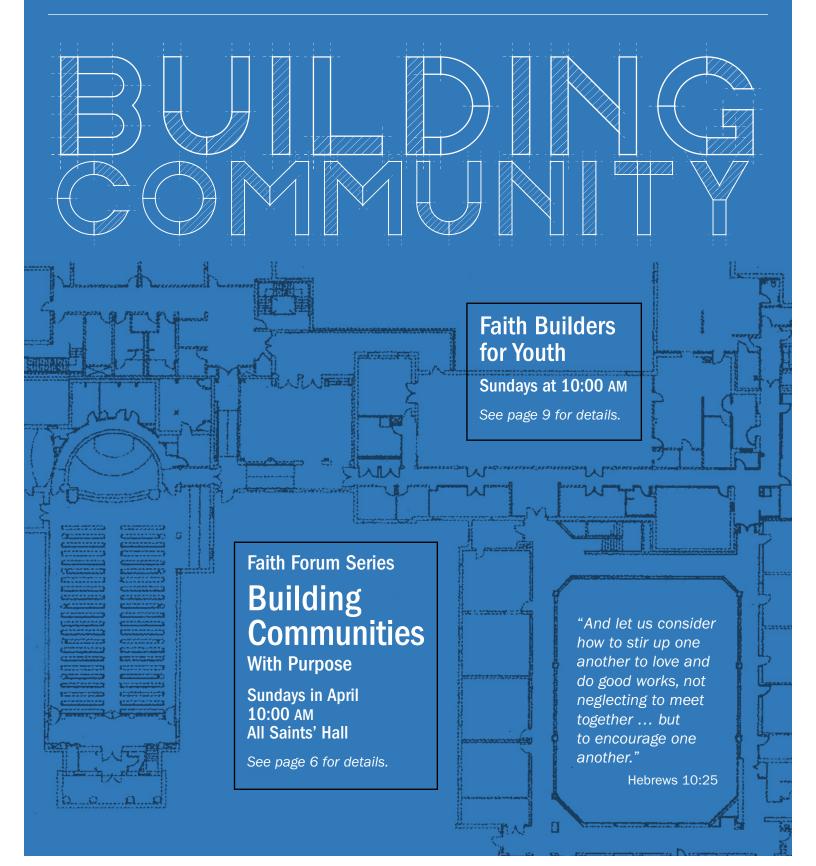
April 2016 The Disciple News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte





MUSIC & WORSHIP



Singing for Peace: Christ Church Youth Choirs, Brookstone Schools, Rama Road Chorus

Since September, students from the Queen City Youth Chorus, Christ Church Music Clubs, Rama Road Chorus, and Brookstone Schools have collectively invested over 500 hours in rehearsals, performances, and helping to lead music in worship on Sunday mornings. Led by Dr. Rob Ridgell, Austin Philemon, Allison Schommer, and Lisa Lashley, students from our various youth choirs - from Christ Church and our extended community at Rama Road Elementary School and Brookstone Schools - have worked very hard and shown tremendous musical growth. Even more importantly, students have grown to love and care for one another, creating a spiritual community rooted in God's love. To celebrate the end of the year, all 100-plus students will come together for two special events this April (details below). Please come out to support these children and give witness to the power of ministry through music!

Charlotte Knights Game Wednesday, April 20, 7:05 PM

Come support the Queen City Youth Chorus, Rama Road Chorus, and Brookstone Voices as they join together to sing our National Anthem at the Knights Game! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Allison Schommer at schommera@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Concert for Peace

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

Join students from the Rama Road Chorus, Brookstone Schools, Christ Church Music Clubs, and Queen City Youth Chorus for a special Concert for Peace in All Saints' Hall. All are invited to attend.

OUTREACH & MISSION

Easter Offering

This year's Easter offerings were given to these two wonderful organizations:

Loaves and Fishes is a local, nonprofit food pantry founded in 1975 by members of The Church of the Holy Comforter. It has grown into a network of 20 pantries across Mecklenburg County serving an ever-increasing number of clients. In 2015, 36% of all food pantries in NC had to turn away people for a lack of food to give them.

The Equal Justice Initiative is a nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just legal treatment; works with communities that have been marginalized by poverty and discouraged by unequal treatment; and documents the legacy of racial inequality in America as a first step toward achieving reconciliation among all people.

Room in the Inn at Christ Church

Christ Church partners with Urban Ministry Center to provide shelter and food for homeless people during the cold winter months. Thanks to the dedication of over 170 Christ Church volunteers, we were able to provide food, a warm place to sleep, and friendly hospitality to over 216 homeless men, women and children in Charlotte. Our Room in the Inn program was a great success again this year due to the servant leadership of Paula Moss and Brindley Hale, and the numerous other people who served as evening coordinators, spent the night at the Church, set up beds, cooked meals, drove the bus to and from Urban Ministry, and even provided some Christmas cheer during the holidays. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Room in the Inn season. Together we made life a little more bearable for some of our homeless neighbors and we had the opportunity to learn a little more about them in the process.

Elizabeth House Hosts Needed April 24 - 28

Elizabeth House is one of three Charlotte Family Housing shelters, providing a safe haven for four homeless families at a time at each location. Christ Church offers hospitality to families at the Elizabeth House shelter four times per year by providing meals, offering childcare, sharing weekend activities with the families, and serving as overnight hosts. Our next host week is April 24 – 28, and volunteers are needed. Please partner with us to offer hope to families during a difficult transition. Learn more and sign up today at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cfh.



Mission Sunday, April 17 El Obispo and La Obispa

On Sunday, April 17 we will focus on mission as we welcome two Bishops who are vibrant leaders of Episcopal Churches outside of the United States. The Right Reverend Hector Monterroso, Bishop of Costa Rica, one of our Companion Dioceses, will be with us to share information about ongoing ministries in Costa Rica as well as his vision and dreams for the future. Bishop Monterroso is known by a great number of our parishioners who have traveled to Costa Rica on mission trips and worked alongside him in ditches and on ladders.

We will also welcome The Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Bishop of Cuba. With the changing relations between Cuba and the United States, it is exciting to have the opportunity to hear from Bishop Delgado about the life and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Cuba. Affectionately known as *La Obispa* (the feminine form of *Obispo* = Bishop), she was born and raised in Bolivia, went to Cuba to attend seminary, and never left. She was one of the first four women ordained to the priesthood in Cuba, and was then ordained Bishop in 2010. Bishop Delgado has said that she can't dance (though her Cuban-born husband can) and she doesn't understand baseball (the unofficial religion of Cuba), but that the Cuban people have embraced her warmly and she is proud to call Cuba home.

La Santa Eucaristía

8:45 AM, The Church and All Saints' Hall

Join us for festive, bilingual (Español and English) Holy Eucharists with our visiting Bishops. These special Eucharists will feature traditional and contemporary Spanish music. In All Saints' Hall, the music will be led by a wonderful local Latin American musician, Mr. Moises Cisneros, joined by his family and friends.

Faith Forum

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall (Details on page 6)

Learn about the ministries that are thriving in other parts of the world and to see the Spirit alive and well in two of the leaders of the Anglican Communion.

DON'T FORGET THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friendship Feast

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

Registration is now closed but limited space is available for walk-ins. Please join us.

Women's Habitat Build Day

Saturday, April 16

Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat to learn more and sign up.

United Thank Offering: Mother's Day, May 8



"Our change changes lives" – this is the motto of the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church. For decades Episcopalians have collected change in little blue boxes as an expression of gratitude and given the money to the United

Thank Offering where it is used to impact the lives of the least among us. We don't pass out the blue boxes anymore, but we still invite parishioners to take part in the amazing contribution the United Thank Offering makes worldwide. Last year the United Thank Offering gave away over \$1.5 million dollars and Christ Church parishioners contributed to that amount.

Examples of how funds have been used:

- To renovate an unused rectory in Alaska to make apartments for two homeless families
- To train women living in a refugee camp in the Sudan with basic medical skills to help women and children in the camp
- To provide a salary for a program director and install security equipment at Ruth's House in Washington, North Carolina, a home for domestic abuse victims
- To fund the publishing of *Five Smooth Stones*, an antibullying film for children by children

On Mother's Day we invite you to make your gift to the United Thank Offering.

"OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES."

Welcome Lynn Muller!



Lynn joined the GoodNews team in March as the new Assistant Manager. Lynn began her retail career for a gift market showroom in Atlanta, and has worked in corporate sales and customer service. Most recently, she served as a Patient Advocate for Novant Health.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Lynn attended Mary Baldwin College and

graduated from University of Georgia. She and her husband, John, have three sons, Crawford, Andrew and James, and have been members of Christ Church for 14 years. She has volunteered at GoodNews for many years and has been involved in several guilds, commissions, and youth ministries. She currently serves on the ECW Board. As a soonto-be empty-nester, Lynn is looking forward to dedicating her time to the many non-profit ministries supported by the GoodNews Shop.

ECW Spring Retreat

April 22 - 24, Debordieu, SC

"The truth is that falling hurts. The dare is to keep being brave and feel your way back up." - Brené Brown

We've all had face-down moments in life. Join women of Christ Church for our annual retreat as we learn what it takes to get back up and live wholehearted lives. The Reverend Matt Holcombe, certified facilitator for *The Daring Way & Rising Strong*, will lead large group conversations and learnings. With Debordieu, SC and the ocean as our backdrop, all women of the Church are invited to this "girls' weekend" of fellowship, faith, and fun!

Contact Genie Hufham at geniehufham@gmail.com for more information.

Cost: \$190 (If this is a stretch for your budget, please contact Lisa Saunders. We don't want finances to keep you from coming!)

Go to **www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw to register** and pay online or to download and print a registration form. Paper forms are also available in the Rotunda or in the March issue of *The Disciple*.

PARISH LIFE & NEWCOMERS



Celebrating Easter Sunday

Many excited children attended Easter services to hear the amazing story of the Risen Christ! After the 11:15 AM services, toddlers to eight-year-olds headed out with baskets in hand to hunt for eggs. The joy apparent in their faces tells the story better than we can. A special 'thank you' to our chairs, Cacky Higgins and Corrie Manis, the numerous volunteers, and those who donated candy, all of whom made this event possible.

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Spring Parish Day Sunday, May 22, Christ Church Lawn

Save the date for our annual Spring Parish Day, following the 10:00 AM service in All Saints' Hall on May 22. There will be fabulous food, lively entertainment and lots of fellowship as we celebrate our parish! More details will be communicated closer to the date and will be available on the website.

NC Diocese History Day

The Bicentennial Planning Committee of the three North Carolina Episcopal Dioceses invite you to HISTORY DAY 2016 on Saturday, April 9, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Gastonia, in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Entitled "Hearts, Homes and the Holy Spirit: Mission & Ministry in North Carolina Mill Villages, 1890 - 1940," this event will feature a keynote speaker, a panel presentation, exhibits, and tours of the Gaston County Museum and the recently restored Loray Mill. An optional Friday evening event at Chapel of Christ the King in Charlotte will highlight the history of this former mill mission, and conclude with dinner at a local restaurant. For registration and program details, click "News & Events/ Upcoming Events" at www.dionc.org, or contact Lynn Hoke at 919-602-4305.

NEWCOMERS

Vespers in the Garden Thursday, April 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Vespers in the Garden is our annual spring tradition welcoming newcomers to Christ Church. The Hospitality Committee hosts this casual, outdoor event which begins with dinner and is followed by a lovely candlelight Vespers service, accompanied by the Christ Church Choir. We invite all newcomers to join the Hospitality Committee, clergy, staff, and vestry for this special occasion, which will take place in the beautiful backyard of Alex and Patty Funderburg. Invitations will be mailed to all newcomers of Christ Church. We hope you can join us for this welcoming event!

If you are a newcomer and do not receive your invitation, or if you have questions, please contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

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Connect Class Sunday, May 1, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, M207

Are you new to Christ Church? The Connect Class is designed to help newcomers feel connected and engaged while getting to know other newcomers and our clergy on a more personal level. This will be our final class of the season. Childcare is available upon request. To register, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome One and All!

Interested in becoming a member of Christ Church? Did you know it can be as simple as providing us with your former church's name and location? We are able to contact them to have your membership transferred. Special circumstances? Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974 with questions or to request a transfer.

FAITH FORUM

Sundays at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall

Sunday, April 3 Clergy Class: Jesus as the Architect

How did Jesus build community? Jesus was more than just the son of a carpenter; he was (and is) the chief architect for building communities. Come explore the Bible with The Reverend Matt Holcombe and learn how Jesus swam upstream to build a community that changed the world forever.



Sunday, April 10 Dr. Byron Hulsey: Building Character in Community

It is often within our school communities that we experience some of our most formative and purpose-deciding relationships. Join The Reverend Chip Edens

and Dr. Byron Hulsey, Headmaster of Woodberry Forest School, a boarding school for boys, as they discuss character education and the importance of supporting the emotional health and vitality of school communities.

Sunday, April 17 Building Bridges Beyond Our Borders

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Join The Reverend Chip Edens for a conversation with the Bishops of Costa Rica and Cuba, The Right Reverend Hector Monterroso and The Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio. (See article on page 3 for more information.)

Sunday, April 24 Clergy Class: Building Communities of Support and Compassion

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12, NRSV). When friends or family are facing challenges, they need our compassionate support. What helps and what hurts? The Reverend Lisa Saunders will discuss what it looks like to build up the body of Christ.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Session

Monday, April 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, GoodNews Café

Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe for appetizers and learn about our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 14 - 23, 2016. During this second annual pilgrimage we will trace the footsteps of Jesus though Biblical sites in Jerusalem, The Dead Sea, and Bethlehem. It promises to be an incredible experience! So that we can be prepared, please register for the info session at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pilgrimage. Email Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org with any questions.



ADULT FORMATION

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Who's Driving the Bus? A Deeper Dive Into the Enneagram

Wednesdays, April 20 - May 25, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, St. Francis A

Who's actually in charge in your life? Join The Reverend Dr. Paul Hanneman as he takes a deeper look at the Enneagram and the inner critic or superego. Using exercises, practices, and inner-work, participants will learn how to recognize their inner critic and its functioning within their Enneagram style. Previous study of the Enneagram is recommended to get full benefit from this advanced course. For more information and to register, go to www. christchurchcharlotte.org/enneagram, or email Jenny Beaumont at beamontj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Imperfect Parenting

Wednesday, April 13 & 20 9:00 - 10:30 AM or 6:00 - 7:30 PM

We all know that perfect parenting does not exist, yet we still struggle with the feeling that being imperfect is synonymous with being inadequate. Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe as he uses the work of Brené Brown to explore how we can cultivate worthiness, value vulnerability, play as a family, and practice gratitude. Learn to embrace imperfections that can help us teach our children courage, authenticity, and compassion to love themselves and others.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Baseball Outing

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 PM \$20 Admission & Food

Enjoy watching the Knights battle the Norfolk Tides from a private sky box with refreshments. Space is limited. Learn more and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men.

First Friday for Men

Friday, May 6, 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room Panel Discussion: "Fatherhood, the Opportunity of a Lifetime"

Scott Cornwell will moderate this breakfast conversation on fatherhood with Billy Morgan, Doug Ey and William Robertson. Men of all ages are invited for an early morning of fellowship, food, and formation. No RSVP required.



Communications Skills Training (CST)

"Empowering, insightful and illuminating" was how a recent participant described the CST class. It is a full three-day experience which meets 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, plus dinner Thursday evening, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Course topics include: DISC (communication styles profile), the 7-Step Communication Cycle, Nonverbal Communication, Reflective Listening Skills, and Effective Confrontation.

Christ Church will offer several CST classes this year, including April 12 - 14, June 7 - 9, July 12 - 14, July 26 - 28, and October 18 - 20. The class is open to Christ Church parishioners and the community. Although there is no fee for the class, we appreciate participants creating time and space in their schedule to be fully present and committed to attending all sessions as scheduled. The Thursday dinner is a requirement for participation. Participants will be selected in order to have a balanced number of students for each class. We will have limited spots available. If a class fills, we will start a waiting list.

A Special CST Invitation to Young Adults

Young adults (post high school) are invited to join in CST on June 7 – 9 or July 12 - 14. The course integrates personal and professional communication styles and strategies with our faith tradition. This is a great continuing education tool and opportunity to build your resume this summer.

"CST was a life-changing experience for me! I believe the skills I learned have given me a leg up. As a college student about to enter real life, the listening and communication skills I learned will help set me up for a bright future."

— Trum deVries

Learn more and register at www.christchurchcharlotte. org/cst, or contact Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@ christchurchcharlotte.org. Thanks for considering this opportunity to learn together in community.

YOUTH



The youth of Christ Church would like to thank all who participated in the second annual Chili Challenge and silent auction at Christ Church. We had so much fun!!

Congrats to the following Chili Team Winners:

Judges' Choice:

The Roof (Youth) is on Fire with Mike Rogers and AT Castillo

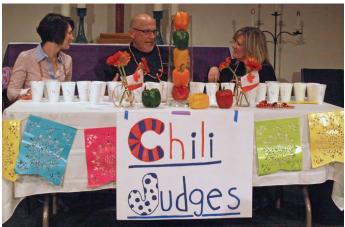
Peoples' Choice:

El Cumino Royale with Steve and Anne Schmitt

Showmanship:

Christ Church Choir Cajun Chili Cookers with Francis Crochet and Lisa Lashley

Enjoy these pictures from parishioner Doug Mays.







Summer Registration Deadlines

If you want to sign up for one of the summer offerings at Christ Church, your time is now! Deadlines may have passed, but it is not too late. Contact Lindsay Masi, masil@christchurchcharlotte.org, or Betsy Zarzour, zarzourb@christchurchcharlotte.org to find out how to register for the following:

Middle School Offerings

- Junior Young People (JYP) Province IV Middle School Youth Event (PYE MS), June 21 – 25, Haw River State Park, Brown Summit, NC
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer, June 20 23, Christ Church

High School Offerings

- Freedom Schools Intern, June 16 July 28, Charlotte, NC
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer, June 20 23, **Christ Church**
- · Glory Ridge, July 31 August 6, Madison County, NC
- HUGS Camp, July 11 16, Haw River State Park, Brown Summit, NC
- Costa Rica Youth and Parent Trip, July 17 25
- Province IV High School Youth Event, July 28 August 1, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC

Donate to our April Book Drive!

See page 10 for details on how you can support Thompson Child and Family Services and our Rama Road Freedom School by sharing new or gently used books for newborns through fifth graders.



Senior Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, April 24, we will recognize all high school seniors at the 5:00 PM service in the Church. Following the service, we will host a dinner for the families of the senior class in All Saints' Hall. Eleventh graders will help usher and serve the dinner. We hope this will be a memorable experience for these young people of Christ Church.

Please RSVP for the dinner at www.christchurchcharlotte. org/SeniorRecognition. This is a wonderful opportunity to wish these students well as they go on to be independent, young adults! If you are a parent of a senior and have not submitted your packet with letters, please send them to Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte. org as soon as possible.

Costa Rica Mission Trip

One of the great traditions of our parish is our Costa Rica connection. This summer we will take one group of youth (rising tenth grade and older) to Costa Rica, July 17 - 25. Youth and their parents experience a different culture, help with construction, and build community together. It is a great opportunity for parents to share eight days with children who increasingly spend their time with friends



rather than family. Cost is approximately \$1500 per person; space is limited. To learn more or register, contact Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Faith Builders

Sundays at 10:00 AM

7th Grade

APRIL 10 - Rite 13 Celebration APRIL 17 - John 10: 22-30 APRIL 24 - John 13: 31-35

8th Grade Confirmation

APRIL 10 - Book of Common Prayer APRIL 17 - Spiritual Practices APRIL 24 - Being an Episcopalian

9-12th Grades

APRIL 10 - John 21: 1-19 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

APRIL 17 - John 10: 22-30 Jesus and the Father Are One

APRIL 24 - John 13: 31-35 Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Other Upcoming Events

9th Grade - City Bus Trip, April 17 10th Grade - Pilgrim Retreat, April 10 11-12th Grades - Senior Recognition, April 24

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CHILDREN



Saturday, April 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Church Lawn (Rain Plan in Blue Room), 4th and 5th graders Come in your play clothes to have slimy fun and serve our community at the same time! We will work on a variety of projects to benefit local homeless shelters and agencies. Contact Katherine Vest at vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Meet our Vacation Bible School Leadership Team!



VBS Co-Chairs, Jenny Morton (left), Elizabeth Flowers (right)

This year's Steering Committee, led by our fabulous Co-Chairs, Jenny Morton and Elizabeth Flowers, has long been at work to create a meaningful and fun Vacation Bible School experience this summer. Please give a word of thanks to these folks for their time, talent and leadership: Amelia Abbott, Kim Ball, Haines Barksdale, Anne Bowman, Leesa

Clardy, Cindy Costa, Allie Donovan, Kris Humphreys, Marie Palasciano, MC Phillips, Catrina Restelli, Henrietta Richardson, Maggie Shamblin, and Sally Wyche.

VBS is June 20 - 23, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Register online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs.

CCK Spaces Still Available

Christ Church Kindergarten and Preschool is still accepting applications for the 2016 - 2017 school year. To schedule a tour, join our Toddler waiting list, or apply for our Twos, Threes, Fours, or Kindergarten classrooms (limited spaces still available), contact Meredith Sorrell, Assistant Head of School, at sorrellm@christchurchcharlotte.org or call 704-333-5818.

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CCK and Youth Council Book Drive

During the month of April, new and gently used books for newborns to fifth graders will be collected in the outreach bins by the Blue Room and in the CCK hall. Newborn and pre-K books will replenish and restock the Thompson Child and Family Services library. Books for K – 5th graders will be given to our Rama Road Freedom School scholars this summer. Thank you for your generosity and support of these two amazing ministries.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Living Your Strengths

Explore what makes you happy, alive, and energized, and how your gifts help you grow spiritually in all areas of life. This six-session course will meet on Mondays (April 4, 11, and 25 and May 2, 9, and 16) at 6:30 PM, and is appropriate for adults of all ages; several couples have enjoyed participating together. Class size is limited. For more information or to register, contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders at saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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College and Seminary Scholarships Available

Christ Church Foundation scholarships are designated for college and seminary studies. Applications are available in the Rotunda wall rack and at www.christchurchcharlotte. org/foundation. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2016. Return by email to Kimberly Mize at mizek@christchurchcharlotte.org or by mail to 1412 Providence Road Charlotte, NC, 28207.



In the Parish

New Members

Becca and London Boyd Staci and Tim Broderick Kate and Walker Ellis Family Julia and Matthew Hartley Family Tory and William Thach Family Greer and Peter Williams Family

Births

Elsie Taylor Fairey Daughter of Eleanor and William Fairey Oliver Finn Marleaux Son of Alice and Evan Marleaux Anne Marks Mays and John Donahue Mays Granddaughter and Grandson of Barbara and Tom Ferguson Evelyn Maxwell Todd Daughter of Graye and Cameron Todd

Baptisms

Brynn Charlotte Bowler Daughter of Taylor and Michael Bowler Hugh Cooper Hartley Son of Julia and Matthew Hartley Elizabeth Nora Levy Richard Lee Lowry, III Son of Elizabeth and Richard Lee Lowry, Jr. Nina Kearns Morrell Daughter of Clay and Patrick Morrell William Johnston Popp Son of Allison and Ryan Popp Grayson Alexander Wells Son of Elizabeth Levy and Colin Wells

Deaths

Franz Aigner, Grandfather of Allison Schommer Douglas William Ey, Father of Doug Ey, Jr. John Lyday, Son of Deborah Lyday Julia Martin, Grandmother of Catherine Edwards and John Turner Theresa Mullis, Mother of Catherine Mullis Maureen Wellman Ovregaard, Mother of Lise Hain James Preston Douglas Price, Uncle of Bill Price Robert Rex, Husband of Anne Rex Giau Tran, Mother of Carina Benningfield Calvin Talmadge Wells Jr., Stepfather of Laura Hunter Elijah B. White, Brother of Nick White Pearl Wilson, Grandmother of Rob Ridgell The Disciple (USPS#679-610) Published monthly by Christ Episcopal Church POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Christ Episcopal Church 1412 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28207-2543



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FRIDAY, April 29 7:00 to 10:00 PM Tickets \$50

For information contact: Jane Coulter 704-609-8005 Ashley Burton 704-909-9428