



# CHRIST CHURCH

in SHORT HILLS



## PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES

### 2025-2026

Dear friends,

Welcome to a new year at Christ Church in Short Hills—an intergenerational, multicultural, thriving church that is “deeply rooted and branching out.” Wherever you are on your journey, you are invited to grow in faith through worship, education, and service. This booklet highlights our parish ministries and leadership to help you connect to the community.

*Creation* will be a theme throughout this year, focusing on creation care, creativity, and Sabbath. We look forward to welcoming new clergy and guest preachers like Brian Sellers-Petersen and Sister Monica Clare. We are thrilled to host *Handel's Messiah* concert and Choral Evensongs, along with parish life and family events.

Dive deeper into our theme of creation with the Rector's Bible Study on Genesis, or join us on first (or second) Fridays for Create and Connect. You might also start your weekdays in quiet contemplation at Morning Prayer or explore a small group to deepen your relationship with Jesus and one another.

Let us love and serve the world together as people of peace and hope!

Blessings,



The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass  
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DEEPLY ROOTED,  
BRANCHING OUT  
Christ Church in Short Hills

## Save the Date: Upcoming Parish Events

### SEPTEMBER 27-28

*Sr. Monica Claire Weekend*

### OCTOBER 3

Heritage Potluck Dinner | 6pm

### OCTOBER 5

Blessing of the Animals  
at St. Stephen's, Millburn | 1-4pm

### OCTOBER 18-19

*Brian Sellers-Petersen Weekend*

### NOVEMBER 2

Cooper Memorial Evensong  
for All Saints | 4pm

## CHURCH HOURS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am-12:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am-3:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am-3:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am-3:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am-3:00pm</b>

During these hours, the church is open for private prayer, visits to the memorial garden, drop offs for the food pantry and other church business. Contact the church office to coordinate a visit outside of these church hours.



## YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

At Christ Church in Short Hills, we welcome all people in our house of worship regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation or faith background.



## ADA ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE

ADA accessible parking and entrances. Assisted Listening Devices available for worship services. Contact the Parish office for additional information.



# Worship

We welcome all people in our house of worship. With us, you can expect to join a community of loving people unified by the words of The Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. We say prayers, sing hymns together with our choir, hear inspiring sermons by our clergy, and gather around the altar as "One in Christ" for the Eucharist.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

8:00am	Holy Eucharist & Zoom
8:45am	Coffee in St. Mark's Room
9:00am	Holy Grounds Formation
9:45am	Sunday School (see p. 6)
10:00am	Holy Eucharist with Choir* & YouTube LiveStream
11:00am	Coffee Hour

\*Morning Prayer on the 5th Sundays of the month

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30am	Morning Prayer & Zoom
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### Coffee Hour

We gather every Sunday immediately after services to share, engage and join together over pastries, snacks and beverages in the Parish Hall. These weekly get-togethers are a special time to welcome visitors and stay connected as a parish family.

### Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

We recognize and affirm the importance of lifting up special times of joy or transition through worship, including services of baptism, marriage and funerals. If you or a loved one is interested in one of these sacraments, please contact the parish office.

**Our worship requires many faithful volunteers.** We invite you to get involved!

**Altar Guild** prepares the Holy Table and worship space for Sundays and other services.

**Acolytes** (5th grade and older) serve at the altar for worship services by carrying the cross and torches, and by assisting the priest set the table for the Eucharist.

**Lay Readers & Intercessors** (youth and adults) read Bible lessons or prayers during Sunday worship.

**Ushers** are part of our welcoming ministry of parish greeting and hospitality.

**Tech Team** works with the A/V system in the church to live-stream weekly services.

**Coffee Hour Hosts** provide refreshments following the 10am Sunday service.

## HOLY GROUNDS: SUNDAY FORMATION SERIES

Gather with us at around a fresh pot of coffee at 9am in the St. Mark's Room most Sundays to explore varied extended topics in scripture and Christianity, to ask burning questions, and to deepen our Christian vocation and discipleship through conversations and learnings on faith.

# Music

At Christ Church in Short Hills, music is integral to our ministry. Music builds community and brings us closer to the Divine. We welcome parishioners, local area residents, and youth of all ages to join us in singing God's praise.



## OUR CHOIRS

**The Parish Choir** of Christ Church is open to all, from middle school age to adult, sharing in worship with song. The choir is comprised of volunteer voices and professional section leaders who sing at the 10am Eucharist each Sunday. Parish Choir activities begin in September and continue through early June. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:45pm and on Sundays at 9:00am.

**The Summer Choir** is open to all members of the parish to sing at our informal 10:00am weekly Sunday service. The choir meets at 9:15am in the Choir Room to rehearse hymns and simple anthems on a "join us when you can" basis.

**The Festival Choir** is comprised of members of the parish and local residents who unite for special music events throughout the year.

## UPCOMING MUSIC AT CCSH

This year, we are thrilled to host a Special Handel's Messiah Holiday Concert on December 14 and an organ recital in the spring.

We also feature the Pingry Choir and special Evensongs for All Saints, Lent, and Pentecost Sunday.

**The Canterbury Choir** is open to all elementary age children. Rehearsals are every Sunday at 11:15am from September through early June. Our energetic children's choir sings on All Saints' Day and Advent I, as well as at Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter and Youth Sunday. Members of the Canterbury Choir receive musical training in preparation to move up to the Parish Choir.

**The Bell Choir** is open to middle and high school age students who rehearse on alternate Sundays after the 10am Eucharist. They perform several times a year on Holy Days for both Preludes and Offertory Anthems.





# Children and Family Ministries

We believe that children develop life-long habits of worship and service at the youngest ages. Our desire is to help each child have a deep relationship with God from birth. Our programs for children and teens are designed to help young and growing Christians embrace the language of faith. Through friendship, prayer, Bible readings, and Christian service, our children of all ages explore their identity in God's image.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

We look forward to many annual events that make our church life complete including Blessing of the Backpacks, Family Game Nights, Children's Movie Night, Advent Wreath Making, Shrove Tuesday Alleluia Banner Making, Easter Egg Hunting, and other celebrations. All are encouraged to participate in these faith-building activities throughout the year.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Among the many special events in Family Ministry each year is our annual Christmas pageant. The pageant is a highlight of our liturgical year as children take on the roles of biblical characters to lead worship on Christmas Eve at 4pm. All children are welcome to participate in this wonderful Christ Church tradition.

## NURSERY

Child care for children ages 0-3 begins at 9:45am and continues until 11:30am in the back of the Parish Hall. Children are invited to play and rest with the guidance of our wonderful teachers. Parents are welcome to deliver their children to the nursery when they arrive for worship and can pick up their little ones during Coffee Hour.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschoolers through 5th grade attend Sunday School during the 10:00am Ministry of the Word and join worship for the Eucharist. The early learners are taught using storytelling and play to help them develop a liturgical language of faith and gain an understanding of God's intimate presence in their lives. Older children walk through the life of Christ using the scriptures in the lectionary. Weekly lessons correspond with texts used in worship so that children and parents can review together what they learned in church. Throughout this coming year, all children will be learning the books of the Bible.

Children learn about stewardship through programs on faithful giving and by participating in worship by delivering the offering to the altar at The Presentation.

# Youth Ministry

Youth ministry at Christ Church is grounded in the conviction that faith happens in and through community. The purpose of our youth programs is to nurture a climate where young people are fully integrated into the life of the church. We carry on this mission by recognizing and amplifying the life-giving talents young people have to offer the church: sharing their musical talents, doing outreach in our community, giving senior sermons, acolyting, ushering, volunteering, providing tech-support, and much more.

## YOUTH GROUP

On various Sundays from September through June, the youth meet for Bible Study, fellowship, and outreach.

## THE BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club (grade 6-12) meets the first Sunday of every month at 9:00am in the Church Kitchen. Join us as we prepare our favorite breakfasts, discuss relevant topics, and grow together throughout the year.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a one-year program for youth in 8th grade (or above) that allows our students to reflect deeply on faith, its relevance in their lives and to live out God's love in friendship. At the end of our confirmation classes, youth may choose to make a public declaration of faith in the sacrament of Confirmation.

## DIOCESE OF NEWARK YOUTH

Our youth engage with other students in the Diocese for various activities throughout the year. Engagement in diocesan youth ministry helps teens see first-hand the scope and diversity of the Church and grow in their faith. Check the Messenger for events.



## YOUTH TRIPS & PILGRIMAGES

Our Youth Ministry experience is anchored in journeys away from home dedicated to volunteer work, prayer, relationship building and new cultural experiences.

Stay tuned for additional details for the summer of 2026.



# Small Groups, Formation, and Pastoral Care

Study, fellowship, and education are part of the life-long spiritual journey of Christians. We invite you explore our weekly and monthly offerings described over the next two pages and get involved with one (or more) of our small group ministries this year.



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The parish life committee** plans special events throughout the year including the fall picnic, Advent wreath making, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with making the alleluia banner and burning of the palms, and more!

### Create & Connect

*1st (or 2nd) Friday, 9am*

Set aside time to be creative in community. You can write, knit, scrapbook, watercolor, or be creative in any way that feeds your soul in a supportive group setting.

### Present Hope

*2nd Sunday, 11:30am in St. Mark's Room*  
Present Hope gathers for fellowship and conversation. This group is for anyone who has lost a spouse.

### Flower Ministry

*Sundays, 11:15am in the Kitchen*  
Altar flowers are rearranged each Sunday and given to someone marking a significant moment.

### Creation Care

*Various times*

Gather in a spirit of faith as we plan, cultivate and prune at Christ Church.

### Martha & Mary

*Various dates at 7:15pm*

Join the women of the parish to prepare food for those in need and for select outreach and life events such as: the birth of a child, illness, surgery, new neighbors, and the Maundy Thursday Dinner.

### Family Gatherings

*Monthly after the 10am service*

Gather with Christ Church families each month for a relaxed and welcoming time of fellowship, connection, and fun. These gatherings are designed for all ages and will include a mix of outreach opportunities, seasonal celebrations, and adventures together.

## STEWARDSHIP

God created the world and called it good. Stewardship is our generous response to God's love. Out of our material abundance, we are called to give back to God with gratitude and faith that God will provide. In addition to our individual stewardship, Christ Church strives to be a generous church, sharing our time, talents and treasure with the wider community, our diocese, and the world.





## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### **Adult Forums and Town Hall Meetings**

Christ Church offers town hall meetings and adult forums throughout the year. Check the bulletin and Messenger for upcoming dates.

### **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

*Weekly meetings on Mondays, 7:30pm*  
Expand your understanding of the fundamentals of our faith with a 4-year seminar style course.

### **Bible Study**

*Second and fourth Tuesdays, 12pm*  
Join Rev. Bowie to read, learn about, and reflect on Scripture. This year, they'll read and study Genesis 1-11 in the fall and Isaiah 40-55 in the spring. Come in person or via Zoom.

### **Evening Book Group**

*Monthly meetings on fourth Tues, 7:30pm*  
The Evening Book Group explores historical and religious texts each month with members of the parish.

### **Holy Grounds**

*More info about Holy Grounds on page 4.*

## INTERWEAVE

Interweave is an interfaith learning center focused on integrated spirituality for daily living. For over 42 years, Interweave has been providing programs that nurture spirituality, wellness, and the common good. Christ Church is home to many of its programs and its main office. Interweave offers vibrant online classes in addition to in-person programs. Look for events and programs that are of interest to this community in the weekly Messenger.

Visit their website for more info:  
[www.interweave.org](http://www.interweave.org).



## PASTORAL CARE

As a community, the church's primary concern is a compassionate response to needs in our daily lives. Wherever you are in life's journey, let's walk together, celebrate, grieve, and replenish together.

If you would like prayers or a visitation, or want to chat about your life and faith, don't hesitate to contact The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass.

## Outreach

Jesus taught that when we serve one another, we are serving Him. We express our faith at Christ Church in Short Hills through far-reaching ministries. Our Outreach Grants program funds various local, national and international not-for-profit organizations. Our hands-on Outreach Ministry allows us to roll up our sleeves to serve and to develop relationships with our siblings in need.



### Embrace-a-Family

During Advent, parishioners select personal, meaningful Christmas gifts of clothing, linens, and toys for families at the Apostles' House in Newark.

### ThankServing Sunday

Parishioners and families volunteer for a range of hands-on duties and site visits in our wider community on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

### New Projects and Ideas?

Christ Church has a long history of founding, supporting, and engaging with outreach ministries around our community. Do you have an idea for a new outreach project? Let's talk about it, cultivate ideas, and make it happen as we seek to serve Christ as our neighbor.



### Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges

*Wednesday each week,  
volunteer sign-up online*

The food pantry provides supplemental and emergency food to more than 500 families in Orange and East Orange. You can always donate food to the IFPO. The IFPO is a collaboration among Christ Church, Congregation Beth El, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel.

### Episcopal Relief & Development

Each year, Christ Church works with ERD to support lasting change around the globe for women, children, and those devastated by natural disasters.



### All the Way Up

*Monday-Friday, various times*

All the Way Up is an Adult Education Center in downtown Newark offering small group classes and personal tutoring in GED, computer literacy, and job readiness.

## OUTREACH GRANTS

The Outreach Grants Committee seeks grant applications from a broad spectrum of local, national and global organizations. The Committee meets four times a year to review grant applications, research funding needs, and determine how to allocate annual funding to worthy recipients. Grant applications can be found on our website and are due October 15 or April 15.

## At Christ Church

Christ Church partners with many organizations and groups that are housed on our campus. We are grateful for these community connections.



### **Christ Church Nursery School (CCNS)**

Founded by Christ Church in 1962, CCNS is committed to guiding children through faith, intellectual, social and emotional development. At CCNS, children embrace a love of learning with curiosity, enthusiasm and confidence. Children participate in monthly chapel and Bible storytime with our clergy. They also say simple prayers with their teachers daily. CCNS, while grounded in the foundation of the Episcopal Church, welcomes families of all faiths.

Learn more at  
[www.christchurchnurseryschool.org](http://www.christchurchnurseryschool.org).

### **The Winston School**

The Winston School of Short Hills has been a part of our church campus for over 30 years. Winston educates students who, though intellectually capable, have had difficulties in school typically due to language-based learning differences. The goal of The Winston School is to enable students to meet with confidence, the academic and social challenges of life.

Learn more at [www.winstonschool.org](http://www.winstonschool.org).

### **Cub Scout Pack 1**

Cub Scout Pack 1 is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America and sponsored by Christ Church, Short Hills. Pack 1 has been providing fun, learning and outdoor adventure in Short Hills and Millburn for over 80 years! Membership is open to boys and girls in first through fifth grades.



### **Scout Troop 15**

Troop 15 was chartered in 1926 and has distinguished itself as one of the finest Scout Troops in our area. The Troop has helped more than 100 Scouts achieve Eagle Scout rank. Membership is open to youth ages 11 to 17.

### **Careers in Transition**

Gathering online on the 1st & 3rd Saturday, CIT's leadership professionals offer insight, along with tools and techniques, for navigating new career strategies in the current workplace environment.

### **Women's AA Group**

Every Thursday, 7:00pm

For information about participating in this group, please contact the church office.

### **Interweave**

More info about Interweave on page 9.

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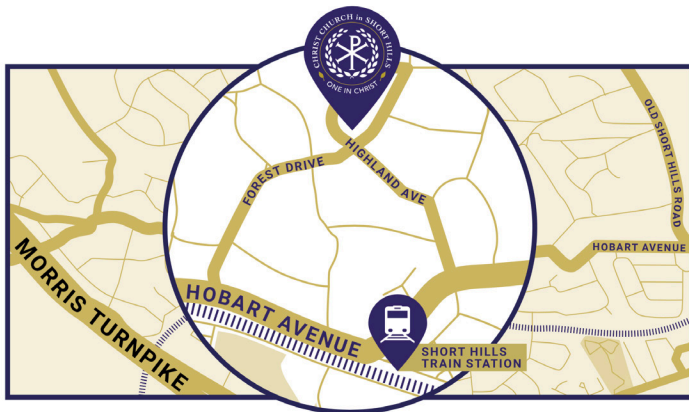
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Near the I-78 and Route 24 crossing. Parking available.

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