The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte





Spring Parish Day is Sunday, May 21

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

Following the service, we will gather on the lawn to enjoy food, entertainment, and fun activities, including corn hole, horseshoes, a cake walk, face painting, a balloon artist

and bounce houses. We will enjoy award-winning barbeque from parishioner Dan Jones, along with lots of other delicious sides. King of Pops will have popsicles for sale. Dress for comfort and bring your picnic blanket!

Want to help or provide treats for the cake walk? Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.



"God is Real ... Jesus is Alive!"

These were the words of parishioner Warren Holland as he recounted his experience on the "Miracle on the Hudson" flight in 2009. On April 2, Warren captivated over 50 parishioners and friends with stories about his experiences and how that flight changed his life ... for the better! This iGroups event was held at the Carolinas Aviation Museum where participants were able to visit the museum, in addition to hearing from Warren. It was a fantastic afternoon!

iGroups are social events for parishioners, but also for friends, family and neighbors – they are invitations to fellowship. Our next iGroup will be **Friday**, **May 5** at Food Truck Friday at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Look for more details at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/igroups. We hope to see you there!

Easter Eggs Galore!

Many excited children attended Easter services to hear the amazing story of the risen Christ! After the 11:15 AM services, toddlers to eight-year-olds headed out with baskets in hand to hunt for eggs. The joy apparent in their faces tells the story best. A special "thank you" to our chair and assistants – Corrie Manis, Anna Clifford and Eleanor Fairey – who, along with many volunteers and candy donations, made this a fabulous event!







What is Navigators?

Previously called JYC (Junior Youth Connect), Navigators is a youth program for fourth and fifth graders that meets once a month for activities that focus on faith, fellowship, outreach and fun.



Navigators aims to grow this age group's connections with each other, as well as to their spiritual home. By offering events here that are "just for them," they naturally develop a personal tie to Christ Church, so that it is more than a place they only go because of Mom or Dad.

We play games each meeting to create natural interactions among kids, which fosters community among students who come from many different schools and neighborhoods. Creating a solid base of "safe friends" is critical for when they enter Episcopal Youth Community (6th – 8th grade), Bible studies, and Life Groups (9th - 12th grade) so they feel comfortable with their peers discussing and exploring their faith more deeply.



Navigators End of Year Picnic & Games

Wednesday, May 10, 5:00 – 6:30 PM Church Lawn

Vacation Bible School

Time is running out to register for this summer's Hero Central VBS!

- When: June 19 22
- · Where: The Grounds of Christ Church
- Who: Children rising four-year-olds (by August 31) rising fifth graders, teen helpers, and adult volunteers!

Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs to register. Registration closes on May 15. After that, children may be added to the waiting list. Contact Lindsay Masi at masil@ christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

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Sunday School Teacher Recruitment

Generosity. When you see that word, what comes to mind? Maybe you think of someone holding the door for an elderly woman, someone buying groceries for a family in need, or even someone who gives to their favorite nonprofit organization. These are all great examples of ways we can show God's love through generosity. But have you thought about the ways in which you can be generous with your time here at Christ Church? Consider teaching Sunday School!

We are looking for adults willing to act as shepherds to our youngest parishioners for the 2017-18 school year. Our Sunday School teachers help us plant the seed of faith in children two years old through fifth grade. The Children's Ministry staff will provide you with curriculum and materials, all you have to do is pray and show up! This is one of the most generous offerings you could give...and we would love to have you. If you have questions, please contact Lindsay Masi at masil@christchurchcharlotte.org

Sunday School Outreach for Freedom School

Join the Children's Ministry Commission and our Sunday School classes in supporting Freedom Schools! We will collect the following arts and crafts supplies to be donated to Freedom School Partners for a successful summer. Items can be dropped off items in your child's Sunday School classroom on Sunday mornings or in the bin outside the GoodNews Shop until May 30. Contact Caroline Coffron at carolinecoffron@yahoo.com with questions. Items for collection include:

- · Glue Bottles (4 oz. or more)
- · White Poster Board
- · Play-Doh (4 packs, 20 oz.)
- · Pipe cleaners
- Marker sets (sets of 10)
- Crayon sets (any size)
- · Construction Paper (assorted colors)
- · Color Pencils (sets of 12 or more)



THANK YOU!

from the Youth and Children's Ministry staff to all of our wonderful volunteers.

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We are grateful for the generous gifts of time, energy, faith, and love you have shared with our children and youth this year.

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Combination Youth Night

On March 23, high school and middle school got together for a fun-filled evening at our first combination Youth Night. Peter deVries captivated us with stories from his adventurous and primitive childhood growing up in the Philippines as a missionary kid and delighted us with beautiful music played on his 300-year-old violin. Peter also shared with us the amazing story of how he came to own his beautiful instrument through the generosity of others.







City Bus Trip

On April 2, a group of our ninth graders went on a poverty awareness adventure into the heart of Charlotte via public transportation. They were given the opportunity to experience how differently a day would feel if they had to rely solely on free public services and purchase a week's worth of groceries for a family for under \$20. A challenging scavenger hunt helped create awareness of how so many of our neighbors live in our city. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this an eye-opening experience.

Summer Youth Opportunities

Looking for opportunities to keep your youth engaged and enriched over the summer break? Here's a variety of possibilities:

Urban Adventure: June 8 - 11

Ninth graders will board an overnight train to Washington, D.C., where they will learn to navigate a large city on their own. Questions? Contact Adam Klevenhagen at 704-714-6968 or klevenhagena@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Freedom School: June 19 – July 27

Freedom School at Rama Road Elementary is a six-week summer literacy camp that focuses on reading skills, character enrichments, and community involvement. All high schoolers are invited to participate in afternoon activities, join in as a guest on field trips or read aloud at the morning opening ceremony. Freedom School is great way to participate in summer service! Questions? Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Vacation Bible School: June 19 - 22

We are looking for 30 middle and high school students to help us during the week with games, crafts, music and more. Teens will be asked to be on-site each day from 8:45~AM-1:15~PM and to attend one of two training sessions: either Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 PM or Sunday, June 4 at 11:45 AM. Wait list only, at this time.

This is another great opportunity to log service hours over the summer. Please talk to your teen to see if he/she is interested in serving in this way, then register online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs.

HUGS: June 19 - 24 for Campers, June 17 - 24 for Helper Campers

HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. They overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding. It is about acknowledging the good

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creation in each of us, and learning to appreciate and celebrate our diversity as we recognize our common ground. This is offered by Episcopal Diocese of NC.

Helpers must be 14 years old by August 31. Download form at http://www.dionc.org/Youth/hugs-camp.html. Complete ALL information on computer then print, sign and submit registrations as soon as you are able. We can only accept Campers when we have Helpers.

Cost is \$420. A deposit of \$140 is due with the application and the balance is due upon acceptance to camp. Please submit a photo of yourself with your application. Make checks payable to: The Episcopal Diocese of NC.

Mail completed forms, deposit and current picture (if you are a new camper) to Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, Attn: Youth Dept., 200 W. Morgan St., Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27601.

Costa Rica Mission Trip: July 15 - 23

There are five spaces available for rising 10th graders and older (and a parent) for the summer mission trip to Costa Rica. Part of the week is spent working and building relationships with our brothers and sisters in Costa Rica, and part of the week is spent on fun adventures which may include surfing, horseback riding, shopping, zip-lining and more.

Cost of this trip is approximately \$2000 and includes airfare, accommodations, all transportation and most meals. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christ-churchcharlotte.org

Glory Ridge: July 23 - 29, Madison County, NC

Christ Church offers a wonderfully fun and meaningful mission experience at Glory Ridge. Glory Ridge is a mission camp in Madison County, NC where groups come for a week to serve the local community by doing repairs on homes and being present with the people they are serving. This mission week is a great chance to bond and serve together. Plus, on Friday night, we go to The Depot in Marshall for some good old mountain bluegrass!

Glory Ridge is a perfect opportunity for the Mr. or Mrs. Fix-It of your house to come as a volunteer and help guide the youth on the job sites alongside the Glory Ridge summer staff. This could be a great week to serve as a family.

Questions? Contact Deborah at 704-714-6959 or shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.



2017 Youth Wales Pilgrimage

Please pray for the Youth Pilgrims traveling to Wales June 12-19, 2017 as they explore, grow, and deepen their relationship with God and the world. Our 2017 Youth Pilgrims are:

Haydn Baughan Araminta Cheek Lauren Cmiel Mac Culbertson Thomas Fetter Charlotte Gay Emma Gay Grace Gay Wilson Glasgow Chase Greenwood Kate Hoover Seton Ijams
Nathan Kocmond
George Ladley
Emma Martin
Sallie Parkhurst
Elizabeth Redvanly
Rob Schleusner
Anna Thalman
Gabrielle Wall
William Yon

The Youth are joined by these Adult Pilgrims:

Matt Holcombe Adam Klevenhagen Gigi Harris Clem McDavid AT Castillo Linda Castillo

Pilgrimage Travel Blog

Follow our adventures online by subscribing to our travel blog. See what we are seeing and experience what we are experiencing from any mobile device or computer. Click "Follow Blog," insert email address, click "Submit," then open your email to verify.

www.wales2017pilgrimage.wordpress.com

Prayer for our Pilgrims

Almighty God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth; Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

MISSION & OUTREACH





Freedom School Will Make Your Day

"I know I can be what I want to be!"

Are you ready to hear this enthusiastic chant from our Freedom School scholars this summer? We certainly are! Planning is now underway for our Rama Road Freedom School, a six-week summer literacy camp that focuses on reading skills, character enrichments, and community involvement. Freedom School happens June 19 - July 28, and we would love to involve you. Here are some ways you can serve:

Pick a Paw Print

Take a raccoon paw print from the walls of All Saints' Hall or the church and purchase the needed supply item printed on the paw. Items can be dropped off in the bin outside the Blue Room until June 4.

Read at Harambee

Every Freedom School day beings with Harambee ("lets pull together" in Swahili), which is a time of singing, dancing, and hearing a story read by a guest visitor. Come read a story and have your heart leaping for joy during this 45 minute session (8:15 - 9:00 AM). For information and to sign up, contact Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Chaperone a Field Trip

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

Lead an On-Site Activity

Freedom

School

Let your creative juices flow! Do you have a special talent or interest that can be shared in a fun and interactive way with scholars? From 1:00 - 2:45 PM on-site activities are scheduled. Examples are yoga, art, cooking, sewing, or nature walks. For more information and to sign up contact Josiah Daniels at danielsj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Hospitality for Interns

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

Shop for Supplies

Partners Shoppers are given supply lists and are asked to purchase required materials for a week (reimbursements available). These are items like paper, glue, and craft supplies. For more information and to sign up, contact Josiah Daniels at danielsj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

General Support and Special Events

Help our interns with classroom set-up, Jubilee, and end-ofseason pack-up. Your helping hands will be greatly appreciated. High school youth are welcome; middle school youth must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to sign up, contact Gigi Harris, gigiharris1961@gmail.com.

For more information on these and other ways you may get involved in Freedom School, contact Gigi Harris at gigiharris1961@gmail.com.

Sundays in May

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

CLERGY CLASS:

The Reverend Matt Holcombe

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"The Good Book"



Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe as we explore the Bible as a community. This is an opportunity for you to grow in faith through biblical studies, theological reflections, and to help connect the Bible to your life.

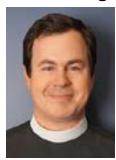
Download a Bible application (version NRSV) to your phone in advance or BYOB, Bring Your Own Bible.

RECTOR'S CLASS:

The Reverend Chip Edens



"Because He Lives: How the Resurrection Of Jesus Changes Everything"



It makes a big difference whether or not Jesus is alive or dead. What does it mean when we say Jesus lives? How do we develop a relationship with the living Jesus? Join us this Sunday as we conclude our yearlong series on generosity and explore the generative power of Gods love and how it changes everything.

Spring Parish Day See page 2 for details.



Summer Worship Schedule Begins

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Sunday School will resume in September. See page 9 for schedule details.

Race Matters for Juvenile Justice

Wednesday, May 3 7:00 PM, All Saints' Hall



Join The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth as we learn about Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ), a collaborative leadership group working within our community to reduce disproportionality and disparate outcomes for children and families of color through institutional organizing, education, and workforce development.

The vision of RMJJ is a Charlotte-Mecklenburg community where the composition and outcomes of juvenile courts cannot be predicted by race or ethnicity.

RMJJ co-chairs Elisa Chinn-Gary, Clerk of Superior Court and Elizabeth Trosch, Juvenile Court Judge will discuss their work and aid our understanding of "implicit bias" and its contribution to the disparities and disproportionality in our community.

EFM (Education for Ministry)

Wondering what is next? EFM is a weekly Bible study and theological reflection group that seeks to connect the study of scripture with our real lives. Registration is now open for groups that will meet on Wednesday or Friday mornings (9:15 – 11:30 AM) or Tuesday evenings (7:00 – 9:00 PM), September through May. Contact Jenny Beaumont at 704-714-6945 or beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org for more information.

Listening Like a Leader: Communication Skills Training

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. Three more classes are being offered in 2017.



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.

WORSHIP

Summer Worship Schedule

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May 28

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church10:30 AM Morning Prayer in the Church5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

June 4

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Children's Chapel

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

June 11

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:30 AM Morning Prayer in the Church

Contemporary Eucharist in All Saints' Hall

Children's Chapel

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

June 18

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Children's Chapel

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

June 25

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:30 AM Morning Prayer in the Church

Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

July 2 (see June 4)

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ worship/our-services to view our entire summer worship calendar.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Engaged? Newlyweds?

From This Day Forward Dinner Sunday, May 21, 6:00 PM

We invite you to a dinner gathering for engaged couples and for couples married less than two years. We want Christ Church to feel like home and for you to feel connected to other couples like



you, and our host couples.

Host couples are Beth and Jack Burris; Spencer and Cam Buchanan; Matt and Sarah Kain; Ashley and Chase Kerley; and Ashley and Larry McWilliams.

For more information about From This Day Forward Dinners, or to sign up for dinner, contact Lisa Saunders at saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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Bridge Nights

A table of bridge can bring comfort and fellowship. On Wednesday nights, folks gather to play bridge at Christ Church. When a woman in the group moved into a retirement community and became homebound, her fellow bridge players stepped up. They visit her regularly and have brought a deck of cards to create a foursome for an afternoon of bridge. This Wednesday night bridge group was established by Van Hill, who died over a year ago. His leadership and spirit of compassion and service lives on through the group's members.

Live Generously: Join the Homebound Ministry Team

As we prepare to celebrate 75 years of Christ Church, we need to reflect on our members who have made our spiritual home what it is today. Let's keep our homebound members connected and let them know that when you can't come to Church anymore, the Church will come to you. Please consider joining our ministry and visit members in retirement communities five to six times per year. We will coordinate the teams and provide guidance, and hope this will be a meaningful experience for you and the people whose lives you will touch. If you want to learn more or think this is a ministry you can join, contact Lisa Saunders at saundersL@ christchurchcharlotte.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Choir for Adults

Would you like to sing with us this summer? Please join us in the choir room on Sundays at 9:30 AM beginning June 4. We will rehearse an anthem and sing for the 10:30 AM service. If you love to sing, we would love to have you as part of our summmer choir.

A weekly commitment is not required, rather, we invite you to join us as you are able any Sunday, June 4 – July 30.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Lisa Lashley at lashleyl@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-351-2136. We look forward to seeing you!

GOODNEWS SHOP

Graduation at GoodNews!

Again this year, we are pleased to offer you a great selection of graduation gifts!

As always we have a variety of totes, cosmetic bags, valet trays, dopp kits, duffels and more. Back this year is Color Dunes, one of our favorites! This awesome company continues to combine the functionality of durable canvas with a modern touch using faux leather/suede with tan and metallic tones in their designs. Their new Fringe collection is on trend and definitely makes a fun style statement.



All items can be monogrammed to add a personal touch. Come by the shop and let us help you find the perfect gifts for your favorite graduates!

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 to the Church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Annual Sages Tea

Tuesday, May 23, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Blue Room

for tea with our amazing Christ Church Sages. Gather wisdom, new friendships, and grow your faith from some of the most special women in our Church.





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 a 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.

STAFF NEWS

New Outreach & Mission Director



On April 18, we welcomed Josiah Daniels as our new Director of Outreach and Mission at Christ Church.

While his family now lives in Houston, Josiah spent most of his childhood in San Antonio, Texas, where his father was a pastor. He graduated from Southern Nazarene University near Oklahoma City in 2012. He moved to Durham shortly thereafter

to attend Duke Divinity School, where he received a Master of Divinity in 2015.

Quite in spite of Duke and Carolina basketball fans, Josiah has fallen in love with North Carolina and now considers it home. Following graduation, he served on the Outreach and Engagement team at the Urban Ministry Center. Most recently he has been a substitute teacher at Trinity Episcopal School. When he is not working, Josiah enjoys reading books, watching movies, and playing video games that make his fiancé Riley roll her eyes. He also enjoys hiking and running with Riley and their feisty rescue dog, Nilla. Be sure to stop by and welcome Josiah to our parish.

Meet Catherine Hicks



As we search for our next Director of Music, we are fortunate that Catherine Hicks has joined our music ministry team in an interim capacity. You might find her behind the organ or directing the choir on Sunday mornings.

Catherine is a graduate of Wake Forest University, has a Masters in Church Music from Westminster Choir College, and a

Doctorate of Musical Arts in organ from Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music. Her passion for church music is driven by the belief that there is no higher purpose for music than to be used in a worship experience.

A native of Shelby, NC, Catherine is descended from two generations of church musicians. Her first church music job was at age 15, as assistant organist for Central Methodist Church in Shelby. She brings an ecumenical outlook to music ministry, having worked in churches of many denominations. She was confirmed Episcopalian in late 80s, and joined Myers Park Baptist upon moving to Charlotte.

Catherine lives in the Wesley Heights neighborhood, and when she's not making music, she has a full-time job raising private capital for Altegris, an alternative asset manager based in La Jolla. CA.

In the Parish

New Members

Whitney Moose
Kasey and Robbie Abbe Family
Lisa and Erik Wright Family
Leigh Falkner
Alison Gallagher
Wizzie Irvin
Wendy and Mark Cantey Family

Marriages

Izabella Malvar deSouza and Richard Van Bray III

Births

Louise Wornall Godwin, daughter of Sybil and Bill Godwin, granddaughter of Helen Godwin, and Janet and Bill Wornall

Edward Christopher Kelly, great nephew of Eddie Kelly Fred Stafford Kelly, Jr., son of Wendelyn and Stafford Kelly Catharine Wilson Kraper, daughter of Emily and John Kraper

Helen Lisle Threlkeld, daughter of Laurens and Michael Threlkeld, granddaughter of Patty and Jeff Adams

Baptisms

Vaughn Philip Coleman, son of Kelly and Andrew Coleman Evelyn Christine Kemper, daughter of Elizabeth and Michael Kemper

Margot Anderson Purser, daughter of Alice and Lat Purser George Wiman Carter III, son of Lauren and George Carter, Jr.

Deaths

Lee Harbin Broadway, niece of Kathy DeCurtins John Columbus Cowan III

Mary Anna Garraway, aunt of Sara Roche Edgar Blanton Hamilton, father of Blanton Hamilton

Charles Hoover, father of Kay Sowers

Freda Gertrude Horn, grandmother of Ashley Jacobs

Flossy Luke King, aunt of Marilyn Urey

Charles McAdams, Jr., father of Judd McAdams

Bruce Elder Mitchell, father of Lisa Parrish and Jean Salisbury

James Roche, father of Mary Peyton Roche and Katie Roche

Mary Ellen Vincent, mother of Valerie Goldsmith

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Welcome Our New Associate Rector

The Very Reverend Joshua Case has been called to serve as our Associate Rector for Children, Youth and Families.

Joshua brings a wealth of experience working with children, youth, and families, having led programs in the United States and Europe, most recently at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Atlanta, which is a large suburban parish. He is a visionary leader, a gifted preacher, teacher, and a compassionate pastor.

Joshua will begin his ministry at Christ Church on June 1. We look forward to welcoming the Cases, and we ask for your prayers as they prepare for the move to their new spiritual home.

Join us for a Reception on June 4, following the 10:30 AM worship service in the Blue Room.