

MARCH 2017

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

AN INVITATION TO LENT

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities.*

– PSALM 103:1-3



Ash Wednesday, March 1

7:00 AM, Noon, 7:30 PM
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Devotions for Lent

Receive daily readings and prayers.
www.christchurchcharlotte.org/lent

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Theo the Therapy Dog Brings Smiles

Theo, the therapy dog, is off to a great start! He is six months old and about to begin his formal training to serve as a therapy dog at HopeWay, a mental health care facility with both residential and outpatient treatment. Theo, a Portuguese Water Dog, will live at HopeWay when his training is completed, but he has already proven to be good at his job.

Theo has visited members of our congregation living in health care at the Cypress and Southminster and brought smiles to all. Theo attends Church each Sunday at Christ Church and visits Sunday School classes. His visit gives teachers an opportunity to talk about mental health with children and teens. Theo spends one day a week at HopeWay to help him get acquainted with his future home. A team of handlers, led by Louise Bonner, are trained to accompany Theo wherever he goes.

If you see him at Church, ask Theo to sit down before petting him. If you see him in a worship service, smile at him, but it is better if you don't engage him so he can focus on being a good boy.

After Theo goes to live at HopeWay, his handlers will "check him out" from HopeWay each week and take him to visit folks in the hospital, in health care or at home.

Living with Grief and Hope

Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29
1:00 - 2:15 PM or 7:00 - 8:15 PM, M206

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. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/grief to register, or contact Lisa at 704-714-6952 or saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org.

PARISH LIFE & NEWCOMERS

Newcomer Dinner

Wednesday, April 5
5:30 – 7:00 PM, M207

Save the date to join us for our last Newcomer Dinner of the program year! We will gather for a casual dinner with other newcomers and will be joined by a member of the staff or clergy to discuss a little of what's going on around Christ Church. We would love to have you join us! Please register with Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org. Childcare is available upon request.



iGroups Karaoke Night

We had a fabulous time together with clergy, choir, parishioners and several Room in the Inn neighbors, as we gathered in the Green Room to sing songs and enjoy each other's enthusiasm – regardless of musical talent. From hits of all decades to Broadway musical tunes to an original song sung *a capella*, it was truly a night to remember! And despite some signing up just to watch, every person joined in – as a solo, duet or group, they all were amazing! We are looking forward to repeating this iGroup in the future, so keep an eye out ... you do not want to miss this fun!

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Choirs for Youth and Children

The spring choir season begins Wednesday, March 8 and continues through April 26.

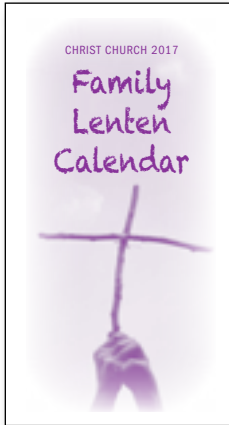
Austin Philemon directs the Junior Youth Chorus (grades 2-4) and the Queen City Youth Chorus (grades 5-12). Lisa Lashley directs the Music Club (four-year-olds through first grade).

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/youth-music for rehearsal times, locations, and registration, or contact Hannah King, at 704-714-6957 or kingh@christchurchcharlotte.org. (If your child is already part of the choir program, there is no need to register again.)

Contemporary Worship Band

The contemporary worship band is always open to interested singers and instrumentalists, regardless of skill level. In particular, we are looking for more keyboardists who could join us once or twice a month. For more information, contact Brian Sullivan at 704-714-6967 or sullivanb@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Family Lenten Practices



As the liturgical calendar changes from shades of green to deep purple, our actions become more intentional. We will spend the next six weeks being mindful of the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and we want to equip families with children two and older to participate in daily Lenten practices.

We will tackle the theme of building bridges – what does it mean to love your neighbor? How do you connect to those who are different from you? A calendar of daily practices will be mailed to homes and is available

at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/lent-family. If you do not receive yours, feel free to stop by the front desk to pick up a copy or contact Lindsay Masi at masiL@christchurchcharlotte.org.



Communion Education For K-4th Grade Families

All kindergarten through 4th grade families are invited to a Communion Education Class, a two-part series held on Sundays, March 5 and 12 from Noon until 1:30 PM.

This wonderful opportunity to learn more about the traditions surrounding the Eucharist will be led by The Reverend Matt Holcombe. Parents and children are asked to attend both Sunday classes when they register.

Childcare will be available for younger siblings, upon request in the registration. Registration deadline is March 1. For more information, contact Emily Kalmbach at kalmbach@christchurchcharlotte.org or visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/communion for information and registration.

Calling all Superheroes! Vacation Bible School is Coming

June 19 – 22

We hope you will mark your calendars to join us this summer at Vacation Bible School to dive into God’s word and learn about some heroes of the Bible. See the excitement on children’s faces as they delight in music, crafts, science, games, story time, and service while learning all about the super powers God has given them.



Vacation Bible School is a spiritual experience for children and parents that depends on volunteers, so please sign up to help! Coming together during VBS to honor and serve



God creates a magical experience for our children and adults. Contact Lindsay Masi at masiL@christchurchcharlotte.org or Katherine Vest at vestK@christchurchcharlotte.org if you have questions. You won't want to miss this super heroic week!

Registration will be open March 1 - May 15. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs for more information or to register.

JYC Navigators (4th & 5th Grade)

Room In the Inn Hosts

Sunday, March 5, 4:30 – 6:30 PM
The Blue Room

Come be the hands and feet of Christ as we welcome our homeless neighbors with food, companionship, and safe shelter. All participants are



encouraged to supply a food item toward the dinner we serve or the bagged lunches we will pack.

A sign-up list for what is needed can be found on christchurchcharlotte.org/jyc. This meaningful experience will have a lasting impact on the hearts and minds of our Navigators!

Save the Date: Low Country Boil

Friday, April 28, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Enjoy bluegrass music, catered dinner and drinks, a silent auction, and fellowship in support of the children’s programs at Christ Church and in the community. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/lcb for tickets and donation information.

Sundays in March and April

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

FAITH FORUM:

Arie Kruglanski

“The Price of Certainty”

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During times of fear and anxiety, our need for certainty increases and we tend to make judgements quickly, regardless of facts. Arie Kruglanski, a world-renowned researcher in binary thinking, human judgment, and belief formation, has coined the term “cognitive closure” to describe how we close our minds to new information once we’ve made a decision. The Reverend Chip Edens will

explore this phenomenon and its implications with Dr. Kruglanski in a fascinating and enlightening Faith Forum discussion.

FAITH FORUM:

Katherine Tyler-Scott

“Developing Trust, Managing Conflict”

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Trust is the essential element in healing, reconciliation, and accomplishing any substantial goal. When trust is broken, conflict emerges, and many struggle to manage conflict in healthy and constructive ways. Katherine Tyler-Scott is certified in conflict resolution, mediation, and negotiation by the Harvard Negotiation Project, and works with large corporate and non-profit organi-

zations to manage complex challenges and achieve desired goals in ways that build trust, integrity, and effectiveness.

CLERGY CLASS:

The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth

“Building Bridges in our Community”

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Caring for each other and serving the world are two core components of Christ Church’s mission and our Baptismal covenant.

Join The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth as she explores how Christ Church is changing the landscape of Charlotte working through our community partners in ministry.

FAITH FORUM:

The Very Reverend Walter Brownridge

“Reconciliation: Repairers of the Breach”

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Faith is often expressed privately, but what does faith look like in the public square? How do we promote reconciliation in a divided community and country? Walter Brownridge is the former Dean of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu and previously served in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa. His tenure there forged an enduring interest in political theology and the role of religion and faith-based organizations in public policy.

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FAITH FORUM:

Tom Franz

“Cultural Dexterity in a Changing World”

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Cultural dexterity allows us to be open-minded in relationships with people who look, act, and believe differently. Jesus invites us to be interested in “the other” instead of uncertain. Join us to explore this concept with Tom Franz, Headmaster of Trinity Episcopal School in Charlotte. Tom has over 30 years of teaching and administration experience and is

committed to embracing diversity, creating scholars, and nurturing the spiritual lives of children and youth.

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ADULT FORMATION

In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Virtual Pilgrimage Through The Holy Land

Wednesdays, March 8 – April 5, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Every Wednesday in Lent we will walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we travel through the Holy Land using pictures to experience what the Holy Land looks like 2,000 years after Jesus' life, death and resurrection, led by The Reverend Matt Holcombe.

Parenting with Love and Logic For Preschool Parents

Wednesdays, March 8, 15 and April 5, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

These classes use curriculum developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, PhD, and Foster W. Cline, MD, designed to give participants practical skills that can be used immediately with children of various ages.

Registration (\$25 per family) is required. Free childcare is available upon request. For more information or to register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes.

Spiritual Growth and Enneagram II Starting March 2

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.

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.



Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of Palms

7:00 AM, Church

8:45 AM, Church and All Saints' Hall

11:15 AM, Church and All Saints' Hall

5:00 PM, Church

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM, Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Holy Eucharist and Healing, Noon, Chapel

Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM, Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Holy Eucharist, 7:00 AM, Chapel

Holy Eucharist, Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 PM, Church

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Children's Service, 10:00 AM, Church

Good Friday Liturgy, Noon, Church

Stations of the Cross, 1:30 PM, Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Holy Eucharist and Baptism, 5:00 PM, Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Holy Eucharist

7:00 AM, Church

8:45 AM, Church and All Saints' Hall

11:15 AM, Church and All Saints' Hall

5:00 PM, Church

YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Talks

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

Middle and high school families are invited to join us for dinner and a program as we begin the Lenten season. The Reverend Chip Edens will be speaking about Lent and what the season means. This is a great opportunity for confirmands to worship with their mentors. Afterward, all are encouraged to attend the Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

Youth Sunday

Come out and support our youth as they lead our Sunday services on March 12. Youth interested in preaching, praying, serving, singing or participating, email Adam Klevenhagen at klevenhagena@christchurchcharlotte.org.

City Bus Trip

Poverty Awareness/City Bus Trip and the Urban Adventure are coming up! On Sunday, April 2 we will participate in a poverty simulation in our hometown. We will take public transportation to center city Charlotte and learn about the services available for those who live in poverty and are homeless. We will end our time at Moore Place, learning about chronic homelessness and what we can do to serve.

Urban Adventure

On June 8 – 11, our ninth graders will travel by train to Washington, D.C. Our visit to the nation's capital centers around justice and reconciliation, with a visit to the Holocaust Museum and African American History Museum. We will also explore the topic of media and news outlets: how are we connected to and responding to our world? Finally, we will spend lots of time in community preparing for our pilgrimage next summer. This is an important step in the process and we hope to have good participation.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised **\$1,105** and received plenty of canned goods that will be donated to Loaves and Fishes, where they are distributed to those in need in our community.

Middle School Dance

Thank you to all the parishioners and Youth Council members who made the Middle School Dance possible. 134 middle schoolers attended. We received school supplies and raised close to **\$700** for Freedom School Partners.

MISSION & OUTREACH



Costa Rica 2017 Mission Trip

A group of 12 Christ Church missionaries recently returned from a great trip to San Jose, Costa Rica. Accompanied by Bishop Hector Monterroso, our team painted cheerful murals incorporating the fruits of the spirit (nine attributes of a Christian life according to the Apostle Paul) and did landscaping at *Hogar Escuela*. At the end of the work week we took a trip to Poas Volcano National Park. It was a meaningful week of relationship-building, beautiful weather, playing with the children at *Hogar Escuela*, and enjoying time with each other.

Want to take part in the Costa Rica experience? Register now for our adult summer trip, July 22 – 30, 2017. The cost of this trip is roughly \$2,200 and includes airfare, accommodations, all transportation, and most meals. To make this trip affordable to young adults (age 21 to 35), we are offering to pay half of the cost per person. Adults of any age are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Deborah Shoemake at 704-714-6959 or shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Habitat for Humanity – Our 29th Home

Our Habitat Build for 2017 began on Thursday, February 23 and we're so excited for our 29th year of building. This year we are building the same house model as last year, but in the Westerly Hills community. It's a nice neighborhood with wide streets for parking and a friendly feel. Our homeowner is Nicole and she has two children. She currently works with people with disabilities and chose this neighborhood because her sister lives nearby.

As always, we welcome you to join us in this build. All levels of experience are cherished. To sign up for the build or to provide lunch to our volunteer crew, go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat or contact Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org. If you have any questions regarding the build, please email Carrington Coulter, house chair carrington.coulter@raymondjames.com.

GOODNEWS SHOP

GoodNews Announces Mission Funding!

ECW is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2017 mission funding raised through GoodNews and the ECW Holiday Bazaar. A combined total of **\$104,800** was granted to the agencies below. This was made possible by the continued support of our shoppers and volunteers. Thank you to all of you, and to these agencies for their work in our community:

Alexander Youth Network	Lex Matthews Scholarship
A Child's Place	Lily Pad Haven
Answer Scholarship Endowment	The Mitchell Bays Turner Pediatric Fund
Augustine Literacy Project	Pat's Place
Baby Bundles	Refugee Support Services
Care Ring	The Relatives
The Center For Community Transitions	Safe Alliance
Center of Hope-Salvation Army	Shelter Health Services
Charlotte Bilingual Preschool	Thompson Child & Family Focus
Charlotte Family Housing	Urban Promise
Charlotte Rescue Mission Dove's Nest	UMAR
Classroom Central	Elida Children's Home
Council For Children's Rights	Faraja Foundation
Dress for Success	Fistula Foundation
Florence Crittenton Services	Hope for His Children
Freedom School Partners	Jubilee House Community
HearTutoring	Nica Nadadores, Inc.
Hope Haven	Our Little Roses
INREACH	Rural Education Institute
Kindermourn	Rama Road Girl Scout Troop
The Learning Collaborative	

What says "I love you" more than a Valentine? A *hand-made* card made by an 18-month-old boy and his mother for each of our Room in the Inn (RITI) neighbors.



Kara and Hayes Hunt delivered these beauties so that every person who is blessed by a warm bed, warm meal and hot shower through RITI at Christ Church will also be reminded that they are indeed loved.

generosity shines

In the Parish

New Members

Pat Duncan
Katy Grant
Paige and Alan Kinder
Edwin Rasberry III
Amy and Jimmy Roundtree Family
Campbell Walker

Marriages

Carol Gainey Bledsoe and Sean Taylor Jones
Patty Willett and Steve Rhyne

Births

Emily Anne Logan, daughter of Mary and Matt Logan
Alexandra Lorraine McGuire, daughter of Lauren and David McGuire
John Everette Mills, son of Merrill and William Mills
Margot Anderson Purser, daughter of Alice and Lat Purser

Baptisms

Knox Henderson Brantley, son of Anna and Dane Brantley
Jose Nicolas Costa, son of Cindy and Jose Costa
George Wicker McAdams, son of Ginger and Judson McAdams
Jackson Harris Sheffield, son of Emily Rose and Wes Sheffield
Palmer Gray Sutton, son of Kelly and Jeff Sutton
Wyatt Fleetwood Withers, son of Caroline and Chris Withers

Deaths

Mary Barton Culbertson
Oscar "Bootie" William Cranz, Jr.
Jane Tharin Edens, mother of The Reverend Chip Edens
Jacqueline Bennett Holmes, mother of Connell Pinckney
Joseph R. Johnson Jr., grandfather of Brittany Ingersoll and Sarah Howie
Richard Kleissler, father of Ellen Meyer
Ruth Samuelson, daughter of Peggy and Bob Culbertson, and sister of John Culbertson
Tony Soja, husband of Sacha Soja, father of Addie Soja

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Chili Challenge



Sunday, March 5
6:00 - 8:00 PM
All Saints' Hall
\$5 Admission

**Celebrity
Judges!**
**Family
Friendly!**

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/chili