

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



JANUARY 19, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE. This committee oversees all aspects of Christ Church's buildings and grounds and provides for the changing facility needs of our parish through planning and management of new construction, renovations, and improvements. We are fortunate to be stewards of the Christ Church property—six historic buildings comprising nearly 40,000 square feet on 22 beautiful acres. During this past year, enhancements to our facilities included completing the slate refinishing in the Parish Center, adding surge protection to the Church, and installing a backup generator for the Sexton's House that services its two apartments. On the grounds, tree work and brush removal were done, particularly near Squirrel Run, and the parking lot pavement was repaired in a number of spots. Finally, there was a lot of painting done—the interior of the Church, Rectory trim, the Sexton's House, and the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact [John Faulkner](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP: QUIET ACTS OF KINDNESS

Our Outreach Committee hosts an expanded Coffee & Community today from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets today 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

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 today at 4 PM in the Chapel as we hear and celebrate these stories of Epiphany in a service of Lessons & Carols with music led by the Christ Church Choir.

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.

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

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join the Rev. Michael Kurth 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. 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.

TWO GREEN SHOW EVENTS

THANK YOU BRUNCH FOR VOLUNTEERS – JANUARY 26

All who volunteered their time and talents for the 2024 Green Show are invited to brunch next Sunday, January 26, at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall, hosted by Nancy Greenberg. Come enjoy fun and fellowship with others, share your experience of serving as a Green Show volunteer, and help us wrap up another successful Green Show as we look ahead to this year's event. Please RSVP [here](#).

HELP CLEAN OUT THE GREEN SHOW CLOSET – FEBRUARY 2

Join us on Sunday, February 2, following the 10:30 AM service to help remove items and reorganize supplies in the Green Show closet between the Kitchen and Parish Hall C. Help sort through these treasures and tidy up the space to make room for donations for our 2025 Green Show. Stop by anytime between 11:30 AM and 3 PM and continue our Green Show tradition of making new friends while working alongside fellow parishioners.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – JANUARY 27

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with women in the parish, and all women are invited. The group will meet at Cromwell's Tavern on Monday, January 27, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

OSTINATO WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – JANUARY 31

Chaconnes, bergamasques, follies, ciaccionas, romanescas, and other ground basses are brought to toe-tapping life by Tempesta di Mare's chamber players in this performance of *Ostinato* at Christ Church on Friday, January 31, at 7 PM in the Chapel. The concert includes works by Vivaldi, Purcell, Blow, Marais, and others. Tickets are \$35-\$45 and may be purchased [here](#).

JANUARY CLOTHING DRIVE

This month, we collect 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. Items may be left in the back of the Church or Parish Center circle drive entrance.

CHORAL EVENSONG – FEBRUARY 2

Choral Evensong takes place on Sunday, February 2, at 4 PM in the Church with the Parish Choir and senior Choristers. Music will include works by Ronald Arnatt, William Smith, Herbert Sumsion, and Bruce Neswick. Bruce Barber will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

CHAPEL MEMORIAL FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE

Memorial flowers for the altars at Christ Church are donated in memory of loved ones each week. With weekly services in the Chapel, there are numerous dates available to donate flowers in 2025. If you wish to offer flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

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. For information and to volunteer, click [here](#).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – FEBRUARY 5

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, February 5, 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.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. Individuals and families volunteer to host by bringing treats and setting up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to provide hospitality and welcome as we nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Sign up [here](#).

SEEKING VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Do you feel called to serve your parish community as a member of the Christ Church Vestry or know someone who would make a great candidate? We are accepting nominations for next year's vestry class. The vestry serves many important roles in partnership with our rector. Key responsibilities include setting and enabling the long-term vision and purpose of the parish and ensuring its ongoing health and vitality through sound spiritual and financial stewardship of our congregation and our beautiful campus. As part of this, setting ministry budget priorities is a key responsibility. If interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please reach out to any member of the vestry, including this year's outgoing class: [Audrey Bruce](#), [Ted Ledden](#), [Eliza Phillips](#), and [Bart Reese](#).

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of

Ward F. Davidson Sr., Elizabeth Davidson

Ward F. Davidson Jr., Alice Davidson, Elizabeth Smith-Johanssen

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Deborah Bonkowski

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*

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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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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM