Christ Church Christiana Hundred

November 8, 2026 — In the Season of Pentecost

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR OUTREACH AGENCY BREAKFAST. Each fall our Outreach Committee hosts a networking breakfast and discussion for Wilmington area nonprofit agencies, many of which have applied for or received funding from the Christ Church Outreach Committee. Over 65 people attended last month's event, including representatives from 35 organizations. Keynote speaker Kim Eppehimer, CEO of One Big House, engaged participants in conversation about how Friendship House and Limen Recovery + Wellness joined to become "One Big House" through a strategic partnership. This annual event is appreciated by our agency partners who make connections while enjoying breakfast. For information about Christ Church's Outreach Committee and the agencies we support, please visit our website or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

BAPTIZED AT THE 9:00 AM ARK SERVICE

Matilda Constance Hawkes, daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Hawkes
Bennett Hedlund Overchuk, son of Erik and Perry Overchuk
Cooper Roland Reed, son of Jeremy and Whitney Reed

LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GREEN SHOW AT COFFEE & COMMUNITY

The Green Show has been a Christ Church Christmas tradition since 1953. This joyful holiday celebration for the whole family will be held on December 4 and 5 with many opportunities to participate. Join us today between the 9 and 10:30 AM services in Parish Hall C to learn more, and find additional information in this bulletin.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC YOUTH MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

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 today, 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.

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team today 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.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 11

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

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

November's Adult Formation series continues on Wednesdays, November 11 and 18, when 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. 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.

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 next 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 next 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*, next Sunday, November 15, at 4 PM in Christ Church's Chapel. Reserve your seats today.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – NOVEMBER 20

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.

JOIN US FOR GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING – NOVEMBER 22

We're looking for ten creative adults to decorate miniature gingerbread houses on Sunday, November 22, from 12 to 2 PM in Parish Hall B. Participants will decorate two houses—one to take home and one to be sold at the Green Show. Houses, icing, and some candies are provided. If you have a specific theme or candy ideas, bring along your own decorations. Space is limited to ten, so please RSVP today to Lu Johnston. Questions? Contact Lu or Beth Faulkner.

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS – NOVEMBER 22

Choral Evensong will be offered on Sunday, November 22, at 4 PM in the Chapel, led by our senior Choristers, Christ Church Choir schola, and clergy. This service is a wonderful opportunity for children and youth who are interested in joining the chorister program to hear the choir and learn about the chorister experience. Come support our youngest singers as they make music to the glory of God. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, Sir George Dyson, and Richard Shephard. Bruce Barber will play an organ prelude at 3:45 PM.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 26

Our Thanksgiving Day service at 10 AM includes Holy Eucharist in the Church with members of our choir. Join us to give thanks to God and to remember our blessings.

THE GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 4 & 5

Find that one-of-a-kind Christmas gift and a large dose of holiday spirit at this year's Green Show on December 4 and 5. This Christ Church Christmas tradition 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.

Attend: Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you on Friday night from 6 to 9 PM and on Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Purchase Preview Party tickets and find the schedule of events for both days on our website.

Donate: It's not too late to make a donation to the Green Show! Items include 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. Or make a cash contribution, 100% of which goes directly to Outreach. For details, visit our website.

Preorder: Each year we offer preorders of some of your favorite Green Show items. Check out this year's options on our website and place your orders today. Preordered carrot cakes and freezer foods may be picked up early after services on Sunday, November 22—just in time for Thanksgiving dinner!

Volunteer: Experience the joy of volunteering at the Green Show. Your time and talents are what make this event such a success. Help bake carrot cakes on Wednesday, November 18, or decorate gingerbread houses on Sunday, November 22. 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. Learn how you can help in the coming weeks on our website.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to the 157 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
William Winder and Mary A. B. du Pont Laird
David and Wilhelmina "Mina" Craven
Daphne Craven Reese

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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