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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Those of us born before the Beatles broke up (that was 53 years ago now) remember Sunday School. In my case, that meant arriving at church at 9:00 or 9:30 to attend age-segregated classes where we heard Bible Stories and sang songs. When I was in High School we felt almost grown up when our teacher used the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the King James Bible to stimulate arguments and mock trials.

The Sunday School movement had its origins centuries before as pastors in industrialized communities tried to teach reading and writing to factory kids on their only day off. The Bible was used as a Primer both for learning to read and instilling morals.

In the last 50 years, there has been a general movement as education has changed, so has the teaching of the faith. A new emphasis on Formation, focuses on the age-appropriate relationship between the believer and God. As one resource suggests: "Spiritual Formation is a process, but it is also a journey through which we open our hearts to a deeper connection with God. We are not bystanders in our spiritual lives, we are active participants with God, who is ever inviting us into relationship."

This September, we will be launching a number of significant Formation opportunities. Jane Ford will offer a class for 2nd & 3rd graders to help them find their way into life in the parish. Fr. Mark will be teaching two Bible Studies, Monday night and Wednesday at noon to help adults who want to be more comfortable with God's Word. Education for Ministry (EfM) offers a deep dive into the Bible and the Church.

About the year the Beatles broke up, an Anglican cleric's translation of the New Testament into Modern English was all the rage. He translated Romans 12:2 this way: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.

I hope that each of you will find your minds "re-formed" from within, so we all may grow to maturity in God.

Peace **Mark** +

Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, September 20 at Noon & Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm

Reading the Letter to the Philippians: Paul last authentic word. No previous experience required. Bibles are available.

Daily Evening Prayer Resumes Wednesday September 13 at 5:00 pm

Join us for prayer in the Church on Mon-Thurs at 5:00pm.



Meeting the Challenge!

You still have time to Meet the Challenge!

Father Mark and Mimi challenged us to step up to help pay down the mortgage in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary and Father Mark's 10th Anniversary with us.

Our parish has done a great job donating thus far. We will continue to accept gifts through the end of September and hope to far exceed the goal of \$16,000. Father Mark and Mimi will be donating \$4,000.

All of there funds will be applied directly to the principal of the parish mortgage, reducing the overall balance and cost of interest.

Join the fun. To donate by check, just write "40 & 10" in the memo line of your check or go to www.ccpki.org and tap the "Give" button.

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

September, the month that begins a cooling of the weather, and a heating up of parish activities. Bible study, evening prayer, and EfM resume. Youth Group is back and a new Sunday school class for 2nd and 3rd graders starts 9/24. Backpack meals rev up with the school year. We are grateful for the return to routines of school, work, and church.

We are also beginning to look forward to 2024 with budget planning, stewardship, and transition to a new and renewed community of worshippers who love and care for those within our parish and those who rely on us who may not be within our walls but are in fact Children of God.

Small Group Listening Sessions are being planned at church and in the homes of our members. These sessions are so important to the future of our parish. Leaders will facilitate these discussions, with results will be compiled that will help us to know what is working, and what is not, what is needed, and who we are as we begin to search for a new Rector. We urge you to find a session that fits your schedule and attend these groups with prayerful thought as to your desires and needs.

Beginning this month, this column will include Vestry Notes to enhance the work of transparency. As always, you are welcome to attend Vestry meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

VESTRY NOTES

- A reminder that a Diocesan Fall Ministry Fair will take place on October 7 at Christ Church, showcasing parish mission work across the Eastern Shore including our Soup Group. Food trucks will be available offering lunches and snacks.
- Next shared service with Living Water Lutheran will be October 8
- An HVAC contract has been awarded to Velocity HVAC (a local company) to provide maintenance and service to the church units and the rectory.

- The 40/10 Challenge is nearing its goal of \$16,000.00 from donors.
- The Audit for all three entities of CCPKI: Parish, Broad Creek Cemetery, and CECDS will be starting soon. Molly Canon will Chair the Audit.
- The Vestry approved a small budget overage to complete the purchase of three new computers for the church offices.
- The Property Team along with the Junior Warden are addressing several issues at the church and school to repair and maintain the buildings.







SMALL GROUP CONVERSATIONS

As a church family we have much to be grateful for. We are welcoming new people, caring for each other and our community, and joyfully worshipping God. We are also looking ahead to a time of transition. To prepare for that, we need your input about what the church should focus on to move Christ Church forward together. This input will be used to help shape Parish priorities and the 2024 budget and to inform our search for a new rector.

Beginning on Sunday, September 10, we will offer opportunities to gather in small groups for fellowship and discussion of what we value most and ideas about the way forward. The small group conversations will be held after church on September 10 and at parishioner's homes on dates between September 10 and September 23. A Zoom session will also be offered.

Our conversations will be centered on the four areas that have been our focus for the last several years:

- Worship: In-person, on-line and live-streamed services; activities that support worship services, including Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, Videographers; Daily Evening Prayer and other worshiprelated ministry.
- Outreach: Service to those in need in our community, including our support for Haven Ministries, Grasonville Elementary School, Backpack Meals for Kids, the Soup Group, and other outreach ministries.
- Care and Community: Pastoral care and care for one another; in-house learning activities like Education for Ministry, book studies, Bible studies; and providing space for community activities including Scouts and recovery groups.
- Children, Youth, and Families: Christian Formation, Child/ Youth-Centered programming, and Family Programs.

During these conversations, we will take notes so that all ideas are captured. Ideas will not be attributed to individuals; there will be no judging. After the session, we will email the notes to participants so that you can be sure that they are complete and accurate. You may also add additional ideas that you may not have mentioned during the conversation.

Once all our meetings have been completed, we will compile the ideas from all the meetings and provide feedback to the vestry and the entire congregation.

Please join one of our small group conversations to share your perspectives and help shape the future of the church that we love. Sign up on sheets in the church entryway or online at www.ccpki.org/smallgroupconversations.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is September, which means Sunday School is starting soon! If you have a 2nd or 3rd grader who would be interested in starting Sunday School on September 24th, email Jane about your next steps at familyministry@ccpki.org.

WIGGLE WORSHIP

Our Wiggle Worship Room is still searching for volunteers to lead! If you would like to dedicate time to our children's ministry, email Jane with some dates you have in mind!

ACOLYTES

At the beginning of the summer, we held an acolyte training for all who were interested in becoming acolytes. All good if you missed it! We always love new acolytes. Email acolytes@ccpki.org for more information.

YOUTH GROUP

I know our youth have missed our weekly meetings just as much as we have. Our Middle and High School Youth Group comes back on September 24th at 7pm! Join us for faith filled fun (and also snacks) every Sunday night!

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7:00 Youth Group			7:30 AA Meet

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Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm

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		1 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	2 2:00 AA Meeting
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Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Mark S. Delcuze, Rector ~ 203-240-8884

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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		LEM	Lectors	Ushers
9/3/2023	9:30 AM			
14th Sunday after Pentecost		Charlie Mead	David Lee	
Proper 17A		Bob Rosekrans	Carole Katrinic	Laurelle McCready
Green				Ron McCready
9/10/2023				
15th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Leslie Schneider	Pat Spinella	Warren Prender
Proper 18A		Patti Snyder	Helen Vansant	John Reckord
Green				
9/17/2023	8:00 AM		Jeffrey Pike	Maria Jones
16th Sunday after Pentecost		Jim Lipsner	Liza Hamill	Lois Vanderbok
Proper 19A Green	10:00 AM	Mike Herold	Kieth Fulmer	Charlie Schwan
Camp Wright		Bob Rosekrans	Lois Vanderbok	Bernie Gast
9/24/2023	8:00 AM		Betsy Sipes	Lois Vanderbok
17th Sunday after Pentecost		Charlie Mead	Maria Jones	Maria Jones
Proper 20A	10:00 AM	Juanita	Leona Parker	Marguerite
Green		Keith Fulmer	Mike Parker	Dan Starsoneck

Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
Izzy Slavin	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken,			Dottie Wilson
Eleanore Melton	Carole Tulip	Dottie Wilson	Caroline Aland	
Vivian Dorsey		Bob Thompson	Susie Reckord	
Samuel Radley Taylor		Judy Peppel	Bob Thompson	
Avery Miller	Dot Deren, Cara	Kate McNealey	Charlie Mead	Dottie Wilson
_andon Rosekrans	Fehrenbacher,			
	Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
Katie Schaefer				
Emily Schaefer		Leslie Schneider	Molly Cannon	None
Reagan Hohman		Liza Hamill	Toinette McDowell	
	Sally Lewis, Ma- ria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Becky Myers			
Izzy Slavin		Judy Peppel	Susie Reckord	
		Anna Sisson	Caroline Aland	Steve Dombkowski
Vivian Dorsey				

CECDS News

The CECDS staff is ready to welcome our school families for our 52nd year. A Meet and Greet will be held on August 30th for children and their families to get acquainted with their teachers and classroom. School policies and procedures will be discussed and distributed. The PTO will have a welcome table to orient families to the various volunteer opportunities and fun social events provided by this wonderful organization.

September 6th is the first day for all students. The Pre-K will arrive at 9:15 via the car line. The Nursery children will be accompanied by a parent on the first day and will arrive at 9:30 with an early 11:15 dismissal. We are looking forward to welcoming back returning families and meeting our new families.

Our playground is getting a new look this year thanks to the fundraising efforts of our PTO and the generosity of the Jacob Sloan Foundation. We have added 2 red picnic tables with red and white striped umbrellas. A musical fence and a bridge are coming soon.

Join us in welcoming our first alumni teaching assistant, Ashley Rossbach. Ashley was a student at CECDS when we were located at Historic Christ Church. We are also happy to welcome back Joann Walters who taught Pre-K at CECDS for years and is returning this year as a teaching assistant in Pre-K. Please check out their Bios on our website.

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. Interested in a tour? No problem – contact the school at cecds@verizon.net to make an appointment.



SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE

During the month of September the Soup Groupies are asking our faithful customers to bring Non-Perishable Food Items when they pick up their orders. Haven Ministries gives out between 7 and 10 tons of food to Queen Anne's residents each month. Help Christ Church Parish feed our neighbors this September! We'll all eat better for it.



How Can You Help?



Spread the Word



Donate Non-Perishable Food



CASH DONATION



Queenstown Harbor GC Friday, September 22, 2023

Check in begins at 7:30am

All Golf packages include:

- - Greens fee, cart, continental breakfast & lunch
- - Unlimited assorted beverages on the course all day
- - complimentary Morning Bloody Mary Bar, 50/50 Raffle and a Swag Bag!
- Bark BBQ Cafe will provide Central-Texas style smoked barbecue throughout the
- Beverage Carts will be circulating on the course all day
- Award Ceremony follows with a raw oyster bar, food stations, and prizes!



LIVE MUSIC - INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS KIDS' ZONE - FOOD VENDORS- FUN

Saturday, October 7, 2023 10am - 2pm

> Hosted by: Christ Church Kent Island 830 Romancoke Road Stevensville,

for more information visit www.dioceseofeaston.org/ missionsummit2023



Christ Church Parish invites you for worship, food, fellowship, and our Family MInistry Kickoff!

September 17th 10:00 AM 400 Camp Wright Ln