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## May 2023 Connections

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*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton*

# **FORTY AND TEN THE ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE**



On September 10, Mimi and I will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. In Mid-August, I will complete my 10<sup>th</sup> year at Christ Church Parish. To honor the commitments we have made, we want to challenge our friends and families to join us, by strengthening the witness and stability of our congregation.

For every \$400 specifically contributed toward reducing the Parish Mortgage by 9/10, we will add \$100. For every \$40 specifically contributed towards reducing the Mortgage by 9/10, Mimi and I will add \$10.

These are suggestions. You can choose any amount for your gift. Once total of all family and parish giving received has reached \$16,000, Mimi and I will finish out the Anniversary Challenge with a check for \$4000. If more than \$16k is received, additional funds will also be applied directly to the mortgage principle. We will celebrate the Anniversary Challenge results at Camp Wright Sunday on September 17, 2023.

**This Challenge applies to new funds received by Sept. 10.** Please continue with your current giving plans for the Mortgage and Operations. Our intention is to attract new and increased giving, including members of our family who are not parishioners. Contributions will need to include “**40 & 10**” in the Memo Line to be credited towards the Challenge. In addition to the usual accounting, Mimi and I will handwrite acknowledgements to each donor.



Faithfully,  
**Mark +**

### **For an Anniversary**

*O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## *HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH 2023*





## *EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH 2023*



# **A Word from Our Sr. Warden**

## **CONNECTIONS VISITOR PROGRAM**

Father Mark and I are so pleased to formally introduce the Christ Church Parish Connections Visitor program. The Connections Program currently includes the Parish Nurse (Susie Reckord), and a Visitor group, at some time in the future the program will also provide meals and transportation for those parishioners in need.

The Visitor group was formed and has been quietly functioning as we developed policies, referral protocols, and follow up procedures. A team of three dedicated volunteers who possess appropriate skills and training are currently visiting members of our parish who have experienced loss, illness, isolation or some other life transition. Our Visitors are strictly confidential while providing a kind and caring ear for those who need someone to listen. Connections Visitors do not counsel, diagnose, treat, or provide personal services but are focused on hearing the stories of the parishioners and the challenges they face. They will refer back to Father Mark if additional resources are needed.

The Goals of the Connection Visitor Program are:

- To better meet the needs of parishioners experiencing significant transitions in their lives.
- To better create a dynamic community of care within the church.
- To offer training and supervision to parish members who serve in this program, enhancing their lives and the communities in which they participate.
- To create collaborative partnerships among clergy, parish nurses, and congregants who participate in the program.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a visit, please contact Father Mark, he will then make arrangements with our coordinator.

If you are interested in being a volunteer visitor, please contact me or Father Mark.

## WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

Find out at the Christ Church  
**Ministry Fair**



**May 21, 2023 following both services**

God blessed each and every one of us with a talent that would enrich our lives and the lives of others. Please join us at the Ministry Fair after both services on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Come and talk to others who have found their special place in the service of God and their community. Music, worship, fellowship, hospitality, youth and family, food programs, Haven Ministries among others will be represented.



## Service of Remembrance

Led by Fr. Mark S. Delcuze

Including prayers from  
The Book of Common Prayer of 1559

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

The Broad Creek Cemetery  
370 Romancoke Road  
Stevensville, MD 21666

*Light Refreshments & Dessert  
will be served after the service*

## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DAY SCHOOL



On **May 24th** CECDS is graduating our 51st class! Our graduates know how to be kind to others; respect themselves, their peers and their elders; ask for help when needed; share their gifts with others and embrace those who are like them and those who are different. They began at CECDS as toddlers and are leaving as confident, curious, and caring children willing and ready for the next step. We are so proud of them! This month we also look forward to our Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic at Camp Wright. The fun starts with a tractor ride and ends with a Bear Hunt and so much in between. Such a great way to end our school year!

Grandparents Day was held on April 24th and was a great success. Our children loved showing their grandparents what they do in school- making pasta necklaces, experimenting with magnets, creating with playdough, blowing bubbles, dancing at music and enjoying Father Mark's Family Chapel. We cannot end the year without a Big thank you to our PTO who has regrouped since Covid and supported the school, staff and children with fundraising and enhanced activities this year. We so appreciate all you have done.

We have a few spots left in our Full Day Pre-K that meets on MWF from 9:15-3:15 and our Nursery class that meets on MWF from 9:15 -12:15. Please pass this information on to any newcomers or interested families. Registration is on our website [www.cecds.org](http://www.cecds.org) . Interested in a tour? No problem – contact the school at [cecds@verizon.net](mailto:cecds@verizon.net) to make an appointment.





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# QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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March 31, 2023

# Financial Highlights

## Our Ministries Are Thriving!

**Christ Church is back!** As Father Mark noted recently, “signs of newness are all around.” Our services are attracting new friends and members; our programs for children and youth are growing; our Choir is spectacular; study programs are supporting parishioners’ spiritual life; donations to the Haven Ministries Food Program and to the children’s campaign clothing were extraordinary; young and old, male and female parishioners are working together on the Altar Guild; our parish is supporting the Diocese; and our Rector serves as the Dean of the Middle Convocation. We endured the pandemic and are thriving in the renewal that Easter brings! **Thank you** to all who have made all this possible!

## Operating Financials

As is the historical norm, our Q1 General Offerings exceeded budget by over \$13,000. **Thank you!** Soup sales steadily increased during the quarter and contributed nearly \$2,000 per week in March! **Thank you!** Expenses so far this year are as expected.

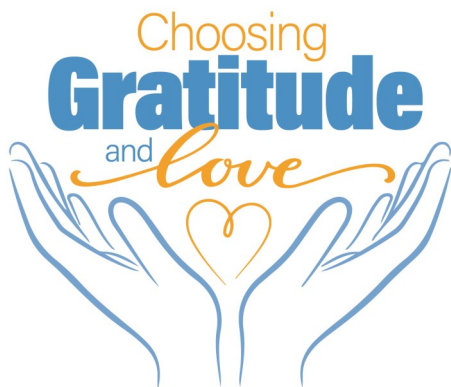
Although donations for the first quarter have been robust, the 2023 Operating Budget projects a **\$95,300 deficit** for the year. Far from being irresponsible, the budget reflects the high costs necessary to maintain our fine facilities, to sustain our programming, and our continued focus on eliminating the mortgage. While this deficit is understandable (though certainly not desirable), it is not sustainable. A goal going forward must be to balance the Operating Budget.

We have three sources of operating income: what we donate, what we earn, and what we withdraw from endowments and investments. Withdrawals from endowments and investments are limited by law and reduce the money available for Christ Church in the future. The Soup Group and Plant Sale are contributing mightily, but realistically there is only so much that can be raised via these fundraisers. That leaves donations as our only means to eliminate the deficit. Growing the number of donors and having current parishioners increase their level of support are essential to the future of Christ Church.

## **Mortgage Debt**

Several parishioner families have recently contributed additional lump-sum payments to accelerate the mortgage payoff. **Thank you!**

However, our 2022 Campaign failed to secure enough Gift Plans to cover all the mortgage payments for 2023 and 2024. Consequently, we set aside cash and put it in the Mortgage Fund to cover those payments if necessary. We now have enough money to fulfill our 2023 obligation so any additional contributions to the mortgage fund this year will be used to reduce the principal! **Thank you!**



# 2023 FUND PERFORMANCE *(as of 3-31-2023)*

| OPERATING FUND                          | YTD Budget        | YTD Actual       | YTD Variance    |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                         |                   |                  |                 |
| General Offerings                       | \$58,859          | \$72,193         | \$13,334        |
| Building Use                            | \$10,000          | \$9,225          | (\$775)         |
| Fund Raisers                            | \$16,250          | \$17,512         | \$1,262         |
| Miscellaneous Income                    | \$1,613           | \$878            | (\$734)         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                    | <b>\$86,722</b>   | <b>\$99,809</b>  | <b>\$13,807</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         |                   |                  |                 |
| Personnel                               | \$61,625          | \$53,558         | \$8,067         |
| Facilities                              | \$24,919          | \$31,008         | (\$6,089)       |
| Parish Life                             | \$15,111          | \$13,547         | \$1,563         |
| Administration                          | \$9,920           | \$10,801         | (\$881)         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                    | <b>\$111,574</b>  | <b>\$108,914</b> | <b>\$2,659</b>  |
| <b>Revenue Minus Expenses (Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$24,852)</b> | <b>(\$9,012)</b> | <b>\$15,840</b> |
| <b>MORTGAGE FUND</b>                    |                   |                  |                 |
| Offerings                               | \$22,708          | \$35,071         | \$12,363        |
| Outstanding Mortgage Loan               |                   | \$221,216        |                 |
| <b>GRACE FUND</b>                       |                   |                  |                 |
| Offerings                               |                   | \$75             |                 |
| Grace Fund Balance                      |                   | \$121,029        |                 |

## 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.

**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.



CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

# FAMILY DINNER



MAY 7 AT 5:30  
SHAND HALL



## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who helped out with our Easter egg hunt this year by donating candy and filling eggs. It wouldn't have been possible without you!

Family Dinner returns this month on May 7 at 5:30 in Shand Hall. We'd love to see you there!

Our wiggle worship room is thriving! If you are interested in volunteering during the 10 am service, email Jane at [familyministry@ccpki.org](mailto:familyministry@ccpki.org)




Youth Group will continue on Sunday nights for our Middle and High Schoolers at 7 pm. All are welcome.

If you have a child who is interested in becoming an acolyte, we will be hosting an acolyte training on the first Sunday of June. Email [acolytes@ccpki.org](mailto:acolytes@ccpki.org) for more information.

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A huge congratulations to our 7 newly confirmed youth and our 13 adults for confirming their faith and continuing their journey with Christ. We love recognizing the hard work that all of them put in with our confirmation class. Congratulations!



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | W   |
|---|---|--|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br><b>NO Evening Prayer</b><br>7:00 Cemetery<br>Committee Meeting  | <b>2</b><br><b>NO Evening Prayer</b><br>5:30 EfM Conf. Room<br>7:00 Boy Scout Meeting    | <b>3</b><br>10:00 Exec<br><b>5:00 Evening</b><br>7:30 AA Me   |
| <b>7</b><br>8:00 Worship Service<br>10:00 Worship Service<br><b>5:30 Family Dinner</b><br>7:00 Youth Group              | <b>8</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br><b>7:00 Bible Study</b>   | <b>9</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br>5:30 EfM Conf. Room<br>7:00 Boy Scout Meeting  | <b>10</b><br>10:00 Exec<br>10:00 Post<br><b>12:00 Bible</b><br><b>5:00 Evening</b><br>7:00 Financ<br>7:30 AA Me |
| <b>14</b><br><b>8:00-1:00</b><br><b>Plant Sale</b><br>8:00 Worship Service<br>10:00 Worship Service<br>7:00 Youth Group | <b>15</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br>6:30 Vestry Meeting  | <b>16</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br>5:30 EfM Conf. Room<br>7:00 Boy Scout Meeting | <b>17</b><br>10:00 Exec<br><b>5:00 Evening</b><br>7:30 AA Me  |
| <b>21 MINISTRY FAIR</b><br>8:00 Worship Service<br>10:00 Worship Service<br>7:00 Youth Group                            | <b>22</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br><b>7:00 Bible Study</b>  | <b>23</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br>5:30 EfM Conf. Room<br>7:00 Boy Scout Meeting | <b>24</b><br>10:00 Exec<br><b>12:00 Bible</b><br><b>5:00 Evening</b><br><b>6:30 CECD</b><br>7:30 AA Me          |
| <b>28 PENTECOST</b><br><b>WEAR RED</b><br>8:00 Worship Service<br>10:00 Worship Service<br>7:00 Youth Group             | <b>29 OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>NO Evening Prayer</b><br><br><i>Memorial Day Weekend</i> | <b>30</b><br><b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b><br>5:30 EfM Conf. Room<br>7:00 Boy Scout Meeting | <b>31</b><br>10:00 Exec<br><b>5:00 Evening</b><br>7:30 AA Me  |

**Be sure to join us for the  
Mother's Day Plan  
Ministry Fa**

# Calendar ~ May 2023

| Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Com Meeting<br>ng Prayer<br>eting                                     | 4<br>8:30 Backpacks Prep<br>2:30-5:30 Soup Sales<br>5:00 Evening Prayer                       | 5<br>7:30 AA Meeting<br>7:30 Al-Anon Meeting  | 6<br>2:00 AA Meeting  |
| Com Meeting<br>EfM Group<br>Study<br>ng Prayer<br>e Com Mtg.<br>eting | 11<br>8:30 Backpacks Prep<br>2:30-5:30 Soup Sales<br>5:00 Evening Prayer                      | 12<br>7:30 AA Meeting<br>7:30 Al-Anon Meeting | 13<br>8:00-1:00 Plant Sale<br>1:00 Broad Creek Srv<br>of Remembrance<br>2:00 AA Meeting |
| Com Meeting<br>ng Prayer<br>eting                                     | 18 <b>Ascension Day</b><br>8:30 Backpacks Prep<br>2:30-5:30 Soup Sales<br>5:00 Evening Prayer | 19<br>7:30 AA Meeting<br>7:30 Al-Anon Meeting | 20<br>2:00 AA Meeting   |
| Com Meeting<br>Study<br>ng Prayer<br>S Graduation<br>eting            | 25<br>8:30 Backpacks Prep<br>2:30-5:30 Soup Sales<br>5:00 Evening Prayer                      | 26<br>7:30 AA Meeting<br>7:30 Al-Anon Meeting | 27<br>2:00 AA Meeting   |
| Com Meeting<br>ng Prayer<br>eting                                     |   |   |   |

**Family Dinner~May 7th**  
**Plant Sale~May 13-14**  
**Fair~May 21**

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

| 2nd Quarter 2023 Service |       |                    |                 |                      |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                          |       | LEM                | Lectors         | Acolytes             |
| 5/7/2023                 | 8 AM  |                    |                 |                      |
| 5th Sunday of Easter     |       | Liza Hammill       | Jeff Pike       |                      |
|                          |       |                    | Betsy Sipes     |                      |
|                          | 10AM  |                    |                 | Katie Schaefer       |
| White                    |       | Patti Snyder       | Leona Parker    | Emily Schaefer       |
|                          |       | Emerson Patti      | Mike Parker     | Vivian Dorsey        |
|                          |       |                    |                 |                      |
| 5/14/2023                | 8 AM  |                    |                 |                      |
| 6th Sunday of Easter     |       | Jim Lipsner        | Cathy Smith     |                      |
|                          |       |                    | Liza Hamill     |                      |
| White                    | 10 AM |                    |                 | Izzy Slavin          |
|                          |       | Juanita Dombkowski | Beverly Cooper  | Reagan Hohman        |
|                          |       | Lois Vanderbok     | Becky Myers     | Samuel Radley-Taylor |
|                          |       |                    |                 |                      |
| 5/21/2023                | 8 AM  |                    |                 |                      |
| 7th Sunday of Easter     |       | Jeff Pike          | Maria Jones     |                      |
|                          |       |                    | Charlie Mead    |                      |
| White                    | 10 AM |                    |                 | Katie Schaefer       |
|                          |       | Bob Rosekrans      | Caroline Aland  | Emily Schaefer       |
|                          |       | Leslie Schneider   | Keith Fulmer    | Izzy Slavin          |
|                          |       |                    |                 |                      |
| 5/28/2023                | 8 AM  |                    |                 |                      |
| Pentecost                |       | Charlie Mead       | Betsy Sipes     |                      |
|                          |       |                    | Jeff Pike       |                      |
|                          | 10 AM |                    |                 | Reagan Hohman        |
| RED                      |       | Lois Vanderbok     | Carole Katrinic | Vivian Dorsey        |
|                          |       | Keith Fulmer       | Becky Myers     | Samuel Radley-Taylor |
|                          |       |                    |                 |                      |



| Singing Chart     |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Ushers            | Altar Guild   | Counters         | Greeters          | Video Tech       |  |
| Cathy Smith       | Sally Lewis, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Anne Tyler       |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Tom Christensen   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Laurelle McCready |   | Anna Sisson      | Charlie Mead      | Dottie Wilson    |  |
| Ron McCready      |   | Judy Peppel      | Bob Thompson      |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Maria Jones       | DeeDee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip                    |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Lois Vanderbok    |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Warren Prender    |   | Dottie Wilson    | Becky Myers       | Steve Dombkowski |  |
| John Reckord      |   | Bob Thompson     | Connie Clark      |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Tom Christensen   | Dot Deren, Tom Christensen, Cara Fehrenbacher, Nancy Link |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Lois Vanderbok    |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Mike Herold       |   | Judy Peppel      | Lois Vanderbok    | Bill Vanderbok   |  |
| Charlie Schwan    |   | Kate McNealey    | Toinette McDowell |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Maria Jones       | Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder, Ruthanne Herold   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Cathy Smith       |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |
| Bob Rosekrans     |   | Leslie Schneider | Caroline Aland    | Liza Hamill      |  |
| Lois Vanderbok    |   | Liza Hamill      | Susie Reckord     |                  |  |
|                   |   |                  |                   |                  |  |

# Mother's Day

Spring Plant Sale Returns!

Save the Dates

Saturday & Sunday,

May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Annuals

& Hanging Baskets

& Herbs

Can you volunteer for 2-3 hours?

Call Colleen at 443-786-1789.

