

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 12, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR ELDER MINISTRY. Our Elder Ministry is focused on providing an avenue for our more senior members to be involved in the life of Christ Church as well as offering nurture and care to those who may need it most. Providing opportunities to volunteer and serve our community, coming together for fellowship and learning, and reaching out to our homebound members are just a few examples of the scope of this ministry. We value the experience of our senior members and recognize the contribution these parishioners bring to our parish. For more information, please contact [Jaqueline Whalen](#).

RSVP for Lunch and Conversation on Saving Notre-Dame de Paris – April 29

On April 15, 2019, Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris suffered a devastating fire that brought the cathedral within minutes of destruction. Please join us for lunch and an exploration of the battle to save Notre-Dame de Paris through the eyes and reflections of those who fought the fire. Parishioner Bill Jones first visited Notre-Dame in 1960 and has returned countless times since then. After the fire, Bill began combing through French newspapers, documentaries, and archives, and before he knew it, he had crafted a detailed chronology of the fire, told through the perspectives of those who lived it. It is this chronology that he will share with us. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by the presentation. Bring a friend for worship, conversation, and a light buffet lunch. A suggested donation of \$8 to help defray the cost of lunch is appreciated. This event is sponsored by our Elder Ministry, but all ages are welcome to participate. Please [RSVP](#).

EASTER 2026: RESONATING WITH GOD IN CREATION – APRIL 15, 22, & 29

The Easter season marks the Lord's resurrection and aligns with spring—a season of resurrection in Creation. Join us for our Easter Adult Formation series as we explore the many ways God reveals His love for us through Creation. Grounded in Scripture, each week will highlight how the natural world draws us closer to God and helps sustain our souls. Using resources from The Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Calvin Institute, and the Center for Spirituality in Nature, we'll reflect on meditations from the Rev. Bob Flanagan's book, *Growing a Sustainable Soul*. Join us on Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided each evening. Please [RSVP](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – APRIL 17

Following our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services in 2024, our partnership with them continues as we offer opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods to be distributed to program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL – APRIL 17

CCEP's 20th Anniversary Spring Gala takes place this Friday, April 17, at 6 PM at Greenville Country Club. Join us for this adults-only evening celebrating more than two decades of inspiring young learners and shaping bright futures at Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. Enjoy food and drinks, great silent auction items, and lively bidding on classroom items created by our children. As we mark 20+ years of impact, we gather in celebration of the children, teachers, and families who make CCEP so special—and invest in all that lies ahead. [Purchase](#) tickets online. All proceeds support our school programs.

EXTENDING EASTER'S JOY WITH BREAKFAST & A PETTING ZOO – APRIL 19

Celebrate the joy of Easter with a morning of food, fellowship, and fun! Join us next Sunday, April 19, from 9:30 to 10:15 AM for a festive gathering hosted by our Parish Fellowship Ministry. Enjoy a delicious breakfast in the Parish Hall and head outside to the circle drive for a delightful fluffy animal petting zoo. Come share in the fun and extend Easter's joy with your church family and friends.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – APRIL 19

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend our Grief Support Group next Sunday, April 19, at 12 PM in the Commons Room or by [Zoom](#).

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS – APRIL 19

Join us for Easter Lessons & Carols next Sunday, April 19, at 4 PM in the Church. This service features the Christ Church Choir, senior Choristers, organ, brass, and timpani and brings together many traditional elements of Christian worship in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Through scripture readings, choral music, and congregational hymns, we recall the prophecies and events surrounding Jesus' resurrection and look ahead to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – APRIL 19

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team—an opportunity to nurture leadership skills and plan and execute a service project for the end of the program year. The team meets monthly on third Sundays from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A and is then invited to share a meal with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM. Join the group next Sunday, April 19!

LEARN ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH'S FACILITY MASTER PLAN – APRIL 25

The next step in Christ Church's Strategic Plan is the creation of a Facility Master Plan to identify needed maintenance/improvements to our campus and envision the potential for our buildings and grounds to serve our goals for growth and to share our property with community partners—bringing more people to discover our parish and preschool. In January, parishioners, staff, and preschool faculty shared their ideas and opinions about our campus and its facilities, and our consultant architects summarized and presented those findings at a parish meeting in February. Now, plans have been refined further, and all are invited to learn more on Saturday, April 25, at 9 AM in Parish Hall A. Please join us for this hour-long session as we work to ensure that generations to come are able to worship, gather, and serve at Christ Church.

RECYCLE YOUR FLEXIBLE PLASTICS – APRIL 25

Christ Church's Creations Care Team will host our next flexible plastics collection event in the circle drive entrance of the Parish Center on Saturday, April 25, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bring your **clean and dry plastic shopping bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable storage bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers** to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. Help us help those in our community as we care for our planet by recycling flexible plastics.

EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – MAY 6, 13, 20, & 27

Adults interested in becoming an Episcopalian and being confirmed or received on June 7 are invited to attend Episcopal Beliefs & Practices on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by sessions hosted by our rector from 7 to 8 PM. Together, we will explore life rooted in Episcopal identity through a discussion of holy scripture, church history, worship, and doctrine. Please [RSVP](#).

VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION – BY MAY 14

Voting for this year's vestry election is available online and by paper ballot. Vote [online](#) using your email address on file in our parish database or request a paper ballot from the parish office or pick one up after weekend services on May 2-3 or May 9-10, and return it to the office by Thursday, May 14. The parish voting list is available online and in the office and contains those eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. This year's candidates nominated for election to the work of leadership as your vestry are: Jill Coghlan, Brenda DePuy, Martha Henley, Jon Payne, Eric Romano, Karen Sinton, Jim Storey, and Mike Vild. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 17.

8 AND 9 AM SERVICES & PARISH DAY CELEBRATION/ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 17

On Sunday, May 17, we gather for two morning services at 8 and 9 AM in the Church, followed by the 178th annual meeting of our parish and a program for children. 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, with lunch served for all at 11:45 AM.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Ron Ingham
and in loving memory of
John Mark and Janet Crague Attix

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who served in worship during Holy Week and Easter. The time and dedication of so many—choristers and choir members, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, lectors, ushers, altar guild members, adornment team and volunteers, flower delivery drivers, vestry, and our staff—thanks be to God for you!

SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS
APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

This month's outreach collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

LITERACY DELAWARE'S SCRABBLE™ ALONG THE BRANDYWINE – APRIL 24

Purchase your tickets for Literacy Delaware's SCRABBLE™ Along the Brandywine fundraiser on Friday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in Christ Church's Parish Hall. This is no ordinary game of SCRABBLE™! Teams of up to six players receive the same set of SCRABBLE™ tiles, and teammates work collaboratively to build the highest scoring board for each of three rounds. The top three highest scoring teams will be recognized. Join in the fun to help advance literacy through training, tutoring, English language acquisition, and advocacy for all Delawareans. Visit their [website](#) for information.

JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY TEAM AT THE HIGHMARK WALK – MAY 2

Join the Christ Church Community team as we raise funds to support our outreach partner Friendship House at this year's Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 2, at Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park (80 Rosa Parks Drive, Wilmington, DE 19801). Friendship House has an anonymous matching donor this year, and the first 20 teams to reach the goal of 20 walkers and \$2,000 raised will receive an additional \$1,000. The walk benefits other local nonprofits as well, including the Amanecer Counseling & Resource Center, Choir School of Delaware, Latin American Community Center, Read Aloud Delaware, and other agencies supported by members of Christ Church. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register.

URBANPROMISE POWERUP WORKDAY – MAY 2

Those 12 and older are invited to join our Dominican Republic youth missionaries for a day of service on Saturday, May 2. We will meet at 9 AM at UrbanPromise Wilmington (1000 East 28th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802) to serve at their PowerUP Workday, tackling various projects such as weeding the garden, stuffing envelopes, or working on a particular job at one of the UPW staff houses, school/office, or one of their other sites. We will end our work around 12 PM and have the opportunity to hear from a panel of UrbanPromise Teen StreetLeaders about their experience and how they are shaping their neighborhood. Questions? Please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTS NEEDED – MAY 24-26

Several times a year, Christ Church hosts families from the Family Promise Network, when members of our congregation provide meals and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise's campus on Milltown Road in Wilmington, and volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there for up to eight families (approximately 35 people—mostly children) during the week. We'll serve just three nights next month from May 24-26. Through Family Promise, families receive daily case management support from professional staff in their search for gainful employment and sustainable housing. Learn more and sign up [online](#).

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. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

LAY MINISTRY STAFF

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*
Jason Keller, *Saturday Worship Leader*
Cameron Kuzepski, *Assistant Director of Music/Director of Choristers*

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