



Calvert County NEWS

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Calvert County Continues 145-Year Tradition with Annual Jousting Tournament

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – August 2, 2011 – On Saturday, August 27, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church hosts the 145th Annual Calvert County Jousting Tournament in Port Republic, Md. Come and enjoy a colorful parade of riders from all levels at the oldest tournament of Maryland's official state sport.

Jousting is recognized as the oldest equestrian sport in the world and reminds enthusiasts of the Dark Ages when men waged war and battled to the death from atop their horses. Today's jousters compete to demonstrate their keen horsemanship, skill and sportsmanship in "The Ring Tournaments." It is a unique and colorful sport filled with age-old customs and pageantry.

The public is invited to experience this exciting piece of Maryland history. Jousting starts at noon and donations will be gratefully accepted for admission to the grounds for the tournament and bazaar; all proceeds benefit Christ Episcopal Church.

Alternative activities to entertain the family will be offered during the event including a church bazaar from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring books, baked goods, toys, plants, crafts and much more. Music will be performed in the Colonial church from 1 to 4 p.m. (rain or shine) featuring a variety of vocal and instrumental music.

A country supper offers fried chicken, deviled crab or ham as entrées with various sides, beverages and desserts sure to please any palate from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Boxed suppers will be available from noon until 6 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church has long been part of Calvert County's history. The present church dates from 1772, although a log church was originally built on the grounds as early as 1672. The church is located at 3100 Broomes Island Rd. in Port Republic.

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For more information on the Jousting Tournament or Christ Episcopal Church, visit online at www.christchurchcalvert.org, email christchurch2@chesapeake.net or call 410-586-0565.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.