

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL. Christ Church Episcopal Preschool opens its doors on September 8, celebrating the beginning of our 21st year with great eagerness and optimism. Our program is an emergent learning/play-based program that focuses on the process of learning, rather than on the product. Christ Church's amazing 22-acre campus provides wonderful outdoor opportunities, and the seven preschool classrooms are cheerfully decorated and equipped with developmentally appropriate activities. Our highly qualified staff members develop close and loving relationships with their students and focus on an inclusive community that includes the parish, the school, and its families. Preference in admissions is given to parishioners, and we serve children who are 12 months old through PreK. For more information, please visit their [website](#) or call (302) 472-0021.

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*. During Advent, they'll turn to *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), followed in February by his *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*. Next summer, they'll 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! Contact [Christopher Scott](#) for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES – SEPTEMBER 11

If you are a woman who would like to go deeper in your faith, consider joining our Women's Bible Study, a small group experience designed to connect with scripture and one another. Missy Flynn and Lynette Turner will facilitate an examination of the Book of Proverbs every other Friday beginning September 11 in Parish Hall A. You are welcome to come for light refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30. Study and discussion run from 10 to 11:15 AM. Please RSVP to [Missy](#), and visit our [website](#) to purchase the study guide.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for our parish picnic next 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.

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 next Sunday, September 13, at 9 AM or on Sunday, September 27, at 5 PM. To express interest in serving, please contact [Jane Rubini](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13

Middle and high school parents are invited to learn about this year's new schedule for youth programming, including next summer's mission trip to the Dominican Republic, next Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 AM in Parish Hall A.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 18

Following our 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.

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
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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](#).

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Make the commitment and [sign up](#) your child for Sunday formation from nursery care through 12th grade. All age groups have offerings beginning Sunday, September 20. Here they will make the connection with God and the CCH community!

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION

September is back to school month, and our collection benefits those served by the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Donations of pants, shirts, blouses, sweaters, and light jackets for both children and adults may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND FAMILY FUN FEST – OCTOBER 3

Come spend a joyful morning at Family Fun Fest, a welcoming community celebration hosted by Christ Church Episcopal Preschool and Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Families and children of all ages are invited to gather for fun, connection, and a chance to enjoy our beautiful campus together on Saturday, October 3, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Children can explore our three playgrounds and enjoy games, arts and crafts, a bouncy house, scooters, pony rides, and plenty of time to play. Meet other families, connect with members of our church and preschool community, and learn more about what makes Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool such a warm and welcoming place. Tours and program information will be available throughout the event, with snacks and refreshments provided. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members along to enjoy a day of family fun!

HOST COFFEE & COMMUNITY THIS FALL

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community on Sundays this fall from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. Individuals and families host by bringing treats and setting up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to provide hospitality and welcome as we nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. [Sign up](#) online.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW

The Green Show has been a Christ Church Christmas tradition since 1953. This joyful holiday celebration will be held on December 4-5 this year with many opportunities to participate in the coming months. All proceeds benefit local nonprofits identified by our outreach committee. 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](#).

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

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.



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