

December 2016

# The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God  
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# Advent

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

- Isaiah 40:3-5



**Advent is a time to watch and wait for Christ's coming into our midst in human flesh.** Each Sunday of this season we will offer opportunities to worship, learn and enjoy time together as we prepare the way of the Lord. We hope you'll be a part of these joyful and holy moments to usher in the season.

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## ADVENT WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Sunday, November 27

#### First 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  
8:45 AM Children's Chapel  
10:00 AM Advent Festival for All Ages  
11:15 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

#### Advent Festival for All Ages, 10:00 AM

Join us on this first Sunday of Advent for a special hour sure to engage hearts and minds for the coming season. There will be activities for all ages throughout the campus for making advent wreaths and Jesse Tree ornaments, and gift wrapping for Christ Church's annual Duff, TN outreach project. We will have Advent candles and supplies for sale if you need to restock! Cash or checks will be accepted.

### Sunday, December 4

#### Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
8:45 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church (Music Club, Queen City Youth Chorus)  
8:45 AM Contemporary Eucharist in All Saints' Hall  
8:45 AM Children's Chapel  
10:00 AM Annual Meeting in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

#### 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 through fifth grade are invited to check into the Blue Room for an interactive Sunday School rotation. Seventh graders and above will attend the Annual Meeting. Nursery care will be provided for children 0 – 4 years old.

### Sunday, December 11

#### 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  
8:45 AM Children's Chapel  
10:00 AM St. Nicholas Festival in All Saints' Hall  
11:15 AM Lessons & Carols in the Church  
11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

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

Learn about the man, the myth, and the legend. Join us for festive singing, a special reading of *'Twas the Night Before*

*Christmas*, by The Reverend Chip Edens, and a visit from St. Nicholas. Learn about his humble beginnings, 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 combined adult and youth choirs offer a traditional version of Advent Lessons and Carols. This year's music includes the ancient "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" as well as new arrangements of Mark Sirett's "Thou Shalt Know Him" and Erik Esenvalds' "Stars."

### Sunday, December 18

#### 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  
8:45 AM Children's Chapel  
10:00 AM Hush in the Rush in the Blue Room and Chapel  
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

#### Hush in the Rush, 10:00 AM in the Blue Room and Chapel

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 two ways for families and people of all ages to be still, meditate, pray, and enter into a quiet holiness. All ages are welcome.

#### Christmas Pageant, 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall

All children registered for the pageant will share the story of Jesus' birth during a family-friendly worship service.

### Saturday, 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

#### Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

Choral prelude begins at 10:00 PM.

*\*Nursery care provided for children up to four years old at the 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM services.*

### Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

### Sunday, January 1

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church



# Christmas Pageant!

**Sunday, December 18, 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall**

Watch the heart of Christmas come alive as the children of Christ Church bring the story to life as part of a family-friendly worship service. Registration is open until December 9 at [www.christchurchcharlotte/pageant](http://www.christchurchcharlotte/pageant), and there are three ways to participate:

**4-year-olds through 1st grade** are the **Pageant Ensemble** who sing dressed as angels, shepherds and sheep. They will learn the main chorus to three songs and must attend at least two of these rehearsal options:

Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 – 5:30 PM  
Sunday, December 11, Noon – 12:30 PM  
Wednesday, December 14, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

**2nd grade & above** are invited to be in the Pageant Choir. This group will learn several full-length songs and are not required to be in costume, but may dress as angels/shepherds if desired! Rehearsals will be on:

Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 – 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, December 14, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

**3rd Grade only** are the **"Stage Cast"** who act on stage and narrate the Pageant story. Registration closes early (Monday, December 5) for Stage Cast only. Third graders also have the option of signing up for the Pageant Choir if they want to participate but do not want to act on stage or are not able to attend the following rehearsals:

Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Monday, December 12, 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Saturday, December 17, 9:00 – 10:30 AM





## CHILDREN & FAMILIES



### 4th & 5th Grade JYC Christmas Lights Adventure

**Friday, December 9, 5:00 – 9:00 PM**

Join us as we travel to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens for an outdoor Christmas lights excursion like no other. We will eat dinner together at the church before traveling by chartered bus to the gardens for a winter wonderland of lights, games and fun!

\$35 covers all food, travel and entrance fees. To sign up, go to [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/jyc](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/jyc).



### Sunday School in December

REMINDER!! We will not hold traditional children's Sunday School in December to make way for our wonderful series of **Advent Sundays**. Each week during the 10:00 hour there will be an Advent activity or event intended for ALL AGES to enjoy together. Regular Sunday School classes will resume January 8, 2017.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



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

**Mark your calendars and join us for these events this winter:**

#### **Middle School Caroling**

**Wednesday, December 14, 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 a family gathering. Contact Lindsay Masi at [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org) with questions.

#### **Family Faith Talks: Can You Hear Me Now?**

**Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, All Saints' Hall**

Middle and high school families are invited to attend this gathering for dinner and activities focused on empathy and listening. Register at [christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks).

#### **Ash Wednesday for Families**

**Wednesday, March 1, 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 February.

#### **Chili Challenge**

**Date to be Determined**

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

**Stay tuned for dates for events like a family day retreat, ski trips, and more.**

## A CHRIST CHURCH TRADITION



# Christmas Memorials

Every Christmas we adorn our spiritual home with fragrant wreaths and bright poinsettias in loving memory of those who have died, and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives. These decorations remain in place in the Church and All Saints' Hall through January 6.

To participate in this time-honored tradition, please complete this form and return with your payment to the address below by December 7.

Each memorial is \$35.

Memorials will be printed in the Christmas worship service bulletins.

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### I would like to donate a Christmas Memorial...

☐ to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

☐ to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

MEMORIAL NAME

*(Please print clearly)*

GIVEN BY

YOUR NAME

YOUR TELEPHONE

YOUR EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS

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**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH MEMORIAL.**

You may photocopy this form, or download and print at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/memorials#christmas](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/memorials#christmas).

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Christ Church Charlotte

Mail completed form with your payment to:

Denise Beasley, 1827 Cassamia Place, Charlotte, NC 28211

Questions? Contact Denise Beasley at 704-589-4977 or [dcb@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dcb@carolina.rr.com)



### Trunk or Treat: Fun for All Ages

On October 26, Christ Church hosted our third annual Trunk or Treat event. A multitude of children in costume enjoyed hot dogs for supper, decorating Halloween bags, marching in a parade and, best of all, trick or treating among our many fabulously decorating trunks! We had trunks from all ages and stages of our parish, which were decorated with Bible-story themes, as well as in spooky and fun Halloween fashion! With lots of help from all ages, the children safely enjoyed a fun night. It was truly a parish-wide event and we are already looking forward to next year! Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat) to view more pictures from the 2016 festivities!



### Newcomer Dinners

We are excited to offer the opportunity for newcomers to gather together for dinner and conversation on a monthly basis. For seven months, October through April, we welcome newcomers from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in M207 on the first Wednesday of the month. In addition to getting to know each other better, each dinner will feature a special guest who will fill us in on what's going on around the Church. Childcare is available upon request.

Please contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, to register for any of these dinners at [saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6974.

## OUTREACH & MISSION

### Families Together Makes a Difference

*The following story was printed in the YWCA newsletter and we are reprinting it because the Families Together program was started with the help of Christ Church through our previous capital campaign, One in the Spirit, and it continues to receive our support.*



While she was a participant in Families Together, Dana Sims learned how to budget her money, and the support she received from the staff was exactly what she needed. When she left Families Together, she never forgot what she learned at the YWCA.

When Dana joined the Order of the Eastern Star and they discussed organizations where they could give back to the community, Dana knew the YWCA and Families Together needed to be on that list. "Families Together is always first and foremost to me," she said.

For the third year in a row, Dana has enlisted support from her civic club to donate back-to-school items for the kids in Families Together. Every year she asks for a list of school supplies for every child and they deliver those supplies in a Back to School event that was held this August.

Although her civic club does volunteer work with other organizations in the community, the YWCA has never left Dana's heart. "They were there for me during a time in life where I didn't think anyone would help," she said. "As long as I can pay it forward, I will."

### Scouting Can Help Change Lives

*The following story was shared by Julie Stedman, our dedicated leader of the Rama Road Girl Scouts. If you'd like to join the group and make a difference in the life of a young girl, contact Julie at [julescs@aol.com](mailto:julescs@aol.com).*

One of our girls was a dream scout in second grade and then her mom left their family. She blamed herself and told Susan Hamilton that her mom left because she was bad, so she was just going to be bad. Her behavior got so out of control we had to suspend her for several meetings.

Trisha Dyer became her lunch buddy and worked on a behavioral contract with this scout. She came back and we put her in a different Brownie patrol and her behavior improved.

But last year she moved to Junior Scouts and her attitude was not great. However, she went on the camping trip and had a ball. She begged to stay for another night. But for the remainder of the year her attitude was poor. When the opportunity for camp scholarships came up, I knew this would be something she would love based on our overnight camping trip. I got the school translator to call her dad, since he doesn't speak English, and he signed her up for a summer session at the Girl Scouts' Camp Oak Springs. It appears that was a life-altering experience. She greeted us with amazing enthusiasm at our signup night. At our first meeting she was cooperative, happy, and excited to share her camp knowledge with the other girls. Her leader is astounded and says she has great leadership skills. Who knew a week at camp could be that life-altering?

### A Busy Outreach Season

Now is a very busy time in Outreach with many opportunities for parishioners to get involved in helping and sharing with others. These include:

**Want to get in the Christmas spirit?** Join us to wrap 270 bins of Christmas presents. These presents will be driven to Duff, TN, a rural impoverished town, and distributed to children who otherwise may not receive any gifts. All are welcome at any wrapping event:

**Staff Wrapping:**

Tuesday, November 29, Room 207, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Advent Festival Wrapping:**

Sunday, November 27

**Youth Wrapping:**

Wednesday, November 30, All Saints' Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Parish Community Wrapping\*:**

Thursday, December 1, Blue Room, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\*Please sign up for this event at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8a62eabfc1-duff](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8a62eabfc1-duff)

**Serve Dinner at the Men's Shelter:** Christ Church serves dinner at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte on the first Sunday, second Friday, and fourth Thursday of each month, 5:30 - 7:15 PM. View details and sign up at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/shelter](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/shelter).

**Room in the Inn:** The first Sunday in December we will begin our participation in serving as a winter shelter for homeless guests every Sunday through March. Start planning now to come help with set-up, drive the bus to pick up and return our guests, provide some of the food, have dinner with our guests, or be an overnight host. Another family-friendly ministry! For more information, contact Paula Moss and Thurman Brooks at [christchurch.riti@gmail.com](mailto:christchurch.riti@gmail.com) or go to [christchurchcharlotte.org/riti](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/riti).



## ADULT FORMATION

### Men's First Friday Breakfast

**The Reverend Verdery Kerr "What I Wish I Knew Then"**  
**December 2, 2016 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room**

The Men's First Friday Breakfast is back and all men of Christ Church are invited. Join other men for breakfast, conversation, and fellowship. Each month we take on a different topic and focus on real-life issues that impact how we live out our faith at home, work, and in our everyday lives. Contact The Reverend Matt Holcombe at [holcombem@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:holcombem@christchurchcharlotte.org) with questions or for more information.



Mark your calendars now for our next Men's First Friday Breakfast: January 6, 2017, 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room

### Got Questions? Confirmation and Inquirers Class Begins in February

The Confirmation and Inquirers Class explores the basics of Christianity: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, the Bible, The Book of Common Prayer, 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 Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, beginning in February. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Please contact Jenny Beaumont at 704-714-6945 or [beaumontj@ChristChurchCharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@ChristChurchCharlotte.org) for more information or to sign up for the classes.

### Men's Retreat 2017

**January 20 - 22, 2017, Valle Crucis, NC**

All men of Christ Church are invited to attend a weekend focused on fellowship in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Turn off your cell phone and unwind with your fellow Christian brothers. Meet new friends and enjoy old ones. A short program on "Christian Courage" will be offered, exploring how courage connects to our lives at work, home, and Church. Led by The Reverend Matt Holcombe. Cost is \$175/person for all meals and two nights of lodging. Register today at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-retreat](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-retreat).



### Listen Like A Leader: Communication Skills Training

Classes for the spring and summer are being filled right now. Upcoming dates:

January 10 - 12, 2017  
April 25 - 27, 2017  
July 11 - 13, 2017  
July 25 - 27, 2017  
October 10 - 12, 2017

Over 400 people have taken the Communication Skills Training (CST) class here at Christ Church. "Insightful, engaging and empowering," was one way a participant described the three-day class that meets from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday. The class is open to the Charlotte community and is free of charge for all participants.

Topics covered in this course include:

- Behavioral tendencies in yourself, as well as others.
- The basic communication cycle that involves the need to connect, build a message and send a message to others.
- The power of empathy and listening to build trust and bridge the gap of different opinions.
- How your body posture, eye contact, gestures, and speaking voice can affect your communication.
- Understanding the causes, pitfalls and potential benefits of confrontation.

Email Jenny Beaumont at [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org) for more information or complete an application form at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst).



*You are invited to attend*

## Sages' Christmas Luncheon!

**Wednesday, December 14, 11:30 AM  
Blue Room**

Reservations required. Please send your check for \$10 to Ainslie Wall at: Christ Church  
1412 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28207



Social and educational opportunities for the young at heart.



**2017** ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN  
*Live Generously*

Oh the things we can do if we put our hearts  
and minds and resources to it.

For all who have made a 2017 pledge, thank you.  
It's not too late to make a difference.  
Make your pledge before December 31st.  
Please let your generosity continue to flow.



*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

— Matthew 6:21

## Young Adult Social

**Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Reid's Southpark**

Young Adult women are invited to join in an evening of fellowship and fun with ECW Board members. Attendees are encouraged to bring school supplies for Rama Road Elementary. RSVP by Monday, November 28 to Eleanor Fairey efairey13@gmail.com.



## Yoga for the Spirit

**Sundays at 4:00 PM in St. Francis B**  
**Cost is \$10, which is donated to Leap of Faith initiatives.**

Parishioner Joyce Cmiel teaches this calming, meditational yoga practice to deepen your relationship with body, mind, and spirit. It's a great way to center yourself during the busy Advent season. Some recent participants have offered these comments:

*"Yoga for the Spirit is a special gift to the start of the week. It's a time to be present in the moment where worries about the future and frets about the past are set aside. It's a chance to practice with a community of others who support and progress along side you. It's a way to begin the week with a positive and peaceful mindset. Join us!!"*

*"Your class today was just what I needed, it was a perfect oasis."*

*"The Sunday evening practice allows me to let go of my undone 'to-do's' and focus on the present. I appreciate the the physical benefits of breath coordinated with gentle body movement, but it's mindfulness, centering and calm space that I love the most."*

*"If you don't come to Joyce Cmiel's yoga practice sessions, you are missing one of the most amazing and spiritual resources this church has to offer. She opens my heart and nurtures me with healing generosity. I love her and am grateful that she has chosen to share her gifts with me and those who find her."*

## ECW Advent Luncheon

*Preparing  
for the Savior*

**Tuesday, December 6  
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM  
All Saints' Hall**

The Reverend Chip Edens will share reflections on generosity and making room in our hearts during the season of Advent. Bring your friends, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome!

\$20 per person. Reserve your space by Thursday, December 1. All tables will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Register and pay online or download extra registration forms at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays).

Questions? Contact Jennifer Hughes, jenniferhas3kids@gmail.com or 704-661-7648, or Liz Foster, lfoster926@me.com or 704-373-1401.

## GOODNEWS SHOP

GOODNEWS would love to help you with all of your holiday shopping needs! We have a wonderful selection of goodies for everyone on your list! As always, we offer complimentary gift wrap. Our December hours are as follows: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; and Sundays, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM. We will be closed December 24 through January 1, 2017. We will resume our regular hours on January 2, 2017.

## WORSHIP



## Greening the Church

On Monday, December 19 at 9:00 AM, we will be greening the Church and buildings. This is a wonderful way to get in the holiday spirit and to prepare the Church for Christmas celebrations. It involves hanging wreaths and putting on bows, some of which are quite large. Young men home for Christmas are especially helpful! If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Cashion at [llcashion@gmail.com](mailto:llcashion@gmail.com).

## CCK

## Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten

Join us for tours on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. To RSVP for a tour, contact Meredith Sorrell, Assistant Head of School, at [sorrellm@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:sorrellm@christchurchcharlotte.org).

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be open January 4 – February 3, 2017.

For more information visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cck](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cck) or call the office at 704-333-5818.

## *In the Parish*

### New Members

Marjorie, Ben, Garner, and Wallace Bridges  
Allison, Gabriel and Philip Buchy  
Mandy, Stuart, Graham and Audrey Burri  
Beth Donovan  
Jannell Upton Dunaway  
Mary Hope Fleming  
Dawn Franchina  
Kristin and Sutton Kracke  
Mary, Robert, Julia and William Lauer  
Andrew, Alison and Graham McPhail  
Glenn Nastiuk  
Rosemary and Jim Savage  
Peggy Williams

### Marriages

Allison Elizabeth Brown and Brian Francis Niekas  
Cecelia McGowin Ey and William Case Anderson  
Amber Hassen and Ben Kerr

### Births

Campbell Grace Baker, daughter of Elizabeth  
and Michael Baker, granddaughter of Debra  
and David Baker  
Laura Mildred Boisture, daughter of Lisa  
and John Boisture  
William Charles Dunning, grandson of Kate Hill  
Joseph Branch Craige Klutz III, son of Brooke  
and Craige Jr, grandson of Mary and Joe Sr.  
Charles Ivan Mothershead V, son of Ashleigh and  
Ivan IV, grandson of Dorothy and Ivan III

### Baptisms

John Carpenter Boyd, son of Becca and London Boyd  
Henry Jacob Garfield, son of Marie and Matt Garfield  
John Breckenridge Gentzel, son of Courtney and  
Brett Gentzel  
Logan Jennings Pressly Moose, son of CeCe and  
Andy Moose  
Riley Emery Sheldon, daughter of Maisha and  
John Sheldon, II  
Owen Alexander Watts, son of Brittney and David Watts

### Deaths

Ralph Henley Cavender, father of Cathy Lowe  
Cathy Rowland Culberson  
Barbara Cornwell Warlick Lawrence, mother of  
Beth Thomas  
Caroline Eloise McMahan  
James Hayes Quackenbush, Jr, father of PerMar Olin  
Arthur Tab Williams, Jr., father of Nancy Downing



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# Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, December 3, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**All Saints' Hall**

*Greenery ~ Decorations ~ Topiaries ~ Homemade Foods ~ Handcrafted Gifts*

Wonderful vendors, fantastic handcrafted gifts, fabulous holiday greenery, Christmas decorations, delicious homemade foods and more to get you in the Christmas spirit. All proceeds will benefit ECW outreach efforts.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## VESTRY & ANNUAL MEETING

The election of the 2017 Vestry Members will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 4 at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall. (There will be no worship experiences 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. The following slate of parishioners has been nominated:



### **Bird Anderson**

Bird Anderson grew up at Christ Church and was confirmed here in Middle School. He returned to Christ Church in 2002 and has been an active member since. Bird currently teaches High School Sunday School and is on the Stewardship Commission. He has served on the Vestry and has also served as the head of the 2007 Annual Stewardship Campaign with his wife, Virginia. Bird has worked in real estate finance for Wells Fargo, previously Wachovia, for 31 years. Currently, he is Chairman of his Residential Neighborhood Development Council for the Urban Land Institute and is the Treasurer of his neighborhood Homeowners Association. He and his wife have three sons and a grandson.



### **Bob Dooley**

Bob Dooley has been a member of Christ Church for over 30 years. He served on the Christ Church Kindergarten Board, has been a Sunday School teacher, and for 20 years has been a participant on our Habitat building team. Bob has also served as a Junior Warden on the Vestry and chaired the 2008 Annual Stewardship Campaign with his wife, Anne. Currently he is a board member of Thompson Child and Family Focus and the Charlotte Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. Bob is entering his 29th year in the Charlotte construction business, and is now with Balfour Beatty. He also is learning the joys and challenges of building and operating a new family farming business. Bob and Anne have four daughters.



### **Hooper Hardison**

Hooper Hardison has been a life-long member of Christ Church and was baptized and confirmed here. He is currently serving on the CC 75th Anniversary Committee. Hooper has served on the Outreach Commission, was involved with One In The Spirit Campaign, and led the development and roll out of the Micah Initiative. He has previously served on the Vestry and was Senior Warden in 2004. He also has served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention. Currently, Hooper serves on the Woodberry Forest School Board of Trustees and the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation Board. His position and experience at Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company will bring strong administrative, management, and financial skills to the Vestry. Hooper has four children.



### **Carol Lorenz**

Carol Lorenz and her family moved from London to Charlotte seven years ago and she has been an active member of Christ Church since she arrived. She is currently on the CC 75th Anniversary Committee, the Hospitality Committee (Chair 2013-2016), the Leap of Faith Implementation Committee, Altar Guild and a Care Team for a Rama Road family. Carol also volunteers in the Good News Shop, attends EfM and the Women's Bible Study programs, and is a graduate of the first Christ Church Core class. Each summer she participates in Freedom School activities and Vacation Bible School. A lifelong Episcopalian, Carol has served on Vestries in Baltimore, MD and Wayne, PA where she was the Senior Warden. Formerly in International Banking, she has experience in financial management and marketing. Her Charlotte community activities included serving on the Parent Advisory Boards at Providence Day School and Furman University as well as volunteering with Thompson. Carol and her husband Bill have two adult children.



### **Melissa Tolmie**

Melissa Tolmie has been a member of Christ Church for 27 years. She currently serves as the 2016 Annual Stewardship Chair with her husband, Paul. Melissa is on the Caring Guild, the Greeter Committee, and Matthew 25 Committee. She also volunteers in the Good News Shop. She has served as a children's Sunday School teacher and a 10th grade Life Group leader. Other previous volunteer commitments at Christ Church include Friendship Trays, ECW Board and Bazaar Committee, Caring Team, Communications Task Force, Stewardship Commission, 2005 Annual Stewardship Campaign, and the production of the Seeds of Hope, and the One in the Spirit Brochures. She has chaired several school parent boards, as well as nonprofit boards, including the Mint Museum Auxiliary Advisory Board. Formerly in the Printing Technology Industry, Melissa has 25 years of leadership, management and fundraising experience. Melissa and Paul have two adult daughters.

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

### 10:00 AM in ALL SAINTS' HALL

Please join us for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall. The Annual Meeting is the one time during the year we gather to hear "the state of Christ Church." It is a time to reflect on 2016 and acknowledge the mission and ministry that took place during the past year, and to look ahead to 2017 and all the promise it holds for our spiritual home. We will hear reports from the Rector, the Vestry and other parish leaders.

During the Annual Meeting, the parish will vote on the slate of Vestry Nominees for the 2019 class that will serve on the Vestry for the next three years. This year the Vestry charged the Nominating Committee to present a slate of only five candidates for the election. This is a procedural change and is consistent with the nomination process of many Episcopal Churches across the nation. The Nominating Committee worked faithfully to assure that our Vestry continues to have a comprehensive view of our Church and the skills it needs to lead our parish. Those skills include an understanding of the various needs of our parishioners and our community, and of the governance and traditions of the Episcopal Church, as well as experience in board service, financial management, and personnel management.

Please take the time to read about these very capable and willing candidates and be ready to vote at the Annual Meeting on their tenure. Their pictures and biographical information are on the other side of this sheet. As has been our tradition, nominations for additional candidates may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

At the meeting we will also vote on the by-laws that govern Christ Church. The Vestry has completed a project, begun more than a decade ago, to develop written by-laws for our parish that reflect our existing policies and procedures, and that comport with the Canons of the Diocese of NC. They have been reviewed by the Diocese and approved by the Vestry. Please take the time to review them at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/by-laws](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/by-laws), and be ready to vote on them.

***If you have any questions regarding our by-laws or nominating process, please contact us so that we can address those before the meeting.***

Your service and participation at the Annual Meeting is reflective of this "generous community" that we call Christ Church. We are grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure and ALL that encompasses. Blessings to all who engage in the mission and ministry of this amazing place!



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