CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



JANUARY 26, 2025

In the Season of Epiphany

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTIONS. Each month, parishioners are encouraged to donate specific items for a worthwhile agency or cause. We collect a wide variety of items for many of our Outreach partners, ranging from food, clothing, and toiletries to school supplies, children's games, and sports equipment. Check the bulletin for collection information and consider how you can contribute throughout the year.

January Clothing Drive

This week, we wrap up our collection of 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.

TWO GREEN SHOW EVENTS

Thank You Brunch for Volunteers - Today

All who volunteered their time and talents for the 2024 Green Show are invited to brunch today, 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.

Help Clean Out the Green Show Closet - Next Sunday

Then join us next 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 – TOMORROW

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies tomorrow, January 27, at 7 PM at Cromwell's Tavern. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP today.

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

Join the Rev. David Beresford on Wednesdays, January 29, February 5, and 12, for "Word into Life"—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 <u>here</u> to RSVP.

OSTINATO WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – JANUARY 31

Chaconnes, bergamascas, follias, 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 this 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 <u>here</u>.

CHORAL EVENSONG – FEBRUARY 2

Choral Evensong takes place next 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. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

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 and to pick up items for families during the week. For information and to volunteer, click <u>here</u>.

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.

MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH - FEBRUARY 9

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. The finals take place on Sunday, February 9, at 2 PM at The baby grand, 818 N. Market Street in Wilmington, and are free and open to the public. Come hear this year's finalists' powerful and passionate messages as they creatively showcase their talents in spoken word and compete for the \$2,000 first place prize.

MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT: ROCOCO DIALOGUES – FEBRUARY 9

Filament pays homage to 18th century invention in this program celebrating works for harpsichord with strings. This candlelight chamber music concert on Sunday, February 9, at 4 PM in Christ Church's Chapel presents trios of Haydn alongside accompanied keyboard sonatas of Luigi Boccherini. Lesser-known gems, adapted and arranged by the ensemble, will complement this program full of discovery. Reserve your seats for this free concert <u>here</u>.

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.

CHILI COOK-OFF & BINGO NIGHT – FEBRUARY 22

Your Parish Fellowship Team invites you to join in the fun and chase the chill at our Chili Cook-off & Bingo Night on Saturday, February 22, at 6 PM. Come sample our entries as we crown a Christ Church Chili Champion! A \$2 donation per guest gets you a bowl and spoon for sampling. Judging/sampling will take place from 6 to 7 PM and be followed by Bingo from 7:30 to 9 PM. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP to attend the evening and/or to enter your chili in the cook-off. Prizes will be awarded for both the cook-off and Bingo, and snacks and beverages will be provided during the evening. Those participating in the cook-off should bring their prepared chili in a slow cooker with ladle to Parish Hall C by 5:30 PM for judging.

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 <u>here</u>.

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: <u>Audrey Bruce, Ted Ledden, Eliza Phillips</u>, and <u>Bart Reese</u>.

GUEST READERS NEEDED AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL

Guest readers are invited to share a story with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool classes on select Tuesdays of the month at 8:45 AM. Bring along your favorite picture book or select one from the school library. Sign up to read <u>here</u>.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Frederick S. and Bessie G. Johnson Husband E. and Dorothy K. Kimmel Agatha Gay Kimmel, Ned and Harriott Kimmel 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*

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