Christ Church Christiana Hundred

November 1, 2026 — All Saints' Day

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

PLANNED GIVING & THE 1848 LEGACY SOCIETY. Christ Church's 1848 Legacy Society is a stewardship program designed to celebrate the lives of those who have faithfully remembered Christ Church through a financial instrument or bequest. Legacy giving is a different form of stewardship. While we count on members for annual giving to enable God's work through the church in the present day, legacy giving is a planned gift. It expands our endowment and anticipates our future with gifts of a lifetime like bequests in a will or trust, life insurance, or retirement assets. We are richly blessed by past gifts given here to the glory of God and for the work of the church. How would you like to be remembered? Join the 1848 Legacy Society by making a planned gift to Christ Church online or contact Deb Piper, our Stewardship & Philanthropy Associate.

BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

Emmeline Ingrid Rose Howes, daughter of Austin and Tessa Howes
Lucy Margaret LoGiurato, daughter of Brett LoGiurato and Dara McBride

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CHORAL EVENSONG: REMEMBRANCE OF THE BELOVED DEPARTED TODAY

At Choral Evensong today at 4 PM in the Church, you are invited to remember loved ones by lighting a candle and placing it on the altar in their honor. In our prayers, we remember the names of those in our parish who died in the past year. The Christ Church Choir and clergy will lead the service, and Christ Church's own Cameron Kuzepski will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR BEGINS TODAY

Have you wanted to read the entire Bible but struggled to find the time or simply never started? Have you tried reading it from start to finish, only to be confused when the narrative shifts in time? If you answered "yes" to either question, the new Bible in One Year group may be for you. Beginning today, November 1, the group will read the entire 66-book Protestant Bible in one year. Daily readings take about 15 minutes and are arranged chronologically, making it easier to follow events. Those participating in the group will meet to discuss the readings on Mondays at 5:30 PM. To participate, please contact Christopher Scott or the Rev. Thom Peters.

RSVP TODAY FOR LUNCH & MUSIC: THE STORY OF LADY JANE GREY – NOVEMBER 4

For generations, the story of Lady Jane Grey, England's Nine Days Queen, has been reimagined in paintings, documentaries, feature films, and other art forms. Christ Church Choir members Jonathan Fox Powers and Paige Cutrona now bring her story to life in a historically accurate, nine-movement song cycle for voice and piano. The music explores the short but remarkable life of this little-known Tudor, who became England's first Queen Regnant. Join us this Wednesday, November 4, following the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel. We'll gather in the Parish Hall for a light buffet lunch and then enjoy the performance. Bring a friend and share an afternoon of worship, fellowship, and music. Please RSVP.

NOVEMBER ADULT FORMATION: LETTERS FROM A FRIEND – NOVEMBER 4, 11, & 18

Remember the joy of receiving a letter in the mail from a trusted friend, mentor, or relative who lived far away? Join us for our next Adult Formation series as we explore three great letter writers of the early church: Paul, Peter, and James. We'll learn who they were, what experiences shaped their teaching, and how their letters served as a "lamp unto the feet" of early Christians living in a tumultuous world. Join us on Wednesdays, November 4, 11, and 18. Sessions begin with light snacks at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by a presentation and discussion from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC YOUTH MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING – NOVEMBER 8

Current 8th-12th grade students and their families considering next summer's youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic from June 16-23 are invited to an interest meeting next Sunday, November 8, at 9:45 AM in Parish Hall A. Parents will get to hear student testimonials from past trips and receive information on dates, cost, airfare, etc.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING NIGHTS – NOVEMBER 8-10

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. Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up dinner for families staying at the Milltown Road campus in Wilmington. Choose a shift between 4 and 7 PM and prepare pre-planned meals on site in Family Promise's state-of-the-art kitchen. All food and supplies are provided by their kitchen manager. Afterward, serve dinner in the new dining hall and enjoy fellowship with the families. No experience is necessary. Sign up online.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 11

All are welcome to attend this service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, November 11, at 12 PM in the Chapel as we remember those who served in our military, the living and the departed.

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS: THANKSGIVING LABYRINTH WALK – NOVEMBER 14

Join parishioner Laurel Riegel at the Christ Church labyrinth on Saturday, November 14, at 3 PM for a labyrinth walk to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving (weather permitting). This event is suitable for both adults and older children and is inclusive for anyone with mobility concerns.

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP: FRIENDSGIVING – NOVEMBER 15

Celebrate the season of gratitude with fellowship, food, and fun at All Ages Fellowship on Sunday, November 15, between the 9 and 10:30 AM services in the Parish Hall. Hosted by our Invite Welcome Connect ministry, this special Friendsgiving gathering is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time together. Invite a friend to worship with you on this day and introduce them to the wonderful community that is Christ Church! Adults are encouraged to bring a snack to share as we give thanks for each other and welcome new friends to our parish.

DONATE A TURKEY OR MEAL: INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT – NOVEMBER 15

Each year we partner with our interfaith friends to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need, and your $20 contribution will provide a turkey for each bag of food we distribute. Please place your donation in the offering plate, give online, or mail a check to Christ Church. Also, we request one bag per household containing stuffing mix, instant potato flakes, canned green beans, peas, corn, yams, and cranberry sauce, packaged gravy, and dessert mix. Bags may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance. Then join us for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets Project and potluck on Sunday, November 15, from 3 to 5 PM at the Islamic Society of Delaware, 28 Salem Church Road in Newark. For the supper, please bring a main or side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Out of respect for the dietary guidelines of our partners, dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products, beef, or combine dairy products with meat.

FANTASTICAL FANTASIES WITH SPARX FLUTE & HARP DUO – NOVEMBER 15

For 40 years, Joan Grace Marsh, flute, and Anne Sullivan, harp, have performed together as SPARX, an award-winning ensemble known for expanding the repertoire of original music for flute and harp. They have performed in settings ranging from intimate private concerts to large venues across the US and have enjoyed both national and international acclaim. Come hear their performance, *Fantastical Fantasies*, on Sunday, November 15, at 4 PM in Christ Church's Chapel. Reserve your seats online.

SUPPORTING PARENTS RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN – NOVEMBER 16

Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool invite your participation in a special series designed to support families as they raise children in faith and well-being. Come for dinner, conversation, and practical guidance. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM, followed by the program from 6 to 7 PM. Free childcare is available by reservation. Join us on Monday, November 16, for "Supporting Development in Young Children." Licensed health service psychologist Maria Rubino Watkins, Ph.D. will share how young children grow and develop, when additional support may be needed, and why early identification and intervention can make a lasting difference. Please RSVP.

THE GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 4 & 5

With just over a month before this year's Green Show, here is what you need to know to participate:

Volunteer: Green Show preparations have begun! Join in on Saturday, November 7, to make buffalo chicken dip to be frozen and sold at the Green Show or help bake carrot cakes on Wednesday, November 18. Other options include baking sweets and treats, making and freezing soups and cookie dough at home, helping decorate wreaths and boxwood trees, potting fresh indoor plants, organizing the silent auction, checking in Preview Party guests, and serving as a cashier, cook, bartender, or server. Find details on these and other volunteer opportunities on our website.

Donate: All types of donations are needed to make this year's Green Show a success—silent auction items, fresh and dried greens, pine cones, pods, and hydrangea, plant containers, wreath decorations and bows, Christmas ornaments and decor, dishes, glass and serving ware, gently-used and new children's toys, jewelry, accessories, wine and spirits, food for the Preview Party, and more. Visit our website for details.

Preorder: Preordering guarantees availability of your favorite items and helps us manage our inventory. Preorder sales begin next week, but you can browse our options now on our website.

Attend: Enjoy one-stop shopping and decorating with beautiful wreaths, fresh greens, unique gifts, homemade dishes, and more! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, for a large dose of holiday spirit and fun for all ages. Preview Party tickets go on sale next week. Look for your invitation by email and visit our website for a complete schedule of events.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to the 123 households who have returned their pledge for 2027 financial support! If you have not done so yet, we ask that you do in the coming weeks so the finance committee and vestry can set our 2027 ministry budget. You may complete a pledge form, scan this QR code, or pledge online. Christ Church is a place for inspiration, celebration, sharing, service, and worship where all are welcome, and your gift to God makes this place possible. Please join us in making your pledge as a promise to sustain the ministry of Christ Church, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Mary Quillen Roads
Laura Landig

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

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The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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