

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH. MLK Voice 4 Youth celebrated courageous youth speaking up for change through respect, understanding, and compassion on February 9 at The baby grand in Wilmington. The finalists shared powerful and passionate messages that impressed both judges and audience members, providing an afternoon filled with inspiration, talent, and the power of words. Congratulations to this year's winners: First Place—Niranjana Sendil Kumar, The Charter School of Wilmington, Grade 10; Second Place—Xavier Lawrence, Early College High School, Grade 11; and Third Place—Nethra Naresh, MOT Charter High School, Grade 12. For more information about this statewide spoken word contest, click [here](#).

DINE WITH THE LADIES – FEBRUARY 24

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville, All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies at Pizza by Elizabeths tomorrow, February 24, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

JOIN OUR MEN'S SMALL GROUP – FEBRUARY 27

Christ Church's Men's Ministry is looking for a few good men. Join in on the last Thursday of each month for fellowship, conversation, and dinner. Currently, the group is discussing the book, *The Boy Crisis* by Warren Farrell and John Gray, which explores why boys are struggling and what we can do about it. You are welcome to participate in the gathering and conversation without reading the book. The group meets this Thursday, February 27, at 7 PM in the Commons Room.

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. 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. All are welcome as he joins us for a weekend of music with the Christ Church Choir:

Saturday, March 1

- 1:30-3:30 PM Open Rehearsal with the Christ Church Choir in the Church

Sunday, March 2

- 9:50 to 10:20 AM Forum: "Westminster to New Haven" in Parish Hall A
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 3:30 PM Organ Prelude by David Hearn, retired assistant organist, Christ Church Christiana Hundred
- 4:00 PM Choral Evensong, followed by a reception in the back of the Church

SUBMIT A VESTRY NOMINATION – BY MARCH 1

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 this 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](#).

SHROVE TUESDAY MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER FOR DR MISSION TRIP – MARCH 4

Celebrate Mardi Gras at Christ Church on Tuesday, March 4, with music and delicious breakfast foods. Dinner will be served by our youth from 5:30 to 6:45 PM in the Parish Halls. Also, we will put away the Alleluias in preparation for Lent, cheer on the Christ Church Choristers in their pancake race, and end the evening with the burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday. The cost is \$5 for children and \$15 for youth/adults, and the event is a fundraiser for this summer's mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

Worship with us on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Holy Eucharist takes place in the Chapel at 6:30 AM and 12 PM without music and at 5 PM for all ages with the Christ Church Choristers leading our music. At 7 PM, join us for Choral Eucharist in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. All services include the Imposition of Ashes and an invitation to a Holy Lent.

FOSTERING COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS: A CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION – MARCH 8

St. Paul counsels us to act in the spirit of gentleness and bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Christ Church is seeking to strengthen our caring connections, following the recommendations of our strategic plan. We invite you to join in a dialogue about becoming the listening, caring, good neighbors each of us needs at one time or another. The Revs. David Beresford and John Pumphrey, along with Jaqueline Whalen from our Pastoral Ministries Team, will lead the discussion on Saturday, March 8, from 9 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A. Come be a part of this important conversation. Please RSVP [here](#). Coffee and refreshments will be available beginning at 8:30 AM.

PROGRESSIVE ORGAN RECITAL – MARCH 9

We welcome concert and recording artist Christa Rakich for an organ recital beginning in the Chapel on C. B. Fisk Opus 164 and then moving to the Church on John Brombaugh's landmark Opus 32. Hear these two glorious instruments in one single program on Sunday, March 9, at 4 PM. Ms. Rakich performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan and is an Organ faculty member of the historic Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. Reserve your seats for this free recital [here](#).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 12

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 12, 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: KNOWING GOD – MARCH 12–APRIL 9

As we journey through the season of Lent, join us for this year's Lenten series on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9. "Knowing God" explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP [here](#).

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](#).

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 [here](#).

HOST 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](#).

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

This week, we complete our collection for 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Douglas G. and Mary C. McPherson
Travis L. and Doris L. Moye

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.



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PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*
The Rev. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*
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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM