

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



AUGUST 30, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR NEEDLEPOINT KNEELER MINISTRY. In 1963, members of the church began needlepointing more than 400 kneelers. The designs, provided by Nancy du Pont Reynolds Cooch, include over 2,000 symbols that relate to our Christian heritage. Nearly 200 women and men worked for 20 years to complete the project. An article about Christ Church's needlepoint art hangs in the hallway of the Education Wing beside the cushions created for the old choir stalls. Copies of *Christ Church Needlepoint Kneelers—A Collection of Religious Symbolism* are available for purchase on our [website](#). This book shares the history of the needlepoint project, includes photographs of the designs, and explains the symbolism found on each kneeler. As you worship and move through the church, be sure to notice these wonderful treasures at our feet.

ATTENTION YOUTH! ATTEND TODAY'S FAMILY FUN FEST YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

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 today 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!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – SEPTEMBER 2

Adults of all ages are invited to join us this Wednesday, September 2, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation. Catch up with friends, meet new people, and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

CHRIST CHURCH 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.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – SEPTEMBER 6

Next Sunday, September 6, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for this service of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages.

JOIN THE THEOLOGY SMALL GROUP – SEPTEMBER 10

The Theology Small Group has an enriching year ahead and invites you to take part in thoughtful reading and lively discussion. Beginning September 10, the group will explore C. S. Lewis' classic *The Screwtape Letters*—a perfectly mischievous choice for the Halloween season. During Advent, they'll turn to *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), followed in February 2027 by his *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*. Next summer, the group will begin *Confessions by Saint Augustine*. The group meets every other Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Commons Room. All are welcome! Please contact [Christopher Scott](#) for more information.

BECOME AN ACOLYTE: TRAINING SESSIONS – SEPTEMBER 13 & 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](#).

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for our parish picnic on Sunday, September 13! **There will be just two services on this day at 8 and 10:30 AM**, with the picnic to follow the 10:30 service. This year's event will be held outside on the lawn just beyond the Memorial Garden under a tent. Tables and chairs will be available for your convenience, but bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you prefer. We will provide fried chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, baked beans, and drinks. **Please bring a finger dessert to share if your last name begins with A-H and a side dish if your last name begins with I-Z.** We appreciate that your dish will be ready to serve and that you pick it up at the end of the day. There will be fun for all with lawn games and face painting, so invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES – SEPTEMBER 20

Join us for worship, fellowship, and formation this fall as we grow in faith and are renewed for the week to come.

Saturdays:

- **5:00 PM Contemporary Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**—a “come as you are” service with music by our worship band

Sundays:

- **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church**—a brief spoken liturgy using traditional language
- **9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel: “The ARK”**—a 30-minute service for young children and their families to worship together
- **9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church: “SANCTUARY”**—a 40-minute service for older children, youth, and their families
- **9:30 AM to 12 PM Child care for young children in the Nursery**, Room 210 in the Education Wing
- **9:30 to 10:30 AM Coffee & Community in the Parish Halls**
- **9:45 to 10:30 AM Formation for children and youth through 8th grade**
- **10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**—the principal parish liturgy with choral leadership by our choirs and livestreamed to our website
- **4:00 PM Choral Evensong in either the Church or Chapel**, as scheduled—a service of prayer, scripture, and song in the Anglican choral tradition
- **5:00 to 6:00 PM Middle School Service Team meeting** on 2nd and 4th Sundays
- **6:00 to 7:30 PM Christ Church Youth Group** for 9th through 12th grades

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER/LECTOR: TRAINING SESSION – SEPTEMBER 20

Eucharistic ministers are licensed through the Episcopal Church in Delaware to assist in administering the sacraments. Those 12 and older are invited to serve. Lectors read the scriptures and lead the prayers of the people in worship. Those 8 and older are encouraged to become a lector. Current and prospective Eucharistic ministers and lectors are invited to a training session on Sunday, September 20, following the 10:30 AM service in the Church. Please RSVP to [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

SUMMER CLEANOUT? THINK GREEN SHOW!

The Green Show has been a Christ Church 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! The 2026 Green Show takes place on December 4 and 5 with many opportunities to participate in the coming months. Now is the perfect time to donate items to be sold or auctioned at the Green Show.

Inside Plants is seeking fun, creative containers for the Green Show—serving bowls, cachepots, ice buckets, planters, wicker baskets, or similar treasures. Items should be at least 4” tall and 3” wide, up to 12” x 14”. We also need long, narrow containers suitable for use with Advent candles. Please leave donations marked “Plants” in the Parish Center reception area. Questions or need pickup? Call Wendy Massey at (302) 353-6851.

Other assorted donations are welcome too! Good quality holiday and household items, gently-used and new children’s toys, jewelry, collectibles and accessories, and silent auction donations—especially use of vacation homes for a week or weekend and unique experiences such as garden tours, sporting events, performance tickets, and gatherings that cannot be purchased on Amazon. Please leave donations in the Parish Center reception area. To donate an experience for the silent auction, please contact [Janet Clark-Amodei](#).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH AT THE DIOCESAN LEVEL

Several diocesan leadership positions will be elected at the diocesan convention in November. Open positions include Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board, Trustees, and the Constitution & Canons Committee. Find information [here](#) or contact [Jordan Kinsey](#), our parish representative on the Nominations Committee.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Gertrude, Lillian, and Mona Taggart
Lillian Taggart Andrews
Henry H. Silliman Jr.

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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Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Barbara King, '27, *Junior Warden & Assistant Treasurer*
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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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