

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



FEBRUARY 18, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR PRACTICE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES. Each year in preparation for Easter, the Church calls us to a season of special intention and discipline—to renew the faithful following of Jesus. Lent is forty days for a kind of spring training as we exercise our faith. This Lent we encourage you to attend worship each week and participate in our Lenten program, “Where is God in All the Suffering?” on Wednesdays through March 20. If you need guidance in making a Lenten discipline, please speak to one of our clergy.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP & PARISH-WIDE MURAL PROJECT

Join us today from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls for an expanded Coffee & Community. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and a collaborative mural project. Folks of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in creating part of the mural that will be displayed in the Parish Center Education Wing. This is a great activity to do with your family and friends, and it's a way to make connections across the generations. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Our Grief Support Group meets today at 12 PM in the Commons Room and online. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend. Contact [Stacey Carpenter](#) for the Zoom link.

THE LENTEN JOURNEY: A SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC

Come experience the message of Lent in the simple beauty of our Chapel today at 4 PM as we explore the journey from the wilderness of our separation to our homecoming in the heart of God. Our worship includes music offered by the Christ Church Choir and readings selected from scripture and our spiritual ancestors.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? – FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 20

“Suffering affects us all. We live in a world filled with injustice, natural disasters, poverty, and pandemics. We experience grief, pain, and unfairness. We all want an explanation for these realities, and for many, they present a major barrier to belief in a loving God. How does the Christian faith speak to the human experience of suffering, and, wonderfully, offer real hope for us all?” – from *Where is God in All the Suffering?* by Amy Orr-Ewing. Please join us on the five Wednesdays in Lent beginning this Wednesday, February 21, as we discuss this book's themes and teachings. Ruth will lead our conversation alongside parish clergy and other community partners. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall C and conclude at 8 PM. Copies of the book are available for purchase, though you may participate without reading the book. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

JOIN OUR NEW MEN'S SMALL GROUP – FEBRUARY 22

A new small group is forming to gather men of Christ Church for fellowship and faith exploration. Join in an exploratory meeting at BBC Tavern & Grill in Greenville this Thursday, February 22, at 7 PM. We will discuss how to focus our time together, our meeting frequency, and where to hold future gatherings. Food will be provided for this first meeting, and men of all ages are invited to participate. Please RSVP to [Fr. Michael](#).

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SINGS THE MUSIC OF MAURICE DURUFLÉ – FEBRUARY 25

The Christ Church Choir with guest organist Nathan Laube, guest cellist Gloria dePasquale, and chamber ensemble will sing music of Maurice Duruflé next Sunday, February 25, at 4 PM in the Church. Works will include *Suite for Organ*, Op. 5, two *Quatre Motets*, and the *Requiem Mass* in a reflective concert this Lent. Soloists for the *Requiem Mass* are mezzo-soprano Sylvia Leith and bass-baritone Edmund Milly, both soloists from our December 2022 *Messiah* performance. Mr. Laube is Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and Ms. dePasquale is a recently retired, longtime member of the Philadelphia Orchestra cello section. This concert is open to all free of charge, and a freewill offering will be received. Click [here](#) to reserve your seats.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – FEBRUARY 26

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish, and all women are invited. The group will meet at Pizza by Elizabeths on Monday, February 26, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

SUBMIT A VESTRY NOMINATION BY MARCH 1

Do you feel called to serve your parish community as a member of the vestry or know someone who would make a great candidate? We are accepting nominations for next year's vestry class. The vestry serves many important roles in partnership with our rector. Key responsibilities include setting and enabling the long-term vision and purpose of the parish and ensuring its ongoing health and vitality through sound spiritual and financial stewardship of our congregation and beautiful campus. As part of this, setting ministry budget priorities is a key responsibility. If interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please contact any member of the vestry, including this year's outgoing class: [Louise Barton](#), [Sherri Howell](#), [Mike Rushlow](#), or [Suzanne Smith](#).

CHORAL EVENSONG – MARCH 3

Choral Evensong will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 4 PM in the Church and will include the Great Litany in Procession and music by Victor Judson Schramm, Philip Radcliffe, and Henry Purcell. David Schelat, Director of Music at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 6

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 6, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Bring a friend along for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

LGBTQ+ GATHERING – MARCH 8

All are welcome to join Christ Church's LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at Roi Barnard's home in Hockessin on Friday, March 8, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, please contact [Jordan Kinsey](#).

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE – AUGUST 2-9

Spend a week of fun with other members of Christ Church at Memorial House—the retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Delaware—from Friday, August 2 through Friday, August 9. The Rev. Stacey Carpenter will be our host for the week. Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Homemade meals are provided for breakfast and dinner, so you can relax, play, and connect with others, with nature, and with God. For more information or to make a reservation, click [here](#).

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click [here](#) to complete a short survey about your preferences and see your results immediately. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

Please help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip and may be ordered by clicking [here](#) or by calling the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Robert Morris Silliman
Mary Elliott and John Legaré O'Hear

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*
The Rev. Stacey Carpenter, *Priest Associate*
The Very Rev. William Lane, The Rev. Calhoun Wick, *Pastoral Associates*

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