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NEXT MINISTRY TRANSITIONS

Over the past 50 years, Christ Church Parish has been served by four rectors. In between times, each of those transitions brought fresh energy to the congregation, and probably some measure of disruption. No two priests are the same; and even though each of us is all loyal to the “doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church”, we bring our own history and interests to the office. As I prepare to retire, I know there is concern about what comes next. I write to you today to describe my best understanding of your next steps.

Over the next five months, Lois Vanderbok and I will be working closely with the Vestry to flesh out these bones. In a post-COVID world some things probably have changed from past practices, but this is my best understanding of the process.

Supply Clergy will most likely celebrate and preach November 12-26. These first few Sundays offer the chance to settle into the transition. Worship, Youth & Children, Soup and Backpacks will continue as usual.

Hopefully, by the First Sunday in Advent, an experienced Interim Rector will be in place. One Interim describes the work this way:

“Though some members may celebrate the minister’s retirement or moving, others will see it as a cause for mourning and wonder how they can carry on. Even in solid, healthy congregations, there are matters to work on and improve before a congregation is ready to welcome a new minister and begin a fresh phase of life and ministry. Whatever the challenge, the interim ministry can be effective only if the interim rector and the congregation comes with the full intention of making it efficient and successful.” (Drexel Rankin, *Ministry Magazine*)

A Search Committee will be formed early in the new year. Hopefully, its makeup will closely resemble Christ Church’s diversity of families, couples, and individuals, who have lived and worshipped here 2 or 10 or 40 years. They will work to produce a profile and then confidentially screen and interview potential candidates.

The Vestry will eventually choose the next rector of Christ Church Parish with the Bishop's consent. I hope that she or he will find the love and support that I have known over the past decade. I will not return or participate in worship unless invited by the new rector, and then only after they have been in place for a year.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, remember that we are all Christ's Church. Christ has a plan and purpose for you and for all. God has led this beloved community for 400 years and God will never be far from you. I can't wait to see what God will do next!

Expectantly,
Mark +



“It’s All About Love” is a festival for the whole Episcopal Church, **July 9-12 at the Baltimore Convention Center.**

All are welcome for revival worship, plenary speakers, and 90+ workshops, panels, and practice opportunities around Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation, and Creation Care. Together with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris, and dozens more inspiring leaders, we will be renewed and equipped to share the power of love.

More Info: www.iam.ec/allaboutlove

TAKE THE 40 & 10 ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE!



Father Mark and Mimi will be celebrating two great milestones this year, their 40th wedding anniversary and Father Mark's 10th year at Christ Church Parish. They are inviting each of us to join them in celebrating these anniversaries, strengthening the witness and stability of our congregation and helping to pay off the Church mortgage.

The goal of the 40 & 10 Challenge is to receive gifts from parishioners, friends and family totaling \$16,000 or more by September 10. Father Mark and Mimi will make a 25% match of our gifts. They will donate up to \$4,000 from their personal funds, with a combined goal of directly reducing the mortgage principle by \$20,000.

As of May 23, we have received gifts totaling \$2,310. Members of the Vestry, Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee are stepping up to the challenge and encourage you to join in.

**Please consider giving Father Mark and Mimi
an anniversary gift by joining us in
celebrating these significant milestones.
Take the 40 & 10 Anniversary Challenge today! ****

Make your check payable to Christ Church with “**40 & 10**” in the memo.

Or go to ccpki.org and click on Give.

*** Your 40 & 10 anniversary gift will be in addition to other contributions or pledges to the 2023 mortgage.*

EXPLORE FAMILY MINISTRY



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation and First communion Classes run in the spring of every year. This year, we had seven youth confirmands and thirteen adults either confirmed or received. That's a lot! Stay tuned for more information about First Communion and Confirmation at the beginning of next year.

YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group has been running since November of 2022. The middle and high school youth of our parish come together to eat snacks, play games, and talk about our faith once a week on Sunday nights during the school year. All middle and high school students are welcome!

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Email Jane at
familyministry@ccpki.org

FAMILY DINNER

Family Dinner at Christ Church started in October of 2022. All families from our community are welcome to attend for food, fun, and fellowship. Dinner is free to attend, and attendees are more than welcome to bring desserts to share!

WIGGLE WORSHIP

Wiggle worship is our child care that we offer during the 10 AM service. Any child who needs an alternative space to play during the service is welcome to stop by. We are currently looking for volunteers to help supervise in the wiggle room!

COMING SOON

Starting in the fall we will be running Sunday School for our 2nd and 3rd grade youth! We are also looking to continue expanding our family dinners and our acolyte program.

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
4 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Acolyte Training 7:00 Youth Group	5 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	6 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	7 10:00 Exec 10:00 Post 12:00 Bible 5:00 Evening 7:30 AA Me
11 9:30 Worship Service	12 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Bible Study	13 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	14 10:00 Exec 12:00 Bible 5:00 Evening 7:00 Financ 7:30 AA Me
18 9:30 Worship Service	19 5:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Vestry Meeting	20 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	21 10:00 Exec 5:00 Evening 7:30 AA Me
25 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Welcome Reception	26 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Bible Study	27 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	28 10:00 Exec 12:00 Bible No Evening 7:30 AA Me

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Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>Com Meeting EfM Group Study ng Prayer eting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00 AA Meeting</p>
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<p>Com Meeting ng Prayer eting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 EfM Luncheon 2:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>Com Meeting Study g Prayer eting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>2:30-5:30 Soup Sales No Evening Prayer</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting</p>	

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

LEM					Lectors	Acolytes
6/4/2023						
Trinity Sunday	9:30 AM					Katie Schaefer
White		Mike Herold	Helen Vansant			Emily Schaefer
One Service						Samuel Radley Taylor
6/11/2023	9:30 AM					Reagan Hohman
2nd Sunday after Pentecost		Liza Hamill	Cathy Smith			Vivian Dorsey
Green		Patti Snyder	Charlie Mead			Katie Schaefer
Proper 5A						
6/18/2023	9:30 AM					Samuel Radley Taylor
3rd Sunday after Pentecost		Bob Rosekrans	Bob Thompson			Reagan Hohman
Green		Leslie Schneider	Dottie Wilson			Izzy Slavin
Proper 6A						
6/25/2023	9:30 AM					Izzy Slavin
4th Sunday after Pentecost		Jeff Pike	Maria Jones			Reagan Hohman
Green		Jim Lipsner	Betsy Sipes			
Proper 7A						

3 Serving Chart

Ushers		Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters
	Linette Hummel			Charlie Mead
	Eric Hummel	Sally Lewis, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve	Anna Sisson	Bob Thompson
			Judy Peppel	
	Bernie Gast	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip	Dottie Wilson	Susie Reckord
	Tom Christensen		Bob Thompson	Becky Myers
	Maria Jones	Dot Deren, Tom Christensen, Cara Fehrenbacher, Nancy Link	Judy Peppel	Lois Vanderbok
	Charlie Schwan		Kate McNealey	Toinette McDowell
	Mike Herold	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder	Leslie Schneider	Charlie Mead
	John Reckord		Liza Hamill	Becky Myers

CECDS GRADUATION 2023



Congratulations CECDs Graduates!



Calling all Christ Church Parish High School and College Graduates!

Your hard work has really paid off, and we are so proud of you. If you would like the opportunity to be featured in the newsletter, please send us the following information:

- School that you are graduating from
- A graduation photo
- Any next steps you are planning to take



Forward your information to office@ccpki.org. So we can recognize and celebrate your success.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

(EfM) Luncheon June 24th

EfM is actively seeking participants to enter its program for the 2023 -2024 year. To answer questions and provide more detailed information, **EfM members are hosting a luncheon on Saturday, June 24 in Shand Hall from 12:00PM to 2:00PM.** Current participants and graduates are excited to share their Program experiences and learning and hear about your hopes and desires to study and learn. Please RSVP so we that know you plan to attend.



EfM is a four-year course of study developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Meeting weekly in a class seminar led by trained facilitators/mentors, assigned texts, and essays provide the content for discussion of the Christian tradition. The discipline of lay individual and group theological reflection connects life experience with study which enlightens all participants in articulating their faith, identifying their personal ministries and making a difference in their communities. Sharing worship, spiritual autobiographies and stories create a sacred trust and fellowship among participants.

Since 2018, the EfM program, here at CCPKI, has graduated fifteen students including this year's graduates, Pat Spinella, Tara Lightner, Lois Vanderbok and Rich and Wendy Gilbert from St. Mary Ann's parish. EfM at CCPKI meets weekly in-person and on Zoom starting in September through May on Tuesdays. Although this is a four-year program, one may wish to sign up for just one or two years. Whether in-person or on Zoom, all are encouraged to consider participating in this "deep dive" into faith and theology!

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." ~ 1 Corinthians 12:27.

For further information, please contact:

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