

# Christ Church Bell

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Pentecost 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

This year, on Sunday, 26 May, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, one of the seven principal feasts of the church, the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, often celebrated as the birth of The Church. We wear red to remember the tongues of flames that appeared on the heads of our brothers and sisters as they gathered together after Jesus' ascension, wondering what to do. "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. *All of them* were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:3-4a, emphasis added).

On Saturday, 3 June, God willing and the people consenting, our seminary intern, the Rev Dcn Charity Humm, with other deacons in our diocese, will be ordained to the sacred order of priests in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. (Mother Charity will celebrate her first Holy Eucharist at Christ Church on Sunday, 4 June, at 9:15. Note the consolidated service time!) At Charity's ordination, as at all ordinations, we pray for and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit -the same Holy Spirit we celebrate at Pentecost.

At Dcn Charity's ordination as a priest, she is set apart for special service in the church and we pray for specific, priestly, charisms for her new ministry. Yet the Holy Spirit empowers *all* of us for ministry, every baptized Christian, not just those who are ordained. *All of us* share our Lord's great commission to go out, to share the Good News, to proclaim God's kingdom come near; all of us are responsible to be disciples making disciples making disciples . . . .

So rejoice at Mother Charity's ordination: she will be a wonderful priest, with wonderful gifts of ministry. But rejoice, too, at your own gift of the Holy Spirit: "you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever." Remember that you, too, share in the ministry of the Church.

Yours in Christ, *Christine +*

## NEW VESTRY MEMBER

**Bob Graham was elected to the Vestry for a four year term on April 30, 2023. This is the article that was in the November 2022 Bell when Bob was first elected to the Vestry. He would like to thank everyone for their confidence in electing him at the Annual Meeting on April 30. He felt there was no change to what was in the November Bell.**

**Robert (Bob) Graham** was elected to the Vestry at the Vestry Meeting on October 11, 2022, to fill the unexpired term of Parran Briscoe. Bob is serving his first term. We are spotlighting our new Vestry member this month.

Bob was raised in the episcopal Church. He attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church in DeKalb, Illinois.

Bob was born in Kentucky and raised in DeKalb, Illinois with his parents and 5 siblings – four sisters and a brother. He attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church with his family where he was confirmed and served as an acolyte. Following High School, Bob attended/graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD Bob was married in 1981, the marriage ended in divorce in 2003. He is the proud father of 5 grown children – 4 sons and a daughter. Andrew – 41, Nathan – 38, Bobby – 37, Christopher – 34, and Madeline – 29.

During his active Naval service, they moved nearly every 3 years. They attended

Episcopal Churches in Virginia Beach, VA, Monterey, CA, and joined Christ Church in 1997. Bob retired from the Navy in 2000 while stationed at NAS Patuxent River. He continued to support the Navy as a civil servant at Patuxent River and Washington, DC, until he fully retired in 2020. Bob served on the Board of the Calvert County Red Cross in the early 2000's (prior to the combined tri-county organization). He has also served several times on his homeowner's association board, where he is currently the treasurer. Bob enjoys playing golf, and he is engaged to a terrific woman – Nora.

When asked what brought you to Christ Church and what do you like about Christ Church, Bob said "When we moved to Calvert County, we liked the traditional service and felt welcomed at Christ Church."

Bob was in charge of the Dishwashers for the Tournament Supper and presently serves on the Team Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**Philip Yeats** was elected to the Vestry on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

After a Vestry member is elected; we try to do a "Spotlight on the New Vestry Members" in the Bell. I ask the following questions:

1. Were you raised in the Episcopal Church?
2. Give a brief synopsis of your life.
3. What is your occupation and place of

employment?

4. If you did not grow up in Christ Church, what brought you to Christ Church?

5. What do you like about Christ Church?

Philip has led a very interesting life and I wanted to share it all with you. This is what Phil had to say:

I was raised in the Episcopal Church and was baptized in Portland Maine, my place of birth, in 1936, and confirmed at St James Church in Paso Robles, California in 1946. I attended St James until 1954 when I moved to Washington, D.C. where I worshipped at St Margarets. I was an acolyte at both churches.

I was the son of an army officer, which meant I experienced many relocations. I was born in Maine, moved to Georgia at six weeks old. Subsequent moves were to Minnesota, the Crown Colony of Newfoundland, Virginia, California, Washington, and back to California. By this point, I was seven years old. I attended schools in Carmel, California; Vancouver, Washington; Paso Robles, California; and Templeton, California where I graduated from high school.

I spent five months in a prep school in Washington, D.C. and in July of 1955 entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. After graduating from West Point, I had basic armor training at Fort Knox, KY followed by airborne and ranger training at Fort Benning, GA. This was followed by my first troop unit assignment with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in Regensburg, Germany. Life in Regensburg was interesting and as I

had studied German at West Point, I could communicate to a modest extent with the local people. Episcopal services were not available, and my worship consisted of individual prayer and reflection. While in Regensburg, I met an American tourist with whom near immediate mutual affection grew to the extent we decided to get married. We were married a year later at Middleham Chapel in early 1964, and remained married for 58 years.

The newly married couple drove to our first home in Lawton, OK, and I attended an artillery course at nearby Fort Sill. After five months at Fort Sill, we transferred our residence to El Paso, TX and I attended the "duck hunter" school at Fort Bliss. (Duck hunting in this context refers to systems used to shoot down enemy aircraft.) Two months of El Paso and Juarez ended with news of an assignment to the British Royal Armoured Corps School in Southern England. Our first child, Laura, was born there and was baptized at Our Lady St Mary Anglican Church in Wareham, Dorset. The assignment in England enabled us (along with Laura) to see a good bit of the British Isles as well as a Christmas trip to Germany. My next assignment was at Fort Knox, KY where we were able to attend Episcopal services at the Godman Chapel with a military chaplain officiating. I was there for three months and then got sent back to Germany without my wife, Sarah. I returned after 90 days and stayed 12 months until tapped to go to Vietnam. During the final 12 months, our second daughter, Martha was born. We next moved to Fort

Campbell, KY where I joined the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. In November 1967 I deployed to Vietnam and Sarah moved to Port Republic to a house rented from Harold Crane.

After a year in Vietnam, which I do not care to describe, I returned with my wife and daughters to Fort Knox. The tour at Fort Knox was a bit more stable than the previous one, including a block of 20 months in the same home and my having a job that did not involve much travel. During this time our third daughter, Clare was born. At the end of this period, I was assigned to Fort Bragg, NC to attend a course to prepare me to be an advisor to the Vietnamese army. The family joined me for part of the course and we had the new experience of living in a mobile home. When the training was finished, we took a few days leave to relocate the family to Maryland. We wound up buying our first home at Long Beach, just across the road from the Rockhill's office. This time in Vietnam I had a desk job in Saigon which gave me enough spare time to complete a correspondence course my Army career managers wanted me to take. I only left Saigon to go to Okinawa and Bangkok where I met Sarah for a ten-day visit.

Toward the end of this tour, I received notice that the Army planned to send me to graduate school at Georgia Tech. I was to be a college student for two years. We moved to Atlanta in January 1972 and settled into a rental house. It was 12 years plus since I had been an under graduate, and recalling some of the math and engineering was challenging. Atlanta represented a

welcome break from Vietnam. We enjoyed life in Atlanta with the many available activities including serving as an usher at St Bartholomew's Church. Besides studies, I had responsibility for the conduct and appearance of 90 other military students at Georgia Tech – luckily no problems. My courses at Georgia Tech qualified me for a job in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, and that was my next assignment. On the way to the Pentagon, the Army had me attend the staff college at Norfolk, VA for five months. We moved into government quarters there and moved out five months later. While I went to school, Sarah went house hunting in the Washington area and found a house to buy in Fairfax, VA. We now owned two houses. The work at the Pentagon was interesting and instructive. The daily commute was not so popular. Our new location did give us the opportunity to visit Sarah's family in Solomons. The pattern of short stays continued, and after 20 months in Fairfax, I received orders to return to Fort Knox to have a command supporting officer students at the Armor School. After 18 months, I was shifted to working on the XM-1 Tank project—an exciting job for an Armor officer. During the tank project work, I received my final promotion (to colonel) which put me in a new category for future assignments. During this period, we again worshipped at the Godman Chape. I was the senior warden (no junior) for a congregation of about 200 Episcopalians. After enjoying the stability of living at one place for four years, I was informed it was time to return to

Europe.

For the first time in my career (after 20 years) I was offered a choice of assignments. My career managers gave me a printout with four different jobs in different locations. I chose Brussels, Belgium at NATO Headquarters. It was a good assignment, because the work was not demanding, and the location in Europe was central. The family was able to travel to several places in Europe with many beneficial experiences for our daughters. The landlord of the house we rented in a suburb of Brussels, spoke no English, but fortunately he spoke German. All our interactions were in German. Sarah could have stayed in Brussels much longer, but I was beginning to tire of my undemanding job and extensions were being disapproved anyway. In the spring of 1984, I was reassigned to Alexandria, VA, and we reoccupied our Fairfax house. I worked for the Army for about two years and then decided to retire. Before retiring, we bought a property in Lusby, MD from Ester O'Neil, a former Christ Church member. After retiring, I worked for defense consulting companies for 17 years. From July 1986 on we lived in Lusby, and I commuted to the Washington area for work. During this period Sarah decided she really preferred Christ Church, and we happily remained members. I retired from consulting in 2003, and commenced a 3 ½ year modernization of a house in Solomons Sarah had inherited. During the period in Lusby, we saw two of our daughters married—Laura in 1988 and Clare in 1998. Laura and Forrest, her husband, have three

children, Madeline, Cameron, and Evelyn. Clare and her husband Matthew have two children, Eleanor and Marcus. Sarah and I lived quietly in the Lusby house until Sara passes away in May of 2022. I now share the home with two West Highland Terriers

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#### VESTRY MEMBERS

|      |               |                 |
|------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2024 | Kathy Clark   | Donnie McCready |
| 2025 | Peter Cochran | Patti Wahl      |
| 2026 | Ron Cole      | Allyson Sigler  |
| 2027 | Bob Graham    | Philip Yeats    |

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# JUNE

| SUN   | MON                            | TUE   | WED |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-----|
|   |                                |   |     |
| 4<br>9:15 Joint Service Holy Eucharist<br>By ZOOM<br>Reception immediately following service<br>to Honor The Rev Charity Humm | 5<br>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.  | 6   |     |
| 11<br>8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I<br>10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II<br>By ZOOM @ 10:00<br>11:15 Fellowship                       | 12<br>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon. | 13  |     |
| 18<br>8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I<br>10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II<br>By ZOOM @ 10:00<br>11:15 Fellowship<br>                   | 19<br>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon. | 20<br>6:00 pm Vestry Meeting<br>Parish Hall |     |
| 25<br>8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I<br>10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II<br>By ZOOM @ 10:00<br>11:15 Fellowship                       | 26<br>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon. | 27<br>Bell Deadline                         |     |

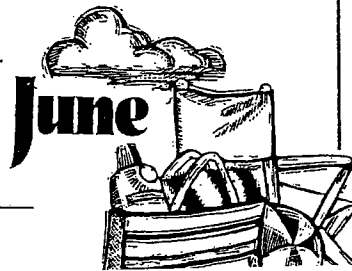
Holidays and Observances: 14: Flag Day, 18: Father's Day, 19: Juneteentl

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|    | THU  | FRI | SAT |
|----|--|-----|-----|
|    | 1<br>10:00 am Morning Prayer                       | 2   | 3   |
| 7  | 8<br>10:00 am Morning Prayer                       | 9   | 10  |
| 14 | 15<br>10:00 am Holy Eucharist<br>& Prayer Ministry | 16  | 17  |
| 21 | 22<br>10:00 am Holy Eucharist<br>& Prayer Ministry | 23  | 24  |
| 28 | 29<br>10:00 am Holy Eucharist<br>& Prayer Ministry | 30  |     |





Thanks a Bunch! Thank You

Peggy Cochran would like to thank everyone for their Get Well Wishes in the form of cards, food, and prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to the following graduating seniors from Christ Church. We wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

**Sean Joseph Coffren** will be graduating from Huntingtown High School on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro at 2:30 pm. Sean plans to attend the College of Southern Maryland in the Fall where he will be majoring in Communications in the Acting Field and Voice.

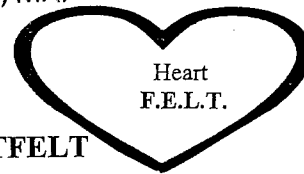
**Chase Foveaux** will be graduating from Calvert High School on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Chase plans to attend West Virginia University in the Fall where he will be majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

**Mia Iampieri** will be graduating from Calvert High School on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Mia plans to attend the College of Southern Maryland in the Fall where she will be majoring in Architectural Engineering.

**Averi Lewis** will be graduating from Calvert High School on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Averi plans to attend the College of Southern Maryland in the Fall where she will be majoring in Nursing.

**Katie Maguire** will be graduating from Calvert High School on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. Katie plans to attend Stevenson University in the Fall where she will be majoring in Criminal Justice.

**Elizabeth Garcia** received her Ed. M. in Educational Leadership & Policy at Boston University Wheelock College of Education and Human Development on Saturday, May 20, 2023. She will continue as Director of School Operation, High Rock Camus, KIPP Academy Lynn in Lynn, MA.



**HEARTFELT**

Thank you so much for all you have given to the Heart Felt Backpack Program this year. **The last day for backpacks this school year is June 8.**

**Please do not bring any food in for backpacks over the summer.** We will start collecting for the 2023-2024 school year in September.

A special thank you to Allyson Sigler for delivering the backpacks to St. Leonard Elementary School each week. We ended up filling 8 totes at the end of the school year.



## 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,  
Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Active Duty, US Navy, Kamryn Nolan, US Army Reserve  
(Virginia)

### Homebound and Long-term Care

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

### Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Pat Buehler, Kathy Clark, Peggy Cochran, Fred Gott, Sandy Hall, Cindy  
Horsmon, Vera Lind, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Sheila Pitcher, 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           | -Kay Hoile       |
| -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          | -George Owens    |
| -Amy Marburger    | -Billy Bonolis   |

*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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## FLOWER MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Helen Prince

As many of you know, Nancy Thompson and I have had the role of Church Flower Ministry (providing altar flowers) for the Sundays that are not covered by individual offerings. This has been a very rewarding job for us, but we would love to expand this opportunity and get more people involved in sharing their time and talents. If you would be interested in joining a Flower Ministry Committee and/or talking about a time commitment, please see me (Helen) at church or contact me at home  
410-586-8421 ([haprince@comcast.net](mailto:haprince@comcast.net)).  
P. S. The Christmas and Easter Flower Ministries will remain the same!

**One worship service on Trinity Sunday, 4 June, at 9:15 a.m.** This will be the Rev Charity Humm's first celebration of Holy Eucharist as a newly-ordained priest. Join us after worship for a light finger-food coffee-hour reception to celebrate Mother Charity's ordination and VTS graduation and to thank her two years with us. We will present Mthr Charity with gifts of appreciation and affection; if you would like to contribute, please put a check in the plate or drop a check by the church office, noting "Charity's ordination" in the memo line. Any extra donations will go to her discretionary fund as a new priest.

Fr Christopher will be away from Monday, 29 May, returning for worship on Sunday 18 June, and back in the office on Monday, 19 June. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call Senior Warden Nancy Zinn, 410-586-0682; or the church office (M-F 9:00 am-12 noon) 410-586-0565.

The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together)** will be meeting for lunch at Dream Weavers at 12 noon Friday, 2 June. Come out and join other women of the parish for lunch and fellowship.

**Dcn Charity's ordination.** God willing and the people consenting, the Rev Dcn Charity Humm will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, 3 June, at 2 p.m.**, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore. All are welcome.

**Yarn Fair.** Jesus the Good Shepherd (1602 West Mt Harmony Road, Owings MD) is having a yarn next Saturday, 3 June from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring left over yarn to swap with others, bring your ideas and patterns to share, and bring a friend. RSVP Julie Brinlee, [jhbrinlee@yahoo.com](mailto:jhbrinlee@yahoo.com) or 443-975-5563

### AMAZON SMILE

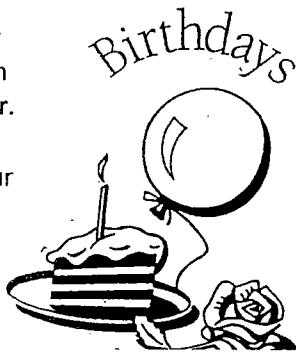
In May, Christ Church received a \$10.44 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 – February 20, 2023. This will be the last donation from AmazonSmile.

## JUNE 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.*

Happy Birthday to each and every one of you!!! Birthdays are posted from the most current parish records. Please provide updates.

- 1 Luke Brady
- Roxanne Kastner
- 3 Stephanie Bowen
- 4 William Keeley, Jr.
- 5 Ethel Dutky
- Madeleine LaTour
- Lana Smith
- Joshua Weems
- 6 Michele Bowen
- Nathan Graham
- 7 Bill Barwick
- 8 Caileigh Foveaux
- 9 Robyn Riddle
- 10 Jim Bourne
- Anna Mary Cole
- Philip King
- Sheila Pitcher
- Anne Yoe
- 11 Arika Hill
- Kelli Jarrett
- 12 Steven Dargan
- Tim McCoy
- Jamie Yoe
- 13 John Selock
- Kade Weems



- 14 Terri Beck
- Thomas Cotner
- Robert Link, III
- 16 Diane Azpiazu
- Brittany Eaton
- 17 Bobby VonNessen
- 18 Martha Horton
- Corey Nims
- 19 Jane Dodds
- 20 Deacon Beth Bellner
- Anna Williams
- 21 Jon-Thomas Garner
- Carter Peake
- 22 Barbara Carey
- Gary McCready
- Lia O'Branovich
- 25 Susan Chabot
- Courtney Horsmon
- 26 Suzanne Skinner
- Elaine Williams
- 27 Donas McCready, Sr.
- 28 Heather Brady
- 29 Emily Cotner
- Marci McGray
- Louis Tacchetti
- June Whitson
- 30 Cameron McNatt

### JUNE ALTAR GUILD

- Peggy Cochran
- Francine Lamson

# Thanks Dad!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **Mackall Scholarships**

The Vestry voted at their May meeting to include eligible graduating high school seniors from Christ Church for honorary Mackall Scholarships this year. **Sean J. Coffren, Chase B. Foveaux and Averi E. Lewis will receive honorary Mackall Scholarships. The Vestry also approved to increase the award to \$1,500 per student per year from \$750** which will bring us closer to a 3.5 percent draw rate and the balance will continue to grow. Each year 3 students per high school are awarded Mackall Scholarships for 4 years. Checks are issued directly to the college or university they attend.



**AUGUST 26, 2023 - TOURNAMENT DAY**

### **ATTIC TREASURES FOR TOURNAMENT**

Attic Treasures items can be dropped in the shed behind the Parish Hall starting July 1, 2023. **NO clothing, LARGE furniture, or liquids** will be accepted as part of the Attic Treasures. Please make sure you close the doors once you drop off your items.

Thanks, in advance.

**BOOKS CAN ALSO BE LEFT IN THE  
PARISH HALL, NOT THE SHED, STARTING  
JULY 1, 2023.**

Chloe Ewalt & Allyson Sigler