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The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.

- GALATIANS 5:22

generosity *shines*

As part of our year-long focus on generosity, we are in a season of intentional kindness at Christ Church, hoping to shine the light of Christ into the world. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/kindness for more of these inspiring stories and ideas, and to share your own with us.

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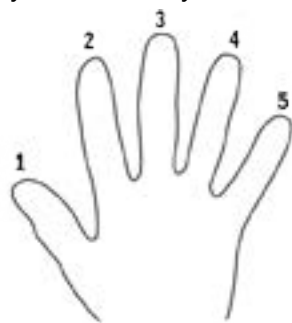
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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

New Year Resolutions of FAITH

At the start of a new year, many of us look ahead with hopes of doing things a little better than we did the year before. We set goals to eat healthier, sleep more, read longer, or exercise regularly. But what about goals for our 2017 faith journey? What elements might we want to add or grow to our faith practices?

Sometimes it's best to start simple. Consider expanding your prayer life. Most of us are accustomed to hearing prayers at the dinner table or when tucking in for bed, but what would it look like if we modeled prayer in our families more often, and at unexpected times? Sometimes, we feel intimidated by praying "on our own" without a memorized prayer to guide our words. Maybe this is the year to embrace prayer as many little conversations with God throughout the day, not just the rote offerings we offer at meals or bedtime. Imagine what God might say back to us when we open ourselves up to talking (and listening) to him more often throughout the day.



Even young children can learn to pray "on their own" by using this simple **Five Finger Prayer** model. It might be helpful for the adults in your family, too!

Thumb - reminds us to pray for friends and family.

Index/Pointer Finger - reminds us to pray for people who point us to God (priests, teachers, parents).

Middle Finger - it's the tallest, reminding us to pray for the leaders in our schools, city, state and country.

Ring Finger - is the weakest, which reminds us to pray for those who are less fortunate than we are.

Pinky - it's the smallest, helping us to remain humble as we pray for ourselves.

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!



Mark your calendars now for VBS 2017, **June 19 – 22**. Online registration opens March 1.

Be on the lookout for more details soon, and contact Katherine Vest at vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions or to join the VBS Planning Team.



JYC Navigators (fourth & fifth grade youth)

BUBBLE SOCCER
Friday, February 17, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
All Saints' Hall

Join us for the air-filled excitement of Bubble Soccer and a Friday night you won't forget!

Registration is required for this event at www.christchurch-charlotte.org/jyc. \$10 includes dinner and loads of fun! Contact Katherine Vest with questions at vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org.



Our wonderful friends Deborah and Marvin, who clean our buildings each evening, never fail to greet everyone they encounter by name and with a smile. Deborah even periodically brings her mother's famous mac n cheese or banana pudding for our staff to enjoy, just to show her appreciation for their friendship. Deborah and Marvin show us what kindness looks like every day.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Living with Grief and Hope

Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29
1:00 - 2:15 PM or 7:00 - 8:15 PM

We will hold a four-week series for those coping with grief and loss. Grief can be a pathway to growth, not in a way that justifies the pain or loss, but in a way that pays homage to our loss. No one need carry grief alone either; knowing that others understand how we feel can lessen the hurt and strengthen the hope.

Each meeting will be led by The Reverend Lisa Saunders. Register by contacting Lisa at 704-714-6952 or saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Aging Matters

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 PM, M207

About one-third of Americans between the ages of 65 and 74 have hearing problems and half of those over 85. If left untreated, problems can get worse. Hearing loss can affect your life in many ways – missing out on conversations in person or on the phone. At the doctor's office, you may not catch the doctor's words. Friends and family weary of repeating themselves. Come learn from an audiologist about the nature of hearing loss and hearing aids.



Kanuga Rocks!

April 28-30, 2017

Save the Date for a Family Weekend in Kanuga. All ages are welcome! Join Christ Church families and The Reverend Matt Holcombe for a relaxing, fun weekend of connection and friendship with hiking, social time, recreation and worship. Registration is available at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/family-retreat. Contact Debbie Starling, dstarling129@gmail.com, with questions.



About Our Memorial Garden

The Christ Church Memorial Garden is a sacred space for many whose loved ones' ashes are interred there.

Every week the garden is carefully maintained by dedicated parishioner Lulie Mallard. Each time there is to be a burial, the garden is specially cleaned and prepared for the family.

People want to stay connected to their deceased loved ones. They come and sit close to the burial spot. Flowers and remembrances are lovingly placed. Holidays and special occasions are remembered, and the garden portrays that.

Few rules govern what is placed in the garden, but Lulie asks that you consider these guidelines:

- Do not leave items you will want returned, or anything you feel should remain permanently. We are not able to allow any item to remain permanently, as the garden would quickly become cluttered and unattractive.
- Please do not plant flowers or other plants. The plantings in the garden are carefully chosen in keeping with an overall landscape design.
- If you move benches in the garden, please return them to their original location before you leave.
- Please supervise children carefully in the garden, for their safety and to prevent damage. Items placed in the fountain and little feet in flower beds can cause damage.
- Feel free to pick up any trash you find and place it in one of the receptacles provided.

Come sit, meditate, eat lunch, sip coffee, or be with a friend. Enjoy. The memories of those in the garden are cherished.



Faith Talks: Outreach

Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

Giving back to the community is monumentally important but not everyone knows where to start. We hope you and your family will join us for our February Faith Talk as we learn more about outreach and its place in our lives as Christians. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks to register your family. (\$8 per person/\$40 per family max, dinner included).

Faith Talks: Ash Wednesday/Lenten Preparations

Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a season of fasting and repentance as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We hope you and your family will join us for our March Faith Talk as we learn more about Lenten practices, led by The Reverend Chip Edens. To register your family, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks. We encourage you to attend the Imposition of Ashes in the Church following the program.

Chili Challenge

Sunday, March 5, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
All Saints' Hall

Whether you have a famous chili recipe that your guests devour or you just like to eat chili, you will not want to miss our 3rd Annual Christ Church Chili Challenge! Come join in the fun and celebrate the youth of Christ Church with live music for your soul and the chili competition to satisfy your palate! Tickets are \$10 and funds raised will support the 2017 Youth Pilgrimage to Wales. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/chili to order your tickets or to sign up a chili team.



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. Return by email to Kimberly Mize at mizek@christchurchcharlotte.org or by mail to 1412 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, 28207.

Bishop's Ball

February 17 - 19

Christ Church youth will participate in the Bishops' Ball. This is a Diocesan event and weekend retreat for 6th – 12th grade students, held at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, from 7:30 PM Friday to 11:15 AM on Sunday.

The event is planned and led by youth from the Chartered Committee for Youth. Youth and adults will participate in small group discussions and activities, large group presentations, games, music (led by a professional musician), worship, and possibly a campfire or talent show. All the bishops of our diocese participate and present the theme throughout the weekend. There is also a formal dinner followed by a celebratory Eucharist and dance, with a DJ, on Saturday night. Most participants dress up for Saturday evening's festivities. To register, contact Adam Klevenhagen at klevenhagen@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Bishop's Ball Recap by Beasley Gordon, 8th grader at Alexander Graham Middle School

Last year I had the opportunity to attend the Bishop's Ball at Camp Walter Johnson. It was a great weekend filled with meeting new friends from across the Diocese, participating in activities and workshops, and learning more about God. The food was especially good!

One of my favorite parts about the weekend was getting to meet some new friends from the different Episcopal churches. Each day I chose which planned activities I wanted to participate in, and they were all so fun! The weekend went by really fast. On the last night we went to a dance where there were plenty of photo opportunities and cool music. I loved dressing up and getting ready for it. It was a memorable weekend and I think everyone should have the chance to go!

"When we go out to lunch, if there are police or fire-fighters eating there, we go to the check out and pay for their meal. No need to tell them who did it. They are only told that they are appreciated for their service to our community."

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Sundays in February

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

FAITH FORUM:

The Reverend Canon Jan Cope
Provost, Washington National Cathedral

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"When Life Gives You an Earthquake"



Nearly ten years ago, the Washington National Cathedral was on the brink of being completed. Then a once in a 100 year earthquake struck. What happens when earthquakes strike our lives? How do we live in response to unwanted change? Join us this Sunday as we explore the spirituality of being "a work in progress."

RECTOR'S CLASS:

The Reverend Chip Edens

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"Who's Got Your Back? Finding God's Love In Relationships"



Harvard University has been engaged in a 75-year study of well-being. The findings are clear: the single most important determinant of a person's well-being is not money or status but the quality of their relationships. Join us as we explore the Biblical vision of healthy relationships.

CLERGY CLASS:

The Reverend Lisa Saunders

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Living a Generous Marriage



Generosity is one of the primary factors for successful marriages, according to research. Couples who give to one another freely and abundantly report being "very happy" in their marriages. What are the other factors that encourage couples in their marriages? Find out what research, and couples from Christ Church, tell us.

Take part in Christ Church's "Conversations for Living a Generous Marriage" opportunity: to receive 12 couple conversation ideas for a night out or a night in, go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/generous-marriage.

FAITH FORUM:

Tad Roach

Headmaster, St. Andrew's School

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Tad Roach has a vision for forming teenagers. It involves the intellectual skills and habits of mind that are necessary for success and citizenship and engagement in the 21st century; issues of character and issues of integrity and morality that are going to be increasingly important; and the increased understanding of diversity in our world.

Come hear Tad Roach share his vision for the education and formation of teenagers and young adults.

First Fridays for Men

February 3, 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room
"Becoming a High Capacity Leader"



What are the capacities we need to be a leader? Using some of the most influential leaders of our lifetime, join The Reverend Chip Edens as he explores how we can identify, cultivate, and implement these capacities in our life.

Appalachian Trail Overnight Men's Hike

May 18 – 20

Join the Reverend Matt Holcombe as we hit the trail for three days of backpack hiking and camping in God's backyard. There is no fee for this event, but you must register in advance by contacting Matt or Stuart Garner at sjggag@bellsouth.net.



ADULT FORMATION

Lent Devotions

Each year Christ Church parishioners, staff, and clergy offer daily meditations to guide you through Lent. 2017 Lent Devotions will be available daily via email, or booklets will be available starting February 19 at the front desk. To subscribe, go to www.christchurchcharlotte.com/lent.

Sages Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, February 8, 10:00 AM, Green Room

The Reverend Matt Holcombe will continue the conversation about his recent trip to the Holy Land. Please be sure to join us! Sages is a group for those age 65 and up.

Spiritual Growth and Enneagram II

Starting March 2

The Enneagram is about people – how we are the same, how we are different, what makes us tick, how we get in our own way. It can help us develop a more authentic relationship with ourselves and others ... and discover a deeper relationship with God.

Spiritual Growth and the Enneagram II will explore the Enneagram's deeper function: to help us learn who we are beyond the limits of personality, as we reconnect with our spiritual depths. This is an advanced course and previous study and work with the Enneagram is needed. The ten-week class starts Thursday, March 2, followed by Wednesdays, March 15 - May 17, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in St. Francis A. Registration (\$25) is required at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/enneagram/.

GOODNEWS SHOP

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

Christmas Offering

In the spirit of welcoming the other, bridging gaps, and facilitating opportunities for conversation and learning, the Christmas offering will be shared between **Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte** and **Race Matters for Juvenile Justice**.

Galilee is a ministry of the diocese and is a welcoming place of learning, service and fellowship with refugees. Ministries include ESL classes, community gardens, community meals, a Loaves and Fishes pantry and more.

Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ) works to reduce disproportionality and disparate outcomes for children and families of color through institutional organizing, education and workforce development. They offer a two day "Dismantling Racism" workshop that challenges people of all colors to understand the origins of racism, the structural and systemic nature of race, and the role of implicit bias. RMJJ also facilitates race conversations with youth, within race affiliate groups, and advocates for equity in the judicial system.

The total Christmas offering was \$19,156 and will be split evenly between the two organizations.

Habitat Kick Off

Our Habitat Kickoff Dinner is set for Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 PM in the Blue Room and construction begins February 23. For more information or to sign up, go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat.

Rama Road Girl Scout Cookie Drive

If you're looking to buy Girl Scout Cookies, look no more! Our Rama Road Girl Scouts will be selling cookies for \$4 per box. Gluten-free Toffee Tastics and new S'Mores are \$5. Cookies can be ordered by February 13 through Mary Kay Baynard at pbaynard@carolina.rr.com.

CHRIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

CCK Toddlers through Kindergarten filled over 300 bags with toiletries to distribute to children served by A Child's Place, an organization that seeks to erase the impact of homelessness on children and their education. We learned about helping others and showing kindness to those in our community.

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STAFF NEWS

Welcome New Staff



Jason Scofield

Our new Director of Facilities is Jason Scofield. Jason has worked in the facilities maintenance industry for twenty years, most recently at Southminster as their Maintenance Supervisor. He has a broad range of skills and experiences from budgeting and contracting to project management. He has knowledge of state and local building codes and

experience in the repair and maintenance of various kinds of buildings and equipment.

Jason has a certificate in heating, ventilation and air conditioning and has worked with building automation and controls software. He has worked in church and retirement community environments and understands our values to community. Jason began work on January 3 and has hit the ground running.



Hannah King

Hannah King is our new part-time Administrative Assistant for Worship and Music. She is responsible for our Sunday bulletin production and administrative support for our music ministry.

Hannah received her musical training at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. She grew up in a musical family

from Connecticut and was involved in various styles of music-making from a young age. She has played for many theaters, community groups, and churches since high school.

Since she and her family relocated to Charlotte, she has worked with Opera Carolina, the Charlotte Symphony Chorus, Northwest School of the Arts, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church and has been a marketing manager with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. She was also Music Library Manager and Ensemble Events Coordinator at Davidson College. We're fortunate to have her join our staff family.

CCK Accepting Applications

Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten is still accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration runs until February 3. For more information visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cck.

In the Parish

New Members

Christy Anne Betler
Cameron Buchanan
Peggy Curlin
Melissa and Brian Hovey Family
Joanne Karimi
Amy Walker

Births

Mason James Brock, son of Tracy and John Brock
Carson Elizabeth Caldwell, granddaughter of Mary Kay and Paul Scarborough, and great-granddaughter of Helen Scarborough
Mary Leighton McAdams, daughter of Jordan and Matt McAdams and granddaughter of Lynne and Judd McAdams
Palmer Gray Sutton, son of Kelly and Jeff Sutton

Baptisms

Cameron Criswell Buchanan, son of Spencer and Cam Buchanan
Caroline Tanner Fleming, daughter of Hope and Dana Fleming
Ella Baxter Hipp, daughter of Lucy and John Hipp
Frances Ellen Thies, daughter of Peggy and Charles Thies
Ford Campbell Walker, son of Amy and Campbell Walker
Evelyn Sloan White, daughter of Emily and John White

Deaths

Bill Adams, father-in-law of Rick Fitts
Michael David Blackman
Marshall Young Cooper, Jr., father of John D. Cooper
Janie Gay (Oakley) Jones, mother of Wendy Mauney
Jean Hill Keitt
Bernard Arthur Morin, father of Annette Imbrogno
Sedrick Roberson
James Carlton Showalter, father of Carl Showalter, Jr.
Maureen Smith, mother of Melissa Schoenhoff and Tom Smith
Harriet Easley Workman, mother of Alice Canterbury and grand mother of Sarah Kain

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THE PANCAKE SUPPER IS BACK!

Shrove Tuesday, February 28

Join us for a Pancake Supper – Mardi Gras-style – on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM!

All are invited to enjoy pancakes, as well as delicious New Orleans-style foods, along with fabulous jazz tunes and Mardi Gras crafts. Grab your family or friends and come celebrate as we prepare to welcome the season of Lent.

This dinner, served buffet-style, will cost \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children (ages 4 – 12), family maximum \$35. No reservations are necessary.

