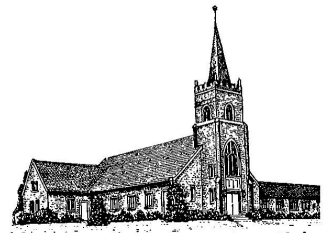




# Christ Church Parish News

## May 2017



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## Alive with Joy! HAPPY EASTER!!

Every resurrection begins in darkness. Begins in despair. Begins in confusion. Begins in grief. Begins in disconnection. And out of that does not rise certainty, but hope. Hope that despite all the evidence, love will always find a way to break through the darkness of the tomb, melt the frozen heart, and water the arid places.



Hope that in the mystery of the resurrection, the power of God's love just might disturb us from our cynical slumber, our sleepwalking through life, or even just the niggling sense that going to the grocery store or the office or the gym or school or even church is all there is.

As the Rev. Becca Stevens is fond of saying:

*I have seen water move rocks.  
I have seen thistle break through boulders.  
If water and flowers can move stones,  
Surely love can.*

This past Holy Week we walked with Jesus during his last days. The stories that span the celebration and confrontation of Palm Sunday, breathtaking love of Maundy Thursday, the deepest despair of Good Friday, will make the very idea of resurrection seem crazier, more beautiful, more powerful than ever.

The love of God will at last pour through our broken hearts,  
The power of God will finally radiate through our wounds

### Mighty Church Meeting

May 3rd 7PM



*Important!*

Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm. There will be a meeting of all members of committees, ministry leaders, and any interested folks!

Come contribute to our collective vision for the direction of the church in the coming year.

*We shall know that we are on the way,  
And the whole of creation will sing for joy.*

Ian Cowie, *Jesus' Healing works and Ours*

Blessings,  
Emily



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## Parish Life

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Parish Life is looking for coffee hour hosts. We only have a few more weeks: May 7, 14, 21. Memorial Weekend May 28th will be popsicles. June 4 will be a celebration of children and

youth. Helpers are needed for June 4<sup>th</sup> with some food provided by Parish Life. Please contact: [gailtroussoff@gmail.com](mailto:gailtroussoff@gmail.com)

or [katharinegagarin@yahoo.com](mailto:katharinegagarin@yahoo.com) Signup board is in the undercroft on Sunday, front hall on weekdays.

Summer popsicles are coming. We are looking for a Popsicle Coordinator for the summer. The popsicles will be provided. Hosts are only needed to set up and cleanup.

Parish Life wants to form a Celebration Team to plan events such as a summer picnic. Please contact Gail Marks 301-455-5323 or [gailtroussoff@gmail.com](mailto:gailtroussoff@gmail.com) if interested in helping.

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## Outreach

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**Samaritan Ministry's Community Walk to Empower the Homeless**, sponsored by Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Church of Transfiguration and Grace Episcopal Church

When: Sunday, May 21 3-6pm

What: Opportunity to raise funds and give visibility to Samaritan Ministry's work with neighbors in need

Where: Start at Martin Luther King Jr Park, 1120 Jackson Rd, Silver Spring and walk 2.5 miles south to the Church of our Saviour at corner of New Hampshire and Powder Mill Rd.

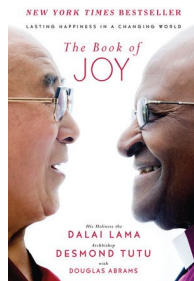
Celebrate with prayers and light refreshments afterward. Join the walk, registering with a freewill donation or with gifts from sponsors (free t-shirt with donations of \$25 or more)

Check out flyer on Outreach table.

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## CCPK Book Group

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The group will meet in May from 7:30 to 9 PM to discuss **The Book of Joy** by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

For additional information contact Jim Kennedy at [jkennedy@mac.com](mailto:jkennedy@mac.com)

## VBS Plan Ahead for Summer

As parents make plans for summer vacation, we want to spread the good news that **Christ Episcopal Church is planning for VBS the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!**

This fun-filled week of Bible stories, creative play, friendship and good times offers two tracks: PreK4-1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Grade 3-5. Fifth-graders are invited to help as Junior Leaders at various times throughout the week. Youth from Grade 6-12 are invited serve as Senior Leaders, assisting the adult volunteers with all of the daily activities. VBS runs daily from 9 AM to 12:30 PM, with the option of staying to eat lunch (brought from home) and the choice of spending the afternoon until 5 PM. We do our best to accommodate a family's scheduling needs that week.

If you are an adult looking for an opportunity to connect with our broader community, please consider volunteering to spend part of VBS week with us.

Whether you are a parent wanting to register your child, a youth wanting to volunteer and earn community service hours, or an adult seeking a great time while supporting this important CCPK outreach and educational activity, please email Ann Enkiri: [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org).



The Outreach Ministry has never had a mission statement, so for the past few months, we have been discerning what a mission statement for our Ministry should be. With the holy spirit flowing amongst us, I present to you the **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE.**

***Christ Church's Outreach Ministry strives to be a faithful presence in the world. Empowered by the love of Jesus, we help others in our community and beyond through hands-on work and financial support. While we respond to diverse needs, Christ Church is particularly dedicated to improving children's health, education and welfare. We serve without regard to race, national origin, religious belief, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation or social/economic status.***

This was a great and eye-opening journey for us because we have now identified who we are and what we do as is evident with the list of our projects for 2017:

### **Episcopal Relief and Development (February-March)**

Who they are: a worldwide relief agency of the Episcopal Church that provides money and resources in times of emergency or disaster.

Who they help: all people

How we help: financial support

### **Heifer International (March-April)**

Who they are: a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities.

Who they help: all people

How we help: financial support

### **Rebuilding Together (April)**

Who they are: a volunteer organization that works to match County homeowners and their service needs with qualified volunteers, skilled tradesmen and County resources to improve the client's home and their quality of life.

How we help: hands-on work on a homeowner's house and financial contributions for supplies to help complete the work on the house.

### **Comfort Cases (May-June)**

Who they are: a non-profit organization that provides children ages 0-18 who are in the foster care system with a bag filled with essential needs as well as comfort items.

Who they help: children in the Washington, DC area

How we help: in-kind by putting together comfort cases for the children in the foster care system

### **Arcola Elementary School Summer Program (July)**

#### **Arcola Elementary School Backpack Program (August)**

#### **Arcola Elementary Thanksgiving Food Bags (November)**

#### **Arcola Elementary Christmas Food Bags & Angel Tree (December)**

Who they are: a F.A.R.M. (Free and Reduced Meals) school in Wheaton, Maryland

Who they help: children of low-income families

How we help: in-kind by providing supplies for backpacks, food for the Food Bags and gifts for the Angel Tree



## Outreach (Continued)

### Bethesda Cares (year round)

Who they are: a non-profit with two programs and three goals: An Eviction and Utility Shut-Off Prevention Program to avert homelessness and an outreach program that works to ease homelessness by serving their needs (food, shelter, work)

Who they help: the homeless and those in need in Montgomery County

How we help: hands-on by volunteer families making sandwiches twice a month; in-kind by collecting socks, toiletries, water and other items that are in need

### Grocery Store Gift Cards (year round)

Who they help: those in need that come to our parish door

How we help: provide funds for the office to purchase grocery gift cards to give to those in need

We are blessed with a very caring and generous parish family that when called upon, provide what's needed. Our list for 2017 is never complete because our eyes and ears are open "...to give honor to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misguided. To learn to give a warm welcome to the last, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute..."

If you hear of a need, please share it with us.

Liz Quinn, Chair

Outreach Ministry



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## Our Youth Group

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The youth of Christ Church had an exciting Lenten season this year the Lord's Prayer challenge, which encourages participants to live out a different line of the Prayer each week, or the Seven Deadly Sins challenge, which examines how we can combat pride, wrath, and company in our everyday lives. Weekly challenges produced great results: from understanding how sloth pulls our attention away from God's will, to learning what's included in "our daily bread" (even if we're gluten free!). Four youth also started confirmation class this month, which promises to be a fun and reflective journey in the months to come.

April brought more great things for the youth. We teamed up with the youth from Good Shepard Episcopal Church in Silver Spring to clean up Sligo Creek for Earth Day, and began team-building for the mission trip .

We are looking for an adult male to volunteer to chaperone our mission trip. If you might be interested or know someone you believe would be perfect fit, please contact me at [youthminister@ccpk.org](mailto:youthminister@ccpk.org).





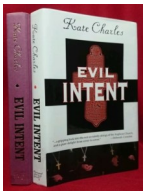
The CCPK library has over 1100 books. Included in our collection are general books on religion. We have many editions of the Bible and books about the Bible, the Old and New

Testaments including the Gospels and the Epistles. We have books on Christianity, Faith, Ethics, Prayer, Religious Art and Symbols, Spiritual Life, the Church in Society, Church History, other religions, and Biblical geography and history. There is a very popular collection of ecclesiastical novels and mysteries. And we have a great reference collection containing Books of Common Prayer from several countries.

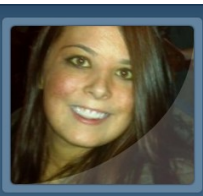
We have a separate Children's and Youth Library in Room 4.

### Attention Mystery Lovers!

**Have you read any of Kate Charles liturgical mysteries featuring Callie Anson, an Anglican Priest?**



We have this four volume Book of Psalms mystery series in our Library. Start with volume 1, **Evil Intent**.



### Run for Colleen

Please join us on Saturday, June 3rd for the fourth annual Colleen's BA 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk to benefit the Colleen Mitchel Memorial Fund. The Fund was established in memory of Colleen Mitchel, who was born with biliary atresia in 1993, had a liver transplant at 7 months old, and died in 2013 at 19 years old from complications due to liver disease, while awaiting another liver transplant. Colleen attended Grace Episcopal Day School, North Bethesda MS, Walter Johnson HS and the University of Michigan.

Proceeds from the event will support biliary atresia (BA) research at the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Liver Center in Baltimore, MD and promote organ donation awareness in our community.

For details on the Run and to register, please go to [www.colleensba5k.org](http://www.colleensba5k.org). Thanks for your support!

## Sunday 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.

## PrimeTimers

**The Prime Timers** will meet in the undercroft of the church on Thursday, May 4th from 11:30 for social time, 12:00 lunch and enjoy a speaker from 12:30 - 1:30.

The cost of a lunch is \$10.00. Please RSVP to Nora Buckley, [norabee@live.com](mailto: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, May 1st. This month's presentation is on "George Atzerodt - The Other Conspirator."

After their ringleader, John Wilkes Booth, was killed, other conspirators in the plot to assassinate President Lincoln and other top leaders of the government were tried before a Courts Martial. Four of them were executed by hanging. Most people know of Mary Surratt, the first woman executed by the United States; Davy Her-ald, the young man who led Booth on his escape; and Lewis Powell, the man who almost succeeded in killing Secretary of State Seward. But what of George Atzerodt, the Prussian immigrant who did not carry out his assignment of murdering Vice President Johnson and was later arrested in Germantown, Maryland? Who was he? How did he get involved in this plot? Why didn't he assassinate the vice president? How did he escape? And why was he hanged?



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## Say It with Pictures!

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4/22/2017 CCPK parishioners Valerie Bukharin (theoretical physicist), Lee Puricelli and Prescott Bullard (science supporters) and Anne Thornhill (biologist) and the March for Science.



4/29/2017 Sue Mitchell was honored at the Seabury Celebration of Service at the National Cathedral for her lifetime of dedicated service to God, family and community.



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## Men's Group Update

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In spite of the snowy weather, a half dozen men met to discuss optional activities and the direction of the men's group. With respect to social activities, one Men's Group sponsored activity considered was a National's baseball game, another a get together at a craft beer pub. There was a lively discussion of service oriented proposals including: work with Re-building Together, helping with Parish repairs, painting inside the church, continuing Sunday breakfasts, the Samaritan's Ministry, and simple Summer cookouts once a month following the 10 AM services in June, July and August.

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## Support the Endowment Fund

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The Christ Church Endowment Fund accepts gifts of any amount. Consider Christ Church in your estate plan with a memorial gift. Contact Rev. Emily Guthrie or Kurt Ellison, parish administrator, for details.

Thanks. The Planned Giving and Endowment committee wants to raise awareness of the fund and a regular appearance in the newsletter will help.

Ted Seale, chair

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## Columbarium Niches

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Columbarium Niches Available in Christ Church's Courtyard Garden.

Our courtyard garden offers a beautiful landscaped area that contains a Columbarium which is a respectful and peaceful place for the urns that hold the deceased's cremated remains. The first phase of our Columbarium is on the east side of the garden's brick wall (no niches remain) and the second phase is contained in the low garden wall that encircles the statue (niches available). Please contact Kurt Ellison in the office for more information.



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## May Celebrations

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Karen Bruce 05/01  
Paul R. Eckert 05/01  
Suzanne Shaw 05/04  
Sean Woodward 05/06  
Linda Smith 05/07  
Deborah Bartlett 05/09  
James Kennedy 05/10  
Katharine Shuler 05/11  
Joshua Blackman 05/12  
Laurie Falkenstein 05/14  
JoAnn Price 05/14  
Linda Rowan 05/15  
Pamela Prindle 05/16  
Norman McKay 05/17  
John Cornwell Jr. 05/18  
Cora Flynn 05/19  
W. Scott Wykoff 05/20  
Barbara Ferry 05/23  
H. Yvonne Jackson 05/23  
Paul Kaufman 05/23  
Paul Robbins 05/23  
Claire Blackman 05/24  
Maria Martinez 05/24  
Lance Kilpatrick 05/25  
Duane Boniface 05/28  
Stephen Buck 05/29  
Dorothy Cornwell 05/29  
Patrick Cowan 05/30  
Alexander Bukharin 05/31



Anthony & Marcia Coe 05/06  
Ted & Annie Seale 05/09  
Thomas & Anne Tatem 05/12  
Ronald & Sarah W. Leung  
05/16  
Robert & Elizabeth Quinn  
05/19  
Peter & Sharon Bartram  
05/25  
Farrand & Pamela Prindle  
05/28

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## Music Notes From Teddy

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Thank you for all the wonderful comments about our Lenten and Easter Music. From the 4th Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday our choir sang the Missa Secunda by the German composer Hans Leo Hassler (all the Mass movements are in Latin except for the Kyrie, which is in Greek). Hassler (1564-1612) was a "bridge" composer in that he was comfortable composing in the older

styles of the Renaissance, as well as in the new style of the Baroque, so his style includes elements of both eras in mixed styles reflecting both the Renaissance and the Baroque in his compositions,

Our choir actually began rehearsing this Mass in June of last year, so they worked very hard on it. They also sang a beautiful, lyrical setting of the Tantum Ergo in Latin by Franz Schubert on Maundy Thursday. Along with these pieces in older styles, they also brought back a much-loved old chestnut on Palm Sunday, "The Palms" by Jean-Baptiste Faure. When I grew up, no Episcopal church would even think of having Palm Sunday music without a rendition of this piece, so I hope it brought back fond memories to some!

Easter Sunday featured a talented bassoonist from the University of Maryland, Ronn K. Hall, who recently completed his doctorate, in a lovely new piece for bassoon and organ entitled "Pastorale and Dance" by Craig Phillips, that we performed earlier this semester in the University Chapel for one of Ronn's doctoral recitals. Also featured on Easter was a very gifted fifth-grade piano student, Robert Foster, whose family used to attend Christ Church. I am also glad that you enjoyed the harpsichord pieces I played at various times through Good Friday.

In all of this, I think of our music was reflective of both older, more traditional styles, as well as things more contemporary. Alexander Pope (1688-1744) once wisely stated, "Be not the first by whom the new are tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside." Our church is steeped in many beautiful worship traditions, many of which formed me as I grew up in a lovely traditional Episcopal parish on the south side of Atlanta, Georgia. For many years following that I played in several other Christian denominations, and found music and worship styles of beauty and value in each of them.

Our church is not a museum -- it is a living, evolving entity, following Christ as He leads us through the highways and byways of life in our own time. I hope our parish thinks similarly, that we are a growing, living entity. Let us celebrate Easter rejoicing in God's unconditional love for each and every single one of us.

# May 2017

| 3Sun  | Mon | Tue                                    | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|-----|--|---|--|-----|---|
|   | 1   | 2<br>6:30 EFM<br>7:00 Parent's Meeting | 3<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Holy Eucharist<br><b>7:00 PM Mighty Church Meeting</b><br>7:10 PM Needlework Ministry<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 4<br>11:30 AM PrimeTimers<br>4:00 PM African Women's Prayer Group                                  | 5   | 6<br>9:30 AM Flower Guild                                       |
| 7<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Pipers<br>11:15 AM Coffee Hour/Sunday School/<br>Youth Group<br>1:00 PM Pastoral Care /LEV Lunch<br>4:00 PM Bible Study<br>5:00 PM Holy Eucharist<br>6:00 Confirmation Class | 8   | 9<br>6:30 EFM                          | 10<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Holy Eucharist<br>7:00 Book Mark making<br>7:10 PM Needlework Ministry<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal               | 11<br>4:00 PM African Women's Prayer Group<br>7:30 PM Book Group Meeting                           | 12  | 13<br>9:30 AM Flower Guild<br>1:00 PM Creative Writing Workshop |
| 14<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist<br>9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Pipers<br>11:15 AM Coffee Hour/Sunday School/<br>Youth Group<br>4:00 PM Bible Study<br>5:00 PM Holy Eucharist<br>6:00 Confirmation Class                                    | 15  | 16<br>6:30 EFM                         | 17<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Holy Eucharist<br>7:10 PM Needlework Ministry<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  | 18<br>4:00 PM African Women's Prayer Group   | 19  | 20<br>9:30 AM Flower Guild<br>1:00 PM Creative Writing Workshop |
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