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## March 2023 Connections

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# YOUR LENT IN ACTION

In every season, Christ Church Parish is witness to God's love for our community. Lent is our time to shine as we share. Here's how you can show love for our neighbors near and far.



**Haven Ministries Food Drive** – The single most effective assistance in our county starts at Haven Ministries. The Food Pantry and Resource Center in Queenstown open weekdays, with extended hours on Tuesdays. The Mobile Food Pantry operates twice a week. Non-perishable food items, paper goods and diapers are particularly welcome. On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we will fill the mobile truck with food and essentials. Those who shop online can have items shipped to us at 830 Romancoke Road.

**Backpack Ministry** – We continue as the hub for weekend meals sent home with school age children. These meals are critical for the many food-insecure children and their families. Healthy single serving items: mac & cheese, tuna, fruit cups and 100% juice boxes make a difference every week.

**Children's Clothing** – We are beginning a pilot program to gather GENTLY USED or new clothing to be distributed through Grasonville Elementary School. At this time spring and summer clothing size 3T to Youth XL will be accepted for their Care Closet. Drop off boxes will be in the Church Narthex.

**Disaster Relief** – For more than a century, the Episcopal Church has offered aid for in crisis around the world. Episcopal Relief and Development is currently funding on-going efforts using direct contact with Anglicans and Episcopalians in Turkey, Syria, South Sudan, and in the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Victims of Natural Disasters in the US are aided by automatic disbursements to affected dioceses. Learn more at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org> Subscribe to their newsletter and consider regular contributions.

St Teresa of Avila says it so clearly: "Christ has no body but yours; No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world; Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet; Yours

are the eyes, you are His body." Time to let your action shine here and around the world.

Peace,  
**Mark +**

## Mid-Lent Saturday Refreshment Retreat Gratitude, Compassion and Action

Saturday, March 25

9:30 – 11:30 am

Coffee and Snacks provided.

### PRAYING GRATITUDE BY THREAD



All are welcome! No experience needed. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Learn the wonder of praying and creating with yarn or thread. Experienced with crochet or knitting? Bring your project, join our prayers. Want to begin something? Starter supplies will be provided along projects.

Questions? – Call Mimi Delcuze 203-470-6685

### WALKING & TALKING COMPASSION AND QUIET

Walking the Stations of the Cross and Centering Prayer  
We will share insights from our **Living Well Through Lent** Book. All are welcome to share and to listen.  
What is the Spirit saying to our hearts, souls, bodies, and minds? Ask Fr. Mark if you want to know more.



### CLEANING UP CREATION



A variety of outdoor projects around the parish grounds. Clearing debris, removing saplings, and general sprucing up. Bring your yard tools and a willing heart. Contact Tim Aland [gardenclub@ccpki.org](mailto:gardenclub@ccpki.org) for specifics.

## A Word from Our Sr. Warden

When Fr. Mark asked me to take on the roll of Senior Warden, I knew that there were two other items that would also become personal priorities. One, that I would continue and expand my role as a Mentor for the Education for Ministry (EfM) program. This is an excellent four-year course, also provides a foundation to develop lay ministry leaders in our parish. Secondly, I wanted to increase and strengthen the corps of volunteers who are part of our worship services.

COVID certainly took its toll in many areas of our church, including drastically reducing the number of participants in the important and beautiful ministry of serving during worship. Some folks are just fine with serving frequently, but others did not intend to be available so frequently. We would love to expand our ranks so that everyone is serving as often as they wish.

At this time, we are preparing the serving chart for the second quarter for Eucharistic Ministers (EMs), Lectors, and Ushers. Relying on just one person to accomplish this is not ideal. Fr. Mark and I would like to propose the reformation of a Worship Committee who can recruit, train and schedule our valuable volunteers in these areas.

If you are interested in one these leadership roles, please contact me at your earliest convenience. We hope to find one leader for each group, EM's, Lectors and Ushers, who would like to coordinate and train new volunteers. We would meet once per quarter to put together the schedule, and coordinate training.

Participation at the altar during worship is a wonderful experience in which we all can find a role. There is no experience required, just a desire to be part of this fulfilling ministry.

**Lois Vanderbok**

847-650-2680

[srwarden@ccpki.org](mailto:srwarden@ccpki.org)

## **A WORD FROM OUR JR WARDEN**

As we move into March, we will begin replacing some outdated PCs in the office. They are currently running a version of Windows that Microsoft stopped supporting in January, and the current hardware cannot be upgraded to a newer version. Also, you may notice some window-clings installed on some of the glass near the church school entrance. The natural lighting is such that birds have been running into the doors and windows. Finally, a request - please make sure that all doors in the church are closed when the building is unoccupied. All of our doors are fire-rated, and in the event of a fire, we may have insurance issues if doors are left open. Thank you! Goldey Vansant

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Due to "work force shortages" the 2023 Offering Envelope were delayed. They have finally arrived and are ready to be picked up in the Church Narthex. If you would like to have envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. 410-643-5921 or email [office@ccpki.org](mailto:office@ccpki.org)

## **New Living Compass Podcast Just in Time for Lent**

Scott Stoner and Living Compass are excited to announce a new "Living Compass Spirituality and Wellness Podcast" just in time for the beginning of Lent. The first episode was released on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, just in time for Lent. The plan is to release three episodes each week during Lent through Easter and then at least one or twice weekly after Easter. During Lent, the podcast will be an enhancement to our 2023 Lent devotional, "Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind." Scott will host the podcast and will welcome guests from time to time.

The podcast is also in Apple Podcasts--search for Living Compass within the app. It will be available very soon in Google Podcasts and Spotify.

<https://www.livingcompass.org/podcast>



## Children's Clothing Drive

March 19 - April 2, 2023

One of the primary missions of Christ Church Parish Kent Island is to reach out to and help underserved people in our community. We are excited to announce that we are partnering with Grasonville Elementary School and the Judy Center in Sudlersville to provide children's clothing.

In furtherance of these partnerships, we are conducting a Children's Clothing Drive from **Sunday, March 19 through Sunday, April 2**. Specifically, we are looking for new or gently used children's clothing from newborn through size youth extra-large. We will have drop off boxes in the church entryway for your donations.

If you do not have any gently used children's clothing and wish to participate in this project, we invite you to purchase and donate new underwear for boys or girls ages 4 to 10.

Church volunteers will sort the clothing by size, type and gender and deliver to Grasonville Elementary and the Judy Center. Spring and summer clothing size 3T to youth extra-large will be donated to Grasonville for their Care Closet and clothing for sizes birth to 3T will be given to children at the Judy Center Early Learning Hub in Sudlersville.

If you have questions or would like to assist in the clothing drive, please contact vestry member Stan Link at [outreach@ccpki.org](mailto:outreach@ccpki.org).



# EXPLORE FAMILY MINISTRY



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes will start on February 19th for children eighth grade and above who would like to be confirmed. Forms can be found at [ccpki.org](http://ccpki.org) and can be emailed to [familyministry@ccpki.org](mailto:familyministry@ccpki.org) or hand delivered to the church office.

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will continue to be held every Sunday at 7pm for middle and high schoolers.

## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Email Jane at  
[familyministry@ccpki.org](mailto:familyministry@ccpki.org)

## FAMILY DINNER

The next family dinner night will be held on Sunday, March 5th. If you are looking to help with cooking or bringing food, please email [familyministry@ccpki.org](mailto:familyministry@ccpki.org).

## FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Classes will start on March 5th for children second grade and above who would like to have their first communion. Forms can be found at [ccpki.org](http://ccpki.org) and can be emailed to Fr Mark or Jane or hand delivered to the church office.

## STORYTIME

Storytime will continue to be held every Sunday after the 10 AM service in the wiggly room.

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
			1 10:00 Exec C <b>5:00 Evening</b> <b>12:00 Bible S</b> 7:30 AA Meet
5 <b>Lent 2</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service <b>5:30 Family Dinner</b> 7:00 Youth Group	6 <b>No Evening Prayer</b> 7:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	7 <b>No Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	8 10:00 Exec C 10:00 Post Ef <b>No Evening I</b> 7:30 AA Meet
12 <b>Lent 3</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 3:00 Girl Scouts 4:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Youth Group	13 <b>No Evening Prayer</b>	14 <b>No Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	15 10:00 Exec C <b>No Evening I</b> 7:00 Finance 7:30 AA Meet
<b>Fr. Mark is away</b>			
19 <b>Lent 4</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 4:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Youth Group	20 <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 6:30 Vestry Meeting	21 <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	22 10:00 Exec C <b>5:00 Evening</b> <b>6:00 Haven M</b> 7:30 AA Meet
26 <b>Lent 5</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 3:00 Girl Scouts 4:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Youth Group	27 <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	28 <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	29 10:00 Exec C 10:00 Post Ef <b>5:00 Evening</b> 7:30 AA Meet

## Mid-Lent Refreshment Retreat

### MARCH

### Coffee and Sn

Christ Church Office: 410-643-5921 ~ office@ccpki.org ~ www.ccpki.org

Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm



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~ Saturday ~ 9:30—11:30 AM  
H 25TH  
acks provided

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

## 1st Quarter 2023 Serving Chart

		LEM	Lectors	Ushers
<b>3/5/2023</b>	8:00 AM	Jim Lipsner	Jeff Pike	Cathy Smith
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>				Lois Vanderbok
	10:00 AM	Emerson Patti	Helen Vansant	John Reckord
<b>Purple Lent 2A</b>		Patti Snyder	Keith Fulmer	Charlie Mead
<b>3/12/2023</b>	8:00 AM	Lois Vanderbok	Liza Hamill	Eric Hummel
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>			Betsy Sipes	Linette Hummel
<b>Purple Lent 3A</b>	10:00 AM	Keith Fulmer	Lisa Herlihy	Leslie Schneide
		Juanita Dombkowski	Patrick Herlihy	Bernie Gast
<b>3/19/2023</b>	8:00 AM	Jeff Pike	Liza Hamill	Tom Christense
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>			Cathy Smith	Maria Jones
<b>Purple Lent 4A</b>	10:00 AM	Mike Herold	Bob Thompson	Bob Rosekrans
		Ruthanne Herold	Dottie Wilson	Charlie Schwan
<b>3/26/2023</b>	8:00 AM	Liza Hamill	Jeff Pike	Cathy Smith
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>			Maria Jones	Lois Vanderbok
<b>Purple Lent 5A</b>	10:00 AM	Bob Rosekrans	Goldey Vansant	Mike Herold
		Leslie Schneider	Helen Vansant	John Reckord

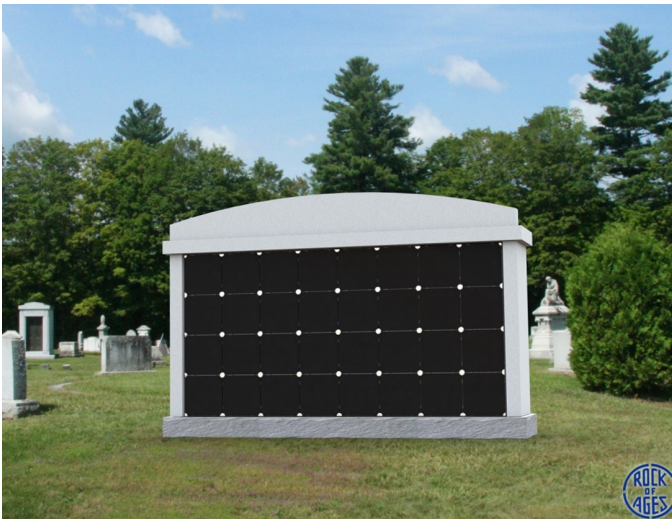
**\*\*Changes to the schdule can be sent to Lois.Vanderbok@att.net**

Altar Guild		Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder, Ruthanne Herold			
		Leslie Schneider	Molly Cannon	Liza Hamill
		Liza Hamill	Bob Thompson	
	Anne Tyler, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Sally Lewis			
r		Anna Sisson	Caroline Aland	
		Judy Peppel	Susie Reckord	Dottie
n				
	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip, Becky Myers			
		Dottie Wilson	Charlie Mead	
		Bob Thompson	Connie Clark	Steve
	Dot Deren, Tom Christensen, Cara Fehrbacher, Nancy Link			
		Dawn McKnight	Lois Vanderbok	
		Kate McNealey	Toinette McDowell	Dottie



## BROAD CREEK CEMETERY NEWS

1. On Saturday, May 13 at 1:00, a Service of Remembrance will be held at the Cemetery to honor those buried there. This biannual outdoor service is held within the confines of the original church and is open to the public. Families with loved ones buried in the Cemetery are personally invited as the names of those buried there are read aloud as part of the service. Following the service, refreshments will be served.
2. It's time to spruce up the cemetery for Easter. Saturday April 1 and Saturday April 22, will be clean up days. We will start at 9:00 and work for 60-90 minutes. If you can spare some time, please come out and help us brighten up the cemetery for Easter. We are getting the mulch applied in March so there won't be any strenuous work to do in April.
3. As I'm sure you know by now, a 32 niche columbarium is on order; we expect delivery later this summer. The Cemetery Committee has set the price per niche at \$1,750 if the niche is purchased in 2023. The price will increase to \$2,500 in 2024. If you are interested in purchasing one or more niches, please contact Charlie Schwan at 443/262-1074.



# JAMIE JACOBS MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY GARDEN

by Tim Aland



The winter has been extremely mild, and I took advantage of a warm Saturday to give the Jamie Jacobs Memorial Butterfly Garden (JJMBG) it's annual trimming. A former parishioner and landscape architect encouraged me to do this to prevent other species from overtaking the garden. In doing this you can tell that some of the plants have taken over and also there has been an incursion of, yes, wire grass (we love that stuff).

Jamie was a wonderful woman and mother who died way to young from cancer. She was a gardening lover like all of us and was very much into native pollinator gardens. When the JJMBG was first laid out, the youth group in which she participated did the work. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get the original plans and the maintenance has been overwhelming. Kathy Christopher has tried to weed her way in but since there have been volunteer plants from the nearby ponds, the garden has not been what it was intended to be.

I propose that as a group, we put focus on trying to clean this up and put mulch paths to assist access for maintenance. I feel that we should divide the garden into four sections so we can concentrate/attack the weeds more directly. This method will also give folks the opportunity to "adopt" a section. I will bring up my tiller so we can make defined edges for easier maintenance.

As stated earlier, this is a Maryland Native Species Pollinator/ Butterfly Garden and all plantings should fit that description. We will need to try and identify and label as much as we can and thin out plants that have taken over. Here is a link from the extension office that talks about how to's and what's of the garden <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/pollinator-gardens>. Some of these plants are in our in our yards and can easily transplant.

Once again, Jamie was a wonderful woman and I feel we need to make her memorial garden better. Please contact Tim Aland by email, [gardenclub@ccpki.org](mailto:gardenclub@ccpki.org) if you are interested in taking part in this effort.

# Join the Choir for Holy Week & Easter!

The Christ Church Parish  
Choir is inviting guest  
singers to join us in  
presenting special music  
on Palm Sunday, Holy  
Thursday, and Easter  
Sunday.



Guest singers should attend  
rehearsals Sundays after  
church from February 19<sup>th</sup>-  
March 26<sup>th</sup> and one Thursday  
evening rehearsal at 7 p.m. on  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

All are welcome! Contact Gary  
Van Essen ([music@ccpki.org](mailto:music@ccpki.org))  
or any choir member to sign  
up.

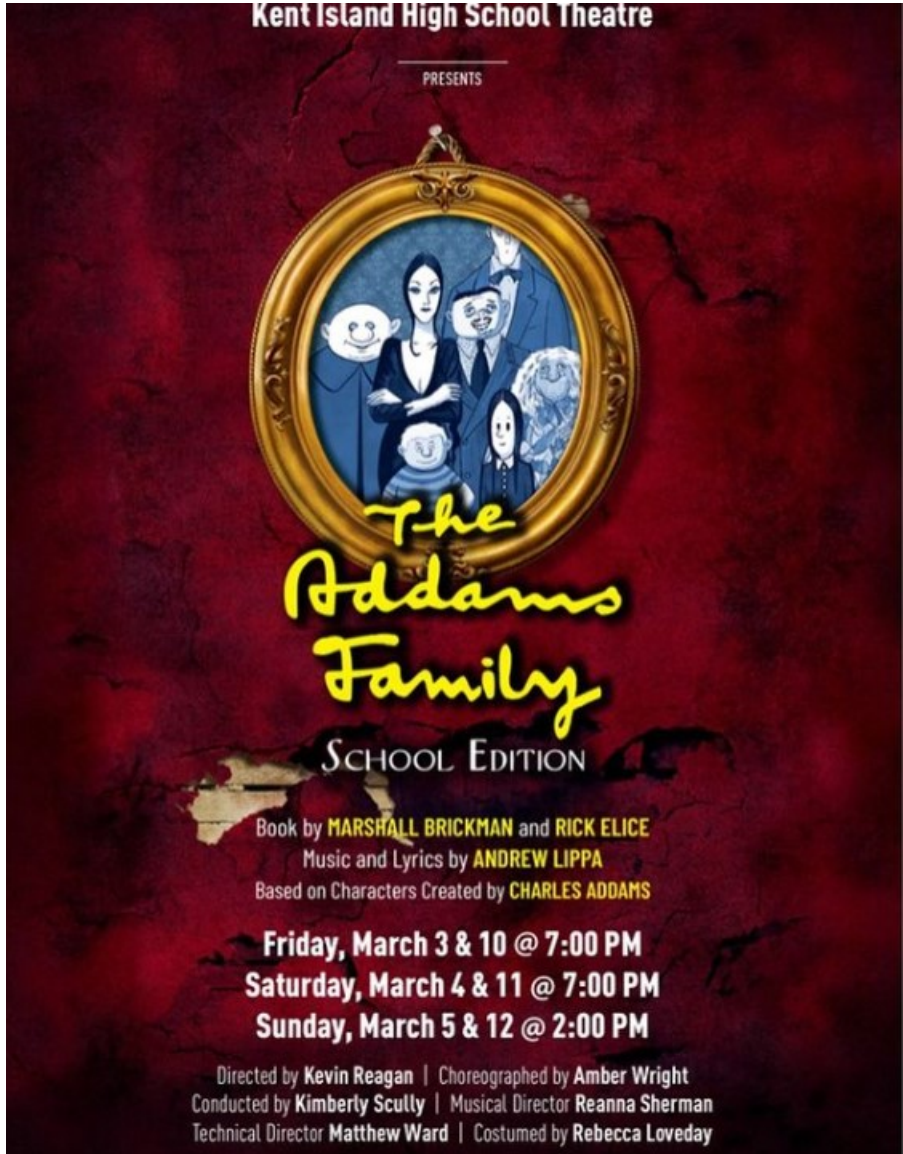




## MUSIC NOTES

-Gary Van Essen

Elise Parks, our fantastic Choral Intern, is starring in The Addams Family musical at Kent Island High School. Come out and show your support for Elise while learning the secrets of the Addams family in a fun-filled, entertaining event. Performances are 3/3-3/5 and 3/10-3/12. To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/71636>



## CHRIST CHURCH PARISH KENT ISLAND



# FOOD DRIVE

**March 19 ~ 8am-12pm**

**YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER!**

Please help us by donating non-perishable food items to help benefit those in need. All donations will go to



### DROP OFF LOCATION

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