CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 6, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR NOTES OF CARE MINISTRY. Our congregation is committed to following Jesus in service and to fulfilling the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. One of the ways we do this is through our Notes of Care ministry. Volunteers write personal notes to parishioners experiencing a major life event. This small act of kindness to those in need or who are celebrating a joyful occasion reminds them that they are loved and cared for by their parish family. This past year, more than 100 notes were written by 14 volunteers. In addition, approximately 200 birthday cards were sent to parishioners 75 and older. If you know someone who would appreciate a Note of Care or for more information about serving as a volunteer who can occasionally assist with this ministry, contact Marty Rushlow or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC - TODAY

Experience the message of Lent in this contemplative service at 4 PM today in the Church. Patterned after the Anglican Service of Lessons & Carols, worship includes readings from scripture and from the spiritual writings of Henri Nouwen and music offered by the Christ Church Choir. An organ prelude begins at 3:30 PM.

EASTER BASKETS & APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

Return Easter Baskets Today: Those who volunteered to fill an Easter basket for children and youth at the YWCA's Home Life Management Center are asked to drop off their basket to Christ Church today so it may be distributed in time for Easter.

April's outreach collection benefits Wilmington Senior Center participants. Donations of 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.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER - SUBMIT NAMES BY TOMORROW

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, please submit your names and contribute <u>online</u> or drop off a check to the parish office along with your memorial names by tomorrow, April 7. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

KNOWING GOD: WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES - APRIL 9

The last session in our Lenten series takes place this Wednesday, April 9, and explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by discussion from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP.

SPRING CLEANUP AT CHRIST CHURCH - APRIL 12

Join our Dominican Republic youth missioners, Men's Ministry, and Creations Care Ministry as we spruce up the Christ Church grounds in time for Easter. Bring your work gloves and rakes and help with our spring cleanup on Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 12 PM (weather permitting). Children 3-12 years old can join our fun scavenger hunt cleanup from 9 to 10 AM. Sign up to help.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church
9:00 AM ARK Worship in the Chapel
9:00 AM SANCTUARY Worship in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross
available Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:00 PM All Ages Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Chapel 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Church followed by the Watch in the Chapel until 12 AM

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Bishop Brown in the Church and livestreamed to our website 5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel 7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center

Easter Day, April 20

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel
8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery
9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - APRIL 13

This month's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, April 13, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online by Zoom.

ALL AGES INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – APRIL 13-19

Follow the story of Jesus' death and resurrection from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial through hands-on, multisensory stations available on the path to the labyrinth from Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to experience this powerful offering.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION WITH CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY - APRIL 16

Participate in the sacramental Rite of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, and experience God's mercy and grace. All in search of healing and forgiveness are welcome to make a personal confession with one of the Christ Church clergy on the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16. Sign up for a 20-minute time slot.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WATCH - APRIL 17 & 19

As Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane shortly before his arrest, he asked his disciples to keep vigil with him—to stay awake and support him in his hour of need. You are invited to keep watch in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday, April 17, from 8 PM to midnight, following the 7 PM service in the Church. Then on Holy Saturday, April 19, we invite you to participate in an overnight vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center from 7:30 PM to 6 AM as we await Christ's victory over death with the lighting of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil. Sign up for an hour or two on one or both dates.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: PLEASE COMPLETE OUR PARISH SURVEY – BY APRIL 22

One goal of our strategic plan is to grow deeper relationships with God and with others, following Jesus Christ. Please help us measure our parish progress toward that goal in understanding parishioner contentment, engagement, and sentiment about the parish and our mission by taking our parish survey. Parish leaders will review the feedback and report on the results at Christ Church's annual meeting on Sunday, May 18.



EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY HELP NEEDED - APRIL 22

We deliver Easter flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 100 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Tuesday, April 22, between 9:30 and 10 AM, we need drivers willing to help with the distribution (anyone with a vehicle, driver's license, and a little time to spare). This simple act of pastoral care brings cheer to those who need it most. Contact <u>Jane Rubini</u> to volunteer.

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Explore service opportunities here at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need with Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool. Visit our website to complete a 3-minute survey about your preferences and receive your results immediately. You are not making a commitment by taking the survey; you are simply exploring areas that may be of interest to you. 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!

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 Dennis Reilly, Sam and Bell King Harry and Hazel Williams, Francis (Nick) du Pont

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. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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