

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



JULY 12, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS. Many parishioners generously offer their time to support the weekly operations of our parish. If you've ever called the office, chances are you've been welcomed by a friendly volunteer receptionist—a personal touch that is always preferable to a recorded message. Volunteers serve in this ministry by covering a three-hour shift once or twice a month. For information or to volunteer, contact [Sue Brandes](#). Others serve as Offering Counters, counting the Sunday offering and entering contributions into the church database each week. Their work provides an important internal control for the careful management of parish finances and saves approximately eight hours of staff time each week. For information about this ministry, please contact [Bill Jones](#).

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](#) online.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – JULY 17

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

SUMMER GODLY PLAY – JULY 19 & AUGUST 16

Children and parents are welcome to join us for summer Godly Play. The Children's Ministry hosts these casual Godly Play sessions after the 9 AM service next Sunday, July 19, and again on Sunday, August 16. All are invited to gather on the lawn (weather permitting) for a new story presentation each day.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – JULY 19

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, July 19, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or by [Zoom](#).

YOUTH LUNCH AT PIZZA BY ELIZABETHS – JULY 19

Youth ages 14-18 are welcome to join us for lunch at Pizza by Elizabeths next Sunday, July 19, at 12:30 PM. There is no cost to attend. If your teen plans to join us, please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

JULY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During July, we collect items for the YWCA and St. Michael's School & Nursery. Needed donations include new twin, full, and crib sheets and blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, and shower curtains, personal care products, diapers, wipes, bibs, teething toys, and gift cards to grocery stores, Target, and Walmart. Items may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance. Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate during worship services or brought to the parish office.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTS NEEDED – AUGUST 9-11

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 August 9-11. Learn more and [sign up](#) online.

JOIN US FOR CHORISTER SUMMER CAMP! – AUGUST 24-28

Young singers ages 8 to 17 are invited to a fun and enriching weeklong Chorister Summer Camp from August 24-28 from 1:30 to 6 PM daily. Rooted in the traditions of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), campers will build skills in vocal technique, sight-singing, music theory, ear training, conducting, and ensemble singing. Plus, they'll enjoy recreational activities, team building, a virtual session with a guest composer, and dinner each evening. Open to both current choristers and new singers, this exciting week wraps up with a public concert for family and friends on August 28 at 5 PM. This is an exceptional opportunity for young musicians to grow artistically, build lasting friendships, and experience the joy of excellent choral singing. [Register](#) your child's participation online.

BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER – TRAINING BEGINS THIS FALL

Stephen Ministers are trained lay members of the congregation who provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing difficult seasons in life. They listen, pray, encourage, and walk alongside those facing grief, illness, loneliness, divorce, job loss, relocation, spiritual struggle, or other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is not a counselor or problem-solver but a compassionate Christian presence—someone who offers confidential care, faithful listening, and the reminder that no one has to go through a hard time alone.

Our parish is seeking caring, dependable people who feel called to share Christ's love in this special way. If you are a good listener, have a heart for people who are hurting, and are willing to be trained for this ministry of care, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Your presence could bring hope, healing, and encouragement to someone who needs it most. Training runs from October 2026 through March 2027. To learn more or to express interest in training, please contact the Rev. [Thom Peters](#) or our Stephen Ministry leader, [Jaqueline Whalen](#), or visit our [website](#).

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS

Kristin Peters is looking for a few partners to help plan and create events exploring practices that enhance one's spirituality. Ideas include full moon labyrinth walks, making and using Episcopal prayer beads, mini retreats, or other such practices. If you are interested in helping, please email [Kristin](#) or call her at (203) 506-3278.

Mark your calendar for our August Full Moon Labyrinth Walk on Friday, August 28, at 9:30 PM. We will assemble in the parking lot for the walk and conclude the evening with Compline. Bring a flashlight. Rain date is Saturday, August 29.

GREEN SHOW LEADERS NEEDED!

Christ Church's Green Show has been a Christmas tradition since 1953. It features events that foster fellowship between parishioners and our community with all proceeds given to support local social service agencies identified by the Outreach Committee. The 2025 Green Show raised \$99,000 for our outreach partners!

This year's Green Show requires additional volunteers to help lead and coordinate several key areas of this cherished parish event:

- **Luncheon Chair/Co-Chairs:** Plan, coordinate, and oversee the luncheon on Saturday, December 5.
- **Silent Auction Chair:** Coordinate the overall silent auction on Friday, December 4, working with those who manage the three areas of the event—solicitation of items, catalog preparation, and setup.
- **Silent Auction Item Solicitation Chair/Co-Chairs:** Lead the effort to request and gather auction items.
- **2027 Green Show Chair/Co-Chairs:** Coordinate the overall event to be held in December 2027.

Your support is critical to the success of the Green Show. Help us continue this wonderful parish tradition by teaming up with a friend or family member to lead one of these key areas of the Green Show! Contact [Janet Clark-Amodei](#) or [Shelley Kinsella](#) for information.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jeannette C. and David H. Conklin
David H. Conklin II
Lucinda Carlyle Carpenter

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Harriet Word Peters

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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