

May 2016

# The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God

Care for Each Other

Serve the World

## How Does Our Spiritual Garden Grow?

*Celebrant: Will you who witness these  
vows do all in your power to support  
these persons in their life in Christ?*

*People: We will.*

Every time a child is baptized and welcomed into the Body of Christ, we make a promise as a community to help him or her grow in the knowledge and love of God. Helping young people grow is one of our primary responsibilities as a Church, and it requires we all play a role in the little and big moments of each child's life.

Best of all, it doesn't require you to be a superhero – just to be yourself.

Read pages 3 and 5 to learn more.

*“Teach children in the way they should go  
and when they are old they will not stray.”*

*Proverbs 22:6*



## MUSIC & WORSHIP

### Music Ministry Dinner

On Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM, all volunteers who are part of the music ministry – from bands to choirs to computer operators – are invited to celebrate and receive our gratitude for your service to our community. Following dinner, we will all rehearse the music for Parish Day!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

### Sunday, May 22 (Spring Parish Day)

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:00 AM\* Festival Eucharist in All Saints' Hall

5:00 PM\* Holy Eucharist in the Church

### Sunday, May 29 (Summer Schedule Begins)

8:30 AM\* Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:30 AM\* Holy Eucharist in the Church

5:00 PM\* Holy Eucharist in the Church

### Sunday, June 5 (Confirmation Sunday)

8:30 AM\* Holy Eucharist/Adult Confirmation in the Church

10:30 AM\* Holy Eucharist/Youth Confirmation in All Saints' Hall

5:00 PM\* Holy Eucharist in the Church

\*Nursery care is available in the Nursery Suites on the lower level of All Saints' Hall.

## Final JYC of the School Year!

**Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

Fourth and fifth graders will gather at 5:30 PM, and then divide up by grade level at 6:00 PM. The fifth graders will then be paired with an EYC buddy for dinner activities and an introduction to the middle school youth program. Fourth graders will enjoy a picnic together, play games, and give their input for creating next year's plans. Bring \$10 for dinner. Contact Katherine Vest for information on JYC events at [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org).



## CHILDREN

### SUMMER ARTS CAMP

**July 18 – 21 • 9:00 AM – NOON**

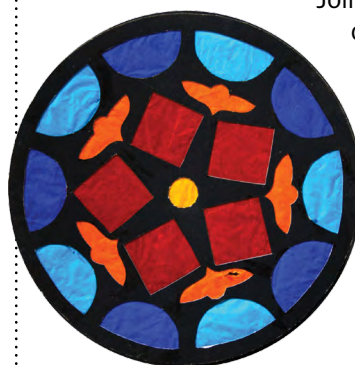
**Rising K - 5th Graders**

“*God bless the rain,  
and the storm clouds that bring it.*

*God bless the music,  
and the voices that sing it.*

*God bless the ones  
who sing everything wrong.*

*God bless all creatures  
who do not belong....*



Join us this summer for a week of celebrating and exploring the arts through dancing, singing, art, story-telling, drumming, games and more! The theme for this year's arts-integrated camp experience will be based on the children's picture book, *God Bless the Gargoyles* by Dav Pilkey (quoted above and below).

Participants will experience this meaningful text through visual art and theatre arts. Choral pieces, hymns, and songs of praise will also be included each day and will express the theme.

The text and images in the book will bring to life the message of our Soul Purpose as children of God – to love and serve all who live in our world as do the angels and gargoyles in the story.

Register now at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/artscamp](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/artscamp).

**God bless the gargoyles,  
And God bless us all.**

## Rock the Church

### Sunday, May 8: Grades 1 - 3

Join our first through third graders in All Saints' Hall at the 11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist as they offer some of the songs they've been singing this year in Sunday School! With Dr. Rob Ridgell, these boys and girls will help lead the music on this special day, Mother's Day!

### Sunday, May 15: Ages 2 – Kindergarten

Children ages two through Kindergarten will help lead the music at the 11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall. Directed by Lisa Lashley, children will sing two pieces, “Wind is God's Breath” and “Come, Holy Spirit, Come,” as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

# Grow Your Super Powers

*By Anne Cullen, Director of Children and Family Ministry*

If you had the choice of any super power, which would you choose? This question is often posed at dinner parties, coffee houses, or on personality tests. It's always interesting and revealing to hear how someone would take advantage of the chance to defy the laws of reality, and which power they think is the greatest.

It probably won't surprise you that I passionately believe our Sunday School teaching team members are superheroes. Almost every Sunday morning from mid-September to mid-May, they come in from activity-filled weekends to greet our children, pull out their Bibles to explore scripture, and wrestle with how to make these rich stories relevant in the lives of our children today.

About now you are probably thinking: "Wow, I'm off the hook. I have no super powers – no one would want me on a Sunday School team. I cannot leap tall buildings, or move faster than a speeding bullet ..."

We all have God-given super powers nestled inside of us. Sometimes, we just need a boost of confidence or a new experience to reveal them. As Christians, we are inspired by Bible stories about our superheroes of the past, whose super powers always come from God.

Are you good at telling stories? Do you love to welcome children, or have you been searching for a way to engage in more Bible study? Do you wonder how you can make a difference in the lives of children when your schedule is already overflowing? Our Sunday School teaching teams need all of these super powers and more ... a willing heart and the courage to engage in the mystery of our faith with children who sometimes ask hard questions.

Each teaching team is comprised of six members – four lead teachers and two assistants. The lead teacher plans and leads the class time while the assistants help to ensure the class runs smoothly. Lead teachers serve less frequently than assistants but spend more time outside of the Sunday School hour preparing the lesson. We encourage all teaching team members to stop by their classrooms when they are at Church to greet the children and build relationships with them. On average, it's a four- to six-hour-a-month commitment.

We provide the lesson plans, support and guidance, additional activities like music and art, team members to share the responsibility, and of course, the children – full of wonder, insight, and an abundance of energy.

Yes, it is a time commitment, but it also comes with immeasurable rewards! So gather your red cape and let's reveal Christ to our children.



## Want to cultivate your super powers?

If you would like to join a teaching team for the 2016 - 2017 school year, please contact Anne Cullen at [cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6944.

## Join Us for A Great Adventure!

*By Jenny Morton and Elizabeth Flowers*

We are so excited to chair this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), which will take us on an Egyptian adventure as we learn about God through the eyes of Joseph and his unlikely journey from prison to palace. With crafts, games, story time, service, faith, imagination, and music, children will learn that God gives us hope, special abilities, wisdom and forgiveness.



VBS is a magical week (June 20 - 23) when children soak up God's word and enjoy time with friends. Online registration for this exciting week has already begun and runs through June 5. Hop onto [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs) now; you do not want to miss out on the fun!

Volunteers are crucial to the success of VBS. Please consider joining us June 20 – 23 for a rewarding and fun experience! There are a range of opportunities, from one-day craft helper to four-day Palace Guide. There is a place for everyone! We guarantee you'll leave with a smile on your face.





# Opportunities With Freedom School

Freedom School is a six-week summer literacy program (**June 16 – July 27**) led by college interns with a focus on literacy, character development, and community involvement for low-income children who typically lose three months of learning during the summer. Christ Church will again host a Freedom School for 60 scholars at Rama Road Elementary School. We have a great Teen Board, headed by Ansley Hardison, as well as a great adult leadership team, but we need your help to make this important ministry a success. Here are some ways you can serve:

**Pick a Paw Print:** Take a raccoon paw print from the walls of All Saints' Hall and purchase the supply item on the print. School items can be dropped off in the Rotunda until June 6.

**Read at Harambee:** Every Freedom School begins with Harambee ("let's pull together" in Swahili), which is a time of singing, dancing, and hearing a story read by a guest visitor. Come read a story and have your heart leaping for joy during this 45 minute session (8:15 – 9:00 AM). For information and to sign up, contact Caroline Austin, caroline-austin@gmail.com.

**Chaperone a Field Trip:** Spend an afternoon with staff and scholars on trips to local museums, parks, bowling alleys, skating rinks, and more. Trips are typically 1:00 – 2:45 PM and you must be a rising tenth grader or older to volunteer. For information and to sign up, contact Caroline Austin, carolineaustin@gmail.com.

**Lead an On-Site Activity:** Do you have a special passion or talent that can be shared in a fun and interactive way with kids? From 1:00 – 2:45 PM on-site activities are scheduled.

Big hits in past years included yoga, mini Olympics, art, cooking, and sewing. For information and to sign up contact Laney Lay, wlay@carolina.rr.com.



**Hospitality for Interns:** Help us show our gratitude to the dedicated college students and site coordinators who work most closely with our scholars. Provide small treats, gift cards, or other tokens of appreciation for our site's staff members. For information and to sign up, contact Catherine Ruth Kelly, crkelly@yahoo.com.

**Shop for Supplies:** Shoppers are given supply lists and are asked to purchase required materials for a week (reimbursements available). These are items like paper, glue, and craft supplies. For information and to sign up, contact Cindy Nicholson, chn.nicholson@carolina.rr.com or Deborah Shoemake, shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

**General Support and Special Events:** Help our interns with classroom set-up, Jubilee, and end-of-season pack-up. Your helping hands will be greatly appreciated. High school youth are welcome; middle school youth must be accompanied by an adult. For information and to sign up, contact Laura Smith, lksmith@carolina.rr.com.

**For more information** on these and other ways you may get involved in Freedom School, contact Marty Hedgpeth, hedgpethm@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6955.

## Costa Rica Mission Trip for Young Adults

Christ Church treasures its relationship with our brothers and sisters in Costa Rica. The Dioceses of North Carolina and Costa Rica have maintained a Companion Diocese relationship for over 20 years. Our projects over the years have included upfitting the facilities at *Hogar Escuela* in San José; helping rebuild Diocesan House; helping build a new *Hogar Escuela* in Heredia, a suburb of San José; and tearing down and now rebuilding Church of the Ascension in San José. Much like Habitat, we do construction work in all its variety, but there is no expectation that we know what we are doing. We learn from experts and we do what we can.

**July 24 - 31, we will have a trip specifically for young adults ages 21 – 35.** We will stay at the Diocesan House in San Jose and work on Church of the Ascension for most of the week. Part of the trip will also include a visit to the west coast to Manuel Antonio to experience a bit more of the country. There we will enjoy a number of options, which may include touring the national park, canopy tours, surfing,

horseback riding, shopping or simply hanging out by the pool or on the beach.

The ~\$1500 cost of this trip includes airfare, accommodations, all transportation, and most meals. To make this affordable for young adults, we are offering to pay half of the cost per person, reducing the cost to ~\$750 for an eight-day trip to Costa Rica. If you are interested in participating, please contact Deborah Shoemake at 704-714-6959 or shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

## Easter Generosity

The Easter offerings from our seven services totaled \$8,300. We have sent gifts of \$4,150 to both The Equal Justice Initiative and Loaves and Fishes. These gifts will be used to help bring hope and new life to many who have so much less than we do. That is what resurrection is all about! Thank you to all who gave so generously.

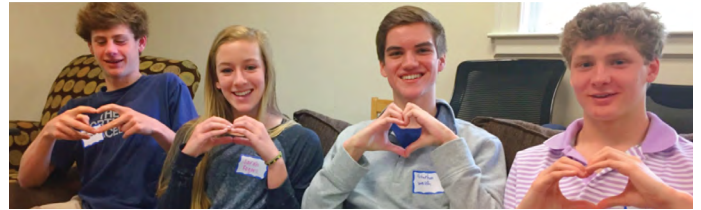
## YOUTH

### Tenth Grade Pilgrimage to Alberta, Canada

June 11 – 18, our tenth grade pilgrims will travel to Alberta, Canada to grow, deepen, and engage in their relationships with God. Pilgrimage is a time of separation in order to re-engage more fully and more intentionally. On the pilgrimage we will separate ourselves from the pace and pieces of our everyday lives to journey together. This year the



pilgrims of Christ Church focus on identity: Who am I and where am I going? Through the Banff National Park, we will explore both the stunning beauty of nature and the spiritual realities of the peace of God. Like every Christ Church pilgrimage, this voyage promises abundant wonder, laughter, and love. We ask your prayers for their preparation, journey, and safe return home.



**10th Graders:** Katherine Beaumont, Walker Browne, Grayson Cassels, Anna Hawkins Dulaney, Pearson Dunaway, Jake Edwards, Jackson Fernandez, Matthew Fortin, Caroline Foster, Charlie Fox, Ellen Hardison, Julia Hawkins, Emma Hines, Jackson Hodges, Coleman Holland, Ann Houghland, Ginny Howey, Katy Howey, Owen Hunter, Parks Hunter, Caroline Jones, Mary Louise Kenny, Janie Lucas, Liza Lunsford, Ellen Ambler Moseley, Crawford Orr, Henry Perry, Amanda Pinckney, Rusty Ranson, Macy Riopel, Sarah Rogers, Will Smith, John Sprock, Scott Switzer, Will Turner, Stephen Welsh, Molly Wilkinson, Ruthie Wood, Boyce Young

**Adults:** Bird Anderson, Jim Clardy, Gene Hicks, The Reverend Matt Holcombe, Henry Ijams, Lindsay Masi, Liza McMahan, Sarah Walker

### Be, Teach, Learn

Research shows that you learn most from teaching. Why not teach our youth?

#### Youth Sunday School

We are looking for Sunday School teachers for our 7th – 12th grade classes next school year. Each grade level has four to six volunteers who teach on a rotating basis and invite students to explore and engage their Christian faith on Sunday mornings.

#### Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Do you like to have fun and hang out with middle schoolers? EYC offers an opportunity to join a group of students and adult volunteers who learn and grow together in God's word, where relationships with God and one another are formed and strengthened. We experience adventures, retreats, special events and community outreach. EYC meets Wednesday on nights, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Contact Lindsay Masi at [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6971 if you are interested in teaching or leading!

#### Want to be involved in youth ministry at Christ Church but cannot make the Sunday or Wednesday commitment?

Contact Lindsay so we can get to know you and keep you on our "go to" list!

### Costa Rica Mission Trip for Youth

July 17 – 25

Space is still available on the summer trip to Costa Rica, a week of mission work and fun. The trip is open to rising tenth graders with an accompanying parent. It is an opportunity to enjoy a week with your teen who increasingly spends more time with friends rather than family. Every family who participates in these trips finds it far more rewarding than they ever thought possible. The cost is approximately \$1500 per person. For more information or to register, contact Deborah Shoemake at [shoemaked@christchurch-charlotte.org](mailto:shoemaked@christchurch-charlotte.org) or 704-714-6959.

### Youth Minister Search



Christ Church has begun a search for a full-time Youth Minister to work with our middle and high school students. We are seeking to call a creative, energetic, and ambitious Youth Minister to make Christ Church their spiritual home. We ask for your prayers through this discernment process as we find the right candidate to work with our youth and their families.

### Education for Ministry (EFM)

#### Wondering what's next?

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a Bible study and theological reflection group that seeks to connect the study of scripture with our real lives. EFM has a rich history at Christ Church and currently has four active groups that meet September through May, with seven trained mentors within those groups.

#### Beginning this fall, there are openings in these groups:

Mondays, 9:15 – 11:30 AM

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Fridays, 9:15 – 11:30 AM

We are forming groups this spring and summer for classes which will **begin meeting in late August or early September.**

Groups meet weekly through the school year. Participants commit to the program one year at a time. Education for Ministry (EFM) was developed out of the seminary at Sewanee to bring some of the theological training given to seminarians to the lay people in Churches. The emphasis is on study, worship and reflection designed to help us sharpen our own ministries and grow in our faith. After completing the course most people feel more equipped for ministry – and that can be anything from hospital work, to knowing how to be a Christian at work, to outreach, or even teaching Sunday School.

#### One participant and mentor put it this way:

*"Excellent scholarship, engaging readings, models for theological reflection and a small group commitment: the combination is just right. EFM is the gold standard for education in a congregational community. EFM is a fresh and powerful way to look at your ministry (and yes, you have one). Finally, EFM will train you to think in new ways and approach life with a new perspective."*

Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/efm](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/efm) for more information, or contact Jenny Beaumont at [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6945.



#### Young Adults Social Saturday, May 14 at 3:30 PM

All young adults are invited to gather at Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. Bring your friends, your dog, and/or your children for this fun event!

### Sunday Mornings in May

10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall

#### May 1 - Clergy Panel

##### Looking Back and Answering Hard Questions

Join the clergy of Christ Church as we reflect back on some of our favorite moments of this year's focus on Soul Purpose. We will explore what we've learned from guest speakers, programs, and experiences as we delve into some of the hard questions we've heard and our responses.

#### May 8 - Rector's Class (Part One): Creating A Truly Soulful, Satisfying Life - Fear, Faith, and Generosity

Every day we have experiences that create fear in our lives. Fear shuts us down and keeps us from living a life of love, hope, and generosity. How do we face these fears with faith and live more abundantly? Join The Reverend Chip Edens in the first of a two-part class capping off our Soul Purpose series.

#### May 15 - Rector's Class (Part Two): Creating A Truly Soulful, Satisfying Life - The Mystery of Happiness and the Work of Love

"Are you happy?" How often have you either asked or heard this question? We live in a culture that promotes happiness as the ultimate goal. And it's all supposed to be so easy! But is happiness the key to life and the definitive sign of success? The Reverend Chip Edens will wrap up our Soul Purpose series with a talk on God's vision of happiness and give you some summer homework to begin the next step in your life journey.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Aging Matters\*

#### Planning Your Own (or a Loved One's) Funeral

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 PM, M207

The Reverend Lisa Saunders



Here is your chance to have the last word! Planning ahead is a kindness to your family.

In addition to looking at options for the service, Jim Clardy, former journalist, will be on hand to discuss writing obituaries, and Terry Robertson, of T.H. Robertson Funeral Services, will answer questions about burial.

\* We are changing the name of Caring for Aging Parents to Aging Matters.



## PARISH LIFE

### Spring Parish Day is Sunday, May 22

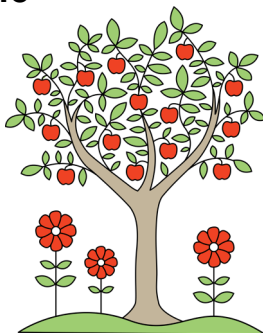
Please join us as we worship together as one congregation at a Festival Eucharist at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall, with all of our choirs and instrumentalists offering a wide array of music.

Following the service, we will gather on the lawn to enjoy food, entertainment, and fun activities, including corn hole, horseshoes, a cake walk, face-painting, a balloon artist, and bounce houses. A family-friendly lunch will be served, along with popsicles for sale from King of Pops. Dress for comfort and bring your picnic blanket!

Want to help or provide treats for the cake walk? Contact Courtney Cabaniss at [cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-333-0378.

### CCK Spaces Still Available

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



## ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

### United Thank Offering

On Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), we will support the United Thank Offering (UTO) at all worship services. Checks payable to UTO or cash in UTO envelopes (available in the Rotunda) will help fund worthy projects and organizations that benefit women and children in our region and around the world.

### Spring Southern Tea for Sages

**Tuesday, May 24, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will host a tea for women ages 65 and older featuring music, fellowship, and poetry about "Growing Up Southern" read by Diana Pinckney. RSVP to Winston Paschal at 704-543-8864 or [paschallw@carolina.rr.com](mailto:paschallw@carolina.rr.com). Please join us!

## *In the Parish*

### New Members

Stephanie and Chip Allison  
Carolyn and John Brick  
Carolyn and Matt Giammarinaro  
Lexi and Keith Hotchkiss  
Cindy Langston  
Alexander Nohe  
Ann and Pearson Pendergrass  
Hanna and Michael Vohs

### Marriages

Caroline Kirk Burton to Randolph Tucker Griffith  
Rebecca Bratton Gass to William Houston Harte  
Kathryn Jessica Hull to Lucien Alexander Wood, III  
Jennifer Lauren Majors to Mark Furbee Ethridge

### Births

Ella Baxter Hipp, daughter of Lucy and John Hipp  
Bradford Banker Pendergrass, son of Ann Stewart and Pearson Pendergrass

### Deaths

Anne Louise Berman, cousin of John McAuley  
Margaret Paterson Countiss, mother of Margaret Harbison  
Robert Cumming, father of Caroline Wilson  
Holley Milner  
Susan Chapman Young, stepmother of Kenny Young  
Melba Ruth Friddle, mother of Don Benningfield, Jr.

## GoodNews Shop

### Mother's Day Gift Idea Benefits Autism Research

We are excited to carry **oneoddbird**, an uplifting collection of wallets and handbags, at GoodNews. To celebrate all who make the world a more colorful place, **oneoddbird** is currently donating a portion of every sale to the Help Group, an organization dedicated to enhancing research in the education and treatment of those with autism, learning disabilities and ADHD. Come by the Shop to see this bright and colorful selection of wallets, clutches and wristlets. They make great gifts for Mom or your favorite graduate.



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