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## September 2022 Connections

- ✚ Grounded in Christ
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  - ✚ Giving in Community
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*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton*

# RETURNING THE CHALICE TO THE PEOPLE

March of 2020 seems so long ago. Back then we did communion pretty much the same way they have done it since Eucharistic Ministers were permitted to assist the clergy a generation ago. Beginning September 18, we will once again offer Consecrated Wine to all who desire to receive. Please read what follows:

**Receiving only the Bread is Fully Communion.** This has been the teaching of the church throughout history. Those who chose, may receive fully taking only the Bread.

**Drinking from the Chalice is the safest way to receive the Wine.** As The Reverend Michael Garner, Public Health Advisor to the Bishop of Ottawa, has written: “the main route of transmission of COVID is respiratory rather than gastrointestinal; vaccinated persons are protected from infection regardless of the route of exposure.” <https://indydio.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Common-Cup-paper-v4.pdf>

**Receiving by Intinction is Not Recommended.** There is serious danger inherent in intinction, because of the possibility of one’s fingers touching the wine. If you feel you must intinct, your wafer should only touch the surface of the wine. Do not attempt to swish your wafer or dunk it in any way. Great care should be taken that the only point contact should be the bread and the wine, not the chalice or your fingers.

**Everyone will be asked to use the hand sanitizer provided as you approach the altar rail.** If you have any respiratory illness, please stay masked at all times, or stay home.

During the height of the A.I.D.S. crisis, I began receiving communion last. Long before any vaccines and treatments, I wanted the congregation to know that Communion was as safe as possible. I have returned to that practice and will receive last for the foreseeable future.

Studies in the 1990s stated, “In a prospective study with 681 participants, there was no significant health difference between individuals who received Holy Communion as often as daily and those who did not attend Christian services at all. Based on these findings, in 1998 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that there had never been an outbreak of infection related to the communion cup and that a theoretical risk of transmitting infectious diseases by using a common communion cup exists, but that the risk is so small that it is undetectable.” An article on the National Library of Medicine site concludes: “In summary, the common communion cup may theoretically serve as a vehicle of transmitting infection, but the potential risk of transmission is very small.” <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7439816/>

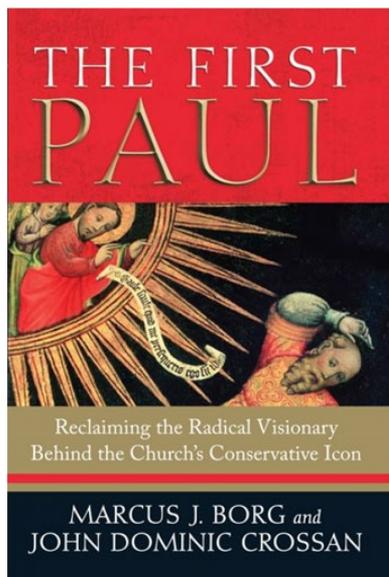
I conclude with the words of a former Bishop of Ottawa, John Baycroft who wrote: “We drink from a common cup as a strong symbol of unity and our willingness to accept each other. We share our love and lives as we share the cup. The implications for this for fellowship and support in the local church, for relationships between rich and poor in communities and nations, and for justice between North and South and first world and world countries are enormous. The cup of love and unity is unavoidably a cup of sacrifice”.

God, make us worthy to receive, and safe to share, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.

Peace,  
**Mark +**



Coming this Fall  
**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
In-Person and Zoom



Beginning September 12, 2022  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

*The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon* examines the progression of Paul's letters and the change in his attitudes and stances on important points, like his changing views on slavery and the patriarchy. The book argues that Paul becomes the ideal figurehead of the Roman church, instead of the radical figure that he clearly was, and tries to renegotiate his place in modern Christianity.

Reply to: [office@ccpki.org](mailto:office@ccpki.org) for information about the class,  
Zoom invite, and on ordering the book.  
You don't have to read the book to take the class.



## Centering Prayer Group

### **CENTERING SATURDAYS RETURN**

Centering Prayer is the simple act of regularly returning our attention to God. In God's light we see more clearly our place in creation and God's desire for our collaboration.

The regular practice of Centering Prayer leads to a more intimate union with God and powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace.

Join us Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 as we encourage one another in this practice. There will be teaching and a chance to sit together in silence. Invite a friend. All are welcome. We'll meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month through the end of the year.

Fall is just around the corner. Ministries are excited to begin a new year. The Day School is buzzing with activity as the teachers prepare to welcome new friends and families. The Parish Office is busy with room assignments, building maintenance, and all the joy of seeing people gather together. Classes are restarting and the kitchen is busy. We are so blessed that we can come together once more.



**OUR OFFICE HOURS  
ARE  
CHANGING**

**Beginning Tuesday, September 6th  
the Parish Office will be open:**

**9am—3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**



## **ANOTHER SEASON OF CHANGE**

Here we are already embarking on another season of change. Students and teachers are returning to the classroom, traffic patterns in turn will change. The days are getting noticeably shorter. Tuesday, August 16 was the last day the sun set after 8 pm until Spring of 2023! Days will soon be getting cooler, and the trees will beautifully decorate our neighborhoods with magnificent color. Our winter holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it.

Perhaps you have change going on in your life on a personal level? Maybe you are sending a son or daughter off to college. Maybe you are grieving the loss of a loved one or a beloved pet. Maybe you are in the middle of a move to a new home, a retirement community, or a job relocation?

Some of us will embrace these changes, while others will feel quite anxious and overwhelmed. What can we do? We can pray. We can take time to surround ourselves with other people. We can be available to our families, our friends, our neighbors and yes strangers. It is said we may be in the same storm, but we certainly are not in the same boat. Simply, be a good neighbor. We are here for you. Just a call or email away. Keep on the lookout for our small group gatherings after Labor Day.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.” -  
Philippians 4:6 NLT

Need help rerouting your thoughts?

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right and pure, and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” Philippians 4:8 NLT

Blessing and Peace to all,  
Dawn and Susie

## CEMETERY NEWS



Broad Creek Cemetery fall cleanup is scheduled for October 8th from 9 am to 12 noon.

Please come join the Cemetery Committee as we prep the cemetery for winter. We intend to cleanup the driveway entrance area which has gotten a little overgrown with vines and weeds. The area around the shed needs some raking. We also will wash the front fence and use a little elbow grease (plus baking soda and water) to clean off some of the headstones.

At least that's the plan.

So (please) come out and lend a hand if you can. Even an hour would be helpful. The following Saturday, October 15, is our rain date (same time, same place).

Please contact Charlie Schwan (443-262-1074) for details.  
[broadcreek@ccpki.org](mailto:broadcreek@ccpki.org)

## CEMETERY TREE FINDS NEW HOME AT CHRIST CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

As reported in the July Newsletter, a tree was struck by lightning recently and had to be removed from the cemetery. Bay Tree Service was gracious enough to bring the wood chips to CECDs for the playground. Many man hours were spent spreading the wood chips by an unnamed volunteer.



# **CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

## **Serving Those in Need in our Local Community**

### **BACKPACK WEEKEND MEALS FOR KIDS**

This summer, a wonderful group of volunteers for the Christ Church Backpack Program met weekly for six weeks. We were excited to have several young children and teens helping with the packing. We filled 408 bags of weekend food for children in the QACPS Migrant Summer School and 312 bags for Sudlersville Elementary summer session. We gathered donated bathing suits and children's clothing for the Migrant children and our volunteers helped with two Migrant Program Family Nights. Huge thanks to everyone who pitched in to help these young children and their families!

### **BACKPACKS IN SEPTEMBER**

Christ Church will once again provide weekend meals for three schools: Bayside Elementary, Kent Island Elementary and Sudlersville Middle. We will be working with the School Counselors who will identify the children who are most in need of food assistance on weekends when they don't have access to school breakfast and lunch. We expect to begin providing weekend food in mid-September.

**VOLLUNTEERS WELCOME!** Starting on 9/15 we will meet every Thursday morning at 8:30 to pack and deliver food to the schools. We love our volunteers, so please join us any time to see what we do and pitch in to help. We are almost always finished by about 9:15! We welcome donations of food, following these guidelines:

**Shopping Priorities, all Single-Serving**

**BREAKFAST: Oatmeal Packets, Cereal**

**LUNCH: Macaroni & Cheese Cups, Chef Boyardee Cups,  
Chicken Noodle Soup**

**FRUIT: Applesauce Cups/Pouches, Fruit Cups**

**DRINKS: 100% Juice, Shelf-stable Individual Milk**

**SNACKS: Raisins, Cheese Crackers, Granola Bars, Pretzels,  
Cookies**

**SPECIAL SEPTEMBER PRIORITY: 14-16oz Jars of Peanut  
Butter**

For information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Sells: 410-490-6042 or [backpacks@ccpki.org](mailto:backpacks@ccpki.org). Thank you and God Bless You!



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# QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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March 31, 2022

## Financial Highlights

Christ Church's financial performance in the first quarter of 2022 was strong. Many parishioner families accelerated their pledge payments to the mortgage fund, so we reduced the loan balance by 17% during the quarter. Donations to the Operating Fund and Fund-Raising revenues are on target, despite the COVID epidemic. During the quarter, we also addressed critical maintenance projects.

### Generosity Uplifts Community

Parishioners maintained their level of giving during the quarter; General Offerings are over budget for the year. *Thank You!* Volunteers working in the Soup Group generated over \$16,000 in donations, despite a January pause in operations necessitated by the pandemic. The Backpacks for Kids and Soup Group provided meals and even clothing to families in our community and Sudlersville without enough of either.

### Mortgage Momentum

During the quarter, we reduced the balance of our mortgage loan by 17%, maintaining the momentum toward our goal of paying off the mortgage in three years. Since the beginning of 2021, we have reduced our mortgage by over **\$200,000**. *Thank You!* We begin our second quarter with an outstanding loan **under \$300,000**. To eliminate the mortgage, we will need about \$100,000 in unpledged contributions by the end of 2024.

## Critical Maintenance Projects

We replaced the roof of our rectory, addressing a key maintenance priority. In response to a directive from Queen Anne's County, we also cleared the vegetation that had taken over the drainage pond behind the church, simultaneously creating a quiet, attractive place for meditation. Although both projects were not in the Operating budget, we paid for them with planned draws from our investments. Consequently, facilities expenses were about \$9,000 over budget for the quarter.

## Innovative Additions to Worship, Study, Fellowship, and Community

We are making full use of recently added videoconferencing and live streaming technologies to enhance a growing list of opportunities for gathering, including the Searching for Sunday Book Discussion, a Centering Prayer Quiet Retreat, an Ascension Day Service at Camp Wright, a Mother's Day Plant Sale, a FREE Community Dinner, a Free Organ Concert, Daily Evening Prayer, and the Post-COVID Lunch Bunch monthly gathering.



# 2022 FUND PERFORMANCE *(as of 3-31-2022)*

OPERATING FUND	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
<b>Revenues</b>			
General Offerings	\$57,823	\$61,654	\$3,831
Building Use	\$10,000	\$8,797	(\$1,203)
Fund Raisers	\$16,900	\$16,088	(\$812)
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,353	\$451	(\$903)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$86,076</b>	<b>\$86,990</b>	<b>\$914</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	\$54,186	\$48,642	\$5,544
Facilities	\$35,543	\$44,446	(\$8,903)
Parish Life	\$16,043	\$13,279	\$2,764
Administration	\$8,686	\$9,997	(\$1,311)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$114,458</b>	<b>\$116,364</b>	<b>(\$1,906)</b>
<b>Revenue Minus Expenses (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$28,381)</b>	<b>(\$29,374)</b>	<b>(\$993)</b>
<b>MORTGAGE FUND</b>			
Offerings	\$22,708	\$50,741	\$28,033
Outstanding Mortgage Loan		\$300,142	
<b>GRACE FUND</b>			
Offerings		\$75	
Grace Fund Balance		\$137,446	

## Financial Statement Notes

**General Offerings** include contributions, plate collections, special offerings and memorial gifts. Some memorial gifts are restricted and may not be used for budgeted expenses.

**Building Use** includes rental of our building facilities and kitchen to Living Water Lutheran Church, Christ Church Episcopal Day School and to individuals and organizations for weddings and special events.

**Fund Raisers** include such events as Plant Sales and Soup Sales.

**Withdrawals from Investments and Endowments** ideally will be no more than the interest/appreciation, thus preserving the principal for future years. Investment and endowment funds include the Juliana Blunt Fund, the Paca Fund, the Endowment Fund, the Investment Fund, and the Grace Youth Ministry &

Education Fund.

**Personnel expenses** include the salaries, benefits, educational and travel expenses for our Rector, Minister of Music, Sexton, Nursery staff, and Parish Administrator.

**Facilities** includes all expenses associated with maintaining the "home of our ministries" (including our rectory, the home of our rector), such as utilities, repairs, grass cutting, snow plowing and property/liability insurance.

**Parish Life** includes expenses to support outreach ministries, including programs for the homeless and hungry in our community, as well as our contribution to the Diocese for the work of the Episcopal Church. Our worship programs, including the altar guild and music ministry are also funded here.

## Shand Hall Update

The painters completed the task of renewing the ceilings, walls, trim and even the inside of the closets. The new carpeting will be installed as soon as it arrives. Of course, we are experiencing a shipment delay.

Living Water has been able to reset the Altar Area and enjoy the view of a freshly painted room. Stop by and see the difference it has made.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Brenda Faulkner at 410.643.5921 or [christchurchki@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchki@gmail.com).



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<p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b>  <b>TUES, WED, THURS</b>  <b>9AM—3PM</b></p>			
<p><b>4</b>            9:30 Worship Service</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> 	<p><b>6</b>            10:00 Food Pantry Delivery            11:00 Centering Prayer  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>            5:30 EfM Conf. Room            7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b>            10:00 Exe  <b>5:00 Even</b>            7:30 AA M</p>
<p><b>11 Camp Wright Sunday</b>            8:00 Worship Service            10:00 Worship Service at Camp Wright</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>  <b>7:00 Book Study</b>            7:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b>            10:00 Food Pantry Delivery            11:00 Centering Prayer  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>            5:30 EfM Conf. Room            7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b>            10:00 Exe  <b>5:00 Even</b>            7:00 Finar            7:30 AA M</p>
<p><b>18</b>            8:00 Worship Service            10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>            6:30 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b>            10:00 Food Pantry Delivery            11:00 Centering Prayer  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>            5:30 EfM Conf. Room            7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b>            10:00 Exe            10:00 Pos  <b>5:00 Even</b>            7:30 AA M</p>
<p><b>25</b>            8:00 Worship Service            10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>  <b>7:00 Book Study</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>            10:00 Food Pantry Delivery            11:00 Centering Prayer  <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>            5:30 EfM Conf. Room            7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b>            10:00 Exe  <b>5:00 Even</b>            7:00 Finar            7:30 AA M</p>

Join us Saturday September 17th for a Quiet Morning  
 Newcomer

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  2:30-5:30 Soup Sales <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>	2  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	3  2:00 AA Meeting
ic Com Meeting <b>ing Prayer</b> Meeting	8  2:30-5:30 Soup Sales <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>	9  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	10  <b>9:00 Choir Rehearsal</b> 2:00 AA Meeting
ic Com Meeting <b>ing Prayer</b> nce Com Mtg. Meeting	15  8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>	16  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	17  <b>9:30 Centering Prayer Retreat</b> 2:00 AA Meeting
ic Com Meeting t EfM Group <b>ing Prayer</b> Meeting	22  8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> <b>7:00 Piano &amp; Organ Concert</b>	23  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	24  2:00 AA Meeting
ic Com Meeting <b>ing Prayer</b> nce Com Mtg. Meeting	29  8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b>	30  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	

ning as we continue our Centering Prayer Practice.  
s welcome.

Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Mark S. Delcuze, Rector ~ 203-240-8884

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

## Serving Chart September 2022

		LEM	Lectors	Ushers
<b>9/4/2022</b>	9:30 AM			
<b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>		Leslie Schneider	Caroline Aland	Bob Rosekrans
<b>Proper 18C</b>			Charlie Mead	Lois Vanderbok
<b>Green</b>				
<b>9/11/2022</b>	8:00 AM			
		Lois Vanderbok	Cathy Smith	Tom Christensen
			Maria Jones	Sally Lewis
<b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	10:00 AM	Keith Fulmer	Goldey Vansant	Mike Herold
<b>Proper 19C</b>			Helen Vansant	Charlie Schwan
<b>Camp Wright</b>				
<b>9/18/2022</b>	8:00 AM			
<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>		Liza Hamill	Maria Jones	Eric Hummel
			Sally Lewis	Linette Hummel
<b>Proper 20C</b>	10:00 AM	Patti Snyder	Bob Thompson	John Reckord
<b>Green</b>			Dottie Wilson	Leslie Schneider
<b>9/25/2022</b>	8:00 AM			
<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>		Jim Lipsner	Liza Hamill	Cathy Smith
			Betsy Sipes	Maria Jones
<b>Proper 21C</b>	10:00 AM	Mike Herold	Carole Katrinic	Charlie Schwan
<b>Green</b>			Becky Myers	Lois Vanderbok

Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
Sherry Lissitz, Lois Rys, Dot Deren	Dottie Wilson Bob Thompson	Molly Cannon Maria Jones	Ben Riley
Betsy Sipes, Tom Christensen, Patti Snyder	Dawn McKnight Judy Peppel	Toinette McDowell Lois Vanderbok	N/A
Sally Lewis, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Anne Tyler			
	Leslie Schneider	Caroline Aland	
	Judy Peppel	Susie Reckord	Dottie Wilson
DeeDee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip			
	Anna Sisson	Charlie Mead	
	Judy Peppel	Bob Thompson	Bill Vanderbok

# **2022 Family Ministry Kick-Off!**

## **Bring the Kids & Join Us At Camp Wright !**

### **Sunday September 11 at 10:00**

**WORSHIP WITH THE PRAISE BAND**

**SIGN UP FOR FALL CHILDREN,  
YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**ENJOY BURGERS AND DOGS  
WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW**

**TAKE A DIP IN THE POOL**

## **CPR TRAINING**

**Oct 1st**

**10:00 AM**

“Keep the Beat” will be at Christ Church on Saturday, October 1st to offer CPR training and training for AED use. It is vitally important to be ready in the event of an emergency. If you would like to participate please sign up in the Church Narthex by September 19th. You may also contact the Parish Office to sign up. There will be limited space available.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information. 410-643-5921  
office@ccpki.org





## **20 x 23 Choir Campaign is Here, and We Need Your Voice!**

This past Spring you read about our goal to have 20 members in our Parish Choir by the end of 2023. Now is that time for us to achieve our goal! If you have sung in the choir in the past, have considered singing in the choir, or just like to sing, now is the time to join the choir. No formal training is necessary, and auditions are not required.

One of the great features of our choir is that we do not routinely have weeknight rehearsals! Rehearsals are held after the 10 a.m. service on Sundays, so the general time commitment (including the worship service) is from about 9:15-12:30 on Sunday mornings.

The choir is a powerful small group of singers who care deeply about each other while we walk together on our spiritual journey. By leading our singing, the choir provides a crucial component of worship each week and at the same time offers great rewards to those who participate. By singing with the choir, you will learn more about music, singing, and how to work as a cohesive group.

If you are interested in joining the choir for the 22-23 season, please talk to Gary Van Essen ([music@ccpki.org](mailto:music@ccpki.org)) or any choir member. And plan to join us at our kickoff breakfast and rehearsal on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Christ Church Parish Kent Island

# Camp Wright Sunday

September 11 at 10:00



Worship



Family Ministry Kick-Off



Burgers & Dogs



A Dip in the Pool

Worship Service w/ Praise Band at 10:00

Sign-Up for Fall Parish Activities

Cookout and Swim 11:00—2:00