

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 1, 2026

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 living out the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. One way we do this is through our Notes of Care ministry, where volunteers write personal notes to parishioners who are experiencing a significant life event. This simple yet heartfelt gesture, whether offered in times of need or to celebrate a joyful occasion, reminds them that they are loved and supported by their parish family. Over the past year, 12 volunteers wrote approximately 100 notes of care. In addition, more than 200 birthday cards were sent to parishioners aged 75 and older. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a note of care or if you would like information about occasionally serving in this ministry, please contact [Marty Rushlow](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

EASTER BASKETS FOR OUTREACH – SIGN UP TODAY

The Outreach Committee is collecting Easter baskets for children and teens living at the YWCA's Home Life Management Center. Sign up after services today to prepare a basket for a specific child that contains \$20-\$25 worth of treats and toys. You will receive complete instructions along with a tag to attach to the basket once you sign up. Please return your basket to Christ Church by Sunday, March 22.

CLASSROOM VISITORS WELCOME AT SUNDAY FORMATION!

Are you interested in our children's formation offerings and want to learn more about our classrooms and what is being taught? Beginning today, March 1, the Children's Ministry invites you to visit our PreK through 7th Grade classrooms. Whether you want to simply sit in and observe or be a helping hand in the classroom, we would love for you to get to know our programs up close and personal. While visiting, you can experience the different lessons and activities, guide children to interact with their peers in safe, healthy, God-honoring ways, participate in class discussions, and pray for the children and families who attend the class you visit. We hope that after visiting you might even feel called to serve as a formation teacher next year! [Sign up](#) to visit a particular class. Questions? Contact [Mason Cruz](#).

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC – TODAY

Experience the message of Lent in a contemplative service this afternoon at 4 PM in the Church, patterned after the Anglican Service of Lessons & Carols with music offered by the Christ Church Choir. An organ prelude begins at 3:30 PM by Gabriel Benton, director of music at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 4

Adults of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 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. Join us for this time of fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

BENEDICT’S TOOLBOX: EVERYDAY BENEDICTINE PRACTICES – MARCH 4-25

The season of Lent is a time when many Christians consider either old, bad practices to break or new, helpful practices to take up. This year’s Adult Formation Lenten Series will examine portions of St. Benedict’s Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living. For over 1500 years, the concepts that Benedict used to shape the life of his monastic brothers have been applied by many Christians to better their own spiritual lives. Join us for the remaining sessions on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, when we’ll gather for a simple supper at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall followed by the program at 7 PM. Please [RSVP](#).

ALL AGES LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS & FELLOWSHIP – MARCH 15

Our interactive Lenten prayer stations offer those of all ages a new approach to prayer. Come experience God through the senses this Lent during an expanded Coffee & Community on Sunday, March 15, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Spend some time in prayerful activities at prayer stations set up in the Parish Halls. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

FERRARA: SPLENDOR OF THE RENAISSANCE WITH PIFFARO – MARCH 15

Piffaro: The Renaissance Band invites you to step into Ferrara, a dazzling hub where art and music flourished. At the heart of the Italian Renaissance, the city attracted some of the era’s most celebrated intellectual and artistic minds. Piffaro’s wind players invite you to experience the rich soundscape of this extraordinary place on Sunday, March 15, at 3 PM in the Chapel. [Reserve](#) your seats today.

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY – MARCH 17

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. Join us on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 PM in the Chapel as we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. We welcome Janet Witman to play the Celtic harp during the service.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER – BY MARCH 23

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, please submit your names and contribute [online](#) or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, March 23. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

CALLING ALL GUEST READERS!

Guest readers are invited to share a story with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool classes. Bring along your favorite picture book or select one from the school library. [Sign up](#) to read.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE – JULY 31-AUGUST 7

Join fellow members of Christ Church for a week of fun and fellowship at Memorial House, the Episcopal Church retreat center nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth—from Friday, July 31 to Friday, August 7. Enjoy homemade meals, nature, and meaningful connections, just two blocks from the beach. For more information or to make a reservation, visit their [website](#).

OUR MINISTRY OF CARING

Christ Church's Pastoral Care ministries provide Christian care and hospitality to people in need within and beyond our parish family. Everyone at Christ Church can participate in reaching out to those who could use help. One way is to share concerns or issues that you hear about in the lives of parishioners and friends with a member of the church staff by [email](#) or by calling (302) 655-3379. This small act will help ensure that when an issue arises, the church can wrap its arms of love and assistance around those who could really use it.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This is a fun way to contribute to the life of the parish while extending generous hospitality, and it's a great activity to do as a family or with a group of friends. [Sign up](#) online.

CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAGS & MERCHANDISE

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. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip. Then, show off your church spirit with Christ Church merchandise available for purchase. Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, and more. Visit our [website](#) for details and to place an order for a name tag or church merch.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jerold and Margaret Smith
Hugh Collins

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.

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