

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 11, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

CHRIST CHURCH'S STRATEGIC PLAN. At Christ Church we are committed to building a sustainable and strategic ministry that will have a deep impact in the future. In 2022, members served on the Strategic Planning Team and set key goals and benchmarks for the next five years, as we work to increase the health and vitality of our parish. Other members served on the Renovation Team and worked with parish clergy, staff, and ministry leaders to implement the various elements of the plan and accomplish a number of the first-year benchmarks. Now, work continues with members of our Vestry as we focus on the second-year benchmarks and the long-term success of our parish. Come learn more at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 18. For details on Christ Church's Strategic Plan, please visit our [website](#).

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

In this bulletin, you will find information on this year's vestry nominees. Pick up a ballot after services today and return it to the parish office or [vote online](#) by this Thursday, May 15. The parish voting list is available online and in the parish office and contains those eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 18.

RITE-13 CELEBRATION TODAY

This morning we present five 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 Phoebe Burke, Elizabeth "Libby" Carr, Carla de Cos, Blaze DeCostanza, and William Hearn. 6th and 7th grade youth leaders are Shelley Kinsella and Bobbin Tuleya.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING TODAY

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend today's Grief Support Group meeting at 12 PM in the Commons Room or by [Zoom](#).

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS TODAY

Treat your mom this Mother's Day by bringing her to Easter Lessons & Carols today 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.

ITTY BITTY YOGIS AT CCEP & CCCH – MAY 14 & 21

Join with other moms from Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool for mom and baby yoga classes. Focus on gentle postures that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being and breathing practices that help calm the mind and reduce stress while bonding with your infant. Itty Bitty Yogis classes will be held on Wednesdays, May 14 and 21, from 10 to 10:45 AM in Parish Hall C. The cost is \$15 per session. Bring a yoga mat and a blanket for your baby, and [RSVP](#) for the sessions you will attend.

EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – MAY 14, 21, & 28

Adults interested in being confirmed on June 1 or baptized on June 8 are invited to attend our spring series, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Remaining classes take place on Wednesdays, May 14, 21, and 28. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the class from 7 to 8 PM. Together, we will explore life rooted in the Episcopal tradition through a discussion of church history, holy scripture, worship, and doctrine. Please [RSVP](#) for the series.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – MAY 16

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

8 & 9 AM SERVICES AND ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION – MAY 18

Next Sunday, May 18, we gather for two morning services at 8 and 9 AM in the Church, followed by the 177th annual meeting of our parish. Join us for worship and then in the Parish Halls where we'll review the past year, look at the year ahead, and celebrate our many blessings. Children are invited to Stay and Play during the meeting (details below), and lunch will be served for all at 11:45 AM.

STAY AND PLAY—A NEW PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 18

Bring your children for Stay and Play on Sunday, May 18, during Christ Church's annual meeting. Based on Let Grow Play Clubs, kids organize their own games and fun in unstructured, mixed-age, free play. Play is an essential part of children's development, and when adults get involved, these opportunities are often lost. Stay and Play allows children to choose what to play and who to play with, organize their games, and make their own decisions. While an adult will be present in case of an emergency, they will not be involved in the play that is taking place. This will allow children to work together and have fun without adult intervention. For more information, contact [Mason Cruz](#).

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – MAY 25, JULY 6, & AUGUST 31

On three holiday weekends this summer, May 25, July 6, and August 31, 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.

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON ASCENSION DAY – MAY 29

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. This spirituality, part of our Anglican/Episcopal tradition, took root in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Northumbria, and their coastal islands. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, May 29, at 7 PM as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Join us as we welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during this service in the Chapel.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During May, our outreach 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.

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

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. Don't have one? Order yours [online](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

HAVE YOU TRIED 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 ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jack and Janet Foster, Sally Evans
Charlie Pfleegor, David Foster, Susan Peyton

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED 2025 VESTRY NOMINEES



Shelley Angela Kinsella – Shelley and her husband, Rafael Zahraiddin, have been members of Christ Church for over 22 years and cherish the community in which they have raised their two children, Mikel (college senior) and Annabel (10th grade). Their family also includes two dogs and three rescue cats, reflecting Shelley's love of all living creatures. Christ Church is an integral part of Shelley's life. She serves weekly as a Rite-13 youth group leader, has been a parent volunteer for many years for the Christmas pageant, participates in two small church book groups, and helps with the St. Michael's Book Nook. In addition, Shelley has served in multiple church ministries, including the Flower Ministry and Emmanuel Dining Room, as a member

of the Chapel Organ Committee, the Children & Youth Ministry Advisory Team, the Adult Formation ministry, and has assisted with the Green Show, the planning of the Dominican Republic mission trip, and the formation of the Creations Care ministry. In addition to working as an attorney for the Delaware Department of Justice, Shelley has volunteered with Literacy Volunteers, Alternative Court for Teens, the Delaware pro bono Child Advocates program, and served on the Wilmington Ballet and Delaware Symphony Orchestra boards of directors. It is her intention to continue strengthening Christ Church's connection to the community, and she believes that her legal and volunteer experience can benefit the vestry. She is grateful for this nomination and considers it a blessing to be able to serve others. Shelley remains committed to ensuring the well-being of the church and all of its members.



Kendall Drew Meldrum – After moving to the area full time in 2023, Christ Church quickly became a central part of Kendall's family life. Originally from Albany, New York, she and her husband, Sam, have a blended family of five children, and two have been baptized at Christ Church. Sam, a native Delawarean, was also baptized at Christ Church. Their daughter, Genevieve, is currently a student at Christ Church Episcopal Preschool, and their youngest, Fitz, will be joining in the fall. They are regular attendees of the 9 AM ARK service in the Chapel, and their kids are actively involved in Sunday formation. Christ Church has been very welcoming and has made Kendall feel at home. Her involvement in parish activities has been both fulfilling

and impactful. She has been involved in the community through CCEP, including the CCEP Parents' Association. This experience has not only strengthened her connection with other parents but also deepened her commitment to supporting the church community. Professionally, Kendall leads a sales organization at Microsoft, where she has been working since 2017. In her role, she collaborates with U.S. manufacturers to drive their digital transformation initiatives. Kendall holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Economics from Northwestern University and an MBA from Cornell Tech at Cornell University. Additionally, she previously served on the board of the Cornell Johnson College of Business NYC Alumni Club, which provided her with valuable experience in governance and community engagement. Kendall is dedicated to supporting the needs of young families and understands the importance of a strong foundation for young children. Through vestry service, she aims to contribute to the growth and vitality of Christ Church by using her professional skills and personal experiences to improve the parish's outreach and engagement efforts. Kendall is committed to the mission of Christ Church and values the power of community. She is ready to serve and lead and looks forward to collaborating with fellow vestry members to achieve their collective goals for the future.



Robin Penn Moody – Robin is a third-generation member of Christ Church where she was both baptized and confirmed. She and her husband, Jay Downing, were married at Christ Church in 2023. Her sons, George and Henry, were baptized at Christ Church. George was confirmed in 2023, and Henry is presently attending Confirmation class. Robin serves on the Stewardship Committee. She is an attorney and practiced in Delaware for many years in the areas of personal injury, general litigation, and commercial litigation. Robin is also admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and has handled matters in Chester County, Delaware County, and Montgomery County. She is an active member of the Holly Ball Committee and volunteers at Faithful Friends

Animal Shelter. She is also a member of the Colonial Dames where she previously served as a committee member. In the past, Robin held volunteer positions at Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association. Robin received her B.A. in political science from Denison University. Prior to attending law school, she worked on Capitol Hill in the U.S. Senate. In her free time, Robin enjoys tennis, running, and spending time with her family, including her yellow Labrador and two rescue cats. If elected, she hopes to continue and enhance the important work and influence of Christ Church, strengthening its commitment to the work of the Lord. Robin is honored to be nominated for the vestry and looks forward to serving the Christ Church community.



John L. Olsen – John and his wife, Elaine, joined Christ Church in 1985 after relocating to Wilmington. They quickly became involved with the church's young adult group, which met socially and engaged in philanthropic work. John and Elaine taught Sunday school and organized food/refreshments for the Green Show Preview Party. John also served as an acolyte advisor and usher. John and Elaine's three children were baptized at Christ Church. (Bill Lane officiated at their daughter's baptism and marriage—moments John will forever cherish). The family focused on church activities that enabled their children to grow in a loving, faith-based environment, including trips to the Delaware Children's Theatre and Blue Rocks

games, Friday evening church potlucks, and the Christmas pageant. In 2000, the Olsens joined Church of the Advent in Kennett Square, where their children engaged in activities with friends from the Unionville schools they attended. One ministry John found highly rewarding was driving senior members to and from Kendal-Crosslands on the Advent bus. After raising their children, the Olsens returned to Christ Church and essentially "picked up where they left off." John joined the Outreach Committee, which he led in 2023-24, and participates in the Celebration of Life ministry. He is involved with several nonprofit agencies the church supports. In addition, for nearly 20 years the Olsen family prepared and served Christmas Eve dinner for patients and families at the Wilmington Ronald McDonald House. John earned his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced law for 39 years, retiring in 2022 as WSFS Bank General Counsel. John was recognized by the Delaware Superior Court for his critical role in shaping a mortgage foreclosure mediation program that promoted alternatives to sheriff's sales for struggling homeowners. He served on several nonprofit boards and remains on the board of the WSFS Cares Foundation. John possesses strong Christian values, which guide him in his daily life. Joining the vestry would give John the opportunity to use his skills, experience, and compassion to help grow the parish, support the church's many ministries, and assist those in need.



Susan Hess Scott – A strong foundation in the Episcopal faith, planted during her youth at Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield, New Jersey, underpins Susan's commitment to service. Following significant life changes after college, she embarked on a journey that broadened her spiritual understanding, exploring traditions such as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church, and the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Ultimately, her son's encouragement and her own reflective process led her back to her Episcopal roots, and she joined Christ Church in 2022. This homecoming held deep personal significance. Education has been the cornerstone of Susan's professional life, equipping her with a diverse skill set valuable

to the vestry. Possessing a B.A. in Child Development, a Masters in School Counseling, and specialized training in Reading, she currently provides crucial support to students with reading disabilities in private practice. Her leadership and collaborative abilities are evident in her extensive committee work and leadership roles within educational settings. Notably, she led the Lower School Language Arts Committee and developed and presented monthly child development programs for parents at Wilmington Friends School. These experiences underscore her capacity to nurture individuals, facilitate group dynamics, and contribute strategically. Christ Church witnesses Susan's active engagement in its community. She regularly attends worship and various music, formation, and parish life events with her husband, David, son, Chris, and granddaughter, Amelia. Beyond attendance, she actively participates in the Friday Women's Bible Study, assists with the Green Show, and contributes to the Flower Ministry. Susan enjoys spending time cooking, traveling, and sewing/craft projects. Her focus for the vestry centers on building stronger connections between families with young children and the wider parish and enhancing community outreach through meaningful, hands-on interactions. For Susan, vestry service represents a chance to listen attentively and contribute to the flourishing of the Christ Church community. Her lifelong connection to the Episcopal Church, coupled with her professional expertise and dedicated involvement, fuels her enthusiasm for this opportunity.



Wilmer C. Stith III – Wil was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where his family was able to walk to the Cathedral of the Incarnation, an Episcopal church in Baltimore City. While there, Wil was baptized, attended Sunday school, was confirmed, and served as an acolyte for 12 years. His mother was Ukrainian, and he spent many Saturdays at "Ukrainian school" and was involved in youth group with the Ukrainian church, where he made his closest friends. Wil attended Gilman School in Baltimore City and thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He has worked for M&T Bank or its predecessor banks since college graduation. He received both an MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore and a

a chartered financial analyst (CFA) designation while working. He is an institutional fixed income portfolio manager at Wilmington Trust. After M&T purchased Wilmington Trust, he and his wife, Wendy, were asked to relocate to Wilmington, Delaware. They attended various churches in their first year after relocating and joined Christ Church in 2015. Wil has two adult children, Curtis and Christopher, and an eight-year-old daughter, Grace, who was baptized at Christ Church in 2017. Wil has been a member of the Confirmation class teaching team for three years and enjoys volunteering for the Green Show and other community outreach events and programs the church sponsors. Some of Wil's favorite times at Christ Church have been in the Christ Church kitchen during the Green Show Preview Party, Family Promise dinners, and the youth group's pancake breakfast.



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 from 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 now and for 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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