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King and Queen Parish

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CHRIST CHURCH

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Chaptico, MD

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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Rite I)

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Rite II)

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Bishop of Washington

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

2024

March 24 ~ Palm Sunday

(Sunday Services at 8am and 10am)

March 28 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. ~ Agape Supper (Parish Hall)

7:15 p.m. ~ Stripping of the Altar
(from Parish Hall to Church)

8:00 p.m. ~ Midnight Stay Awake
(One hour in prayer)

March 29 ~ Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

12:40p.m. Stations of the Cross

March 31 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Easter Egg Hunt Following 10:00 a.m. Service



Rector Reflection

As a boy, I was extremely fearful of a creature I heard about, and never wanted to face, the red skeleton. I heard the name and just knew, that I did not want to see him, or it, ever. My grandmother and older brother talked about this being coming on the television, and no matter how much they tried to comfort me, or explain their reasoning, I refused. Nope, no red skeletons for me, that was just too frightening.

The church season of Lent, though a dark church season, is not one to be feared. Lent comes from a word in “ye olde English” which meant “spring season.” As other writers point out, this season as “church” one, invites us to do some Spring Cleaning. Lent is that time where we empty ourselves of everything that makes us “us,” and clear out some of that which gets in our way of connecting to God.

The Season before Easter invites us to intentionally follow Jesus on his walk to the cross. And though his path is filled with pain and suffering, we do not have to go to those depths. Instead, our religious practice offers us the opportunity for a Lenten Discipline; reading scripture, prayer, commit to worship, a class, and so much more. Some people deny themselves a favorite treat, or take on a task, and whatever you choose, it can help to diminish you serving your own needs and replacing that time with God time. My hope is that all of us embark on a Holy Lent, and I am here to help you find a way to do so that works with your life, so that this Lent is a meaningful one.

Meaningful to me as a boy, was the lesson that I could, by not listening to others, whip up my own fears. As the reader may have figured out already, this crimson “being” of which I was afraid, was not a skeletal figure, or a movie monster. My grandmother and older brother actually invited me to watch a television show, featuring a comedian, Red Skelton, because they found him funny, and so, they thought, would I. Alas, I let my way of hearing the name dissuade me from enjoying some meaningful family time. In summary, Lent is an opportunity to put down a part of “us” and make room for God as we follow Christ on his intentional journey.

Yours in Christ

Peter +



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN KEITH OWENS:

The Senior Warden Thanks you for helping with the Shrove Tuesday dinner. A great group of guys put in their labor so a large crowd could come and enjoy a meal together prior to Lent. Family, friends and neighbors enjoyed the evening

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

BRANDON FRAWLEY

JUNIOR WARDEN

Greetings all and Happy Spring!

It has been a pretty quiet winter for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. We completed the first annual inspection of the rectory to identify any repairs that need to be made for general upkeep. A big thank you to Mr. Dave Hudson and Mr. Donnie Morgan who took the time to go through the rectory from the attic to the basement. Overall, the rectory is in great shape with just a few minor repairs needed. Dave and Donnie were joined by Mr. Bob Donaldson in early February to complete the majority of those projects, so when you see them give them a big thank you for volunteering their time!

As discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, the biggest upcoming project for buildings and grounds maintenance in 2024 will be the start of our project to replace the protective coverings over the stained-glass windows in the church. Our Treasurer and the finance committee have been hard at work to raise the funds to complete the project, but there is still room for donations for all who are interested in donating to the project. If you are interested, please talk to Mr. Bob Donaldson for details on how to contribute.

Spring is in the air, and as we all know that means new growth! We've scheduled our spring workday for March 23rd with a backup day of March 30th if we get rained out on the 23rd . We plan to focus our efforts on the church yard and cemetery, but if we have enough volunteers show up, we will be able to get some work done in the parish hall yard also. I will have updates on the fall workday posted on our Facebook page as the date approaches, if you are available and willing, we will start at 8:00am and I'll make sure there's plenty of water and snacks to keep us going!

The spring workday will be a "kick off" to our normal summer yard maintenance duties. If you are interested in volunteering your time to keep our parish hall and rectory yards cut and looking great, please reach out to me for scheduling. We plan to have two teams again that will work alternating months so that no one ends up overburdened and the yard stays in great shape. Thanks again to all last year's volunteers, and I will be reaching out to you again soon to make sure you are able to help again this year.

That's all from the Buildings and Grounds Committee for now. Meetings are the first Monday of every month in the parish hall at 6 PM, typically last for about an hour, and are more productive with more members and ideas, all are welcome to attend!





EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIAL AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Easter is a wonderful time to honor loved ones you've lost or special people in your life today. Flowers and plants displayed in the church on Easter are a beautiful way to honor these individuals.

All dedications are listed in our Easter bulletin. While any amount is welcomed, the suggested contribution is \$35.

Envelopes are available in the back of the church.

Donations need to be in hand no later than Palm Sunday March 24th ensuring that the names of your loved ones are published in the Easter Sunday bulletin

St. Patrick's Dinner

Eat, Drink, and Be Irish

Cornd Beef, Cabbage and all the trimmings

Saturday, March 16th

6:30 p.m.

\$30.00 per person

Limited Seating

Call for reservations 301-884-3451

Reservation Cut-Off Before Noon March 14th

(After the office closes March 14th no one will be retrieving messages)

Christ Church Parish Hall

37479 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico

LIVE Irish Folk Music

Tending Our Soil

Our Jan. 7, 2024 Storytelling Eucharist was a great success!

With special permission from Bishop Budde, on January 7, 2024, the Tending Our Soil (TOS) team hosted a Storytelling Eucharist at both the 8 AM and 10 AM services at Christ Church Chaptico. Through this event, the TOS team learned a lot about how those who participated feel about their church home. Parishioners used words like "faithful, welcoming, hospitable, caring, compassionate, supportive, helpful, prayerful, community, friends and family" to describe our congregation.

This experience was both fulfilling and confirming for the TOS team. This was a fulfilling experience because the words we heard spoken during the services articulated the feelings that filled our own hearts. It was a confirming experience because, having heard our own feelings echoed by the voices of fellow parishioners, we are confident that members of our team accurately represent a vast majority of our congregation - from the youngest to the oldest, from the lifelong member to the newest visitor. The heart and soul that runs through our church is one of hospitable welcome, acceptance, belonging and love. It has become clearly evident that God is present here in Chaptico and that we have a church full of people who are grateful to be able to join in with what God is doing here. The TOS team gives a great big THANK YOU to all who participated to make this event such a memorable one!

NEXT STEPS

Over the next few months, our team will be reviewing results of the Congregational Vitality Assessment, completed by congregational leaders of Christ Church and looking at the area demographics to fine-tune a clearer picture of who lives nearby and what needs may be met the gifts of time, talent and treasure offered by our congregation.

Stay Tuned!



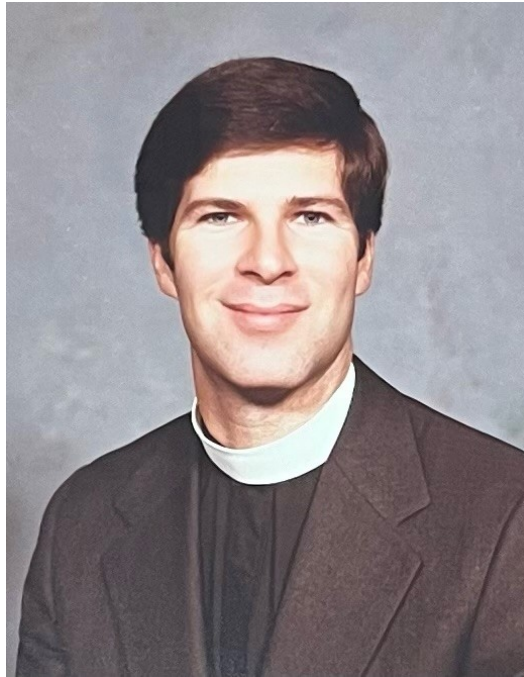
I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.

Leviticus 26:12



We remember

Reverend James (Jim) Alton Basinger
Rector at Christ Church 1978-1982



Reverend Basinger passed away February 1, 2024. His obituary can be found at Janssen Funeral Homes | Anchorage, AK Funeral Home & Cremation.

Administrator's Angel –



This month's Administrative Angel is ***Karen Owens***. Karen has been with us at Christ Church Chaptico for many years, along with her husband and their children. We are fortunate to have Karen as a team member dedicated to helping support ministries here at the parish, including her duties as registrar of our Vestry where she keeps the meeting minutes. Always willing to step in to assist, Karen is an Administrative Angel for many reasons. The biggest way she helps is as the Lead Counter. Karen manages the counting of the Sunday plate offering, with another member of the parish, after each service day concludes. Her work includes filling out the deposit slips so that the collection is credited to the right parish accounts. Karen is also very willing to come into the office during the week, when possible, and assist with filing, folding of bulletin inserts, and various other tasks that come up where we need a hand. In these ways, and more, you can see why Karen is one of our valued Administrative Angels!

SPOTLIGHT ON BETTY

For 30 years, home was a small island in the Potomac

Fuquas lived a half-mile offshore in the 7th District

Frank and Betty Fuqua lived on tiny Bullock Island in the Potomac River for 30 years. The driveway to the house was a half-mile passage on a boat across St. Catherine Sound from St. Mary's County's 7th District.

Frank's father bought the island as a summer home during World War II when Frank was 12. A house was already on the island, brought in piece by piece by boat in 1934. In 1970, Frank returned, with Betty, to the place of his childhood summers to live year-round, and brought their three children, ages 15, 13 and 10 at the time. The kids had to cross the sound to meet the school bus, and the house was powered by a direct-current generator.



The Fuquas left their cars at any of the three public wharves serving St. Catherine Sound to get back to the 3-acre island. While Frank worked the water, Betty worked at Patuxent River Naval Air Station's Judge Advocate General's office as a legal technician, loving the job. Except the commute. "The only thing I didn't like about it was the commute. That first half-mile was heck," she said.

Hurricanes would lash the island and in cold winters, ice would encircle it preventing travel. Betty recalled trying to get to the mainland with her three children aboard the boat with her in a terrible fog. Frank advised her to keep the breeze at the left side of her face to reach the mainland. She did her best, but after a while the boat came across a pound net and she knew she was out in the Potomac River. She kept going, unable to see anything ahead. She then starting coming up on a waterfront house and called out. The person inside was frightened by hearing a voice come out of nowhere, she said. They drifted around for an hour before they got to where they were going. But living on Bullock Island had its advantages – solitude, peace and quiet.

As time went on, it just became too difficult to continue living on the island. And it was too easy to be forgotten out there, Betty said. Once Betty and the kids were stuck out on the island for three days before anyone noticed. The boat's propeller wasn't working.

The Fuquas moved from the island to Budd's Creek in 2000. Their son, Ty, now takes care of the house on the island for them.

Excerpts from an original 27 April 2011 article by Jason Babcock (jbabcock@somdnews.com)

Betty Fuqua is also an accomplished artist in several media and has had private commissions and numerous shows to include a month long one-artist exhibition in 2015 at the Charles County Commissioners Gallery. You can see this exhibition at the below link.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/charlescountyarts/albums/72157650424847126/>



Message from the Treasurer, Bob Donaldson

The state of our union is good, and getting better. While our operating expenses still exceed our operating revenues, the trend is improving. Membership is up, pledges are up and it seems like our spirits are up too.

Maintaining our 288-year-old church, as well as the Parish Hall and Rectory is expensive. Things are constantly breaking and/or needing to be refurbished. Fortunately, we have an Endowment that is dedicated to the perpetual maintenance of the church. That endowment has allowed us to spend over \$200,000 on the refurbishment of the church interior and replacement 2 of the 3 HVAC systems over the last 5 years. However, the endowment alone is not enough.

The next major project that needs to be done is replacing the discolored plexiglass that covers and protects the exterior of our beautiful stained-glass windows. The Vestry has voted to proceed with a proposal, from Washington Art Glass, to remove the plexiglass, scrape, repair, prime and paint the exterior of the stained-glass windows. They will then build custom white aluminum frames to hold clear laminated-glass windows. This is the same glass used in car windshields, so it will never discolor.

The project will cost approximately \$48,500. We have been planning this for a couple of years and have allocated about \$25,000 from previous donations and are now embarking on a fundraising drive from now until April 30th, to raise another \$25,000. We have already received a number of significant pledges from some very generous parishioners and are now asking anyone who would like to contribute to this project to contact me or send a check to the parish office marked for the "Stained Glass Window Fund". Thank you in advance for any contribution you are able to make.



EASTER EGG HUNT : SUNDAY MARCH 31ST

Immediately after Rite ii (10:00 a.m.) Service, Weather Permitting

As in previous years, a “special” area will be roped off for our youngest Easter Egg hunters.

Typically, lots of filled plastic eggs are hidden in the church’s cemetery ground. Eggs are filled with candy, jelly beans, coins, trinkets, or other kid-friendly items.

We currently have plenty of empty plastic eggs left over from previous years. There is NO need to buy more plastic eggs!

If anyone has empty plastic eggs from previous years they want to donate for the effort, please drop them off at the church, parish hall, or give them to Monty or Helen Wright anytime before Palm Sunday March 24th.

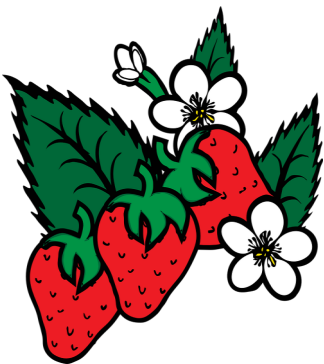
Parishioners are invited to either:

1. Make a donation of fillings item(s) for plastic eggs
2. Make a monetary donation to buy such egg fillings.

PLEASE drop off any donated egg fillings items just inside the church (into marked containers) by Good Friday March 29 so these eggs can be filled and ready to be hid by early Easter Sunday morning.

If you would to make a monetary donation to help buy egg filling items, please see or contact either Monty (cell: 240-434-2883, email, wrightjm@md.metrocast.net) or Helen Wright (cell: 301-481-1530, email; helenwright1530@icloud.com).

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you know of children who likely WILL be attending this Easter Egg Hunt, please let Monty or Helen know. Hopeful if their age is provided too. This will give us a better idea of how many children might participate and how many eggs to fill.

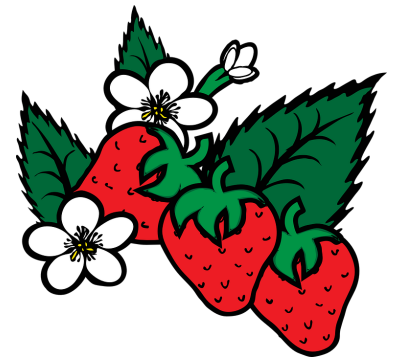


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Strawberry Festival

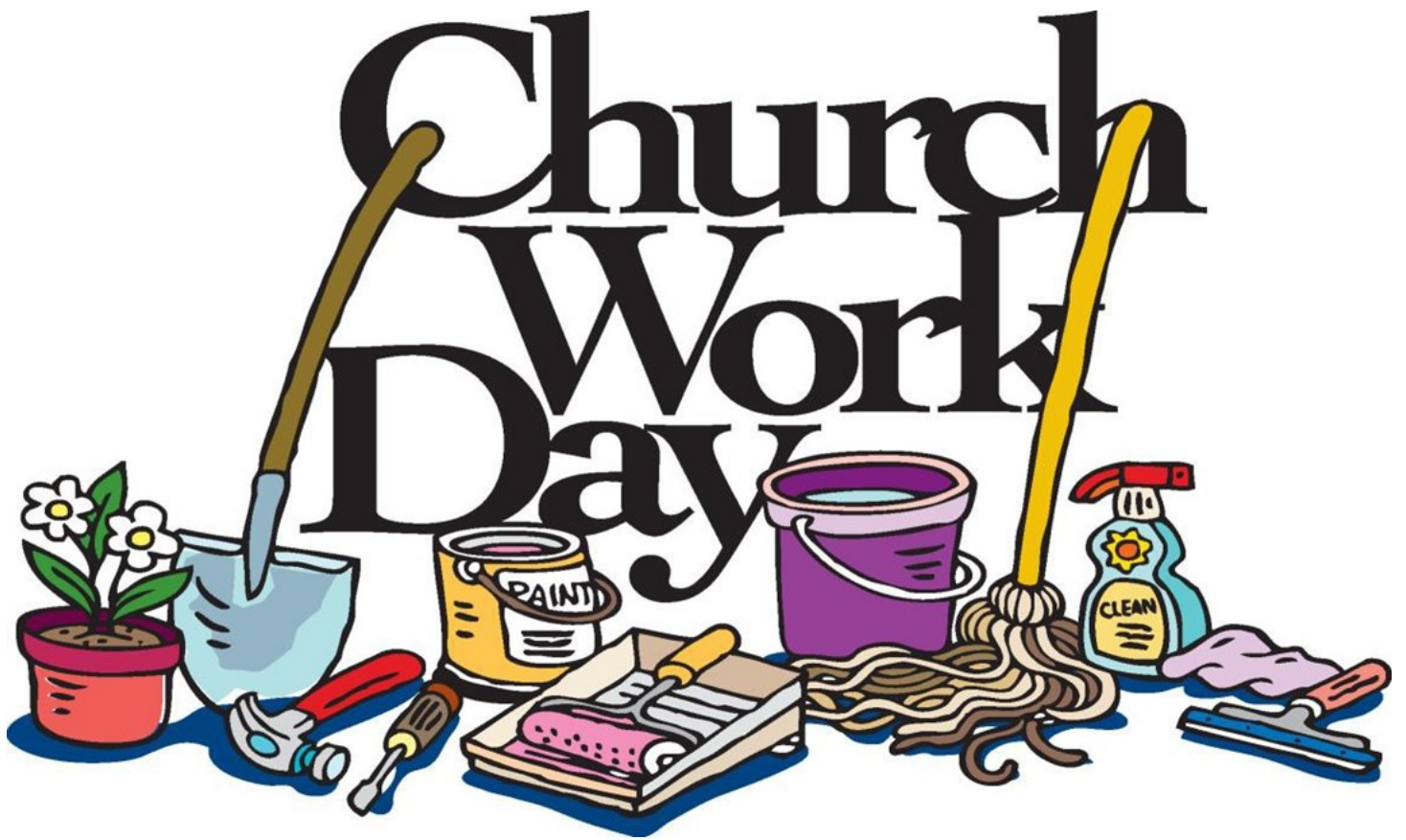
MAY 19, 2024

1:30—5 P.M.



This is our time to provide outreach to help local charities.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering will be provided when time gets closer.



Your help is needed and much appreciated!

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Saturday, March 23rd
(March 30th rain date)
8:00 a.m.
Meet at the Church

Many hands make light work.

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The Reverend Peter Ackerman — Rector

Jennifer Groht—Parish Administrator

Keith Owens—Senior Warden

Brandon Frawley—Junior Warden

Marcus Thompson- Organist

Bob Donaldson—Treasurer

Karen Owens—Registrar

Members of the Vestry

Class of 2025: Julie Burch, Sara Frawley, Susan Tyner

Class of 2026: Barbara Drumgoole, George Kennett, Brenda Monshower

Class of 2027: Diane Donahue, Mike Oliver, Greg Penk