

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Jazz Vespers | Sunday, March 26, 2023

Welcome to Sunday Jazz Vespers at Christ Church!

For centuries, people have asked God for guidance and care as day turns to night. This night, we ask God to refresh, inspire, and call us into a deeper relationship with the Divine Spark that is in this world. Enter into God's presence through prayers, readings, songs, silence and poetry. And as you feel so moved: breathe deeply, be still, and know that you are loved.

May God bless you in this time of reflection and meditation.

The Pattern of Vespers

Gathering: God beckons us to gather, to reflect on life where we live it, and to be engaged as fully as possible in the world around us. We light candles and sing a song of thanksgiving for God's bringing light into the darkness of our lives.

Word: God continues to communicate through words of wisdom, encouragement, hope, and challenge spoken throughout the ages by God's beloved children.

Psalms: Psalms are the Bible's language of prayer and praise. They provide us language to speak about all of life, including our joys, disappointments, confusion and anger, sadness, and concern for ourselves, others, and this world.

Meditation: When we listen and pray while gathered in community, we are reminded that we are not alone. We also affirm that life is not about "just me," but about participating in a larger movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Prayers: Prayer is honest, holy conversation with God and those who gather. God invites our honesty, joys, sorrows, confusion, anger, and wonder. Prayer practices can open us up to deeper understanding and meaningful spiritual connections with God, others, and ourselves.

Going Out: As we leave the Vesper service, we are reminded of Christ's peace, presence and purpose in all of life.

Tonight's music is provided by The Leister Quartet.

Officiant: God dwells in you.

People: **And also in you.**

Officiant: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*
Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Song | I've Got Peace Like a River (vocal)

Consolations | Joy | Read by Kevin Osborn

Joy is a meeting place, of deep intentionality and of self forgetting, the bodily alchemy of what lies inside us in communion with what formerly seemed outside, but is now neither, but become a living frontier, a voice speaking between us and the world: dance, laughter, affection, skin touching skin, signing in the car, music in the kitchen, the quiet irreplaceable and companionable presence of a daughter: the sheer intoxicating beauty of the world inhabited as an edge between what we previously thought was us and what we thought was other than us.

Joy can be made by practiced, hard-won achievement as much as by an unlooked for, passing act of grace arrived out of nowhere; joy is a measure of our relationship to death and our living with death, joy is the act of giving ourselves away before we need to or are asked to, joy is practiced generosity. If joy is a deep form of love, it is also the raw engagement with the passing seasonality of existence, the fleeting presence of those we love understood as gift, going in and out of our lives, faces, voices, memory, aromas of the first spring day or a wood fire in winter, the last breath of a dying parent as they create a rare, raw, beautiful frontier between loving presence and a new blossoming absence.

To feel a full and untrammled joy is to have become fully generous; to allow ourselves to be joyful is to have walked through the doorway of fear, the dropping away of the anxious worried self felt like a thankful death itself, a disappearance, a giving away, overheard in the laughter of friendship, the vulnerability of happiness felt suddenly as a strength, a solace and a source, the claiming of our place in the living conversation, the sheer privilege of being in the presence of a mountain, a sky or a well-loved familiar face – I was here and you were here together we made a world.

The following psalms are read responsively by half-verse.

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name forever and ever.

Song | Blue Train

Scripture Reading | Romans 12:1-21 | Read by Kevin Osborn

Reader: A reading from Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song | Well You Needn't

Homily/Reflection | Kiona Lookingbill

Silent Meditation |

Announcements |

Song | Swing Low Sweet Chariot (vocal)

Offertory |

Please scan to give.



SLEEP

God
Never shouts
At us;
His voice
Is soft
And quiet.

He
Never stops
Watching
Over us;
His vigil
Is everlasting.

God
Never lets go
Of us;
His touch
Is still
And warm,

And

God
Never sleeps
So
We can.

AN EASTER SONG

When Jesus
Died on the Cross,
The firmament shook.

The faces of Heaven
Turned dark
In mourning,
While Love
Trembled,
Awaiting
The Glory of
The coming Lord.

It came
With loud
Exaltation
Swelling into
Forever.

If we listen
Faithfully,
We can still hear it
Sing.

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our voices and be attentive to our prayers.**

We pray for those whose hope is lost, who feel dried up and cut off from you. **By your grace, open their graves; bring them back to the land of the living.**

We pray for those who are oppressed, held captive by the power of death. **Release them from their chains; unbind them and let them go!**

We pray for those who weep, lost and lifeless in fear and regret. **Grant them the peace of your presence; show them what your love can do.**

We pray for those who are dying, the light of life fading in their eyes. **Help them to believe in you so that they may live and never die.**

We thank you, O Lord, for having heard our prayers. **Enable us to trust in you, and thus to see your glory; through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer |

Officiant: Let us pray.

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

Officiant: The coming night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives be dispelled in this hour. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Mr. PC

Thank you for joining us today!

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH 26 TO APRIL 1

Sunday, March 26

8:00 – 8:45 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – 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 – 5:00 pm	Small Delusions Concert – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Jazz Vespers – New Brick, upper level

Monday, March 27

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 7:30 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	300 Year Anniversary Events Committee Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 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
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
6:30 pm	Lenten Supper Series – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, March 30

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lenten Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, March 31

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Taizé Service – Old Brick
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Harriet Tubman Cultural Center Tour, WOCC
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lumen Christi Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening

For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Easter Altar Flowers and Gifts

Easter Sunday is a time that we honor, remember, or give thanks for someone or a blessing in our lives by donating flowers to adorn our worship spaces as we celebrate our risen Lord. If you would like to present Altar gifts this Easter, you can find our online Easter Offering form at <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/-/form/give/lenteaster>. Be sure to place the dedication name(s) in the *MEMO* line. You can also drop your donation in the plate on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week; include the same dedication information on the *MEMO* line of a check, please. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Holy Week at Christ Church

Between Palm Sunday and Easter, there are a dozen worship opportunities taking place at Christ Church and we hope that you'll join us throughout the week. Our website's Lenten season page has times and details for every one of them, so be sure to check <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/lent> for all of that information.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer takes place next Monday on Zoom, but we have great news - we will soon go hybrid! After Easter, you'll be able to join us in person in Old Brick or continue to join us virtually. What is Centering Prayer, you ask? It 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 reflective gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper Series – Wednesdays

Be sure to gather with us for the final installment of this popular series of insightful and life-enriching seminars on our theme for this year, *Be an Instrument of God's Peace*. A presentation by our own Father Manny wraps up what has been a fantastic series. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a communal supper in the Great Hall – this week, the meal is provided by the Christ Church Vestry - followed by the evening's presentation. We then conclude with a brief Eucharist.

Lenten Healing Eucharist - Thursday Afternoons

Each Thursday at 12 noon during Lent, Christ Church offers midday worship in Old Brick. This service includes readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and non-parishioners are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Christ Church Choir and Handbell Choir - Thursday Evenings

Join our new Handbell Choir! All ages are welcome, no experience is necessary! We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7 to 7:45 p.m. in New Brick. Then, Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Stay for one, or both! 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 choirs! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sunday or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Taizé: *The Friendship of Christ* - Friday Evening

Christ Church offers Lenten Taizé worship service during Lent, led by The Rev. Marcia Davenport. Mother Marcia, a long-time supporter of Taizé, leads this form of worship, based on the practice of the Taizé community in France,

offering a time of quiet reflection and intentional worship, drawing closer to the presence of God in Christ Jesus. Please join us at 6 p.m. for this healing, reflective service.

CEC Book Club - Fridays

We are currently discussing *How Then Shall We Live? 4 Simple Questions that Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of our Lives* by Wayne Muller, and are always welcoming new readers to join us, so how about you? Take part for an hour or so on Friday evenings for a lively discussion of this book, as we are a friendly bunch and appreciate everyone's input and thoughts. The book can be purchased online at your favorite digital retailers, but we can set you up with a few pages to get you started. Interested? Email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com or text her at 301-452-7115. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so Friday evening - that link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and the Passcode is **CECBooks**

April Newsletter Deadline - THIS SATURDAY

LAST CALL! As spring approaches, many ministries and groups have activities and events coming up, so be sure to have yours included in the April *Gathered Together* newsletter! Please be sure to send any upcoming information about your ministry's activities or gatherings to Chris by the end of this Saturday, March 25th. You can email your announcement or message details and photos to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Women of Christ Church's Upcoming Events

Be sure to save the dates for upcoming WOCC events:

- **Saturday, April 1st** - A guided tour of the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center, in celebration of Women's History Month.
- **Monday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** - April WOCC Meeting in New Brick and on Zoom.
- **April 7th, Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross labyrinth walk at St. Johns.

The WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned for this year. Come and join us for these events, so speak to any WOCC member or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org.

The 2023 Pledge Envelopes

The 2022 Christ Church pledge envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup now. They are located in the Narthex, but if you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please **email the Church Office**.

Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are presently seeking parishioners to help with planning Christ Church's 300-Year Anniversary. This celebration is an important milestone for our church, and we want as much participation from each of us as possible. There are lots of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or would like more information, please contact Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you.

Help Out During Sunday Worship

We are in need of a few more ushers, chalicists, and lectors for the Sunday services. You will serve on rotational schedules (not every week) and during select events. There are no age requirements or limits, and personalized training will be provided so please consider helping out!

- **Ushers:** welcome, seat, and direct parishioners during the service
- **Chalicists (Lay Eucharistic Minister):** assist the clergy in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Lector (Lay Reader):** read aloud to the congregation throughout the year.

Please contact Yetti at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Altar Guild Schedule

The schedule for the first half of 2023 - including Holy Week - is now on our website. **[Just visit here](#)** to see when you're scheduled to help prepare the Sanctuary for worship. And if anyone else is interested in joining, please email the Church Office.

Like Coffee? Let's Enjoy Some Together! You Can Help

The 8:30 a.m. Old Brick Coffee Hour is in full swing (thank you!), but we really need people and ministries to help set up for the 9:30 a.m. gathering in New Brick's Elevator Room. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. You can work by yourself, in groups, or with another family. Perhaps a group or ministry can offer to host the occasional Coffee Hour, as well. All you need to do is provides snacks, brew the coffee, stay for the coffee hour, and help tidy up. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office at **office@christchurchcolumbia.org** or 410-381-9365.

Christ Church Podcast - Later in 2023

Our podcast idea is gathering steam, but we are looking for a few more people to team up with! Father Manny's desire to create a Christ Church Podcast - a homegrown, varied, multimedia collaboration - will celebrate our parish and its people's many qualities, talents, and interests. We hope to launch later this year, but we need to involve some more people to help make this the best it can be. If you enjoy writing, would like to learn about the 300-year history of Christ Church, like to photograph or makes videos on your phone or computer, enjoy composing, singing, or playing music, have a particular topic you'd like to share with others, love to draw or paint... well, we can find a place for each of you! If you'd like more information or are interested in joining us on this exciting new venture, please speak with **[Fr. Manny](#)**, **[Ann Barnes](#)**, or email Chris at **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Save the Date and Help Lead the Way: On April 22, Our Supermarket Food Drives Resume After a Pandemic Hiatus

Once again, Christ Church will hold a food drive at a local Giant supermarket, resuming a hands-on, family-friendly activity that had been halted by the pandemic. The place: River Hill Giant, 6050 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029. The time: Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. The goal: engage shoppers in collecting hundreds of pounds of non-perishable groceries for the Howard County Food Bank and – new this year – for its partner, **[SAFE Food Pantry](#)**.

Here's how you can help: please consider taking a shift of at least one hour on that Saturday. Bring your children, too –toddlers on up! We could also use your help in planning this popular activity that helps the hungry.

Outreach member Michon Semon is leading the drive, as she has done in years past when Christ Church held food drives at the Palace Giant, the Owen Brown Giant, and the River Hill Giant. But we need plenty of help from parishioners to recruit volunteers, participate, and deliver our anticipated haul to the food bank, which is operated by the **[Community Action Council of Howard County](#)**. For information or to respond to our call, please email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

The need is great, as food insecurity increases nationally and in Maryland. As described in a **[March 17 article on Patch](#)**, that's due to the end of federal emergency food assistance tied to the pandemic and to inflation. Low-income households struggle to afford the cost of groceries, up 11.3 percent. People who are on medically restricted diets are especially challenged. In Howard County, SAFE provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods.

Spread the Word and Plan to Attend an Educational Webinar on Senior Housing

Would you like to learn about a campaign to improve housing choices for seniors in our community? If so, plan to join a webinar on Monday, April 3 from 7 to 8 p.m. by organizers of the **Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition** and **Age-Friendly Howard County**. The topic will address a housing crisis that confronts many seniors who face rising housing costs and a shortage of affordable and or accessible homes in the county. If interested, register through Eventbrite or email: admin@hocohac.org.

Columbia Community Care Recruits Gardening Volunteers at Kickoff Event on April 8 and Participants in a Spring Fun Run/Walk on April 22

Columbia Community Care (CCC) plans outdoor activities on upcoming weekends. On Saturday, April 8 at 9 a.m., volunteers will converge on the CCC pantry building to help kick off a gardening project. On Saturday, April 22, CCC will hold a Spring Fun Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. with a kickoff party. Each of these **CCC events** takes place at the former Columbia Flier building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

The garden will allow CCC to grow its own healthy produce to better help families in need. The **Community Ecology Institute** has partnered with CCC, starting with the installation of a series of raised garden beds. Please come to learn what will be planted and how to help. CCC created a **signup form** with slots throughout the year and said: “We appreciate you lending your gardening expertise.”

When you arrive on April 22 at the run/walk kick-off, please bring a non-perishable item to donate. The start time for competitors is 10 a.m. Advance registration costs \$20 or \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Same-day registration for adults is \$25. Registration is preferred by April 15. To register, go online to **CCC events**.

All registered participants will get discount cards to Feet First Sports, located at 5305 Village Center Dr., Suite 110, in Wilde Lake Center. The course ends at the center, where the Wilde Lake Village will be holding a village board election party.

Wilde Lake is also the site of one of CCC’s three distribution centers where, as usual, volunteers will be distributing goods to less fortunate neighbors. The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center is located at 10431 Twin Rivers Rd. Other sites are The Barn in Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, and at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., all in Columbia.

Free groceries, produce, baby supplies, and household essentials are given out on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, or when goods run out. This week CCC said it urgently needs to replenish baby supplies: “We are still very low or completely out of many diaper sizes right now (3, 4, 5, 6) and baby wipes,” leaders posted on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith is our representative who takes parishioners’ donated items to CCC. Please continue your support 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.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** still need cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. 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.



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