

## **Christ Church, Delaware City**

In 1990, the Rev. David B. Nickerson (Father Nick) became the first African American priest in this diocese to serve in a predominantly white church.

Dr. Hilda Davis was the first African American to hold a full-time University of Delaware contract and the first female senior warden in the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. Dr. Davis passed away in 2001 at the age of 96.

Parishioner Littleton Mitchell was president of the NAACP in Delaware from 1961 to 1991. He was the first black employee of the Governor Bacon Health Center, and when he started teaching swimming there he couldn't even get in the pool with the white children. He prodded, poked, and pushed the system and got things done, working tirelessly for equal rights.