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### Sunday Services

8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

### Weekday Services

#### Tuesdays

9:20 AM Intercessory Prayer

#### Wednesdays

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

#### Thursdays

6:30 AM Holy Eucharist followed  
by breakfast and Bible study

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## Tidbits from the Rector

*With gratitude* ~ I have received many expressions of gratitude for the worship of Holy Week and Easter Day. In turn, please join me in giving thanks to the members who offered their time and talent to contribute to the power and beauty of our holy worship. Bill Owen, David Hearn, Nadine DiLorenzo, and our four choirs all enhanced worship with music. Thank you to our gifted musicians! Mary Henderer and Gina Pike coordinated the ministry of the Altar Guild, attending to the demands of each occasion with aplomb. Well done! Thank you. Elizabeth Brodt, Amy Johnson, and Suzanne Smith created the adornment design for Easter, but each member of the team contributed their creativity on Holy Saturday for a glorious Easter array. Thank you! Eucharistic ministers and lectors prepared their readings, acolytes faithfully appeared to serve, greeters and ushers assisted so that all found a welcome. Kris Younger and several others prepared for Easter Eve's Vigil Watch and filled the church with prayer through the night. Thank you! Behind the scenes and before the action, our clergy and staff prepared the service bulletins, scheduled and instructed the volunteers, crafted sermons, and prepared our church and chapel for worship. Thank you to you all!

*In case you missed it* ~ Last month's *Communicator* had an article from the Labyrinth Committee, describing the latest developments. If you are interested in learning more about our progress toward an installation, please visit [www.christchurchde.org/worshipmusic/labyrinth.asp](http://www.christchurchde.org/worshipmusic/labyrinth.asp). Notes from the Lenten Labyrinth Meditation will soon be added to the website.

*Forgive a little boasting* ~ I am proud to be included as an author of three meditations in a book published by Forward Movement Publications. Forward Movement's principal work is the *Forward Day by Day* series of daily meditations, found in our tract rack in the Church narthex and in the Parish Center reception area. I was invited to submit my writings for a book entitled, *Wisdom Found: Stories of Women Transfigured by Faith*. The book and other devotional resources are available at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org). I am currently writing for another book of 365 meditations called, *Walking with God*, to be published for 2012.

*Last, but not least* ~ I hope you will RSVP for our parish celebration and annual meeting ([rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379). The committee has worked to plan a great morning of fellowship, information, and inspiration. Please join us May 15.

Ruth Lawson Kirk

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## Inquirers' Classes

Join the Rector for a spirited inquiry into following the way of Christ in the Episcopal Church. The sessions meet from 7 to 8:30 PM in Rooms 211/212 in the Parish Center on **Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1**. For those who wish to affirm their membership in the Episcopal Church, these sessions serve as adult preparation for confirmation and reception, held on Sundays, June 12 and 26 at 10 AM. Please RSVP so that materials can be prepared for each attendee: [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379.



## Annual Celebration

By now, everyone must know that we will be voting for a new Vestry on May 1 and 8. Our annual celebration (Annual Meeting) will be held the following weekend on **Sunday, May 15** after the 9 AM service. There will be no 11 AM service that day. Lunch will be served to all at 11:45 AM after the meeting. During the meeting, children through age 11 will go to the Chapel for an event of their very own with Pete Moses.

**WE NEED YOU TO RSVP** so that we can be sure to provide enough food—and the sooner, the better! Pick up the phone and call the Church Office at 655-3379 or email [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org). There will be sign-up sheets at the polling stations on May 1 and 8. Let us know you are coming! The Vestry and Annual Meeting Steering Committee are very excited about our plans and hope to see you all there to join in the celebration of our lives together. *Susan Casscells*

### Schedule for the day:

- **8 and 9 AM** services—Ruth will give a Rector's Address at both services.
- **10 AM**—process to the Parish Center (adults to Parish Halls A and B; children through age 11 to the Chapel)
- **11:45 AM**—lunch for all
- **4:30 to 6:30 PM**—Interfaith Social Action Project and Potluck at Congregation Beth Emeth

## Interfaith Social Action Project & Potluck

Imagine you have just turned 18 years old. The family you have been living with asks you to leave—your “time is up,” and you need to make it on your own. This scenario is not just imagined for many Delaware teenagers. Through no fault of their own, their time with their foster families is over when they turn 18 or graduate from high school. During the month of May, we have an opportunity to help:

- **bring donations of non-perishable items (no glass jars)** such as: breakfast cereals, fruit/granola bars, prepackaged fruit, tuna fish, pasta and sauce, prepackaged dry macaroni and cheese, jello or pudding mix, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand soaps, and deodorants.

- **send a monetary donation** (made payable to Christ Church with “foster care project” on the memo line) to the Church Office.

- **join us on Sunday, May 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Congregation Beth Emeth** to assemble eco-friendly bags with our friends from the synagogue and Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Afterward, share a potluck meal. Dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products, or combine dairy products with meat. RSVP at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379.

*Lu Johnston*

## Jalanga Trip Fund-raiser at the Charcoal Pit

Join us for a Charcoal Pit fund-raiser on **Monday, May 16** from 5 to 9 PM at the Concord Pike location. A percentage of the proceeds from this night will benefit our youth trip to Jalanga this summer. Visit [www.christchurchde.org/christianed/youthgroup.asp](http://www.christchurchde.org/christianed/youthgroup.asp) for the flyer you'll need to present with your bill.



## Fiesta Dinner

Come to the Fiesta dinner on **Sunday, May 22** at 6 PM, sponsored by the youth participating in the mission trip to Jalanga, Dominican Republic. You'll enjoy authentic Dominican Republic cuisine served in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Tickets are on sale this month for \$10 per person.

*Lynne Jensen*

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## Attention All Youth 16 & Older! An Opportunity to Serve on the Vestry

The Vestry is seeking individuals who might be interested in serving a one-year term as a Vestry representative of the youth of the parish. To be eligible, you must be at least 16 years old as of May 15 and an active member of Christ Church. The youth representative on the Vestry is a full participating member of the Vestry who is entitled to vote on all matters considered by the group. If selected, the youth representative will be expected to regularly attend and participate in Vestry meetings, which start at 7 PM the second Thursday of every month, as well as other activities of the Vestry, including the annual Vestry retreat, which will take place on October 21-23.

The Vestry will vote on this representative at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12. If you are interested, please submit a brief biography, including ministry participation at Christ Church and a short paragraph about why you are interested in serving on the Vestry, to Andy Johnston ([ajohnston@mnat.com](mailto:ajohnston@mnat.com)) or Wilson Anthony ([wilsonpanthony@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonpanthony@gmail.com)) by **Wednesday, May 4** at 5 PM. Please refer all questions to Andy or Wilson. *Andy Johnston*

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## Vacation at Memorial House

The Parish Life Committee has reserved time for parishioners to enjoy fellowship at Memorial House—the Diocese of Delaware’s retreat center in Rehoboth Beach: Memorial Day weekend, **Friday, May 27-Monday, May 30** and **Friday, August 5-Friday, August 12**. The former summer home of Felix du Pont, Memorial House provides comfortable, air-conditioned accommodations nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Breakfast and dinner are included. For reservations, rates, and more information, please contact Kathy Moore at [memorialhouse@dioceseofdelaware.net](mailto:memorialhouse@dioceseofdelaware.net) or 656-5441.

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## Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, May 29



8 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10 AM Nursery Care  
11 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

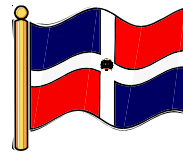
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## Ascension Day Celebration

Ascension Day is one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Church, putting it in the same category as Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, and All Saints’ Day. Please mark your calendar for this year’s service on **Thursday, June 2** at 7:30 PM in the Church as we celebrate this important holy day.

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## Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic



Sixteen youth and four adults will serve the people of Jalonga, Dominican Republic this summer from **June 25-July 2**. The adult leaders for the trip are Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Beth Faulkner, Brad du Pont, and John Crossan.

The youth and leaders met for a preparation retreat the weekend of April 15-16. During the retreat the group worked on their covenant, Spanish speaking skills, and preparation for the trip, with a lot of fun in between. The Rev. Juan George from Trinity Episcopal Church gave a presentation on the history and culture of the DR.

Part of the requirement for the youth participating in the mission trip is to take part in one of three planned service projects. The youth spent a morning serving at Friendship House in February, and in April they served at St. Michael’s School & Nursery. The group will serve at SOAR this month.

Join us for a Charcoal Pit fund-raiser night for the DR trip on **Monday, May 16**. Bring your family and enjoy a night out together. 15% of the proceeds from the evening will go the DR Youth mission trip. Flyers are available at church and online.

During the month of May, we will *collect baseball supplies for the people of Jalonga*. Balls and gloves are needed to take to the DR. Please leave your donations in the bins marked Jalonga. *Lynne Jensen*

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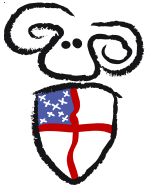
## Upcoming Baptismal Service

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be held on the Day of Pentecost, **Sunday, June 26** at 10 AM. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will take place on Saturday, June 25 at 10 AM in the Church. To participate in this service, please contact Jane Rubini in the Church Office at 655-3379 or [jrubini@christchurchde.org](mailto:jrubini@christchurchde.org).

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## Christ Church Episcopal Preschool Welcomes Spring!



It's been a long, cold winter, and spring has been late in arriving. Finally, however, we are able to play outdoors on our two state-of-the-art playgrounds and in our wonderful outdoor classroom. Classes are planting flowers and vegetables, exploring the buds and blooms of flowering trees, taking photos to document the changes in their "adopted trees," and just enjoying the warmth of the sun, which has been too long absent. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful campus that allows us to examine the natural beauty of our environment. We work hard to teach the children to care for the living things we see all around us—not to break branches from trees, nor to stomp on insects, but to marvel at the small creatures that are invisible unless we take the time to look closely.

If you know a child aged two to four who would enjoy and thrive in this kind of learning atmosphere, please let families know we have a small number of openings remaining for our fall classes. We would be happy to greet prospective parents and children, give them a tour of our amazing facility, and answer their questions about CCEP's curriculum. Help us spread the word about our remarkable preschool. *Jo Harney*

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### Muchas Gracias

La Comunidad Hispana was thrilled with the bounty the Easter Bunny delivered to them during Holy Week—colorful Easter baskets for 27 children, a box of food for each of the 12 families, and a gift card to Giant Food Store for fresh produce and meat. Plus, with the generosity of the parish, we were able to provide additional gift cards for future use at LCH's discretion. Thank you to all who helped provide for Easter celebrations for these families. *Barbara Cairns*

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### St. Michael's Benefit

All are welcome to attend St. Michael's "Preppy for Life or Just for a Night" party on **Saturday, May 14** at 6:30 PM at the University & Whist Club, 805 N. Broom Street, Wilmington. Tickets are \$100 (\$65 is tax deductible) and benefits St. Michael's Scholarship Fund. Hors d'oeuvres, carving stations, drinks, dessert, a silent auction, valet parking, casual modeling by local boutiques, and prizes for the best dressed preps are included! Call 656-3389 for tickets or order online at [www.stmichaelsde.org](http://www.stmichaelsde.org).

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## April Vestry Meeting Highlights

- Proposed designs and plans for the labyrinth were presented to the Vestry, who approved the labyrinth fund-raising plan as presented by the Labyrinth Committee.
- The Vestry approved the Outreach Committee's allocations that grant \$222,058 to 38 organizations for 2011.
- A letter from the Bishop to the Vestry regarding the Cathedral Church of St. John was discussed, as well as a proposal the Cathedral has made to Diocesan Council for financial support. The Vestry would like more background information, and no response to the Bishop was determined at this time.
- 2010 saw parish income at 4% over budget. 2011 pledging shows a 1% increase in pledges and dollars and the first increase since 2005. *Dana Robertson*

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## Episcopal Youth Event in Indianapolis this June

Becca Durgin, Max Holdsworth, and Lynne Jensen will be part of the Diocese of Delaware's delegation to the National Episcopal Youth Event **June 21-28**. The group will travel to Indianapolis by bus with other delegations from Province 3. There will be three full days of worship, sharing, praying, learning, singing, and working, calling participants into a greater awareness of and commitment to God's mission in the world. It will be followed by three days of mission, an opportunity for youth groups to engage in urban or rural mission. The Core Values of EYE are:

**Focusing** on Jesus Christ and his presence in our lives. EYE will provide an opportunity and create an environment where our young people and the adults who accompany them can continue to grow in their faith.

**Striving** to be a uniquely Episcopal Community and acknowledging that each person is a child of God and that we are called together into a full relationship with God and God's Creation, we claim that we are a sacramental people of common prayer with diverse understandings and cultural contexts, all of whom work together as the Body of Christ.

**Celebrating** our mission and our ministry as the Body of Christ in Community, we will offer training for young people and adults and equip them to be faithful servant leaders in their local and diocesan communities. *Lynne Jensen*

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## Children & Youth Ministries

### Sunday School Schedule for May and June

Mark your calendars! On June 5 we will celebrate Children & Youth Ministries. Teacher and graduating Senior Recognition and the giving of prayer books to 2nd graders will take place at this time. After the 10 AM service, there will be a potluck picnic on the lawn. Join us in a celebration of a wonderful year here at Christ Church!

- May 1** First Sunday – Children and youth attend worship.
- May 8** Godly Play children will be in Church for Baptisms at 9 AM, then in the Chapel for Chapel Chat with Ruth on “the Eucharist” at 10 AM. Youth and 3rd-5th grade programs will meet as usual at 10 AM in their classrooms.
- May 15** Annual Meeting Sunday – Children and youth attend worship.  
Annual Meeting at 10 AM – Youth attend the Annual Meeting.  
Special Children’s Music Event with Pete Moses at 10 AM in the Chapel
- May 22** Regular Schedule – last Children & Youth Enrichment
- May 29** Children and youth attend worship.
- June 5** Children & Youth Enrichment Sunday during 10 AM service, followed by a picnic
- June 12** Confirmation – Children and youth attend worship.
- June 19** Summer Children’s Program begins at 10 AM in the Chapel. The theme this summer will be “Knowing Jesus”—a whole new set of Godly Play stories just made available.



### Vacation Bible School – Pandamania!

Vacation Bible School will be **August 15-19** from 9 AM to 12 noon. This year’s theme is Pandamania! Bring your children to hear the stories of God with awesome music, games, crafts, and fun activities. Registration forms will be available mid-May. Register early as space is limited. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Lisa White, [lisachrist@aol.com](mailto:lisachrist@aol.com), or Lynne Jensen, [ljensen@christchurchde.org](mailto:ljensen@christchurchde.org), if you can help!

### Youth Ministry News

The **Rite-13 class** served breakfast at Friendship House on Sunday, April 3.

On Sunday, April 10 they hosted a **Hunger Banquet**. The room was set up with one table with beautiful place settings, one table with lots of great food from Boston Market, and one table with beans and rice and salad (no dressing). As each person entered, they were given a slip of paper with a name, what country they lived in, and which economic group they were in. There were the elite, middle class, and poverty level economic groups. The elite sat at the beautiful table and ate the wonderful food from Boston Market. The middle group could go to the beans and rice table as many times as they wanted. The poverty group could go to the beans and rice table only once and only after the middle group had already gone. There were several changes along the way, and some had to move from one group to another with the moving of their jobs to a new place, etc. In the end, the youth and their families were given the experience of hunger issues all over the world. Thanks to the Rite-13 teachers for putting together this wonderful eye-opening experience!

The J2A class had their first Parent and Youth Informational meeting for the **2012 Pilgrimage** on April 10. The next meeting will be held September 18 at 4 PM. Look for dates for several car wash fundraisers this summer for the pilgrimage!

25 youth and four leaders gathered at Camp Arrowhead for the **Confirmation** preparation weekend. The group spent the weekend exploring their faith through the Baptismal Covenant, the Creed, prayer, Bible study, and worship. Reflection time on Saturday night about the roadblocks that keep each of us from God was a very powerful experience for all. The youth bought and prepared all their own food, and there was plenty of time for fun, fellowship, and games.

The youth participating in the **mission trip to the DR** spent a day at St. Michael’s School & Nursery performing community service in April. The group spent the morning cleaning the parking lot and playground around St. Michael’s. They will participate in a service day at SOAR in May.

The **St. Agnes Choir** will rehearse on **Sundays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22** from 4 to 5 PM in the Chapel. The choir will sing on May 15 and June 5. *Lynne Jensen*

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## From the Christ Church Register

- Burial Office for Elizabeth S. E. Moran on April 1.
- Burial Office for Ellen Adair Sallee on April 2.
- Marriage of Catherine Ellen Dolan and Ronald Paul Kershner on April 16.

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## From the Prayer Ministry

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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## Editor's Note

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*Sherry Lawton-Fasic*

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