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Calvert County Church Continues 145-Year Tradition with Annual Jousting Tournament

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Aug. 9, 2012 – Riders of all levels will compete in Maryland's official state sport during the 146th Annual Calvert County Jousting Tournament at Christ Episcopal Church in Port Republic from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25.

Jousting is recognized as the oldest equestrian sport in the world and reminds enthusiasts of the Middle 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 11 a.m. to 2 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 for sale 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 www.christchurchcalvert.org, email christchurch2@chesapeake.net or call 410-586-0565.

For information on other county events, visit ecalvert.com.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 92,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.