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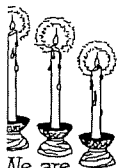
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Our Easter celebration of the risen Jesus continues for seven Sundays, ending with Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the universal church. (Pentecost Sunday this year falls on 19 May.) Throughout Eastertide, we explore the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples, and consider what it means for *us* to live as people of the resurrection.

At our Annual Meeting on 14 April we elected the officers and new vestry members who will help lead us in the years ahead. Reelected to two-years renewable terms were Nancy Zinn as Senior Warden; Bart Ewalt as Junior Warden; Jim Yoe as Treasurer; Helen Prince as Registrar, and Norman Prince as Delegate to Diocesan Council. Dave Campbell and Sandy Hall were elected to new four-year nonrenewable terms as vestry members, to serve until 2028. Thank all of these volunteers for giving their time and talent.

Our officers and vestry members help lead us, but in this time of transition, remember that *every* member's role in Christ Church is vital. We are a small church, and we cannot afford to have anyone sit back and wait and watch. We need everyone to roll up your sleeves, pitch in, and get involved. The risen Jesus is with us here - God is doing great things at Christ Church - and we need *everyone* to share that message with the world around us. Your friends, neighbors, and family members are hungry and yearning for community, connection, and meaning in their lives: help them find it here, at Christ Church.

Yours in Christ,

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We are
grateful for...

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Dave Campbell and Sandy Hall were elected to the Vestry at the Parish Meeting on April 14, 2024. Dave is serving her first term as Vestry member and this is the second time Sandy has served on the Vestry. We are spotlighting our new Vestry members this month.

Dave Campbell grew up attending St. George's Episcopal Church in Newport, RI. He was baptized and confirmed there and was a member of the Junior Choir before his voice changed. St. George's was closed by the RI diocese in 2007 and folded into St. Mary's Episcopal Church due to dwindling attendance.

Dave was born and raised in Newport, Rhode Island, the grandchild of immigrants from Scotland, Ireland, and England. His father serviced coal and oil burners, and his mother was a secretary at the US Naval War college. Dave's brother Alan was born with cerebral palsy and died at age 5 from pneumonia. Dave attended public schools in Newport from kindergarten through high school. He received a B.S. in Zoology at the University of Rhode Island, the first in his family to graduate from college. Dave worked his way through college as a dock worker unloading commercial fishing trawlers. He received a M.S. in marine biology from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in biological sciences at the University of Rhode Island.

Dave met Shannon Briscoe in the US Virgin Islands while he was teaching a course in coral reef ecology for the School for Field Studies. Four years later (in 1987) they married in Christ Church. Dave and Shannon have two children, Cassie (34) and Liam (31). Both Cassie and Liam were baptized and confirmed in Christ Church, and both served as acolytes before they went off to college. Liam is an elementary

school counselor in Fort Myers, Florida, and Cassie is in the last year of her Ph.D. program at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Dave started snorkeling at age 7 and was SCUBA diving by age 18. He is a NAUI certified assistant SCUBA instructor. For most of his life SCUBA diving has been "work" necessary for his research, and only recently since retirement has he considered it a "hobby." Dave has tried to find opportunities to serve the community when possible. He was an EMT with the Durham, NH ambulance corps and the hyperbaric recompression chamber at the University of New Hampshire. Dave was a member of the Board of Directors for Sigma Xi, the honor society for scientific research. More recently he served on the Board of Directors of the Calvert Marine Museum. Presently he serves on the Board of Directors for the One Room Schoolhouse, he is a member of the Calvert County Forestry Board, and Dave is chair of the Calvert County Environmental Commission.

He is presently retired. Shannon and he devote much of their time maintaining farm property and the associated rental houses on the farm. As for his career background, he was visiting assistant professor in the Zoology Dept. at the University of New Hampshire (1983-1986) and taught summer field marine science courses for Cornell University's Shoals Marine Laboratory (1984-2010). He was an associate professor in the Biology Dept. of Rider University (1986-2001) and helped to institute the University's marine biology and environmental science majors. Dave was a Program Director in the Division of Research and Education at the National Science Foundation from 2001 to 2019. He worked with several programs at NSF, managing awards focusing on science education research at the

high school level and technology education programs at community colleges. Dave was honored to receive two 3-month US Embassy science fellowships while at NSF, one in Philippines and one in Palau.

When asked, what brought you to Christ Church? Dave said "Shannon was raised in Christ Church, as were her parents and several generations before that. We lived in Pennsylvania from 1987-1997 and moved to Saint Leonard in 1997. (Well, I moved; Shannon moved back.) We have been regular attendees of the 8:30 service ever since.

Dave was asked, what do you like about Christ Church? He said, "I like the congregants of Christ Church. I have always felt welcome here. I like the physical size of the church; it makes one feel welcome and comfortable. However, I would like to see the size of the congregation grow some."

Sandy Hall grew up in the Methodist Church. She joined the Episcopal Church in 1982 and has been a member for more than twenty years.

Sandy was born in Winchester, VA. Both of her parents were from that area. She grew up in Clinton, MD (PG County). Sandy is the oldest of 3, with a younger brother and sister (now deceased). She went to Surrattsville Elementary, Junior High and Senior High Schools. Sandy attended the University of Maryland in College Park and graduated with a BA in Sociology.

Sandy did not marry nor have children. She worked as a caseworker with the Dept. of Social Services in the 3 Southern MD counties for 30 years. Sandy then worked at the Crisis Intervention Center and the Office of Aging in Calvert County. She is now fully retired.

In addition to her involvement with the church, Sandy is on the Board of SMILE and

volunteers there three or four times per month as an interviewer. She belongs to a Book Club in her neighborhood. She loves to read and enjoys making greeting cards which she does a beautiful job and makes many for parishioners for Christ Church.

Sandy attends the 10:00 AM service on Sundays and Thursdays on a regular basis. She serves as a lector at the Sunday service and usually leads the Prayers of the People on Thursdays. She also participates in the Bible study on Thursday mornings. She serves on the Altar Guild one month per year. She helps with Comfort Givers. At Tournament, she usually sorts books, pick shells out of crab, and packs leftovers. Sandy participates in many of the extra services and activities at the church, such as Stations of the Cross and the Lenten soup and bread suppers. She has also been a Greeter at the 10 o'clock Service.

From 2012 to 2016, Sandy served on the vestry of Christ Church. She has also been the alternate delegate to the Southern Regional Diocesan Council, served as an officer and attended several diocesan conventions. She was previously involved in the Cursillo Movement, serving on several teams and as a member of the Secretariat.

In August 2020, Sandy moved from Prince Frederick to Solomons. Christ Church and her friends here have become her primary support system. Her involvement with SMILE has renewed her interest in serving those in need.

When asked what brought you to Christ Church? Sandy said Christ Church is the second Episcopal Church I have attended since moving to Calvert County.

Sandy said she loves the Episcopal liturgy. She finds the long and rich history of Christ Church fascinating and my church



Continued from previous page **We're Proud of You!** **Samantha Marie Litka** will graduate Magna

Friends have become my family. She feels blessed to have this church in her life and would like an opportunity to support the parish in our upcoming transition as well as in expanding our involvement in our local community.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Emily Katherine Dare will graduate from Elgin High School in Elgin, TX on May 24, 2024. While at Elgin High School, Emily also attended classes at Austin Community College and will receive an Associates Degree in Welding. During her senior year, Emily also had an internship with Athena Manufacturing Company in Round Rock, TX. After graduation, Emily plans to continue at Austin Community College studying blacksmithing.

Cooper Keeley will graduate from Calvert High School on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. After graduation, Cooper will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the College of Southern Maryland in the Fall. He will then follow their pathway to the University of Maryland A. James Clark School of Engineering. Cooper has received The Patuxent Partnership Pathways Scholarship for 2024-2025.

Samantha Marie Litka will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD on May 23, 2024, at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. Sammi will receive a degree as a Mathematics Major in Secondary Education with a Minor in Athletic Coaching. Sammi is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon Math Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. Sammi is in the top 10 percent of the Class of 2024 at Salisbury University. Sammi hopes to become a Math teacher at the middle or high school level as well as a soccer coach.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped us frame the Way of the Cross.

Christ Church was given a set of fourteen woodcut prints, depicting Jesus on his way to Calvary. We are framing them for use during the Way of the Cross, in Lent and at other times. Custom framing for each was \$90 and may be dedicated with a card on the back, at the donor's request, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for an event. All Fourteen prints have been subscribed. For those who selected a station card at the annual meeting, please return them to the Church Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s** next scheduled luncheon is **Friday, 3 May, 11:30 a.m.**, at Dream Weavers. All women of the parish (and their friends) are welcome!

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CHRIST CHURCH PROFILE AND SEARCH COMMITTEES

The Profile and Search Committee names were announced on April 28 at the 8:30 and 10:00 Services.

The members of the Profile Committee are: Richard Dodds; Terri Beck, Holly Briscoe, Lisa Capobianco, Peggy Cochran; Chloe Ewalt; Debbie Francisco; Debbie Kennedy; Adele Maguire; Ron Marney; Patti Wahl; and Jim Yoe.

The members of the Search Committee are: Shannon Campbell, Chair; Heather Brady; James Briscoe; James Coffren; Nicole Foveaux; Norm Prince; Patti Ritter; Brian Williams; Bill Wright; and Phil Yeats.

The Committees were administered an Oath by Fr. Christopher.

We thank each member of the Committees for volunteering. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their important job of finding a permanent rector for Christ Church.

Heart F.E.L.T.

(Filling Empy Little Tummies)

A new ministry at Christ Church

HeartFelt – We are now filling 8 tote bags each week for SLES. Allison Sigler picks up the bags each Thursday and takes them to school. I fill the bags each weekend. Thanks to Allison, she has been doing this the entire school year. Thanks to all of the food and money you have contributed to make it possible for Christ Church to participate.

The last day for this school year for HeartFelt Bags is June 6th.

Attic Treasures for Tournament. We are starting early this year collecting all your attic treasures for the Jousting Tournament's Attic Treasures. All your treasures may now be dropped off in the shed behind the Parish Hall. Please, **no clothing, large furniture, large exercise equipment, or liquids. Toys, games, puzzles and books are not being collected at this time.**

STAND OR KNEEL?

Easter is a 50-day season of celebration. Throughout Easter, we rejoice that we have been given new life, risen with our risen Lord. In keeping with ancient custom of the church and the joyous nature of the season, you are **encouraged to stand** (rather than kneel) for all prayers in Eastertide. *If you feel more comfortable kneeling, feel free to do so.* (Similarly, we omit the Confession in our Sunday Eucharists during Eastertide. Private confession is always available, please see Fr. Christopher.)

Fun Run for Brain Cancer

Awareness. Rain or Shine, Saturday, 4 May 2024 at the Horsmon Farm, 1865 Horsmon Farm Lane, St.

Leonard. Check-in and walk-up registration starts at 7:00 a.m., Fun Run starts at 8:00 a.m. Register by April 17th to be guaranteed a Fun Run T-shirt at <https://funrun.betterworld.org/events/fun-run-support-brain-cancer-res>. The cost is \$30.00 per person. All proceeds will go directly to brain tumor cancer research at the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. If you have questions, please call 410-610-2965 or email chbtam5k@gmail.com

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MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	W
<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>7</p>	
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<p>19</p> <p>8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Fallen Heroes Service w/Fellowship following Service 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p> 27</p> <p>6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bell Deadline</p>	

Holidays and Observances: 5: Cinco de Mayo, 12: Mother's Day, 27: Memorial Day

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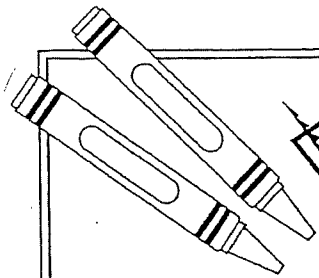
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WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 11:30 am JULIETS Luncheon Dream Weaver's	4
8	9 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
15	16 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18
22	23 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
29	30 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	31	

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

Memorial Day



PUZZLE

Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

walk speak fathers sleep keep always
 guide awake son forsake teaching
 around heart neck mothers fasten watch

"My [][], [][][] your [][][][]'s command
 and do not [][][][] your [][][][]'s [][][][][].
 Bind them [][][][] on your [][][][];
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 When you [][][], they will [][][][] you;
 when you [][][][], they will [][][][] over you;
 when you [][][][], they will [][][][] to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

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, Clay Liles, 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

- Martha Horton, April 20, 2024

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Joe Bellner, Johnny Brodigan, Cindy Horsmon, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Sheila Pitcher, Kirk Taylor, 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
- God's guidance for our self-study and search for our next rector

Friends of Parish

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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| - Molly | -Kay Hoile | -Little Woody Lee |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll | -Billy Bonolis |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman |
| -Ann Garner | -Josh Nudge | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman |
| -Tommy Rosnage | -Daniel Carter | -Kathy W. |
| -Ronnie Bowen | - Carrie | -Jaylyn Almond |
| -Bonnie Kelly | --Bill Lerch | -Amy Marburger |
| -Jamie Gurney | -Catherine Howanstone | -Barbara Clem |
| -Linda | -Shannon Persetic | -Jean Bates |
| -Mason Lee Gott | - Carole Mistarka | |

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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HONOR FALLEN HEROES

Christ Church will honor our fallen heroes, and, praying for those in uniform in the armed forces of our country, on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 am (*Memorial Day Holiday is Monday, May 27*). A 10-minute ceremony held outdoors will include prayers, music, and *Taps*.

Active and retired military are encouraged to wear their uniforms or service uniform hats.

Frank Griggs was kind enough to give the list of the Fallen Heroes that have flags put on their graves each year. They are: Edwin Bedell, Melvin D. Bladen, John Bond, John B. Bowen, Jr., Lawrence Bowlby, James F. Boyd, Dudley Briscoe, James H. Briscoe, James T. Briscoe, John D. Briscoe, Robert M. Coffin, William Dalrymple, Gregory W. Dare, James R. Dawson, Charles W. Denton, John R. Dickerson, Stewart D. Gibson, Frederick A. Goettel, Frederick O. Gott, Walter M. Gott, James T. Gott, George F. Gravatt, Norman G. Green, B. Laveille Hance, Richard Hance, Joseph H. Henderson, Jr., John P. Hill, John Jerry Hollowell, Eugene A. Hollowell, Meredith R. Huntzberry, Albert J. Johnson, Jr., Thaddeus E. Jones, William F. Kastner, Jr., Bernard J. Kimrey, LaVere H. Kopp, Warren D. Lamson, Philip S. Lines, Freeman Lohr, Richard Loveless, Milton Mackall, William T. McDonald, Lee B. McKenzie, Louis H. McKenzie, Martin H. McVoy, Melvin O'Neill,

James O'Malley, Arnold Petty, Daniel B. Priest, Norman E. Prince, William E. Rausch, John F. Roberts, W. Leroy Saunders, Raymond Shipley, Melvin E. Shoemaker, William L. Sickle, Robert L. Sickle, Sr., August Siefreied, Jr., John E. Simmons, Betty S. Skinner, Charles Skinner, Edward G. Sledge, George L. Walker, David Watson, James A. Watson, Jr., John F. Weems, Philip G. Weems, Maurice Weems, Jr., Henry L. Wegner, Robert W. Wells, John D. Whisman, Thomas H. Williams, Jr., Robert G. Wood, Ralph A. Woodward, Stanley E. Wright, Herbert D. Zitzewitz.

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Patuxent Voices is having their spring concert ***Leap of Faith*** on Sunday, 5 May, at 3 p.m. here at Christ Church. Can't make that date? They will be performing at All Saints Church on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and at Christ Church, Chaptico, on Saturday, 4 May at 7:00 p.m.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

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 Bart Ewalt
- Marisa Porter
- 2 Lisa Keeley
- Gene King
- Virginia McCready
- John Sigler
- 3 Aliona Fulcher
- 4 Marcia Hammett
- 5 Amy King
- John Yoe
- 6 Delaney Briscoe
- Alice Yoe
- 7 Jeremy Dodds
- Larry Lamson
- 8 Joe Bellner
- Becky Smith
- 11 Chris Horsmon
- Kyle Jarrett
- Mike Yestranski
- 12 Steven Francisco
- 14 Fr. Kent Booth
- Holly Briscoe
- Stacie Browning
- Ben Huether
- 15 David Campbell
- Emily Mechling
- 17 Ron Cole

- 17 Joshua Garner
- 18 Danny Baker, III
- Rusty Mabry
- Lisa Manning
- Evelyn Marney
- 19 Kate Sweitzer
- 20 Ashley Bowen
- Brian Ritter
- 21 Ben Horsmon
- 22 Randy Gott
- 23 Lauren Stern
- 24 Olga Booth
- Marina Fulcher
- Hailey Harrigan
- Massey Link
- 25 Phyllis Burke
- Steve Dunlap
- Kayla Sickle
- 27 Brandon Call
- Cheryl Garcia
- Katie Prout
- 28 Luke Weems
- 29 Russell Reynolds
- 31 David Huether
- Phyllis Baker
- Stephen Dare

MAY ALTAR GUILD

- Kim Briscoe
- Pam Briscoe
- Chloe Ewalt
- Missy McNatt

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game.

- God

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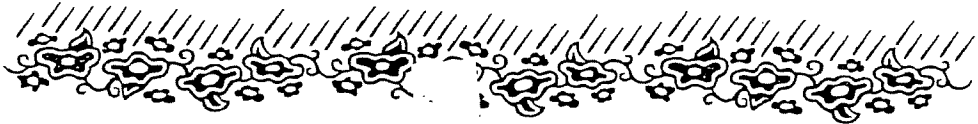


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**THANK YOU OUTGOING VESTRY
MEMBERS**

Thank you Kathy Clark and Donnie McCready for serving on the Vestry and helping to lead us through the Pandemic. Kathy and Donnie served from April 12, 2020 – April 14, 2024. Kathy is currently co-chair of the Comfort Givers, Chair of the JULIETS Luncheon, tri-chair of the Tournament Box Supper Committee and Greeter at 8:30 Church. Donnie currently is chair of the Potato Salad Detail for the Tournament Supper, bread and wine carrier at the 8:30 Service, and helps mark the graves in the cemetery. They both said they enjoyed serving on the Vestry and understanding the working of the Vestry and church



Well done good and faithful servants.

Vestry Election Results

Elected to the Vestry for a

Four-year term

On April 14, 2024

Dave Campbell

Sandy Hall

BIBLE STUDY

The last day for Bible Study lead by Cheryl Garcia was Thursday, April 25, 2024. Thank you Cheryl for all the hours you have given to the preparation of the classes and the time teaching. You have expanded the class on Thursday to in-person while still teaching the virtual class on Wednesday nights.

You have done an excellent job and you will certainly be missed in the fall when it is time to start up classes again.