

# Christ Church *Bell*

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Tuesday, June 24th, the Episcopal Church marked the Feast Day of John the Baptist with this familiar Old Testament reading:

"Comfort, oh comfort my people, says your God. Speak softly and tenderly to Jerusalem, but also make it very clear that she has served her sentence, that her sin is taken care of—forgiven!"

-The Message

I pray you find Isaiah's words as comforting to you as they have been for me during these polarized times.

In faith, hope and love,  
Lucretia+



# CHURCH PICNIC



## ALL PARISH PICNIC

Friday, July 25

5:30 pm

### ONE ROOM SCHOOL YARD PICNIC GROVE OR PARISH HALL

Weather Dependent

Provided: Hotdogs, Fried chicken,  
Beverages, Paper Products,  
Condiments

*Bring: Lawn Chairs, a dish to share  
(side dish or dessert)*

RSVP by Tuesday, July 22 (to ensure  
enough food)

to Nancy Zinn 410-586-0682 or to  
Karen Ritter in the Parish Office,  
410-586-0565



**Attic Treasures for the  
Tournament.** We are starting to collect  
items for the Jousting Tournament's Attic  
Treasures sale. All your treasures may now  
be dropped off in the shed behind the Parish  
Hall. We are **not accepting clothing,  
large furniture, large exercise  
equipment, television sets or liquids.**  
Toys, games, puzzles and books **are not  
being collected** at this time. If you have any  
questions about something you want to  
donate, please contact Allyson Sigler at  
412 624 0138.

*Thank  
You!*

## THANK YOU PATTI WAHL AND NORM PRINCE

A big Thank You to Patti Wahl and Norm  
Prince for taking the lead in the Planning for  
the Future End of Life Planning held in the  
Parish Hall on June 7, 2025 from 9 – 3 pm.  
They had an excellent movie on how to  
express the end of life. The first presenter  
was Michelle Cummings from the Hospice  
of the Chesapeake who spoke on Palliative  
Care and other functions of Hospice, Rick  
Lloyd,, Attorney, and Margaret Phipps,  
Register of Wills, spoke on Living Wills,  
Estates, Trusts, and Probate.

Representatives from Rausch Funeral Home  
gave a discussion on Funeral Home  
Services. Rev. Andres Rutledge, All Saints,  
Sunderland, gave a talk on Church Funerals.

Please thank Patti and Norm when you  
see them for taking time out of their busy  
schedule to have this event at Christ  
Church.

**Books for the Tournament Book  
Booth** may be dropped off in the  
**Parish Hall starting on July 5<sup>d</sup>.**  
Questions, please contact Terri Beck,  
410-586-1701.

## ONLINE GIVING

We are pleased to offer online giving via Square. Square will enable you to make a variety of contributions to Christ Church Calvert with the security and speed of online payments. You will have the flexibility to make a range of donations for things like a payment to your annual pledge, money toward the holiday flower displays, a memorial contribution, donations toward tournament expenses, and, of course, donations to the general fund.

Square accepts all major credit cards and debit cards. Simply click to get started. You will be directed to a separate secure page for payment. Use the "\$0.00" option to enter a custom amount.

## Southern Maryland Region Picnic

The Southern Maryland Episcopal Regional Council is sponsoring a picnic for all eight churches in the region. It will be held at the pavilion at King's Landing Park in Huntingtown on **Sunday, August 3rd starting at 2 pm**. All members of Christ Church and their families and friends are invited. More details will be available soon. **Mark your calendar!**

## Year of Transition

The **Search Committee** continues their diligent work in the search for our next rector.

Thank you to all who attended the End of Life Workshop. Norman Prince and Patti Wahl did an excellent job in attending to every detail. The speakers did a wonderful job of informing the attendees.

On June 15, **Canon of Development Dina Van Klaveren** was our guest preacher and held a discussion with parishioners at the coffee hour following the service.

The June 28th **Courageous Conversation: Picking Up the Threads** with the Moderator and Conversation Guide: Gayle Fisher-Stewart hosted by Christ Church was postponed until the fall due to too many scheduling conflicts.

On June 29, **Canon of Mission, Randy Callender** was our guest preacher and coffee hour presenter after the one consolidated service

**Save the Date July 25, Parish Picnic at 5:30 pm. Bring a side dish or dessert. Be sure to RSVP.**

I hope you have the Jousting Tournament on your calendar already. If not, please mark August 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the 158<sup>th</sup> Jousting Tournament.

Thank you for all you do for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden

# 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. For our Interim Rector, Dr. Lucretia Mann.

## Military

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

## Baptism

- Lillith Grace Phipps (correction of first name in the June Bell)

## Homebound and Long-term Care

- Erich Fronck, Jessica Lewis, Vera Lind, Elaine Williams

## Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Tom Cavin, Nancy Dare, Gloria DeBolt; Mason Lee Gott; Frank Griggs, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Virginia McCready, Sheila Pitcher, Kirk Taylor, Joe Wegner, Mary Linda Wegner, 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
- 158<sup>th</sup> Calvert Cuntj Jousting Tournament

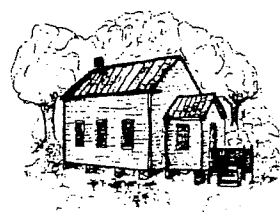
## Friends of Parish

- |                       |                       |                          |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| - Molly               | -Kay Hoile            | -Little Woody Lee        | -Dale Norfolk      |
| -Ben Norfolk          | -Viola Carroll        | -Billy Bonolis           | -Tink Trow         |
| -William Johnson      | -Charlotte Hayman     | -Kelsey Smith            | -Tammy Grover      |
| -Ann Garner           | -Josh Nudge           | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman   | -Franklin King     |
| -Tommy Rosnage        | -Daniel Carter        | -Linda Hill              | -Christine Reczuch |
| -Ronnie Bowen         | -Carrie               | -Jaylyn Almond           | -Shelia            |
| -Bill Lerch           | -Amy Marburger        | -Valarie                 | -Casper            |
| -Jamie Gurney         | -Catherine Howanstone | -Barbara Clem            | -Charles           |
| -Linda                | -Shannon Persetic     | -Richard Geffin          | -Freda Gray        |
| -Carole Mistarka      | -Gaylyn Krenik        | -Cindi Cauffman's Family | -Thalbert Wilde    |
| -Norma Jean Welch     | -Lisa Porter          | -Pat S.                  | -David Wallace     |
| -Roberto Dennis       | -Lynn H               | -Carolyn M               | -Woody Lee         |
| -Kenny and Jean Dyson | -Judy Humphreys       | -Jeanette Conver         |                    |

*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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ONE ROOM SCHOOL

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Rain-or-Shine

Enjoy an old-fashioned summer evening  
with friends, ice cream, and music.

The School House will be open. Bring your  
lawn chair and come to enjoy.

First cone or dish of ice cream is free.

Families will find period games and  
activities for young children to enjoy.

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Hosted by

*Friends of the One Room School House*

*The One-Room School House has become  
easier to access for all the community with  
a ramp and level flooring which brought the  
schoolhouse into compliance with the  
Americans with Disabilities Act.*



## 158<sup>th</sup> Tournament Day

Saturday, August 30

*Always the last Saturday in August*

*Everyone's help is needed and appreciated.*

*For information, please speak with:*

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Men of Christ Church

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20\_-30

Christian Henry Leroy Burkman.  
John Dawkins Briscoe.  
~~Thomas Gordon Bennett, Jr.~~  
Benjamin Laville Hance.  
Thomas Parran, Jr.  
John Elbert Simmons.  
Charles William Skinner.  
Thomas Linwood Yoe.

30-40

Robert Harkness.  
David Harkness.  
Roland Eugene Howard.  
John Wilson Ireland, Jr.  
John Sedwick Latimer.  
Raymond Thomas Shipley.  
John Sedwick Williams, Jr.  
Howard Philip Yoe.  
John Alvin Yoe.

40-50

Charles Richard Belt, Jr.  
~~James Duke Belt.~~  
John Thomas Dawkins.  
Ramsay Hodges, Jr.  
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Alexander Somervell.  
Paul Laville Hance.  
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Roy Chambers Howard.  
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Linwood Williams.  
Joseph Vernon Williams.

50-60

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Edgar Cranford.  
Thomas Bourne Mackall.  
Benjamin Parran.  
H. Clare Briscoe.

The Best Years


John Bond.  
~~Weddab~~ Byers Blackwell.  
Charles Richard Belt.  
~~Benjamin~~ Hance Laville.  
Joseph Wilson Ireland.  
James Brawner Latimer.  
Harrison Columbus Long.  
Thomas Parran.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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6 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II By ZOOM @ 10:00 11:15 Fellowship	7 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	8
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**CHRIST**

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

# July 2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 am Holy Eucharist for Men	3 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	4  <i>Independence Day</i>	5
9 9:30 am Holy Eucharist for Men	10 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	11 J.U.L.I.E.T.'s Luncheon Dream Weavers 11:30 am	12
16 9:30 am Holy Eucharist for Men	17 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	18	19
23 9:30 am Holy Eucharist for Men	24 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	25 5:30 pm Parish Picnic Bring a side dish or dessert and RSVP	26
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There must be a beginning of any great matter,  
but the continewing unto the end untill it be  
thoroughly finished yeldes the true glory.



Christ Church Parish  
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July 2025



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Maryland tradition returns with the 158th Calvert County Jousting Tournament set to run on the grounds of Christ Church on Saturday, August 30, 2025. As in the past, festivities that afternoon will include a delicious Tournament Supper held in the Parish Hall from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Box Suppers will be available from 12 noon – 6:00 pm and can be reserved by calling (410) 586-0565 that morning.

This is a major fund-raising event for Christ Church. Unlike other fund-raising activities, the supper requires a significant “front end” investment of time and money. Cost of the many items that go into the supper all add up quickly and we are again asking you to consider donating to defray upfront costs for supper supplies. Tournament Supper sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation and can be made in any amount. If donating by check, please make your check payable to Christ Church and indicate “Tournament Supper Sponsor” in the memo line. **Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection plate or mailed no later than August 17<sup>th</sup> to Treasurer, Christ Church Parish, 3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD 20676.**

In recognition of your support of Tournament Supper, you can elect to have names printed on the placemats under any of the following categories: “Parishioners and Friends”, “Commercial Sponsors”, “Memorial Donations”, or “In Thanksgiving”. Please complete the bottom portion of this request and return it with your donation. Placemats are included in the box suppers.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to enjoying the 158<sup>th</sup> Tournament Day with you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy W. Greene  
Tournament Supper Consultant

Nancy W. Zinn  
Tournament Supper Co-Chair

Nicole Foveaux  
Tournament Supper Co-Chair

Please print name(s) exactly as it should be listed on the placemats:

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*Memorial Donations:*

*In Thanksgiving Donations:*

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in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Historic Papers from Suzanne Shipley Joseph

Suzanne Joseph was going through some papers that her father, Ray Shipley, had and send some of Christ Church to me. Here are a few of what was in the information she sent me in February, 2025. The papers date back to 1947 when Christ Church and St. Paul's shared the same minister.

25 April 1947

Dear Friends of Christ Church:

We approach you as a Special Committee to carry out the desires of the congregation of Christ Church Parish made known at the Congregational Meeting on the 6th of March.

You have known for some time that Christ Church is planning the installation of central heat, and electric lights and undertaking certain repairs in the historic old building. Last autumn some items were placed in our budget for 1947 looking toward the accomplishment of these additions and repairs. That budget was underwritten by the members and friends of the parish, and it was an indication that you wished to see these things done:

It was suggested at the meeting that the job be completed this year and that one way of financing it would be for each head of a family or for each individual raising tobacco to contribute 100 pounds of tobacco more or less to the special improvement fund as a gift over and above his pledge to the church for 1947. It was pointed out that with what money there is already in hand, plus that which will be brought in through the sale of this tobacco, you can contribute, and the proceeds of several functions to be sponsored for the people of the county by the Committee on Light and Heat, the money necessary for the work could be expected to be in hand this year!

Other members and friends of the church who do not grow tobacco but who have independent incomes have also asked to make a contribution equal more or less to 100 pounds of tobacco. This may be done by purchasing tobacco and giving it to the fund, or by a money gift on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis. If you are now ready to make that gift, this committee will receive your pledge in the name of the Church, or just notify the Treasurer or your intention.

We have arranged for a truck to stop by your farm on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1947

to collect your tobacco gift. If you will not be at home or ready to give some tobacco please return the enclosed card.

In behalf of the members of Christ Church we wish to thank you for your willingness to respond to this special appeal, and trust that your part in such a worth-while project as well as your enjoyment in seeing Christ Church receive the above-named improvements will in some way help repay you for your sacrifices.

THE COMMITTEE

Paul Hance  
Benjamin Parran



## JULY 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  | Brooke Peake<br>John Peake<br>Norman Prince                               |
| 2  | Jane Joy  |
| 3  | Robert Young  |
| 4  | Bill Seymour<br>Nancy Thompson  |
| 6  | Destiny Cotner<br>Billy Myers, Jr.<br>Kathy Tomlinson                     |
| 7  | Frank Griggs<br>Temperance Hance  |
| 8  | Vicky Bowen<br>Bruce Dell<br>Danielle Philipp<br>Angel Swann              |
| 9  | Katelynn Maguire  |
| 10 | Bobby Graham  |
| 11 | Jose Figueroa<br>Madeline Graham<br>Annette Huntzberry<br>Dennis Struchen |
| 12 | Greg Coffren<br>Mary Linda Wegner   |

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|----|---|
| 13 | Ron Marney                                      |
| 14 | Vic Kennedy<br>Sara Neely-Azpiazu               |
| 16 | Kay Zinn  |
| 18 | Bobby Ritter<br>Mary Seymour<br>John Stephenson |
| 19 | James Coffren<br>Alison Gallegos<br>Tim Lewis   |
| 21 | Noah Brady<br>Robin Manning<br>Susan Wanamaker  |
| 23 | Will McCready                                   |
| 24 | Pat Buehler<br>Kim Thompson                     |
| 26 | Karen Sharpe                                    |
| 28 | James Hill                                      |
| 29 | Dan Brown                                       |
| 30 | Willie Dove<br>Barbara Smith                    |
| 31 | Alison Clark Yurchik                            |

## JULY ALTAR GUILD

- |                 |
|-----------------|
| Nancy Zinn      |
| Joan McCready   |
| Donnie McCready |
| Dotty Greene    |

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**Search Prayer.** Please pray daily for our search for our next rector: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Search Committee Update

Christ Church is actively searching for our next fulltime rector. Classified ads continue to run on the Episcopal News Service (ENS) website and in *The Living Church* magazine. The Search Committee would welcome your assistance in the following ways. As you travel and possibly visit other churches, please take time to introduce yourself to the clergy and let them know of our search for a fulltime rector. Word of mouth is a more personal and targeted way to share what is so special about Christ Church Port Republic to individuals who might know of potential candidates. Interested applicants can find more information about the rector position, as well as application instructions on the Rector Search page of our website at [christchurchcalvert.org](http://christchurchcalvert.org). Please follow Christ Church on our Facebook page so that you can spread the word about our rector search by liking, commenting, and sharing the banner posted on the Christ Church Facebook page whenever you see it in your FB Feed. Lastly, please pray regularly for Christ Church as the search for our next rector continues. Thank you. Shannon

Search Committee Chair