

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 19, 2024

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR VESTRY. The Vestry is the group of elected lay leaders of our parish who work with the rector and her staff in setting the direction and vision for Christ Church. This is the work of spiritual leadership as we discern God's desire for our common life. The Vestry holds the responsibility for the faithful management of property and finance as a corporation in the State of Delaware and a congregation in the Episcopal Church in Delaware and oversees all the ministries of the parish. Its members respond to the calling of leadership, oversight, and management, bringing diverse talents and experiences to the task, guided by scripture and holy conversation and empowered by the Spirit in carrying out God's mission. During today's annual meeting, we will recognize those completing vestry service and announce and commission those newly elected to the Vestry.

BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 9 AM SERVICE

Clarissa Estelle De Rosa, daughter of Alex and Charlotte De Rosa
Thomas Coleman du Pont, son of James and Ashley du Pont
Eleanor Rose Golden, daughter of Ben Golden and Jamie Grivas
Emily Elizabeth Lauzen and William Joseph Lauzen, children of Ted and Sarah Lauzen
Clara Jane Lyons and June Elizabeth Lyons, children of Dave and Anne Lyons
Kai Tristan McCauley, son of Lauren McCauley
Gustaf James Quagliata, son of Luke and Sara Quagliata
Robert McGill Sawyer, son of Chip and Susie Sawyer

ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION TODAY

Our Annual Meeting Celebration takes place today in the Parish Halls following the 9 AM service. Join us as we celebrate our many blessings, share news of Christ Church's strategic plan, our property and finances, and look at the year ahead. Child care will be provided for young children, and lunch will be served for everyone at 11:45 AM.

DINE WITH THE LADIES TOMORROW

Each month a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies at Cromwell's Tavern tomorrow, May 20, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN NEXT SUNDAY

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 unite in the Chapel, combining the style of this year's SANCTUARY and ARK worship. Our Saturday 5 PM service in the Chapel and Sunday 8 and 10:30 AM services in the Church continue as scheduled each week, and children and youth are welcome at all services.

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.

GODLY PLAY SHOW AND TELL FOR PARENTS – 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG – JUNE 2

Please join the Christ Church Choir and clergy as they sing Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 2, at 4 PM in the Church. This ancient service of scripture, prayer, and music includes works by Robert Lehman, Bernard Rose, Herbert Howells, Gerald Finzi, and Thomas Matthews. Our director of music, Bruce Barber, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – JUNE 5

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, June 5, 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.

JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH/CCEP TEAM AT THE HIGHMARK WALK – JUNE 8

On Saturday, June 8, we come together as church and preschool to walk on behalf of Friendship House at the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park in Wilmington at 8:30 AM. The walk allows us to gather together and share in our common values of community, care, growth, and service. Our team's goal is to have 20 walkers and raise \$2,000 this year. Come walk with us or consider making a donation! The walk benefits other local nonprofits as well, including St. Michael's School & Nursery—another agency funded by the Christ Church Outreach Committee. Click [here](#) to register to walk with the Christ Church/Christ Church Episcopal Preschool team or donate to one of the participating agencies.

HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO KING OF PRUSSIA MALL – JUNE 8

All high schoolers and Dominican Republic trip participants are invited to the King of Prussia Mall on Saturday, June 8. We will meet at the Church at 10 AM and head to the third largest mall in the United States. Whether you need to grab some last-minute items for the DR trip, are looking for a new summer wardrobe, or just want to have fun and browse, come join us! We will return just in time for the 5 PM service in the Chapel. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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
Richard A. Dobbs
Anne H. Brown and Robert M. Brown
Elizabeth T. B. Pierson, Roger A. Fenimore
Christine J. B. Dobbs and Herbert E. Dobbs

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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