

ANNUAL GIVING 2026 CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWTON, NEW JERSEY

The Episcopal Church in the Heart of Sussex County



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*For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.*
Romans 12:4-5

Dear family and friends of Christ Church,

For the last two years, I have used the image on the right for the cover of this brochure. I love our sacred space. I love its beauty. I love how my spirit is lightened and heightened in equal measure when I am here. I love that generations have bathed the walls with layer upon layer of prayer and praise.

And yet, as aesthetically brilliant as our sacred space may be, buildings are not the image of church given to us in Holy Scripture. The Church is the “Body of Christ” – a living, breathing representation of God on Earth. I come to Church to be with the Church: the people of God.



I need the Church – the people of God – in my life. I need the relationships I form here to deepen my faith and connect me most fully to God, others and my own best self.

We work hard at Christ Church to create the opportunities and space for faith to develop in authentic and life-giving ways. The succeeding page lists some of the many varied and vibrant ministries that fall under our parish umbrella. Some are fairly evident: the hundreds of worship experiences we offer annually or the dozens of long-standing groups that meet regularly for study, service and fellowship. Some are less evident: the host of local, non-profit groups that call our space home or the near-daily, unscheduled requests for counsel, prayer and support.

On behalf of the Wardens and Vestry of this parish, I ask you to join us in making a pledge of financial commitment for 2026. Prayerfully consider how God has blessed you in abundance, and respond with genuine generosity and gratitude. Your support will strengthen our church to move forward with the vitality and resources we need to preach the Good News of Christ to a world in need.

I hear it every week. This Church, this Body, is a gift to so many. This community needs Christ Church. Thank you for the ways you contribute to mission and ministries of this special place. I look to the next year in excitement, anticipating and the joy that comes when we make Christ the center of our lives and the guiding star along the way.

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Streeter" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

- Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8 & 10 am
- Livestreaming of Services
- Holy Week
 - Daily Services*
 - Overnight Watch*
 - Easter Vigil & Dinner*
- Christmas
 - Service of Lessons & Carols*
- Thursday Morning Worship: 10 am
- Weddings & Funerals
- Baptisms & Confirmations
- Evensongs
- Services for Healing & Recovery
- Contemplative Prayer Group
- Special Days
 - Blessing of the Backpacks*
 - Blessing of the Animals*
 - Celebration of New Ministry*
 - Thanksgiving Day*

All events are assisted by groups including:

- Adult & Junior Choirs
- Altar Guild, Acolytes & Ushers
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors



ACTION & SERVICE

- Sunday Brunch in a Bag
- Norwescap & Manna House Meals
- College Care Packages
- Thursday Morning Breakfast
- Paterson Park Cleanup
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Property Committee
- Parish Governance (Vestry)

LIFE IN COMMUNITY

- Sunday Morning Fellowship
- Newsletter, Website & Social Media
- Journey Youth Group Events
- Monthly Parish Breakfasts
- Christ Church Women's Group
- Stewardship Dinner
- Christ Church in Stitches Group
- Pastoral Counseling
- Home & Hospital Visits
- Concerts & Recitals
- Choir Trips

Local Groups we support include:

- Norwescap
- Family Promise
- Sussex County Oratorio Society
- Sussex County Youth Symphony
- Literacy NJ
- Center for Prevention
- Twelve Step Recovery Groups
- Sussex County Gardening Club
- Local Scout Troops



STUDY & LEARNING

- Sunday Mornings
 - Sunday School & Summer Workshops*
 - Adult Bible Study*
- Thursday Faith Formation: 10 am
- Adult Formation Forums
- Women's Retreat
- New Member & Confirmation Classes
- Premarital & Baptism Preparation
- Book Club



Your strong financial commitment in 2026 is needed to ensure that we continue to operate from a place of vitality and strength, increasing our missional outreach to this community.

Please join with us in making your pledge to support
Christ Church financially in the coming year.

Stewardship Dinner – Friday, November 21st
Ingathering Sunday – Sunday, November 23rd
We ask that you please return your 2026 pledge by 11/23.