

Christ Church Bell



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Undoubtedly, this article for The Bell is unusual; as unusual as the importance to me of submitting it.

This Sunday, when all lections aligned with the protected status of the stranger in the Ancient Near East, my delivery fell far short of my intention. My intention as preacher was to offer this ancient practice, shared by all ancient Abrahamic faiths and most world religions for consideration and for wondering---for wondering about the evolution from kindness and inclusion to the suspicion and exclusion that now exists in many cultures.

Instead, my intention was derailed by current events, the effects of which I had personally witnessed just the day before. And for the impact of my derailment on many of you, the faithful of Christ Church, I humbly apologize.

My wondering continues, and I look forward to conversations in the not too distant future about how and why many cultures and expressions of faith have moved from shielding foreigners from danger to distrusting foreigners.

Lucretia†

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, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

Homebound and Long-term Care

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

Burial

- Cindy Greene Horsmon

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Linda Battenfield, Johnny Brodigan, Tom Cavin, Nancy Dare, Gloria DeBolt, Mason Lee Gott, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Virginia McCready, Ted Money, Sheila Pitcher, Brian Ritter, 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

Friends of Parish

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| - 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 | -Linda Hill |
| -Ronnie Bowen | - Carrie | -Jaylyn Almond |
| --Bill Lerch | -Amy Marburger | Joyce Spangler |
| -Jamie Gurney | -Catherine Howanstone | -Barbara Clem |
| -Linda | -Shannon Persetic | -Jean Bates |
| -Carole Mistarka | -Gaylyn Krenik | -Cindi Cauffman's Family |
| -Norma Jean Welch | -Lisa Porter | -Pat S. |
| -Roberto Dennis | -Lynn H | -Carolyn M |
| -Richard Geffin | -Thalbert Wilde | -Anjie McCollum |
| -Shelia | -Valarie | -Charles |
| -Ronnie | -Franklin King | -Christine Reczuch |
| -Dale Norfolk | | |

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.

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Are you a member of Christ Church? Are you still a member at a previous church you attended before coming to Christ Church? Would you consider transferring your membership to Christ Church?

Please speak with Rev. Lucretia Mann to find out what you have to do to transfer your membership from another church to Christ Church.

Year of Transition

The Search Committee is diligently working and meeting weekly in person or by ZOOM. The rector search closed on **January 15, 2025**.

Cindy Greene Horsmon passed away on January 3rd. We had a heavy snow storm on January 6. Thanks to Bart and his crew, the parking lots were cleared and the sidewalks shoveled for the Visitation for Cindy at Christ Church on January 8 and funeral on January 9. Thanks also to all who helped with parking both days and driving the golf cart; We had a large attendance for both the visitation (550) and funeral (300). Thank you to the Comfort Givers for providing the delicious reception after the service and thanks to all of you who helped with the service.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, Southern Regional Council, will be having their quarterly meeting on February 7, with a spaghetti dinner at All Saint's Sunderland. This is open to all church leaders. Dinner

starts about 5:30 – 6:00. Host church provides the spaghetti, and attendees bring salad, bread, or dessert to share. **Christ Church will be hosting this on May 16, 2025.**

In December, 2024, the Vestry created the **Rector's Expense Fund (REF)**. This fund can be funded by specific donations and used by the Rector to pay non-budgeted expenses. We also have the **Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF)** which is for the Rector helping those in need. The first Sunday of each month is when all non-pledged (loose) offerings go into the RDF.

The Vestry also discussed the Lenten Schedule as Easter is late this year. We will have the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wed. Services, Soup and Bread Suppers after the Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service at Solomons, The Easter Vigil on Saturday, No Easter Sunrise Service on the Tournament Field, this year,. Easter Day Services will be at 8:30 and 10 am in the church. We will not have the Seder Dinner this year.

Thank you for all you do for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden

CALLING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Voting Members who are exploring a possible call by the Lord to Vestry service are expected to take full opportunity to prayerfully learn prior to the Parish Annual Meeting as much as possible about the duties, responsibilities, dynamics, challenges, and joys of Vestry service; please speak with any Vestry member or Officer. Election to the Vestry will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting on May 4, 2025. "Voting Members shall be nominated from the floor by another Voting Member at the annual meeting. No nominations for Vestry member shall be accepted unless the person nominated has agreed to serve if elected."

NOTE: *"Voting Members: are persons at least 18 years of age who have been Ordinary Members for at least six months, and who are enrolled in this Parish, for the period aforesaid, as communicants-in-good-standing and as contributors. ("Communicants-in-good-standing" have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and are faithful in corporate worship unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving, for the spread of the Kingdom of God.) Also, the Safe Church Policy of The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland requires Officers and Vestry members to complete a criminal records check, a sexual offender registry check, a reference background check, and to hold training certificates from this Diocese in both "Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct" and "Prevention of Adult Sexual Misconduct."*



The 2025 *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.

HeartFelt Backpack Program

We are now filling 13 HeartFelt backpacks each week for St. Leonard Elementary School students and 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 Poptarts, cereal bars, canned potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, chocolate and vanilla pudding, fruit (individual cups), cookies (6 to a pkg.), raisins, chicken salad, tuna salad, canned pasta – spaghetti and meatballs, beefaroni, ravioli, mac and cheese, and other foods that are considered a meal. We truly appreciate everything that is given.

Thank you for all you have already given to fill the backpacks for HeartFelt at SLES. Over the last few years, you have made a difference for the students at SLES.

Nancy Zinn

THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

OFFICERS

The Rev. Lucretia Mann, *Interim Rector*
Nancy W. Zinn, *Sr. Warden*
Bart Ewalt, *Jr. Warden*
James G. Yoe, *Treasurer*
Pam Briscoe, *Assistant Treasurer*
Beverly Lusby, *Assistant Treasurer*
Helen Prince, *Registrar*

VESTRY MEMBERS

2025	Peter Cochran	Patti Wahl
2026	Ron Cole	Allyson Sigler
2027	Ron Marney	Philip Yeats
2028	David Campbell	Sandy Hall

NOTICE

Holiday floral arrangements, and all other decorations, remaining in the Churchyard are to be removed before **ASH**

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Deadline for next issue: February 18, 2025



Altar Guild


What a great meeting we had in January, coming together as a whole group to share thoughts, ask questions, review procedures, reignite our joy and passion, and rededicate our service to the Lord. Altar Guild currently has 26 serving members! Would you like to join? We would love to increase all teams to four people; we are looking for men and women to join us and serve one month a year. Contact Peggy Cochran for information: 410-610-6634.

God of Peace, you know both the delights and distractions of our ever-changing world and busy lives. Grant that, as your son Jesus Christ taught his followers to strive for balance in work and reflection, we who serve your altar may find that balance in our own lives and may always be listening for your words and serve you with glad hearts and peaceful minds for the building up of your body, the church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Fellowship 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Cribbery 11:15 am Fellowship	6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.		7:00 – 8:15 pm Evening Bible ZOOM
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February 2025

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Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail – <u>eabellner@gmail.com</u> Cell 407-256-3298			
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February

Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

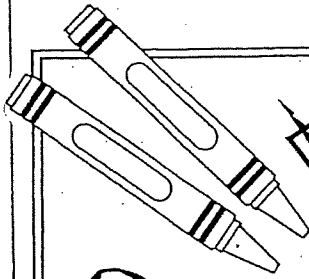
Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

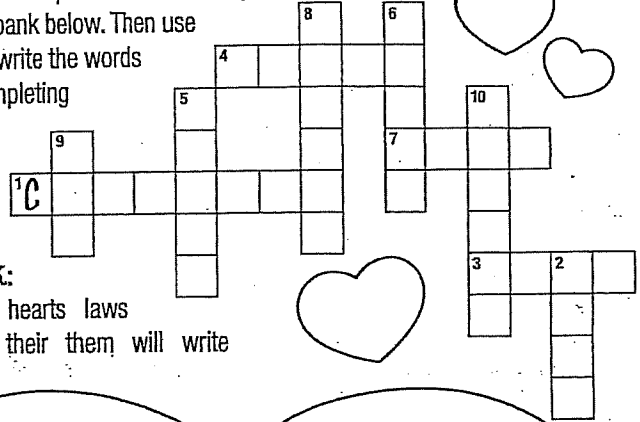


PUZZLE

ON THEIR HEARTS

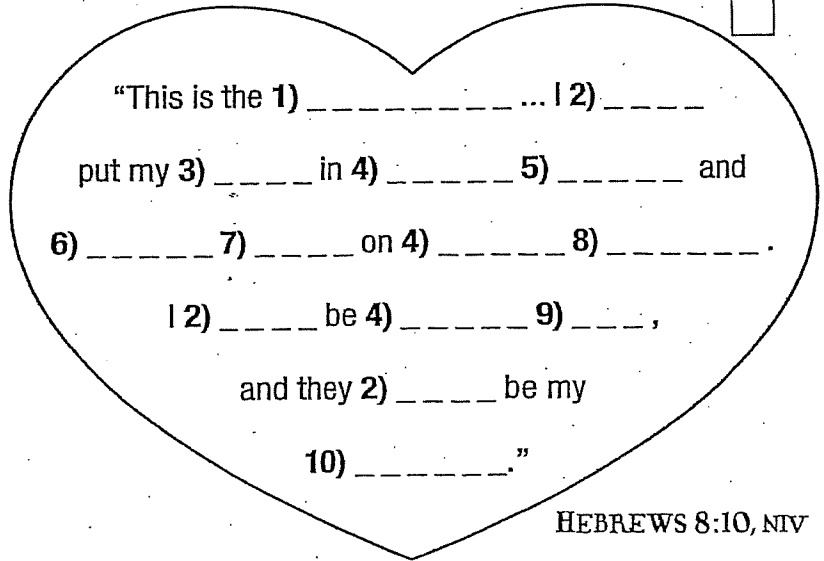
God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.



WORD BANK:

covenant God hearts laws
minds people their them will write



HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: "This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Hebrews 8:10, NIV

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

158th Jousting Tournament

August 30, 2025

August 30, 2025, will be our 158th Jousting Tournament. Jimmy Coffren has agreed to be the overall Tournament Chair, Garry Baker has agreed to be the Field Chair, Allyson Sigler and Chloe Ewalt have agreed to be the Bazaar Co-Chairs, and Susan Yoe has agreed to be the Organ Recital Chair and Nicole Foveaux and Nancy Zinn have agreed to Co-Chair the supper for the 2025 158th Jousting Tournament.

Volunteers Needed

Beverly Lusby and Pam Briscoe will be retiring at the end of February as Assistant Treasurers. We thank both of them for years - decades! - of service in these positions. Parishioners wanting to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of the assistant treasurer positions, or to volunteer to fill them should contact Jimmy Yoe at 410 474 7753, or by email at treasurer@christchurchcalvert.org

Sutton Scholars Fundraiser. Join the Board of Sutton Scholars for a fundraiser partnering with TopGolf, Baltimore on Thursday 20 February 2025 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Purchase tickets at <https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/543/donate.asp?formid=SSEvents&c=20250107083900922115>. To apply for a Sutton scholarship go to: <https://suttonscholars.org/applying/>

Spring 2025 at Claggett. Spring adult programming is right around the corner at the Claggett Center; Men's Retreat, 31 January-2 February; Women's Weekend, 21 February-23 February; Spirituality and Nature Retreat, 14 March-16 March; Benedictine Retreat, 16 May-18 May. Scholarships are available for all adult retreats. For complete information and to register go to: <https://www.claggettcenter.org/adult-programs>

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected dioceses as they assess needs in their communities in response to the Southern California wildfires. If you would like to make a donation please visit https://support.episcopalrelief.org/wildfire-2025?sn-um=1&ID=SE25-DRR_250109DMRLW01H0&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=fy25lawildfire&utm_source=SE25-DRR_250109DMRLW01H0&gad_source=1&gclid=CjoKCOiAs5i8BhDmARIsAGE4xHyXpHcLhuLRwFEa86k58TegyCn-5tWHiBxFynr8RaUoAcwoxEPOztkAAl0JEA Lw wCB

SAVE THE DATE

Shrove Tuesday is March 4th, fairly late this year. Time – 5:00 to 7:00 pm, which is a change from previous years. Rich White and Jim Yoe are always looking for volunteer servers and kitchen help, contact Rich White via email rich.white.7110@gmail.com. to volunteer..

NEVER-ENDING GIFT

Seven days a week, remind someone special about God's love, the gift that truly keeps on giving.

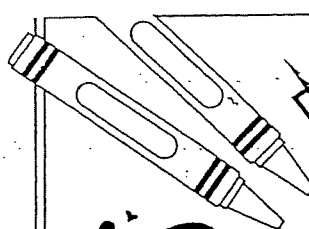


What you need:

- Large plastic pill box with a compartment for each day
- Construction paper
- Craft glue
- Black permanent marker
- Heart stickers
- Scissors
- Bible
- Pencil
- 7 small treats (fish-shaped crackers, small candies, trail mix, etc.)

What you do:

1. Glue paper onto the container. Write "God's Love" in permanent marker. Decorate with heart stickers.
2. Cut seven slips of paper. On each slip, write out one Bible verse about God's love. (Examples include Psalm 63:3; Psalm 100:5; John 3:16; John 15:12; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9.)
3. Fill each compartment with a different treat. Then place a folded slip atop each treat.
4. Give away the present. Tell the recipient to open the correct day for a week — and then refill the treats and verses and "regift" God's love to someone else.



PUZZLE

God's Love

We can't measure God's love for us. It starts before we're born and continues for eternity.

Directions: Down the left-hand column, spell out the name of each number. Then write the circled letters on the blank lines in the right-hand column. Read the words on the right, from top to bottom, to see what Psalm 33:22 (NIV) says about God's love.

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4	_____○	y _____
99	_____○	u _ f a _ l _ _ g
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81	_____○	_____ p _ _
9	_____○	_____
24	_____○	_____ "

PSALM 33:22, NIV

Twenty....."May
 Four.....your
 Ninety-nine.....unfailing
 Seven.....love
 One.....be
 Twenty-eight.....with
 Sixty.....us,
 Forty.....Lord,
 Seventy.....even
 Six.....as
 Twelve.....we
 Sixty-four.....put
 Fourteen.....our
 Eighty-one.....hope
 Nine.....in
 Twenty-four.....you"

Answer:



Happy
Birthday

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the birthday list by other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.

Birthdays are posted from the most current records. Please provide updates.

1	Susan Yoe	16	Adele Maguire
2	Philip Brady		Karen Ritter
	Richard Peake		Katy Smither
	John Wilt	17	Tommy Yoe
4	Lynn Gott	18	Emily Huntzberry
	Christopher Graham		Michelle Weems
	Luke Wilt		Michelle Wolf
5	Nicole Foveaux	19	Eddie Clark
6	Chase Foveaux		Linda Conner
	Johnny Huntzberry	20	Mary Crupi
	Corrine Jacobs		Penny Goodenough
7	Melissa Dell	23	Scott Paterson
9	Grace Bourne		Patti Ritter
	Nancy Dare		Lauren Trollinger
10	Megan Hance	24	Joey Weems
	Ina Stinnett	25	Julie Trollinger
11	Olivia Zinn		Tanner Johnson
12	Millie Money		Rev. Lucretia Mann
	Sarah VonNessen		Shannon Masters
13	Patti Wahl	26	Victoria Peake
15	Averi Lewis	28	Byron Dunlap
	Jessica Berens		Tera Swann
16	Lauren Bourne		
	Marc Briere		
	Missy Carnes		
	David Francisco		



Feb. Altar Guild

Diane Azpiazu
Beverly Lusby
Marcia Hammett

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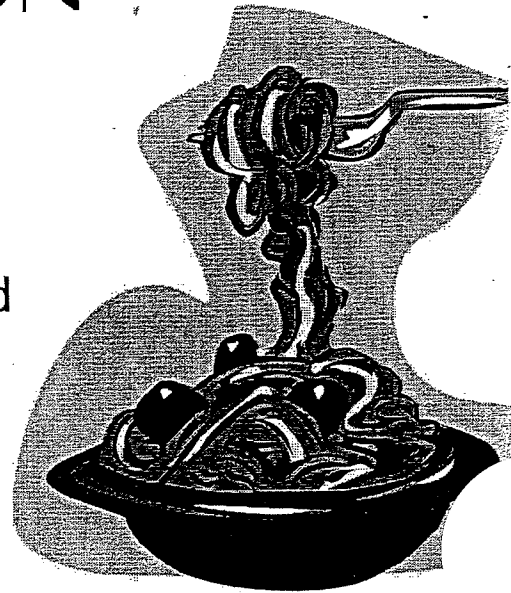
SOUTHERN REGION SPAGHETTI DINNER

You are invited for a time of prayer
and planning for Southern Maryland

Bring a salad, bread or dessert to share.
Spaghetti provided

6pm Friday, February 7, 2025

All Saints Episcopal Church
100 Lower Marlboro Rd
Sunderland, MD



SVP by Feb 4th to The Rev. Andrew Rutledge allsaints1692rector@gmail.com

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.*