

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



OCTOBER 27, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

**THE WORK OF THE 240TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION.** Each year the Episcopal Church in Delaware gathers as a community for prayer, listening, learning, diocesan business, and to renew old friendships and make new ones. This year's Convention will be held on November 22-23 in Rehoboth. Each parish has two voting lay delegates and may designate a third delegate under the age of 30, who form the voting delegation along with all canonical clergy of our diocese. Christ Church's delegates are Cindi Cozza and Mark Parsells; Alexander Maynard is our young adult delegate, and Jaq and Jim Whalen serve as our alternates. If you have never participated in Convention, consider joining in this year—it is a unique opportunity to meet your sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Church from all over our state and to take part in our common life and work. Click [here](#) for information.

## PLEDGE INGATHERING – TODAY

In our worship today, we ask God's blessing on the offering we make for the coming year. If you have returned your pledge for 2025 financial support already, thank you! If you have not, we ask that you do so today so the finance committee and vestry can set our 2025 ministry budget. You may complete a pledge form 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.

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## AN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY – TODAY

Stay after today's 10:30 AM service for a history of our church's construction, enhancements made over the years, and architectural and decorative features of note, including how the sanctuary acquired its unique mix of design aesthetics. Jennifer O'Connor will give an encore presentation of last summer's architectural history talk with time for Q&A at the end.

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## ELDER MINISTRY LUNCH & CONVERSATION: ANSWERING GOD'S CALL – WEDNESDAY

Barbara Lee, author of *Answering God's Call: A Scripture-Based Journey for Older Adults*, joins us this week for lunch and conversation on how God's call for us doesn't end when we retire. Many biblical saints were in their later years when God called them to their adventures of leadership, new life, transformation, and healing. Bring a friend for worship, conversation, and a light buffet lunch this Wednesday, October 30. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel. Click [here](#) to RSVP today. A suggested donation of \$8 to help defray the cost of lunch is appreciated.

## **CHRIST CHURCH MOURNS THE DEATH OF ROBERT WILLIS, DEAN EMERITUS OF CANTERBURY**

We are grieved to share that Robert Willis, our November Theologian in Residence, died suddenly and peacefully this week while a resident fellow at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Robert will be remembered for his 20 years as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral and cherished for the connection his online Garden Congregation brought to an isolated COVID world beginning in 2020. Robert was to be our Theologian in Residence from November 7-10. Sadly, we must now cancel the planned fireside chat on Thursday, November 7, and the half-day retreat on Saturday, November 9. The Christ Church Choir will present, as planned, the *Music in Memoriam* concert on Sunday, November 10, at 4 PM and will sing Phillip Ledger's *Requiem* in Robert's memory.

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## **OPEN HOUSE AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL – NOVEMBER 2**

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool welcomes new families to join our school community! We offer 3- and 5-day full/half day programs with extended care and holiday camps, specials such as music, Spanish, Chapel, Godly Play, and gym, and lunch and snacks included in the cost of tuition—all on our beautiful 22-acre campus. Join us at CCEP's Open House on Saturday, November 2, from 10 AM to 12 PM and learn about our play-based, literacy-rich programs for children 18 months through PreK. Click [here](#) for details.

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## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC YOUTH MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING – NOVEMBER 3**

Current 8th-12th grade students and their families considering next summer's youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic are invited to an interest meeting next Sunday, November 3, at 9:45 AM in Parish Hall A. Parents will get to hear student testimonies from past trips and receive information on dates, cost, airfare, etc.

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## **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT ALL SAINTS' – NOVEMBER 3**

Join our worship next Sunday, November 3, in the Memorial Garden at the conclusion of the 10:30 AM service as we remember those buried there or at Evensong at 4 PM as we light candles to remember loved ones.

### **Choral Evensong: Remembrance of the Beloved Departed**

Choral Evensong will be offered next Sunday, November 3, at 4 PM in the Church, where 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. Led by the Christ Church Choir and clergy, music will include works by Helvey, Shepherd, Wood, Lehman, and Lewis. Nathan Ringkamp from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

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## **ELECTION PRAYER VIGIL – NOVEMBER 4-6**

Join in a vigil of prayer for our nation as the 2024 election season comes to a close. A service of prayer begins at 7 PM in the Church on Monday, November 4. At its conclusion, the Church will remain open for prayer with resources to support your intentions, and intercessors will pray through the hours until Wednesday, November 6, for 40 hours when the vigil ends with Holy Eucharist at 12 PM in the Chapel. The vigil keeper may pray at home or come to Christ Church for the appointed hour. Sign up for an hour or more [here](#).

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## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – NOVEMBER 6**

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, November 6, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

### **CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR CONCERT: *MUSIC IN MEMORIAM* – NOVEMBER 10**

The Christ Church Choir and chamber ensemble present *Music in Memoriam* on Sunday, November 10, at 4 PM in the Church. This concert features a world premiere of an a cappella work by Westminster Choir College composer Joel Phillips and music from Philip Ledger's *Requiem*, which will be offered in memory of the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, who was to be our Theologian in Residence November 7-10, prior to his sudden death. A brief reception will follow the concert. Reserve your seats [here](#).

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### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT – NOVEMBER 17**

Each year we partner with our interfaith friends to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Whole bag meals containing stuffing mix, instant potato flakes, canned green beans, peas, corn, yams, and cranberry sauce, packaged gravy, and dessert mix may be brought to Christ Church, or you may contribute \$20 for a turkey for one of the bags. Mail a check to Christ Church, place it in the offering plate, or give [online](#). Then join us on Sunday, November 17, from 3 to 5 PM in our Parish Halls for the event and a potluck supper. 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.

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### **FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – NOVEMBER 24-30**

Christ Church will host families from the Family Promise network during Thanksgiving week, November 24-30, when members of our congregation provide meals, assistance, and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise's campus, and volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there each evening. Through Family Promise, families receive daily case management support from professional staff in their search for gainful employment and sustainable housing. Click [here](#) for information and to volunteer.

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### **CALLING ALL MIXOLOGISTS FOR THIS YEAR'S GREEN SHOW!**

New this year at the Green Show Preview Party...mocktails! Do you have a favorite Christmas mocktail? Love creating alcohol-free drinks? Create the winning recipe and get a free ticket to the Christ Church Green Show Preview Party on December 6. Entries must be alcohol-free and use ingredients that are readily available. Recipes should be submitted by November 6 to [Nancy Greenberg](#). The winner will be selected at our next Green Show meeting on November 10. Join in the fun and submit your recipe today!

This year's Green Show will be held on December 6 and 7 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 a delicious homemade brunch on Saturday. A preview cocktail party and silent auction kick off the fun on Friday. All proceeds support local social service agencies. For details, click [here](#).

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### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
Josephine Napoliello Texter, Harold Ely Texter, Carol Texter Weiss Swingle  
Roger Wolcott Hall, Teresa Napoliello

and in loving memory of  
Mary Quillen Roads, Laura Landig

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
Bob and Muff Scott, Milo Naeve, Bill and Nicky Ellis  
Bob and Helen McCuen, Ben Mather and Jo Osbun, Dick and Ginny Taylor  
Spence and Addie Hellekson, John Noyes

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. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*  
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*  
Jo Harney, *Director of Choristers*  
Cameron Kuzepski, *Organ Scholar*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*  
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Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*  
Denise Gilliam, *CCEP Administrative Specialist*  
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*  
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*  
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*  
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*  
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Leroy Folks, Andy Marine, Charles Parfitt-Simpson, *Sextons*

#### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Alexia Wolf, '26, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; Alexander Maynard, *Youth Representative*  
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Audrey Bruce, '25; Cindi Cozza, '27; Barbara King, '27  
Ted Ledden, '25; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; Scott Nickle, '26; Eliza Phillips, '25  
Jamie Poston, '27; Bart Reese, '25; Jaqueline Whalen, '26

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