

<i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY COMFORTER</i>		
Sunday, September 3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Holy Eucharist, Church
	4:15 PM	AA, Parish Hall
Monday, September 4 <i>Labor Day</i>	6:00 PM	Church Office Closed NO Yoga, Parish Hall
Tuesday, September 5		
Wednesday, September 6		
Thursday, September 7	1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	LCA Agenda-Setting Meeting Pathfinders Planning Meeting NA, Church
Friday, September 8		
Saturday, September 9		LCA Yard Sale
	10:00 AM 4:15 PM	Christian Stitchin' @ St. Thomas' AA, Parish Hall
Sunday, September 10 Kick-Off Sunday <i>Blessing of Backpacks</i> <i>Commissioning of Teachers</i> <i>Installation of Director of Music</i> <i>Parish Picnic</i>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Holy Eucharist, Church
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LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. September 17th

Sunday School Begins

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. October 4th

Back to BIBLE STUDY

Tues. October 10th

Bag and Basket Bingo

Sat. October 28th

Red Cross Blood Drive @ Holy Comforter

Sat. October 28th

Maryland Football Faith and Family Night

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Kick-Off Celebration And Pitch-In Pot Luck Parish Picnic



Join us on September 10th following the 10 O'clock service
Your Fellowship Commission will be serving up hamburgers,
hot dogs, baked beans and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert.

Wear your jeans or shorts. There will be activities for the kids,
so weather permitting, bring your lawn chair or blanket, and
relax and catch some rays, or join in the fun and games.

Farmers' Market Planning Ahead

It would be very helpful if CHC members, if they are visiting a Farmers' Market in the coming weeks, to ask a few questions of some vendors they visit. The CHC members might want to preface their questions with a statement that these questions are to help the church in developing a Farmers Market for next year.

1. Do you take SNAP, WIC or any other part of the government's Food Programs?
 - a. If so- how is that working out for you?
 - b. If not, what if any significant factors were significant in your decision not to participate?
2. What makes the Farmers Market a good one for you to sell here?
3. What would you like to see different at this or any other Farmers' Market?

When I am back on Tuesday or Wednesday, I will be putting Farmers Market collection boxes to receive any information the members gathered in asking the questions, as well as any comments, concerns or suggestions you may have of the Farmers Market Task Force here at CHC.

--Cliff Anderson

Faith and Family Day

Tickets are now on sale to University of Maryland's Faith and Family Day football game versus Indiana on October 28th. While the official game time has yet to be announced, the game will kick off at either 3:30 P.M. or 4 P.M.

Fall Service Scheduling

As we embark on a new academic year, we tend to find ourselves "staying put" a little more than we do in the summer. We hope this means seeing parishioners on more Sundays! That said, if you have even entertained the idea of serving in some capacity on Sundays, we would love to have you join the ranks of oblationers, readers, ushers, etc. Please contact Beth Crosby in the office for more information or to throw yourself into the mix!

Basket Bingo - Keep this on Your Radar!

Your Fellowship Commission is planning a Longaberger Basket and Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds will go to support our Food for Thought program. We are looking for donors to sponsor baskets at \$250 and basket fillers at \$175. All donations are tax deductible. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a basket, or if have a business or retail contact who would sponsor a basket, please see Martha Lessner.

The event will be held at Tall Cedars on Putty Hill Avenue in Parkville on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Doors open at 5:30. Early bird game is 6:45; Bingo starts at 7:00. Tickets will be \$20 each, and tables of 8 - 10 may be reserved. Bring your own snacks; soft drinks will be available to buy. For a fun evening, please bring some friends and plan to attend this worthwhile fundraiser.

Celebration and Blessing of Gilead House

On Sunday, September 10 from 1:30PM - 3:00 PM we will celebrate new life for Gilead House, the renovated rectory of St. Mark's on-the-Hill Church, and for the asylum seekers who will be moving in very soon. Bishop Eugene Sutton will bless the house and we will recognize the generous donors who made the renovation possible. We will also enjoy refreshments and fellowship with the St. Mark's community, ERICA supporters, volunteers who worked to bring this project to fruition, and with those making their new home at Gilead House.

Gilead House also has a Wish List!

Help us get everything ready by purchasing an item from the Gilead House Housewarming Registry at Target:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=03da7dbed2f94e33b45eb1c572581da9>

Bring your gift to the Celebration, drop it off at the ERICA office, or at the St. Mark's office (Mon & Tues 10 AM - 2 PM), or send a Target eGift Card to ERICA: info@erica-baltimore.org THANK YOU!

Hurricane Harvey & the ERD

Episcopal Relief & Development urges prayers for communities along the US Gulf Coast dealing with the impact of Hurricane Harvey. Please donate to the Hurricane Harvey Response Fund and visit the organization's website for more information about relief and recovery efforts. <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response>

What's Happening with Food for Thought

As a new school year begins, our Food For Thought program will resume as well. This is such an important ministry since food insecurity is shockingly prevalent in Baltimore County. Students may receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch at school, but often go hungry at home on the weekends. Through the generous support of the congregation at Holy Comforter, we are able to provide 10 children at Pot Spring and 10 children at Padonia Elementary Schools food every weekend. They receive a backpack filled with food for 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. In months with 5 weeks and over vacation breaks, we also provide gift cards to grocery stores.

If you were part of this ministry last year, you have already received an email regarding this year's needed food items. We've tweaked a few things, but have kept donations similar to last year. There is a poster on the table outside of the parish hall with photos of each item if you are unsure what to purchase.

If you weren't part of Food For Thought last year, but would like to participate, we would greatly appreciate the support. There are a few food items that we will buy once a month due to shelf life, cost and weight issues. You could make a once a month donation to help buy these items. We very much welcome any monetary donations!! Drivers deliver the backpacks to the schools every Thursday and have been scheduled for the year. We are, however, always looking for substitute drivers if you would be interested in volunteering as a back up to take the backpacks to Pot Spring and Padonia Elementary Schools.

For the month of September, each child will receive an Under Armor backpack with school supplies and snacks (donated by McCormick!) and 3 \$15 gift cards to Wal-Mart. Regular backpack delivery will begin in October. Our first packing will take place on September 24. Food is set up in the parish hall after the 8 o'clock service then packed into the bags after the 10 o'clock service. We welcome anyone to assist with either/both processes!

If you aren't part of the regular Food For Thought ministry, please remember that we are always in need of the following: monetary donations to fill food gaps that sometimes occur and cans of soup, stew, chili, or pasta meals (Chef Boyardee) that you might find on sale.

If you have any questions, you can ask Nancy Peper, Hunter Hanley or Beth Avil. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!