SUMMER 2017

The Disciple







And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'

– MARK 16:15



Living into our mission all summer long

Pictured: (top left) Vacation Bible School; (bottom left) Freedom School; (bottom right) Youth Pilgrimage to Wales.



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MISSION & OUTREACH

Freedom School is in Full Swing!

Freedom School at Rama Road Elementary began with great excitement June 19. Hosted by Christ Church with Freedom School Partners, this six-week summer literacy program for children in grades K - 8 is led by college interns, with a focus on literacy, character education, and community involvement.

This year, we are serving 70 local students with 16 youth from Christ Church on our Teen Board helping each child achieve their literacy goals. We are grateful for the many volunteers who read each morning at Harambee, lead on-site



activities, chaperone field trips, donate supplies, and take part in this transformational program in many other ways.

Through July 27, come out any weekday at 8:30 AM for Harambee, a morning pep rally of motivational singing, cheers and chants, dancing, and children's books read in a lively storytelling fashion. It's a great way to start your day!

Rama Road School Supply Drive

Though we are still in the middle of summer, the school year is fast approaching. As you know, we partner with Rama Road Elementary School to help supply students with things they need for the school year. Every year, parishioners generously purchase and donate school supplies.

We need your help again this year. The school supply drive will run Friday, July 23 until Sunday, August 6. Look out for supply lists in the entrance hall of the Church and All Saints' Hall. Simply grab a paw print, purchase the supplies listed, and return them to the Rotunda by August 6. Thank you in advance for your generosity and ongoing commitment to Christ Church's partnership with Rama Road Elementary! Questions? Contact Josiah Daniels at danielsj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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Costa Rica Mission Trip

For many years, Christ Church has sent teams of volunteers to assist our partners in the Episcopal Church of Costa Rica. This summer, a team of 10 adults, young adults, and youth will work in Heredia, Costa Rica at the Hogar Escuela Christ Church that members helped build.

Hogar Escuela is a pastoral mission of the Episcopal Church of Costa Rica that offers support to mothers who are heads of household and, due to socioeconomic circumstances, cannot pay for a baby sitter while they are at work. It also provides comprehensive attention to children, offering them food, day care, and academic assistance while guiding them in their physical and emotional growth. Inspired by Christ's redeeming message, *Hogar Escuela* strives to contribute a genuine service to those who are most in need. Please join us in prayer as we prepare for this incredible journey!

A Word About Our Fourth Pillar

by Josiah Daniels

Our parish has identified four areas that are the foundation of our outreach programming. They are: housing and homelessness; children and education; poverty prevention; and, most recently, racial justice and reconciliation. As your new Director of Outreach and Mission, I am deeply committed to bolstering the ways we are already making a difference in these areas and bringing new and engaging opportunities for growth to the parish. And we are making a difference! Because of your ongoing commitment to our Christian mission, we are able to help over 20 different agencies in Charlotte and around the world change people's lives.

However, it is no secret that there is still much work to be done when it comes to racial justice and reconciliation in our communities, city, and nation. Our nation's long history of racially discriminatory policies and attitudes still haunts us today. If the United States could have a Facebook relationship status with race and racism, it would almost certainly be "it's complicated." It will take time to undo what has been done over so many years, but please know that I am deeply committed to helping Christ Church discern how it can answer centuries of injustice with the light of Christ.

This fall, our Outreach and Mission Commission will be holding a retreat to explore how Christ Church can faithfully address this painful history. We hope that from there we will be better equipped to offer numerous educational and engagement opportunities in this area. I invite your prayers as we seek to discern where God is leading us. Additionally, know that I am eager to hear your thoughts and suggestions in this or any area of Christ Church's Outreach and Mission programming. Feel free to connect with me at danielsj@christchurchcharlotte.org or at 704-714-6943.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who has made my first few months as part of this parish so wonderful. My wife Riley and I have been overwhelmed to see how generous and kind every person we meet is. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! This is truly a remarkable place and I am honored to be a part of the team. I look forward to the years to come.

Beautiful New Driveway Circle Is in the Works

The driveway circle outside the Church is slated for some lovely improvements in July and August, to enhance not only the appearance of the circle but also the safety and accessibility of that area of our campus. The asphalt driveway and yellow-painted concrete curbs will be replaced by brick pavers with limestone accents that will blend into the surrounding sidewalk. The new materials will complement the existing architecture of the Church and remove the step up from driveway to sidewalk that make it difficult for some parishioners to navigate into our sanctuary and adjacent areas. And of course, our beloved oak and gingko trees will be well-protected in the process.

This work is scheduled to begin July 5 and will take approximately six weeks. During this time, the Church will remain open for regular worship services, with fencing and signage to direct parishioners around the construction areas. Lemonade on the Lawn will continue and Hot Dog Sundays will not be held in July.

Thank you for your patience as we undergo this project, and for your generosity through the Leap of Faith campaign, which made it possible. We trust these changes will support our efforts to offer hospitality to all who visit our beautiful campus.



We look forward to sharing the "AFTER" photo in a future issue!

Summer Worship Schedule

July 2

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:40 AM	Children's Chapel
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

July 9

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM	Morning Prayer in the Church
10:30 AM	Contemporary Eucharist in All Saints' Hall
10:40 AM	Children's Chapel
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

July 16

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM 10:40 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church Children's Chapel
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

July 23

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July 30

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:40 AM	Children's Chapel
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

August 6

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:40 AM	Children's Chapel
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

August 13

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM	Morning Prayer in the Church
10:30 AM	Contemporary Eucharist in All Saints' Hall
10:40 AM	Children's Chapel
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

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PARISH LIFE

A SPRING OF WELCOMING ..



Vespers in the Garden

Vespers in the Garden was held April 20 in the beautiful gardens of Patty and Alex Funderburg. The guests of honor – our newcomers – were welcomed by clergy, staff, Vestry members and choir mem-

bers who led a beautiful candlelight Vespers' service.

With nearly 80 people in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and worship! A special thank you to our co-chairs, Molly Nielsen and Lindsey Williams. Speaking of "welcoming," Molly welcomed daughter Miller that very evening and Lindsey welcomed daughter Slane a few days later. They were truly super volunteers!





Pictured: (top) Vespers Candlelight Service; (center left) Chair Lindsey Williams with Katie Breeding; (center right) Steve Rhyne, Lindsey Masi, Rich Walker, Whitney Moose and Shannon Kendall.



Spring Parish Day

Christ Church celebrated Spring Parish Day on May 21 with a beautiful Festival Eucharist service, fabulous BBQ and fixins' from parishioner Dan Jones, and lots of fun activities for the kids. The weather was gorgeous, despite an early threat of rain, and we welcomed parishioners, new and old. A great way to usher in the summer! A special thank you to our amazing volunteers, led by our co-chairs, Lauren Carter and Cacky Higgins! For more pictures, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parishday.

Pictured: (top left) Therapy Dog Theo gets hugs from Banks and Scott Ahlborn, after his service dog graduation ceremony; (top right) Olivia Morano paints a fun design on Rose Doyle's cheek; (bottom left) The Nielsens, Carters and Austins enjoy the day with their families; (bottom right) Gardner Williams plays corn hole with Dean Akin, as brother Sam Akin watches from behind.



an invitation to fellowship

Lots of fun has been had at our recent iGroup gatherings.iGroups are an invitation to fellowship for all Christ Church members and visitors, family, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome ... the more the merrier!

July iGroup: Knights Baseball Game

Save the date for our next iGroup **Monday, July 24 at 7:00 PM**. We will come together for a Knights baseball game on the lawn at BB&T Ballpark. Bring your blankets and your spirit as we cheer on our Charlotte Knights and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. Invite your family, friends and neighbors! Details are at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/igroups. There will be a link to purchase your Knights tickets and to sign up to let us know you are coming. Hope to see you there!



June iGroup: Romare Bearden Party in the Park

On June 14, we gathered at Romare Bearden Park to enjoy the music of the band, Chairman of the Board. It was a lovely evening and a grand time was had by all!



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Vacation Bible School 2017











Thank you to the countless volunteers who are real super heroes in our book! Hero Central was a great success! With nearly 270 people onsite each day learning to "Do good! Seek peace, and go after it!" we learned how each one of us has the ability through God to have super hero heart, courage, wisdom, and power! We cannot express our gratitude for the mountains of generosity experienced during this amazing week, and we can't wait to do it again next year! Enjoy this photo collage to experience just a small piece for yourself!

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b







Christ Church Pictorial Directory

One good way to welcome people in a large congregation is to have an updated pictorial directory. Don't forget to



make your appointment to be included! There are plenty of dates still available in early and later August, so hop online and make your appointment. Please note you will be asked to create a new account with login and password ... please keep that information in case you need to change your appointment. For

more details and to sign up for your appointment, go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/photo-directory. If you have questions, please contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

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Connect Class

Are you interested in connecting more deeply to your spiritual home? Please join us for our next Connect Class on Sunday, August 13.

This class is designed for newcomers, but intended for anyone wanting to connect and learn more about Christ Church. It is an excellent way to get to know other newcomers, as well as clergy and staff, on a more personal basis. One attendee noted, the "class was informative, but not too overwhelming with detail. This class showed the heart and personality of Christ Church."

To register or if you have questions, contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974. Lunch will be provided and childcare available upon request.

Hear Clearly!

Did you know Christ Church has a hearing loop system for worshipers using hearing aids?

The system works for services held in the Church only. If your hearing aid has a setting for telephone use, switch your device to the "T" or telephone setting. The audio signal from all microphones will be broadcast directly to your hearing aid for better clarity. If your hearing aid does not have a telephone or "T" setting, contact your hearing aid provider. Noted Care IDEAS THAT HELP. STORIES THAT INSPIRE.

What to Say to Someone with Mental Illness

When someone we love is suffering with mental illness, we often feel at a loss as to how to help and what to say. But reaching out is of great importance. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Educate yourself about mental health. Mental illness is a brain disease. It is not a choice or a character deficiency. It can be treated. One out of five of us will experience some form of mental illness in our lifetime, while one in 25 will experience mental illness that substantially interferes with or limits life activities.
- Encourage your friend or family member (or yourself) to get professional help.
- Persist. Keep calling, texting, emailing, inviting, and visiting.
- Listen. Validate that what the other is going through is real and hard.

Don't say:

- I know how you feel. (You don't.)
- Life isn't fair.
- Stop feeling sorry for yourself.
- Cheer up.
- · It's your own fault. (It's not.)
- Try harder.
- You worry too much.
- Get over it.
- You have so much to be thankful for.
- There are lots of people worse off than you.
- We all have our troubles.

Say:

- · I'm here; you are not alone.
- You are important to me.
- This is not your fault.
- You will get through this. It won't always be like this.
- Have you talked with your doctor about any of this?
- Would you like me to make a doctor/counselor appointment for you?
- I will go with you, or Come with me.
- Is there a chore I can do for you? Is there something I can take off your plate?
- What kind of thoughts are you having?
- Have you thought about hurting yourself?

If you know someone who has a family member experiencing mental illness, don't be afraid to ask how their loved one is doing, in the same way you would do if they were physically ill. Offer the gift of a meal or a note of support. Help erase the stigma associated with mental illness.

Sharing Joy One Bouquet at a Time

On Monday mornings at Christ Church there's a wonderful behind-the-scenes ministry in action. The Sunshine Guild is a small group of caring volunteers who rearrange the beautiful flowers from our Sunday worship services into smaller bouquets and share them with others.

Nancy Morgan is a long-time volunteer with the Sunshine Guild. She's lost count of the years, but she knows it's been at least 20, maybe more than 30!

"I have found it to be extremely rewarding. Who doesn't love to receive flowers? And who doesn't love to give flowers? It brings me such joy," Nancy says. She also shares how easy and fun it is. "There is no obligation beyond what you choose to do. We just sign up to come on any Monday at 9:30 AM, and we're usually finished by 11:30 AM, unless we get chatty while we arrange the flowers." The Reverend Lisa Saunders supplies a list of parishioners who might need some cheer or encouragement, and the volunteers deliver them with a card from the Church. "Even if we just leave the flowers at the door, we know they're going to get a nice surprise when they get home."

Would you like to be a part of this joyful ministry? We'd love to have you! For more information, contact Ainslie Wall at 704-333-0378 or walla@christchurchcharlotte.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mission Spotlight: The Council for Children's Rights

ECW is pleased to support the Council for Children's Rights (CFCR) this year. CFCR was formed in 2006 and is Charlotte-Mecklenburg's leading advocate for children, providing both direct assistance to children in need today, and working for the well being of all children in the future. Its mission is to lead the community to stand up for every child's right to be safe, healthy, and educated.

The Council for Children's Rights provides legal representation, custody and individual advocacy for some of the most at-risk children in Mecklenburg County. Its advocacy



work focuses primarily in the areas of education, abuse and neglect, mental health, custody, domestic violence and juvenile justice. It engages the community to work together for system reform and public policy that addresses the needs and future of all children.

CFCR speaks for children when no one else will. Its experienced, knowledgeable staff members know exactly who to call, what to do, and where to go when a child's life is in crisis. It provides hope where others find roadblocks.

GOODNEWS SHOP



Happy Summer from GoodNews

In observance of the Fourth of July Holiday, we will be closed July 2 - 9.

Our Annual Summer Sale will begin Monday, July 10th. Select items 50% Off!

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.

ADULT FORMATION

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

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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.



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.



October 19-22, 2017

Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe to explore and deepen your faith as we walk in the footsteps of our founders. Don't forget your walking shoes — this will be a walking tour! Highlights include the Washington National Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, St. Johns Church (Church of the Presidents), plus museums, monuments, and memorials. We fly from Charlotte to Washington, D.C. with accommodations at the Mayflower Hotel. Registration deadline is August 8, 2017. For more information or to register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte. org/washington.

Confirmation of Youth and Adults

Christ Church joyfully welcomes the following new members:

Youth

Caroline Lucas Aucamp William Hemingway Bossong **Eugene Gray Bowles Reid Douglas Brown** John Morris Byrne **Edison Foard Cassels** Luke Armstrong Culbertson Kiran Foster Dillard Elizabeth Lindley Dixon Elizabeth Rhett Edens William Massie Flippin Katherine Hudson Fuller Anna Elizabeth Fulton **Thomas Bailey Gibert** Martha Elizabeth Goldsmith **Beasley Stewart Gordon** Marshall James Hanson Katherine Eileen Hodges Caroline Kelly Hopkins Sallie Bowerman Hughes Elizabeth Roswell Hunter Anne Davis Jones Jacob Ryan Koivisto **Elizabeth Augustine** Kreshon Sofia Boyd Ladley Nathaniel Christopher Lambert Madeleine Grace Levine William Pearson Walker Lucas Lewis Hall McCurdy James Yates Mitchell Ella Ashe Mountcastle Laine Hart Nicholson Miller Grace Otto Sarah Catharine Pappas William Alexander Pappas Sarah Lindsay Pearce **Thomas Francis Pinckney** Griffin Elizabeth Pitt

Harrison Hugh Plott Eliza Pennington Poole **Roger Alan Portaro** Garrett Virginia Portland Thomas William Redvanly Henry Marshall Roberts Faye Elizabeth Roselle Henry Joseph Ryan Thomas Mason Shelley **Robert Stone Starling Russell Preston Tabor** Brian Grayson Trowbridge Jackson Mantema Tuttle-Luft **Charles Malcolm Viser** Sadie Adele-Marie Weiss Alice Hearne Whisnant Vivian Alexander Workman Emma Clay Kate Yorker Anna Hargette Zimmerman

Adults

Confirmed Kristin Arnold Don Benningfield Jeff Brown Julie Brown Porter Graham Jeff Irvin Liz Lowry Lee Lowry Deborah Motto Peggy Williams Sarah Woodruff

Reaffirmed

Andy Moose Shirley Woodruff

Received Joe Motto Kathleen Wootton

Freedom School Teen Board

The 2017 Freedom School Teen Board is a group of dedicated high school students from Christ Church who volunteer as Freedom School classroom assistants for two successive weeks during the summer. Teen Board members learn about how the Freedom School program helps to close the academic achievement gap for low-income students, assist with and lead fun activities, and develop meaningful relationships with Freedom School scholars and staff. We are blessed by the generosity of these teens who are giving back to the community by serving at Rama Road this summer.

John Harris Josie Hicks Emma Hines Billy Hobbs Sam Hobbs Cameron LeSage Courtney LeSage Janie Lucas Anna Mack Jack Malone Crawford Orr Amanda Pinckney Kate Saunders Anna Thalman Gabby Wall



Last Chance to Register for Glory Ridge!

Have you heard all the buzz about the youth summer trip to Glory Ridge? Christ Church youth will return to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains July 23 - 29 for an experience that can be life-changing: challenging youth to simplify their lifestyles, reach out in service, and say yes to their baptismal call to make the world a better place. This week provides an opportunity for reflection, prayer, faith sharing, service, Sabbath and lots of fun.

Parents, are you looking for ways to connect more with your teen? Why not consider coming along as an adult leader? This shared experience is proven to be a wonderful way of reconnecting and deepening relationships between parents and teens. More adult leaders are needed. The cost is \$550 per person. Contact Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org for more information.

In the Parish

New Members

Laura Boorman Katie and Matthew Breeding Peggy Bridgeforth Brian Chambers Oliver Crawford Julia DeVita Chris Douglas Courtney and John Fain Chris Howie Lauren Leazer Suzi and Brenden McInerney Merrill and Will Mills Brooks Owens Ashley Shope Carl Swift Gwyn and Billy Taylor

Marriages

Pauline Winston Phillips to Trevor Ferebee Beasley Baxter Springs Close and John Petrone Catharine Millice Ellerbe and Seth Leldon Knight IV Anna Katherine Leary and Adam Jason Beedenbender Annie Covington Sellers and Aaron Michael Greene Alicia Marie Repeczky and Roy Louis Smart IV Hannah Isabelle Dibble and Reid White Palmer Kathleen Edythe Wootton and Glenn Wesly Nastiuk

Births

Blake Anderson McPhail, son of Charity and Matt McPhail Jane Miller Nielsen, daughter of Molly and Thomas Nielson,

granddaughter of The Reverend Patty Rhyne Sterling Gilliam Thomas, Jr, son of Leila and Sterling Thomas,

grandson of Parkie and Bo Thomas

Elizabeth Huguley Williams, daughter of Katie and Drew Williams Julia Marie Wright, daughter of Lisa and Erik Wright

Stephen James Rhyne, son of Kristin and Stephen Rhyne, grandson of Steve Rhyne

Baptisms

William Gray Murray IV, son of Sally and Gray Murray John Everette Mills, son of Merrill and William Mills Joseph Branch Craige Kluttz, III, son of Brooke and Craige Kluttz George Walter Giammarinaro, Charles Matthew Giammarinaro

and Luke Alexander Giammarinaro, sons of Carolyn and Matt Giammarinaro

Tucker Manning Matthews, son of Anna and Brian Matthews Campbell Grace Baker, daughter of Elizabeth and Michael Baker Jack Hemingway McKim, son of Caroline and Stephen McKim Alexander Benjamin Slocum, son of Karen and Ben Slocum Beau Barragan Steele, son of Marianna and Eric Steele Mason James Brock, son of Tracy and John Brock

Christopher Robert Betler Telford, son of Christy-Anne Betler and Andrew Telford

Kalan Russell Pegg

Deaths

Thomas Fred Brown Robert Smith Dutro, father of Katie Elsasser Charles Dean Lakin, father of Kimberly Mize John Hargrave Lowe Mary Agnes Moeslein, sister of Dr. Flynn Harris Anne Peden, mother of Sophie Allen Elizabeth Barnes Pinckney, daughter of Francis and Diana Pinckney, sister of Dank Pinckney Nan Dorsey Rand, mother of Elizabeth Jones Erdle Frances Jones Scherer, mother of Carolyn and Sean Hogue Marianna Mason Sheridan

Henry Tillman Snead

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