

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**10 AM**

**February 28, 2021**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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

Prelude

*Lenten Organ Chorales*

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Canon Stuart Wright  
Canon for Transitions and Director for Human Resources  
The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland  
Guest Celebrant & Preacher

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be 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.**

KYRIE

arr. Edmund Brownless

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system begins with a vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (grand staff). The vocal line starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and the lyrics "Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us. Christ, have mer-cy u-pon us." The piano accompaniment features a "Slow" tempo marking. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us." and ends with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic structure.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:22-30

*Deus, Deus meus*

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him; \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules ov-er the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descen-dants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; \***  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for e-er. Amen.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Stuart Wright

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

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP pg. 358

**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

Form IV, BCP, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all those impacted by COVID-19, and especially for those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Sharon, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Joyce, Christine, Mike and his family, Kendall, Jean, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jay, Stan, Rick; David C., Ella Mae, Steve & Debbie, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Charles, Samantha, Courtney, Bud, Steve S., Debbie H., Danny, Allison, Harold, Dan L., Sandy & Jack, Jen, the Lawry family, and Virginia.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating anniversaries as well as birthdays including Ralph and Jane.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember the 500,000 Americans lost to COVID-19.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

*We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. You may now contribute online via our website. Go [here](#) to check it out. (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) Or if you would prefer, mail in your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. We are checking the mail regularly and depositing any checks. Thank you!*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

*Be thou my vision*-arr. Edward J. Tipton

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP pg. 361

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.**



*The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:*

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS – S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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*

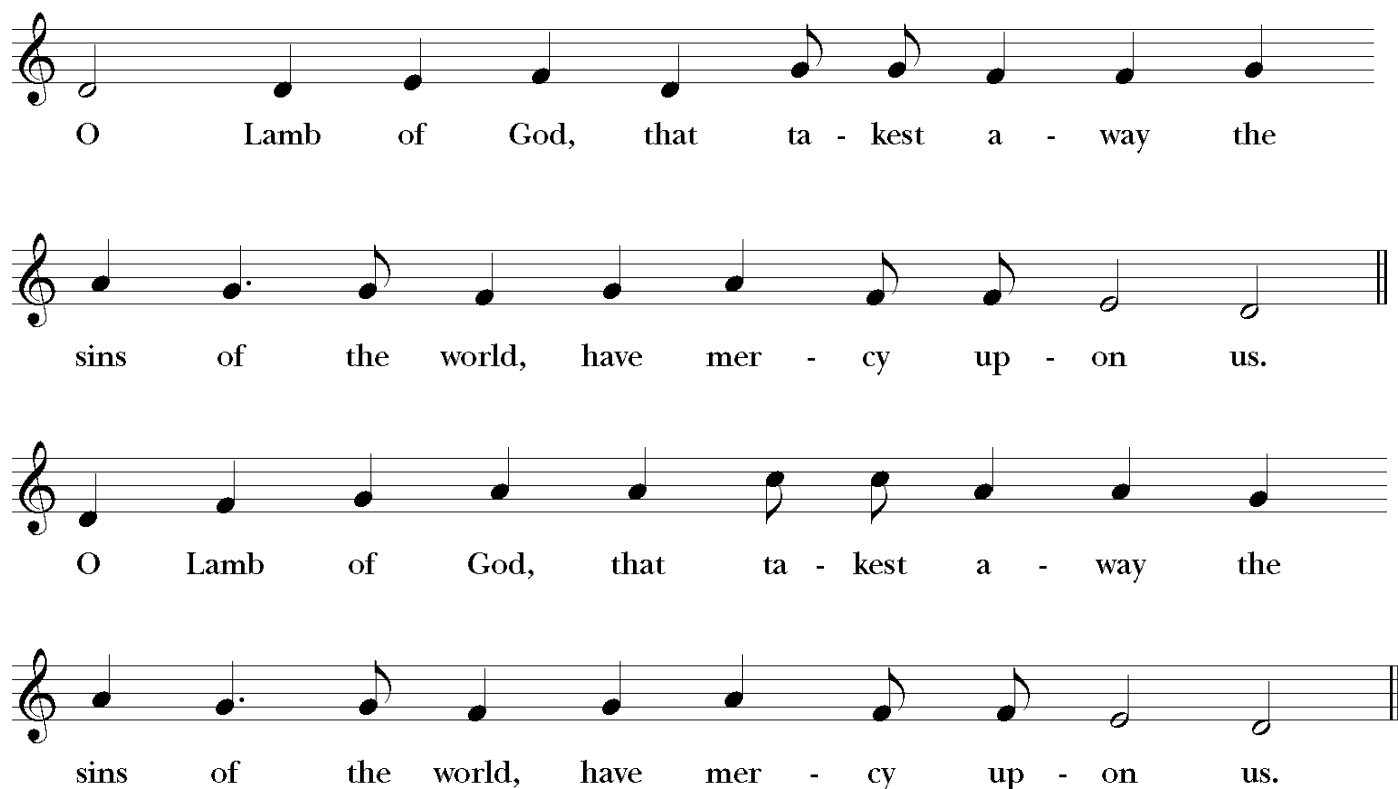
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us 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.*

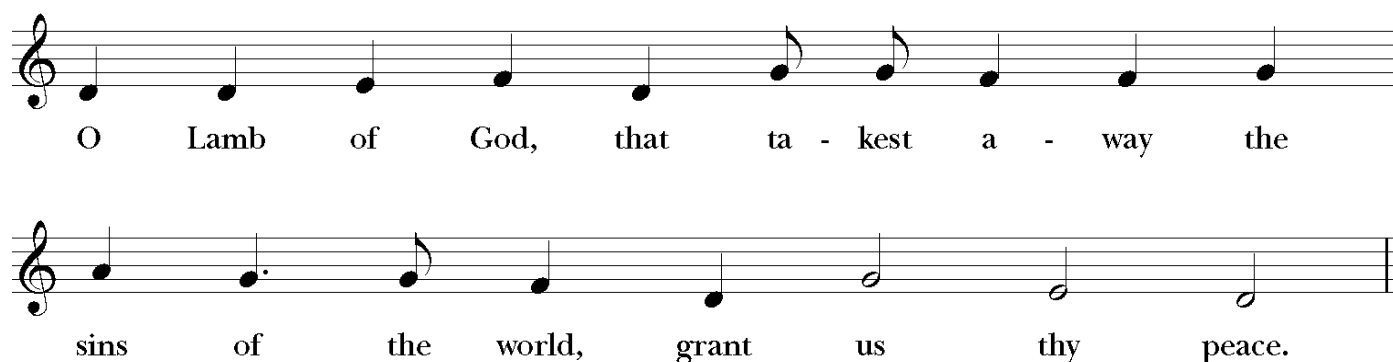
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## AGNUS DEI - S157



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



## 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, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

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

## HYMN

*Will you come and follow me*

1 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my Name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ner free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "You" you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

5 Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me?

#### 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!

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### **Worship Participants from Studio Sherwood**

Guest Officiant: The Rev. Canon Stuart Wright

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

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**

#### **Sunday**

Communion by the Red Door 11:15-11:45 am

#### **Monday**

Office Closed

#### **Tuesday**

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am-noon led by Anne Wismer

#### **Saturday**

Adult Lenten Bible Study via Zoom @ 9-10 am

### **Welcome Canon Wright!**

This Sunday we welcome the Reverend Canon Stuart Wright who serves as the Canon for Transitions and Director for Human Resources for the diocese of Maryland. Canon Wright is no stranger to Sherwood. He was the first person to introduce Mother Nancy to Sherwood. Thank you, Canon Wright, for being our preacher and celebrant this Sunday. He will also distribute Communion by the Red Door following the service.

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

This Sunday, receive the Eucharist and blessing from Canon Wright from your car between 11:15-11:45 am. Masks and gloves will be worn, and each wafer has been carefully and safely wrapped. We hope to see you!

**Mother Nancy on Vacation:**

Beginning Sunday, February 28–March 7, Mother Nancy will be on vacation. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Greg Davis @ 410-562-4845 or Carey Mednick @ 410-591-7339. Mother Nancy has arranged for the Rev. Jessica Sexton, Priest-in-Charge at Trinity, Long Green to be on call in the event of any pastoral emergency.

**Correction! Youth Lenten Bible Study:**

There will not be a bible study for our youth this Sunday (2/27), but it will resume the following Sunday, March 7 @ 12 noon via Zoom.

**Thank You!**

To the Strong family for hosting Winter Trivia for Sherwood this past Tuesday. Fun was had, facts were learned, and more than a few laughs were shared. We look forward to hopefully another night again!

**Vestry Candidates Presented:**

The Nominating Committee (Greg Davis, Suzie Merryman and Bill Galetto) presents to the congregation the two candidates who are running for vestry, Laure Covert and Charles Roebuck. Please read their bios and plan to attend our Annual Meeting on March 14 so you can cast your vote!

**Charles Roebuck**--Currently, I run a medium-sized printing company located in Baltimore. We are a family-run operation and have been around for over 100 years. We have approximately 25 employees with a wide variety of backgrounds, skill sets, demographics, and pay scales. This variety has provided me with some firsthand experience in human relations, conflict resolution, choice of benefits provided by our company, and pay levels of employees. Many of our folks have been with my family and the business for ten, twenty and even forty years. We have managed to maintain happy team members; all of this within the confines of what is fiscally proper and sound.

I have also been involved with the local community as well. I am the Vice President for the William S Baer School partnership board. This is an organization that helps act as a “board of directors” and fundraising arm for a Baltimore City School (public school) that takes care of the needs of physically and mentally challenged kids. I am a board member and immediate past-President of Board for the Family Tree. This is an organization dedicated to child abuse prevention. I have served as treasurer of Sherwood Church in Cockeysville for nearly twenty years. My role in that has been to manage the operational funds and organize the finances in such a way that decisions could be made with respect to financial abilities versus needs. I have been a member of the Vestry (on and off) for approximately 20 years.

I am married and have two children, both working and out of college. I live in Timonium.

Thank you,  
Charles Roebuck

**Laure (pronounced “Laurie”) Pepper Covert**— I am a newcomer to the Cockeysville/Baltimore area, having accepted a job here a year ago right before the COVID pandemic hit. I saw the Sherwood Episcopal Church sign as I drove to the grocery store one Saturday advertising a “Facebook live” service so I tuned in the next day and immediately felt I had found my church home. Somehow, even with the COVID restrictions I have experienced the connection: I engaged as a lector, met with Mother Nancy, and participated in the Advent Bible Study. I am excited to be considered for the Vestry because I see this involvement as an important way to participate more deeply and give back to the church that has given me so much.

My Episcopalian roots go back to childhood. I was raised in a family in suburban Philadelphia with all four grandparents dedicated to their parishes. My own parents’ paths led them away from the Episcopal Church and so I had to find my own way back during college. I worked full-time as the youth minister at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD and attended an Episcopal Church in Harrisburg, PA. I also attended and served in other church denominations, leading children’s programs, leading Bible studies, chaperoning on service trips abroad, and starting a women’s group.

My professional path started with social work and Spanish language study, and travel abroad, (mostly in Central and South America). When I became proficient in Spanish, I provided social services in Spanish to the non-profit in Denver, Colorado where I was Development Director. Later I became an interpreter for a non-profit organization in Harrisburg, PA while I was raising my 3 children. My career path led me to providing legal services to immigrants through the Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation program, first in Harrisburg, PA and now in Baltimore through World Relief Immigration Programs. The new responsibility that drew me to the area is a full-time job as the Office Director of the program—a challenge to keep providing help during COVID. My own apartment community is full of immigrant neighbors, so I feel right at home.

In my free time, I enjoy walking in nature, birding, reading fiction, and watching Masterpiece Mystery on PBS. I have 2 granddaughters back in Harrisburg and this pandemic social distancing is wreaking havoc on my grandmother's heart, but I am hopeful we will see brighter days ahead.

### **Did You Know?**

Since March 20, 2020 the Student Support Network (SSN) has distributed **\$3.4 million dollars in food and essential supplies** and over **\$120,000** in gift cards to families in dire need. With support from Baltimore County Government, SSN is providing the equivalent of about **74,000 meals per week**. As you know, Sherwood has partnered with SSN to support the students and families at Cockeysville Middle School. We are proud to part of this organization that has stepped up during the pandemic to aid the most vulnerable members in our community. Check out [studentsupportnetwork.org](http://studentsupportnetwork.org) for more information and ways you can help.

*- Joyce Mann, Outreach Director*

### **Volunteers Needed:**

St. Francis Episcopal Parish-Epiphany Community Center will host another drive-thru Pantry on the Go **TUESDAY March 2 from 3-5 pm**. This month we will again receive 100 dairy boxes and 100 boxes of fresh produce from the Baltimore County Emergency Operations Center to distribute.

Volunteers are needed to:

- set up tables, signs, check in other volunteers
- welcome and count the families who attend the event
- direct traffic
- load boxes into trunks of cars
- put away tables, signs at the end of the event, general clean-up

All volunteers are required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Please be sure to dress appropriately for the weather! If you are interested in volunteering this month, please email [revamy@stfrancismd.org](mailto:revamy@stfrancismd.org). We would love to have you.