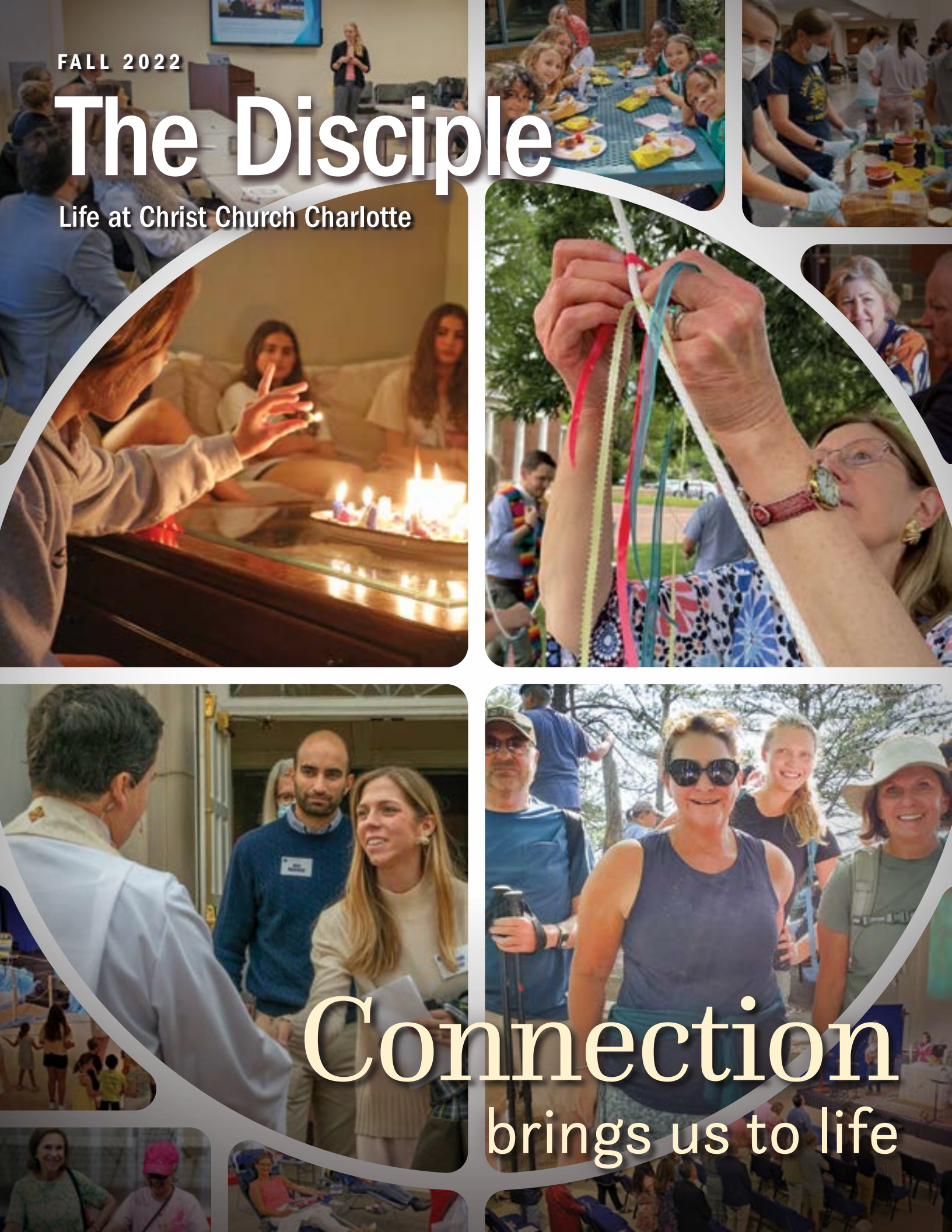


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# The Disciple

Life at Christ Church Charlotte



Connection  
brings us to life



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» *About the cover:* Christ Church is filled with people who are discovering the joy of sharing their holy gifts in community with others. There are many ways to connect and bring our Spiritual Home to life. How is God calling you to use your own holy gifts?

# Discovering GOD'S CALL in Your Life

Dear Friends,

If there's one thing we've learned these last two years, it's that we need each other. Connection is everything. God put us here to share life together, and our Spiritual Home is a wonderful place to connect with God, reconnect with friends, and make new ones. In this issue of *The Disciple*, you are invited to find your way back into the rhythms of grace that will boost your faith and wellbeing.

In the upcoming season, we will be asking important questions to help us reconnect with each other and to explore meaning and purpose in life. What is going on inside of you? How are you changing? What does it mean for us to build better lives and better communities? We hope the answers to these questions will lead you to discover your own holy gifts and how you might enjoy using them in a new way at Christ Church.

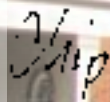
One key thing to consider -- are you open to creating time to connect or go deeper in our community? If we keep doing the same old things we can't expect things to change.

So here's the challenge: Think about what it means to truly belong to Christ Church and make it your own. How can you raise your participation and serve in some capacity on Sundays or during the week? It's true -- you get what you give. I am challenging everyone in our parish to commit one hour a week to your spiritual wellbeing -- a small but life-changing commitment that promises priceless rewards. (See page 4 for more on the One-Hour Initiative.)

Please peruse the pages ahead to find a wide variety of easy-entry points, including a new Sunday morning class called Starting Point (page 4) for anyone who wants a fresh perspective on what is happening here and how you can plug in.

Ready to restart your spiritual life? Get ready. It starts again this fall. Now is your time. Don't miss it.

I can't wait to see what God has in store for you and all of us.



The Reverend Chip Edens



I long to see you so that  
I may impart to you some  
spiritual gift to make you strong  
— that is, that you and I may  
be mutually encouraged  
by each other's faith.

— ROMANS 1:11-12





# Where is God calling you?

Opportunities to connect with others and discover God's call for you

## Starting Point

Are you looking for a way to get plugged in or restart your participation at Christ Church? On Sundays, September 18 - October 30 at 10 am in the Good News Café, we are offering an opportunity to get to know Christ Church staff and clergy, learn about programs and ministries, and the many ways you can use your holy gifts in your Spiritual Home.



This class is ideal for newcomers, people who may be feeling disconnected, or anyone who wants to learn more about Christ Church. Join us on any of these Sundays!

or online according to each group's preference, led by staff and volunteers.

Visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/circles](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/circles) for a list of Circles you can join. If you would like to start a new Circle, contact Lindsay Masi at [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6971.

## One-Hour Initiative

Finding meaning and purpose in life is an essential part of spiritual wellbeing. We want this for everyone. As a part of our deep commitment to spiritual wellness, Chip is challenging every parishioner to invest in their own spiritual wellbeing by dedicating one hour a week to some form of service.

This might be offering your gifts to support ministries inside the Church, or sharing your time to support a cause you care about in the community. Hopefully it's something that brings you joy! Each week the priests will highlight a couple of ministries to get involved in, and we encourage you to visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/get-involved](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/get-involved) for a broad list of opportunities.



## Circles



A new way to connect, center, collaborate, and be in community with your Christ Church friends.

These small groups will convene around all kinds of topics, hobbies, and passions of parishioners, meeting in various locations

Visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/get-connected](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/get-connected) for a searchable list of all the ways you can connect with us this fall.

# Dignity and Discipleship

Marks Arnold heard about a need and made it his mission to address it.

In January 2020, Marks Arnold learned something in a Faith Forum that was too compelling to ignore.

In a conversation on access to wellness, Dr. Jane Tillman shared how the lack of personal hygiene products can isolate people in society. Not having enough clean diapers or period and incontinence products results not only in significant health issues, but also shame and stigma. People don't want to be around other people – including infants and toddlers – who smell unpleasant or whose clothes are stained. The main reason adolescent girls from economically disadvantaged families miss school is due to lack of period products. People of all ages with incontinence problems increasingly isolate themselves so as not to be embarrassed.

Marks was deeply struck by Dr. Tillman's program. Her story about impoverished young mothers made a deep impression. Their biggest concern was not food insecurity, but rather a lack of diapers for their infants and small children. The inability to provide what their children needed was a significant source of maternal depression. It is both a physical and mental health issue that has a rather simple solution: provide the diapers, wipes, etc.

Since then, Marks has consistently championed this as a ministry for Christ Church. It's something that most of us don't think much about until it affects us directly, but these are essential supplies, and they are very expensive for people with limited means. In North Carolina, period products are still taxed.

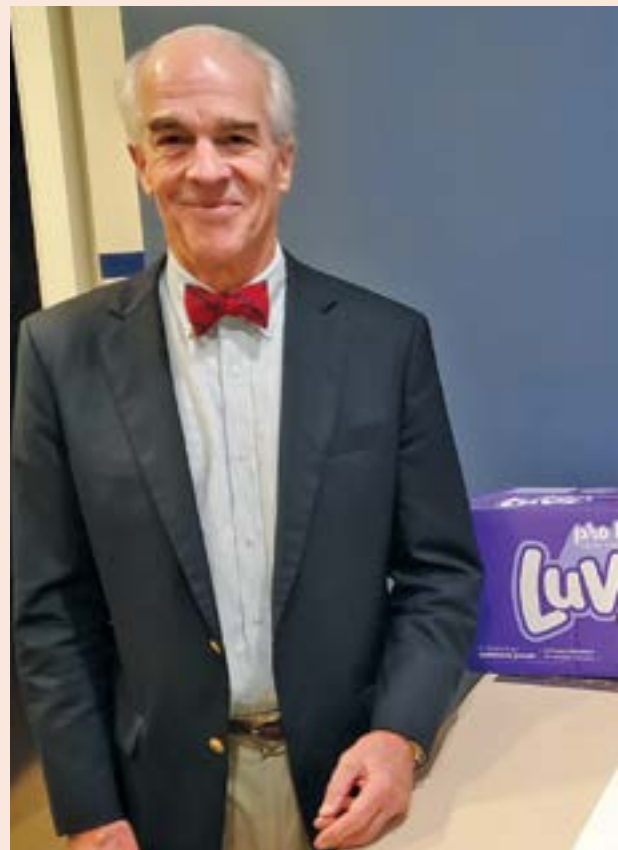
Thanks to Marks' consistent advocacy, we now have a Dignity Drive to collect these products on the first Sunday of each month. Inspired by Christ Church Raleigh's "Diaper Train," Marks' dream became much more doable when the North Carolina Diaper Bank chose Charlotte as the site of

their fourth warehouse a few months ago. Volunteers take the donations to the Diaper Bank, where they are distributed to agencies throughout the community.

Thanks to Marks and the generosity of Christ Church members, our inaugural drive in July netted a total of 1,293 products valued at \$555.99. And that is just the beginning. Watch for a Moveable Volunteer Possibility (MVP) at the Diaper Bank, and – with your continued support – our monthly drives will provide our neighbors with comfort, improved physical and emotional health, and social connection. We owe our gratitude to Marks for leading the way.

Keep those donations coming! Our next collection will be Sunday, October 2.

The name "Dignity Drive" comes from our Baptismal Covenant to 'respect the dignity of every human being.'



» Watch the Faith Forum with Jane Tillman at [schooloffaith.church/library](https://schooloffaith.church/library) or on the Christ Church Charlotte app (search Tillman).

» Learn more about the NC Diaper Bank at [ncdiaperbank.org](https://ncdiaperbank.org).

# How will your spirit grow this season?

Whether you prefer a small group Bible study, a short-term series on a specific topic, or a time to pause and center during your busy week, we have something for you on almost every day of the week. Check out the next few pages, and visit [christchurchcharlotte.org](http://christchurchcharlotte.org) for more information about all of these opportunities and more.

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## School of Faith

### School of Faith

Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 7 pm

School of Faith is returning on Sundays and Wednesdays this fall, reimagined for a new season!

On Sundays beginning September 25, choose to attend any of these sessions designed to lead you into deeper connections with God and other people:

#### **BASICS OF FAITH** (M206)

Learn about the essential elements of the Christian faith and practicing that faith in the Episcopal church.

#### **FAITH IN ACTION** (Green Room)

Explore God's call to make a difference in your community and in the world.

#### **SOUL CARE** (M207)

Discover and deepen practices to help you faithfully navigate our complex world.

#### **FAMILY MATTERS** (M213)

How does your faith impact your family relationships? Join us for a broad range of topics from parenting to elder care to the friends who become family.

#### **STARTING POINT** (Good News Café)

Find opportunities to connect with others and use your holy gifts as a part of our parish community. (Not just for newcomers!)



See insert or visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/schooloffaith](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/schooloffaith) for the Sunday morning and Wednesday night fall schedule.





# Fall Faith Forum Series

Sundays at 10 am, All Saints' Hall

Faith Forums will continue most Sundays, with a dynamic line-up of speakers. Visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/faithforum](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/faithforum) for details.

**September 18**

Reconnecting with God, Church and Call (Clergy and Staff)

**September 25**

Rector's Class: What Does It Mean To Be Called By God? (The Reverend Chip Edens)

**October 2**

What is the Good Life? (Allen Walworth)

**October 9**

Amazing Grace: The Power of Gospel Music – A concert by St. Thomas Gospel Choir

**October 16**

Charlotte: Crisis and Opportunity (Mayor Vi Lyles)

**October 23**

Breaking Through (Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick and De Kirkpatrick)

**October 30**

Spiritual Wellness (Christine Moutier)

**November 6**

Friendship, Nurturing Deeper Connections (Marisa G. Franco)

**November 13**

Stage, Not Age (Susan Golden)

**November 20**

Our Future Church (Bill Lorenz and Jane Coulter)





# FALL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## SUNDAYS

Weekly at 8:45, 11:15 am & 5 pm  
 Weekly at 10 am  
 Weekly at 10 am  
 Weekly at 10 am  
 Weekly, 11 am – 1 pm  
 Weekly at 6 pm  
 First Sundays  
 Third Sundays at 3 pm  
 September 18 at 12:30pm

Fall Worship Schedule (begins September 18)  
 School of Faith and Faith Forum  
 Children's Sunday School  
 Youth Donuts and Devotions  
 Sunday Brunch Buffet  
 Youth Sunday Night Live  
 Dignity Drive (see page 5 for details)  
 Evensong  
 Navigators (4th/5th grades) September Gathering

## MONDAYS

Weekly at 9 am  
 Weekly at 11:45 am (ongoing)  
 Weekly at 1 pm  
 Every Other Week at 7 pm  
 First Mondays, October – March at 7 pm  
 September 12 – October 3 at 1:30 pm  
 October 10 – November 14 at 10 am

Mindful Mondays (via Zoom)  
 Bodybuilders (Building Up the Body of Christ) Discussion Group  
 Christian Essentials: Monday Group (begins September 12)  
 Women's Evening Bible Study  
 By the People: The Importance of Civic Engagement  
 Living with Grief and Hope  
 Faith & Wellness Small Group (via Zoom)

## TUESDAYS

Weekly at 7:15 am  
 Weekly at 12 noon  
 September 27 – March 7 at 6:30 pm

Bible in a Bag: Men's Bible Study (at Panera)  
 Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing  
 Sacred Ground Group 13

## WEDNESDAYS

Weekly at 5 pm  
 Weekly at 5 pm  
 Weekly at 5:30 pm  
 Weekly at 5:30 pm  
 Weekly, 5:30 – 7 pm  
 Weekly at 7 pm  
 Weekly at 7 pm  
 Weekly at 6:30 pm  
 Second Wednesdays at 5:30 pm  
 September 14 – March 1 at 11:30 am  
 September 21 – October 12 at 6:30 pm  
 October 5 at 11:30 am  
 October 12 – November 2 at 6:15 pm

Music Club (PreK/age 4 - Kindergarten)  
 RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Ribbon Class  
 St. Nicolas Choir (grades 1 – 3)  
 Christ Church Choristers (grades 4 – 8)  
 Dinner Buffet (begins September 21)  
 School of Faith Programs  
 High School Life Group  
 Middle School EYC  
 Newcomer Dinners  
 Sacred Ground Group 14  
 Living with Grief and Hope for Young Adults (20s – 40s)  
 Food & Mood: Exploring the Link Between Nutrition and Wellness  
 Spiritual Practices Small Group

## THURSDAYS

Weekly at 7 am  
 Weekly at 7:30 am  
 September 15 – November 17 at 10 am  
 Weekly at 5:30 pm

Holy Eucharist  
 Thursday Morning Bible Study  
 CCWBS Fall 2022: The Gospel of Mark  
 Pilates (begins September 15)

## SATURDAYS

September 17 at 8 am  
 October 22 at 9 am  
 October 15 at 12 noon

Holy Hikes: McAlpine Park and Greenway  
 Holy Hikes: South Mountain State Park  
 Navigators October Gathering at Big Air



» View the entire Church calendar and details about how to participate at [christchurchcharlotte.org/calendar/all-events](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/calendar/all-events).

## SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, September 10 at 6 pm  
Sunday, September 11 at 10 am  
Wednesday, September 14 at 10:30 am  
Wednesday, September 14 at 7 pm  
Sunday, September 18  
Sunday, September 18 at 3 pm  
Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30 pm  
Monday, September 26 at 7 pm  
September 30 – October 2  
Sunday, October 2  
Sunday, October 9 at 10 am  
Sunday, October 16 at 12:30 pm  
Sunday, October 16 at 3 pm  
Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm  
Friday, November 4 at 6 pm

Night Under the Stars: A Parish Party  
Fall Parish Day Festive Eucharist and Picnic  
Sages Strategic Direction Listening Session (via Zoom)  
Strategic Direction Listening Session  
Fall worship schedule, Sunday School, and Brunch resume  
Evensong  
Dinner Buffet resumes  
Strategic Direction Listening Session  
Youth Council Retreat  
Celebration Sunday  
Saint Thomas Gospel Choir Concert & Faith Forum  
Fall Family Service Project  
Evensong  
ECW Friendship Feast  
Trunk or Treat  
Family Fun Night

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## OTHER

Various Days Beginning in September  
Tuesday – Thursday, October 18 – 20

Education for Ministry (EfM) Groups  
The Space Between Us

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## GOODNEWS SHOP HOURS

Sunday, 9:30 am – 1 pm and Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm

Celebrate the many gifts offered by our congregation

# Celebration Sunday

Sunday, October 2

Worship Services at 8:45 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm  
(Pledge collection during the offering at all services)

Children's Choir at 8:45 service in the Sanctuary

Volunteers will be recognized

Faith Forum at 10 am: "What is the Good Life?"  
with Allen Walworth, Generosity Consultant

Fellowship Brunch, 10:30 am – 1 pm  
Discounted: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, kids eat free; \$30 family max  
Special "Generosity Edition" Table Talk cards





# A Life-Changing Week

Trent Masi took a risk and discovered the joy of a new community

Each summer, the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina hosts HUGS Camp, a unique experience that brings together young people of diverse abilities. They overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding. HUGS (Helping Understand God through Sharing) is about acknowledging God’s good creation in each of us.

Campers with special needs are paired with one or more helper campers who assist with all the activities of camp life. Helper campers take part in a day of training with counselors and nurses to learn how to care for the campers, which might include assistance with bathing, eating, and/or dressing, help getting around, or just having a friend to encourage participation. All the campers live, play, and sing together.

Trent Masi, a rising high school freshman, had what he calls “the experience of a lifetime” at HUGS camp. He shares:

“Going into HUGS camp, I felt nervous about who I might meet and what I was going to do, but it ended up even better than I thought. Everyone I met was so kind and amazing.

“One of the things I was most nervous about was taking care my camper. Some require help with basic needs, while others might need more specialized care. But before the campers arrived we had many role play scenarios where the staff carefully instructed us on what to do for things like seizures and taking care of someone so we were prepared.

“It is hard to pick just one thing I loved most, but one of my favorites was gathering around the campfire for silly time, singing, and being in community. One of the campers danced his heart out to every single song and made every-

one laugh. Another camper would whistle extremely loud and make sound effects which my camper loved imitating. The campfire at the end of each day reminded us that we are all part of the same community and all loved by God. Everyone at HUGS was welcoming, nonjudgmental, open, and honest, and we laughed so much.

“I had to learn how to communicate with my camper, who had some behavioral issues and didn’t always want to participate. By the end of the week, we were thick as thieves. I learned a lot about being patient, how to think before I act, and to put someone else’s needs above my own. That is not something I would have experienced at a regular summer camp.

“Everyone should sign up for HUGS – it is truly an experience of a lifetime. Knowing that you’re helping the campers get the closest experience to a typical sleep-away camp and making their week is amazing. One of the counselors told me that this is the highlight of a lot of the campers’ entire year. We were helping make their WHOLE YEAR! I don’t think there is anything better than having such a positive impact on someone else. I am for sure going back next year!”

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» Next year’s HUGS camp is July 8 - 15, 2023 at Browns Summit. Reach out to Maggie Baker at [bakerm@christ-churchcharlotte.org](mailto:bakerm@christ-churchcharlotte.org) if you have a high school student interested in participating.





# In the Parish

## New Members

Kathi Adams  
 Chandler Barrett  
 Nick Claudio  
 Craig Dixon  
 Larry Estes  
 Audrey Groves  
 Ashley and Garrett Hess  
 Pierre Molster  
 Charlie Robson  
 Tyler Schoenwolf  
 Mary Frances Segars  
 Taylor Sittig  
 Carol Ann and Milton Smith  
 Eric Steinberg  
 Hendricks Stowe  
 Leigh Hutchinson and Earle Sullivan  
 Caroline Thompson

## Births

Connor Gilder Horne, son of Meggie and Paul Horne  
 Margaret Robinson Darling, daughter of Katie and Edward Darling  
 Temple McCrady Darling, daughter of Katie and Edward Darling  
 Steven Tyler Johnson, Jr, son of Mary and Tyler Johnson  
 Addison Jean Adair, daughter of Emily and Bates Adair  
 Mary Moore Mills, daughter of Merrill and William Mills  
 Anita Hampton Postal, daughter of Anita and Rhett Postal  
 Graham Reddick Hollmeyer, son of Jenna and Joe Hollmeyer  
 Turner LaMar McGinnis, son of Katie and Will McGinnis  
 Penelope Marie Willis, granddaughter of Debbie and Ward Woodward  
 Alice Celmintine Costello-Kluttz, granddaughter of Mary and Joe Kluttz  
 Sloane Leighton Riggins, daughter of Meredith and Tyler Riggins  
 Ward Stanley Riggins, son of Meredith and Tyler Riggins  
 Fletcher Thomas Jones, great grandson of Tom White

Kennedy Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Caitlin and Robert Jones  
 Jane Tomlinson Molster, daughter of Ashton and Pierre Molster  
 Amelia James Boykin, daughter of MK and Bob Boykin

## Baptisms

Nathaniel Scott Critcher, son of Sydney and Taylor Critcher  
 Henry Robichaud Fish, son of Margaret Rose Black and Eric Fish  
 Martha Bailey Hipp, daughter of Cathleen and Thomas Hipp  
 Eugene Donald Johnson IV, son of Ashley and Don Johnson  
 Avery Loraine McNair, daughter of Liza and Ryan McNair  
 Britton Ferebee Beasley II, son of Winston and Trevor Beasley  
 Elizabeth Christine Braude, daughter of Kayla and Will Braude  
 Blair Taylor Griffith, daughter of Rebecca and Tyler Griffith  
 Campbell Anne Griffith, daughter of Rebecca and Tyler Griffith  
 Mary Gray Rodrigues, daughter of Elizabeth Merritt and Andrew Rodrigues  
 Parker Ryan Solomon, son of Lauren and Matt Solomon  
 Winnie James Valentine, daughter of Tayler and Greg Valentine  
 Elliott Kate Barnhardt, daughter of Erika and Carter Barnhardt  
 Avery Scott French, daughter of Emily and Alex French  
 Henry Wallace Head, son of Casey and David Head  
 Charlotte Wren Sullivan, daughter Heather and Jack Sullivan  
 John Thomas Sullivan, son of Heather and Jack Sullivan  
 Joyner Francis Bill, son of Erin and Vincent Bill  
 William Frederick Black IV, son of Devin and Will Black  
 Virginia June Davis, daughter of Laura and Tate Davis  
 Sophie Dowe King, daughter Stacey and Chandler King

Sloane Emerson O'Laughlin, daughter of Alyson and Zack O'Laughlin  
 Laura Kate Rhyne, daughter of Bethany and David Rhyne  
 John Shaw Slaven, son of Aubree and Trevor Slaven

## Marriages

Bradleigh Elizabeth Navalsky and Hugh William Palmer  
 Caroline Elizabeth Peters and William Christopher Szczecinski  
 Caroline Elizabeth Saunders and John Keady Walsh III  
 Marjorie Macomber Bray and Scott Jason McDowell  
 Emily Kelly Fouche and Joseph Daingerfield Dulaney III  
 Chelsea Claire Russell and Benjamin Frost Little  
 Marcelline Raebiger Kochan and Christopher Joseph Tonsing

## Deaths

Marion Hanes Rutsch, sister of Nancy Sasz  
 Elizabeth Cloud Malloy, mother of Louise Bonner  
 David Jackson Ellis, father of Betsy Simerville  
 Charles Eric Rappe, brother of Susan Sullivan  
 Anne Lineberger, aunt of Will Steele  
 Don Swofford, brother-in-law of Syble Carson  
 Channing B. Brown, Jr, brother of Catherine Browning  
 Parker Isabelle Mansson, daughter of Heather and Rob Mansson  
 William Fownes Blue, father of Bill Blue  
 Charles Temple Landers, brother of Mark Landers  
 James Robert Ausman, Sr, father of Jim Ausman  
 Theodore Howard Shonts, Jr.  
 William Dobyns Wornall, Jr.  
 Joseph Lee Gaines, Sr.  
 James P. Cooney, Jr, father of Andy Cooney  
 Donald J. Barr, father of Kathryn Dixon

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# Night Under the Stars

A PARISH PARTY

**Saturday, September 10**  
**6 - 9 pm**

For details and to register, visit  
[christchurchcharlotte.org/parishday](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/parishday)

# FALL PARISH DAY

**Sunday, September 11**  
**Festive Eucharist 10 am**  
**All Saints' Hall**

Buffet picnic lunch and activities on the lawn after the service  
Dress for comfort and bring your picnic blanket!