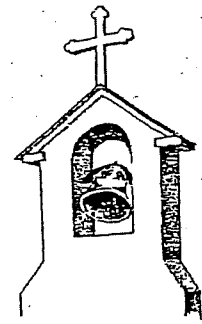


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In last Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we witnessed the Apostle Paul's conversation with Lydia and her female friends. Instead of looking for a place to pray by the river, the men joined the women in conversation.

In their presence, the wealthy cloth merchant Lydia, opened her heart to Paul's message, and was baptized in the name of Jesus.

An open heart is all that Jesus asks of each of us. And that is very Good News indeed.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

Baptism – Lydia Grace Phipps

Burial – Gary Williams McCready

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
- 158th Calvert Cnty Jousting Tournament

-Friends of Parish

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| - Molly | -Kay Hoile | -Little Woody Lee | -Dale Norfolk |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll | -Billy Bonolis | -Tink Trow |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman | -Kelsey Smith |
| -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. | -Anjie McCollumn |
| -Roberto Dennis | -Lynn H | -Carolyn M | -Woody Lee |
| -Kenny and Jean Dyson | | | |

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.

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Lisa Capobianco and James Coffren, Jr. were elected to the Vestry for a four year term on May 4, 2025.

Lisa Capobianco was not raised in the Episcopal Church. In her early years, she attended Good Shepherd United Methodist in Waldorf, later Clinton Presbyterian before moving to Southern Maryland and joined Saint Paul's Lutheran in Mechanicsville. After marrying and moving to Calvert County in 2000, Lisa became a member of Christ Church.

Lisa was born in Prince Georges County and at age 2 moved to Waldorf (there were only 50 houses built at that time!) They moved to St. Mary's County in 1975, where she attended Banneker Elementary, Margaret Brent Middle, and Chopticon High School.

After graduating HS Lisa worked in Sales for a pottery import company and spent the next 15 years traveling the East Coast and internationally – as a sales manager and buyer for the business. She moved to Alexandria Virginia during this time and met her husband Ralph in 1991. They married in 1998, and she left the pottery company and began working with him in the restaurant business.

Ralph had a son - Michael from his previous marriage, and his ex-wife also had twins – Connor and Avery. I consider them my kids too and have watched them grow into amazing adults, with families of their own.

In 2008 Ralph had a massive stroke which left him needing 24 hour care. Lisa was his primary caregiver until his death in 2010.

Lisa closed the restaurant in 2019, and moved to Calvert County full time.

She loves anything outdoors - hiking, gardening, kayaking, boating, and fishing. Lisa recently adopted Tommy - a 120 lb. Great Pyrenees, she also has 4 chickens, and share custody of her neighbor's cats – they come in through the dog door and hang out.

Lisa is fully retired. These days, she spends several days a week volunteering at the hospital, and once a month I help SMILE pack and deliver food to those in need. Her real passion, though, is working with seniors at the Calvert County Nursing Center, where she runs activities twice a week for the residents in the Memory Care wing.

When asked, what brought you to Christ Church? Lisa said when she moved to Calvert County in 2000, Holly and Parran Briscoe invited her to Christ Church.

Lisa said when asked what do you like about Christ Church, she said "After attending Methodist/Presbyterian/Lutheran Churches, I'm drawn to the Episcopal faith because I really like the traditional service, and the structured way the services are performed. I also love the sense of community that I find at Christ Church, I've met many friends here. Oh, and the Church and grounds are absolutely beautiful!

James Coffren has been a member of Christ Church since he was a little boy., being baptized and confirmed here.

James was born and raised in Calvert County, MD. He went to Beach Elementary School, Plum Point Middle School, and Huntingtown High School. James spent most of his youth playing sports and

New Vestry Members Continued

spending summers down at Broomes Island fishing and boating. He was in the Boy Scouts at a young age completing from Webelos to the rank of Eagle Scout, doing his Eagle Scout Project at Christ Church. James enjoys exercise, reading, hiking, fishing, watching sports, and photography. He has a dog named Duke.

James is in Local 26, an electrical union and am currently a 3rd year apprentice in the "A" Program. He has worked all over – Sterline, Manassas, Gainesville, Baltimore, and current working in DC.

When asked "What do you like about Christ Church?", James said "Sense of family, style o church, feels like home to me."

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 an updated Report on the back page of this Bell

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting on May 4, 2025. The pot-luck brunch was delicious. Lisa Capobianco and James Coffren, Jr. were elected to the Vestry. Thank you to Jackie Culver and Kathy Clark for also running for Vestry.

Thank you to Patti Wahl and Peter Cochran for their 4 years of service as Vestry Members. Patti was in charge of the getting the Quilt Patch to the Tournament Field, served on the committee for Fr. Christopher's and Cheryl retirement Party

and the joint partnership at Christmas with the One Room School, and has served as our Webmaster this past year. Peter made sure that the finances were kept straight by serving on the Audit Committee and Finance Committee. Both helped pick the Interim Rector and gave so much more. They will be missed on the Vestry. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for coming up with three names for new Vestry Members.

We will have two 9:15 Combined Services – June 15 and June 29.

Save the Date July 25, Parish Picnic.

Thank you for all you do for Christ Church.

Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden

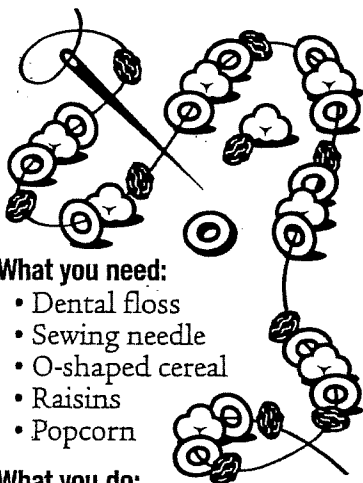
Chat with the (Interim) Rector Starting on Sunday, 25 May and each Sunday after, Lucretia+ will be available to answer questions, discuss, present reactions to the appointed lectionary readings, sermon, and how the Gospel shows up in your life, etc.

Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays. Beginning on **Wednesday, 28 May**, around **9:30 am**, there will be a weekly Holy Eucharist for the men of Christ Church and their buddy friends. This service will last approximately 30 minutes.

The **J.U.L.I.E.T.s** next scheduled luncheon is **Friday, 6 June, 11:30 am**, at Dream Weavers. All women of the parish (and their friends) are welcome!

ROAD TRIP TREAT!

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.

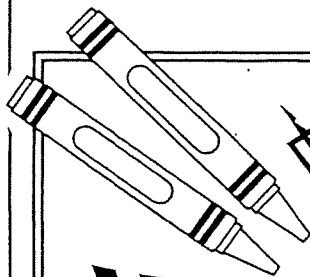


What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

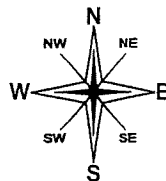
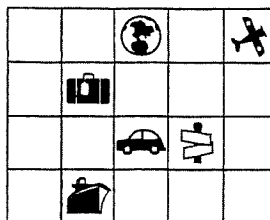


PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N ☐ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE ☐ _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E ☐ _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W ☐ _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW ☐ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW ☐ _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV




CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 8:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 am Fellowship 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II <i>By ZOOM @ 10:00</i> 11:15 am Fellowship	2 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	3	4 9:30 am Holy
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day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5	6	7
harist for Men	10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	11:30 am JULETS Luncheon Dream Weavers	9 am – 3 pm End of Life Seminar
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	26	27	28
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urchcalvert.org Rev Lucretia Mann Ph.D. or lwm9795@gmail.com 5-2617		Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail – eabellner@gmail.com Cell 407-256-3298	

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	REUBEN
CAIN	DAN
ABEL	ASHER
SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
SHAM	GAD
JAPHETH	NAPHTALI
ELKANAH	SIMEON
SAMUEL	ISSACHAR
AARON	ZEBULUN
NADAB	BENJAMIN
HUR	JOSEPH
CALEB	MANASSEH
ABRAHAM	EPHRAIM
ISMAEL	SAMUEL
ISAAC	DAVID
ESAU	JONATHAN
JACOB	SOLOMON

W R D I T T N A H T A N O J Z
A L E V I N A D A B E E S K E
U E H F O D J A C O B L U B
A A E U S R U U H A P A D U J E U
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E S N I L A T H P A N R O O L
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E S E T H H O A K M E S T E
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Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.

That's Father!

Now I think of all achievements 'tis the least
To perpetuate the species; it is done
By the insect and the serpent, and the beast.
But the man who keeps his body, and his thought,
Worth bestowing on an offspring love-begot,
Then the highest earthly glory he has won,
When in pride a grown-up daughter or a son
Says "That's Father."

—from "Father," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Puzzle!

Use the code to find out what these biblical people may have taken on a picnic.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

(Genesis 3:6)

Adam and Eve $\frac{6}{18} \frac{21}{9} \frac{20}{20}$

(Genesis 25:28)

Isaac $\frac{23}{9} \frac{12}{4} \frac{7}{1} \frac{13}{5}$

(Genesis 25:34)

Esau $\frac{19}{20} \frac{5}{23}$

(Numbers 11:5)

Israelites in Egypt $\frac{3}{21} \frac{3}{21} \frac{13}{13} \frac{2}{5} \frac{18}{19}$

(Ruth 2:1-4)

Ruth $\frac{7}{18} \frac{1}{9} \frac{14}{14}$

(1 Samuel 14:2)

Saul $\frac{16}{15} \frac{13}{5} \frac{7}{18} \frac{1}{14} \frac{1}{20} \frac{5}{19}$

(1 Samuel 14:29)

Jonathan $\frac{8}{15} \frac{14}{5} \frac{25}{25}$

(Daniel 1:12-16)

Daniel and friends $\frac{22}{5} \frac{7}{5} \frac{20}{1} \frac{2}{12} \frac{5}{19}$

(Matthew 3:4)

John the Baptist $\frac{12}{15} \frac{3}{21} \frac{19}{20} \frac{19}{19}$

(Matthew 14:17)

The 5,000 people $\frac{2}{18} \frac{5}{1} \frac{4}{8} \& \frac{6}{9} \frac{19}{8}$

Answer: fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish



Attic Treasures for 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 443.624.0138.

PARISH HALL DOORS LOCKED

The doors in the Parish Hall are locked except the double front doors going into the Foyer.

Several items have been missing from the Parish Hall and some homeless people have wandered in looking for food, so we had to start locking the Parish Hall. You can get out any door, but you can only come in the front two doors.

REMINDER ON BARROWING ITEMS FROM THE PARISH HALL OR CHURCH

If you barrow tables, chairs, coffee pot, etc from the Parish Hall or Church, please remember to sign out what you are barrowing on the sheet by the back Parish Storage Door or in the kitchen and when you returned the items, please sign that they were returned.

Coffee Hour sign-ups are welcome for each Sunday morning following the 10:00 am service and the first Sunday of each month after the 8:30 am service. Not intended as an elaborate feast or occasion for consumption of Saturday evening dinner parties left overs, please. Just snacks!

SMILE. Posted on our bulletin boards is SMILE's Community Impact Report 2024. Please feel free to review this report and see all the good things SMILE is able to provide to our community with the help of donations from Christ Church and other ministries throughout the county.

Save the Dates

Sunday, 15 June Canon of Development Dina Van Klaveren-guest preacher and coffee hour presenter at one consolidated service 9:15 am

Please bring a finger food to share for coffee hour.

Sunday, 29 June Canon of Mission, Randy Callender-guest preacher and coffee hour presenter at one consolidated service at 9:15 am

Please bring a finger food to share for coffee hour.

FALLEN HEROES

Thanks to all who helped put the Memorial Day flags in the Churchyard and took them down and to all who helped make the Fallen Heroes Service on May 25th, a beautiful service.

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.*

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Note of thanks:

Thank you for the gift card from the vestry and congregation. You said it was a late Christmas gift but that makes it even better as I can buy something for the summer. It is most appreciated.

Bonnie Arnheim

Love — the best prayer

He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small:
For the dear God who loveth us
He made and loveth all.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The church hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).



According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?

Seeing stars

The stars shine over the mountains,
the stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to the mighty God,
the stars look down on me;
The stars shall last for a million years,
a million years and a day,
But God and I will live and love,
when the stars have passed away.

—Robert Louis Stevenson





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Prayer is offered for each person posted on the Birthday list by 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 Luke Brady
- Roxanne Kastner
- 2 Jacquelyn Culver
- 3 Stephanie Bowen
- 4 William Keeley, Jr.
- 5 Ethel Dutky
- Madeleine LaTour
- Lana Smith
- Joshua Weems
- 6 Michele Bowen
- Nathan Graham
- 7 Bill Barwick
- 8 Caileigh Foveaux
- 9 Robyn Riddle
- 10 Jim Bourne
- Anna Mary Cole
- Philip King
- Sheila Pitcher
- 11 Arika Hill
- Kelli Jarrett
- 12 Steven Dargan
- Tim McCoy
- Jamie Yoe
- 13 John Selock
- Kade Weems

- 14 Terri Beck
- Thomas Cotner
- Robert Link, III
- 16 Diane Azpiazu
- Brittany Eaton
- 17 Bobby VonNessen
- 18 Corey Nims
- 19 Jane Dodds
- 20 Deacon Beth Bellner
- Anna Williams
- 21 Jon-Thomas Garner
- Carter Peake
- 22 Barbara Carey
- Lia O'Branovich
- 25 Susan Chabot
- Courtney Horsmon
- 26 Suzanne Skinner
- Elaine Williams
- 27 Donas McCready, Sr.
- 28 Heather Brady
- 29 Emily Cotner
- Marci McGray
- Louis Tacchetti
- June Whitson
- 30 Cameron McNatt

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

- Peggy Cochran
- Francine Lamson
- Carol Dargan

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Search Committee Report

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. 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.