

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



AUGUST 9, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE. This committee oversees all aspects of Christ Church's buildings and grounds and provides for the changing facility needs of our parish through planning and management of new construction, renovations, and improvements. We are fortunate to be stewards of the Christ Church property—six historic buildings comprising nearly 40,000 square feet on 22 beautiful acres. During this past year, enhancements to our facilities included replacing the fire alarm panel in the Church building, installing 31 programmable thermostats in the Parish Center building, refinishing the hardwood floor in Parish Hall C, replacing the boiler in the Rectory, and removing trees and brush from the property, particularly near the Sextons' house. For more information, please contact [John Faulkner](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

Luke Harold Bradford Abeln, son of Michael and Nancy Abeln
Augustine Roman Quinn, son of Raaghib Quinn and Lindsay Romano
Celine Keturah Rockwell, daughter of Richard and Emily Rockwell

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH – AUGUST 16 SUMMER GODLY PLAY

Children and parents are welcome to join us for summer Godly Play next Sunday after the 9 AM service. The Children's Ministry will host this casual Godly Play session on the lawn (weather permitting).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

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

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Movie Night on Sunday, August 16, at 7 PM. Bring a blanket and a friend, enjoy snacks and drinks, and settle in to watch a movie together—either outdoors (weather permitting) or in the Parish Hall. The youth will choose between *Project Hail Mary* and *Supergirl* for the night's feature.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – AUGUST 21

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues as we offer 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.

LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GREEN SHOW – AUGUST 23

Stop by Lemonade on the Lawn on Sunday, August 23, between the 9 and 10:30 AM services and learn about the 2026 Green Show. This Christ Church Christmas tradition, held on December 4-5 this year, brings our parish community together to support local nonprofits identified by our outreach committee. Learn how you can participate in the coming months and help us make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD 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, 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. Please [register](#) your child's participation.

FULL MOON LABYRINTH WALK – AUGUST 28

Join in a Full Moon Labyrinth Walk at Christ Church on Friday, August 28, at 9:30 PM. We'll assemble in the parking lot for the walk and conclude the evening with Compline. Bring a flashlight. Rain date is Saturday, August 29. Please [RSVP](#) so we may be in touch in case of inclement weather.

JOIN THE FAMILY FUN FEST YOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE! – AUGUST 30

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to help plan activities and games for Family Fun Fest—an October 3 event sponsored by Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool to welcome children and families into our beautiful church and school community. Youth will meet over lunch on Sunday, August 30, from 12 to 1 PM in Parish Hall A to brainstorm ideas and begin preparing the activities we hope to offer on October 3. Please join us!

CHRIST CHURCH'S GOLF CLASSIC SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS – AUGUST 31

Hit the links at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, August 31, to benefit children's programs for our church and preschool. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 1 PM. 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 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, 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. Find complete details and register on our [website](#).

AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION

August's outreach collection supports the Choir School of Delaware, Connecting Generations, and Latin American Community Center. Donations of assorted back to school supplies, backpacks, books, arts and crafts materials, new and gently-used Lego blocks, card and board games, first aid supplies, and granola bars, pop tarts, and small boxes of cereal may be left in the back of the Church or in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

BLOOD DRIVE – SEPTEMBER 5

Christ Church will host a blood drive on Saturday, September 5, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in Parish Hall A. With an ongoing blood shortage in our area, this drive supports the Blood Bank of Delmarva, which supplies blood and blood products to more than 20,000 patients each year. The Delmarva region alone needs 350-380 donors every day to meet hospital demand. Although 62% of Americans are eligible to donate blood, only 3% do. Make this lifesaving gift by booking your appointment [online](#) or call (888) 8-BLOOD-8. As a thank-you, donors will be entered into a sweepstakes, with eight lucky winners of a \$500 gift card.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S PARISH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 13

Worship takes place at 8 and 10:30 AM on this day, with the picnic to follow the 10:30 AM service.

JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY & ATTEND A TRAINING SESSION – SEPTEMBER 13 OR 27

Acolytes play an integral role in our worship and participating as an acolyte offers a meaningful way to serve with purpose and deepen your connection to worship. Those in 8th grade and above, as well as adults, are invited to participate. Learn more by attending a hands-on training session on Sunday, September 13, at 9 AM or on Sunday, September 27, at 5 PM. To express interest in serving, please contact [Jane Rubini](#).

BECOME A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Do you love to teach, have a love for and ability to relate to children and youth, and enjoy working with others? We invite you to partner with us as we share the Good News of God's love with our youngest members. We have teaching opportunities in our Godly Play classes, 4th and 5th grade class, our Rite-13 program, Confirmation class, and as substitutes for all classes. The time commitment is about an hour on Sundays to teach between the 9 and 10:30 AM services and an hour or two on your own during the week to prep. If interested or for more information, please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING BEGINS THIS FALL

Stephen Ministers are trained lay members of the congregation who offer confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people going through difficult times. Stephen Minister training features a mixture of presentation, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities, and it:

- teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others;
- gives you new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting;
- equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life;
- helps deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver;
- builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among all those in your class; and
- is highly interactive, engaging, and a lot of fun!

We are starting a Stephen Ministry at Christ Church. Visit our [website](#) to learn more or contact the Rev. [Thom Peters](#) or our Stephen Ministry leader, [Jaqueline Whalen](#), to express interest in training.

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

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 donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church. Don't have one? Order yours [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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of

Philip Rittenhouse and Ruth Bilger Lawshe

Wayne Philip Lawshe

Thomas Donaldson Henderer

and in loving memory of

Robert Evans Brigham and Julie Tucker Brigham

Hazel Greiner Zimmerman

PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*

The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*

The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

LAY MINISTRY STAFF

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Cindi Cozza, '27; Martha Henley, '29; ; Shelley Kinsella, '28

Kendall Meldrum, '28; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; ; Jamie Poston, '27

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