

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



OCTOBER 11, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE WORK OF THE 242ND DIOCESAN CONVENTION. Each year, The Episcopal Church in Delaware gathers for prayer, listening, learning, fellowship, and diocesan business. This year's Convention will be held November 20–21 at the Hyatt Place in Dewey Beach. Each parish sends two voting lay delegates and may appoint a third who is under age 30. Together with the diocese's canonical clergy, these representatives form the voting delegation. Christ Church will be represented by lay delegates David Scott and Jordan Kinsey, young adult delegate Alexander Maynard, alternate delegate Jaqueline Whalen, and alternate young adult delegate Spencer Maynard. If you have never attended Convention, consider joining this year. It is a unique opportunity to meet Episcopalians from across Delaware and participate in our common life and work. For information, visit The Episcopal Church in Delaware's [website](#).

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – TONIGHT

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team tonight from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A, followed by dinner with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held on second and fourth Sundays, and participants build leadership skills by planning and executing a year-end service project.

ADULT FORMATION: THE GOSPEL WRITERS – OCTOBER 14, 21, & 28

Join us as we explore The Gospel Writers who provide our most direct accounts of Jesus and his ministry. Who were they? What shaped their perspectives? What makes each Gospel unique? The series continues on Wednesdays, October 14 (Luke), 21 (Mark), and 28 (Matthew). Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM. Please [RSVP](#).

OUTREACH AGENCY NETWORKING BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 15

The Christ Church Outreach Committee will host a breakfast and discussion with keynote speaker Kim Eppehimer this Thursday, October 15, from 7:30 to 9 AM in the Parish Halls. As CEO of Friendship House and now Limen Wellness + Recovery, Kim has championed collaboration and positive change in the Wilmington community. Join us as she shares the story of how these two organizations came together to form One Big House through a strategic partnership. If you are a volunteer worker, board member, or leader of a community organization that helps the underserved, join us for this morning of networking and learning. Please [RSVP](#).

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS: SPIRITUAL BREATHING & LABYRINTH WALK – OCTOBER 16 & 20

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Yet finding stillness can be difficult! All are welcome at our next offering of Spirituality Beyond Sundays, Spiritual Breathing, this Friday, October 16, at 10 AM in Parish Hall A. Drawing on her experience as a yoga instructor and her personal background in Christian spirituality, parishioner Libbie Fiechter will explore how mindful breathing can help us become still and deepen our connection with God through prayer. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat if you'd like to sit on the floor.

Then join us at the Christ Church labyrinth on Tuesday, October 20, at 10 AM for a labyrinth walk to celebrate the Season of Creation (weather permitting). Come acknowledge God's presence in the change of the seasons and delight in the evidence of His hand in creation. Accommodations may be made for those unable to walk the labyrinth.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – OCTOBER 16

Following our 175th Anniversary Service Project with LCS in 2024, our partnership with them continues as we offer opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods to be distributed to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

RECYCLE YOUR FLEXIBLE PLASTICS – OCTOBER 17

Christ Church's Creations Care Team will host our next flexible plastics collection event in the circle drive entrance of the Parish Center on Saturday, October 17, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bring your **clean and dry plastic shopping bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable storage bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers** to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. Help us help those in our community as we care for our planet by recycling flexible plastics.

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP: PARISH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 18

Join your parish community for a pancake breakfast hosted by our youth next Sunday, October 18, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit, and beverages while connecting with friends, meeting new people, and sharing fellowship. A freewill offering will be accepted, and all ages are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – OCTOBER 18

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to Christ Church's Grief Support Group meeting next Sunday, October 18, at 12 PM in the Commons Room. Come find comfort and care with those who understand.

AT THE SIGN OF THE CRUMHORN WITH PIFFARO – OCTOBER 18

In 16th century Antwerp, a small shop described as being found "At the Sign of the Crumhorn" drew musicians, dancers, and the curious inside. There, the publisher Tielman Susato sent new music out into the world—tunes that became massively popular and culturally influential. This program by Piffaro, the Renaissance Band opens that door again with the vivid sound of shawms, sackbuts, dulcians, and crumhorns filling the air. Follow the sign to Christ Church next Sunday, October 18, at 3 PM and find what's been waiting to be heard! [Reserve](#) your seats online.

SUPPORTING PARENTS RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN – OCTOBER 19

Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool invite you to join 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. "Where is God?" is our first session, led by the Rev. Ruth Beresford on Monday, October 19, in Parish Hall A. She will offer practical insights and faith-filled approaches to help parents and caregivers nurture a child's awareness of God's loving presence. [RSVP](#) and explore upcoming sessions on our website.

JOIN OUR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP – OCTOBER 22

Christ Church's Men's Fellowship Group gathers on the fourth Thursday of most months for a time of fellowship and sharing. No preparation is needed. Join the group on Thursday, October 22, at 7 PM in the Commons Room. A light snack is provided. Please [RSVP](#).

RUNNING OF THE RAMS – OCTOBER 24

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool's annual 5K and Fun Run takes place on Saturday, October 24, at 8:45 AM with the children's fun run at 8:20 AM. The course begins and ends at Christ Church and passes through Hagley Museum's scenic grounds. Runners, walkers, and strollers are welcome to participate. There is something for the whole family at this event, and all proceeds benefit CCEP's educational programs. For information and to register, visit CCEP's [website](#).

OCTOBER OUTREACH COLLECTION

Donations of nonperishable food for our November Thanksgiving Baskets Project, which provides Thanksgiving meals to those in need, are being collected during October. 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.

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR BEGINS – NOVEMBER 1

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 on All Saints’ Day, 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. For more information and to participate, please contact [Christopher Scott](#) or the Rev. [Thom Peters](#).

JOIN US 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—one movement for each day of her reign. The music explores the short but remarkable life of this little-known Tudor, who became England’s first Queen Regnant. Join us on Wednesday, November 4, for this special performance. 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. A suggested donation of \$8 to help cover the cost of lunch is appreciated. Sponsored by our Elder Ministry, this event is open to those of all ages. Please [RSVP](#).

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. Family Promise’s hosting model has changed, and Christ Church 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, and individuals ages 14 and older and groups are welcome—whether you enjoy cooking, serving, visiting, or simply lending a hand. Visit our [website](#) for details on how to sign up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 4 & 5

The Green Show has been a Christ Church Christmas tradition since 1953 and features the sale of beautiful wreaths, greens, Christmas trees, handmade crafts, baked goods, frozen foods, and many other gifts, plus a visit from Santa, children’s activities, and lunch on Saturday. A preview cocktail party and silent auction kick off the fun on Friday. All proceeds support local social service agencies identified by Christ Church’s Outreach Committee. The 2025 Green Show raised \$99,000 for our outreach partners. This year’s event takes place December 4 and 5. Mark your calendar and come find that one-of-a-kind Christmas gift and a large dose of holiday spirit! There are many opportunities to get involved between now and then too. Visit our [website](#) to see how you can volunteer your time or donate goods and services to make this year’s event a success.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Provide hospitality and welcome to fellow parishioners by hosting Coffee & Community on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Parish Hall C. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it’s an easy, fun way to nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. [Sign up](#) 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.



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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
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The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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