



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 21, 2026 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – FATHER'S DAY & REFUGEE SUNDAY



### 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:

[www.christchurchcolumbia.org](http://www.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.

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 718 | God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

*National hymn*

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

*Celebrant:* Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 20:7-13

Reader: *A reading from Jeremiah.*

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.*

## **THE PSALM**

Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20 | *Salvum me fac*

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
**and shame has covered my face.**

I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
**an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
**the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
**but that was turned to my reproach.**

I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
**and became a byword among them.**

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
**and the drunkards make songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
**at the time you have set, O Lord:**

"In your great mercy, O God, \*  
**answer me with your unfailing help.**

Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
**let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
**do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
**in your great compassion, turn to me.'**

"Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
**be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
**because of my enemies deliver me.**

**THE EPISTLE** | Romans 6:1b-11

*10:30 a.m. service*

Reader: *A reading from Romans.*

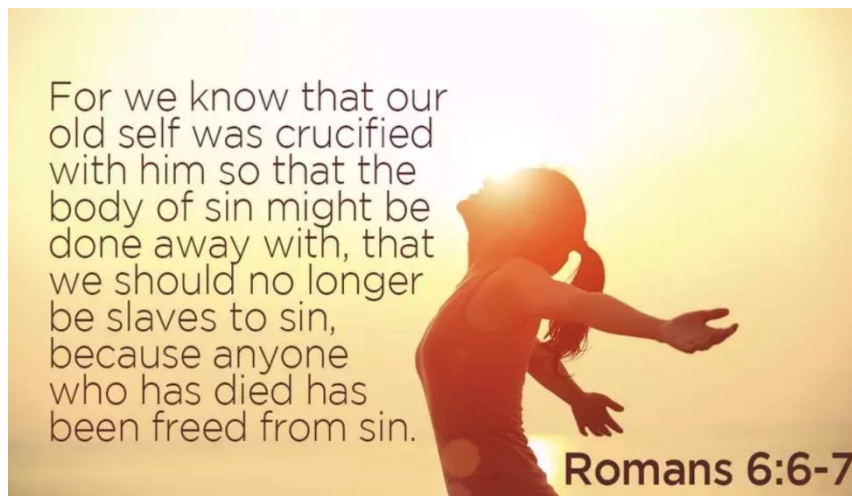
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.


For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.



**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*






1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe-ly in His bos - om gath - er;  
 2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child-ren sev - er;  
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro-tect - or nev - er slum-bers;  
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.  
 5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



## THE GOSPEL | Matthew 10:24-39

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

*(continued)*

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,  
Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.  
Optional Ending  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that  
mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | Ann Barnes, *parishioner*

## THE NICENE CREED |

*Alt*            **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Lord, we give thanks for all who are worshipping with us today, either on our beautiful Christ Church campus or by streaming the service in their homes. Today, we honor the Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and people who served as important father figures to others. We are so grateful for their love and care. We also extend a warm welcome to those who have not worshipped with us before and invite you to get to know us and our ministries. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We recently commemorated Juneteenth, 161 years since the Emancipation Proclamation was read to enslaved African Americans in Texas. We renounce the sins of racism and bigotry and give thanks for all who have worked for equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunities from that day to the present, often in the face of danger. Jesus told his disciples not to fear those who malign them and to proclaim the truth from the housetops. May our faith remain strong to enable us to stand up for what is right, knowing that Christ is with us. May empathy and compassion replace bias and hostility so that justice prevails for every living being. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for understanding between the branches of your global church and amongst all of its members. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Church of South India United In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for: St. Andrew the Fisherman, Mayo, St. Luke's, Eastport, and St Margaret's, Annapolis. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We seek healing for those throughout the world. Within our own parish, we pray for Ashley, Kimberly, Lisa, Rita, Jim, Kaci, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Brandon, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry and those you now name. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have departed this life, especially Nell Boynton May their souls rest in peace. We pray that all who grieve within our parish and beyond can find comfort in your loving kindness. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We are grateful for the happy occasions that members of the Christ Church family celebrate this week: birthdays of Yaa, Gina, Mathew, Rachelle & Nancy, wedding anniversaries of Don & Carolann Sawyer, John & Tanis Hadley, David & Barbara Griggs and baptismal anniversary of Janelee. Thank you for the joy that their birthdays, baptisms and marriages brought to them and to those who love them. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, we are grateful to have been drawn to our multi-racial, multi-cultural Christ Church. We know that more work is needed in our nation in reconciliation for past injustices and prevention of additional harm. May we use our unique opportunity as members of this parish and the Episcopal Church to seek understanding and healing for all.. **AMEN**

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

#### **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 |**

May the  
**Peace of  
the Lord**  
be with you!

Please scan to give.



1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
 un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,  
 all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
 man-kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

*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.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, - ho - ly, ho - ly -  
- ho - ly - Lord God - of hosts -  
- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in - the - high - est -  
! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name -  
- of the Lord, - of the Lord -  
- Ho - san - na - in the high -  
est, Ho - san - na in - the - high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:*                               **Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER |

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All:*       **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

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



*organ*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: — grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 189 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER |**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service**

*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.

**THE BLESSING |**

*The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen.*

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

**THE DISMISSAL |**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond:*  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE |**



**Let's Take a Photo after Worship!**

All fathers, father figures, and those celebrating them, please stay for a few minutes and come to the altar after worship, so we can get a group photo for our archives!

## Assisting in Worship Today

### Altar Guild

Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman, Sandra Griffin

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Chalicerist:** Joan Harvey

**Lector/Reader:** Joan Harvey

**Usher:** Jo Emily Knox

### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Acolytes:** Lucinda Hart, Ava Fox, Aston Fox

**Chalicerist:** Ivy Amponsah

**Lector/Reader:** Cheryl Lucente

**Ushers:** Cherry Williams, Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

### Tellers

Catherine Mille, Lisa Taitt-Wynter

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

# Fellowship

Spend a few minutes with parishioners after worship!

Enjoy coffee, tea, sweets, and snacks and get to know your neighbors in Christ!

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

It only takes a few people each Sunday to help make Coffee Hour possible.

Scan the QR code below for our online signup sheet, or use the paper one in the Narthex.

(FUN FACT:  
*if just half our parishioners sign up once, we can have a full year covered!*)



or visit [CEEvents.org/Coffee](https://CEEvents.org/Coffee)



# PARISH CALENDAR

## JUNE 21 – 27, 2026

### Sunday, June 21

All Day	Father's Day
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:00 am	Family Service
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick, LL
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
11:00 – 11:30 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom
12:00 – 6:00 pm	VBS Setup – Old Brick, Parish Hall & NB
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

### Monday, June 22

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	VBS & Choir Camp (Day 1/5)
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom

### Tuesday, June 23

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	VBS & Choir Camp (Day 21/5)
11:00 am– 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour - Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Vestry Meeting – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

### Wednesday, June 24

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	VBS & Choir Camp (Day 3/5)

### Thursday, June 25

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	VBS & Choir Camp (Day 4/5)
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

### Friday, June 26

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	VBS & Choir Camp (Day 51/5)
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Friday Faith Film: DO YOU BELIEVE? – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

### Saturday, June 27

9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner, Elkridge
1:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Group Picnic – Parish Hall
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
Please send to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.

*SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS*

### **Deacon Mike Looney is Being Ordained! - June 27**

Our former seminarian (and now Deacon), Michael Looney, was an active member of Christ Church in his time here, and his work continues to be appreciated - Mike founded the **Center for Spiritual Nourishment** at Christ Church a few years ago, an event that still gathers on the second Saturday of each month (and you are truly missing out if you haven't been!).

He has recently graduated from The General Theological Seminary as a member of their first hybrid cohort, and now it's time for the big day - he is excited to invite you all to the upcoming ordination to the priesthood! We hope you can attend in person or virtually to celebrate with him as he will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore. If you cannot make it, you can watch the service online; **the ordination will be livestreamed here**. If you would like to contact Mike, please email him at [getlooney@gmail.com](mailto:getlooney@gmail.com).

### **Celebrate Rev. Yehinuel Odidi's Year of Service at Christ Church - June 28**

We are sad to say that our seminarian, Yehinuel Odidi, has concluded his year of service at Christ Church and will be moving on, but we are very excited to see where he may go from here! Yehi has been an integral part of our common life, especially with the younger members of our parish, and for that, we are truly grateful. Please join us for a celebration of his time here with a lunch party in the Great Hall after the 10:30 worship on Sunday, June 28th. And if you would like to contribute towards a gift for Yehi, **you can do so via Realm** and write "Yehi" in the memo line. We will present the gift to him at the luncheon.

### **Crab Feast - An Annual FWF Extravaganza! - July 1**

The most anticipated First Wednesday Fellowship of the year comes in July, so get your crab-eatin' bibs ready! On Wednesday, July 1, at 6 p.m., we'll host our annual Crab Feast just outside the Great Hall of New Brick, and everyone is invited, no matter what your age is!

The cost is:

- \$30 for 6 crabs
- \$20 for a stocked plate of juicy BBQ
- \$45 for a combo plate (BBQ & crab)
- BYOB

Please note that you **MUST** pre-order, as this is a catered event! Orders are due by June 21, and **you can pay via Realm** (write "Crab/BBQ" in the memo line), check, or cash. The BBQ menu will include ribs, smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, hot dogs, and corn on the cob.

### **Small Delusions Returns - July 11**

You know 'em... now you can sing and dance to them - Christ Church's favorite supergroup, Small Delusions (Jan, JB, and Shannon - with special guest Meghan Pruitt!), is delighted to announce their next gig in the warm confines of the New Brick sanctuary.

In just a few weeks - July 11 at 1:00 p.m. - gather as they play all the memorable classics, and maybe even take a few requests. Heck, even bring your dancing shoes if you feel like it! **Definitely consider bringing a small dish or refreshments to share.** Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Interested in Learning About EfM? This Might Be Your Chance to Join this Rewarding Program**

Education for Ministry at Christ Church (EfM) is a rewarding long-term program, a unique, small-group series based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service. The first few years of EfM at Christ Church have been extremely insightful for its participants, many of whom have experienced unexpected

yet beautifully transformative experiences while gaining friendships with others in the study group.

Starting now, they're opening a few extra participant spots for next season for both sessions, which begin towards the end of this summer. Even if you're currently unsure whether it's the right fit for you, now is the time to ask questions and learn as much as you can from its current participants, so you can make an informed and prayerful decision. Learn more by visiting [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/efm](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/efm), and by speaking with Mother Marcia Davenport at church.

### **Centering Prayer - Mondays**

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing [centering@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:centering@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays**

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members 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.

### **Learn More About Your Parish - Read the Monthly Vestry Meeting Minutes**

To help provide complete transparency with our parish family, we have decided to provide the minutes from each monthly meeting of the Christ Church Vestry. [You can read a PDF of the latest Vestry meeting minutes here.](#) If you have any questions or wish to discuss something with a Vestry member, please stop by the Vestry Table at church on any Sunday morning.

### **Provide Eucharist to Those Unable to Travel to Church as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor**

This year, we have had more people request [Communion to You](#), a service Christ Church provides to bring Eucharist to homebound parishioners. To fulfill this need, we require a few more Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV). If you're interested in helping with this vital ministry, please speak with Kathy Lyon at church or contact the Church Office. And if you require this service for yourself or someone you know, [please fill out this brief form](#), or call the Church Office. We will ensure that Communion gets there.

### **We Need More Help at Christ Church!**

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, the truth is that it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can help your church by volunteering to be a Reader, Chalcist, Teller, the Inreach Ministry, or by assisting the Christ Church Altar Guild. None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up on Sunday mornings. If you want to know more about the Inreach Ministry, please speak with Michon Semon at church, complete the brief form at [cecevents.org/Inreach](http://cecevents.org/Inreach), or email us at [inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org), and we will get you started. For those interested in assisting as a Reader, Chalcist, or Teller, please call the Church Office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Yetti.

### **Grassroots Says 'Thank You,' Honors Its Volunteers at an Annual Luncheon**

Volunteers make the world a better place, doing God's work one hour or one casserole at a time. Last week, [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#) held its third annual volunteers' appreciation luncheon at The Meeting House in Oakland Mills. Christ Church was represented by Shahra and George Toth, Eddie Keels, Jan DeBoissiere, and Patricia Fanning, who participate each month in providing meals to the homeless. Jo Emily Knox also attended as part of an organization that supports residents of the Grassroots Emergency Shelter.

This week, Grassroots posted its thanks to all of its many volunteers, whose numbers increased from last year. In 2025, 1,232 volunteers gave 10,551 hours of service across its emergency shelter, crisis center, Cold Weather Shelter and Day Resource Center (DRC). That compares with 822 volunteers who gave 8,423 hours of service the year before.

“Our volunteers have been at the heart of Grassroots since day one, more than 57 years ago. Our clients look for these special people when they visit each day, and they truly make a profound impact on their lives,” Grassroots posted on [its Facebook page](#).

Shahra leads our meals team, which next serves a hot midday meal at the Day Resource Center (DRC) on Monday, July 13. To participate, go to the [DRC online signup form](#) for details on serving in person and/or providing a side dish, fruit or desserts. On the same day, other parishioners bring hot and cold side dishes for the evening meal at emergency shelter, whose staff serves it. Get details on the [Grassroots online signup form](#).

Our struggling neighbors also turn to DRC’s pantry to make ends meet. There they can get free necessities as well as non-perishable groceries. In response to a DRC request, the Outreach Commission at its June meeting approved spending \$220 for a total of 140 pairs of men’s underwear. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to “General Outreach.” A hearty thanks!

You, too, can pitch in by shopping for the pantry at the DRC and Grassroots’ two other sites. We welcome in-kind donations of items such as hearty soups and fruit cups to be dropped off ahead of time in the Parish Hall kitchen for delivery on the second Monday of each month. Find Grassroots’ [monthly needs list](#) on our signups under “Related Files.”

The [Women of Christ Church](#) (WOCC) also supports Grassroots through its ongoing “Home Sweet Home” project to help people make a fresh start when they find a new home. In collaboration with the staff of the DRC and emergency shelter, a family exiting Grassroots’ care receives a housewarming kit of kitchen and bath essentials.

## **Do You Have a Green Thumb? Help Columbia Community Care to Tend Its Garden Plot at Freetown Farm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**

[Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) invites volunteers to help cultivate its garden plot at Freetown Farm, 8000 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia, Md., 21044, in partnership with [Community Ecology Institute](#) (CEI).

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in advance for slots on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m., on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Go online to this [CEI signup form](#) to register for a slot, and choose “general volunteer” under “group.”

CCC encourages both novice and experienced gardeners to help “plant, weed, and maintain this source of fresh, nutritious food for local Howard County families.”

## **Bring Items for FISH/CCC, and Consider Volunteering to Take Calls from Home**

[FISH](#) and [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) partnered last year and merged pantries. CCC continues to hand out food at three sites on Saturday mornings and by home delivery to Howard County residents. For information, visit [Get Help online](#). For updates on community services such as [youth programs](#), check CCC’s [Facebook page](#).

FISH continues to pick up donated goods from Christ Church and others. Please put non-perishable food and personal care products in the altar basket or in a bin just inside the Parish Hall. Look for a combo label “FISH/CCC”. Please bring baby wipes and diapers, especially large sizes.

FISH will continue to provide telephone support to Howard County residents, offering guidance and financial assistance because the personal touch is very important when people are in crisis. For information, ask parishioner and FISH treasurer Andy DeLong or email him at [andydelong.fish@gmail.com](mailto:andydelong.fish@gmail.com).

You could be the one to lend a helping hand by lending an ear! As a phone volunteer, you can help from your home by giving just one day a month to assist those who could benefit from financial assistance from FISH. Training is provided. Thank you!

## **School is Over, and the Kindness Pantry at LEMS Concludes a Very Successful First Year of Outreach**

Tomorrow is the last day of school for the students at LEMS, so today was the last Food Pantry for the school year. There

were so many parents coming to pick up their children and pick up food that it was hard to find a parking space.

We had 100 boxes filled with eggs, yogurt, greens, black raspberries, ground turkey, and other fresh fruits and vegetables from the Roving Radish to distribute. In addition, the staff decided to empty the Kindness Pantry for the year, so families were able to pick up canned goods and household items as well. You might recognize some of your contributions on the photos attached. The parents filled out a digital survey to help the staff better understand what types items the families were most likely to need and use.

Thanks so much to Jenny Cecil, Jan DeBoissiere and Sara Kirkpatrick for being there today to assist the families. It took less than an hour for all the food and household goods to be claimed. As always, people were very appreciative and left with smiles on their faces.

Thanks to Sara Kirkpatrick for working in a math classroom during the past year with students whose levels needed a little lift! And thanks to Jan for working in the cafeteria with all those hungry, active students. Jan also helped with the set for High School Musical.

And thanks to all of you for keeping the Kindness Pantry well stocked. It's empty now, so you'll be hearing from us again in the fall. You'll also be hearing from us this summer about how you can help both students and teachers with supplies for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep." That continues to be our task today - to feed our brothers and sisters physically, emotionally and spiritually. Thank you for being integrally involved in that work.

*Jenny Cecil, Jan DeBoissiere, Sara Kirkpatrick, and Cathy Whittaker - LEMS Committee*

## **Home of Our Own Howard is Having a Yard Sale at CEC - June 27**

**Home Of Our Own Howard** (HOOO), Howard County's local furniture bank for individuals and families in need, is holding a yard sale at Christ Episcopal Church. All funds raised will support our clients who are moving into a home after experiencing a crisis. The yard sale is on June 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain (Parish Hall lower level) or shine (outside on the lawn).

We hope you can support their cause by finding treasures at the sale. There will be a wide variety of items at great prices, including small appliances, linens, curtains, dishware, glassware, kitchenware, artwork, and home décor. 100% of proceeds go directly toward helping neighbors in need fill their empty homes. The majority of the items are priced between \$1 and \$ 5.

HOOO provides furniture and essential household goods to Howard County residents facing hardship. Most items are generously donated by community members — keeping quality goods out of landfills and putting them into the hands of families starting over. When HOOO receives donated items that aren't suitable for direct distribution, they're sold to raise funds that support the same mission. Every dollar stays local. Every purchase helps a family in need create a safe, functioning home.



**In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, email Christ Church Outreach at [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.**



## OUR *HISTORY TEASERS*

In anticipation of our monumental 300th Anniversary Celebration in 2027, the Communications and History/Race & Slavery arms of the 300th Anniversary committees began sharing insightful History Teasers with the parish. These Teasers started earlier in the spring with a few wonderful bits about Rev. Richard Henry Waters, followed by The Role of a Vestryman during the Early Years. These bite-sized glimpses into our rich past are designed to drum up interest, spark curiosity, and reconnect us with the generations who built and nurtured Christ Church over the centuries. By reflecting on where we've been, as well as our many achievements - *both positive and negative* - we can better appreciate where we are today and look forward to celebrating this incredible three-century milestone together as a parish family.

As we reflect on the remarkable 300-year legacy of Christ Church, we recognize that our history is a complex tapestry woven with both moments of profound faith and seasons of deep brokenness, including our county and parish's historical ties to the institution of slavery. To truly—as our slogan above says—learn from our past and live into our future, we must have the courage to explore and understand all sides of our story—both our celebratory achievements and our painful truths. We gracefully invite you to join us on this vital journey of discovery, reflection, and learning by exploring the historical events and the documents and resources compiled by History/Race & Slavery Committee member David James here.

A heartfelt thank you to the History/Race & Slavery Committee for the extensive and incredibly deep research you are undertaking here, and to the other wonderful committees for your hard work, both in the past and the work to come this year. If you are not on a committee but would like to help, please email us - [300@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:300@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## *THANK YOU.*



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