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The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

Holy Week and Easter

*The Lord
has risen
indeed!*

– LUKE 24:34

Join us as we commemorate the last days of Jesus' life, from his return to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection with joyful worship services.

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Sundays in April

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

FAITH FORUM:

Tom Franz

“Cultural Dexterity in a Changing World”



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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PALM SUNDAY

See Schedule of Services, page 3.

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CLERGY CLASS:

The Reverend Lisa Saunders

“Modern Resurrection”



Two members of our congregation met in an emergency room. Dean Otto was hit by a truck while riding his bike on Providence Road last September. He had no feeling or movement in his legs. Matt McGirt was the surgeon who operated.

Join The Reverend Lisa Saunders as they discuss how the intersection of their lives created another impact that echoes the heart of the Easter message.

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FAITH FORUM:

Ann Clark

“Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going in Public Education ”



Superintendent Ann Clark has served the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System for 34 years, from teaching to administration. She will share her thoughts on past successes including the increasing graduation rate, and the challenges that lie ahead, such as reversing the re-segregation of our schools. As a member of Christ Church, Ann can speak to the importance of Christ Church’s partnership with Rama Road Elementary School and other opportunities to support the public education of children.

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For more information about these upcoming Faith Forums, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithforum.

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

Wednesdays through April 12, 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.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 14, 1:30 PM in the Church

The Stations of the Cross is a 14-step devotion that commemorates and remembers Jesus’ last day on Earth. The devotions, or stations, focus on the specific events beginning with his being condemned to death, through being placed in the tomb after crucifixion. At each station we will pray, read Holy Scripture, and reflect on the actual events as they occurred. The Stations of the Cross occurs in and around the Church, open to all ages, and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of Palms

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7:00, 8:45*, 11:15 AM*, and 5:00 PM* in the Church

8:45* and 11:15 AM* in All Saints' Hall

Note: No Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 - 12

6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist in the Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Noon - Holy Eucharist with Healing in the Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:00 AM - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist, Foot-washing, and

Stripping of the Altar in the Church*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 AM - Good Friday Liturgy for Children and Families in the Church*

Noon - Good Friday Service in the Church*

1:30 PM - Stations of the Cross in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

5:00 PM - Vigil of Easter with the Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Baptisms in the Church*

EASTER DAY, APRIL 16

Festive Worship Services

7:00, 8:45*, 11:15 AM*, and 5:00 PM* in the Church

8:45* and 11:15 AM* in All Saints' Hall

Note: No Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults

*Nursery care provided for children up to age 4.

Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt

immediately following the 11:15 AM Easter worship services. (See page 6 for details)



It is a Christ Church tradition to decorate the Easter crosses in All Saints' Hall and the Church with fresh-cut or store-bought flowers on Easter Day. We hope you'll participate in this beautiful celebration.

ADULT FORMATION



Formation for All Ages

Over the past several months the Adult, Youth, Children, and CCK Ministry teams have been working hard to prepare people of all ages for the journey of transformation as they continue to explore, grow, and deepen their faith. If you are interested in hearing about what we are planning or doing, next time you see one of us, please stop us and ask, "What can I do to help?" As we continue to envision how to equip and empower all parishioners of Christ Church, we would love to hear from you.

Back row, L to R: Matt Holcombe, Associate Rector; Alice deVries, Youth Ministry Coordinator; Deborah Shoemak, Administrative Assistant for Youth, Outreach, and Mission; Debbie Pollack, Administrative Assistant for Adult Formation; Meredith Sorrell, CCK Assistant Head of School; Lindsay Masi, Director of Children's Ministry; Kelly Coley, CCK Head of School. *Middle row, L to R:* Katherine Vest, Assistant Director of Children's Ministry; Betsy Zarzour, Youth Minister; Jenny Beaumont, Director of Adult Spiritual Formation. *Front row, L to R:* Adam Klevenhagen, Youth Minister; Emily Kalmbach, Administrative Assistant for Children's Ministry.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

EFM is a four-year course of study in theological Bible study and reflection. Seminar groups meet weekly September through May. The Tuesday evening and Friday morning groups both have openings for Fall 2017.

The Education for Ministry program provides people with an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service and carry out their ministries. One participant shared, "I have learned to ask the hard questions and delve into scripture with the background that I have always wanted to know."

For more information, contact Jenny Beaumont at 704-714-6945 or beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

ADULT FORMATION



Listening Like a Leader: Communication Skills Training

April 25 – 27, July 11 – 13, July 25 – 27, October 10 – 12

Communication Skills Training is a three-day class designed to improve relationships by learning to understand your own behavior and the behavior of others. Christ Church has facilitated over 30 CST classes in the last five years, with over 400 graduates. Four more classes are being offered in 2017 and we have a few openings in our April session.

From a CST graduate: *“Of all the management and communication courses I have taken over the last 20 years, CST has had more impact on my life than all of them put together. It was truly transformational.”*

For information about the course, email Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org, or go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst for details and an online application.

Kanuga Family Retreat

Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30
Kanuga Conference Center

Join us for a fun family weekend! Kanuga is a conference and retreat center in the mountains of Hendersonville, NC, affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Come for a weekend of uninterrupted family time and a chance to connect with other families of all ages and stages.

Registration includes meals, two nights lodging, activities and two socials. Contact Debbie Pollack at 704-714-6972 or pollackd@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Update on the Christ Church Kitchen Ministry



We know many have missed the important fellowship and community that has been nurtured by Wednesday night dinners and Sunday brunches at Christ Church. Rest assured we are exploring an array of options to resume our brunches and full Wednesday evening dinners, as well as to coordinate the many other meals served here until we are able to hire our next Food Services Director/ Chef.

Vision Group

Because so many different constituencies at Christ Church use and value our food service, with many different needs, interests and perspectives, The Reverend Chip Edens has decided to convene a “vision group” of staff members and parishioners to develop a plan for our food service ministry, not only to meet our immediate needs, but to build a sustainable, quality food service program for the coming years. From that vision, we will determine the needed personnel and budget for this ministry.

Chip expects to have the vision group in place soon, with a goal of resuming full food service in September, including Sunday brunches and Wednesday dinners. As part of the visioning process, a survey will be developed to solicit the parish’s thoughts on food and food service program needs. Our food service demands are generally lighter in the summer, so this will give us time to carefully and thoughtfully develop a vision and hire the necessary personnel.

Chef Search

As for the chef search, the job was posted last fall after Eric Love’s departure, and many resumes were received. The committee (Greg McIntosh, Bill DeLoache, Tori Kern, and Wendy Mauney) talked with 14-15 qualified applicants on the phone and decided to interview three local candidates. Only one of these showed up for the interview. We then interviewed two non-local candidates via Skype, and ultimately decided none of these candidates was an appropriate fit for our position. Based on the findings of the visioning group, we will begin another search as soon as possible. Chef Eric’s shoes are big ones to fill. We are especially grateful to those who have stepped in to help, including Maggie Loselle and Sonja Young.

We appreciate your patience and your prayers for this ministry as the vision is developed and the search continues.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Moving from Lent to Easter

The word “Lent” is from an ancient Anglo-Saxon root which literally means “lengthen.” It was their term for “spring,” as the days naturally grow longer at this time of year so that new growth can take place in nature. As such, the Lenten season of the Church year acts as springtime for our souls: a time for renewal, growth and change. And much like a majestic tree requires winter for rest and refueling in order to re-leaf in the spring, our hearts can fully experience the joy of Easter morning after a time of reflection and repentance during Lent. Neither of these can happen without the other, and the budding world outside our windows serves as a daily reminder of this symbolism.

Take your children on a nature walk through the back yard or a local park to scope out signs of new life. With each green shoot or emerging bud that is discovered, point out that these are reminders of the new life we have in Jesus because of Easter Day!



JYC/Navigators

Please note DATE CHANGE!!
Thursday, April 20, 5:00 - 6:30 PM
The Blue Room

Minute-to-Win-It Game Night,
\$5 for dinner. All 4th and
5th graders are invited to a night of fast-paced fun and
fellowship.



JYC/NAVIGATORS



An Easter Acrostic

From Debbie Trafton O'Neal

Early on that bright morning,
A group of women approached the tomb.
Surprise!
The tomb was empty!
Everyone was filled with wonder.
Rejoice! Jesus lives!



Vacation Bible School

June 19 – 22

Register NOW! Scan QR code below, or
go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs.



A Lifetime of VBS

By Olivia & Gillian Morano

I have participated in VBS for as long as I can remember and it has shaped my faith in multiple ways. As a young child, VBS made learning about Christ very fun and interesting to me. I found that interacting with the stories made me want to learn about the Bible more. The music added an aspect that engaged me. As I got older and became a Teen Helper, I noticed the kids I worked with also found VBS a fun way to learn about the Bible and Christ. As a 15-year-old, I can see that VBS contributed to my knowledge and interest in the stories of the Bible and it helped me build my faith in God. – Olivia Morano



I have attended VBS at Christ Church since preschool. It is something that I always look forward to each summer. There are such fun activities and both kids and the Teen Helpers have an enjoyable experience. Everyone is kind to each other and it is a great time to catch up with people that you might only see at Church. There is a variety of things to do such as arts and crafts, singing, and playing outside. I loved going as a little kid, and I still treasure going just as much now that I am a Teen Helper. Kids get to plug in to God through all the fun things focused on a theme throughout the week. VBS helps kids realize that connecting with God can be very fun, especially with a wonderful church community.

– Gillian Morano

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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- Press "0" to talk to a Gogo Grandparent representative.

Gogo Grandparent connects you with an Uber driver. Uber charges apply plus an additional charge to Gogo for .19 a minute from the time the call is made until you are dropped off. Gogo can also notify a family member when you are using their services and where you have gone. Visit gogograndparent.com for more information.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Almost every Sunday, Christ Church parishioner Beverly Klein visits another parishioner who is homebound and can't get to Church. Beverly brings her communion, and a copy of the worship bulletin, and tells her about that day's sermon. They have become friends although they did not know each other until Beverly volunteered to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders, SaundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org.

An Inspiring Message: Kevin Hines, Brain Health Advocate & Storyteller May 2, 6:30 PM, McGlohon Theater

HopeWay presents brain/mental health advocate, award-winning global speaker, bestselling author and documentary filmmaker Kevin Hines, who reaches audiences with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live.



Two years after a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, Hines attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is only one of 34 to survive the fall, and the only survivor to regain full physical mobility. Kevin's story is a remarkable testament to the strength of the human spirit and a reminder for us to love the life we have.

\$20 tickets are available through the Blumenthal Performing Arts Box Office in the Belk Theater Lobby or by calling 704-372-1000 or visiting www.carolinatix.org.

Aging Matters: Preventing, Identifying, and Treating Strokes

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 PM, Room M207

What are strokes? What is a TIAA? How can I prevent a stroke? How can I tell if someone is having a stroke? What treatments are available? Dr. John Benedum will join us with answers.

PARISH LIFE

iGroups: Carolinas Aviation Museum

Sunday, April 2, 3:00 PM

We are excited about our next iGroups event at the Carolinas Aviation Museum. Our hosts are Ellen and Warren Holland. Warren was on the "Miracle on the Hudson" flight and will share with us a little about that experience. The gathering is recommended for all ages. Bring your kids, friends or neighbors. You may tour the museum on your own upon arrival and we will gather at 3:30 PM at the "Miracle on the Hudson" to hear Warren speak. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/igroups for more details or to register. Tickets can be purchased at the museum.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16, Following the 11:15 AM Services

Families with young children are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following the 11:15 AM Discovery and Church services. This is

always a fun and special time for young children, ages 8 and under. If you would like to participate, please drop off two dozen candy-filled eggs (per child) to the Church office no later than Thursday, April 13. We are also grateful for additional donations of individually wrapped candy, which may also be dropped off at the Church office. If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Corrie Manis at corrie.gilchrist@gmail.com.



Spring Parish Day

Sunday, May 21, Following the 10:00 AM Service
Christ Church Lawn

Save the date for our annual Spring Parish Day. There will be fabulous food, lively entertainment and lots of fellowship as we celebrate our parish. Details to come in the next *Disciple*.

YOUTH

Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, April 23

Worship in the Church, 5:00 PM

Dinner in All Saints' Hall, 6:00 PM

We will recognize our high school seniors at the 5:00 PM service in the Church, followed by dinner for the seniors and their families. The 11th graders will help usher and serve the dinner. We hope this will be a memorable experience for these young people and their families.

Please RSVP for the dinner at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/SeniorRecognition. This is wonderful opportunity to wish these students well as they go on to the next chapter in their lives.

If you are a parent of a senior, please send digital pictures for our slide show and your letters for their packets to Alice DeVries at devriesA@christchurchcharlotte.org as soon as possible.

Urban Adventure

June 8 – 11, our 9th 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.

12th Grade Life Group At The Relatives

The 12th grade Life Group prepared and served dinner for the children at The Relatives Crisis Center Saturday, March 11. It was a wonderful evening full of laughter and joy for everyone involved! The Relatives Crisis Center on East Boulevard is a residential program for children ages 7 – 17 facing homelessness or challenges at home.



Youth Sunday

On Sunday, March 12, we celebrated Youth Sunday as clocks sprung forward and the temperature dropped. Our youth did a wonderful job sharing their faith with our congregation.

A warm thank you to all who participated and made Youth Sunday a meaningful worship experience. We are so proud of each and every one of you!



Faith Talks

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 – 7:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Middle and High School families are invited to join us for dinner and a program on being Rooted in Faith.

The Reverend Matt Holcombe talks with the 12th grade Life Group about how regular participation in Life Group and Sunday School has rooted their faith journey as they head off from home for the next chapter in their lives. Please join us for this fun, faith-filled event!

STEWARDSHIP

Christ Church Foundation Scholarship Spotlight

Meet Brittany Kalmbach, a recent graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a four-year Christ Church Foundation Scholarship recipient. Brittany graduated in 2016 with a degree in International Business and Finance from Kenan-Flagler School of Business and a minor in Spanish.

Through the business school, Brittany was able to take advantage of a study abroad program in Madrid, Spain, during her junior year. She is currently working for Wells Fargo as a credit analyst for global financial institutions. As the daughter of Emily Kalmbach, a valued member of the Christ Church staff, Brittany was eligible to apply for the CCF scholarship.

When asked about the impact of the CCF scholarship, Brittany said, "The scholarship made me feel that I was helping my parents, who were funding my college education themselves. It also helped to make the study abroad program accessible for me. I hope the same can be done for others."

The Christ Church Foundation is so proud of Brittany's incredible success and her desire to help those who follow in her footsteps.



Do you know someone eligible for a CCF scholarship? Applications are available in the Rotunda wall rack and on the parish website. The application deadline is April 30, 2017.

Since the incorporation of the Christ Church Foundation in 1969, undergraduate collegiate and seminary scholarships have been awarded to Christ Church parishioners, as well as children of Christ Church and CCK staff members. An original gift from the Minor family, bolstered by many additional gifts over the years, coupled with the wise investment strategy of the larger CCF endowment, results in annual scholarships year after year.

Have you considered making a planned gift to the Christ Church Foundation in support of these scholarships? There are many easy ways to make a gift that will last forever. For more information, contact Kimberly Mize, Director of Stewardship, at mizek@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6973.

NEWCOMERS

Vespers in the Garden

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Vespers in the Garden is our annual spring tradition welcoming newcomers to Christ Church. The Hospitality Committee hosts this casual, outdoor event which begins with dinner and is followed by a lovely candlelight Vespers service, accompanied by the Christ Church Choir.

We invite all newcomers to join us for this special occasion, hosted by the Hospitality Committee, clergy, staff, and Vestry, held in the beautiful backyard of Alex and Patty Funderburg. Invitations will be mailed to all newcomer. We hope you can join us for this welcoming event!

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

Newcomer Dinner

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Don't miss our final Newcomer Dinner of the program year.

This is a fabulous opportunity to get to know other newcomers in a casual dinner setting, as well as hear from a clergy or staff about a little of what's going on around Christ Church. It's a fun, relaxing evening – we hope you can join us! Childcare is available

upon request. Please contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org to register or ask questions.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Freedom School 2017

Planning is now underway for our Rama Road Freedom School, a six-week summer literacy camp that focuses on reading skills, character enrichment, and community involvement.

If you haven't participated in Freedom School, you are missing out on a tremendous blessing! Freedom School happens June 19 – July 27, and we would love to involve you! We will need volunteers to:

- Read at Harambee (morning gathering time)
- Chaperone field trips
- Buy supplies
- Lead on-site activities
- Help appreciate our interns

If you want to help with Freedom School, contact Deborah Shoemake, shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6959. Learn more about Freedom School at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/freedomschool.

Costa Rica Mission Trips for Youth and Young Adults

For more than 20 years, Christ Church has been building its relationship with our brothers and sisters in Costa Rica. Our projects have included upfitting the facilities at a school in San Jose; helping rebuild the Diocesan House in San Jose; helping build a new school in Heredia, a suburb of San Jose; and tearing down and rebuilding Church of the Ascension in San Jose.

July 15 – 23, we will have a trip for youth and parents (rising 10th grade and older) and July 22 – July 30, for young adults (ages 21 – 35). We will stay at the Diocesan House in San Jose and work wherever the needs are greatest for most of the week.

The last few days 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 activities, which may include touring the national park, canopy tours, surfing, horseback riding, shopping or simply hanging out by the pool or beach.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$2,000 and includes airfare, accommodations, all transportation, and most meals. Scholarships are available to young adults which reduce the cost by nearly half. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Deborah Shoemake at 704-714-6959 or shoemaked@christchurch-charlotte.org.

Building More Than a Habitat House

Over the past five weeks, Christ Church parishioners have helped transform an empty lot in the Westerly Hills community into the beginnings of a beautiful new home. Working alongside our partner/homeowner, Nicole, and her family, we are not only constructing a home, but building relationships and community. Construction takes place on Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM through the end of April. We need 25 workers each day of the build! No experience necessary. Sign up now at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Annual Spring Retreat

May 5 – 7

“Building a Stronger Spiritual Foundation”

We are excited to return to the newly-renovated Kanuga Conference Center this year, just a two-hour drive from Charlotte. The crisp mountain weather will lend opportunities for fellowship and relaxation for women of all ages.

Our own Jenny Beaumont will help us explore “Building a Stronger Spiritual Foundation.” Ready to go deeper in your spiritual life? How do we develop and nurture a faith in the good times and the bad? Where do we see the will of God and our calling working together? No matter where we are in our faith journey, we can all have a richer and fuller faith life. We will explore how to deepen our spiritual walk and take home some new practices and perspectives to deepen our life with God (and other people, too).

For more information, go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw or contact Genie Hufham, ECW Retreat Chairperson, at geniehufham@gmail.com or 704-562-5350.



United Thank Offering

Mother's Day, May 14

“Our change changes lives.” This is the motto of the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church. For decades Episcopalians have collected change in little blue boxes as an expression of gratitude and given the money to the United Thank Offering where it is used to impact the lives of the least among us. While we no longer distribute the blue boxes, we invite parishioners on Mother's Day to take part in the amazing contribution the United Thank Offering makes worldwide.

Last year the United Thank Offering gave away over \$1.5 million and we at Christ Church contributed to that.

Examples of how funds were used:

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

United Thank Offering will be collected during the offering this Mother's Day and we hope you will make your gift this year.

Women's Ministry Spotlight:

Mitchell's Fund

One organization supported by Christ Church Women, the Mitchell Bays Turner Pediatric Fund, was established in 2012 to honor the son of founder and chairman, Meg McElwain. Mitchell was diagnosed at age three months with a rare form of Infant Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. Mitchie, as he was affectionately called, died just weeks after his second birthday from liver and kidney failure caused by the chemotherapy and antibiotic medications he took to fight his disease.

Mitchell's Fund supports the social needs (such as utility bills and mortgage payments) of families with children facing the crisis of life-threatening pediatric illnesses. The heart of Mitchell's Fund is pediatric cancer, but the Fund also supports families grappling with mental illness, sickle-cell anemia, extreme prematurity, chronic diseases and more.

One hundred percent of all contributions to the Fund are used to pay for living expenses, counseling services and travel for families of very sick children. When a child is sick, life goes on in many ways. The mission of Mitchell's Fund is to alleviate some of the financial stress parents face so they can focus 100% of their energy on caring for and being with their sick child.

Mitchell's Fund is one of many local and international organizations supported by Christ Church Women's Ministry (ECW) mission grants through annual projects and the GoodNews Shop.



STAFF NEWS

Welcome New Staff Member



Alice deVries
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Prior to joining our staff, Alice has been a volunteer in Youth Ministry at Christ Church since she moved here from Portugal in 2006. She was a middle school youth leader for EYC for six years and has served as co-leader with Steve Garbee of the 12th graders since they were in the 6th grade. During the summers Alice

serves as a Head Counselor at a girls' Christian camp in Mentone, AL called Camp DeSoto. This will be her eighth summer working with high school girls during the month of June. She also enjoys being an EFM mentor and leading the Thursday morning women's Bible study. Alice lives in Dilworth with her husband Peter. Her sons Trum and Gene are both in college in North Carolina. Alice enjoys hiking, photography, cooking and hanging out with friends and family on her front porch.

GOODNEWS SHOP

Bird Dog Bay at GoodNews

We are thrilled to now be carry a fun new men's collection at GoodNews!

Bird Dog Bay was founded in 2006 by Steve Mayer, the sole illustrator and designer for all products. He hand-draws every pattern, from neckwear to socks, pocket squares, to cufflinks, and more.

It all began with a visit to the rescue center when Steve adopted his first four-legged friend, Gus, a beautiful Fox Red Labrador Retriever that had been in a kill center for over two months and was just about to be put down. Gus was big, goofy, with no fear and zero manners... a perfect match. When Steve drove away from his house in the mornings and saw a guilt-inducing, disappointed "Bird Dog" Gus peering at him from the bay window of their new home, Bird Dog Bay was born.

Nowadays Steve spends his time working on his latest collection with Gus lying at his feet.

Whimsical yet sophisticated and made in the USA, Bird Dog Bay has a long-standing pedigree that always keeps men looking Best-in-Show!



In the Parish

New Members

Jenny & Brian Purcell

Katy Woods

Mary Catherine and Vince Zito Family

Courtney and Adam Purser

Karen Slocum

Kerri Jaeckel

Marriages

Amanda Anne Hui-Lin Lee and Edward Latimer Duvall

Births

John Whitmer Costa, son of Mary-Keller and J.D. Costa

Oliver Burkett Griffith, son of Katie and Mark Griffith,
grandson of Dee and Bryan Griffith

Naomi Wanjiru Harding and Ethan Nguni Harding, twins
of Irene Harding

Caroline Heyward von Werssowetz, daughter of Rad
and Odie von Werssowetz

Deaths

Kier Bass, cousin of Peter Friedli

Libby Crowell

George Gianakos, father of Cynthia Oates

Carolyn Knowlton, mother of Doug Knowlton

Matilda Kulick, sister of Terry Andrews

Ann Brown Long

Robert Owen Jones, grandfather of Larsen, Anne
Christian and Nancy Jones

Lloyd Miller, cousin of Jeff Beaver

Tommy Minor, brother of Hardin Minor

Sally Mitchener, grandmother of Jay and McNair
Mitchener

Got Christ Church Memorabilia?

We can help clean out your attic! The Christ Church 75th Anniversary Committee is looking for photos, minutes, documents, etc. to add to our archives. Bring anything you find and don't want to keep for yourself to the Church office.

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