

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 28, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE USE OF OUR LABYRINTH. Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many “Walk as One at 1” local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This is a great opportunity to walk the Christ Church Labyrinth. Simple instructions for its use are found on the stone pillar to the right of the labyrinth entrance. World Labyrinth Day is an international annual event, held on May 4 this year. We invite you to join your fellow parishioners who have discovered how this stone treasure can deepen and illuminate our prayer life as one traces the circular pathway to the center and out again. For more information, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

2024 GREEN SHOW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – TODAY

Join us today, April 28, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall during Coffee & Community as we begin to organize the 2024 Green Show, to be held on December 6 and 7. Have you ever thought about volunteering for a leadership role? Have you chaired a department in the past and are interested in a new role this year? Come learn about the many ways you can be involved in this annual Christ Church tradition. Can't attend today but want to volunteer? Please contact [Nancy Greenberg](#) for information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MAY 1

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this 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. Join us 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* this 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.

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL GALA – MAY 10

CCEP's Spring Garden Soirée fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 10, at 7 PM at Greenville Country Club, and all are invited to attend. This adults-only event celebrates our amazing preschool with music by the Philly Keys, food and drinks, great raffle prizes, and lively bidding on classroom items created by our children. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets. All proceeds support our school programs.

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](#).

CHORAL EVENSONG – MAY 12

Treat your mom on Mother's Day by bringing her to church to hear beautiful choral music. The Christ Church Choir and clergy will offer Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 12, at 4 PM in the Church with music by Howard Helvey, Margaret Burk, George Dyson, and Gerald Finzi. Cameron Kuzepski, Principal Cathedral Organist at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Maryland, will play at organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION – BY MAY 16

Voting for this year's vestry election 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 election according to our bylaws. This year's candidates nominated for 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.

ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION – MAY 19

Our Parish Day Annual Meeting Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 19, following the 9 AM service. (On this day, we will have only two services—8 AM in the Chapel and 9 AM in the Church.) The whole community is invited to gather in the Parish Halls for the 176th annual meeting of our parish and a celebration of our many blessings. Child care will be provided for young children, and lunch will be served for everyone at 11:45 AM. Please plan to join us for this important day in the life of our parish!

APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

April's collection to benefit the Wilmington Senior Center concludes this week. Please leave your donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorant for men and women, canned goods, and disinfecting wipes in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SINGS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, FIFTH AVENUE – JUNE 16

The Christ Church Choir will sing the morning Eucharist at 11 AM and Choral Evensong at 4 PM at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, in New York City on Sunday, June 16. If you will be in the area or want a reason to spend a day in New York while supporting our Choir, we would love to see you there! Long a flagship of excellence in worship, preaching, and music, St. Thomas Church is home to a boarding school for the boys who sing in the renowned Choir of Men and Boys. The connection between Christ Church and St. Thomas began decades ago with the close friendship of retired Christ Church Organist and Choir Director, William Owen, and St. Thomas Organist and Master of the Choristers, Gerre Hancock. Gerre visited Christ Church on several occasions, including an appearance on the inaugural series of the Brombaugh Organ in the Church. Join us for a day in NYC!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BLUE ROCKS – JULY 26

Join us at Frawley Stadium this summer for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday, July 26, versus the Hudson Valley Renegades. The game begins at 6:35 PM, and there will be fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$14 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [here](#) to reserve your seats for a night of fun and fellowship with your Christ Church family.

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. You'll 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!

CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAGS

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. If you don't have one, click [here](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379 to place an order. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Rod and Fran Waugh
and in loving memory of
Sam, Dot, and Bill Melcher
Edie, Bob, and Jimmy Patterson

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*

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*
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Ted Ledden, '25; Scott Nickle, '26; Eliza Phillips, '25; Bart Reese, '25
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