

Christ Church Christiana Hundred Strategic Plan Vestry Update to the Parish – Year Three

The vestry continues its work on the parish's five-year strategic plan, focusing on spiritual growth and strengthening connections within our parish community.

Goal 1: Growing our Episcopal faith community with God's help

- Launched a new digital marketing program in September 2025 to reach more people online, especially young families.
- Shared photos and stories from worship and parish life—including the parish picnic, family events, and the Green Show—while youth invited friends through social media.
- Hosted welcoming gatherings, including an all-ages Friendsgiving attended by about 60 people, encouraging parishioners to invite friends and neighbors.
- Welcomed 75 people as newcomers in 2025 with 15 becoming members.
- Began creating a more intentional welcome experience through the Invite, Welcome, and Connect Ministry Team.
- Offered family-focused events such as Family Movie Night and other all-ages fellowship opportunities.
- Continued strengthening relationships with CCEP families and alumni, with plans to reconnect with inactive members in 2026.

Goal 2: Growing deeper relationships with God and one another

- Began redesigning the Ministry Match tool to better connect parishioners' gifts with ministry opportunities.
- Established a Ministry Match Coordinator role to support parishioners as the updated tool is developed.
- Offered adult spiritual formation opportunities and selected members for Stephen Ministry leadership training.
- Began reviewing progress with the original Renovation and Strategic Plan committees to ensure alignment with long-term parish goals.

Goal 3: Stewardship, facilities, and legacy

- Completed the Leak Remediation Project to protect and preserve parish facilities.
- Hired an architecture firm and began planning a Facilities Master Plan, scheduled to start in January 2026.
- Developed a year-round stewardship communication plan to share stories about giving, pledging, and volunteering.
- Renewed the parish's Legacy Society as the 1848 Legacy Society, including outreach to current members and planning an appreciation and invitation event.