

# Christ Church *Bell*

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Holy Week 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

On the night before he died for us, Jesus asked his friends to watch and pray with him (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22). In memory of that night, many churches keep a prayer vigil from the end of their Maundy Thursday service until Good Friday.

Although we do not follow that tradition now at Chris Church, you can walk with Jesus as he prepares for his passion. Holy Week has the most powerful and moving liturgies of the entire Christian year: the more deeply and completely you enter into Holy Week, the more glorious will be your Easter morning. Plan now to participate fully.

On **Palm Sunday** (2 April, this year; 8:30 and 10 a.m.), we process with Jesus and his friends in triumph into Jerusalem – and then we watch and participate as the crowd turns against Jesus and shouts “crucify him!”

On **Tuesday** in Holy Week (4 April; 5:30 p.m.), we celebrate a Christian adaptation of the Jewish **seder meal** in Parish Hall. Enjoy a delicious dinner as we reach back in history to the Exodus of God’s people from Egypt, learn how Jews have commemorated this deliverance down the generations, and see how our own Holy Eucharist grows out of this tradition. *RSVP in the church, Parish Hall, or call the church office to reserve your place.*

On **Maundy Thursday** (6 April; 7 p.m.), Jesus ate the Last Supper with his friends on the night before his arrest and passion. He taught them – and us – to “love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 13:34). He showed us what *agape* love looks like by and washing his friends’ feet. He gave us the gift of Holy Eucharist. Come and participate: celebrate the last Eucharist before Easter; if you wish, wash feet and have yours washed; and watch as the altar and chancel are stripped bare, a reminder of Jesus being stripped before he went to the cross.

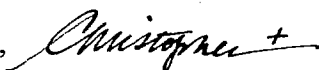
On **Good Friday** (7 April; 7 p.m.), God the Son, Jesus, offers himself for our sins and is crucified. We gather in Christ Church at 7 p.m. to kneel at the Cross and hear of Jesus’ suffering and death. We pray solemn collects for the Church and the world. We venerate the cross, “on which was hung the world’s salvation.” Participate in the S.M.I.L.E. ecumenical service: gather at St Peter’s Church, Solomon’s Island, by 11:30 a.m. and walk with the cross to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, for the ecumenical Way of the Cross service at noon.

On **Easter morning** (9 April; 6, 8:30, and 10 a.m.), we gather before dawn for the Sunrise Vigil at 6 a.m. *on the Tournament Field* (weather permitting). Our hope is still buried with Jesus in the tomb. In flickering light, we recall the times when God has brought his people hope

in times of utter despair. Then the miracle: the tomb is empty and *Christ is alive!* We participate in Jesus' resurrection by renewing our own baptismal vows and celebrating the first Holy Eucharist of Easter. *This Easter Vigil is the principal liturgy of the entire Christian year:* all that comes before it, from Advent to Good Friday, is preparation. All that comes after – indeed, every Sunday worship service - is celebrated in light of it. We gather *in the church* at 8:30 & 10 a.m. for Festival Holy Eucharist.

Every year, this feast of liturgy is spread before us. Every year, I am amazed that so few come and partake. This year, don't miss any of it. *Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen. (BCP, p. 270).

Yours in Christ,



### CALLING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

If you are exploring a possible call to Vestry service and would like information regarding duties and responsibilities, please speak with any vestry member or officer prior to the Parish Annual Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Tournament Update

**Richard Dodds is the new Publicity Chair for the 2023 Tournament. Thank you Richard for agreeing to take on this very important job!**

**Thank you, Peter Cochran, for serving as Publicity Chair of the Tournament for several years.**

### AMAZON SMILE

Thanks to all who are ordering on Amazon and listing Christ Church as the recipient of the charitable donation. We received \$32.40 from Amazon on March 2, 2023, for program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2022.

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## CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

### Joys / Thanksgivings

- Historic witness and mission of the parish in Calvert County, in Maryland and worldwide
- Buildings and 47 acres of grounds entrusted to the parish

### Military

- Aaron Boudreau, David Francisco, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Evan Metz, Elizabeth Neal, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm

### Homebound and Long-term Care

- Ruth Green, Jessica Lewis, Elaine Williams, Anne Yoe

### Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Barbara Carey, Kathy Clark, Fred Gott, Cindy Horsmon, Vera Lind, Gil Masters, Kirk Taylor, Hank Wegner, Mary Linda Wegner, Franklin Wood, Joan Wood

### Special Needs / Concerns of our Parish

- Discernment and labor for strengthening faithful parish witness & mission
- Ukraine
- Turkey
- Syria

### Friends of Parish

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| - Molly           | -Joyce Eiler     |
| -Ben Norfolk      | -Viola Carroll   |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson |
| -Ann Garner       | -Josh Nudge      |
| -Tommy Rosnage    | --Daniel Carter  |
| -Ronnie Bowen     | - Carrie         |
| -Bruce Hance      | -Bonnie Kelly    |
| -Lori McCarty     | -Jackie          |
| -Beverly          | -Kay Hoile       |

*We will pray for members of the parish who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering for three Sundays in church, and then remove their names from the prayer list, unless specifically renewed. We will list Friends of the Parish for one month and then remove their names from the Bell, unless specifically renewed.*

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**Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer** in the church Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. throughout Lent. Stop by whenever you can and pray with us. This is a way to slow down and listen for God's voice.

**Lenten Fellowship Evenings.** Gather each Friday evening in Lent with Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6 p.m. followed by a simple soup and bread supper in the Parish Hall (sign-up sheets in the Church and Parish Hall for supper). After supper, enjoy ***Encountering the Holy Land; a Video Introduction to the History and Geography of the Bible.*** All are welcome; join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits.

**Holy Week Services.** Palm Sunday, 2 April (8:30 and 10); Seder, Tuesday, 4 April, 5:30 p.m.; Maundy Thursday, 6 April (10 a.m. and 7 pm worship); Good Friday 7 April (11 a.m. SMILE ecumenical worship, St Peter's and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons; 7 pm worship in the church); Easter Sunday 9 April (6 a.m. sunrise vigil service (outdoors, weather permitting); 8:30 and 10 worship). Make this the year you worship every day of Holy Week.

*Worship With Us  
This Easter*

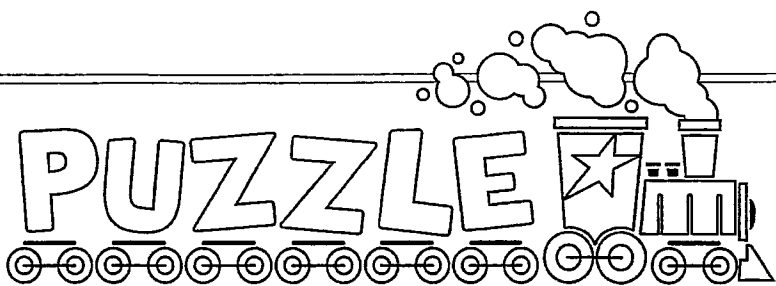


## J.U.L.I.E.T.s

There is renewed interest in the ladies of the church getting together regularly again. If you recall, before the pandemic, we did a breakfast together and also gathered occasionally for wine and goodies in the afternoon on the Parish Hall porch. When, where, what, and how often seem to be the questions today. If you are interested in joining this group and would like to have input on what we do, please join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday morning, April 16, 2023, at 9:30 AM (just after the 8:30 service and before the 10:00 service).

Questions/comments can be sent to Helen Prince [haprince@comcast.net](mailto:haprince@comcast.net) or 410-586-8421.

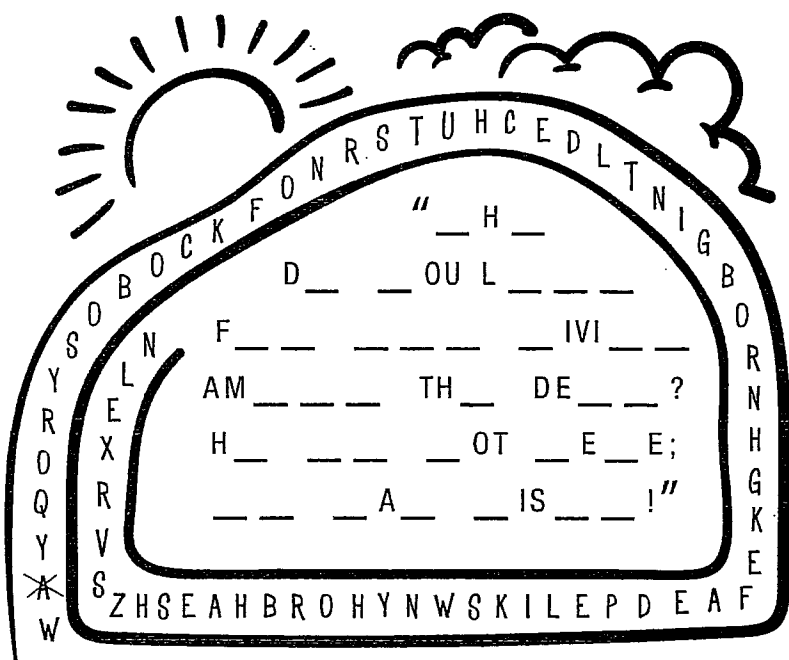
**Make Your Reservations Now for the Seder Dinner.** Join us the Tuesday in Holy Week, 4 April, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall as we gather to experience a Christian adaptation of a Jewish Seder. Experience the roots of our Holy Eucharist in this traditional meal enjoyed by Jesus and his friends on the night before the Passion. Tentative menu includes lamb, fricassee chicken, kosher mashed potatoes, tossed salad, and macarons. Dcn Beth is taking the lead on organizing. Please let her know if you would like to help with setup, cooking, and cleanup, at [eabellner@icloud.com](mailto:eabellner@icloud.com), 407-256-3298, or sign up in the Narthex or Parish Hall.



# EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

*Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.*



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



## SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

### What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!


# CHRIST CHURCH

# APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
<b>Weekdays – Monday Thru Friday</b> <b>8:00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>4:30 pm Evening Prayer</b> <b>During Lent</b> <b>In the Church</b>			
<b>2</b> Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 8:30 & 10 am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Fellowship 11:15 am Fellowship	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Seder Dinner	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm –We Bible Stud
<b>9</b> 6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service Tournament Field Weather Perm. 8:30 am Festival Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Festival Holy Eucharist	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm –We Bible Stud
<b>16</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 Fellowship	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm –We Bible Stud
<b>23</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 Fellowship	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	<b>25</b> Bell Deadline	<b>26</b> ADM PROI 7:00 pm –We Bible Stud
<b>30</b> 9:15 Combined Service Pot Luck luncheon and Annual Meeting to Follow	<b>Christ Church Website – <a href="http://christchurchcalvert.org">christchurchcalvert.org</a></b> <b>Fr. Christopher's e-mail</b> <b><a href="mailto:christopher@christchurchcalvert.org">christopher@christchurchcalvert.org</a></b> <b>Cell 540-471-7445</b>		

Holidays and Observances: 9: Easter Sunday, 10: Easter Monday, 18: Tax

# 2023

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>Maundy Thursday 9:15 – 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM</p>		1
<p>6 Wednesday Evening via Zoom</p>	<p>10:00 am Holy Eucharist &amp; Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study – In Person 7:00 pm Liturgy for Maundy Thursday in church</p>	<p>7 Good Friday 11:00 am SMILE ecumenical Worship, Solomons 7:00 pm Liturgy for Good Friday in church</p>	8
<p>13 Wednesday Evening via Zoom</p>	<p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 9:15 – 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist &amp; Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study – In Person</p>	14	15
<p>20 Wednesday Evening via Zoom</p>	<p>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 9:15 – 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study via ZOOM 10:00 am Holy Eucharist &amp; Prayer Ministry</p>	21	22
<p>27 ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONAL DAY Wednesday Evening via Zoom</p>	<p>10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study – In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	28	29

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Day

**Ten commandments to follow in life all the time.**

**1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.**

**2] So a Car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.**

**3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes years to write, but only a few seconds to burn.**

**4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.**

**5] Old Friends Are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!**

**6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"**

**7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems, HE has faith in your abilities.**

**8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"**

**9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.**

**10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.**

**Mite boxes.**

**Please pick up a mite box either at church or in the parish hall and fill it with sacrificial giving, as part of your Lenten discipline. We will gather boxes on Easter Sunday. The vestry has decided to give this year's donations to Mite box will go to relief for the Syrian/Turkish earthquake victims. Please give generously.**



## Spring Clean-Up Day

### OUTREACH

The Vestry, at their meeting on February 14, 2023, voted to give Claggett, \$2000.00 from Christ Church Outreach funds, to be used for Scholarships for Camp at Claggett.

Last summer, Claggett programs experienced four times the number of requests for financial assistance as in past year.

Jim Yoe will be helping with the Camp and encourages the Youth of Christ Church to attend Camp at Claggett this summer.

If you would personally like to give, donations can easily be made on the support page of the Claggett website at [claggettcenter.org/support](http://claggettcenter.org/support).

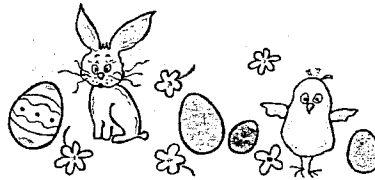
In keeping with schedule of prior years, the cleanup will be on **Saturday April 1st**. This is the Saturday before Palm Sunday. The cleanup will involve a variety of jobs and include working on the tournament field. We have remaining posts to set and track material to put in place.

If there are tasks that two or three folks can complete in a morning and folks can make me aware of, that would be great. I am updating the fall list, as we have some cleanup to do on the last cleanup!

If a rain date is needed, the cleanup will be on the Saturday after Easter Sunday, April 15th.

We'll probably do some sandwiches/pizza or the like at the victory lunch.

John Yoe, 301-704-8833



Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Saint Leonard Vision Group will be held on Saturday, 1 April, 11 a.m. (rain date Sunday, 2 April at 3 p.m.) at the St. Leonard Polling house, 5095 St Leonard Road, St Leonard. Come out with your family for a fun-filled day of hunting for Easter Eggs and a cupcake decorating event.



He Is  
Risen!

EASTER  
SUNDAY



## STAYING POSITIVE

Start by filtering out some of the bad news. A steady stream of television, radio, and Internet news can definitely affect our outlook. Limit your exposure to updates on current events to once or twice daily. Unless you hold an important position as a world leader, that is quite enough to stay informed.

Compose a list of questions to ground you and set the tone for your day. Jot them on an index card to keep in your wallet. When you feel discouraged or overwhelmed, review them to revive your spirits. Here are some suggestions to borrow or tweak:

- *Am I OK right here and right now?* Take a quick inventory. Are you warm, healthy, and have plenty of food and water? Rejoice!
- *What has made me smile lately?* A clear, blue sky after a spell of rainy days? The news that a dear friend became a grandmother? Notice and remember.
- *How can I make someone else's day a bit brighter?* Complimenting a cashier on her colorful sweater or penning a thank-you note improves our own spirits and uplifts others.
- *What can I learn today?* Try a new route to work, look up a word in the dictionary and use it in a sentence, explore Pinterest, or learn a new shortcut on your smartphone.
- *What am I grateful for?* Count your blessings.
- *How can I make tomorrow a better day?* Plan something that helps you look forward to tomorrow.

## HEART FILLING EMPTY LITTLE TUMMIES

We are now packing 8 tote bags for St. Leonard Elementary School each week.

A **BIG Thank You** to all who have given food and money.

Listed below is a suggested donation list for Heart F.E.L.T.:

"Easy Mac" – Macaroni & Cheese, single serving  
Apple Sauce 3.9oz/pkg. of 6/foil top  
Beans and Wieners  
\*Beefaroni, 15oz/pop-top lid  
Canned corn  
Cereal, single serving box/any flavor  
Chicken Noodle Soup, 11 oz./pop top lid  
Chicken Salad  
Chips – individual bags  
Cookies – Variety Pack – 8 or 10 pack  
Fruit Cups 4 oz./removable plastic lid  
Goldfish Crackers, 1.1 oz./individually wrapped  
Green Beans - can  
Peanut Butter, 18 oz. plastic jar  
Spaghetti & Meatballs, 15 oz. can/pop-top lid  
Tuna Fish - Can  
Tuna Salad  
Vienna Sausages, 5 oz./pop-top lid  
Nutrigrain Cereal Bars, individually wrapped  
Pretzels, single serving's pkgs.  
Pudding Cups, 3.5oz/non- refrigerated  
Raisins, 1.5oz/individual boxes  
Ramen Noodles, 3 oz. single serving/any flavor  
Ravioli, 15 oz. can/pop- top lid  
Cash donations gladly accepted

The food for the backpacks are being put out and the tote bags packed on Friday and taken to SLES on Wednesday's or Thursday's.

Nancy Zinn, Christ Church  
Coordinator for the Heart  
F.E.L.T. Program.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the birthday list by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, The Daughters of the King, and other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.



Birthdays are posted from the most current records. Please provide updates.

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | John Jacobs       | 16 | Ruth Green           |
| 2  | Ann Bowie Briscoe |    | Kinsey Weems         |
|    | Hannah Bourne     |    | Brooke Young         |
|    | Michael Briscoe   | 17 | Dale Glenn           |
| 3  | Haylie Browning   | 18 | Alexis Bagley        |
|    | Kevin Pitcher     |    | Don Johnson          |
| 4  | Todd Jarrett      | 19 | Mary Gott            |
| 5  | Kimberly Crowe    |    | Jacob Hall           |
| 6  | Patrick Briscoe   |    | Ricky Weems, III     |
|    | Gail Gott         | 20 | Galen Gott           |
|    | Zach McCready     |    | Jesse Hammett        |
| 7  | Joe Carnes        | 21 | Drew Smialek         |
|    | Richard Dodds     | 22 | Jane Estabrook       |
| 8  | Julie Metz        | 23 | William Carey        |
|    | Sarah McCoy       |    | Kathie Maguire       |
| 10 | Kaileigh Weems    | 25 | Kathy Clark          |
|    | Robert Williams   | 26 | Gary Effers          |
| 11 | Keith Graham      | 27 | Jack Dare            |
|    | Taylor Buck       | 28 | Corinthia Cornellier |
| 12 | Shannon Todd      | 29 | Cassie Campbell      |
| 14 | Cindi Hodskins    | 30 | Isabelle Briere      |
|    | Mike Hassanpour   |    |                      |
| 15 | Kara Sweitzer     |    |                      |
|    | Karly Sweitzer    |    |                      |

### APRIL ALTAR GUILD

Holly Briscoe  
Ann Bowie Briscoe  
Adele Maguire

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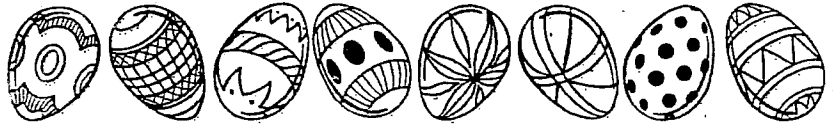


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## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND BRUNCH**

**After the One Service at 9:15 am**

**April 30, 2023**

**Please bring the following (by initial of last name):**

**A – I Brunch Casserole or  
Breakfast Meat**

**J – O Fruit for Brunch**

**P – Z Coffeecake, Donuts,  
Bagels, or Sweet Breads**

**Juice and Coffee provided by the Church**

**RSVP not required**

**The Election of Two New Vestry Members will take place at  
this meeting.**