

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 24, 2026

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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.

Vestry Members Elected Last Sunday

At the annual meeting of our parish on Sunday, May 17, it was announced that Martha Henley, Eric Romano, Karen Sinton, and Jim Storey were elected to serve a 3-year term on the Christ Church Vestry, and Spencer Maynard was appointed as the vestry's youth representative. They join Ran Barton (senior warden), Cindi Cozza, Shelley Kinsella, Barbara King, Kendall Meldrum, Thorpe Moeckel, John Olsen, Jamie Poston, and Wil Stith. Thanks to Jill Coghlan, Brenda DePuy, Jon Payne, and Mike Vild for their willingness to serve on the ballot as vestry nominees and to Chuck Arensberg, Scott Nickle, MJ O'Connor (youth rep), Jaqueline Whalen, and Alexia Wolf who completed their vestry service this year.

BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

Benjamin Joseph Donaghy, son of Evan and Danielle Donaghy

Lucy Jo Oehler, daughter of Charles and Bailey Jo Oehler

Delphine Frances Rager, daughter of Jason Rager and Danielle Lunger

Keira Lee Yeager, daughter of Ryan Yeager and Caroline Sparks

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL BEGINS – MAY 31

During the summer, our two 9 AM Sunday services combine into one in the Chapel, and our 8 and 10:30 AM services continue as scheduled each week in the Church, along with our 5 PM Saturday service in the Chapel.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – JUNE 3

Adults of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, June 3, 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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION – JUNE 7

On Sunday, June 7, we recognize graduating seniors at the 10:30 AM service and encourage all those in the Class of 2026 to participate. Contact [Mason Cruz](#) to let him know you will be in attendance. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

CHORAL EVENSONG – JUNE 7

Our final Choral Evensong of the 2025-26 season takes place on Sunday, June 7, at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Bernard Rose, Herbert Howells, and William Walton. David Hearn, retired assistant organist at Christ Church, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

SUMMERTIME DROP-IN CHOIR – JUNE 14-JULY 12

Join your voice with members of the Christ Church Choir by singing in our Summertime Drop-in Choir. Gather with us at 9:45 AM in the Church beginning Sunday, June 14, on whichever Sundays work for you. We will review the hymns for the day and learn an anthem. Come once, twice, or every Sunday from June 14 through July 12.

CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE DARE TO DECLARE – JUNE 14

Our nation marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this year. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, communities across the country will commemorate this milestone. On Flag Day, June 14, Christ Church will honor the tradition of Dare to Declare, during which members of our community will read the Declaration of Independence aloud—just as it was shared 250 years ago before the age of modern communication. Please join us at 11:45 AM in the Church at the conclusion of our 10:30 AM service for this meaningful observance as we reaffirm the enduring principles of freedom, equality, and self-governance. A celebratory reception with hot dogs, birthday cake, and ice cream will follow, sponsored by the Parish Fellowship and Men's Ministries.

JOIN US FOR BASEBALL & FIREWORKS AT THE BLUE ROCKS – JUNE 26

Join us at Frawley Stadium for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday, June 26, at 6:35 PM versus the Frederick Keys. Our seats are located behind home plate during the 3rd annual Faith & Family Night at the ballpark, with fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$15 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Reserve](#) your seats for a night of fun with your Christ Church family.

HOST LEMONADE ON THE LAWN THIS SUMMER

Help us provide hospitality and welcome this summer by hosting Lemonade on the Lawn. These informal gatherings each Sunday between the 9 and 10:30 AM services allow us to catch up with friends, greet new visitors, and nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to participate in the life of our parish. [Sign up](#) today!

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

This week, we wrap up our collection benefiting children and youth served by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and those in the village of Jalonga in the Dominican Republic. We welcome donations of athletic equipment for children ages 4 and under, baseball gloves, bats, balls, and jump ropes for older children, and water bottles and individually packaged snacks such as granola bars, toaster pastries, and small boxes of cereal. Donations may be placed in the back of the Church or in the collection bin located in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

A FEW ROOMS REMAIN AT MEMORIAL HOUSE THIS SUMMER – JULY 31-AUGUST 7

Each summer, Christ Church hosts a week for fellowship at the beach. Memorial House has eleven bedrooms that sleep 2 to 6 guests. It makes a great family vacation with seven nights lodging, breakfast and dinner provided daily, the beach just blocks away, and all the fun of Rehoboth nearby. The Revs. Ruth and David Beresford are the clergy hosts for the week from Friday, July 31, to Friday, August 7. Come join us! For information, contact [Ruth](#); to make a reservation, visit Memorial House's [website](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHRIST CHURCH'S GOLF CLASSIC – AUGUST 31

Enjoy a day of golf at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, August 31, 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. Those who don't golf 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2026

Encounter Rome in sacred architecture and art on pilgrimage with the Revs. Ruth and David Beresford from October 24-31, 2026. In collaboration with Stillpoint Travels, they will lead you on a journey that takes in the origins of Christianity in the catacombs, the Art of the Renaissance, and visits to the great basilicas whose holiness and beauty have inspired generations of the faithful for centuries. For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#).

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 and may be ordered on our website. 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Richard A. Dobbs
Elizabeth T. B. Pierson
Roger A. Fenimore

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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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*

ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*
Terri Carpe, *Finance Manager*
Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*
Deborah Webb, *Communications Associate/Graphic Designer*
Leroy Folks, Andy Marine, Charles Parfitt-Simpson, *Sextons*

VESTRY & OFFICERS

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Bob Reardon, *Treasurer*
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; Spencer Maynard, *Youth Representative*
Cindi Cozza, '27; Martha Henley, '29; Barbara King, '27; Shelley Kinsella, '28
Kendall Meldrum, '28; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; John Olsen, '28; Jamie Poston, '27
Eric Romano, '29; Karen Sinton, '29; Wil Stith, '28; Jim Storey, '29

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