CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



FEBRUARY 9, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE WORK OF THE GREEN SHOW. Since 1953, the Christ Church Green Show has provided a joyful holiday shopping experience for the benefit of our local community. The collective Green Show effort creates a wonderful opportunity for parish fellowship; it lifts our spirits, demonstrates our collective compassion for those in need, and provides significant financial resources to support the Christ Church outreach program. We are pleased to announce that \$85,000 resulted from our 2024 Green Show efforts! We are grateful to all who donated their time and talent to this annual event. Special thanks go to Nancy Greenberg for her outstanding leadership that fostered a real sense of community for all who participated. The 2025 Green Show will be held on December 5-6. To learn how you can become involved, contact Janet Clark-Amodei or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues 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, February 9, will be presented during the Offering at the 10:30 AM service.

MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH - TODAY

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 this afternoon, 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 - TODAY

Filament pays homage to 18th century invention in this program celebrating works for harpsichord with strings. Today's candlelight chamber music concert 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. Please join us for this free concert.

ADULT FORMATION: WORD INTO LIFE - FEBRUARY 12

Join the Rev. David Beresford this Wednesday, February 12, for the final session of "Word into Life," an opportunity to reflect upon and discuss today's sermon. The evening begins with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM, concluding with Compline. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP.

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP & CRAFTING - FEBRUARY 16

Join in an expanded Coffee & Community next Sunday, February 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls, hosted by Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and crafting where those of all ages and skill levels are invited to decorate a cross for themselves or a loved one. Add your personal touches to this powerful symbol of faith, love, and sacrifice and create a beautiful reminder of God's unending love. No faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - FEBRUARY 16

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, February 16, 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 21

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.

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 here 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.

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click here to complete the 3-minute survey about your preferences. You'll see your results immediately. You are not making a commitment by taking the survey; you are simply exploring areas that may be of interest to you. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JAMES O'DONNELL - MARCH 1-2

We are pleased to welcome James O'Donnell back to Christ Church as this year's Musician in Residence. One of the most celebrated concert organists, choral conductors, and liturgical musicians of our time, he served for more than a decade as Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral and for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, both in London. In 2023, Mr. O'Donnell left London for a position on the faculty of the Institute of Sacred Music and the School of Music at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

He joins us on Saturday, March 1, to rehearse the Christ Church Choir, and all are welcome to attend the open rehearsal from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Church. On Sunday, March 2, join in as he shares about his musical career in a forum, "Westminster to New Haven," from 9:50 to 10:20 AM in the Parish Hall and then directs the Choir at Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM and at Choral Evensong at 4 PM. Following Sunday's Evensong, there will be a reception in the back of the Church where all may greet Professor O'Donnell and members of the Choir and Clergy.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE - AUGUST 1-8

Spend a week of fun with other members of Christ Church at Memorial House—the retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Delaware—from Friday, August 1 through Friday, August 8. Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Homemade meals are provided for breakfast and dinner, so you can relax, play, and connect with others, with nature, and with God. For more information or to make a reservation, click here.

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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.

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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 <u>online</u> or by calling the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Katharine Reeve Draper, Ford Bowman Draper Elizabeth Avery Draper, Ellen Draper Chadwick, Katharine Draper Schutt

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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