



LOVE GOD

Faith After the Pandemic - How did the pandemic affect your faith? Many report their faith grew stronger while others report feeling lost, disconnected, or not sure what they believe. We hope you will join us this morning as we take up the question, "God after the pandemic: What has happened to your faith?" The Reverend Chip Edens will lead this Rector's Class at 10 am in All Saints' Hall.

School of Faith begins today at 10 am with a variety of weekly opportunities to learn and be together. Do you want to learn about the Christian faith from the Episcopal tradition? Do you want to discover and deepen your spiritual practices? Are you interested in a faith-based connection to our larger community? Do you want to strengthen family relationships and need support? School of Faith is full of offerings to help educate, guide, and support you on your journey. Check out the full schedule (Sundays and Wednesdays) at christchurchcharlotte.org/schooloffaith.

Love to Sing but Short on Time? Parish Choir is an opportunity to sing with the choir during the 8:45 am worship service, without the weekly time commitment. No choir experience necessary -- the music is chosen for the broadest range of musical experience. You can opt to join us on the third Sunday of September, October, and/or November, with a required rehearsal the Wednesday prior. If you are interested, contact Olivia Beaver at beavero@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more and sign up.

The Well - On Wednesday evenings at 6 pm, all are invited to a worship service that includes music, prayers for healing, and time for contemplation and reflection. We hope these gatherings will ground us in God's presence and orient us to God's wisdom in our midst. Join us in person or online starting Wednesday, October 5.

Saint Thomas Gospel Choir - On Sunday, October 9, we will welcome the Saint Thomas Gospel Choir from Philadelphia in worship, fellowship, and music in All Saints' Hall during the 10 am hour. This 60-member volunteer choir serves the first African American Episcopal church in the nation, formed in 1792 by and for persons of African descent to foster personal and religious freedoms and self determination.

Parents of 4th Graders - We invite your child to learn the books of the Bible and receive a Bible of their own at the 8:45 am Contemporary Eucharist on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Children are encouraged to learn the books of the Bible, but full memorization is not required. We supply links to songs and games to help them learn, and also work on this during Sunday School. To participate, register by December 1 at christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators.

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

Sunday Brunch and Wednesday Dinners are back! Enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family in the Blue Room today from 11 am - 1 pm, and on Wednesday, September 21 from 5:30 - 7 pm. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children ages 4 - 12; \$40 family maximum. Credit and debit cards accepted. No reservations needed; just come and enjoy!

Starting Point - Are you looking for ways to deepen your faith and friendships, or connect with the community? Do you want to renew your commitment to Christ Church, or learn more about worship and other opportunities? On Sundays, September 18 - October 30 at 10 am in the Good News Café, spend time with clergy, staff, vestry, and others to hear what's going on, ask questions, and discover specific ways to connect with your spiritual home. This class is ideal for newcomers AND anyone who wants to restart their journey at Christ Church. Join us on any of these Sundays!

WAYS TO GIVE

Please consider giving to Christ Church during worship services or any time. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/offering to give online and find details about Text2Give, in-app giving, and other options.



Give Online

Introducing Circles, a new way to connect with people who have similar hobbies, passions, or life experience. Circles are already forming around knitting, hiking, serving in the community, moms, social occasions for widows/widowers, and poetry - and we're just getting started! These small groups will meet in various locations or online, according to each group's preference, led by staff and volunteers. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/circles for a list of Circles you can join, or register to start a new one.

Knit One, Pray Too Circle - This group comes together twice a month (1st and 3rd Mondays, 1:30 - 3 pm) to knit prayer shawls which are blessed and given to people who are sick, alone, or hurting. We enjoy fellowship as we knit and sometimes meet off campus for coffee or lunch. We love having knitters of all levels and styles. Contact Grace McGoogan at grace.mcgoogan@gmail.com with questions.

Newcomer Dinners - We invite all newcomers for dinner and a chance to meet other newcomers and some of our staff on the second Wednesday of each month. Join us for a casual and rewarding evening of fellowship and a speaker who will share a little of what's going on around Christ Church. Our first dinner will be on October 12. Free childcare is available upon request. If you have questions, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Strategic Direction Listening Sessions - As we discern what the future holds for Christ Church, your input is vital. Come and share your hopes and ideas for our Spiritual Home. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/forward to see a sampling, and join Steering Committee Co-Chairs Jane Coulter and Bill Lorenz for a listening session in the Blue Room tomorrow, September 26 at 7 pm.

Donuts and Devotions for Youth - On Sunday mornings at 10 am, 6th - 8th grade students are invited for Bible study and donuts in the Youth Room. Contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Middle School EYC - Middle school youth (grades 6 - 8) are invited for dinner with EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Blue Room with fellowship in the Youth Room to follow. Contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

High School Life Group - Students in grades 9 - 12 are invited to Life Group on Wednesdays at 7 pm at the home of Alice deVries. Contact Alice with questions at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Youth Council is a leadership opportunity for high school students to serve the Church community while deepening their relationships with God and each other. We meet on the first Sunday of each month. All high school students are invited to apply! Find details and apply by September 30 at christchurchcharlotte.org/highschool.

Youth Council Retreat - September 30 - October 2, Youth Council members will spend a weekend together at Glory Ridge Camp in Marshall, NC, planning youth events for the 2022 - 23 year and getting to know each other better, all while having a great time in the mountains. Contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Volunteer with our Youth! The Youth Ministry team is busy planning engaging and relatable programming for teens and families this fall! From small groups to ski trips, we need lots of caring adults to make it all happen. Learn more and check out adult volunteer opportunities at christchurchcharlotte.org/youth. Contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org with any questions.

Fall has arrived at GoodNews! Come see our wonderful selection of fall merchandise to help decorate your home and welcome in the new season! We are back to our regular hours: Monday- Friday, 9 am – 4 pm and Sunday 9:30 am – 1 pm.

By the People: The Importance of Civic Engagement - Much has been said about the decline of Americans' civic engagement. Do you want to help change that? Join us on the first Monday of the month, starting October 3, at 7 pm in M207 to hear from community leaders and discuss why community involvement is so important and how to get involved.

Celebration Sunday is October 2! During all worship services we will collect pledges and recognize the many volunteers who serve our Church and the community. Allen Walworth, Generosity Consultant, will present a Faith Forum: "What is the Good Life?" Brunch will be offered at a discounted rate with some special "extras." We encourage everyone to bring supplies for our monthly Dignity Drive. Don't miss this very special day in the life of our Spiritual Home.

Book Study: Parenting for a Better World - This book weaves together spiritual practices, family life, and activism, highlighting the relationship between parenting practices and justice work. The study will be led by Scottie Stamper on Wednesdays, October 5 – November 16, 7 – 8 pm via Zoom, pause for Advent and Christmas, and continue the final six chapters in January 2023. Sign up for the Zoom link at christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes. Order the book format of your choice.

Food & Mood: Exploring the Link Between Nutrition and Wellness - On Wednesday, October 5, 11:30 am - 1 pm, enjoy lunch (no charge) provided by Chef Mary, while learning from Assistant Wellness Director, Alex Bacon, and registered dietitian and parishioner, Ginny Cobb, about the role nutrition plays in mental and physical wellness. Zoom option will be available. Register by October 3 for lunch or the Zoom link at christchurchcharlotte.org/wellness-groups.

Navigators October Gathering at Whitewater Center - We invite all fourth and fifth grade Navigators to meet at the Whitewater Center on October 15 at 12 noon. The October gathering will include lunch and team building activities. Registration (\$40) is required by October 8. You can register by visiting christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators.

Faith & Wellness Virtual Small Group - Our spiritual journeys are not meant to be taken alone. Faith & Wellness small groups provide opportunities for fellowship, self-exploration, sacred listening, and encouragement. A new group of 4-8 participants will meet virtually on Mondays, October 10 - November 14 (10 - 11 am) with a facilitator to discuss how their faith informs their wellness and daily decisions. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/wellness-groups to learn more and register.

Spiritual Practices Small Group - Spiritual practices come in many forms. Join us for fellowship and exploration as we try out new spiritual practices together. On Wednesdays, October 12 - November 2 (6:15 - 7:15 pm), a group of 4-8 participants and their facilitator will experience practices that enable us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength - and love our neighbor as ourselves (Luke 10:27).

The Space Between Us, is a three-day experience that will transform the way you communicate at home, at work, and in the world. Grounded in learning theory and current research, it's a program that gets to the heart as well as the science of communication. This free workshop, led by trained facilitators, is held in person at Christ Church. Registration is now open for the November 15 - 17 session. Learn more and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/tsbu.

ECW Friendship Feast with Guest Speaker, Molly Grantham - On Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm, all women are invited to an inspiring evening of fellowship and food, with guest speaker Molly Grantham. As a three-time Emmy-Award winning journalist, author, professional emcee, founder of a pediatric non-profit network, and mom of three, Molly "lives the juggle and walks the walk every day." Register (\$20) at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/women.

Middle School Fall Retreat - Middle school students are invited to our Fall Retreat at Kanuga, November 4 - 6! We will spend time playing games, breaking bread, and breathing in the fresh air as we experience God in the beautiful North Carolina mountains! Register at christchurchcharlotte.org/youth.

Christmas Open House Vendors Wanted - Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are excited to offer local artists and food merchants an opportunity to be part of our Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 1 pm. Potential vendors are invited to apply at <https://forms.gle/uFPup3wDNT5mXdZj8> by October 28. Contact Page Gatewood at pagegatewood@gmail.com or 864-979-5001 with any questions.

SERVE THE WORLD

Catawba River Sweep - On Saturday, October 1, thousands of neighbors from all over the Catawba-Wateree River Basin will come together at dozens of sites to clean up rivers, lakes, creeks, and streams, helping to ensure our waterways look beautiful, are safe for swimming and fishing, and are free of pollution. To learn more and sign up, visit catawbariversweep.org.

Dignity Drive - On the first Sunday of each month, we will collect diapers, period products, and incontinence supplies for the Diaper Bank of North Carolina's new location in Charlotte, which distributes them to a number of local agencies. You may drop off donations in the bin behind the reception area in the Rotunda. Contact Lesley Peace at peacel@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Rama Road Girl Scout Snack Packs - On each meeting day (Mondays) we need three volunteers to provide a total of 45 snacks (15 for each patrol). Like cupcakes? We also have options for special events. Go to christchurchcharlotte.org/act to sign up, or email Jennifer Grainger at jengmgrainger@gmail.com for more details.

Fall Family Service Project - On Sunday, October 16 at 12:30 pm, join us in All Saints' Hall after brunch to learn and hear from an incredible storyteller and American Indian cultural educator, Ramona Big Eagle, who will offer an engaging, hands-on experience for all to enjoy. We also encourage you to bring books selected from the list at booksofbelonging.org for CaroMont Health's adolescent intake patient library. This supports our Children's Ministry partnership with CaroMont Health and our focus on diversity and inclusion.

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