

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 7, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

**OUR EMMANUEL DINING ROOM MINISTRY.** Emmanuel Dining Room serves meals to the homeless and needy in downtown Wilmington. Men in the parish meet at the church to cook for Emmanuel Dining Room West (2nd and Jackson Streets) on the 1st of odd-numbered months. Groups, individuals, men and women, children and youth share the ministry of cooking and serving at Emmanuel Dining Room East (3rd and Walnut Streets) on the 22nd of every month. For more information about this ministry or to volunteer your time, please contact [Hal Schneikert](#) or [Marge Hardham](#).

## CHORAL EVENSONG – TODAY

Choral Evensong will be offered today at 4 PM in the Chapel with the Christ Church Choir and will include music by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, and Peter Aston. Parker Kitterman, Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church in Philadelphia, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Please join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

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## LUNCH AND A PERFORMANCE BY CAMERA OSCURA – WEDNESDAY

Join us for lunch and a performance by period instrument ensemble, Camera Oscura, this Wednesday, April 10. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by the performance. Musicians will offer commentary on the chamber music pieces, answer questions, and introduce us to their historic instruments. Just as the “camera obscura” reveals worlds through a pinhole, Camera Oscura will reveal the hidden worlds of 17th and 18th century chamber music. This event is sponsored by the Elder Ministry, but all ages are welcome. Bring a friend for worship, conversation, a light lunch, and this unique performance. A suggested donation of \$8 to help defray the cost of lunch is appreciated. Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

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## LGBTQ+ GATHERING – THURSDAY

All are welcome to join Christ Church’s LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d’oeuvres and fellowship at Joan Marsh’s home in Wilmington this Thursday, April 11, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, please email [Jordan Kinsey](#).

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## NEWCOMERS: BELONG – APRIL 14, 21, & 28

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join clergy and other newcomers for a 3-part series called Belong on Sundays, April 14, 21, and 28, from 9:30 to 10:15 AM. Participants will make connections with other new people, learn about Christ Church, and find places of belonging here. We will meet in the Commons Room, just downstairs from the Chapel.

## MONTHLY 175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT – APRIL 14 & 19

Our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services continues this year as we address food insecurity in Wilmington with two opportunities to participate each month.

**Donations Needed on April 14:** On second Sundays, we collect items to donate to Lutheran Community Services: toilet paper, children's diapers, adult pull-up diapers, feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Please place donations in the baskets at the back of the Church and Chapel. Items will be presented during worship and taken to Lutheran Community Services to be distributed during Christ Church's monthly volunteer opportunity.

**Volunteer on April 19:** On third Fridays, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and then distribute them to the cars of program participants at LCS headquarters in Wilmington. All ages are welcome, but younger children must be under parental supervision. Click [here](#) to sign up.

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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING – APRIL 14

New and current Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to a training session next Sunday, April 14, following the 10:30 AM service in the Church. We will review current protocols for serving the chalice, reading scripture, and leading the prayers and discuss the requirements of this ministry. To RSVP for the session, email [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

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## EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – APRIL 17, 24, MAY 8, & 15

Adults interested in being baptized on May 19 or confirmed on June 2 are invited to attend our spring series, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Classes will take place on Wednesdays, April 17, 24, May 8, and 15, from 6:30 to 8 PM in the Commons Room. Each evening begins with a shared meal in Parish Hall A, followed by conversation on the award-winning book, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*. Together, we will explore life rooted in the Episcopal tradition through a discussion of church history, holy scripture, worship, and doctrine. Click [here](#) to register for the series.

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## ANSWERING GOD'S CALL – APRIL 17, 24, MAY 8, & 15

The Easter season scriptures describe how the earliest followers of Jesus continued his call to make God visible in the world. Like Christ's first followers, we contemplate questions such as, "How am I called to participate in God's life? How do I discern God's plan for me?" – from *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance* by Kurt Senske. Join the Rev. Stacey Carpenter on Wednesdays, April 17, 24, May 8, and 15, when she will use Senske's book to guide discussion that enables participants to create a road map for God's call in their lives. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall A 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 and invite friends from outside the congregation to participate as well.

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## LITERACY DELAWARE'S SCRABBLE™ ALONG THE BRANDYWINE – APRIL 19

Tickets are on sale now for Literacy Delaware's SCRABBLE™ Along the Brandywine fundraiser on Friday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in Christ Church's Parish Hall. This is no ordinary game of SCRABBLE™! Teams of up to six players receive the same set of SCRABBLE™ tiles, and teammates work collaboratively to build the highest scoring board for each of three rounds. The top three highest scoring teams will be recognized. Join in the fun and purchase your tickets today to help advance literacy through training, tutoring, English language acquisition, and advocacy for all Delawareans. Click [here](#) for information.

### **EXTENDING EASTER'S JOY – APRIL 21**

Extend Easter's joy with festive food, fellowship, and a fluffy animal petting zoo on Sunday, April 21, from 9:30 to 10:15 AM. All are invited to participate in this time of intergenerational fun. Join us for breakfast in the Parish Hall and enjoy the petting zoo outside in the circle drive. Come meet Mason Cruz, our new Minister for Children & Youth, share a smile at the petting zoo, and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast with friends and family.

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### **EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS – APRIL 21**

Easter Lessons & Carols will be held on Sunday, April 21, at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir, senior Choristers, organ, brass, and timpani. This service brings together many traditional elements of Christian worship in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Through readings, carols, and congregational hymns, we recall the prophecies and events leading up to and following Jesus' resurrection and conclude by looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

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### **FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – APRIL 21-27**

Christ Church has the pleasure of hosting families from the Family Promise Network during the week of April 21-27. Family Promise uses a holistic approach with families experiencing homelessness to provide safe shelter and assist with permanent housing. Families stay overnight in the Family Promise Hospitality Center on Milltown Road, and volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver meals there each evening and to pick up items for families during the week. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

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### **APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION**

April's collection benefits those in the programs at the Wilmington Senior Center. Shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorant for men and women, canned goods, and disinfecting wipes may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

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### **A SCREENING OF *THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN* – MAY 1**

Christ Church Christiana Hundred and St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church will co-sponsor a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* on Wednesday, May 1, at 6 PM in Christ Church's Parish Hall. In an act of canonical disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomed them, but change was no small task. After the ordinations, the women experienced hostility as well as encouragement. This feature-length documentary tells the story of these women who succeeded in building a movement that transformed the Church. One of the Philadelphia Eleven, the Rev. Nancy Wittig, will be with us for discussion following the screening. Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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### **RECYCLE YOUR FLEXIBLE PLASTICS AND HELP THE HOMELESS – MAY 11**

Christ Church's Creations Care Team will host a flexible plastics collection event in the circle drive entrance of the Parish Center on Saturday, May 11, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Bring your **clean and dry plastic shopping bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable storage bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers** to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. Help us help those in our community as we care for our planet by recycling flexible plastics. For information on Christ Church's Creations Care ministry, click [here](#).

*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.

### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of  
John Mark and Janet Craigie Attix  
and in loving memory of  
Ron Ingham

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### **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*

### **LAY MINISTRY STAFF**

Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*  
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*  
Denise Gilliam, *Interim Head of School*  
Jo Harney, *Director of Choristers*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*  
Terri Carpe, *Finance Manager*  
Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*  
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*  
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*  
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*  
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*  
Deborah Webb, *Communications Associate/Graphic Designer*  
Leroy Folks, Andy Marine, Charles Parfitt-Simpson, *Sextons*

### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Michael Flynn, *Senior Warden*; Suzanne Smith, '24, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; Alexander Maynard, *Youth Representative*  
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Louise Barton, '24; Audrey Bruce, '25; Sherri Howell, '24  
Ted Ledden, '25; Scott Nickle, '26; Eliza Phillips, '25; Bart Reese, '25  
Mike Rushlow, '24; Jaqueline Whalen, '26; Alexia Wolf, '26

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