

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
10 AM

September 27, 2020  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after 2 pm*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

*Kol Nidrei (Op. 47) - Max Bruch*  
Mr. Greg Seseck, Music Director & Organist

*Kol Nidrei is sung at the beginning of the prayers for Yom Kippur.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

HYMN - 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

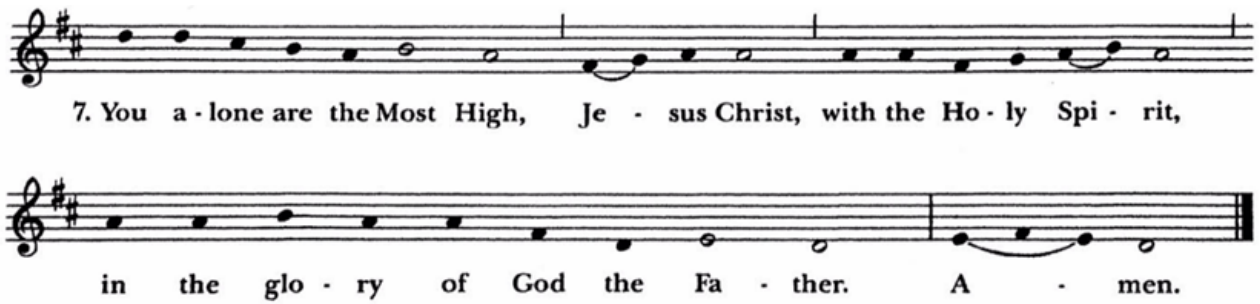
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - S277

*Setting by David Hurd*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## ALLELUIA

The musical score for the Alleluia consists of two systems. The first system is a vocal line on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The second system is a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp. The right hand plays a simple melody: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The left hand provides harmonic support with chords and arpeggios.

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

*Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.*

Organ Meditation

Mr. Greg Seseck

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 worshiped 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

*Celebrant*

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, *Hear us Lord.*

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to seek a faith community and receive a deep sense of God's presence as they explore what is stirring inside them; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Guide the leaders of our Church, diocese and congregation that there may be mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of partnership in bringing God's Kingdom into the most troubled corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of education opportunities; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Hold in your arms of mercy for the ill, poor, hungry, oppressed, and those impacted by COVID-19. We ask for your prayers especially for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Avery, Lorraine, Debbie, Elizabeth, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Steve, Joyce, Christine, Richard, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Suzanne, the Frost family, Margaret S., Ruth Ann, Mark, Steve W., Pam, Joan, Michelle, Joe G., Carole, Rosalie, Hannah, Tom, Jay, Joell+, Stan, the Beavers family, Rick; the Hardy family, Pris, the True family, and Gilbert.

*Hear us Lord.*

We thank you for the blessings of this life; especially for those celebrating birthdays as well as anniversaries including Carey and Scott; let us pray.

*Hear us Lord.*

Gracious God, give to the departed eternal rest in your loving arms; let us pray.  
*Hear us Lord.*

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another virtually with a sign of God's peace.*

**A Special Note:**

*Please continue as you are able to financially support Sherwood. We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. You may now contribute online by going [here](http://sherwoodcockeyville.org/give). (sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeyville, 21030. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!*



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN - 309

*O Food to pilgrims given*

1. O food to pilgrims given,  
O Bread of life from heaven,  
O Manna from on high!  
We hunger; Lord, supply us,  
nor thy delights deny us,  
whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

2. O stream of love past telling,  
O purest fountain, welling  
from out the Savior's side!  
We faint with thirst; revive us,  
of thine abundance give us,  
and all we need provide.

3. O Jesus, by thee bidden,  
we here adore thee, hidden  
in forms of bread and wine.  
Grant when the veil is riven,  
we may behold, in heaven,  
thy countenance divine.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B - BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

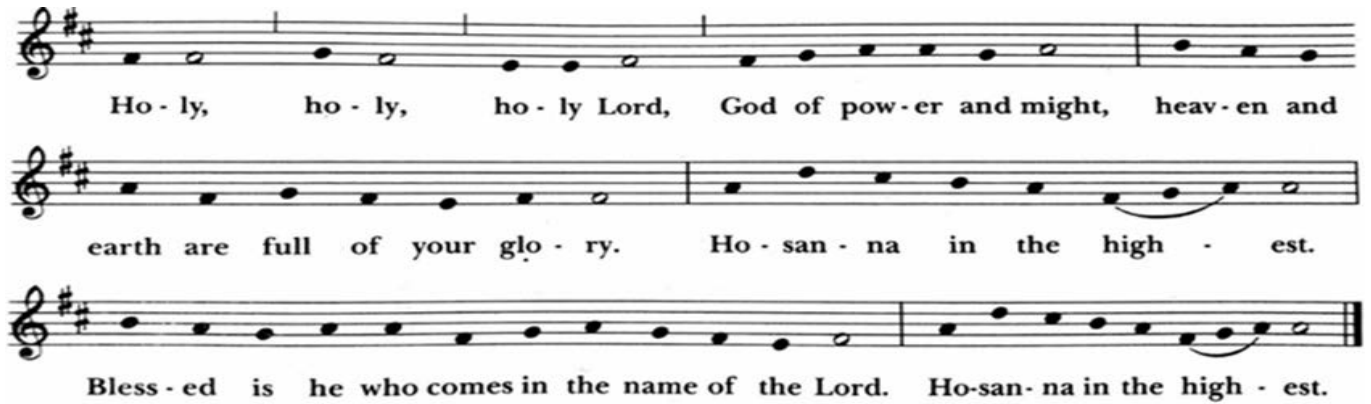
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ’s passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says*

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

BCP pg. 364

*The Celebrant says*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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

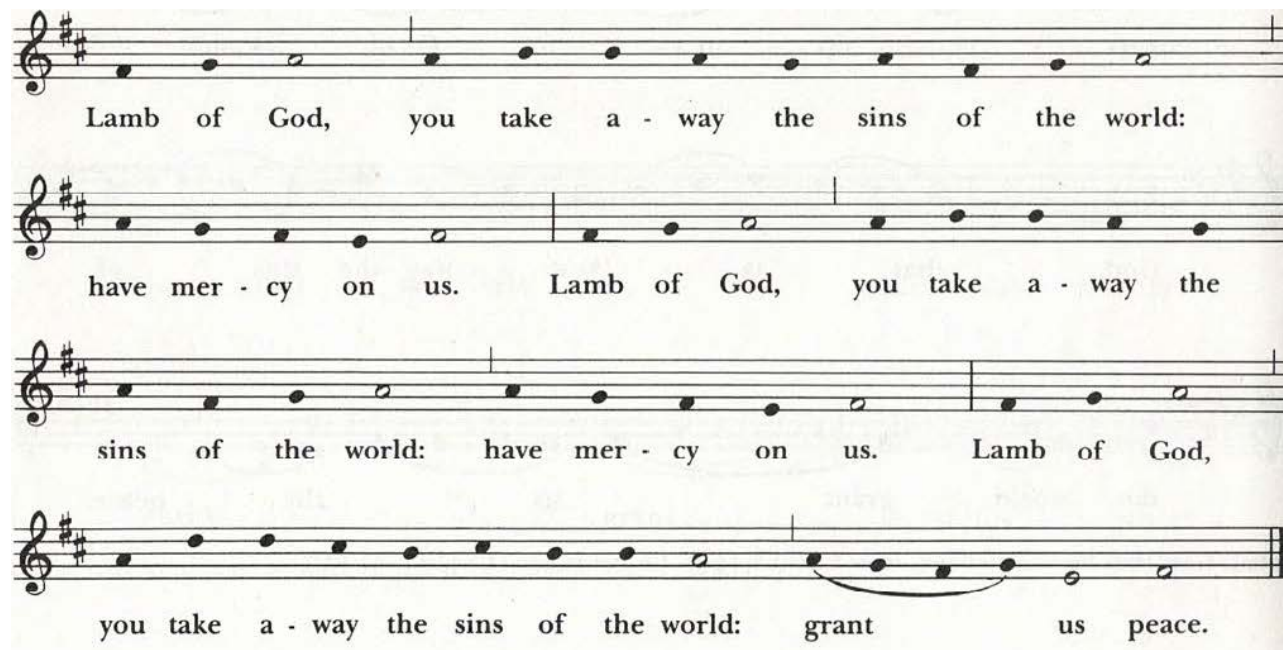
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI – S161

*Lamb of God*



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.

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

*Celebrant:*

Let us say together the prayer for spiritual communion.

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

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

DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

**God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

HYMN - 609

*Guide me, O my great Redeemer*

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

Postlude

*Six Preludes for Organ, No. 1 -Ernest Bloch*  
Mr. Greg Sesek

**Worship note on *Guide me, O my great Redeemer*, formerly sung as *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*.**

Source

*Jehovah* is a pronunciation of the Hebrew consonants of YHWH (the sacred Name of the God of Israel revealed in the Hebrew Bible) and the vowels of *Adonai* (Hebrew for “my Lord”).

When the Hebrew Bible was first written down in the Hebrew language, they wrote only with consonants, not vowels. So the sacred Name of God was written “YHWH” and likely was pronounced “Yahweh.” For millennia, Jews have gone to great lengths to avoid misusing the Name of their God, as he commanded them at the mountain after he delivered them from Egypt. At some point, ancient Jews began saying *adonai* (“my Lord”) when they saw “YHWH.” It wasn’t until the 10<sup>th</sup> century (as far as archaeologists have discovered) that a group of scholars called the Masoretes put vowels into the Hebrew text of the First Testament. They left the consonants “YHWH” in 7,000+ locations to show it was God’s Name. But they added the vowels of *Adonai* to the consonants to show later generations how to pronounce the word: “Adonai.” (That was why the Masoretes did their work of adding vowels; they were concerned that the number of scribes who could read Hebrew was unsustainably low, and they wanted to preserve what was read aloud by completing the text of what was written.) So *Jehovah* is a pronunciation of the vowels and consonants as they appear in the Masoretic Text, though it is not how the Jews would have known the Name of God.

Out of respect for the Jewish tradition of not uttering the sacred Name of God, the Committee on Bible Translation (CBT) for the NIV have chosen to display every instance of the Name YHWH in the Hebrew Bible as “Lord.” “Lord” (*kyrios*) is how the Septuagint (or LXX; the third century BC Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible) translates YHWH. This led to the English solution of translating YHWH as “Lord,” which shows readers the difference between YHWH and *adonai* (written “Lord” or “lord” depending on context).

*The flowers on the altar this week are given by Bill & Karyn Galetto  
from the garden of Tim Galetto*

## Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood

Officiant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey  
Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek  
Soloist: Cassidy Dixon  
Lector: Laure Covert  
Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

*Thank you for joining us for our virtual worship this morning. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.*

*If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

## This Week @ Sherwood

*Monday*

Office Closed

*Tuesday*

Mother Nancy Office Hours (Email or call her to make an appt.)

Graveside service for Christopher Dohl @ 11 am  
Officiant: The Rev. Timothy Dohl

*Friday*

CMS Imperatives Meeting via Zoom @ 11 am

## Announcements

### **Drive-Thru Food Distribution – Volunteers & Donations Needed:**

*“In faithful commitment to our mission statement to affirm and live out our love of God and our neighbor we will propel our partnership with Cockeyville Middle School, by providing to a select group of students, intentional emotional and educational guidance to impact their desire to achieve lifelong success.”*

Based on the 2019-2020 statistics Cockeyville Middle School (CMS) has a substantial segment of their student population in need:

- 910 students attended the school
- 299 students qualified for free meals, approximately 1/3rd or 33% of students
- 130 students depended on SNAP benefits, about 14% (This program provides nutrition assistance for students that live in families that are at or below 130% of the federal poverty assistance level)
- 11 students identified as homeless (approximately 1% of all students at CMS)

The Sherwood Vestry agreed to help support the launch of the Student Support Network (SSN) at CMS. For more information go to [www.studentsupportnetwork.org](http://www.studentsupportnetwork.org). We will provide more information about this wonderful organization in future weeks.

The first CMS event sponsored by SSN will be a drive-thru food distribution on **October 9**. Produce boxes, gift cards, and bread will be distributed. We would also like to provide high-demand personal items:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap

Monetary donations to purchase items can be made by check to Sherwood Episcopal Church with Student Support Network on the notation line. You may also give online at our website--under Pledge, designate the amount you'd like to contribute and add a note in the right column that it is for the SSN.

Donations may be left in the bin on the porch of the parish house or office and must be made by October 5 so that the items can be bagged for distribution. *Please help to make this first event a success!* If you have any questions, contact Joyce Mann at [joymann3@hotmail.com](mailto:joymann3@hotmail.com).

### **Events Cancelled & New Opportunities:**

With safety and science in mind, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Youth Ministry has made the very difficult decision to cancel all youth retreats through May 2021. However, there are still three online opportunities for fellowship and support:

*Weekly Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders*

Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 pm <http://bit.ly/dioyouthgroup>

*Young Adult Gathering*

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm <http://bit.ly/dioyoungadults>

Youth Leadership Online Group

Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6 pm <http://bit.ly/onlineylp>

If you are interested in joining any of these groups or have questions, please contact Kate Riley, Diocesan Youth Missioner at [kriley@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:kriley@episcopalmaryland.org) or 1-800-443-1399 ex 1353.

### **Blessing All Furry, Feathered, and Scaly Friends:**

We won't let the pandemic stop us from blessing our beloved pets! Next Sunday, October 4, Mother Nancy will bless your family pet or even a beloved stuffed animal. Plan on joining us for our regular Sunday virtual worship @ 10 am and then drive to the church for the Blessing of the Animals. Mother Nancy will bless your pet(s) from your car so that we can stay safe. Come masked and please maintain appropriate distances. This does not apply to your animals! Mother Nancy will be available to bless your pet between 11:15 and 11:45 am. See you then!

### **Communion by the Red Door:**

In an effort to continue to connect with our faith and our God, Mother Nancy will be providing "*Communion By the Red Door*" starting on Sunday, October 11 following our virtual worship service. Between 11:15 - 11:45 am, Mother Nancy will greet you at your car and give you communion. This is an opportunity to connect with Mother Nancy and more importantly to be restored and renewed by receiving the Eucharist. Blessings and prayers will be offered as well. Going forward, communion will be offered on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. We hope to see you by the Red Door!

### **Mother Nancy's Gmail Account Scammed:**

Did you receive a brief email from Mother Nancy asking for your financial help with an issue? This was *not* sent by Mother Nancy. This is referred to as a phishing scam. A phishing attack happens when someone tries to trick you into sharing personal information online by posing as a legitimate person—such as your priest. **Do not answer these emails.** Mother Nancy would never send out a brief message asking for your financial help and often the messages are poorly written.

### **It Truly Takes a Village:**

Thanks so much to Joyce Mann, Kathleen Stewart, and Sandy Thompson for volunteering to box up the hymnals and the *Book of Common Prayer* books. As we continue to move towards reopening, this is one of the many jobs that needed to be accomplished. We couldn't do it without your help.

### **Quarterly Statements Coming Soon:**

Look for your statement in your mailbox within the next week or so.