



**December 2015**

# The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God

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## Advent at Christ Church

Advent at Christ Church this year offers new opportunities to worship, learn and enjoy the season together, with a fresh twist on our beloved traditions.

### December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

#### **Annual Meeting, 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall**

Our annual meeting is an important event in the life of our community, where we elect new leadership and learn more about important Church matters. All adults and confirmed youth are encouraged to participate.

#### **Advent Activities for Children, 10:00 AM**

During the Annual Meeting, children in kindergarten and above are invited to participate in an interactive Sunday School rotation. Nursery care is available for children 0 – 4 years old.

### December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

#### **St. Nicholas Festival, 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall**

Come meet St. Nicholas and learn about the man, the myth, and the legend. Join us for festive singing, a special reading by The Reverend Chip Edens of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and a visit from St. Nicholas. Learn about his humble beginnings and how he became a fourth century bishop in Turkey, and how his spirit is connected to the jolly guy in the red suit. Cookies, hot chocolate, and opportunities for pictures will follow in the Blue Room. All ages are welcome!

#### **Advent Lessons and Carols, 11:15 AM in the Church**

The adult choirs offer a traditional version of Advent Lessons and Carols, with familiar carols including the ancient "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and new arrangements of "Lo, How A Rose" and "I Wonder as I Wander."

### December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **Hush in the Rush, 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall**

Need to slow down and take a deep breath? Join us for an opportunity to experience a holy 'hush' in the rush and busyness of the Christmas season. We will offer numerous ways for families and individuals of all ages to be still, meditate, pray, and enter into a quiet holiness.

#### **"What Child is This?" Christmas Pageant, 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall**

Children ages four through third grade will share the timeless story of Jesus' birth during this family-friendly worship service.



Look inside for a complete schedule of Advent offerings, and visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/advent-2015](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/advent-2015) to learn more.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Sunday, December 6

#### Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
8:45 AM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church  
with Music Clubs and Queen City Youth Chorus  
8:45 AM Contemporary Eucharist\* in All Saints' Hall  
10:00 AM Annual Meeting\* in All Saints' Hall (details on cover)  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church

### Sunday, December 13

#### Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
8:45 AM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church  
8:45 AM Contemporary Eucharist\* in All Saints' Hall  
10:00 AM St. Nicholas Festival (details on cover)  
11:15 AM Advent Lessons & Carols\* in the Church  
with Christ Church Choir (details on cover)  
11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist\* in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church

### Sunday, December 20

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
8:45 AM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church  
8:45 AM Contemporary Eucharist\* in All Saints' Hall  
10:00 AM Hush in the Rush (details on cover)  
11:15 AM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church  
11:15 AM Christmas Pageant and Worship\* in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church

### Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church  
3:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* for Families and Young Children  
in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* in the Church  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist\* with Contemporary Band in All Saints' Hall  
8:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:30 PM Choral Eucharist in the Church (details below)  
with Christ Church Choir

#### Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

The Christ Church Choir will sing parts of the Missa 'O Magnum Mysterium' by the 16th century Spanish composer, Tomas Luis de Victoria. In addition, the choir will offer music of John Rutter, Peter Warlock, Samuel Barber, and Mack Wilberg as well as the traditional descants of the late Sir David Willcocks.

### Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

### Sunday, December 27

#### First Sunday After Christmas

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:00 AM Lessons & Carols (details below)  
with Christ Church Choir  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

#### Christmas Lessons and Carols

The 12 days of Christmas are not complete without day three in Church! Join us as we sing plenty of familiar Christmas carols and hear familiar readings surrounding the narrative of the birth of Jesus Christ.

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### Jamey Graves Sings at Bishop Installation

On November 1, The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, former Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Bishop Curry, 62, is the first African American to be elected Presiding Bishop.

Our Associate Director of World Music, Jamey Graves, was invited by Bishop Curry to sing during the Installation service at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

Jamey offered songs he and Bishop Curry shared this summer on the Freedom Ride, a spiritual journey with fellow travelers from around the globe focusing on truth, reconciliation, and peace.

The music for the Installation included Jamey's arrangement of "Wade in the Water," an African American spiritual about baptism. It calls us to wade into troubled waters and present ourselves as the image of Christ in the world. Another song, "Montaña," is a Latin American traditional song that Jamey sang in Spanish. The lyrics interpret the parable of the mustard seed: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you can say to the mountain, 'move, move,' and it will move. Thus saith the Lord."

During the Vigil Celebration and Eucharist on Saturday and the Installation on Sunday, Jamey sang with Sandra Montes, Worship Leader from San Mateo Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas.

This was an historic event in the Episcopal Church and we were honored to have Jamey represent Christ Church with his beautiful voice.

Find links to videos of Jamey's musical selections for this historic service at: [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/article/jamey-graves-sings-at-bishop-installation/](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/article/jamey-graves-sings-at-bishop-installation/)

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\*Nursery Care for children up to age four provided in the Nursery Suites on the lower level of All Saints' Hall.

## PARISH LIFE

### Trunk or Treat Triumphs

Despite the threat of thunderstorms amid days of rain, no spirits were dampened during our second annual Trunk or Treat event. Over 350 children and adults celebrated All Hallows Eve in All Saints' Hall, as they enjoyed a hot dog supper, decorated bags, visited the tattoo booth, and paraded and trick-or-treated among the fabulously decorated tables (in lieu of trunks). Christ Church youth families welcomed families from Charlotte Family Housing who joined us for the festivities. A grand time was had by all! For a slideshow of photos from this event, visit [www.christchurch-charlotte.org/trunkortreat](http://www.christchurch-charlotte.org/trunkortreat).



Trunk or Treat was a great evening of creativity, hospitality, and fun for everyone.

### Advent Festival

Our annual Advent Festival took place on Sunday, November 29, celebrating the start of this special season. Parishioners of all ages made Advent wreaths and Jesse Tree ornaments, and wrapped gifts for the Duff, Tennessee outreach project. We hope you and your family will join us every Sunday during Advent, as each week we will offer unique ways for everyone to engage in the true meaning of the season.



## NEWCOMERS

### Please Join us for Dinner

We invite all newcomers for dinner and conversation on the first Wednesday of each month through April, 5:30 – 7:00 PM in M207. We enjoy fellowship and a casual dinner together, and hear a bit about what's going on around Christ Church from a staff member. Childcare available upon request. To register, contact Courtney Cabaniss at [cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-333-0378.

### Connect Class Offered in January

Our final Connect Class for the program year will be held on Sunday, January 10, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other newcomers, as well as hear from several clergy and staff members who will share some of our missions and goals. It's a great way to feel connected and engaged. Recent attendees have reported that the class was "enjoyable" and "a unique experience," as well as noting it was "a very good overview of Christ Church, with the right amount of personal connection and sharing." Lunch is provided and childcare is available upon request. Contact The Reverend Patty Willett at [willettp@christchurch-charlotte.org](mailto:willettp@christchurch-charlotte.org), or Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at [saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org), with any questions.

## GOODNEWS SHOP

### Visit us During the Bazaar!

The annual Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, December 5, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. GoodNews will host a "Gentlemen's Corner" in the Good News Café.

In addition, Dee Marley has graciously agreed to provide GoodNews with many of her delicious items! If you've ever shopped at the Common Grounds Cornucopia Sale, you may be familiar with Dee's goodies. Common Grounds is not holding their sale this year, so visit us for Dee's amazing cakes, pies, chocolate and butterscotch sauces, home-made marshmallows, and other treats.

Come early, stay late, and enjoy the Bazaar while completing your holiday shopping list. You will not be disappointed!





## OUTREACH and MISSION

### Room in the Inn Changes Lives (Ours)

Once again, Christ Church will open its doors during the winter months to 12 homeless neighbors each Sunday night. There are countless ways for you and your family to participate, from setting up beds to driving the van. As you think about how you might be called to serve, read these reflections of some memorable moments fellow parishioners have experienced:

"It was my younger son's idea for us to host as a family, back when he was in elementary school. My older son was in middle school at the time and he did not want to participate, at all. With a bit of persistent persuasion we got him engaged by playing games with our guests. After that one experience, it was no longer something we needed to convince anyone in our family to do. We all enjoyed it! Our family has volunteered three times as overnight hosts for Room in the Inn. Each time since the first one, it has been our sons who have urged that we serve again. Both boys have shared how Room in the Inn has helped open their hearts and minds to our neighbors and changed their prejudices into love and understanding. We have come together as a family and reflected on our lives and our neighbors with much gratitude and humility." - Alice, Peter, Trum, and Gene deVries

"I've spent many Sundays setting up for Room in the Inn. I enjoy doing this because I know I am helping twelve homeless people each week to have an experience of "home" that is somewhat rare for them....Volunteering through Room in the Inn allows me to meet and spend time with other members of our Church and that makes it all the more fun! Room in the Inn has been a great learning experience for me." - Stewart Parkhurst



### December Opportunities to Serve

Looking for a way to serve this month? Look no further than Christ Church!

#### Duff Wrapping Extravaganza

Thursday, December 3, 9:00 AM - Noon in the Blue Room  
Wrap gifts for children in the impoverished rural community of Duff, Tennessee. No sign-up needed.

#### Men's Shelter Meals

December 6, 11, and 24 (FILLED)  
Serve dinner at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte.  
Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/shelter](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/shelter) for details.

#### Room in the Inn

December 20, 24 and 27  
Offer hospitality to homeless neighbors.  
Learn more and sign up at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/riti](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/riti).

### Habitat Comes Full Circle

Some of our core Christ Church Habitat volunteers were given a special opportunity to share their love of building, construction, and DIY with long-time Christ Church employee Dorothy Ross. As part of a critical home repair project, the team was able to finish a handicap ramp that had been built for her home.

### Thanksgiving Abundance

Thank you to everyone who provided and delivered complete Thanksgiving dinners to 50 families from Rama Road Elementary School. All were blessed in the giving and the receiving.



## Serve-a-bration Success!

With 21 opportunities to serve throughout the week of November 1 - 7, we are so thankful for our parishioners' willingness to offer their gifts. From sharing coffee and muffins to making fleece blankets and wrapping books, almost 200 volunteers of all ages served all over our community as the feet and hands of Christ. Thanks for sharing God's love in our city.



## ADULT FORMATION

### Living Your Strengths

**Mondays, January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22 OR  
Wednesdays, January 20, 27, February 3, 17, 24, March 2**

If you want to understand, appreciate, and better exercise your gifts and strengths, you will enjoy this course. Explore what makes you happy, alive, and energized, and how your gifts help you grow spiritually in all areas of life. The six-session course meets at 6:30 PM on Mondays or Wednesdays, and is appropriate for adults of all ages; several couples have enjoyed participating together. Class size is limited. For more information or to register for a class, contact Lisa Saunders at [saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org).

### Confirmation and Inquirers Class

Now is the time to register for the 2016 Confirmation and Inquirers Class. This class is for any adult who wishes to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or who simply wants to explore what we believe and the basics of faith.

**What does the class cover?** The class explores the basics of Christianity: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, the Bible, the Prayer Book, History of the Christian Church and being an Episcopalian. The class also addresses the way the Episcopal Church lives out that basic faith through worship, Bible study and service to others. Christ Church clergy teach the classes. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged.

**When will the class meet?** Sessions will be held for ten weeks on Sundays, February 14 - May 1, at 10:00 AM, excluding Palm Sunday and Easter (March 20 and 27).

**Confirmation is Sunday, June 5, at 8:30 AM.** If you are unable to be confirmed that day, we can make arrangements for you to be confirmed at a different church or next year when the Bishop visits.

**To learn more or sign up, contact Jenny Beaumont,** [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org), 704-714-6945.





## CHILDREN



### “What Child is This” Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 20, 11:15 AM in All Saints’ Hall**

Come watch the Christmas story come to life as we combine this year’s pageant with a family-friendly worship service similar to our Discovery Eucharist. All children in four-year-old through third grade Sunday School are invited to participate.

Registration is open until December 9 at [www.christchurch-charlotte/pageant](http://www.christchurch-charlotte/pageant).

**Required Rehearsal for ALL participants:**

Saturday, December 19, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, All Saints’ Hall

**Additional Rehearsal for Third Graders Only:**

Wednesday, December 16, 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 19, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

CD’s for practicing the songs at home are available at the front desk; the playlist is also available at [www.christchurch-charlotte.org/pageant](http://www.christchurch-charlotte.org/pageant). Even children who do not plan to register for the pageant can sing along from their seats!

Everyone attending is asked to bring a new or gently used book as an outreach offering to represent our “gifts for the baby Jesus.”



Photos above and below: JYC’ers hard at work and having fun during Seven Days of Serve-a-bration.

### 4th & 5th Grade JYC

(Junior Youth Connect)

**Sunday, December 27, 4:30 - 6:30 PM**

This month we have a great way for our Jr. Youth (4th and 5th grade) to experience the true spirit of Christmas, by serving our homeless neighbors with Room in the Inn. We will set up beds, provide and serve dinner, and spend time in conversation with our guests. This was one of our most memorable gatherings last year, and we hope that your JYC’er will join us!

Contact Katherine Vest at [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6941 with questions or to sign up.



## YOUTH

### Winter Activities for Middle and High School Students and Families

Mark your calendars and join us for these youth events:

#### **Middle School Caroling**

**Wednesday, December 9, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for pizza at 5:30 PM while we practice a few familiar tunes. We will venture into the surrounding neighborhood around 6:00 PM to spread the holiday cheer and return to the church at 6:45 PM for hot chocolate and s'mores. Contact Lindsay Masi at [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org) with questions.

#### **Faith Talks: Daring Way for Families**

**Wednesday, January 20, 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

Middle and high school families are invited to attend this session based on the work of Brené Brown. Register online at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks).

#### **Middle School Dance**

**Friday, February 5, 7:00 – 9:30 PM**

Middle school students: Come for a fun night of dancing in All Saints' Hall! Bring your friends and \$5 to support Rama Road Elementary School.

#### **Youth Sunday**

**Sunday, February 7, All Worship Services**

Youth Sunday is an opportunity for middle and high school students to serve in Sunday services as acolytes, chalice bearers, and sermon-givers. If you are interested in serving on Youth Sunday, contact Betsy Zarzour at [zarzourb@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:zarzourb@christchurchcharlotte.org).

#### **Faith Talks: Ash Wednesday for Families**

**Wednesday, February 10, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

This dinner/program is offered for middle and high school families as a way to prepare for the season of Lent. Join us in All Saints' Hall for a thought-provoking program and follow us into the Church at 7:15 PM for the imposition of ashes. Registration will begin in January.

#### **Chili Challenge**

**Sunday, March 6, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Come one, come all for this all youth fundraiser at Christ Church! Whether you have an award-winning chili recipe or you just like to eat chili, this night is a pleaser for all and a great way to support our youth programs. More information will be available in January. Save the date!

### Car Wash Tickets On Sale Now

Christ Church tenth graders are selling AutoBell tickets to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Canada this summer. Tickets are \$15.99 for a full service car wash at any AutoBell location. They make great stocking stuffers! Find a pilgrim or stop by the GoodNews Shop.



Faith Talks are a monthly opportunity for families of youth to gather for dinner and conversation about important topics.

### Winter Break Camp for Kids Hosted by Christ Church Youth Pilgrims

**Monday and Tuesday, December 21-22**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

For infants through third graders

\$60 per day or \$100 for both days for first child.

\$45 per day or \$85 for both days for additional siblings.

We will partake in gift making, sing-a-longs, games, and fun! Proceeds will support the tenth grade pilgrimage in June 2016. Contact Lindsay Masi, [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org), with questions.

Find details and register online at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/winterbreak](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/winterbreak).



The Ninth Grade Life Group had a great time at the Castillo home preparing a Thanksgiving meal for a Rama family.



## VESTRY & ANNUAL MEETING

The election of 2015 Vestry members will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall. *(There will be no worship services at 11:15 AM that Sunday, but other services will be held as regularly scheduled.)*

Five people will be elected to the 15-member Vestry. A minimum of two of the five must not have served on any prior Vestry. The following parishioners have been nominated:



**Amelia Abbot** was baptized at Christ Church in 2006 and has been an active member since. She just completed her term as Chair of the Outreach & Mission Commission and currently serves on the Adult Formation Commission. Amelia is passionate about helping the children of Charlotte. She has taught Sunday School and co-chaired the Duff Christmas Project for the past five years, served on the planning committees for the CCK fundraiser and VBS, and enjoys being a fifth grade lunch buddy at Rama Road Elementary. Amelia also served on the search committee for Matt Holcombe and participated in the first Christ Church Core class. Prior to starting a family, Amelia worked as Director of Sales at Charlotte Center City Partners. She has also served on the Board of Community School of the Arts and is an active volunteer at Wing Haven Gardens. She and her husband, Chip, have two young children.



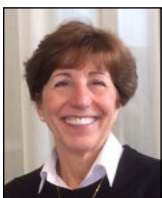
**Emily Cooper** joined Christ Church when her family moved to Charlotte in 1980, and worked as our Youth Director from 1998 to 2000. Prior to starting a family, Emily was the Kindergarten & JK Early Intervention Specialist at Charlotte Country Day, and taught school in Raleigh. She continues to use her teaching gifts as an 11th grade Sunday School teacher and recently participated in the 10th grade Pilgrimage to Northern Ireland. She also volunteers at Trinity Episcopal and Selwyn Elementary where she and her husband, John D., have three children. Emily has served on the Hospitality Committee, and currently serves on the Leap of Faith Implementation Committee. She also works part time as a Neighborhood Coordinator for The Produce Box. Emily's commitment to the nonprofit community includes the Junior League, Pat's Place (co-chairperson of the annual fundraiser) and Charlotte Mothers of Multiples.



**Frank Horne, Jr.** has served in almost every ministry during his life-long membership at Christ Church. He is currently chairman of the Christ Church Foundation and has represented Christ Church for four years as a Delegate to the NC Diocesan Convention and before that as an Alternate Delegate. Frank served on the Vestry from 2005-2008, and was Junior Warden. He and his wife, Peggy, chaired the Every Member Canvass in 2009. He has been a 5th grade Sunday school teacher for 26 years and has served on the Christian Education Commission as chair. He also participated on the planning committees for the Seeds of Hope and One in the Spirit Campaigns. His position and experience as President of Gas-Fired Products, Inc. will bring strong administrative, financial and management skills to the Vestry. Frank and Peggy have two adult children, Paul and Allie.



**Jeanne Kutrow** has been a member of Christ Church for over 25 years, having previously served as Senior Warden in 2001. Jeanne has been a delegate to Diocesan Convention for 12 years and currently serves on Diocesan Counsel and the Botswana Companion Link Committee. Jeanne is a member of the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Committee, was involved in Leap of Faith Planning and was past Outreach Commission Chair. She also served on the search committees for Chip Edens and Matt Holcombe. Previously an Associate Director of the Lee Institute and Director of Development of Trinity Episcopal School, Jeanne has significant management, strategic planning, governance and fundraising experience. She is also past Chair of the Mental Health Association and current Development Committee Chair of Thompson Child and Family Focus and Equality NC, where she is also incoming Board Chair. Jeanne and her husband, Brad, have two sons.



**Carol Lorenz** and her family moved from London to Charlotte six years ago, and she has been an active member at Christ Church since she arrived. She is currently the Chair of the Hospitality Commission, on a Care Team for a Rama Road family, and participates every summer in Freedom School activities and Vacation Bible School. Carol also volunteers at the GoodNews Shop, attends the Women's Bible Study and EFM programs, and is a graduate of the first Christ Church Core class. A lifelong Episcopalian, Carol has served on Vestries at churches in Baltimore, MD and Wayne, PA where she was the Sr. Warden. Formerly in international banking, she has experience in administration, financial management, marketing and strategic planning. Her Charlotte community activities include the Parent Advisory Boards at Providence Day School and Furman University. Carol and her husband Bill have two children in college.



**Burch Mixon** was confirmed at Christ Church and has been a member for over 40 years. He currently serves on Outreach and Mission Commission and the Building and Grounds Committee, and has prior involvement with Youth, having served on the Youth Commission and as an EYC leader. Burch is past chair of the Rama Road Committee and has enjoyed being a mentor at the school over a number of years. Burch has significant leadership, strategic planning, governance and fundraising experience, having served as Board Chair of Seigle Avenue Preschool, Board Chair of Wing Haven Gardens and, most recently, Board Chair of Freedom School Partners. He has a background in real estate and finance and currently owns his own landscape design business – a talent he has used to lead the volunteer "yard crews" at the Christ Church duplexes. Burch and his wife, Arrington, have two adult children.



**Norfleet Pruden** has been a member of Christ Church for over 40 years. He has previously served two terms on the Vestry and was Senior Warden in 2002. Norfleet was the Chair of the Rector Search Committee for Chip Edens. He has also been Chair of the Seeds of Hope Board, Chair of the Every Member Canvas, and has served on the Leap of Faith Vision Committee as well as the Outreach and Mission Commission at Christ Church. He currently serves as a Lector/Reader for Sunday services. Norfleet is a partner with the K & L Gates law firm and brings considerable experience in management, strategic planning, and governance. He has served as President of the North Carolina Bar Association, is on the UNC Library Board and has done work for the HopeWay Foundation in Charlotte. Norfleet and his wife Cindy have two children and three grandchildren.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Caring for Aging Parents

Are you caring for older parents or loved ones as they age and need more assistance? Caring for Aging Parents meets monthly to offer support for the growing population of those who are caring for older family members or friends. Whether you are just beginning this journey or have been on the path for quite a while, our group is for you. Meetings consist of guest speakers on various topics, fellowship, and sharing. No registration required.

Contact Lynne LeBlanc, Parish Nurse, 704-714-6968 or [leblanc1@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:leblanc1@christchurchcharlotte.org), for more information.

#### **Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 PM in M207**

What's on your mind? This month we will offer an informal discussion about topics of your choice. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions on caring for your loved ones.

#### **Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 PM in M207**

Caring for the Caregiver. Watch for details in January.

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### Ways to Show You Care

There are many opportunities to help someone at Christ Church feel remembered and cared for during a tough time. Each asks no more than a few hours every four to six weeks, or as suits your schedule. To volunteer, contact Lisa Saunders at [SaundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:SaundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**Sunshine Guild:** Help arrange the flowers from Sunday's altar into smaller vases and deliver to parishioners to brighten their Monday.

**Visiting Friends:** Some of our parishioners are homebound and cannot get to Church. A visit from a fellow parishioner reminds them they are still a part of our spiritual home.

**Caring Guild:** Bake cookies for and/or help serve at receptions following funerals. This offering is such a gift for those who grieve.



## *In the Parish*

### New Members

Taylor Fiorentino  
Wendy and John Hadley Family  
Marsha Prime  
Blair Tomlinson

### Marriages

Louise Holt Burton to Lee Ayer Copeland  
Jane Williamson Novak to Daniel Douglas Jones  
Elizabeth Anne Dunn to Eric Christopher Bolyard  
Jacqueline von Gnechten to James Christopher Ferebee, Jr.  
Kristin Moss to Stephen Rhyne

### Births

Dean Russell Akin, son of Natalie and Brian Akin  
Emma Grace Leary, daughter of Kate and Josh Leary  
and granddaughter of Margaretta and Joe Leary  
Charlotte Baker Manis, daughter of Corrie and Zach Manis  
William Johnston Popp, son of Allison and Ryan Popp

### Baptisms

David Christian Ash III, son of Polly and Chris Ash  
Charles Richard Deason, Jr., son of Sarah and Charlie Deason  
Winston Breckenridge Falls, son of Elizabeth and Lee Falls  
Carolyn Brooks Haigh, daughter of Kendall and Marsden Haigh  
Ethan Michael Kort, son of Lindsay and Michael Kort  
Webb Tobin Levell, son of Rebecca and Jay Levell

### Deaths

Doug Dillard, father of Angela Breeden  
Clyde Eldridge  
Brian Gomme, brother of Michelle Wall  
Jennifer Greer, aunt of Spencer Yorke and daughter-in-law of Shirley Greer  
Kitty Storrs  
James C. Walker, father of Jane Browne

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# *Christmas Bazaar*

Saturday, December 5 • 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

It's time for ECW's annual fundraiser.  
You'll find decorations, food, greenery and more.

Do your holiday shopping and help those in need!