

Christ Church *Bell*

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Beginning with Palm Sunday and extending through the Day of Resurrection, the value which Christ Church faithful place on worshipping together was readily apparent in attendance and active participation in a variety of services. Likewise, the dedication, passion and excellence so evident in Altar Guild and Flower Ministry was moving for this Interim Rector to behold.

I truly and deeply appreciate the willingness in dedicating themselves to Christ Church's worship tradition AND willingness to try on new forms of Holy Week worship that is more contemplative than active.

The gift of moving together through Lent, Holy Week and Easter has been and, I imagine, will continue to be a blessing and delight for me.

In faith, and hope, and love,

Lucretia+



I Thanks

Candidates for Vestry

Lisa Capobianco

I grew up across the river in St. Mary's County, and moved to Calvert County in 2001. I began attending Christ Church soon after. My husband and I split our time between our home near Broomes Island and our work in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, where we owned and operated several restaurants.

When my husband passed in 2010, I continued to run the business until late 2018. After that, I moved back home to Calvert County full-time. I became more active in the church, serving on the Altar Guild, helping with the Tournament (I was the "Meatball Lady" for many years!), and most recently I served on the Profile Committee.

These day, I spend several days a week volunteering at the hospital, and once a month I help MILE pack and deliver food to those in need. My real passion, though, is working with seniors at the Calvert County Nursing Center, where I run activities twice a week for the residents in the Memory Care wing. When people ask me about my work there, I always say, "I get WAY more out of this than I give."

The rest of my time is spent with Ralph, my boyfriend of 8 years, on the water---fishing, kayaking and boating. I also enjoy hiking, gardening, and we're constantly working on repairs to my 100-year-old home.

I have three grown children and four grandchildren who live in New York and Connecticut.

I love animals and have adopted Tommy – a 120 lb. Great Pyrenees, who you may have seen hiking with me on the Seven Bridges Trail. I also have 4 chickens, and share custody of my neighbor's cats.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve the church as a member of the Vestry, especially during this time of transition.

Thank you for your consideration, *Lisa Capobianco*

James Coffren

Hi, I'm James Coffren

I've been going to Christ Church all of my life. My father and his parents went to this church and I can't remember a time in my 23 years of living where I wasn't there. As a member of the

church, I've been to Sunday school, been an acolyte, helped with the church in annual clean ups, my Eagle Scout project and helped in the annual church jousting tournament with setting up and parking. Currently I'm on the search committee for the next Pastor and I'm currently working in the IBEW local 26. Thank you for your consideration for the vestry, have a wonderful day.

Jacqueline Culver

Jacquelyn Culver is honored to be considered for the Vestry at Christ Church in Port Republic. A lifelong Christian, Jacquelyn has been active in Episcopal and other Christian communities throughout her life. She has previously served in parish ministries supporting adult and children's religious education, coordinating youth group activities, and organizing community service events. Her faith is the foundation of her service, and she is passionate about helping the Church grow in connection and compassion.

Jacquelyn currently serves as Deputy Director of Community Resources for Calvert County Government, where she provides leadership in strategic planning, budgeting, grant administration, and public service initiatives. Her work focuses on strengthening services for vulnerable populations, including individuals with disabilities, older adults, veterans, young families, and the unhoused. She has led major projects such as the 85 Main Street emergency shelter, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), ARPA nonprofit recovery grants, and the End Hunger Warehouse expansion.

With an MBA and Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, Jacquelyn brings deep expertise in financial oversight, collaborative leadership, and nonprofit capacity building—skills she hopes to contribute to the Vestry's stewardship of Christ Church's mission and resources.

Jacquelyn lives in Saint Leonard with her husband Edison, their son Benjamin, and their two cats. Together, they enjoy exploring Southern Maryland, gardening, and being part of a faith-centered community. ***Jacqueline Culver***

Thank you to the Appointed Nominating Committee consisting of Sue Chabot, Adele Maguire, Donnie McCready, Norman Prince, Nancy Thompson, and Bill Wright.

75th Anniversary of MJTA

On March 29, 2025, the MJTA celebrated their 75th Anniversary. They had requested that Christ Church write something for their program since they have been so supportive of our Jousting Tournament.

Dave Campbell wrote this wonderful tribute from Christ Church which we wanted to share with you.

On behalf of the vestry and congregation of Christ Church, we congratulate the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association on its 75th anniversary. We hope the Association will be around for another 75 years. The jousting tournament at Christ Church celebrated its 157th anniversary last year, and we plan to continue, so don't expect to catch up to us.

What we now call 'tournament day' at Christ Church began as a celebration at the end of summer. Calvert County was almost exclusively a farming community, and the timing concurred with the tobacco harvest. This was years before there was such a thing as Labor Day. The day began with jousting, a country supper, and ended with a tournament dance. The Knight who captured the most rings would crown the Lady of his choice "The Queen of Love and Beauty." The jousting field was a mile from the church, and often had to be moved depending on what crops had been planted.

Today there is no longer a dance, and several fund raising activities take place along with the jousting. The jousters include excellent riders from across the state, not only riders from local families (although we still have a few). The tournament draws large numbers of people from Calvert County and adjoining counties as well.

The jousting tournament has become the centerpiece of our annual event, to the mutual benefit of Christ Church and the MJTA. In Christ Church's outreach efforts to the community, it is quite often we hear people say, "You're the church with the jousting tournament." As people have become more mobile and move to Maryland from elsewhere, the novelty of a jousting tournament is irresistible. The tournament provides newcomers an appreciation of the history and an education of Maryland's official state sport.

We appreciate our relation with the MJTA and hope to continue working together for many years to come.

Our Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Caileigh Foveaux will graduate from Calvert High School on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. After graduation, Caileigh will be attending Widener University in Pennsylvania where she will be swimming and majoring in Speech Language Pathology.

Kendyll Lewis will graduate from Calvert High School on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. At the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro. After graduation, Kendyll will be attending Widener University in the fall. Kendyll is undecided on her major at this time.

The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s** next scheduled luncheon is **Friday, 2 May., 11:30 a.m.**, at Dream Weavers. All women of the parish (and their friends) are welcome!

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

- Benjamin Culver

Burial

- Linda Murrell Hugglestone, Terrell "Ted" Money

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; 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

Friends of Parish

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| - Molly | -Kay Hoile | -Little Woody Lee | -Dale Norfolk |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll | -Billy Bonolis | -Tink Trow |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman | -Ronnie |
| -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 | Joyce Spangler | -Valarie |
| -Jamie Gurney | -Catherine Howanstine | -Barbara Clem | -Charles |
| -Linda | -Shannon Persetic | -Jean Bates | -Richard Geffin |
| -Carole Mistarka | -Gaylyn Krenik | -Cindi Cauffman's Family | -Thalbert Wilde |
| -Norma Jean Welch | -Lisa Porter | -Pat S. | -Anjie McCollumn |
| -Roberto Dennis | -Lynn H | -Carolyn M | -Woody Lee |
| -Kenny and Jean Dyson | -Casper | | |

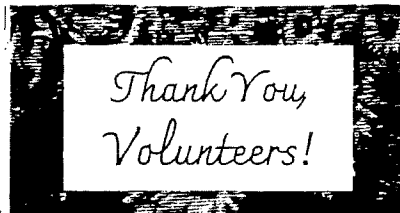
We will pray for members of the parish who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering for three Sundays in church, and then remove their names from the prayer list, unless specifically renewed. We will list Friends of the Parish for one month and then remove their names from the Bell, unless specifically renewed.

Easter Extravaganza

Indeed, our first Easter Extravaganza on Palm Sunday afternoon was not only great fun but very successful. Laughter filled the Parish Hall, as young and old alike enjoyed the crafts, the games, the refreshments, the trail walk, and conversation. Children decorated egg shaped sugar cookies, made bunny handprints, glued tissue-covered crosses, crafted bunnies out of toilet paper rolls, and participated in other activities. Quite a few folks found a treasure in the Spring Attic Treasures, and at least twenty individuals hiked the Seven Bridges Trail led by Dave and Shannon Campbell. When the younger crowd returned from the hike and were asked how they enjoyed the hike, they responded with a double thumbs up.

This first Easter Extravaganza would not have been so successful without so many of you who volunteered – to help set-up, assist at the craft tables, make refreshments, and then take it all down. Thank you to the many individuals who shared their time and talents.

If you missed this year's Easter Extravaganza, be sure to join us next year and bring your ideas.



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.*



May 2025

CHRIST CHURCH 410-586-0565

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christ Church Website – christchurchcalvert.org Rev. Lucretia Mann’s e-mail lwm9795@gmail.com Cell 831-295-2617 Deacon Beth Belner’s e-mail – ebellner@gmail.com Cell 407-256-3298						
4 1:15 am Joint Service Potluck Brunch following Annual Meeting Following Parish Hall	5 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	6	7	1 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 11:30 am JULIETS Luncheon Dream Weaver’s	3
11 1:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Cribbery 11:00 am Fellowship	12 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	13	14	15 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17
18 1:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11 am – 1 pm – Friends of One Room School House Annual Mtg. & Open House	19 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	20	21	22 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 8:30 & 10 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Fallen Heroes Service w/Fellowship following Service 11:00 am Fellowship	26 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	27	28	29 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31 Fun Run in Memory of Cindy Horsmon Horsmon Farm 7 am Registration 8 am Fun run



THANK YOU

Thank you, Helen Prince and Nancy Thompson, for decorating the church for Easter.

Thank you, Helen and Nancy, for taking the time to Transform Christ Church into a beautiful welcoming garden of flowers.

SAVE the DATE!

Planning for the Future: End of Life Planning

Saturday, June 7, 2025

9 AM - 2:30 PM

**Christ Church, Port Republic
Parish Hall
3100 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic, MD**

Stay tuned for more details!

RSVP to Patti Wahl at pattiwahl@comcast.net by 5/17

**Fun Run for Brain Cancer
Awareness in Memory of Cindy
Horsmon.** Rain or Shine, Saturday, 31
May 2025 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 May 10th to be
guaranteed a Fun Run T-shirt. The cost
is \$35.00 per person. All proceeds will
go directly to Calvert Hospice. If you
have questions, please call 410-610-
5163, Nicole Foveaux.

Bible Study

The Zoom group will finish the first
half of John's Gospel this Wednesday,
April 16, 7-8:15 PM. The in person
group will have their final meeting in
the Church Library Thursday morning,
April 24, 10:45 - 12:00.

All WOW participants are invited to
Nancy Thompson's home on Thursday,
May 1st at 1 pm to share in a Spring
Brunch.

Thank you Karen Williams for
coordinating the Bible Studies.

Year of Transition

The **Search Committee** continues their diligent work in the search for our next rector. Shannon Campbell, Chair of the Search Committee, has given this updated report: **The rector search was reopened on April 2, 2025. Applications will be received through June 30, 2025 or until the rector position is filled. Classified ads have been placed on the Episcopal News Service (ENS) website and in the *The Living Church* magazine, in both online and print formats. Please help spread the word about our rector search by liking and sharing the banner posted on the Christ Church Facebook page whenever you see it. Please pray regularly for Christ Church as the search for our next rector continues. Thank you.**

Thank you to all who came out for Clean Up Day on April 5. Bart Ewalt, Jr. Warden said 17 members helped with Clean-up. Thank you Brian Ritter for the Cribbery Fundraiser. The Ruben sandwiches and soup were delicious! Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Extravaganza (Article in this edition of the Bell). Thank you to all who helped with the services during Holy Week. We had 36 attend the Easter Sunrise Service on the Tournament Field, 57 attend the 8:30 service with the Baptism of Benjamin Culver, and 32-35 attended the 10 am Service. The church was beautifully decorated thanks to Helen Prince and Nancy Thompson.

Thank you to Patti Wahl and Peter

Cochran for their 4 years of service as Vestry Members and thanks to the Nominating Committee for coming up with three names for new Vestry Members.

Mark your calendar, **May 4, for the Pot Luck Brunch and Annual meeting starting with one service at 9:15 am. and May 25 for the Fallen Heroes Service between the services.**

Thank you for all you do for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden



**One-Room Schoolhouse
Annual Meeting and Open House
Sunday, May 18, 2025
11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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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 25, at 9:30 am (Memorial Day Holiday is Monday, May 26). 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, Merlin O'Neill,

James O'Malley, Terrell "Ted" Money, 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.



Annual Spring Concert

a concert of a cappella music presented by Patuxent Voices



Check our website or Facebook for more information about us!
www.patuxentvoices.org

Friday, May 2, 2025, 7:00pm
All Saints Parish Church, Sunderland

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 7:00pm
Christ Church, Chaptic

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 3:00pm
Christ Church, Calvert, Port Republic

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MAY 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.

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| 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 Yestramski |
| 12 | Steven Francisco |
| 14 | Fr. Kent Booth |
| | Holly Briscoe |
| | Stacie Browning |
| | Ben Huether |
| 15 | David Campbell |
| | Emily Mechling |
| 17 | Ron Cole |

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| 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 |
| | 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

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



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ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH –

May 4, 2025

Following the Joint Service at 9:15 am

Please bring a dish that will be shared for the Brunch. No Initial Assignment for the Brunch. Whatever comes in is what you will have to eat. Truly a Pot Luck Brunch!

**Juice and Coffee provided by the Church
RSVP not required**