

# HOLY CROSS CHRONICLE

## Holy Cross Church

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May 2015

To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I do love spring and all that it brings! I love to see buds begin to come up from the ground and all of a sudden there are flowers everywhere. The grass color is a unique "spring green" that is with us only a little while, and is gone after it is mowed a couple of times. But it is my favorite shade of green. Even though we have to deal with the pollen in the air, I prefer that so much better than bundling up in order to shovel the driveway!

We are still in the Easter Season, which is the time of rebirth and resurrection in the Church. As the earth itself is awakening from the cold winter into this warmer season, we must open our hearts to God's call of renewal. We should try to pray more, trust more, and open our hearts more to God's grace and loving presence.

This past month we have witnessed violence in Baltimore, an earthquake and avalanche in Nepal, and a volcanic eruption in South America. So many people suffered so much pain and fear. One may ask where can we find God in all this. We are people of Resurrection, we are people of extraordinary faith, and we radically believe in God's love. We are God's hands, therefore we must answer our family's call for help with our prayers (at all times), monetary assistance (if necessary), and actual hands-on help (if possible). God is in us as we are in God. Never underestimate the power we have to better the earth.

It is that event time of year once again at Holy Cross. Please come and join Holy Cross as we celebrate our annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 11 AM to 3 PM. There will be a White Elephant Market, Craft Vendors, Produce Market, BBQ, Hot dogs, Burgers, Baked Goods, Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream, Family Fun-Bouncy House & Face Painting.

Enjoy spring. Go outside and experience the blessings God is bestowing on the people every day. Plant your flowers, take nice walks, and breath in God's loving grace. Give thanks to God for all the blessings that come your way.

Blessings to all of you,



Rev. Martie D.V. Johnson†



This vintage, pink & white quilt is a variation of the Drunkard's Path pattern. It measures 80X82". It will be sold to the highest bidder via silent auction at the Strawberry Festival. The auction will start at 11AM and end at 1PM. Payment can be made by cash or check.



On May 3<sup>rd</sup> this memorial bench was dedicated to Caitlin Rives. The Tom & Isobel Nimmo walkway was also dedicated at that time.

*Fill us with the knowledge of Your will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may live and conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of You, fully pleasing You, and being fruitful in every good work. Colossians 1:9-10*

I was honored to report at the Annual Congregational meeting this year. I had a few random thoughts for the meeting but, here are further details of how we serve our God and community. God bless, Chip

#### Senior Warden's Report

A summary of the accomplishments and outreach ministries of the past year:

- Rev. Martie's contract has been extended for another year.
- Over 1000 meals were served through the monthly community senior lunch program.
- Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter meals and gifts were provided for needy families.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday basket donations collected over \$1000 for the Palermo family and additional funds for Harford Family House.
- Shoe box ministry provided gift boxes for seafarers, members of the military and college students.
- Support of Mason-Dixon community services through grocery basket Sunday collection of goods for the food pantry and fall collection of school supplies for distribution.
- Provided 30 people three meals in July at the FCCAU Homeless shelter in Riverside.
- Guild supports many local charities.
- Attendance has increased; our parochial report shows an average Sunday attendance of 52.
- The tradition of a children's Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday continues.
- We were able to contract some of the lawn mowing to an outside contractor.
- Raised over \$2,500.00 for the Guild's Outreach Program with the "yellow envelope project" in the fall.
- Enjoyed a January "Now you see it, Now you don't" gift exchange with a special coffee hour.
- Had a Friday Night ice cream Sundae party (free with a canned food donation to Mason Dixon Community Services) with Matt Kineke providing the music.
- Installed the Wave Ventilation System in the basement to reduce humidity and increase air circulation.
- Repaired front steps to secure loose stones.
- Installed hand rail aside walkway from parking lot to south side entrance.
- New freezer purchased.
- New well tank installed.

#### Future plans

- We will continue to support the FCCAU Homeless shelter in Riverside.
- The exterior of the Church will be repainted this summer.
- Continue to fund outside mowing service.

*Chip Wigley*

The following is copied from *Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake's* weekly mailing:



styrofoam trash.

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, April 28, approved Council Bill 5-2015, prohibiting the sale and use of certain polystyrene products, commonly known as Styrofoam, in Prince George's County. [Read more here.](#) We celebrate this victory that will greatly aid in healing of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, which has been severely impacted by

"Trash pollution in our neighborhoods and rivers drives down property values, burdens communities and deters economic development." Said councilmember Lehman. "By passing this legislation, the Council sends a message that protecting our environment and natural resources is a legislative priority. The quality of our living environment directly impacts the quality of life of our residents."

## 47th Annual Holy Cross Church the Rocks Strawberry Festival & Craft/White Elephant

Saturday, June 6, 2015

11 AM to 3 PM



*White Elephant Market, Craft Vendors,  
Produce Market, BBQ, Hot dogs,  
Burgers, Baked Goods, Strawberry  
Shortcake and Ice Cream*

*Family Fun- Bouncy House & Face  
Painting PLUS Vintage Quilt Auction  
Jeff Stike and Bobby Howard (Harford  
County's own Bluegrass, Country, Gospel Singers)*

*Please visit us on our website:  
[www.rocksholycross.ang-md.org](http://www.rocksholycross.ang-md.org)*

*Come join us at Sunday Holy Eucharist - 9:30 AM*

*Vendors space-\$15 - call 410-452-5502*

*Located 1/2 mile south of 165 on Rte 24.  
4603 Rocks Road, 21154*



### HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Save the date of  
November 1<sup>st</sup>.

This year's home-  
coming will include  
historical reflections a  
and presentations  
about the Holy Cross  
Church from the very  
beginning.



On March 26 the men of Holy Cross Church met at the Twin Silos Restaurant of Geneva Farm Golf Course. We had a great time and everyone was pleased with the meal. Thanks to Al Johnson for the invitation.

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PLACE  
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**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday June 6 11AM-3PM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC**  
**Sunday June 14 after worship svce**

**FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH**  
**Sunday June 21 after worship svce**

