

Everybody's got a Place

Christ Church Episcopal
Ministry Guide
2026-2027



Welcome to Christ Church Episcopal

We're so glad you're here!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to this guide to ministry and service at Christ Church! Within these pages you will find a rich tapestry of ways to live out your faith alongside your church family – opportunities for prayer, learning, hospitality, care, and service that reflect who we are as a community gathered around Christ.

Every time we baptize someone at Christ Church, we make promises to each other, not just to God. We promise to keep learning and breaking bread together. We promise to notice when we've drifted and to keep turning back. We promise to tell the story of what God has done for us, in whatever way fits our own voice. We promise to look for Christ in the people around us, and to work for a world that treats every person like they matter – because they do. Those aren't lines we say once and set aside. They are the reasons this booklet exists. Every ministry described here is one more way of keeping those promises. Some of it happens in plain sight. A lot of it doesn't. Both matter.

You don't need a particular skill set or a specific day every week to get involved. Look through what is here and pay attention to what catches your interest or tugs at something in you. That's usually worth following. If a ministry sounds interesting but you're not sure – reach out to the leader listed anyway. Nobody expects you to arrive knowing everything. What we're really hoping is that you'll find not just something to do, but somewhere to belong, and maybe a clearer sense of who God made you to be along the way. So take a look, ask questions, and when something stirs something in you, come find out where it leads. Everybody's got a place!

God's peace and love,

Father Drew Downey+

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10

WHO WE ARE

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Ministries

From A-Z



Acolyte Ministry

Acolytes serve as leaders once a month in worship by lighting candles, carrying the cross or torches, assisting at Communion, and helping clergy. This ministry is open to persons of all ages, grade 3 and older. For more information or to sign-up please contact the Director of Youth Ministry, *Miriam Farris*, at m.farris@ccerva.org.



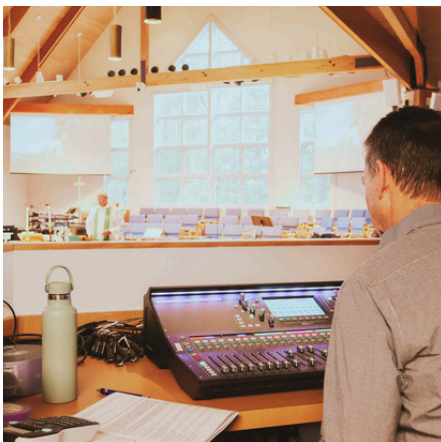
Advent & Lenten Quiet Days

These Saturday retreats at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn offer quiet reflection, meditation, lunch, and Eucharist, and are open to all. For more information or to sign-up please contact *Sarah Vale, Ph.D.* saravale45@gmail.com.



Altar Guild

This ministry lovingly prepares and cares for the Altar, sacred vessels, linens, and hangings for every worship service, and welcomes new volunteers to learn alongside experienced members. For more information or to sign-up please contact Kay Holmes at kholmes5225@gmail.com.



Audio and Visual Ministry

Trained volunteers for this ministry operate the sound system and presentation software during worship, arriving about an hour early to set up and staying 15–20 minutes after for cleanup, to create an accessible, engaging worship experience for both in-person and online attendees. For more information or to sign-up please contact John Snuggs at johnsnuggs@ccerva.org



Buildings and Grounds

This ministry oversees the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the church's facilities and property, ensuring a safe, well-cared-for space for worship and community life. For more information or to sign-up please contact Eric Garrison at castandw8@gmail.com.



Candle Ministry

In this quiet, behind-the-scenes ministry, teams of two care for six candle stations on a rotating basis (currently about every 7 weeks), spending 30 minutes preparing candles ahead of Sunday services, with training provided. For more information or to sign-up please contact Mary Susan John at marysusanjohn01@gmail.com.



CCE Creation Care

This new ministry will work to care for God's creation, starting with initiatives here at Christ Church as part of the Episcopal Church's Creation Care program. Plans will be shaped together in upcoming meetings. For more information or to sign-up please contact Kevin Van Natta at kevmikevan@yahoo.com.



CCE Preschool

A half-day preschool program meeting CDC developmental guidelines with small class sizes, family volunteer opportunities, and a devoted staff focused on play-based healthy brain development. For more information please contact Emily McKinney at emily@christchurchpreschool.com or visit their website, www.christchurchpreschool.com



Children's Ministry

A safe, welcoming community that nurtures Christ-like wonder in children from birth through grade 5 while inviting whole families into the journey of faith. For more information or to sign-up please contact Minister to Families, Adam Williams, at a.williams@ccerva.org.



Community of Hope International

Community of Hope International (COHI) equips individuals to serve in all forms of pastoral care by being present with others in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling way that represents God to them and responds to their spiritual needs. Through ongoing spiritual formation and practical caregiving lessons, members learn to connect theological insight and spiritual practice with real experiences of ministering and offering spiritual guidance. For more information or to sign-up please contact Christopher Roberts at christopherpdoberts@gmail.com, or Wendy Dickinson at wmbdickinson@gmail.com, or Susan Arnold at susanarnold12@yahoo.com.



Deep Dive Bible Study

This intensive Tuesday 2 PM study (first three Tuesdays each month during the school year) explores the history, language, and culture of scripture. For more information or to sign-up please contact: Judi Raymore at judiraym@aol.com



FeedMore/Meals on Wheels

Volunteers deliver meals and assist with food pantry shifts (Sundays and Tuesday evenings) through a FeedMore partnership, embodying service to the community. For more information about FeedMore please visit their website <https://feedmore.org>, or contact Paige Capro at paigecapro@gmail.com. For more information or to sign-up for Meals on Wheels opportunities please contact Dave Crews at Dave_Crews@CINFIN.com.



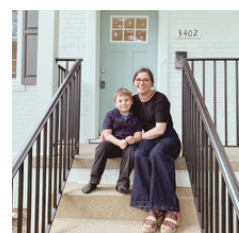
Flower Ministry

Volunteers design floral arrangements for services and special occasions during four or five two-week commitments per year, also helping with seasonal decorations. For more information or to sign-up please contact Lynne Still at lynnestill23@gmail.com.



Friday Men's Bible Study

Exploring the Bible book by book as well as building relationships with fellow members. And, there is no homework. For more information or to sign-up please contact Jim Heck at jimheck@icloud.com



Housing Families First

Housing Families First (HFF) supports over 700 homeless or at-risk children, youth, and adults annually in the Richmond area through shelter, housing, and coaching programs powered by volunteers and donors. For more information please visit their website www.housingfamiliesfirst.org, or contact Beth Vann-Turnbull at beth@housingfamiliesfirst.org



Hospitality & Fellowship

This vibrant ministry organizes parish dinners, seasonal receptions, welcome dinners for new members, and receptions for funerals, baptisms, and special occasions like the Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont, creating a warm community centered around fellowship over a meal. For more information or to sign-up please contact Sue Tyler at suetyler29@yahoo.com, or Mariah Payne at mariah.payne831@gmail.com



Ladies Brown Bag Lunch

A casual gathering for conversation, prayer, and discussion, meeting every third Thursday of the month, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Participants bring a brown bag lunch, enjoy laughter, and explore a different topic each month. For more information or to sign-up please contact Holly Borden at hburbor@gmail.com



Lay Eucharistic Ministers

LEMs are trained by the clergy to assist during Sunday eucharists or other principal celebrations. They may, on occasion, share the sacrament with members of the congregation who are unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity. For more information or to sign-up please contact Jim Barron at jbarron569@msn.com



Liturgical Readers and Lay Leaders

Lectors read scripture and lead prayers during worship, with the 11:00 AM service readers assigned roughly every 6 weeks with readings provided in advance. For more information or to sign-up please contact Kristine Chiodo at kikivt88@yahoo.com



Men of CCE Ministries

The Men's Ministry at CCC gives men a space to connect, discuss the challenges facing Christian men today, and grow together through monthly breakfasts, outings like hikes and kayak trips, and Bible study. We also serve our community through Habitat for Humanity projects, splitting and delivering firewood to those in need, and leading church clean-up efforts. For more information or to sign-up please contact Will Watkins at willnwatkins@gmail.com, or Jim Heck at jimheck@icloud.com, or Jim Barron at jbarron569@msn.com



Missions & Outreach

The Mission and Outreach ministry lives out Christ's call through the Five Marks of Mission: proclaiming good news, forming believers, serving those in need, working for justice, and caring for creation. Together, we put faith into action in our parish and our wider community. For more information or to sign-up please contact Father Drew Downey at d.downey@ccerva.org



Music

This ministry helps people connect with God through music, offering three weekly choirs (children's, youth, and adult) along with instrumentalists who accompany worship services. For more information or to sign-up please contact Keith Tan at k.tan@ccerva.org



Nursery

The Nursery provides loving care for our youngest members during the 9:00 and 11:00 services. More than childcare, this ministry offers a safe and nurturing environment where children experience God's love and parents can worship with peace of mind. For more information or to sign-up please contact the Minister to Families, Adam Williams, at a.williams@ccerva.org



Pastoral Care

This umbrella ministry - including Community of Hope, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and Healing Services - extends Christ's love and support to members facing illness, grief, or other hardships. For more information or to sign-up please contact Father Drew Downey at d.downey@ccerva.org



RVA Kids' Consignment Sale

This twice-yearly, volunteer-run sale has raised over \$200,000 for Christ Church missions since 2008 while serving hundreds of shoppers and consigning families. For morning information visit their website www.rvakidsconsignment.com, or contact Jennifer Turner at jennifer.turner02@gmail.com.



Scouting America

Christ Church hosts Scouts BSA Troop 788, which has helped youth build leadership and friendship through Scouting since 2016, meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM. For more information or to sign-up visit their website at www.troop788.org, or contact Tom Tyler at tr.tyler@gmail.com or Adam Raderer at adam.raderer@gmail.com



Shrine Mont Camps

The Diocese of Virginia's summer camp program fosters emotional and spiritual growth in children, youth, and young adults in a safe, positive setting. For more information or to sign-up visit their website at www.shrinemontcamps.org or by contacting the Director of Shrine Mon Camps, Greg Randall, at smcdirector@episcopalvirginia.org



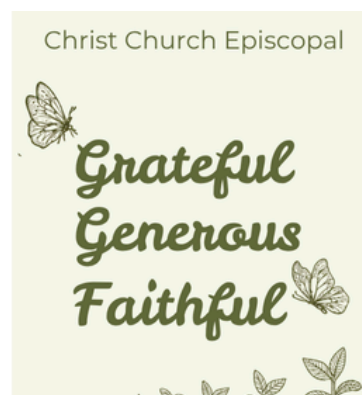
Sisters of Bethany Prayer Shawls

Volunteers of all skill levels knit or crochet shawls as expressions of God's love, meeting monthly and blessing their work together. For more information or to sign-up contact Linda Walton at lindaswalton1@gmail.com



Softball

This ministry combines fellowship, exercise, and community. Practices are weekly in the spring, followed by evening games through spring and summer. Participants pay a small fee to cover league costs and are expected to attend most games. For more information or to sign-up contact Mark Hansell at mhansell@rgigc.com



Stewardship

Rooted in biblical tithing, this ministry reflects a grateful, generous response to God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure. For more information or to sign-up contact Keech LeGrand at mlegrand@comcast.net



Ushers

This ministry assists in welcoming all worshippers, managing seating and bulletins, and supporting clergy to keep services running smoothly. For more information or to sign-up please contact Bonnie Shellhorse at bonnieshellhorse@gmail.com, or John Shellhorse at johnshellhorse@gmail.com



Vestry

This leadership body meets monthly (mostly in person, after Sunday service) to guide CCE's direction and oversee ministry team liaisons. For more information or to sign-up contact Chris Gurley at chrismgurley@gmail.com, Ryan Sills at ryan.sills@gmail.com, or Father Ken Malcolm at rector@ccerva.org



Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Meeting Wednesdays from 9:30–11:30 AM during the academic year, this group studies scripture through video teaching, workbooks, and group discussion. Each 6–8 week unit offers a warm, supportive, and confidential space for learning and connection. For more information contact Dianna Barron at dbb80@msn.com, Kay Holmes at kholmes5225@gmail.com, or Trish Palmer at palmertris@aol.com



Women's Thursday Bible Study

This ministry meets weekly, September through May, from 9:30–11:30 AM to study and discuss scripture together, and always welcomes new members. For more information or to sign-up contact Sandra Garrett at swgarrett62@aol.com



Youth Ministry

Christ Church's ministry with youth is a safe, welcoming, and affirming community that fosters Christ-like relationships, explores the mysterious wonders of our faith, and shares the love of God with our community and world. For more information or to sign-up contact Director of Youth Ministry, Miriam Farris, at m.farris@ccerva.org

- September

09.06

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Mission Sunday | Forward Foundation

09.12

Shalom Farms Volunteer Day

09.13

9 a.m. (*with baptisms*) + 11 a.m. services with a reception following both services
CCE Feast Day | CCE @ 33

09.18-20 - Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend

One service at 10 a.m. at CCE

09.27

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Stewardship meeting between services at 10 a.m.

09.30

Stewardship Wednesday Night Dinner | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary

- October

10.04

One service at 10 a.m.
Blessing of the Animals | Petting Zoo | CCE Meadow Blessing + Planting

10.10

Acolyte Festival | National Cathedral, Washington D.C.

10.11

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Mission Sunday |

10.14

Stewardship Wednesday Night Dinner

- November

11.1

One service at 10 a.m.
All Saints Day Celebration | Giving Sunday | Daylight Savings Ends

11.8

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Mission Sunday | ACTS

11.29

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Children's Ministry Wreath Making Party | 10 a.m.

- December

12.06

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Mission Sunday | Hope for Humanity

12.20

9 a.m. + 11 a.m. services
Longest Night Service | 5 p.m.

12.24

Christmas Eve Services | 2 p.m. (Pageant) | 5 p.m. | 8 p.m.

12.27

One service at 10 a.m. | First Sunday after Christmas

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL!

You honor us with your presence. Please join us again in worship or through our other ministries.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



First and foremost, something brought you to Christ Church Episcopal (CCE) and we are so grateful. You honor us with your presence.



We'd love to answer any questions you may have and offer more information about CCE. Fill out a Card (details below) so we can be in touch.



Once we have your information, we will add you to our email list so you can receive our eNews, sent every Friday. It's an easy way to stay informed about what's going on at CCE.



You are warmly invited to join our online gathering space, Realm Connect. It's a unique community where CCE folks can receive news, join small groups, sign up for fun gatherings, learn more about service projects, and more.

WORSHIP

Family Worship | Sundays at 9 A.M.

A dedicated "playground" at the front of the worship space encourages young children to engage their senses while actively participating in liturgy and music that's meaningful for kids and adults.

Traditional Worship | Sundays at 11 A.M., Online and in person

Offers timeless traditions with modern elements to renew your spirit and bring you closer to God.

Sunday Evenings offer a time for youth to gather at 5 P.M. in The Garage for Youth Group.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist offers a celebration of Holy Eucharist at 8:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

SERVE

In 2025, through Missions and Outreach (M&O)...

- Invested **\$67,506** in local and global missions
- **17** partner organizations received financial grants
- Partnered with **31** non-profits
- **5,321** people impacted
- **121** students were supported locally and abroad
- **254** people were helped with housing
- We helped feed **1,079** people

AND MANY MORE!

LET'S CONNECT!



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Scan the QR code to fill out a Connection Card or sign up for our weekly eNews that goes out every Friday with all of the latest happenings at CCE.

