and we return to Rite II at the Easter Vigil.

## LENTEN COMPLINE

Looking for an opportunity to deepen the spiritual practice of prayer and meditation? During this Season of Lent, Christ Church will be offering a Lenten Compline on March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd. Please join us in Old Brick for a quiet and contemplative time of prayer and reflection as we look towards the Passion and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## SOME DISCIPLINE SUGGESTIONS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON:

- Wear your name tag, or ask for one.
- Sit in a different section of the sanctuary.
- Introduce yourself to someone you do not recognize.

## BAPTISM

Christ Church is scheduled to have a Baptism on Easter Vigil - April 11th - at 7:00 p.m. All - individuals, or families with children - who are interested in being baptized at this service are invited to reach out to the [Church Office](#), or you can speak to, or email, [Fr. Manny](#).



## LITURGY AND WORSHIP (CONTINUED)

### CENTERING PRAYER - EVERY MONDAY

On Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Christ Church hosts a Centering Prayer gathering in Old Brick. This is a prayer method based on the intuitive prayer rooted in [Lectio Divina](#), silent worship that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer in which we experience the Divine's immanent presence with us. Centering Prayer is grounded in our relationship with God, through Christ, and is a practice to help nurture that relationship. We hope that you will come and be a part of this new gathering of reflection.

### HEALING EUCHARIST - EVERY THURSDAY

Christ Church now offers a noonday Eucharist each Thursday in Old Brick. Our Wednesdays will still host our Bible Study gathering, but Thursdays will now instead be the day of our weekday Eucharist. Please join us if you are able.

### PASTORAL NEWS FOR MARCH

Father Manny will be away the first week or so of March, so please welcome Canon Stuart Wright as he celebrates the Holy Eucharist at both Sunday services on March 8th. The Rev. Hector Rodriguez will provide pastoral presence during the entire week, and will also celebrate the Healing Eucharist on Thursday, March 5th. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the Church Office.

### A MINISTRY OF WELCOME: COFFEE HOUR AT CHRIST CHURCH

We are always looking for more people to host Coffee Hour, so [please contact the Church Office](#) if you're interested. On each normally-scheduled Sunday morning, one host is needed for the 8:00 service, and one person for the 10:30 service. The food is served in the Hospitality (Elevator) Room after each service. If you are the volunteer for that Coffee Hour, one large bottle of juice or lemonade should be brought, and some examples of store-bought food you can provide are: cookies, cakes (banana, pumpkin, pound), cheese & crackers, muffins (mini-sized; nut-free), mini bagels (or regular ones cut in half or quartered) and cream cheese, yogurt, or a selection of fresh fruit such as apples, grapes and strawberries that are washed and plated, or larger fruit items such as melons cut into bite-sized pieces. You can choose a selection of a couple different items, or feel free to keep it simple and bring just one type.





## THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPER SERIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Spiritual Life Commission invites everyone to an evening of great food, fellowship, and collective reflection. Each week during this popular series, we will host a clergy member as a presenter who gives their perspective on our 2020 theme - *“Arise, for the task is yours... take courage and do it.”*

**Week One: March 4th** - The Rev. Walter Earl Mullins

**Week Two: March 11th** - The Rev. Kirk Kubicek

**Week Three: March 18th** - The Right Rev. Robert W. Ilhoff

**Week Four: March 25th** - The Rev. Richard Ginnever

**Week Five: April 1st** - The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer

Every Wednesday evening begins with a potluck dinner from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., is followed by that week's clergy presentation at 7, and concludes with an informal Eucharist.

This event is held in the lower level of New Brick, and we hope that you'll join us each week for this exceptional series of fellowship, discussion, and prayer.





## BE A PART OF YOUR SUNDAY MORNING AT CHRIST CHURCH



### ***RING THE BELL IN OLD BRICK***

Have you heard the bell ring as you arrived for church? Or shortly before the service started?

Several parishioners are trained to ring the rather finicky bell in Old Brick belfry (it has its idiosyncrasies!) and ring the bell before either the 8 or 10:30 service. It not only alerts those in New Brick to the start of the service, but it's friendly note to the nearby neighborhoods that Christ Church is a welcoming community of faith. If you would like to serve as bell ringer, please contact our Parish Ministry Coordinator, [Yetti Lipede](#).

### ***GREETERS***

Greet people in the narthex, as they arrive for worship. In addition to being welcomed and given a service leaflet by the ushers, we are welcomed to New Brick by designated "Greeters." Greeters are parishioners who are especially on the lookout for visitors or those fairly new to Christ Church to welcome them and give them a chance to ask questions. Serving as a greeter either before or after the service is an easy way to learn the names of fellow parishioners and serve as an "ambassador" for the parish. Greeters serve either on a monthly rotation or ad hoc – arriving 15 minutes before the service or staying afterwards. Please contact Yetti if you would like to be scheduled for the ministry, or simply show up and "greet"! Being a greeter is a great way to put names and faces together, whether you have attended Christ Church for two months, or have done so for twenty-five years!

### ***HOST REFRESHMENTS***

We are in the full swing of Formation at Christ Church. As a result, we are using New Brick, Old Brick, and the Parish Hall for classes and activities. As a result, our refreshment time after each service has been modified. Coffee, tea, juice, and light refreshments will be served in Old Brick after the 8:00 service, where the Adult Forum will convene at 9:30. The refreshments will then move to the Hospitality Room (elevator room) in New Brick for serving after the 10:30 service. Parishioners are urged to sign up to provide light refreshments on a given Sunday, so please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex of New Brick to indicate which Sunday you wish to host. As volunteer for Coffee Hour, one large bottle of juice or lemonade should be brought, and some examples of store-bought food you can provide are: cookies, cakes (banana, pumpkin, pound), cheese & crackers, muffins (mini-sized; nut-free), mini bagels (or regular ones cut in half or quartered) and cream cheese, yogurt, or a selection of fresh fruit such as apples, grapes and strawberries that are washed and plated, or larger fruit items such as melons cut into bite-sized pieces. You can choose a selection of a couple different items, or feel free to keep it simple and bring just one type.

**Thank you very much for all of your contributions!**





## PARISH LIFE

### THIRD SUNDAY BRUNCH - MARCH 15TH

The March edition of our popular Third Sunday Brunch series is scheduled to be held at 12:30 p.m. on March 15th at the [Stanford Grill](#) - 8900 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, MD. It is our hope that as many of you will join us, as this gathering is meant to help us deepen our sense of community and help us get to know each other in a more social setting. Sign-up is located in the narthex.

### DIGITAL VOLUNTEERS: A NEW WAY TO LEND A HAND

Christ Church is looking to recruit Digital Volunteers. These volunteers would be dedicated to sharing on their Facebook page, events and articles that appear on the Christ Church Facebook and social media pages. You don't have to do any more than sharing information. [Please email Fr. Manny](#) to let him know that you are interested in being a Digital Volunteer, and to learn more.



### WOMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH NEWS FOR MARCH

Our monthly meetings are on the first Monday of each month in the Vestry room in LLNB, and the next one is March 2nd. This will be followed at 3:00 p.m. by a demonstration of our new organ by Adam Detzner, Christ Church's Director of Music. All the women of Christ Church over the age of 18 are already members of WOCC, so come to a meeting! The 2020 WOCC calendar of events is posted on the WOCC bulletin board in the narthex, and is also available [on our website's WOCC page](#). If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the members or officers: Suzanne Ziobro, president; Gail Braatelen, vice president; JoEmily Knox, secretary; Cathy Gold, treasurer; and Pamela Brown, chaplain.

### THERE ARE SOME CHRIST CHURCH SHIRTS LEFT. GET YOURS!

Show support for Christ Church! There are a few shirts left, and the cost per shirt is \$28 a piece. All proceeds will go towards reimbursing the church for the purchase. If you would like to get one for yourself or would like some more information, please let Duane Smith know either via phone: 410-992-4033 or email: [cduanesmith@verizon.net](mailto:cduanesmith@verizon.net). Checks should be made out to Christ Church.



Thank you to all of the Christ Church family,  
and especially the youth, who helped make this  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a great  
success! It was wonderful to see so many  
people join us.

## Parish Life in action!



# The Christ Episcopal Church Health Ministry

The mission of the CEC Health Ministry is to be a voice of wellness and fitness for the parish, and our vision is to improve the health needs of the Christ Church congregation.

The Health Ministry was started in November of last year, in order to serve the many individuals and families of Christ Church.

In December 2019, our first health and lifestyle activity was underway: a walking, cycling, and jogging group. We meet at 10 a.m. on Saturdays, and you can sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or email us at one of the addresses below. It's a great way to get some exercise, as well as meet other parishioners outside of church. As warmer weather comes our way, we're hoping to see many more of you joining us!



## YOUR JOURNEY TO BETTER HEALTH

Is One We Can Take Together



Another initiative has been our Adult Forum series, *Journey to Better Health*, which is in conjunction with the Howard County General Hospital Community Outreach Program. Through these gatherings, the Health Ministry offers health education classes on a variety of topics, from diabetes to chronic illness, as well as our *Lent and Wellness* series during the month of March.

Blood pressure screening will also begin on Sundays this month.



If you have any questions, or would like to join in or help out, please email or speak to:

Pauline Karikari-Martin, PhD, MPH, RN - [irakirak@hotmail.com](mailto:irakirak@hotmail.com)

Diane Phillips LaGuerre, RN, CCM - [big4clearview@gmail.com](mailto:big4clearview@gmail.com)

Ivy Amponsah - [ivyjashie@yahoo.com](mailto:ivyjashie@yahoo.com)





## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH



Happy 2020! Christ Church has begun the year with much enthusiasm and excitement about all the work we have done over the past several months to start a new journey. There have been changes to our Sunday mornings, but all of these changes are designed to meet the needs of every parishioner &/or visitor, young or old, who finds him or herself gathering on Sunday mornings at Christ Church. We hope to minister to all.

One of the changes we have made is to dedicate the Great Hall exclusively for Sunday School. All of the children and youth now gather in the Great Hall, share in worship and breakfast, and then head to their respective classrooms - the two, new classrooms which were developed and furnished for the middle and high school. Sunday School for children and youth will run from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 11:10 a.m. The children and youth will then join their parents at service during the peace. Children who are not old enough to join Sunday School are very much welcome to visit the nursery.

[Contact us](#) if you need nursery information.

### WORSHIP AT 9:30

One addition to current Sunday mornings at Christ Church is a worship opportunity for children, youth, and any parent who would like to pray and sing with their children. This is a simple service, complete with prayer and music. This worship service is held in the lower level of New Brick. All are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m., just prior to breakfast.

### BREAKFAST AT 9:45

We are continuing another of the new offerings from last fall, which is a continental breakfast for children and youth, and also for families who may want to share a breakfast meal with their children before Sunday School. The goal is to get children to initiate the building of a community by way of eating together. Just as Jesus invited his friends for breakfast after the resurrection, all are invited to join us in the Great Hall in New Brick each Sunday morning.

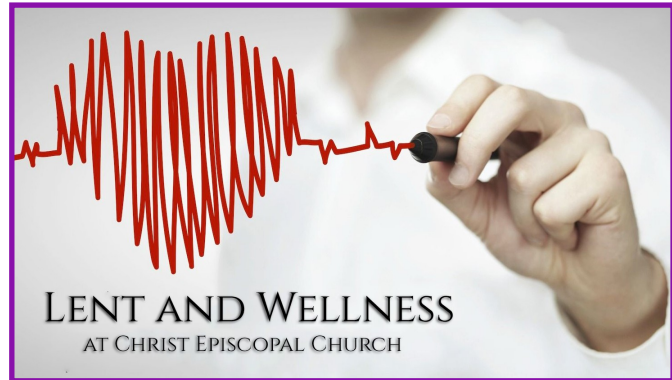




## ADULT FORMATION

### ADULT FORUM IN MARCH

In March, we begin the newest series in our *Journey to Better Health* program: **Lent and Wellness**. This takes place on each Sunday morning throughout March; during that time, we'll have health education gatherings, blood pressure screenings, and more. We are hoping to provide resources and information with the aim of helping all of us to live better, healthier lives. For more information about this program, email [Pauline Karikari-Martin](#), [Diane Phillips LaGuerre](#), or [Ivy Amponsah](#).



For a look ahead, you can grab a Spring Adult Forum tri-fold in the narthex, or view and/or print it from [our website's Adult Formation page](#).

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS

Please note that weekly Bible Study will **not** be held on Wednesday, March 4th, but it does resume on March 11th. It takes place on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Vestry Room, located on the lower level of New Brick. As a group, we are studying Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians. You don't have to know much about the Bible to join us, as we are all studying together.



### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Morning Bible Study is underway in March. As one of the longest running Bible study groups at Christ Church, we meet right after the 8:00 a.m. service in the conference room of the Parish Hall. We've started to discuss a new book, [\*Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives\*](#) by Wayne Muller. You can find both print and digital versions of this book at [major book retailers](#), so grab one and join us for this new discussion. All are always welcome.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

### YOUTH MINISTER POSITION

At the December Vestry Meeting, the Vestry voted to fund a new Youth Minister position. This is such an important milestone for our church. We met with the Diocesan Missioner for Youth not long ago and, with her input, some of our youths' parents are working on a job description for this new Youth Minister. Once these members of Christ Church have finalized this description we'll begin advertising this available position, with the hope of having a Youth Minister working with our youth in the coming year.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will have Sunday School classes each week in March and we hope you will join us!

As a reminder, the schedule is:

- **9:30 – 9:45 a.m.** – worship and singing
- **9:45 – 10:00 a.m.** – breakfast
- **10:00 – 11:10 a.m.** – Sunday School class
- **11:10 a.m.** – students join their families in church during the Peace

To assist your family this Lent, we have Lenten calendars! We hope you enjoy these daily devotions.



Sunday School students will be collecting change for Mite boxes this year, as well. The idea is to “give up” something for Lent and put the money you would spend on that treat into your Mite box. Each little bit (or Mite) then adds up, and students will be using the collected money to purchase farm animals for the Sabina Primary School in Uganda. You do not have to be a Sunday school student to participate! Please plan to return the boxes on Easter. Thanks!





## MISSION AND OUTREACH

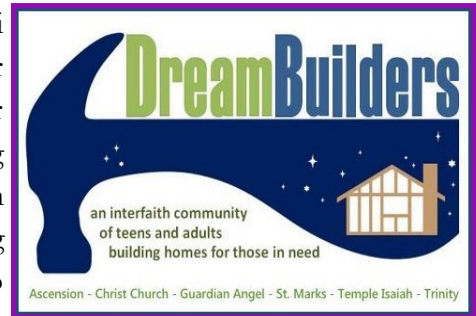
### SOMOS AMIGOS - MARCH 8TH

On Sunday, March 8th, Frank Brightwell, Director of [Somos Amigos Medical Missions](#), will join us at both services and Adult Forum for an update on the life-saving work of the clinic in the Dominican Republic. Somos Amigos is one of the international projects which you support through the Outreach Commission and individual donations. Come and hear about this inspiring health ministry.



### DREAMBUILDERS' UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, April 4th, from 5-8 p.m.:** Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction at Temple Isaiah - This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year, and we'll need your support to make it happen. Be sure to read upcoming Christ Church communications for information on donating items for the auction, scheduling of working shifts for the dinner, and selling tickets. Also be sure to visit DreamBuilders' site - [www.dreambuildersmd.org](http://www.dreambuildersmd.org) - for the latest updates.



### FOOD DONATIONS FOR FISH

Building on our successful food drives, we invite you to also bring non-perishable food each week to place in the basket in front of the altar. This food then goes to [FISH of Howard County](#). You are also invited to give grocery store gift cards, which Fr. Manny gives out to our neighbors-in-need. Those gift cards may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, or dropped off at the office.



## AND THE WINNER IS...



**Congratulations to Chuck Rees!** His chili was the winner at the Christ Church Chili Cook-off that was held in support of "Hotter than Thou," a countywide chili cook-off benefitting [Bridges to Housing Stability](#). We were joined by Bridges staff member Mary Ann Matthews, who spoke about its mission: helping to prevent homelessness and combat housing instability in Howard County.

The exciting news is that our chili cook-off raised \$1,000 in donations - a combination of \$586 in donations made at the cook-off and \$414 raised by the Christ Church Youth Group on "Souper Bowl" Sunday that they chose to contribute. Thank you! Many thanks also to all of the chili makers, including 2nd-place winner Shahra Toth, 3rd place winner Duane Smith, and honorable mentions Daniella Laguerre, Sara Kirkpatrick, Ellen Hoke, Matthew Gately and Sarah Rich, and Melanie Yaksich. Thanks also to those who brought salads, cornbread, and desserts; took donations at the ticket table; participated in setup and cleanup; and who tasted and voted on the chili entries with their generous donations!

The next step is Bridges' big contest from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on the last Sunday in March (3/29) at Dar Al-Taqwa Islamic Center, 10740 Route 108, Ellicott City, Md. 21042. Please plan to volunteer for the Christ Church team (you'll get to wear one of our blue aprons) and/or attend and support our Christ Church chili entry! For information, please contact Melanie, Bridges board member Jim Collins, or Outreach chair Patricia Fanning (410-992-4110).





## MISSION AND OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

### DAY RESOURCE CENTER (DORSEY) WINTER NEEDS

Right now, the Dorsey Center needs canned fruit, canned meats (no tuna, please), all types of Chef Boyardee, canned chili, and 16 oz. bottles of water. Thank you very much for your continued support.



### CHRIST CHURCH'S SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL MISSION

Members of Christ Church have been visiting Springfield Hospital since 1951, with the aim of bringing happiness to the patients. Our visits take place on the morning of the third Thursday of each month from September through May, and we rotate the schedule so that a few of us go each month. We are very grateful for any donations of bingo prizes: toiletries, socks, hats, gloves, t-shirts, sweatshirts, in sizes L through 3XL (new only, please). If anyone is interested in joining this ministry or has any questions, please contact Cathy Gold at (410) 440-4178 or email her at [heycathy@verizon.net](mailto:heycathy@verizon.net).



### CHRIST CHURCH'S WEEKEND FOOD INITIATIVE TO BENEFIT LEMS

Lake Elkhorn Middle School now provides donated food packs for students to take home to their families-in-need each Friday. Christ Church parishioners have stepped in to help fill this very important need. If you wish to assist, each Sunday there is a new sign-up sheet with a list of food items and other details located in the narthex.

By assisting LEMS, we are doing what all Christians should do - helping support those families-in-need throughout our community.





## PASTORAL CARE

### “HELPING HANDS” MINISTRY

This ministry has begun anew, offering transportation to people in our congregation who need a ride to the grocery store or a doctor's appointment, or perhaps need a dog walked after having surgery, or during a short illness. This ministry is just one of many that enable us to take care of one another. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please call the Church Office at 410-381-9365, or [email the office](#).



### PRAYER LIST INFORMATION

We ask that you obtain permission from those you are commending to the prayer list. Thank you.



Please let us know if you:

- Would like to place a name on the prayer list
- Would like to request visit from Fr. Manny or LEV
- Have been admitted to the hospital
- Need help with meals or assistance getting to appointments

**For the above, and all other Pastoral Care needs,  
Call the Church Office at 410-381-9365.**

### HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT YOU WISH TO SHARE? SEND IT TO US!

If you have an announcement or news you wish to share with your Christ Church family?  
Send it over so that we can spread the news!

**Please send it to [announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org)**



## CHRIST CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

***"What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him - give my heart."***

Christ Church has achieved much because of everyone's generosity. We are carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church. The Vestry is committed to living within our means. Regardless of the time of year - if you are able - you can help the mission and ministry of Christ Church by making a gift. A gift from an IRA can have significant tax advantages, for example, and such gifts in the past have greatly aided the church's ministry, enabling us to move forward through 2020 in a much stronger position.

We want to express our sincere thanks to you all for the support we have already received. Although we have a long way to go, we are incredibly blessed by your kindness and generosity.

If you have not pledged but do intend to, please consider sending your pledge.

***Thank You.***

### Online Giving

There is a new way you can pledge and give to Christ Church. We've created a safe and secure online method of contributing towards your annual pledge or other offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [Christ Church Online Giving page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### Offering Envelopes

2020 offering envelopes are now available for pickup in the narthex. Please don't use the old 2019 envelopes in 2020. Also, if someone did not request envelopes (or don't see their names) but would like to request them, please call or email the Church Office.

[office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org)





**Christ Church Budget Report**  
as of  
**1/31/2020**

**Summing it up: Revenues exceeded projections for the month by 8.6 percent. Expenses exceeded projections by 17.7 percent for the month but were within 2.1 percent of the costs in January of 2019.**

**Funds on Hand**

2.7 weeks average church expenses

Undesignated + Cash Reserve	\$26,018
Designated	\$191,454

Revenue	Actual This Month	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Total Budget
Plate Offerings	\$2,914	\$2,914	\$2,500	\$30,000
Pledge Payments	\$42,162	\$42,162	\$37,773	\$453,271
Designated Gifts	\$513	\$513	\$500	\$6,000
Undesignated Gifts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facility Use	\$2,911	\$2,911	\$1,417	\$17,000
Fundraising	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$30,000
Investment Income	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$2,400
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$48,751</b>	<b>\$48,751</b>	<b>\$44,889</b>	<b>\$538,671</b>

Expenses				
Worship	\$1,993	\$1,993	\$958	\$11,500
Education	\$662	\$662	\$667	\$8,000
Outreach	\$75	\$75	\$917	\$11,000
Salaries and Benefits	\$24,203	\$24,203	\$19,794	\$237,528
Mortgage	\$2,829	\$2,829	\$2,829	\$33,944
Utilities	\$3,523	\$3,523	\$2,792	\$33,500
Property Maintenance	\$5,155	\$5,155	\$5,225	\$62,700
Office Operations	\$3,196	\$3,196	\$1,404	\$16,850
Diocese	\$7,372	\$7,372	\$6,292	\$75,509
Other	\$212	\$212	\$938	\$11,250
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,220</b>	<b>\$49,220</b>	<b>\$41,815</b>	<b>\$501,781</b>
<b>Reserve Funding</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,167</b>	<b>\$26,000</b>





# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MARYLAND

WWW.CHRISTCHURCHCOLUMBIA.ORG

6800 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045

410.381.9365

[Office@ChristChurchColumbia.org](mailto:Office@ChristChurchColumbia.org)

[Announcements@ChristChurchColumbia.org](mailto:Announcements@ChristChurchColumbia.org)

The Reverend Emmanuel “Fr. Manny” A. Mercer, Rector

Adam Detzner, Music Director

Christie Anderson, Parish Administrator

Yetti Lipede, Ministry Coordinator

Amanda Kirkpatrick, Nursery Caregiver

## VESTRY

[Vestry@ChristChurchColumbia.org](mailto:Vestry@ChristChurchColumbia.org)

The Rev. Emmanuel “Fr. Manny” A. Mercer, Rector

Steve Alpern (Sr. Warden)    Sara Kirkpatrick (Jr. Warden)

Andrew Eaton (Treasurer)    Ron Couch (Registrar)

Gavin Watson    Lynn Foor    John Hadley    Rose Kirby    Greta Pike-Barnes

Tim Beaty    Alfred Titus-Glover    W. Ben Jackson    Jason Whong

[www.ChristChurchColumbia.org](http://www.ChristChurchColumbia.org)