

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



JANUARY 12, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

**THE WORK OF OUR ALTAR GUILD.** Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. To care for the sacred vessels, the bread, wine, and candles, along with the linens, frontals, and hangings used for worship in the Church and Chapel is far more than a task—it is a true ministry. Serving on the Altar Guild is a way to share your talents to the glory of God. Altar Guild members are assigned to a team, and each team serves in rotation throughout the year. The group welcomes new members, and training sessions are offered. For more information or to join this ministry, please contact [Kim Nelkin](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

## BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

James Hompe Kiernan Amin, son of Nilpesh Amin and Emily Kiernan

Rowan Maria Colicchio and Skylar Lisa Colicchio, daughters of Nicholas and Emily Colicchio

Nicholas Grant du Pont Hyland, son of Samuel and Alyssa Hyland

Cory James Ross, son of Shane and Julianne Ross

Sarah Saxberg Turner

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## JANUARY CLOTHING DRIVE

During January, we are collecting blankets, clothing, boots, and shoes for men, women, children, and infants for the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Please bring items in tied trash bags weighing no more than 15 pounds each, and place blanket donations in separate bags. All items may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the circle drive entrance to the Parish Center at any time during the month. Items brought to worship today, January 12, will be presented during the Offering at the 10:30 AM service.

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## JOIN OUR INVITATION WORKSHOP - JANUARY 15

Did you know that 66% of Americans say they would accept an invitation to join a friend or family member at church? The challenge for us is building our courage and skills to make that invitation. To help, Christ Church parishioners are invited to join members of our Invite Welcome Connect Team this Wednesday, January 15, at 6 PM for an Invitation Workshop in Parish Hall C. Together, we will discover our own story of knowing God's love and will learn tactics for listening to others' stories and inviting them into life at Christ Church. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP for this special offering [here](#).

### **CARD-MAKING WORKSHOP – JANUARY 16**

Now is the time to check off a New Year's resolution and clear out your stockpile of old greeting cards and paper products! Have fun and get creative as we start the New Year with a card-making workshop with artist Leslie Davis Guccione. Join in this Thursday, January 16, from 9 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A as she gives us tips on repurposing old cards, paper, and materials in our homes to create all-occasion cards to use throughout the year. Please RSVP [here](#).

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### **NEW THEOLOGY SMALL GROUP WELCOMES MEMBERS – JANUARY 16**

A newly-formed small group meets every other Thursday in the Commons Room from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and explores theological writings from the earliest days of the Church up to the present. Topics include the doctrine of the Trinity, grace, salvation, and age-old questions such as: Why does suffering exist? Is evil merely the absence of good? and How much free will do we have? The conversation and company are lively, and no prior understanding of theology is needed. Questions? Contact the group's leader, [Christopher Scott](#). New members are welcome this Thursday, January 16.

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – JANUARY 17**

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click [here](#) to sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

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### **SATURDAY SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP – JANUARY 18**

Every Saturday, a contemporary service of Holy Eucharist is held at 5 PM in the Chapel. On Saturday, January 18, all are welcome to join us for this service and for fellowship in Parish Hall C afterward from 6 to 7 PM. Please bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. Nonalcoholic beverages will be provided; you are welcome to bring beer or wine. Contact Melinda Ryan (302-540-8951), Sarah Brown (302-521-9739), or Andrea Zimmerman (302-540-4736) with questions or offers of assistance to set up or clean up. Invite a friend to join you for this "come as you are" service and get to know others who attend our Saturday worship.

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### **ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP: QUIET ACTS OF KINDNESS – JANUARY 19**

Next Sunday, January 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls, our Outreach Committee hosts an expanded Coffee & Community. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and a fun hands-on service project where all are invited to make Valentine's Day cards for shut-in senior citizen clients of Lutheran Community Services. This is a great activity to do with your friends and family, and it's a way to make connections across the generations. No faith formation classes will be held at this time so all ages can participate.

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### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – JANUARY 19**

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, January 19, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

## **EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS – JANUARY 19**

Services of Lessons & Carols focus on the story of God’s actions in the world for each season of the Church year. Epiphany is a multifaceted season where we see the young Christ Jesus in the manger, being presented in the Temple, being baptized, shining forth as the light of the world, and ultimately revealing his glory in dazzling brightness on the holy mountain. Join us next Sunday, January 19, at 4 PM in the Chapel as we hear and celebrate these stories of Epiphany with music by Malcolm Archer, Philip Moore, John Tavener, Felix Mendelssohn, and Philip Ledger, led by the Christ Church Choir.

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## **NEWCOMERS: BELONG – JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, & 12**

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join in a 4-part series called Belong on Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the class from 7 to 8 PM in the Commons Room. Participants will make connections with other new people, learn about Christ Church, and find places of belonging here. Click [here](#) to RSVP for the series.

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## **ADULT FORMATION: WORD INTO LIFE – JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, & 12**

Join the Rev. David Beresford on Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12, for a 4-part series titled “Word into Life.” This will be an opportunity to reflect upon and discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday. Written copies of each sermon, along with starter questions, will be made available prior to each session. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM and concluding with Compline. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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## **TWO FAMILY PROMISE OPPORTUNITIES – WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 2 & APRIL 27**

Christ Church has the honor of hosting families from the Family Promise Network during the weeks of February 2-8 and April 27-May 3, when members of our congregation provide meals, assistance, and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise’s campus on Milltown Road in Wilmington, and volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there for up to five families 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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## **2025 FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The Outreach Committee has begun its 2025 funding cycle. Each year, Christ Church provides funding to nonprofit agencies that feed, clothe, house, educate, and advocate for our neighbors in need. Those who work with nonprofit agencies may download an application [here](#). Completed applications are due by Friday, January 31.

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## **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH**

MLK Voice 4 Youth provides a platform for young people in grades 7-12 to speak out on issues important to them, reflecting MLK’s commitment to social change and justice. Students choose from 150 American activists spanning different causes and eras to develop their message for change and compete on February 9, 2025 for the first place prize of \$2,000. For more information and to register by January 15, click [here](#).

### **HAVE YOU PLEDGED FOR 2025?**

Thank you to the 381 households that have made a financial pledge to Christ Church for 2025! 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. We rely on contributions and pledges like yours as our primary source of income to support our ministries as we care for our parish family and serve the community around us. Please join us in making your pledge, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here. Click [here](#) to give online, make a pledge, and for instructions on giving a gift of stock.

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### **WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG**

Please help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags may be ordered [here](#) or by calling the parish office at (302) 655-3379. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

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### **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM**

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

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### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of  
Doris Elise du Pont, Margaret Silliman Easton, Caroline Silliman Walker  
Mariana du Pont and Henry Harper Silliman

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 Rev. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*  
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*  
Terri Carpe, *Finance Manager*  
Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*  
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*  
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*  
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*  
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*  
Deborah Webb, *Communications Associate/Graphic Designer*  
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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