

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 14, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

PARISH FELLOWSHIP. The dedicated members of our Parish Fellowship Ministry provide opportunities for hospitality and fellowship aimed at renewing and refreshing our minds and spirits. This year, the group will host some of our favorite events like a night at the Blue Rocks game in July, our annual week at Memorial House in August, and the parish picnic in September. Please check upcoming bulletins for details on these and other events. For more information or to join the Parish Fellowship Ministry, contact [Audrey Bruce](#) or [Suzanne Smith](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

MONTHLY 175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT

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 Today, 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 this Friday, 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.

NEWCOMERS: BELONG – BEGINS TODAY

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. Please join us!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING – TODAY

New and current Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to a training session today, 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. Children, youth, and adults are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

EXTENDING EASTER’S JOY – APRIL 21

Extend Easter’s joy with festive food, fellowship, and a fluffy animal petting zoo next 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – APRIL 21

Our Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, April 21, 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.

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS – APRIL 21

Easter Lessons & Carols will be held next 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.

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.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – APRIL 22

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, April 22, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MAY 1

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, May 1, 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.

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.

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](#).

VESTRY ELECTIONS – THROUGH MAY 16

Voting for this year's vestry elections is available online and by paper ballot. To vote online using your email address on file in our parish database, click [here](#). To vote by paper ballot, request one from the parish office or pick up a ballot after services on Sundays, May 5 or 12, and return it to the parish office by Thursday, May 16. The parish voting list is available both online and in the parish office and contains persons eligible to vote in the elections according to our bylaws. This year's candidates nominated for election to the work of leadership as your Vestry are: Cindi Cozza, Barbara King, Thorpe Moeckel, Jamie Poston, Chris Scott, and Lynette Turner. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 19.

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
Bryant P. and Virginia M. Lindley

and in loving memory of
Richard and Kay King
Pat and Lillian Reilly, Sam and Bell King
Harry and Hazel Williams, Francis (Nick) du Pont

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Deborah Bonkowski

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*

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