

# Christ Church *Bell*

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Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so special. I hope you were able to enjoy the Mackall Music Scholars on Christmas Eve, with extra voices for our choir, plus brass and strings players. Christmas Day brought different music for a lovely, quiet, reflective morning, with several newcomers. At our three services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we had almost 300 people – the strongest attendance in a decade.

The grounds looked especially lovely this year, with balsam wreaths placed on 78 veterans' graves on Saturday, 16 December. The vivid red bows and deep green wreaths really stand out. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our first *Wreaths Across America* such a success, as well.

Happy New Year! Now we stand at the beginning of 2024. The Mackall Music Scholars, *Wreaths Across America*, and Advent Walks are just a few examples of how we can use the strengths of our past in new ways. What other ideas do you have for the year ahead?

*O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this new year: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this year we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (adapted from A Collect for Grace, Morning Prayer I, Book of Common Prayer, p. 57)*

Praying for a blessed 2024 - *Christy +*

# 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
- Mackall Scholars Musicians

## Military

- Aaron Boudreau, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Clay Liles, Evan Metz, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

## Baptism

- James Marshall Moreland (17 Dec 2023)
- Amelia Grace Yurchik (4 Feb 2024)

## Homebound and Long-term Care

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

## Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Jane Estabrook, Fred Gott, Cindy Horsmon, 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
- Israel

## Friends of Parish

- |                   |                      |                              |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| - Molly           | -Kay Hoile           | -Little Woody Lee            |
| -Ben Norfolk      | -Viola Carroll       | -Marshall (Hoot) Gibson, Jr. |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson     | -Charlotte Hayman            |
| -Ann Garner       | -Josh Nudge          | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman       |
| -Tommy Rosnage    | -Daniel Carter       | -Ann Boyer                   |
| -Ronnie Bowen     | - Carrie             | -Jaylyn Almond               |
| -Bonnie Kelly     | -Preston Taylor, Sr. | -Bill Lerch                  |
| -Lori McCarty     | -Jackie              | -Barry Maguire               |
| -Beverly          | -Linda               |                              |
| -Amy Marburger    | -Billy Bonolis       |                              |
| - Kathy W.        | -Jamie Gurney        |                              |

*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.*

**Bible Study:** Please join our upcoming study of "**Judges**" which recounts Israel's struggle with faithfulness to the Lord. Israel experiences cycles of Rebellion – Repression – Repentance – Release & Rest in the Book of **Judges**. Among others, we will hear the colorful stories of Deborah, the prophetess, Gideon, and Samson. No previous Bible Study experience is required. The same material will be offered Wednesday nights 7:00 to 8:15 pm via Zoom and Thursday mornings 10:45 – 12:00 in person. Classes begin January 10 & 11. Contact Cheryl Garcia to join the class. [ccgarcia.va@gmail.com](mailto:ccgarcia.va@gmail.com)



**Safe Nights:** St. Paul's will be participating in Safe Nights, hosting guests the week of **January 7-14, 2024**. Safe Nights is a non-profit organization that provides temporary, emergency shelter during the winter months to the homeless. Shelters provide a warm bed and three meals in a safe environment. St. Paul's needs volunteers to serve as overnight monitors and to prepare meals. Here is the link to sign up as a monitor -Overnight Monitor Sign Up and the link to sign up for meals - Meal Volunteer Sign Up. Barbara Brown is the host coordinator for St. Paul's, please contact her with any questions-cell-410-610-8245; email-[brown3135@gmail.com](mailto:brown3135@gmail.com) Thanks for your support!

## HIKING AT AMERICAN CHESTNUT LANDTRUST

Every Sunday from 2:30 – 4:00 (rain or shine) we meet at American Chestnut Landtrust located at 1985 Scientists Cliffs Road in Port Republic for a nice hike through the trails. For complete details contact [charityahumm@gmail.com](mailto:charityahumm@gmail.com).

**Be careful on the church steps.** We've noticed that the brick steps from Broomes Island Road up to the church front entryway have deteriorated. Bricks are loose. We're getting bids for repairs, but until then, please be very careful when you use these steps.



## PARISH HALL CHRISTMAS TREE

When you were in the Parish Hall, did you notice the beautiful Christmas Tree?

Thank you, Cindy Horsmon, Kendyll Lewis. and Cailleigh Foveaux, for setting up the tree on December 9, and decorating the tree with the Chrismon ornaments handmade by Shannon Masters .

## VISIT BY BISHOP COADJUTOR

The Diocese has announced that The Rt. Rev, Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will visit Christ Church on Sunday, 10 March 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent).

The Bishop's visit is the traditional time for baptisms, confirmations, reception into The Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Please speak with Fr. Christopher if interested in the above.

We will be planning a joint service that day at 9:15 am.

## MACKALL MUSIC SCHOLARS

Did you attend the Christmas Eve Service at 3 pm at Christ Church? If you were able to attend, you were with 176 others who attended the Children's service.

The Mackall Music Scholars student musicians participated in the 3 pm and 10:30 caroling and 11 pm Service. Fifteen students participated (two violins, viola, cello; trumpet, trombone, tuba, alto and tenor saxophones, four sopranos, one alto, and one tenor. They were a wonderful addition to the Choir of Helen and Norm Prince and Peggy Cochran along with Bonnie Arnheim. In addition, it was nice to have Thomas Garcia join the choir.

This was such a wonderful addition to the Christ Eve services.

100 attended the Caroling and 11 Service.

Thanks to all who made this possible!

## Thank you for the Angel

**Tree.** Thank you to everyone who helped make our Angel Tree giving program such a success. We helped 2 Families, 1st family had 4 children and the 2nd family had 6 children, for a total of 10 children have a merrier Christmas, with gifts of toys, clothing, gift cards, and stocking treats. Thank you for your generosity!

A HUGH Thank you to Karen Ritter for organizing the names and taking care of the Angel Tree Project!



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 16 at 10 am, over 30 people gathered in front of the church to help distribute approximately 80 wreaths in the Christ Church cemetery to the graves of our Veterans.

The wreaths were paid for out of the Rectors Discretionary Fund which totaled \$799.00. Donations were received in the amount of \$983.00 which will be used to pay for the wreaths in 2024.

A BIG thank you to Bob Graham and Allyson Sigler who helped organize this event along with Fr. Christopher and Cheryl. Thank you for making this a reality at Christ Church!!

**Save these Dates.** In 2024, **Ash Wednesday is 14 February**, with Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m; drive-thru ashes 4-5 p.m. **Easter Sunday is 31 March.** Join us **every Sunday** at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

**2024 Episcopal Kalendars** are available in the narthex (church entryway). Please help yourself. This year's calendar features a painting by parishioner Deborah Kennedy of Christ Church in summer.



### The Vestry of Christ Church Parish OFFICERS

Fr. Christopher Garcia, *Rector*  
Nancy W. Zinn, *Senior Warden*  
Bart Ewalt, *Junior Warden*  
Helen Prince, *Registrar*  
Jim Yoe, *Treasurer*  
Pam Briscoe, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Beverly Lusby, *Assistant Treasurer*

### VESTRY MEMBERS




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

**Phishing scams.** Parishioners continue to receive text messages and emails from fraudsters falsely purporting to be clergy, asking something like “Hello (name), is this a good time to ask you for a favor? Return my text. Fr Christopher Garcia.” These requests were fraudulent – look carefully; they come from the wrong phone number or wrong email address. Our clergy will ***never*** send you a text, email, or phone call asking for a “favor,” to buy gift cards, wire funds, or otherwise send money. If you receive such a request, report it to your cell-phone or email fraud department, block the sender, and delete the request. Criminals send millions of these requests, hoping to prey on the generosity and trust of a few (especially at this time of year). Please don’t be taken in.

# CHRIST CHUR

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 Mr. Christopher's e-mail  
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 Cell 540-471-7445

# JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	 1 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	2	
7 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Fellowship 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 am Fellowship 2:30 – 4 ACL Trail Walk	8 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	9 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	7:00 pm –We Bible Stud
14 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Fellowship 2:30 – 4 ACL Trail Walk	 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	16	7:00 pm –Wec Bible Stud
21 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 Fellowship 2:30 – 4 ACL Trail Walk	22 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	23 Bell Deadline	7:00 pm –Wed Bible Study
28 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Fellowship 2:30 – 4 ACL Trail Walk	29 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	30	7:00 pm –Wec Bible Stud

Holidays and Observances: 1: New Year's Day, 15: Martin Luther King

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Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail – [ebellner@gmail.com](mailto:ebellner@gmail.com) Cell 407-256-3298

# JANUARY 2024

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Wednesday Evening via Zoom	4 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 11:30 am – Juliets Luncheon	6
10 Wednesday Evening via Zoom	11 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study – In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
17 Wednesday Evening via Zoom	18 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study – In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
24 Wednesday Evening via Zoom	25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study – In Person 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27
31 Wednesday Evening via Zoom			



Jr. Day

*Christmas Floral Decorations are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

Roy & Corintha Alexander	Bill Bartelli	John & Patricia Bash
Mary Bash	Hop & Sis Battenfield	Paul Bauersfeld
Col. Ed & Dora Bedell	Paul A. & Mary Martha Benner	Vangie & T. Gordon Bennett, Jr.
Thomas G. Bennett, III	Alice Jane Bonalis	Billy Brady
Ross Brinkley	H. Clare & Jeannie D. Briscoe	Jack & Mary Briscoe
Jimmy & Casandra Briscoe	Parran Broome Briscoe	Cassandra P. & James T. Briscoe, III
John P. & Elsa Broome	Julia Call	Alan Campbell
Barbara Nuttall Campbell	G. David Campbell	Kay Chesson
Sue Clabaugh	Ed & Joan Clark	Ed Clark
Roy & Estelle Clifton	Buddy & Nancy Coffren	Edgar & Jessie Cranford
Frank & Katherine Dare	Greg & Rodney Dare	John T. Dawkins, Jr.
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Clinton Dorsey	Bob & Sally Douglass	Richard & Agnes Draper
Elaine Cochran Dunkle	Sam & Michele Engles	Dave Estabrook
Anna Ewalt	Wally & Claire Ewalt	John Gerhold
David Gott	G. Raymond & Gerry Gott	James Thomas Gott
Warren Gott	Walter M. & Joan Gott, Jr.	Walter M. & Alice Gott, Sr.
Angela Goucher	Dr. Gordon C. & Joan S. Graham	Norman Green
Billy M. Greene	William H. & Ruby L. Greene	Sam Gross
Chester & Alice Hall	Janice Hall	Lavelle & Peggy Hance
Paul & Lillian Hance	Shirley Hance	Harry C. & Alma E. Harkness
Robert & Thelma Harkness	William & Gertrude Horsmon	Clinton & Blanche Hudson
Cissy Huntzberry	Michael Huntzberry	Walter & Katherine Hurley
Albert & Phyllis Johnson	Bill & Betty Kaiser	Bob & Janice Kaiser
Jessica Deann King	William King, Jr.	Mary G. Lankford
Charles E. & Florence R. Lindsay	Maurice & Julia Lusby	Jennie, Oden & Beatrice Lyons
Michael Maguire	Rob Maguire	David Marsh
Stewart & Tootie Marsh	John Mattera	Doris McCool
Jim McNatt	Susan Miehle	Henry P. & Virginia E. Miller
Jack Mitchell	Mary Jane Harkness Nace	Our Parents
Leland & Grace Parr	Benjamin & Cassandra S. Parran	Benjamin Parran, Jr.
Robert and Irene Plank	Shelton & Ann Plumer	Jonathan Plummer
Peter Plummer	Rev. William Plummer, Jr. & Dorothy	Norman & Eleanor Prince, Sr.
Stanley & Dorothy Reczuch	Heidy Ritter	William C. Ritter
Jenna Rosnage	Karen Russell	Jeanette L. Seiderstricker
Edward & Jane Selock	Paul & Mary Sesson	Ralph & Dolores Sigler
Charles & Bernadette Simmons	Charles & Jessie Skinner	Robert Skinner
Gordon Stevenson	John & Greta Stevenson	John & Helen Taylor
Richard "Rick" Thompson	Paul Truntich, Sr.	George Walker
Ted & Adele Wall	William D. & Mary C. Wallace	David M. Watson, Sr.
Anna Webb	Larry Wegner	Ted & Julia Wegner
Thaddeus & Mary Wegner	Curtis Wertz	Ann Whisman
Joyce Grover White	Howe D. Williams	John & Gussie Williams
Leroy B. & Alverta M. Williams	Lynwood & Myrtle Williams	Tommy & Dottie Williams
Vernon & Jane Williams	Wes Wubbenhorst	Sarah Jane Yeafs
Sue Yurchik	Bill Zinn	Charles E. Zinn
Donnie Zinn	Edwin & Emmamay Zinn	Harry (Joe) B. Zinn
Jay Zinn	Timmy Zinn	

*In Thanksgiving For*

Deacon Beth Bellner	Pam Briscoe	Bart Ewalt
Fr. Christopher & Cheryl Garica	Geary & Haillie	James L. Johnson
Jessica Lewis	Beverly Lusby	Jack & Adele Maguire
Jim Yoe	Nancy Zinn	



# NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

### What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

### What you do:








1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



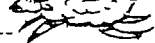





## A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

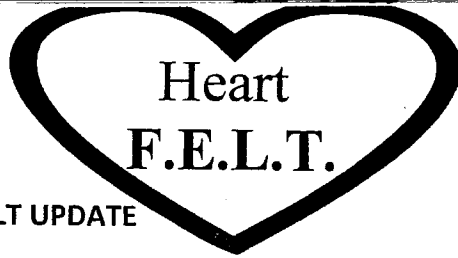
Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			

Her name in Greek

___ pdeesh		
___ dchilnero		
___ drove		
___ acehtr		
___ sarcos		
___ nusoaatnm		

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas



THANK YOU

HEARTFELT UPDATE

This month we will be filling 8 HeartFelt backpacks each week for St. Leonard Elementary School students. With 8 backpacks being filled, the food is disappearing quickly. We send home breakfast for 3 days, lunch for 2 days, and supper for 3 days plus snacks and drinks and more on holiday weekends. When you go shopping and would like to pick up some food, we need pancake mix, and syrup; canned potatoes, fruit (individual cups), raisins, chicken salad, tuna salad, Vienna sausages, beanie wieners, chicken noodle soup, cookies, and other foods that are considered a meal or snacks. We truly appreciate everything that is given.

A special thank you to Alyson and Jack Sigler for distributing the backpacks to SLES each Wednesday or Thursday.

February 12 will be our tenth-year anniversary for filling backpacks for SLES!

Nancy Zinn  
Heart F.E.L.T.

**(Filling Empty Little Tummies)**

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A big Thank You to Kathy Clark for her years of service on the Finance Committee. Kathy has been an excellent member of the Finance Committee but Grandmother duties now require her time that is why she has had to step down.

A BIG Thank You to Kim Briscoe for agreeing to fill Kathy Clark's vacancy on the Finance Committee.

Oak Tree Removed

The big oak tree by the Rectory was removed on December 19. The tree was dying and had to be removed for safety.

Thank You for Cleaning the Pew Cushions

Cheryl Garcia organized a group of six church ladies to clean all of the pew cushions and kneelers (top and bottom) and to vacuum the floor under the kneelers. A total of 23 hours over two days were spent on this project. This type of cleaning is not within the scope of the weekly cleaning contract.

Thank you to all who helped with this cleaning project!





Wishing a  
Happy Birthday to...

## JANUARY 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.

- 1 Brian Harrigan
- 2 Jack Maguire  
Danny May  
William Woodward, Jr.
- 3 Jeffrey Joy
- 4 Jennifer Gallagher  
Locklan Weems
- 6 Amy Buckmaster  
Robbie McCready
- 7 Mike Manning
- 8 Amy Pleake-Tamm
- 9 Erica Davis  
Megan Coffren  
Hayley Fridman  
Arthur Harkness
- 10 Danny Baker, IV  
Tom Sickle
- 13 Michael Weems  
Becky Weems
- 14 Joe Kurley
- 15 Erin Harrigan  
Billy Keeley

- 16 Todd Cotner  
Jeremy Litka  
Michaela Pitcher  
Rich White  
Cindy Yoe
- 17 Brenda Moore
- 18 Sharon Myers
- 19 Katie Goucher
- 21 Petè Fisher  
Philip Johnson  
Evan Stinnett  
Clark Wood
- 23 Jessica Lewis  
Arleen McGinley  
Heather Marney
- 24 Charles Lusby
- 25 Reece Smith
- 26 MaryJo Sweitzer  
Christine Coffren
- 27 Natalia Dunlap
- 28 Crystal Hill  
Samantha Litka
- 29 James Johnson
- 30 Keith May  
Sara Yoe

## JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

- Beverly Lusby
- Linda Battenfield
- Marcia Hammett



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with God

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### SNOW REMOVAL

During a snow event, it is very important to have snow promptly removed from all entrances, walkways, and steps of all parish buildings. (Parking lots and roadways are professionally plowed.) To add your name to a list of persons contacted during a snow event to assist with snow removal, please speak with **Bart Ewalt**.

### Flower Calendar

The 2024 *Altar Flower Calendar* is located within the sign-up book placed at the Church entrance. When giving Altar flowers as memorials or in thanksgiving, please sign-up on this Calendar.

*A variety of Sundays within most months are available to donate flowers.*

# Thank You!

**THANKS HELEN PRINCE**

Thanks to Helen Prince and to her helpers for a beautiful job of decorating Christ Church for Christmas on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Helen will always say she didn't do a thing but she was the one in Charge and made Christ Church another beautiful Christmas! The decorations continue to make Christ Church the prettiest church in all of MD and the US. Did you notice the oyster shells in the swags on the columns?

Thanks also to Cindy Horsmon and Allyson Sigler for decorating the Christmas tree and to Cindy and Chris Horsmon for donating the beautiful tree.