

# Christ Church Bell

Volume XXXVII, Issue 11

November 2023



November 2023

I'm looking forward to our **Fall Meeting**, on **Sunday, 5 November**. We'll gather for one consolidated worship service at 9:15 a.m., and then enjoy a potluck brunch. I always enjoy the chance to worship together as one congregation and I always enjoy the variety of delicious food at our potlucks!

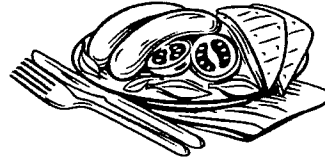
At our Fall Meeting, our treasurer will present our 2024 operating budget. Even though we do not vote on the operating budget formally as a congregation (that's the vestry's responsibility), each of us "approves" the budget, because the annual operating budget depends on everyone's financial support. If each of us does not give (and give generously), we cannot keep the doors open, the lights on, and pay our staff. We have been blessed with a generous endowment, yet our endowment does not (and should not) cover our operating expenses.

Our endowment is our cushion for unusual *capital* expenses, our "rainy day" fund. When we needed new air conditioners, we paid from the endowment. When we had to replace the parish hall roof, we paid from the endowment. When we discovered recently that our church chimneys need expensive repairs, we turned to the endowment. Because of the generosity of our predecessors, we don't have to "pass the hat" when these major capital expenses come up.

Yet we can only depend on the endowment as a *capital* reserve if we protect it, by funding our *annual* operating budget with our pledges, plate giving, and income from tournament. The concept is simple: *current giving covers current (operating) expenses; the endowment is a reserve* for major repairs and renovations.

At the Fall Meeting, you will be invited to consider how much you will give in 2024 to support our annual operating expenses. I invite you to think about what percentage

*continued*



Last names A-I, coffee cake, donuts, bagels, sweet breads; J-T brunch casserole or breakfast meats; U-Z fruit. Juice and coffee provided by the church.

of your income you have given in recent years. Whatever the percentage (1%, 5%, ½%, etc.), try to increase by ½% or 1% of your income every year, until you reach a full 10% tithe. Please pledge as generously as you can, at a level that makes a difference in the

rest of your life. If you are able, please consider an extra gift, as well, to help us build our endowment back up to pay for capital (“rainy day”) expenses in the years to come.

God has been generous with us a congregation and with most of us as individuals. We give back to God a portion of what God has given us: ***All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee*** (1 Chronicles 29:14).

Thank you for your generosity, in time, talent, and treasure.

Yours in Christ, 

### THANKSGIVING

This year, there will be a consolidated Thanksgiving service at 10:00 am on November 23, 2023, inside the Church. Please share Thanksgiving with fellow parishioners and then everyone will have time to share Thanksgiving with their families and friends or bring them to church with you and give Thanks!

*Christ Church Bell* is a parish newsletter published by:  
Christ Church  
3100 Broomes Island Road  
Port Republic, MD 20676  
410-586-0565  
Fr. Christopher Garcia, Rector

Production Staff:  
Dotty Greene, Mary Linda Wegner  
Nancy Zinn, Editor  
Deadline for next issue: November 27, 2023

### 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

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

Sign-up sheets will be up by the  
November 5<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting

# 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, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Evan Metz, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

## Homebound and Long-term Care

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

## Deceased

- Charles "Bruce" Baumann

## Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Johnny Brodigan, Fred Gott, Cindy Horsmon, Gil Masters, Shannon 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
- Israel

## 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               |
| -Bonnie Kelly                | -Marti Phelps          |
| -Lori McCarty                | -Jackie                |
| -Beverly                     | -George Owings         |
| -Amy Marburger               | -Billy Bonolis         |
| -Joan Matteson               | -Karen Bauersfeld      |
| -Little Woody Lee            | -Jaylyn Almond         |
| -Marshall (Hoot) Gibson, Jr. | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman |
| -Charlotte Hayman            | -Don Phelps            |

*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.*

+ + +

The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s** are having their next lunch **Fri, 3 Nov.**, 11:30 a.m., at Dream Weavers. All women of the parish (and their friends) are welcome!

**Fall Meeting.** On **Sun, 5 Nov.**, we'll gather in the church for one, consolidated worship service at 9:15 a.m., followed by a pot-luck brunch in the parish hall and our fall meeting. (*5 Nov is also when Daylight Saving Time ends and we "fall back".*) If your last name begins with A-I, please bring coffee cake, donuts, bagels, or sweet breads; J-T brunch casserole or breakfast meats; U-Z fruit ready to serve. Juice and coffee provided by the church.

**Volunteer Dishwashers.** In recent years, we have become comfortable with spending money on disposable plates and disposable silverware for events such as the Fall Meeting – disposables which we use once and then throw away, despite the fact that we have a kitchen full of "real" dishes and silverware. If you would like to help reverse this trend by volunteering to wash and put away our China and stainless-steel cutlery after the Fall Meeting, please call the church office.

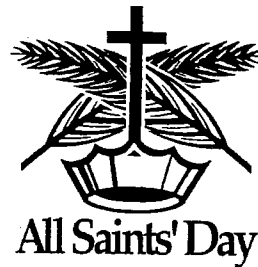
**Flower Ministry Book for 2024.** The 2024 sign-up sheets for altar flowers are now available behind the 2023 sign-up sheets. We encourage church members to sign up for flowers for the altar. If you wish to give flowers for a particular Sunday and are unable to sign-up yourself, please contact Karen Ritter in the Office with your dedication information. If you have any questions regarding the Flower Ministry, please contact Helen Prince (410-586-8421).

**Forward Day by Day** for November 2023-January 2024 are available in the Church Narthex and Parish Hall entryway. Please help yourself to this helpful little devotional booklet of daily meditations. If you are unable to pick up this booklet, call the church office (410-586-0565) and we will mail you one. There are more ways to get *Forward Day by Day*. Sign up to receive daily inspirations in your inbox by subscribing at [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org) and listen on the go at [forwardmovement.org/podcasts](http://forwardmovement.org/podcasts).

**SAVE THE DATE  
GREENING OF THE CHURCH  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**As the Holidays will be approaching quickly,  
please keep the Christmas Schedule so you will  
know how to plan for Christmas Eve or  
Christmas Day.**

- **Sunday, 24 December, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and (after sunset) Christmas Eve.**
  - 9:15 a.m. Consolidated Advent IV Holy Eucharist
  - 3 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist.
  - 10:30 p.m. Carol sing.
  - 11 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist.
- **Monday, 25 December, 10 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist.**



Let us remember those who have passed  
away since All Saint's Day 2022:

Tammy Kay Cotner  
Rhoda Helen Stratton Ashby  
William Clark Ashby  
Kathie Hargett McGuire  
Nine Unknown Settlers  
Charles "Bruce" Baumann

**Blessed**  
to Be a  
**Blessing**

2023		2024	
BUDGETED		Draft Proposal	
File - 2024 Ann Op Budget Plan(ner)	2023	2024	
Tab - Versio 1.1.0			
EXPENSES:			
Payroll			\$114,082
Rector Salary + SECA Reimbursement	\$76,116	6% inc Diocesan	\$80,683
Music Director/Organist	\$16,854	6% inc Diocesan	\$17,865
Secretary	\$14,040	7% inc to \$18.78/hr	\$13,146
Payroll Taxes Paid	\$2,379	Pro Forma	\$2,388
Other	\$0		\$0
Other Compensation			\$39,203
Rector's 403(b) contribution	\$7,612	Pro Forma	\$8,068
Health Reimbursement Arrangement (versus Health Insurance, which could run as high as \$37584 per year)	\$8,400	5% inc	\$8,400
Life Insurance (Rector)	\$455	Pro Forma	\$478
Church Pension	\$19,592	Pro Forma	\$20,768
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$1,418	Pro Forma	\$1,489
Other (Stipend for Seminarian Intern)	\$0	Was in subs	\$0
Contractor Expenses			\$29,900
Janitorial Service	\$12,000		\$12,000
Cemetery Care (mowing)	\$6,300	2023 @ \$5850	\$6,300
Other Mowing ("Sexton")	\$6,500	2023 @ \$426	\$8,600
Substitutes	\$3,600	In line w/ recent	\$3,000
Other ( Paid Musicians TBD by Vestry)	\$0		\$0
Office Operations			\$13,500
Office Supplies	\$1,500	2023 @ \$1313	\$1,600
Postage	\$2,000	2023 @ \$1272	\$1,800
Other Office Expenses	\$4,500	2023 @ \$4231	\$6,000
Telephone	\$2,100	2023 @ \$1449	\$2,100
Pamphlets and Printed Materials	\$2,000	2023 @ \$1123	\$2,000
Ministry and Worship			\$54,850
Diocesan Assessment	\$30,422	From Diocese, accepted	\$32,050
Outreach	\$12,000	2023 @ \$2000	\$12,000
Conferences	\$2,000	per consult w/Rector	\$2,000
Congregational Life	\$600	2023 @ \$1008	\$1,000
Altar Supplies	\$1,200	2023 @ \$1800	\$1,500
Altar Memorials (Flowers)	\$750	2023 \$1728	\$2,000

# 24 BUDGET




Music Supplies	\$600	2023 @ \$452		
Church School Supplies	\$500	2023 @ \$52		
Auto Mileage (Rector)	\$1,200	2023 @ \$813		
Continuing Education	\$2,000	per consult w/Rector		Post covid
<b>Facilities and Utilities</b>			\$51,523	\$47,502
Property Insurance	\$16,723	Renewed Policy		\$18,202
Property Maintenance	\$15,000			\$10,000 confirmed w/ Bart
Ground/Building Supplies	\$5,000			\$5,000 confirmed w/ Bart
Kitchen Expenses	\$300			\$300
Fuel and Electric	\$11,000	2023 @ \$8892		\$11,000
Trash Collection	\$1,000	2023 @ \$798		\$1,000
Rectory Utilities	\$2,500	2023 @ \$1271		\$2,000
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>			\$4,000	\$4,000
Accounting	\$0			\$0
Other Miscellaneous	\$4,000			\$4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	\$294,161		\$294,161	\$303,037
<b>INCOME:</b>				
<b>From Individuals</b>			\$187,820	\$187,820
Pledge Payments	\$161,000	2023 @ \$104215		\$161,000 Discuss
Plate Offerings	\$20,000	2023 @ \$ 14862		\$20,000
Parish Appeal	\$2,250	Comp to last 12 mos		\$2,250
Church School Offerings	\$250	Comp 3 year ave		\$250
Initial Offerings	\$120			\$120
Easter/Christmas/Thanksgiving	\$1,800	Comp 3 year ave		\$1,800
Altar Memorials	\$2,400	Comp 3 year ave		\$2,400
<b>Not from Individuals</b>			\$105,523	\$115,217
Tournament Profit	\$23,500			\$24,000
Use of Buildings/Grounds/Facilities	\$1,000			\$2,500 Post Covid
Miscellaneous Income	\$8,000	Misc/Other Income - cash on hand, 2.5% Rector for Mackall Admin.		\$10,000
Planned Transfer from Endowment	\$40,000			\$78,717 (Set to zero shortfall)
Other (Cash on hand; 2.5% Rector from Mackall)	33023	Combine w/ Misc		\$0
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>				\$303,037

Christ Church Website - christchurchcavert.org  
 Fr. Christopher's e-mail  
 christopher@christchurchcavert.org  
 Cell 540-471-7445

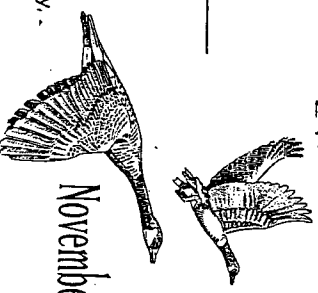
**CHRIST CHURCH 410-586-0565**

Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail -  
 ebellner@gmail.com Cell 407-256-325

# NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 5 9:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 am Fall Meeting	6 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	7 7:00 - 8:15 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> 1 7:00 - 8:15 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only)	<b>3</b> 11:30 am Juliet's Luncheon Dreamweaver's	<b>4</b>  11:30 am Veterans Day
<b>12</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II by ZOOM @ 10:00	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00 - 8:15 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II by ZOOM @ 10:00	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 - 8:15 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	<b>23</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 10:00 am Joint Consolidated Service for Thanksgiving 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II by ZOOM @ 10:00 Advent Wreath Workshop	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon. Bell Deadline	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 - 8:15 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	<b>30</b> 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice		

Holidays and Observances: 7: Election Day, 10: 'Veterans Day' day off, 11: Veterans Day, 23: Thanksgiving Day.





## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

### HEARTFELT UPDATE

We are now filling 8 HeartFelt totes each week for St. Leonard Elementary School students. With these numbers, 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, it would be greatly appreciated.

Listed below are foods that can be used in the backpacks:

Green Beans or Peas	Ravioli
Mac and Cheese	Ramen Noodles
Canned potatoes	Cookies
Spaghetti and Meatballs	Cereal Bars
Beefaroni	Pasta Sauce
Beanee Weenees	w/meat
Peanut Butter crackers	Tuna Salad
Cereal – individual boxes	Chicken Salad
Pancake Mix	Syrup
Vienna Sausages	Tuna - can
Jelly	

Thank you for all you have already given to fill the backpacks for HeartFelt.

Nancy Zinn



*“All the World Is  
God’s Own Field”*

Last year, we did the Reverse Advent Calendar.

For those who want hands-on involvement, try a **reverse Advent calendar**. Each day add an item to a box, before Christmas Eve donate the contents to Food Bank or to a family at SLES or MES. Here is a suggestion of what you can do for the reverse Advent Calendar:

- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 -- boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 – jar of applesauce
- December 11 – canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 – cranberry sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – box of crackers
- December 15 – package of rice
- December 16 – package of oatmeal
- December 17 – package of pasta
- December 18 – spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21 – can corn
- December 22 – can mixed vegetables
- December 23 – can carrots
- December 24 – can green beans

## PLEDGE CARDS

Your Pledge Card for 2024 is below. Please return to the Assistant Treasure!  
Pam Briscoe, with your pledge for 2024 before the end of the 2023 year.



### STEWARDSHIP: OUR COVENANT WITH GOD

In partial fulfillment of this covenant, I/we pledge to give as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per (week) (month) (year)

to \_\_\_\_\_

(Church name)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we have remembered the Church in my(our) will.
- Please send me/us information concerning wills and other forms of planned giving.
- I/we will need a supply of response envelopes.

The Office of Stewardship  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
(800) 334-7526

52-9348-5

### FOR YOUR RECORDS

My/our commitment to

\_\_\_\_\_ (church name)

is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per (week) (month) (year)  
(circle one)

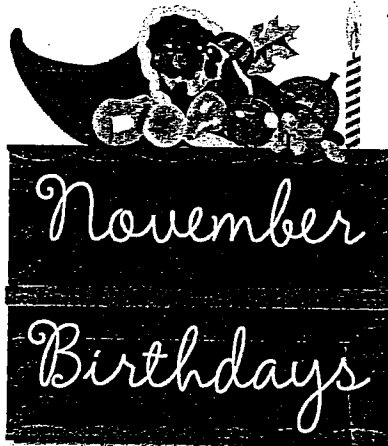
for \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

## NOVEMBER 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 current parish records. Please provide updates.*

- 1 Dotty Greene  
Doug Trollinger
- 2 Evan Davis  
Missy McNatt
- 3 John Briscoe  
Nina Cavin  
Steve Weems
- 4 Andrew Graham  
Adam Hammett
- 6 David Call  
Suzanne Joseph  
Francine Lamson  
Paul Nims
- 9 Sarah Muth  
Emily Young
- 10 Valerie Bowen  
Kim Briscoe
- 11 Amber Hutchins
- 13 Dan Muth
- 14 Carol Dargan  
Jared Gott  
Nancy Williams



- 15 Clayton Cruppenink  
Sandra Gott
- 16 Beverly Lusby  
Shelby Stinnett
- 18 Philip Yeats
- 19 Linda Battenfield  
Rachel Beck  
Jacob Ritter
- 20 Lisa Sickle
- 21 Johnny Wahl
- 22 Jessica Rosnage
- 26 Gloria DeBolt  
Joan Lippold
- 27 Pam Briscoe
- 28 Steve Coulby  
Michael Green  
Joe Wegner
- 29 Jennifer Johnson  
Doris Weems  
Franklin Wood
- 30 David DeBolt  
Bruce Dell  
Lisa VonNessen  
Tina Young

## NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Missy McNatt  
Chloe Ewalt

CHRIST CHURCH  
3100 Broomes Island Road  
Port Republic, MD 20676

*Thankful*

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Prince Frederick, MD  
Permit #2

Return Service Requested

NEWSPAPER  
DATED

FR. CHRISTOPHER & CHERYL GARCIA  
3090 BROOMES ISLAND ROAD  
PORT REPUBLIC, MD 20676



## **FALL PARISH MEETING AND BRUNCH**

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

**November 5, 2023**

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

**A – I Coffeecake, Donuts,  
Bagels, or Sweet Breads**

**J – T Brunch Casserole  
or Breakfast Meat**

**U – Z Fruit for Brunch**

**Juice and Coffee provided by the Church**

**RSVP not required**