

Christ Church Announcements for the week of July 27, 2025

Christ Church

Beach Party



Grab your beach gear, put your toes in the water, make a sandcastle and some memories with your friends from Christ Church!

Join us for this family and dog friendly get-together!

When: Tuesday, August 12, from 5pm to 8 pm.

Where : Sandbox Beach Highlands

Sandbox is located by the Seastreak Ferry in Highlands. You can park anywhere in the Seastreak lot. During the week, as long as there is no concert, there is no admission fee. You are allowed to bring in outside food - just no coolers or water bottles. There are food trucks there (<https://sandbox.seastreak.com/>) and you can bring this food in also. You cannot bring in outside wine/beer or spirits (must purchase alcohol at the Seastreak bar). The beach, with a view of Sandy Hook, has a gentle slope, perfect for families with young children. Check the Christ Church Facebook page for updates in case of rain.

Christ Church has rented a cabana for the occasion, so please RSVP to Vicki (vschmelzer@gmail.com) if you plan to attend (with the number in your party).

Christmas-in-July Toy Ingathering

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Christmas in July* Outreach event. The mid-summer *Christmas* readings with beautiful music and a holiday-themed coffee hour made the morning extra special. Dozens of toys and stuffed animals were collected for St. Mark's in Keansburg. A special thanks to Rev. Cathy Bickerton, John Balme and the choir for the beautiful liturgy and music. Thank you to the Dawsons for hosting coffee hour and the Outreach committee for the delicious baked goods. An extra-special thanks

to Christine Stockhausen, Erna Sottile, and Betty Truscott for all their contributions. Also, lots of love to the Outreach members who stayed to clean-up. As always, the Outreach Committee is grateful for the generous support of the parish to our ministry to the greater community.

Calling all Graduates!

Congratulation to Carinna Darragh on her high school graduation!



Texas Flood Relief

As we have all witnessed the horror of the Texas floods over the Fourth of July weekend, many Christ Church parishioners are looking for ways to help. [Episcopal Relief and Development](#) (ERD) is working through the Diocese of West Texas to get help to those most in need. Other ways to help include [World Central Kitchen](#), who has been on the ground for days providing fresh meals to impacted families and first responders. Another option is the *Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country*. This is a long established group that has set-up [the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund](#) which will support rescue and rebuilding efforts.

For those who would rather give through their church account, any cash or checks (made out to Christ Church) should have Texas Flood Relief in the memo line or you can give through the special Texas Flood Relief Fund set-up in Vanco. Donations made through the church will go to ERD's U.S. Disaster Fund. Thank you for your generosity to those who have lost so much and please continue to pray for the families impacted by this tragedy.

Rummage Sale

Mark the calendar for our annual rummage sale!

Dates: March 20 & March 21. You can start dropping off your summer and spring items, costume jewelry, pocketbooks but please hold onto Christmas and large items. You can leave items in room 118 on Sundays.

Baptism Dates

Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Baptism. We have the following dates available: November 2.

The Christ Church Cycle of Prayer

During our Morning Prayer service we will pray for a few parishioners by name. This way, our entire parish will be prayed for by name at least once each year. Parishioners prayed for this week:

Monday : David, Judy, David and Samantha Matthew

Friday: The McCormack Family

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES - YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

Month	Event
August	Summer Soiree – August 1st Christ Church Beach Party – August 12th
September	Summer Soiree – September 12th