

The Mustard Seed

April 2025

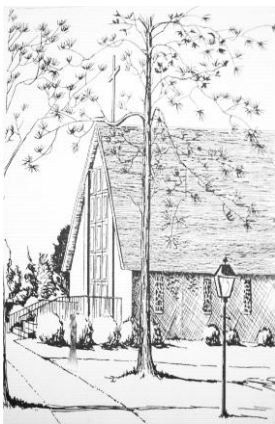
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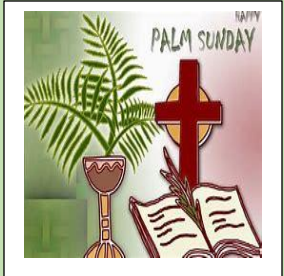
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*Christ Church –
where we gather to
worship, pray, sing,
and share so
together we may
serve our community
and the world.*

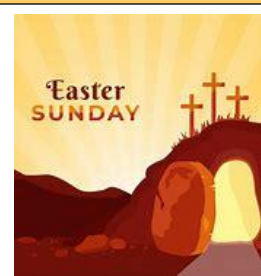


Palm Sunday Service
April 13th at
10:30 am



Joint Maundy Thursday Service
with Reformation Lutheran Church
April 17th at 7:00 pm
at Christ Church
Pastor Christopher Girardeau
from Reformation Lutheran Church
will preach. The Rev. Philip
Emanuel will preside.

Good Friday Service
April 18th at 7:00 pm
at Christ Church



Easter Sunday Service
April 20th
10:30 am



April Birthdays

April 2nd – Sue Campbell
 April 6th – Jeff Thomas
 April 9th – Kip Carter
 April 11th – Carole Smith
 April 16th – Patty Johnson Emigh

April Anniversaries

April 3rd – Robert & Susie Richards
 April 8th – Bucy & Linda Baker
 April 17th – Mike & Kathy Sistare

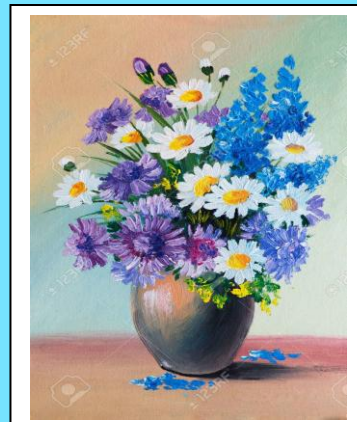
HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

The next Vestry Meeting will be Sunday, April 13th following the service.

**The office will
be closed
Monday,
April 21st.**

April Flowers

April 6th – Lent – no flowers
 April 13th – Palm Sunday
 April 20th – Melton & Joanie Mayfield
 April 27th – Bart & Caroline Oliver



The next ECW meeting will be Sunday, April 6, 2025 in the gathering room following the service.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

(* Denotes member) **(Please contact office to add/remove names)**

Gina Higgins, Lee Dunlap, Merrio Morton*, Kay Lamberton*, Mildred Wilmont, Diane Hood, Larry Hood, Nancy Port, Sandie Long, Buddy Wilson, Randy Horton, Suzanne Horton, George Stowe, Jake Wilson*, Tric Deaton*, John Port, Fionna, Diane McGuirt, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Linda Tiffany, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton*, Pam Giardiello*, Earle Holmes*, Sandra Caldwell, Joan Bixby*, Aubrey Crawford*, Father Bill Walters, Randall Robinson



“Dedication” ~Rainer Maria Rilke
(*Imagine that Jesus is speaking these words*)

I believe in all that has never yet been spoken.

I want to free what waits within me so that what no one has dared to wish for may for once spring clear without my contriving.

If this is arrogant, Papa*, forgive me, but this is what I need to say. may what I do flow from me like a river, no forcing and no holding back, the way it is with children.

Then in these swelling and ebbing currents, these deepening tides moving out, returning, I will sing you as no one ever has, streaming through widening channels into the open sea.

And if this should be arrogance, so let me arrogant be to justify my prayer standing so serious and so alone before your face, encircled by the clouds.

- “God” Jesus always addressed God as Abba literally translated “Papa.”

~ submitted by *Father Emanuel*

Monthly gifts as of March 31, 2025:

*Priest Discretionary Fund - \$26.00

EDUSC - \$130.00

ECW - \$20.00

Crusillo - \$250.00

Love Offering - \$635.00

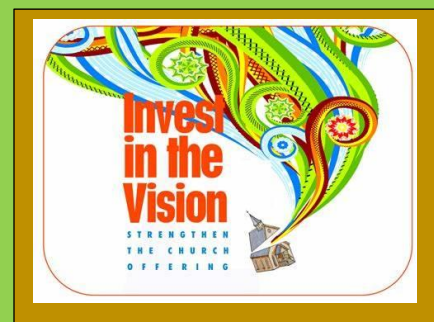
Renovation - \$220.00

Memorial - \$50.00

Pledge/Plate: \$7,989.00

\$9,923.42.00 budgeted monthly need

*Includes first Sunday loose plate/designated donations



APRIL/MAY PARTICIPANTS

| DATE | GATHERING PLACE CLEAN-UP | COMMUNION ASSISTANT/ CHALICE | ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER | USHERS/ GREETERS | TELLERS | ALTAR GUILD | LECTOR | VIDEO OPERATOR |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday, April 6, 2025 | | Caroline Oliver | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Joan Crawford & Pam Giardiello | Mike & Kathy Sistare | Kathy Sistare | Linda Baker |
| Sunday, April 13, 2025 | | Ernest Jenkins | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Ernest Jenkins & Mike Sistare | Mike & Kathy Sistare | Ernest Jenkins | Wayne Johnson |
| Sunday, April 20, 2025 | | Linda Baker | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Lynn Blackmon & Joan Crawford | Mike & Kathy Sistare | Caroline Oliver | Robert Richards |
| Sunday, April 27, 2025 | | Caroline Oliver | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Pam Giardiello & Ernest Jenkins | Mike & Kathy Sistare | Kay Lamberton | Linda Baker |
| Sunday, May 4, 2025 | | Ernest Jenkins | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Mike Sistare & Lynn Blackmon | Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt | David Ford | Wayne Johnson |
| Sunday, May 11, 2025 | | Linda Baker | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Joan Crawford & Pam Giardiello | Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt | Mary Bemis | Robert Richards |
| Sunday, May 18, 2025 | | Caroline Oliver | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Ernest Jenkins & Mike Sistare | Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt | Kathy Sistare | Linda Baker |
| Sunday, May 25, 2025 | | Ernest Jenkins | Mary Bemis | Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield | Lynn Blackmon & Joan Crawford | Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt | Ernest Jenkins | Wayne Johnson |

**All worship participants please make your presence known before service to
Father Emanuel.**

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

April Grocery List for H.O.P.E.

Shelf stable milk, grits, oatmeal, jelly, rice, pasta (any type), spaghetti sauce, boxed instant potatoes, beef stew, tuna, juice (any type.)

Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers.

Grocery bags are also needed.

Place your donated items in the shopping cart located in the Narthex.



Linda Miller delivered 124 pounds of food to HOPE. Awesome!

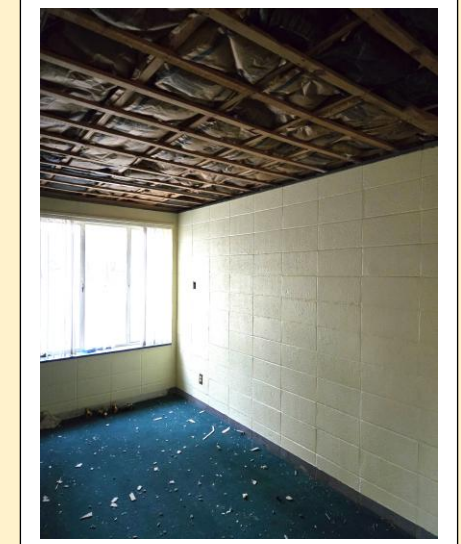
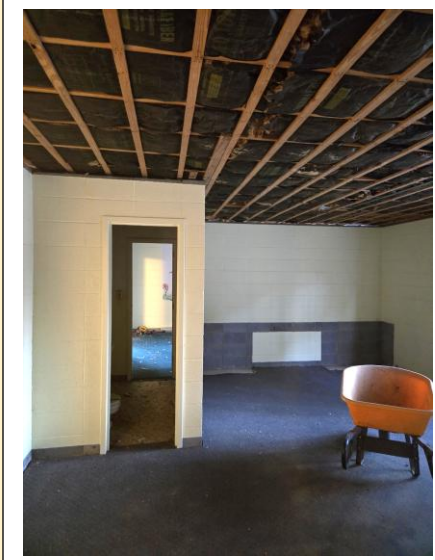
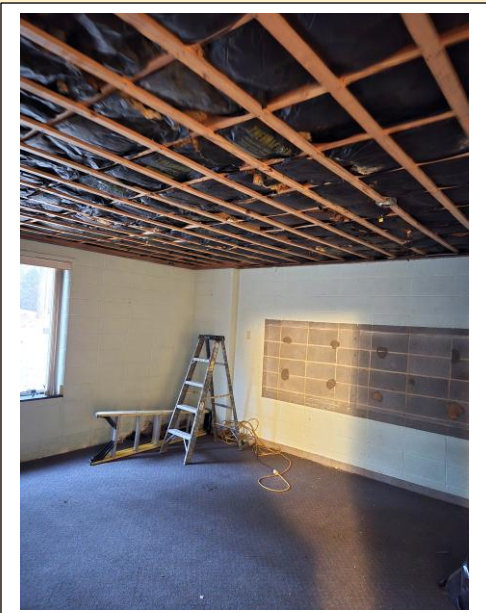
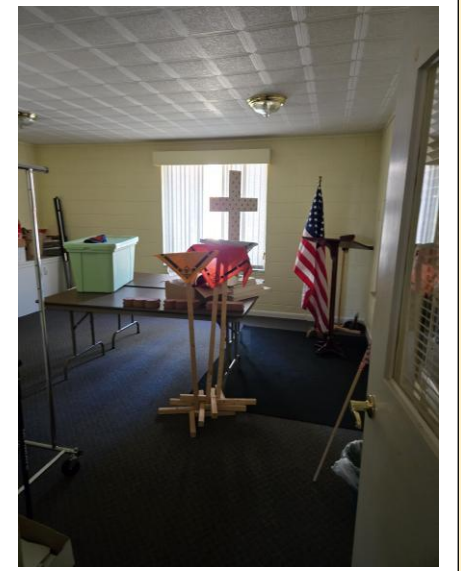
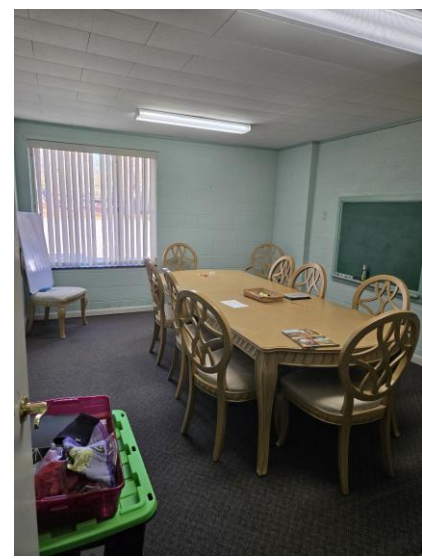
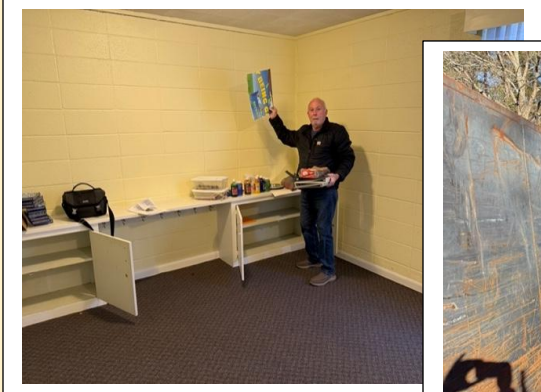
Choir Practice will be each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.

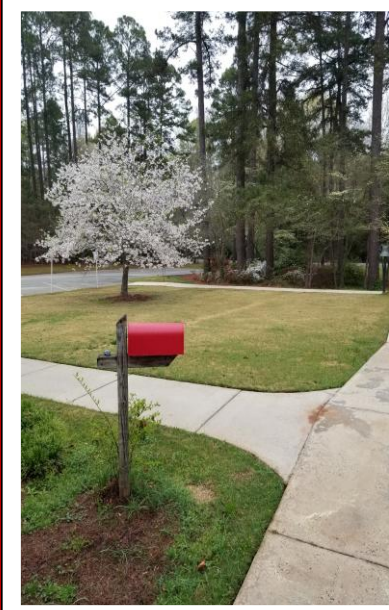
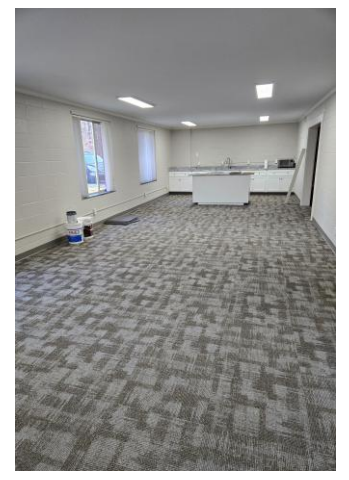
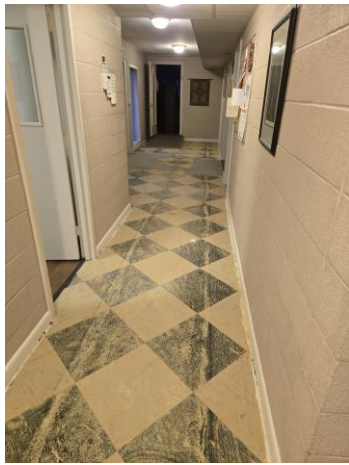
Outreach Ministry

Ray's Backdoor Ministry

Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. Please put Ray's Backdoor Ministry on the memo line of your check. God bless you richly for your ongoing contributions.

2025 Fellowship Room Renovation





Forward Day by Day booklets for February/ March/April are at both entrances and in the red mailbox at the side entrance. You are welcome to pick up a copy at your convenience.

A Word from Your Treasurer

Thanks to gifts totaling \$30,000 we have been able to renovate a fellowship area from three small rooms in the Annex. If you have not seen the new space, I invite you to take a look. Mike Sistare has managed the construction as well as the plumbing, electrical work, carpeting, countertops, and custom cabinets. We have also purchased a refrigerator for the space. The total of the above is \$27,919.16. In addition, we had expenses of \$2,125 for costs related to the elevator project which was eventually deemed unaffordable. Presently the balance in this fund is \$1,280.84.

The following are needed to complete the renovation: 6 60in heavy duty, round tables, 48 chairs, a storage rack for the tables, linens for the tables, blinds for the windows, basic equipment for the kitchen area as well as any other items required for our social events.

Our plans are to host a luncheon on April 27 to celebrate and dedicate our new fellowship space so mark your calendar!

Please consider a contribution to this worthwhile project which will allow our members who have not been able to access our lunches to once again join us. If you need specific information regarding prices, contact me by text or in person on Sunday.

Your vestry is excited that we will be able to enjoy fellowship on the main level of the church and would especially like to thank Mike for everything he has done to accomplish this for us.

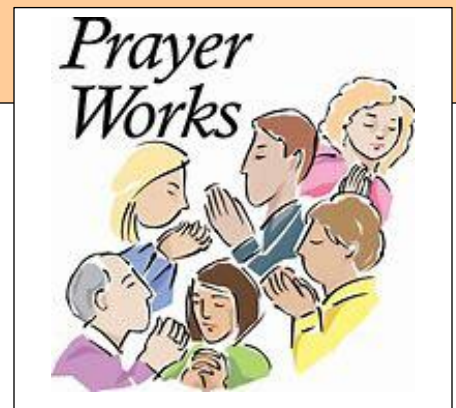
Linda Baker

Sunday, April 27th

There will be a meal and room dedication in the new Fellowship Room following the service. Details will be available soon.



The Vestry has decided to open
the Nave Monday-Thursday
from 8:00 am – Noon for private
prayer and meditation.
Everyone is welcome.



Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 AM

**Agape Party in the new fellowship area at
Christ Church for the upcoming Epiphany
Weekend.**

**We will be decorating prayer hearts and
making a poster.**

**Thanks,
David Ford**

