

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 12, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. At Christ Church we are committed to building a sustainable and strategic ministry that will have a deep impact in the future. That's why we invited Ministry Architects, a church-focused consulting organization, to partner with us as we work to increase the health and vitality of our parish. Members served on the Strategic Planning Team and set key goals and benchmarks for the next five years. The plan was adopted by the Vestry and then presented to the parish at last year's annual meeting. Since then, the Renovation Team has been working with parish clergy and staff to implement various elements of the plan and have accomplished a number of benchmarks. Clergy and staff, the Strategic Planning Team, Renovation Team, and Vestry participated in strategy sessions with our consultants this past week as we focus on the long-term success of our parish. Come learn more at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 19. For complete details on the strategic planning process, click [here](#).

THIS MORNING AT CHRIST CHURCH

PICK UP A BALLOT OR VOTE ONLINE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTIONS

In this bulletin, you will find information on this year's candidates nominated for election to the work of leadership as your Vestry. Pick up a ballot after services today and return it to the parish office or click [here](#) to vote online by Thursday, May 16. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 19.

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, May 12: 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 Friday, May 17: On third Fridays, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags and then distribute them to the cars of program participants at LCS headquarters. Click [here](#) to sign up.

RITE-13 CELEBRATION

This morning we present three 7th graders from our parish during our Rite-13 Celebration at the 10:30 AM service. The Rite-13 liturgy is a rite of passage from childhood into adolescence on the journey to adulthood. Next year, these youth will prepare for Confirmation. Participating in today's service are Walter Fiechter, Cameron Grundner, and Eliza Nichols. 6th and 7th grade youth leaders are Laurie Miles and Bobbin Tuleya.

THIS AFTERNOON AT CHRIST CHURCH
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Our Grief Support Group will meet today, May 12, at 12 PM via Zoom. 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong will be sung by the Christ Church Choir today at 4 PM in the Church with music by Howard Helvey, Bernard Rose, Herbert Brewer, and Gerald Finzi. Cameron Kuzepski, Principal Cathedral Organist at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Maryland, will play at organ prelude at 3:30 PM. Treat your mom to beautiful choral music this Mother's Day, and join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

LGBTQ+ GATHERING – MAY 18

All are welcome to join Christ Church's LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at Jordan Kinsey's home in Wilmington on Saturday, May 18, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, email [Jordan](#).

ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION WITH 8 & 9 AM SERVICES ONLY – MAY 19

Our Parish Day Annual Meeting Celebration will take place next 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!

DINE WITH THE LADIES – MAY 20

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This month, the group will meet at Cromwell's Tavern on Monday, May 20, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – MAY 26, JULY 7, & SEPTEMBER 1

On three holiday weekends this summer, May 26, July 7, and September 1, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for these services of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages. On all other Sundays this summer, our two 9 AM congregations combine into one in the Chapel, and our 8 and 10:30 AM services continue as scheduled each week.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During May, our collection benefits children and youth in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and in the village of Jalonga, Dominican Republic. Donations of athletic equipment for those 4 and under, baseball gloves, bats, balls, and jump ropes for older children, water bottles, granola bars, pop tarts, and small boxes of cereal may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Robert S. Lovett II

GODLY PLAY SHOW AND TELL – JUNE 1

Join us on Saturday, June 1, to experience Godly Play with master storyteller, Laurel Mosteller. Laurel has led Godly Play for more than 30 years in Episcopal congregations in the Philadelphia area. Beginning at 10 AM in the Education Wing of the Parish Center, families with young children, aged 3 to 7, are invited to share a story, giving parents a greater understanding of our formation ministry. Those who lead Godly Play and those interested in supporting our Sunday children's ministry meet with Laurel at 11:15 for an hour-long discussion of this Montessori approach to children's spiritual formation, with lunch following for those who wish to stay. Click [here](#) to RSVP and join in as we help our children share this wonderful faith.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: A WRITING WORKSHOP – JUNE 1

We are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Scott Gunn, executive director of Forward Movement, to Christ Church on Saturday, June 1. Scott will lead a workshop from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Parish Hall on devotional writing as a spiritual practice. Come learn from him about the joy and pleasure of writing and reading daily devotionals, spiritual poetry, journaling, and hymn texts, among other creative expressions. Each participant will have the opportunity to workshop their own writing and, as desired, share with others. Later this year, attendees will be empowered to contribute to a parish-wide daily devotional for Advent 2024. The cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch from Janssen's. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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 MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Show off your church spirit with Christ Church merchandise available for purchase. Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, 175th anniversary polo shirts, and more. Click [here](#) to place your order.

OUR 2024 VESTRY NOMINEES



Cynthia L. Cozza – Although raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, maternal relatives shared the richness, depth, and beauty of their Anglican heritage with Cindi throughout her upbringing. After moving to Delaware in 1989, she embraced Protestant Christianity, joining a United Methodist Church where she actively served on leadership and ministry teams. In 2018, a desire for weekly celebration of the Eucharist led her to the Episcopal Church, and she was received as a member of Christ Church in 2022. With a deep commitment to children with learning differences, Cindi utilized her master's degrees in speech/language pathology and special education throughout her 30-year career. She attributes her strong personal relationship with

God as the crucial bedrock in her leadership roles as a school administrator at The Pilot School in Wilmington. Given increasing family caretaking responsibilities, she transitioned from professional life in 2022. Over the years, Cindi has felt called to ordained ministry and looks to discern that call within our faith community. Insights gained through our Choral and Holy Land pilgrimages and participation in Thursday morning Bible study, small group study, various Adult Formation series, and the Education for Ministry (EfM) program have inspired, fortified, and deepened her faith. Soon she begins classes at the Stevenson School for Ministry for continued spiritual growth and possible vocational preparation. Cindi serves on the Renovation Team, is an Evening Prayer leader, lector, Eucharistic minister, and enjoys Green Show wreath-making. She is a member of Diocesan Council, a delegate to Annual Convention, and has been the volunteer coordinator and an advisor to the bishop for the diocesan Pain & Prayer Project. Alongside her adult daughter, Caitlin, her soul is filled by prayer, reading, journaling, outdoor recreation, and traveling. Cindi was privileged to hold a vestry position at Grace Episcopal Church, equipping her with beneficial experience. She hopes to bring her devotion to Christ's vision and mission for Christ Church and her heart for collaborative, Spirit-led service in the Wilmington community to the vestry.



Barbara S. King – Barbara was led to faith in Jesus Christ as a child by her parents, the late Rev. Dr. James M. Singer and Phyllis Singer. She grew up in the Lutheran tradition in churches her father served. She was born in Alexandria, Virginia and raised in the mid-Atlantic states. Barbara earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Delaware. As Barbara moved about as an adult, she attended churches of different denominations (Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian) and found God's joy in each of them. She followed her husband, Dale King, into membership at Christ Church in January 2022 and enjoys meeting new friends and serving God and our congregation as a Eucharistic minister and lector. Barbara and Dale have two adult

children (both married), two granddaughters, and two noisy but sweet dogs. Happily for Barbara, all of them live close by (especially the dogs). She is also blessed spending time with her elderly mother. In 2017, Barbara retired from a career in managing risk in payment systems. She is thankful for the knowledge and skills she developed in her work life, and she is pleased applying those skills to work in God's kingdom. While a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin, she served as vice president of council (Lutheran version of the vestry), leader of the mutual ministry team, and in various other lay leadership capacities. She is currently the president of the board of trustees for Lutheran Community Services (LCS), one of the organizations Christ Church supports through our outreach ministry. Barbara will transition to president emeritus at LCS in May 2024. Barbara is eager to listen to the needs of Christ Church members and help discern how those needs can continue to be met. She is also eager to help members connect to ministries that will allow them to live out their individual callings.



Richard Thorpe Moeckel – Thorpe was born and raised in Wilmington. His family attended the Cathedral Church of St. John where Thorpe was baptized and confirmed and where he and his wife Peggy were married. The Moeckels joined Christ Church when their children were young and began attending Sunday school. Their children are now grown and live outside of the area, and two of three grandchildren were baptized at Christ Church. Recently retired from a long career in design and construction, Thorpe maintains a part-time position as senior director of development for Wohlsen Construction, one of the mid-Atlantic's leading construction services companies. Thorpe is a weekly attendee at the Thursday morning Eucharist and Bible study. He

served on the Chapel Restoration and Chapel Organ Committees and is currently a member of the Property Committee. Thorpe has been very active in past service to our community serving as a 15-year trustee of the Tatnall School (5 years as board chair), 10-year trustee of the Delaware College of Art & Design (5 years as board chair), trustee of the Choir School of Delaware, board member of the University of Delaware Alumni Association (3 years as president), and board member of the Delaware Theatre Company. Currently, Thorpe is on the board of directors of the Wilmington Rotary Club and is a trustee, member of the Executive Committee, and chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art. Thorpe is honored to be considered for membership on the vestry. He is excited for the opportunity to share his experience in community service along with his work in design and construction, with a particular interest in the stewardship of Christ Church's historic buildings and property.



James L. Poston – Jamie has been a member of the Christ Church community since 2012, and both of his daughters, Adrienne and Alexis, were baptized here and are active in the children's ministry and chorister program. A native Delawarean, Jamie was initially introduced to Christ Church by close friends who were members and felt an immediate connection and draw to the church community. At Christ Church, Jamie has served as a Eucharistic minister and usher, in the Parish Fellowship ministry coordinating Lemonade on the Lawn, as a chorister parent, a member of the Children & Youth Ministry Team, and is a teacher in the Godly Play 4th-5th grade classroom. He has also enjoyed participating and volunteering with the men's small group and at the Green Show. Jamie is a graduate of the University of Delaware for both his undergraduate and master's degree in physical therapy and the University of Montana for his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. He has enjoyed a 25-year career as an orthopedic physical therapist for nonprofit health systems in both Wilmington and Philadelphia and has contributed as a clinical manager overseeing the Wilmington Hospital outpatient therapy department. In addition, Jamie served as a primary faculty mentor for MossRehab's orthopedic physical therapy residency program and as a founding governance board member for the Einstein Spine Institute, both in Philadelphia. Personally and professionally, Jamie believes in a life that is based on service to others and is grateful to see his daughters grow up in the church and, together with their church family, learn those same principles of service, faith, love, charity, humility, and grace. He is honored to be nominated for the vestry and is excited to help promote the growth, tradition, and outreach of Christ Church Christiana Hundred.



Christopher D. Scott – Following his divorce, Chris joined Christ Church with his daughter, Amelia, where she was baptized in September 2022 and he was confirmed in October 2023. Having been baptized Methodist and raised Quaker, Chris appreciates the richness of the Episcopal tradition all the more for having found it later in life after much searching. He regards his Confirmation as one of the best days of his life. He regularly attends the 8 AM service, often joined by his parents and daughter as a multigenerational family, and he frequently serves as an acolyte at this service. This year, he had the privilege of serving on the Outreach Committee, where he drew on his work experience to review grant applications and allocate funds to local nonprofits.

In his free time, he enjoys distance running, reading, and hiking. Chris earned his MBA while working full-time and is currently employed as a quality associate within the compliance department of a large bank. He has prior experience in loan underwriting, government programs, and fraud investigations, as well as a decade in sales management. He hopes to bring his business acumen and eye for detail to the vestry. If elected, Chris will focus on two areas that he believes are especially important: finding ways to integrate more young families into the parish and increasing parishioner involvement with local charities. Chris is honored to have been nominated and looks forward to this opportunity to serve.



B. Lynette Turner – Lynette was born and raised in Virginia and confirmed at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Orange Park, Florida in 1982. In 1997, she became a member of Christ Church, where she sang in the St. Cecilia Choir and participated in small groups. Currently, she serves on the Outreach Committee and the Elder and Parish Fellowship ministry teams. She is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, co-facilitator of our Women's Bible Study on first and third Fridays of the month, and is a member of Books, Brew, & Banter. In her community, she has served as secretary and president of the board of her condominium association. In 2011, Lynette retired after 39 years with Amtrak, having worked in various departments of the corporation. She has

gained vital experience in collaborating with many diverse groups, which enhanced her development of leadership skills professionally and in volunteerism. She received formal training from Hospice of Northeast Florida and served as a Hospice volunteer. Also, she has received formal training for The Stephen Ministry at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, Pennsylvania. She believes that both organizations helped foster her sense of empathy and compassion. At an early age, Lynette began developing her faith. She considers it a key responsibility to continue to grow our faith in Jesus Christ, both in the Church and in our community. She is very grateful for our clergy's leadership, our church office staff, and our director of music's ability to enrich our music ministry. Having been engaged in various ministries and committees at Christ Church over the years, Lynette appreciates the hard work and support of our parishioners. She strongly believes in everyone using their gifts and talents for the Lord and continuing to nurture our growth for now and generations to come.

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.



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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*
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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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