

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 2, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time. We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

Prelude | Priere a Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Leon Boellmann
Ola Oladipupo, organist

Opening Hymn | LEVAS 120

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield,
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson | Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Reader: A reading from Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

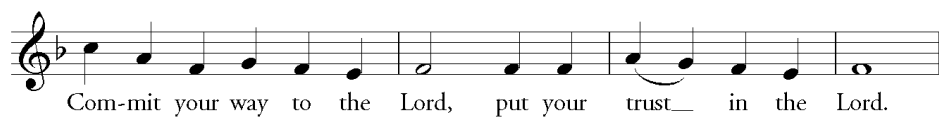
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm | Psalm 37:1-10 *Noli aemulari*



Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwel in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Antiphon

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

Antiphon

Reader: A Reading from 2 Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn | 571

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

The Gospel | Luke 17:5-10

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed | BCP Page 358

Prayers of the People |

Fall is a time of shorter days and longer nights; a time of dropping old foliage to begin the process of dormancy that leads to new growth. Our lives, too, are full of transitions: at home, at work, at school, at church, and in our relationships. But through it all, Lord, we know You are here, responding and reviving, rejoicing our hearts and making us whole. May our words be acceptable as together we pray: **O Lord, You are my strength and my Redeemer.**

We lift up our President, Joseph, and all those in positions of authority throughout the world, that they may be guided by Your Holy Spirit in all their decisions. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. In our diocese, we pray for Advent, Baltimore; Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore; and Church on the Square, Baltimore. We ask Your blessing for the leaders of our Church: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our Intern, Mike and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. Together we pray: **O Lord, give light to their eyes and the wisdom to guide others in Your ways.**

We pray for those in need: those in poverty, those suffering from housing insecurity and unemployment, those imprisoned, and for all refugees. We lift up those suffering from any illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Cynthia, Betsy, Neal, Aisha, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. Surround them and their caregivers with Your healing love and strengthen their spirits. We also hold in prayer those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere, Conner Warlow, and those impacted by Hurricane Ian. Together we pray: **O Lord, You are my strength and my Redeemer.**

We pray for those who have died and abide in your presence, and those you now name. Comfort those who mourn with your peace that passes all understanding. Together we pray: **O Lord, You are my strength and My Redeemer.**

We welcome those who are new or visiting with us today. May you find renewal and refreshment as, together, we affirm our faith and come to the Lord's Table. We rejoice as we mark the special occasions of birthdays Kevin, Tele, Teddy, Katherine, Melissa, Michael, Stacey, Jesse, Patricia, Michelle & Keri, and anniversaries of Beth & Bill Johnson, Jena & Sean Peay, Jeanette & Randolph Wild and Melanie & Nick Yaksich and the baptismal anniversary of Judith. With grateful hearts, we pray: **O Lord, You are my strength and my Redeemer.**

Good and gracious God, You call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings in our lives, to use your gifts wisely, to give generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, and to be a gift to others. Help us nurture a stewardship way of life, which connects, serves, and impacts our communities. Guide us as we prayerfully discern how to give of our time, talents, and treasures, to further Your kingdom on earth. **We pray, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Heavenly Father, help us to follow Jesus' call to have deep trust in God and be at peace with one another. Ground us in this community, united in a faith that endures, saves, forgives, heals, and praises. In Jesus' Name, we pray, **Amen.**

Confession of Sin | BCP 360

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Choral Anthem |

Sign Me Up

Kevin Yancy & Jerome Metcalfe

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | 380, V. 1

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP Page 355

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanks to God. In response we proclaim:

Sanctus | S 362

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

The Breaking of the Bread |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.

You may receive just the bread if you prefer.

If you wish, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice.

If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.

Fraction Anthem | LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see

the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see

the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Communion Hymn | 302

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

St. Elizabeth

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People:

We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 365

The Blessing |

*The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond **Amen.***

Closing Hymn | LEVAS 12

We're Marching to Zion

Robert S. Lowry

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

Refrain:
We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,
But children of the heav'nly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad. (refrain)

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets. (refrain)

Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high. (refrain)

Dismissal |
Postlude |

PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2 TO OCTOBER 8

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am	Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Great Hall
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Parenting Group – Great Hall
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:15 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall, lower level
10:30 am	Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Zoom
4:00 – 8:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick

Monday, October 3

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Children's Choir – New Brick, upper level

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 am	TOPS – Parish Hall, lower level
10:00 am	Quarterly Statement Mailing Help – Parish Office, conference room
6:00 – 8:00 pm	First Wednesday Fellowship – New Brick, lower level, then fire pit outside
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, October 6

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Bible Study – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Waterloo Al-Anon – Old Brick

Friday, October 7

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA - Parish Hall, lower level
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, October 8

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Wedding – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA - Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA - Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XVII

Join us at any of our three worship services on this, the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Our first service is an 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our Family Service takes place in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and various Adult Formation gatherings (below) at 9:30. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. Nursery services are available in New Brick for those who need them. For the second week in a row, Howard County follows the **Green Post-Omicron Phase guidelines**, which means that mask use is optional, though still recommended. The Diocese of Maryland's report for this week can be read **here**. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our **website**, **YouTube**, or **Facebook** pages.

Stewardship 2023

Last week, we mailed each parishioner their pledge card for 2023. We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service. We pray that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. Our in-gathering service is on Sunday, November 6th. In the meantime, parishioners can still return their pledges **or pledge online**. You may also pick up a pledge card in the Narthex.

Sunday School

Youth Formation has a slightly different look this fall - including breakfast and worship - and you can find the details on **our website's Youth Formation page**. Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at **sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick with a special presenter, Mark Talcott, Director of Development for the Diocese of Maryland. Mark will begin Sunday Circle's Stewardship series by speaking on *Stewardship of Creation*. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study is also gathering in the Parish Hall Conference Room, so you have several gatherings to choose from. **All of this information is on our website's Adult Formation page**.

Confirmation and Inquirers Class

This class is for all those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or those who wish to Reaffirm their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church. This class takes place on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Speak with Father Manny or **email the Church Office** if you're interested in joining us for this class.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at **<https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>**. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Looking for Help on Sunday Mornings

Christ Church is still in need of volunteers to assist us on the occasional Sunday morning. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere (Altar Guild assistance) or Yeti Lipede (Teller help), or email us at **info@christchurchcolumbia.org** if you might be interested or have any questions. Thank you.

Christ Church's Annual Meeting

Christ Church will host our Annual Meeting on October 16, 2022. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick. As has been our practice, we invite parishioners to donate potluck for brunch on Sunday, October 16th.

The Vestry has approved the following protocols to govern the elections of new Vestry Members.

1. Recognizing that not every single member of the parish feels comfortable joining in worship and fellowship; any parishioner who intends to vote but cannot join us on the 16th should call or email the church office and request a ballot to be mailed to them.

2. Since our by-laws prohibit voting by proxy, a parishioner who requests a ballot paper is required to drop off the ballot at the church on October 16th between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Parishioners can drop off their ballots in the ballot box located outside the entrance to New Brick.

For further information or clarification, please contact Fr.Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Meet Our 2022 Vestry Candidates!

Thank you to the individuals who have felt called to candidacy for the Christ Church Vestry. Prior to our Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 16th, we strongly encourage you to learn a bit about each of them - Denisa, John, Simone, and Ray - on our website's Vestry Candidates page - christchurchcolumbia.org/2022-vestry-candidates

The 2022 Christ Church Retreat - Begins Tomorrow

Christ Church's Annual Rehoboth Retreat gathers this weekend with the Rev Marcia Davenport as our retreat leader, and we'll be centering on the **Christ Church theme for the coming year: Be an Instrument of God's Peace.** We meet at the **duPont Memorial House** tomorrow (September 30th), but if you have any last-minute questions, please email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com.

Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports by this Weekend

Almost time! In preparation for our Annual Meeting next month, we ask that all Christ Church Ministry leaders submit their annual reports to our Communications Administrator, Chris, no later than next Friday, September 30th. You can email them to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. Chris will email you a copy of last year's report to help you get this year's ready. Thank you to those who have already sent their Annual Reports.

WOCC Meeting - This Monday

The next WOCC Meeting will be on Monday, October 3rd at 1:00 via zoom. We will be discussing our Christmas luncheon, forming a nominating committee for next year's officers, deciding how to use the flea market profit, and recording some lessons learned from this year's event. The WOCC Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790**, and Password is **cecWOCC**. See you there!

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Bishop Sutton recently led a day-long retreat at Christ Church that focused on Centering Prayer and how it can help manage life's crises and stresses. What's Centering Prayer, you ask? Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special gathering Mondays at 7:30. The Centering Prayer Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Calling all singers - whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Office Volunteers Needed - Wednesday

The Church Office is in need of a few volunteers this Wednesday, October 5th to help stuff envelopes for a few hours. If you can, please let Aisha know by phone or email, or just stop by at 10 a.m. that day. Thank you.

First Wednesday Fellowship - Wednesday Evening

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for dinner and fun! Our next FWF evening will be this coming Wednesday, October 5th, beginning in the Great Hall of New Brick.

- **6-7 p.m.** – a catered dinner by Famous Dave's BBQ... please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/FWFbonfire to ensure we have enough food! Please bring your own beverage. Thank you.

- **7 p.m.** - a community bonfire, with s'mores (of course!) and a live performance from the incredible Small Delusions!

Please donate as you are able to help offset the cost of the meal. An average meal costs about \$15. and **you can use our online giving form** - just choose "Parish Life & Activities" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write "FWF" in the *MEMO* line. If you can, please bring a flashlight with you, and a folding chair or blanket to sit on during the bonfire and concert that evening. Let's meet some new friends and reconnect with older ones as we welcome autumn in with this unique event. We are looking forward to a beautiful evening, and hope that you'll all join us!

Bible Study - Thursdays

This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans, and the Gospel of Matthew. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. Bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. Thursday Bible Study is a hybrid gathering; the Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club takes this week off and resumes next Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you like curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! Just **email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com** for details.

Columbia Community Care Recruits Volunteers, Receives a County-wide Honor, and Partners with a Cafe to Help Provide Grassroots' Meals

As Fall arrives, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) is calling for more volunteers to help sort donated goods at its new pantry, to work remotely as translators, and otherwise help with the recent resumption of home deliveries.

In a Sept. 25th post on the **CCC Group on Facebook**, Executive Director founder Erika Strauss Chavarria updated supporters on persistent demand. "We had over 300 HoCo residents at our in-person distribution sites just this past Saturday, and over 50 families receiving deliveries this past week. Poverty and hunger are still rampant in HoCo. And the MAJORITY of our families are working 1 or more FULL-TIME jobs and still having trouble making ends meet."

The update came during the same month that CCC was honored by Howard County with a "Rise to the Challenge Award." CCC started as an all-volunteer organization that came together in 2020 at the outset of the pandemic. CCC and nearly 100 others were celebrated for their "dedication and resiliency" in response to the coronavirus. Read about "Service" honorees, including other Christ Church partners, in **a Sept. 16th Howard County press release**.

Strauss Chavarria gave an update on her recently-acquired role as executive director of CCC, which has attained 501(c)(3) status. She announced new fundraising options at a time of rising inflation that hurts low-income families.

Parishioners already have played a part in getting the pantry and home deliveries back up and running. Responding to CCC's community-wide funding plea for that purpose, the Outreach Commission voted at its August meeting to give \$500. These are Vestry-approved funds in the 2022 budget, so thanks to all!

Now that the pantry and the home delivery system have been reestablished, CCC needs more people to sign up and carry out tasks. Keep in mind that the "Shopper" fulfills the recipient's wish list at the pantry rather than at a supermarket. Consider volunteering at CCC's **"I Can Help"** section online to perform one of the following duties: Sorters at CCC HQ (in person); Shopping & Delivery (must have a car), and Dispatch Translators. The translation task can be done remotely but the volunteer must be available for text messages by cell phone.

Please spread the word to those in need of free groceries and essentials but who lack transportation. **Here is a link** to sign up for home deliveries.

In another post, CCC announced on Sept. 19th that it is partnering with [Cozy Cafe](#) to help [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#) every week. The family-owned, all-Halal restaurant and bakery is located at 8006 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD, 21043.

The owners of Cozy Cafe say they will prepare 50 meals for the residents at the Grassroots Live-In Facility on Freetown Road. In some ways, this effort is similar to the commitment by Christ Church to buy fried chicken and provide parishioners' side dishes for an evening meal once a month. By contrast, Cozy and CCC are committing to furnish a weekly meal.

Here's how it works, and how you can help: "Upon purchase of your delicious Cozy meal, consider purchasing a Grassroots meal ticket as well. Once purchased, pin the ticket on the bulletin board. On Wednesday of each week, purchased meal tickets will be counted and CCC will cover the remaining meals to bring the total to 50."

Participants must purchase the ticket in person and are encouraged to do so on Mondays through Thursdays when the restaurant is less busy. The cost is \$9.99.

In another way that Cozy is partnering with CCC, the restaurant pledges to donate 10 percent of all sales to CCC on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The dates next month are Oct. 4 and Oct. 18.

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith has become our representative who takes parishioners' donated items to CCC. Distributions are held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon at three sites: Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., and Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road.

Members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

SAVE THE DATES: January 8-14, 2023 DreamBuilders Trip to Puerto Rico!

Our mission trips to San Juan in 2019 and 2022 were so successful and rewarding that we are heading back for a third trip to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Maria. Hurricane Maria, a category 5 hurricane with sustained winds of 155 mph, devastated Puerto Rico in September 2017. FEMA estimated that 53% of all structures on the island were significantly damaged. Now, 5 years later, thousands of families in Puerto Rican are still living in damaged homes or crowded in with family members waiting for the day when their home can be made livable again. We are delighted to work with the SBP Puerto Rico team, who share their professional skills with friendship and fun.

We have reserved great housing in apartments a few blocks from the beach and near restaurants and shops. The average temperature in Puerto Rico in January is between 80-83 degrees. We will be opening registration for this trip soon, but we are limited to only 20 people, so SAVE THE DATES!

FISH Asks Our Prayers Along with Snacks and Cookies

Our representative from [FISH of Howard County](#) recently had surgery. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray for his good health. Pickups have resumed from our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Please continue donating cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill the shopping lists. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

DONATE NOW
to the
CHRIST CHURCH AUCTION!

Deadline is this Sunday,
OCTOBER 2nd



WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!!

WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO DONATE FOR THIS YEAR'S AUCTION!

The Auction Committee needs to know if you are making a donation by TODAY, October 2; that is for both the Silent and the Live Auctions! You can submit your donations by taking a photo and sending an email to auktion@christchurchcolumbia.org, or you can place them directly into the Auction software at https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauktion.net/auktion2022/donate_items/new. You can also use the QR code at the bottom of this announcement to get to our auction donation page. If you have last-minute questions, just ask! Email us at auktion@christchurchcolumbia.org.

DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS:

If you need help having your auction items photographed, deliver them to the Parish House and provide the following information: Auction #; Description of the item; Donor's name (if the Auction Committee is entering your item, they will assign the Auction #). If you are taking the photograph, additional drop-off times will be announced, or email us.

Drop-off times are:

Sunday, Oct 2: 9 to 10:30 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mon-Fri, October 3-7: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, October 7: 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 8: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, October 9: 9 to 10:30 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thank you so much for all you're doing to make the auction a success!





CEC YOUTH GROUP WAS HERSHEY-BOUND!

This past Saturday, September 24th, the Christ Church Youth Group had over 35 students for our annual Hersheypark trip! It was an amazing day filled with great rides, good food, and even better people to spend the day with. Thanks for joining us! Thanks also go to the adults who transported and accompanied the group. We are currently working on plans for our next event, but in the meantime, feel free to join the youth for the 9 a.m. Family Worship every Sunday. If you need info or have any questions, feel free to email Christ Church's Youth Minister, Todd Domer, at youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org.





WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

TEXT GIVING: You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

ONLINE GIVING: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

THANK YOU.



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