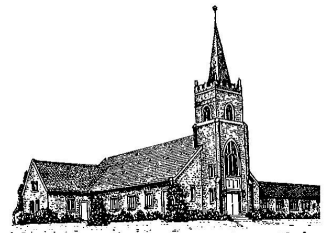




Christ Church Parish News

September 2017



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Alive with Joy with So Much to Do!

Back to School, Back to Basics:

Love. Forgive. Repeat.

For the Kensington Labor Day Parade, we've ordered reusable bags with "love. forgive. repeat." emblazoned on them. We'll hand them out to the lucky folk lining the parade route! And of course there will be one for all who show up to walk in our contingent. I figure we'll encourage less use of those pesky plastic bags, while reinforcing the basics of our journey of faith, our core values as followers of Jesus.

Love. Loving as Christ loves compels us to work for justice for all people. Loving as Christ loves leads us to uncomfortable situations as varied as showing up for someone in pain, even when we don't know what to say or do, or standing with those in the crosshairs of hate or trapped in the net of poverty. Loving as Christ loves compels us to risk everything to make that wide open love more visible in our lives and communities.

Forgive. Forgiving as Christ forgives changes the way we engage one another and the world. Forgiving as Christ forgives gives us the boldness to confess when we have not loved, have not resisted evil, when 'we do the very thing we hate' to paraphrase Paul. Bathed in that mercy we are able to ask ourselves not only "what good are we doing?" but "what good are we not doing?" Where are we blind to our own ignorance and our participation in the injustices of our day? How can we turn and embrace the call to love again?

Repeat. I must sound like a broken record. But our times call me, call us, back to basics. When people are carrying torches in the streets for hate, arming themselves with words and weapons of bigotry, racism and violence, it's time to hear the call to love in word and deed echoing in our ears and shaking our very souls.

The problem is while these are basic, they are not easy. I thank God that we are in the Jesus movement together to challenge one another to this high calling to love and forgive again and again and again.

blessings,

Emily



We Love a Parade



Christ Church will be marching again in the annual **Kensington Labor Day Parade** on Monday, September 4th! Mark your Calendar, and come out, show the community that we are Alive with Joy and welcome them to join us!

We will be handing out red reusable shopping bags with our name and website that say, "Love. Forgive. Repeat." printed on them to the adults and non-melting candy to the children.

Check your e-mail for more details to come. RSVP and questions contact CCPK Marshall, Doug Smith (dcsmith1942@verizon.net).

Endowment Grants Available

The Planned Giving and Endowment Committee invite you to submit an application for a Mission & Ministry Grant for 2017. Please contact Kurt Ellison for an application form and instructions for the grant program. The committee will receive applications from Sunday, September 10, 2017, through Wednesday, September 27, 2017. We will announce awards in October.

September 10th Bishop's Visit

Parish Picnic

The Bishop is coming and we're having a picnic!

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde will be visiting CCPK on Sunday, September 10. We will celebrate her visit and the end of summer with a joyous potluck picnic lunch (we'll provide the burgers-beef, turkey & veggie and hotdogs grilled by the Men's Group) after the 10am service that Sunday.



Can you help? Contact Gail Marks (gailtroussoff@gmail.com).

Organ Recital



7:30 pm, Friday evening, September 1 at the beginning of the Labor Day weekend, our beloved Choir Master/Organist, Theodore "Teddy" Guerrant, will play an organ recital entitled "A Gallic Sampler: French Organ Music Across Four Centuries."

The performance will include works by de Grigny, Balbastre, Lefebure-Wely, Franck, Saint-Saens, Widor, Vierne, Mulet, Dupre, Langlais, and Durufle.

The French theme will continue into the light reception following with petit-fours and champagne, so put this on your calendars now as a fun and festive way to kick off the end-of-the-summer holiday weekend!

If you attended last year's performance, you won't want to miss this extraordinary experience of a master organist playing a state of the art organ.

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(Free Parking Entrance on Everett St.)
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Young Adult Cookout

The young adult group will meet at the Wallace Home 3016 Fayette Road Kensington, MD 20895 for a cook out on September 17th at 6PM! For more info, e-mail Katie Wallace at katiwallace818@gmail.com.

Outreach never takes a vacation!

Take a look at how Christ Church has and is making a difference this summer!

OUR ARCOLA ELEMENTARY MINISTRY

We donated supplies for the summer camp program at Arcola that provides children two meals a day and fun, fun, fun! From painting to water balloons, the children enjoyed their special time in camp thanks to Christ Church and other non-profits.



Our generous parish has sponsored 60 backpacks, soon to be filled with school supplies (August 20th), for those children who do not have the means to purchase supplies on their own as identified by Arcola Elementary. **This Sunday August 20th** after the service, we will be filling those backpacks for delivery that day to Arcola Elementary! ***So coffee hour that Sunday is on Outreach!***

OUR BETHESDA CARES MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS



We continue to collect socks for **Bethesda Cares** clients. ***If you have the time, we are looking for someone to help deliver the socks to Bethesda Cares.***

Christ Church families continue to donate their time and talents in making sandwiches for **Bethesda Cares** clients the first and second Saturdays every month. ***If you are interested in joining the BETHESDA CARES SANDWICH BRIGADE, please contact Liz Quinn at webethemom@aol.com.*** It takes so little time, but makes such a big difference!

KENYA NIGHT

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 6-9:30 pm in the Undercroft

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a “Kenya Night at CCPK” to benefit the children and families of Nyumbani (Swahili for “Home”) and Tuko Pamoja in Kenya who have been infected or affected by the AIDS epidemic, particularly the AIDS orphans at Nyumbani Village and Masai school children living in desperate poverty.



We want to celebrate the creative energy and beauty of the Kenyan culture and spirits and at the same time raise awareness of African poverty, environmental degradation and impact of AIDS on the survivors of the pandemic. We will have a shop filled with crafts made by the women of Tuko Pamoja, (Swahili “Together We Can”). It will present a wonderful variety of Kenyan craftsmanship



So join us for an evening of joy, enlightenment and fellowship as we sample native food, meet some of the incredible people who donate their time at Nyumbani and admire the native crafts and of course, there will be special crafts for the children! Watch the Outreach table for more details.

Thank you for making a difference!

A Week of Growth in God's Glorious Garden



While a picture is worth a thousand words, sometimes numbers can help us paint a picture. This is true of our weeklong Vacation Bible School—God's Glorious Garden. Turn back the calendar to the steamy, hot week of July 11th through 14th and imagine this: **twenty-one eager children** aged 4-10 arriving at Christ Church to spend the week in God's Glorious Garden.

Eight of our own parish children welcomed **thirteen** neighborhood children to learn core Bible stories and have fun getting to know one another. **Five youth leaders** and **twelve adult leaders** guided this friendly and energetic group of children as we

planted a garden on our grounds, worshipped in our sanctuary, baked in our kitchen, learned in our classrooms, read in our Children's Library, "dressed-up" in our Nursery, listened and sang at Children's Chapel, and enjoyed playing and eating together in our undercroft.

Our twenty-one registrants represented fourteen families. VBS with extended-day hours really brings home that in caring for children, we are caring for their families. This year's families truly honored that gift through their free-will donations, which totaled \$790. Each donation came with an expression of thanks for the VBS experience here at Christ church. This level of giving covered our costs and allowed us to make a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development. The children learned how ERD supports families around the world with sustainable agriculture programs. Their chosen Gift of Life is a flock of chickens to help a family meet their own food needs with the possibility of some earned income as well.

The energy of these twenty-one preschool and elementary children was, luckily, well-matched by the energy and dedication of our five youth leaders. Three Christ Church youth—**Ryan Carr, Olivia Deleen**, and **Casey Kilpatrick**—welcomed new friends **Andrea Ciconte** and **Kaia Frassrand**. These young leaders demonstrated real commitment and caring throughout the week, supporting the adult leaders, engaging the children, participating in every activity and helping to prepare, serve and clean-up morning snack. They modeled true Christ-like behavior in all of their interactions and merit special recognition for their service to Christ Church. Two junior leaders shared their energy and kindness with us one day as well: **Gabriel and Owen McLellan** led our Godly Play children in garden work, irrigating with water from the dehumidifiers and helping with zinnia planting. **Thank you, youth and junior leaders!**

Kitty Shuler and **Cindy Winder** worked closely and generously with Ann Enkiri to plan and to lead activities that brought the Episcopal Relief and Development VBS curriculum to life. Kitty worked with our nine Elementary students to prepare them to lead the Bible story lesson and activities the following day. These students shone in God's Glorious Garden as they recounted the Parable of the Sower and helped the younger children with their seed packet craft. Cindy brought two much-loved activities to our program: the painting of clay pots for planting seeds and the making of strawberry shortcake with homemade whipped cream. Youth and children worked together decorating their pots and everyone enjoyed both the making and eating of such a yummy harvest treat.

Kate Duchelle shared her gardening know-how and put in lots of hard work to make our dream of planning and planting a garden come to fruition. **Andrea McGray** and **Stephanie Feller** supported our Godly Play group of twelve children, patiently preparing and calmly assisting in every way.

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Our Youth Group



Madi's work crew off on their first day of service

Each evening brought a fun activity, like rock climbing, hiking, and swimming, followed by joyful group worship. Youth and adults alike left Vermont feeling spiritually refreshed and renewed in their mission to serve and love others.



Taking a break at Branbury State Park



Large group gathering (evening worship)

Youth participants: Walker Prindle, Grace Carter, Nathan Carter, Paige Chase, Charlie Flynn, Ellie Flynn, Cora Flynn, Camille Amaditz, Ash Goodenow, Olivia Deelen, Shelby Hutton, Aidan Kilpatrick, Casey Kilpatrick, Aiden Finn

Adult leaders: Madison Chase, Youth Minister, Rena Godfrey, John Holbrooke



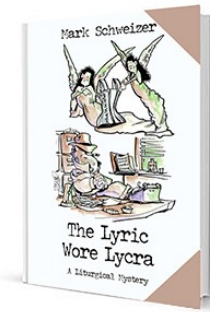
**Hey Guys! Join us for Sunday School/Youth Group kickoff on 9/17 -
let's get the year started off right!**

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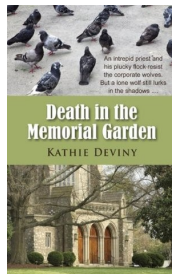
Check out our Library! It is located to the right of the Office Door entrance. The Children's Library is down the hall of the Education Wing on the first floor.
NEW BOOKS

The Library has added three new books to our popular Liturgical Mystery Collection.



In the Choir Mysteries by Mark Schweizer, we have added #13, The Lyric Wore Lycra.

We also have two mysteries by a new author, Kathie Diviny: Death in the Memorial Garden, and Death in the Old Rectory.



The Library appreciates donations of books that relate to our collection: books about religion and spirituality, the Bible, prayer, the Episcopal Church, etc. If we receive a donation of a book we already have, we put it on our book cart for others to enjoy.

Come to Bible Study!



Please join the 4:00 pm in the parish library for Sunday Bible study. Please feel free to drop-in any week.

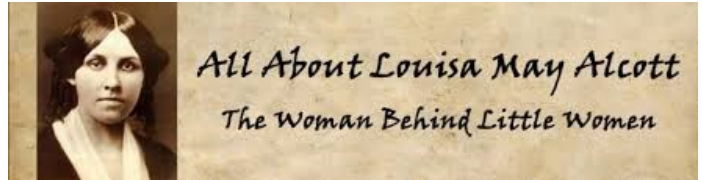
There is no prior preparation needed.

Contact Lee Puricelli at leepuricli@yahoo.com for more information.

PrimeTimers

The PRIME TIMERS are Back!

We will meet in the church undercroft on September 7th from 11:30 - 1:30 for social time and lunch, and to enjoy this month's speaker.



The subject of Sept. 7th's presentation will be Louisa May Alcott: Civil War Nurse, Famous Writer and More



Civil War Nurses

The cost of a lunch is \$10.00. Please RSVP to Nora Buckley, norabee@live.com or 301-564-0689 and let her know if you are ordering a lunch. Lunch orders need to be made by Monday, September 4th.

Upcoming on Oct. 5th, join us for The Healing Power of Laughter!

Book & Bake Sale!



CCPK will be hosting a book and bake sale from Sept 30 - Oct 1! From August 12 through Sept 15 we will be accepting donations of books of every shape, size and topic! Please consider donating. Shannon Finn will pick up donations if you are unable to bring the books to church! Shannon's cell is 757-650-7617.

God's Glorious Garden (cont.)

Dwight Allen delighted all of the participants---kids and adults---with his Bibletoons, unique telling of Bible stories while cartooning, and with his guitar-led songs. **Marylou Cumberpatch** joined us for an afternoon of dress-up play, popsicles, and story time, while **Nancy Gagne** helped out behind the scenes, preparing craft materials.



This amazing cohort of adult volunteers, enjoyed the support of Christ Church staff, each of whom participated in activities throughout the week: our rector, **Emily Guthrie**; youth leader, **Madi Chase**; Nursery caregiver,

Angeles Lara; administrator, **Kurt Ellison**, and children's leader, **Ann Enkiri**. **Thank you, adult volunteers and church staff members!**

This year's VBS was so much fun. We all grew in friendship with God and with one another. We grew in appreciation for the soil, water, seeds, animals and harvest that were featured in the Episcopal Relief and Development VBS curriculum. We grew in knowledge of God's holy word. We grew in blessings of caring for God's creation and for one another. All of our participants---children, youth, and adults---are already looking forward to **next year's week in God's Glorious Garden, scheduled for July 9 – 13, 2018**. Please mark your calendars now and save these dates so that---regardless of age---you can join us in the garden next year!

Help get the word out about CCPK

Christ Church needs your help in getting the word out about our parish. If you have an interest in our messaging, web site, social media, branding, and related issues, please consider joining or offering to help the Communications Committee. Please contact Ken Amaditz of the Vestry for more information (kca9c@yahoo.com).



September Celebrations



Beyer Bullard 09/01
Jo Crozier 09/02
Sasha Gottlieb 09/02
Judy Carter 09/03
Andrew Lalley 09/03
Wendy Wykoff 09/05
Catherine Cleland 09/06
Sheldon Meyers 09/06
Robin Atkinson 09/10
Sharon Bartram 09/10
Lee Puricelli 09/10
Rachel Parsons 09/11
Rebecca Coe 09/14
Joan Centrella 09/18
Brooks Coe 09/18
Bill Croke 09/19
Jean Keleher 09/20
Rachel Jenny 09/21
Nora Buckley 09/22
Oliver Grant 09/23
John Rowan 09/25
Caleb Albright 09/30
Aidan Kilpatrick 09/30



Paul & Deborah A. Eckert 09/05
Hill & Judy Carter 09/10
Elizabeth & James C. Lakey 09/16
Raymond & Emily Barry 09/28
David & Virginia Blackman 09/28

Lessons from Financial Peace University

By Kurt Ellison



I was sitting in a Diocesan Council meeting discussing stewardship and the future financial viability of our churches, when the subject of millennials and pledging came up. Someone asked, "How are we going to get the millennials to pledge?" Our bishop had a great reply, "How about teaching them how to manage money in the first place. They are really struggling!" Bishop Mariann was right.

Then I remembered, "Hey, we have done this before!" Christ Church offered Financial Peace University years ago when the recession hit hard. Time to breathe new life into a previous project!

Christ Church, Kensington, and Church of the Transfiguration teamed up to offer Financial Peace University, a 9 week faith based course in personal finance this past June and July. It was my joy to coordinate classes in both locations for 22 people. Here are just a few of the lessons I took away after coordinating the classes this summer:

The church of the future will need to really care about the personal financial health of its members. The lessons taught in the course will always need to be taught, after all – it's all God's money and learning the right ways to be stewards of God's resources is a necessity.

We created a safe space in the church to talk about money. This is huge. Not everyone who comes to church considers the church to be a safe place to talk about their money, yet money is what Jesus talked about the most.

There is a big knowledge gap about managing money – and it isn't just millennials who need to know the basics. Schools and families are not teaching basic personal financial lessons. Big Banks and Financial Institutions take full advantage of this knowledge gap (banks rake in over 30 billion in overdraft charges alone!). Plenty of folks have no idea how to set and keep to a budget, or balance a checkbook.

Financial Peace University empowered everyone who took the course to improve and change their personal finances. Budgeting, paying off debt, relating with money in our families, planning for college, finding the right insurance coverage, investing for the future, and the spirituality of giving all left us encouraged to improve our own financial journeys!

Thank you Christ Church, Kensington and Transfiguration, Silver Spring for providing the space for this ministry! Thank you, Christ Church Endowment Committee for providing scholarships for participants who needed assistance to take the course! Thank you to the 22 students from within and without the church who took the course for 9 Monday and Thursday nights during the summer!

Kurt Ellison

Financial Peace University is a nine week faith based course in personal finance created and taught by Dave Ramsey. For more information about the course, please visit www.daveramsay.com/fpu

Parish Life News!



We are honored to have Bishop Mariann Budde visit on September 10th and join us for our annual summer picnic following the 10:00 service. We hope you can help us welcome the Bishop and celebrate the end of summer. The Men of Christ Church will provide burgers and dogs. Christ Church will provide the drinks. We need your presence to make it a perfect day. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Help is needed for cleanup; please sign up in the upstairs hall at church or contact the picnic coordinators: Aime Keith akeith1966@verizon.net and Jane Aylor janeaylor@gmail.com.

Looking forward to fall: We need folks to help in the ways listed below:

- Coordinators to take 2-month shifts overseeing the signups of coffee hour hosts.
- Hosts (2 per Sunday) to bring a sweet and a savory for coffee hour snacks.
- Folks to join the Celebration Team that organizes All-Parish events such as Christmas and Easter receptions, 12th night dinner, etc.

Signup is available in the upstairs hall or contact Gail Trousoff Marks gailtroussoff@gmail.com 301-455-5323 New ideas are always welcome for fun and fellowship, Gail