

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 18, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

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.

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 our various programs, and look at the year ahead. 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 TODAY

Bring your children for Stay and Play during today's annual meeting following the 9 AM service. 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, speak to Mason Cruz, our Minister for Children & Youth.

ITTY BITTY YOGIS AT CCEP & CCCH – WEDNESDAY

Join with other moms from Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool for a mom and baby yoga class this Wednesday, May 21, from 10 to 10:45 AM in Parish Hall C. Itty Bitty Yogis 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. The cost is \$15. Please [RSVP](#) and bring a yoga mat and a blanket for your baby.

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. 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.

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 in the Chapel as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Join us as we welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during the service.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

This month's 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG – JUNE 1

Our final Choral Evensong of the 2024-25 season takes place on Sunday, June 1, at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, Francis Jackson, and Craig Phillips. David Schelat from Market Street Music will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – JUNE 4

Those of all ages are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, June 4, 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. Come enjoy this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES – JUNE 8 & JULY 27

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, and on Sunday, July 27, at the 10:30 AM services. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) for an application.

A CELEBRATION OF FR. MICHAEL'S MINISTRY – JUNE 8

Join us on the Feast of Pentecost, June 8, when we bid farewell to Michael Kurth as he leaves our clergy team to become the rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Brandywine Hundred. He will preach at all services that morning, and we'll celebrate his ministry among us at a reception in the Parish Halls between the 9 and 10:30 AM services. In his five years at Christ Church, Michael has shared his many gifts with us, and we are grateful for our time with him and delighted that he will remain in the Episcopal Church in Delaware. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry and rejoice with him in his new call as we say farewell to him, Sara, Henry, and Clara.

PLANNING AS WE AGE – JUNE 14, 28, & JULY 12

Christ Church is pleased to host this 3-part series on Planning as We Age on Saturdays, June 14, 28, and July 12, from 9:30 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A. Designed for those who would like to know more about managing changes later in life, each morning includes an opening talk followed by Q&A and material relevant to each session for participants to take home. For details and to register for each session, visit our [website](#). Questions? Please contact [Fr. David Beresford](#) or [Jaq Whalen](#).

- **June 14**—Estate Planning, led by Will Lunger
- **June 28**—Downsizing, led by Nancy Sproesser Martz
- **July 12**—Transitioning to a Retirement/Life Care Community, led by the Rev. John Pumphrey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH GOLF CLASSIC – SEPTEMBER 8

Enjoy a day of golf at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, September 8, with all proceeds benefiting children's programs for our church and preschool. Your participation includes a round of golf, player gifts, a buffet lunch, use of the range and putting green, a cart, and "19th hole" drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Even if you don't golf, all are welcome to attend the evening's reception with cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffle drawings, the presentation of prizes, and the coveted Al Smith Cup. Several levels of sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Link your business identity to Christ Church and its preschool while enjoying the opportunity to network, entertain clients, and have fun. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register as a golfer, sponsor, or for the reception.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

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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The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
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