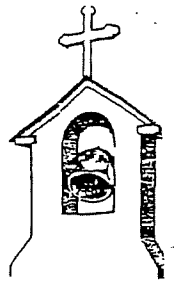


Christ Church *Bell*

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While I will not be present in worship with Christ Church's faithful on September 7th, I will indeed be present with you in spirit, flying among the clouds as I return home from a brief family vacation in Paris.

The appointed lessons all Episcopalians will hear pronounced in worship this first Sunday in September serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness to and enduring love for all God's children. From the words of the Collect to the words of the Gospel according to Luke, the binding theme is the intimacy and steadfastness of God's love for us AND God's invitation to us to love God and each other with the same loving faithfulness.

Jeremiah reminds us that we are called, over and over again, to turn from our evil ways, our own choices and actions that separate us from God. As the psalmist describes God as our Father who has searched each of us out and knows us with a knowledge that is wonderfully intimate. At first glance, what seems to "stick out like a sore thumb" as a veritable stumbling block are the Evangelist Luke's words in Chapter 14, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple." Upon closer reading, we can learn that the translation of the Greek word "miseo" is better translated as "to detach ourselves or become differentiated from..." others in order to align ourselves, more fully with God.

Consistent with all the readings appointed for the first Sunday in September, Luke reminds us of what God asks of each of us. And that is to know and live our lives acknowledging God as the loving ground of our being, our constant companion.

In faith and hope and love,

Lucretia+

Christ Church Calvert
Purpose, Policy and Procedures Regarding
Violence, Sexual Abuse and Substance Abuse

Purpose:

Due to our current culture's attention to violence, sexual abuse, substance abuse, etc. and due to our own parish history with those same issues, the Vestry of Christ Church establishes the following policy and procedures.

Policy:

We are all children of God and all are welcome at Christ Church but not all behaviors are welcome. We believe in the Summary of the Law as taught by Jesus Christ and as stated on page 851 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." We also confess that we are all sinners.

It is our belief that not only are all welcome at Christ Church but that all should also be safe at Christ Church. The church leaders are required to complete Safe Church/ Safe Community training provided by our Diocese.

Procedures:

Any incident of interpersonal violence, sexual abuse, etc. should be promptly reported to the Rector, Wardens or Vestry. The person receiving that report should share it with the others named above. The Rector is mandated to report it to the Diocese and may be mandated to report it to local authorities as well. Arrangements or referrals for counseling should be made as appropriate. A safety plan should be developed, established in writing, and signed by all involved parties. The safety plan should include specific behaviors that are prohibited, specific plans for monitoring behavior, and consequences for noncompliance.



A BIG THANK YOU



God truly blessed us with a beautiful day on August 30th for our 158th Jousting Tournament. The weather could not have been better with temps in the 70's and low humidity and the people came. Thanks to Richard Dodds, Publicity Chair and James Briscoe who put up the Tournament Signs along the highway, the word got out about the 158th Jousting Tournament on August 30th.

The Bazaar had a very successful year and the booths serving food had a great day also – Bart Ewalt's Snowcones used 230 cups, John Yoe's Hotdog Stand sold out, Karl and Danielle Adler's Meatballs sold out, and Francine Lamson's Lemonade Stand with lemonade, snickerdoodles and country ham and biscuits sold out, and the Bake Table was sold out by 11:15!

Thanks to all of you who helped to make the 158th Tournament a success – those who prayed, those who put up signs, those who worked in setting up the field and then taking it back down, those who worked on the potato salad, those who baked the hams, those who sliced the hams, those who priced out all the items for the Attic Treasures and those who gave the items, those who gave books, those who sorted the books, those who donated baked items, those who made county store items, those who made or donated toys, those who worked on hospitality, those who did children's games and stories, those who picked over crabmeat, those who worked in

all of the Bazaar stands, those who weeded the Biblical Garden, those who made chocolate chip cookies, those who helped with applesauce, those who helped fill the orders, and those who bought leftovers, those who worked on publicity, those who worked on the website, those who counted money, those who worked the credit card machines, those who worked on getting the riders (according to Rick Miller, The 158th Christ Church Jousting Tournament was another success on the jousting field).
Lead-Line: 11 Riders; Novice: 16 Riders, winner was Catherine Wood with 8+3 rings; Amateur: 7 riders, winner was Delaney Hawks with 6 rings; Semi-Professional: 4 rider, winner was Michaela Patrick with 8 rings; Professional: 7 riders, winner was Brad Enfield with 9+2+3 rings; Trophy: 6 riders, winner was Brad Enfield with 6 – ½" rings.

Again this year, in addition to the usual prize money for first to fourth place, we were delighted to have a special award of \$10 for each rider in the Lead-Line Class, provided by the Optimist Club of Solomons, in keeping with their emphasis on youth. These awards were presented by Barbara Miller on behalf of Candace Milcarzyk, President of the Optimist Club.

All in all, it was a great day for the riders, for the sport, and for the spectators watching this Maryland tradition. Thanks to those who helped on and off the field, from ring hangers to those assisting with registration. Thanks to those who welcomed visitors at the Welcome Tent and into our historic church for tours,

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. Year of service
- Success of the 158th Calvert County Jousting Tournament

Military

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

Deceased – Tommie Joe Cavin, Sr.

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, Hannah 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

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| - 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 | -Valarie | -Casper | -Adam |
| -Jamie Gurney | -Catherine Howanstone | -Barbara Clem | -Charles |
| -Linda | -Shannon Persetic | -Freda Gray | -Carolyn |
| -Carole Mistarka | -Gaylyn Krenik | -Cindi Cauffman's Family | -Gary Phipps |
| -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 | -Don Phelps |
| -Kellie Osbourn | -Billy Cooper | -Mac | -Jouster Ken Enfield |

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.



those who entertained in the Organ and Instrumental Music Program, those who helped set up and clean up, those who served and showed our Southern hospitality with a smile, those who got ice, those who contributed to the placemat and the children's activities, those who took care of parking, those who brought their golf carts and drove, those who just drove golf carts, and those who came and worked or ate! We could not have done it without your help.

We owe a special thank you to James Coffren, Overall Tournament Chair, to Rich White, his Assistant, to Chloe Ewalt and Allyson Sigler, Bazaar Co-Chairs, to Garry Baker, Field Chair, and to Peggy Cochran for taking charge of the placemat contributions for the Supper, to Karen Ritter for all her work on the programs, to Susan Yoe, Organ and Instrumental Music Program Chair, to Dorothy Greene and Nicole Foveaux, who orders all the food, got everything organized, and did so much more to make the supper run smoothly, and all the sub-chairs who worked so hard under their guidance, to Richard Dodds, Publicity Chair and to Corinthia Briscoe Cornellier, Charge Card Chair, and Patti Wahl, Website, and Face Book Chair.

Special thanks go to Geoff and Sue Wanamaker for providing the refrigerated Truck and the box supper containers. This is always a god sent to have on the grounds on Prep Day and Tournament Day! The Box

Supper Chairs, Beverly Lusby, Sue Wanamaker, and Kathy Clark are to be commended beyond words to provide 490 box suppers for our guests. The sit-down dinners this year – 217 paid adults, 3 paid children, 4 free children, and 23 complimentary for a total of 247. The total for box suppers and sit down was 737. A special thanks to Nicole Foveaux and all the servers who worked very hard all afternoon waiting on the tables.

It was truly a glorious day! Mark your calendar – August 29, 2026 – for the 159th Jousting Tournament!


Year of Transition

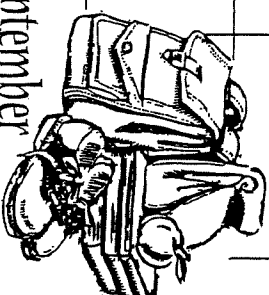
Lucretia's decided not to renew her Letter of Agreement with Christ Church. She will be moving 9/26 and 9/27; one day each for packing and loading/moving by her moving company. Lucretia's last service will be September 28 at 9:15 am followed by a thank you farewell coffee hour. On 9/29, Lucretia, will begin a long term supply in downtown Baltimore. Thank you to Lucretia for her year with Christ Church as Interim Rector.

Thank you to Deacon Beth for filling in while Lucretia was away on August 31 and September 7. Per Canon Kristin Krantz, Diocesan policy is that Deacons can distribute communion from reserved sacrament up to one time a month. They can lead Morning Prayer at any time.

The Search Committee is still working very hard to find a new rector and the Vestry is working with Canon Kristin to find a new Interim Rector. God is looking to send us the one who will be good for Christ Church. Nancy W. Zinn, Sr. Warden

CHRIST CHURCH 410-586-0565 September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	2	3	4 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry	5 11:30 am - JULIET'S Lunch Dreamweaver's	6
7 8:30 am Deacon's Mass 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:00 am Deacon's Mass 11:00 am Coffee Hour	8 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	9	10 7:00 - 8:15 pm Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	11 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice	12 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice	13
14 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II Also by ZOOM @ 10:00	15	16	17 7:00 - 8:15 pm Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	18 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice	19 10:45 am - 12:00 noon Bible Study (in person only) 7:30 pm Choir Practice	20 8:30 - 2 pm Baptized in Water Baptized in Spirit Home of Charlie & Joanne Davidson 246 Aster Rd., Port Republic
21 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II Also by ZOOM @ 10:00	22  6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	23	24 7:00 - 8:15 pm Evening Bible Study via ZOOM	25	26	27
28 9:15 Joint Service Holy Eucharist 10:30 Thank You Reception	29 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anon.	30 Bell Deadline	<p>Christ Church Website - christchurchcalvert.org Rev. Lucretia Mann's e-mail TheRevLucretiaMannPhD@christchurchcalvert.org lm9795@gmail.com Cell 831-295-2617</p> <p>Deacon Beth Bellner's e-mail - eabellner@gmail.com Cell 407-256-3298</p>			



September

Baptized in Water, Baptized in Spirit. Calling all women of Southern Maryland Episcopal Regional Council to join our Sisters in Faith in a Half-Day Retreat and Closing Eucharist designed by participants. This event will be hosted by Lucretia Mann+, facilitated by Jennifer Gaines McKenzie+ on Saturday, 20 September 8:30 am-2:00 pm at the home of Charles & Joanne Davidson, 246 Aster Road, Port Republic. Please RSVP to Lucretia+ by Monday, 15 September (831-295-2617 or director@christchurchcalvert.org)

Christmas in April Calvert County, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization that repairs and renovates the homes of low-income homeowners, the elderly, disabled, families with children, and military veterans. The program mission is to enable these homeowners to live in warmth, safety, and independence. Applications, available in the church office, are **due 30 September 2025** for the Christmas in April 2026 program. All homeowners must live in the home and consent to the referral. For more information call 410-535-9044 or check the website www.christmasinaprilcalvertcounty.org

A Message from Calvert

Health. Calvert Health hopes you and your family are well. Our teams are gearing up for the fall and winter, and we recommend you protect yourselves and your families by getting immunized against all vaccine preventable illnesses. Influenza vaccination is recommended for all age groups from 6 months and up. COVID vaccination, RSV vaccination and pneumonia vaccination are recommended for many children and adults. Please reach out to your medical provider to review the recommended vaccinations for you.

Zoom Volunteers. The team welcomes new volunteers at any time. It is a small ministry but we typically serve between five and ten parishioners a week on Zoom. We currently have a need for more people who would like to participate in this important ministry. There are two roles each week, a camera operator (in church), and a host (can be done from home). The camera operator sets up about 15 minutes before the service and the host opens the meeting and displays the text for hymns, lessons, and other materials during the service. If you are comfortable with taking photos and videos on your phone, we can show you what we do in service for the camera. If you are comfortable using Zoom or any other online meeting software, we can show you how we display the documents and other materials. **Even if you only attend the 8:30 service, you are more than welcome to volunteer for this ministry at the 10:00 service.** If interested, please contact either Debbie Francisco (franciscodebbie@verizon.net or 301-659-3695) or Rich White (rich.white.7110@gmail.com or 410-610-2449).

WOW Ladies Bible Study starts this week; Wednesday, 10 September, 7:15 pm by Zoom and Thursday, 11 September, 10:45 am in the Library of the Parish Hall.

Yard Sale a Success

Congratulations and thanks to Allyson Sigler for the very successful Yard Sale held on September 6, 2025. Allyson said they made \$1,431. A Big Thank you to all who helped Allyson with this great event so there was less Attic Treasures to pack up!!

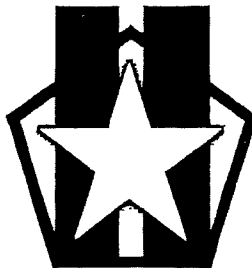
CHURCH PICNIC THANK YOU

A Big thank you to Helen Prince and Allyson Sigler for co-chairing the church picnic and the Vestry held on held on July 25th.

Thanks also to Norm Prince and Bill Wright for cooking the hotdogs, to Allyson Sigler for picking up the chicken, to Helen for picking up all the supplies and ice cream, and to all who brought the delicious side dishes and desserts.

It was a very warm day so we had a beautiful evening inside the Parish Hall as we enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

PRAY
for our
Students



Remembering 9/11

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action packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God.
What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.



HEARTFELT BACKPACKS

The school year started August 26th. It will be a week or two before we know how many backpacks will be needed this year.

We will be accepting food for the backpacks starting the week of September 7th.

We have the shelves back in the room and need food. Listed below are foods that can be used in the backpacks:

- Green Beans or Peas
- Corn or mixed vegetables
- Canned potatoes
- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Ravioli
- Beanee Weenees
- Mac and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Fruit
- Applesauce
- Cookies
- Granola Bars
- Cereal – individual boxes
- Cereal bars
- Beefaroni
- Soup – chicken noodle,
chicken and rice, vegetable
- Oatmeal-Instant
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Peanut Butter crackers
- Poptarts
- Pretzels, single serving bags
- Pudding Cups
- Vienna Sausages
- Tuna – can
- Tuna Salad

Chicken Salad
Spaghetti – box
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
Or anything similar to the
above

Thank you to all the generous contributors who have given in the past!

Nancy Zinn

REMEMBER GRANDPARENTS DAY ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS

A big "thank you" to **David Lines** for supplying us with the beautiful assortment of gladiolus, zinnias, and sunflowers for our Tournament Dining Hall and church floral arrangements!

Peggy Cochran, Adele Maguire, and Nancy Thompson



Tournament Bazaar Thank You

Wow! What an incredibly wonderful Tournament Day in every way. Many thought this was the largest crowd of visitors we have ever entertained. So many folks contributed to this extremely successful day. According to Google, there are thousands of ways to say "Thank You" – obviously a list too long for this! But the words "thank you" don't begin to convey the appreciation and gratitude for all who contributed to the Tournament Day's success.

Just recently, one of the parishioners shared that a guest was so impressed with the Tournament Day, that he said we must have a very large congregation to put on such a huge event. We wish we had a large congregation, but what we do have is a most wonderful and cohesive community, willing to give so much of their time, effort, creativity, and hard work to make our Tournament Day so extremely successful and great fun!

This time, effort, and work for the Bazaar begins weeks prior to the "big" day. Thank you for all of the prep work, including: making jellies, jams, pickles, and meatballs; ordering memorabilia; sorting and pricing Attic Treasures, Used Books, and Toys; preparing for the Children's Corner; baking the many delicious treats for the Bake Table; and, the organizing that underpins the whole enterprise. Many of our visitors commented on how organized the day was. Yes, on Tournament day our visitors enjoy and participate in a perfectly choreographed event.

Thank you to the large crew that came out on Thursday to put up tents and move tables and books. Thank you to those who came on Friday morning to set up additional items. Thank you to all who showed up bright and early on Saturday morning to get the canopy tents up, set up the tables, and help with getting items into the booths. And, finally thank you to our small group of dedicated volunteers who helped to take down the tents – large and small and did some general clean-up.

The Bazaar was a great success – most of the booths sold out – some quite early. But, most importantly, it was a day of great fun, enthusiasm, teamwork and sharing. Our guests delighted in the friendliness, helpfulness, and congeniality of our parish.

We are indeed blessed in so many ways, which was evident on Saturday in the way all parishioners worked together and supported each other. It doesn't get any better than that.

Again, many, many thanks to all who helped to make this year's Tournament Bazaar such a success.

Chloe Ewalt and Allyson Sigler
Tournament Bazaar Co-Chairs

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to each and every one of you!!!! Birthdays are posted from the most current parish records. Please provide updates.

September 1	Mia Lampieri
	Molly McCready
September 2	Fr. Christopher Garcia
	Deborah Coffin Kennedy
September 3	Seth Bagley
September 4	Martha Walker
September 5	Aurelio Azpiazu
	Dan Goucher
	Richard Weems
September 6	Brian Foveaux
	Justin Jacobs
September 7	Dana May
September 8	Rachel Huntzberry
	Al Johnson
	Judy Selock
	Billy Skinner
September 9	Bobby Pitcher
September 10	Tommy Buckmaster
	Anne Sledge
	Calvin Wallace
	Rachel Weems
September 11	Crystal Bowen
	Katherine LaTour
September 12	John Weems
September 13	Tara Johnson
	Kendyll Lewis
September 14	Bruce McGray
	Karen Williams
September 15	Donnie McCready
	Paula Muth
	Cheri Nims
	Conner Tomlinson
September 16	Ted Money
September 17	James Tomlinson
September 18	Bonnie Arnheim
	Mary Watson



September 19	Bentley Horsmon
September 20	Rachael May Caesar
September 21	Noah Smith
September 22	Sean Coffren
	Bill Myers, Sr.
	Nicholas Wolf
September 23	Lucas Smith
September 24	Danny Goucher
	Carol Khalili
September 25	Mike Sharpe
	Patricia Ward
September 26	Sharon Walker
	Nancy Zinn
September 27	Kells Eaton
September 28	Reilly Armacost
	Peter Cochran
	Elizabeth VonNessen
September 29	Deuce Cox
September 30	Beanon Bruckner
	Emily Dare

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Cochran
Karen Williams

Bibles for Graduates

Sunday, August 17, Bibles were presented to the two graduating high school seniors from Christ Church this – **Caileigh Foveaux and Kendyll Lewis.**

Lucretia's Farewell Sunday

Lucretia's Farewell Sunday with us is September 28 at 9:15 am followed by a reception. Cards and gifts for Lucretia are welcome at this time of fellowship.

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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.*

2025 Brownie Thank You Poem

By Patti Wash

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?

Do you enjoy seeing a cross in procession or the Gospel book held for the priest or deacon in the reading of the Gospel? Acolytes add an integral element to the worship service. We are in danger of not have acolytes to cover our scheduled services due to the loss of three to college this year. We welcome members of all ages to consider this ministry to your church. If you feel called to do this ministry, please contact Norman Prince.

Thank you for baking-

The brownies were yummy.

Each diner left

With a *most* happy tummy.

Let's not change a thing

For next year's dinner.

It was, and *is*

Always a winner!