

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

The Episcopal Family



As we welcome two of our bishops to our Spiritual Home this month, we thought you might enjoy some interesting facts about our connection to the larger Episcopal family. We are a part of a vibrant tradition with deep spiritual roots and a strong commitment to relevance in the modern world. We are grateful for our place in the tapestry of our denomination.

How large is the Episcopal Family?

In terms of membership, Christ Church is the fifth largest Episcopal Church in the United States, with 5800 members. Our diocese, the Diocese of North Carolina, is comprised of 50,000 people gathered into 111 congregations and 10 campus ministries throughout 38 counties in the central part of North Carolina, from Iredell County to Edgecombe County, and from Caswell County to Scotland County. On an average Sunday, more than 15,000 gather to worship across our diocese.

How is our diocese structured?

The diocese is led by The Right Reverend Samuel Rodman, our bishop. The Right Reverend Anne Hodges-Copple is the bishop suffragan (assisting bishop). The Diocese of Central North Carolina is divided into seven convocations, each headed by a dean. If you'd like to learn more about the work of our diocese, please visit www.episdionc.org.

Are there other dioceses in North Carolina?

We are one of three dioceses in North Carolina, including the Diocese of East Carolina and the Diocese of Western North Carolina, and one of 110 dioceses that make up The Episcopal Church, a community of 2.4 million members in the United States and abroad. The Episcopal Church is headed by a presiding bishop, currently The Most Reverend Michael Curry.

How many Episcopalians are there worldwide?

We are also part of the Anglican Communion, a global community of 80 million persons in 44 member churches in more than 160 countries, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, currently The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Justin Welby.

We must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

— EPHESIANS 4:15-16

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Evensong and Faith Forum with
Bishop Sam Rodman

Wednesday, November 8
6:30 PM Evensong, The Church
7:30 PM Faith Forum, All Saints' Hall

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An Evening with
Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple

Wednesday, November 29
6:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

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For more information, visit
www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bishops.

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Do You Make Music?

The Christ Church Contemporary Band is always looking for new members! We are especially in need of a few more pianist/keyboardists to fill out our rotations. Singers and instrumentalists of all ability levels are invited and encouraged to take part, even if you are not able to read music. Our primary instruments include guitars, bass, drums, and keyboards, although we are happy to make room for any and every instrument and vocal type.

From banjo or mandolin to clarinet, even hurdy-gurdy – there's a place for you to contribute to our corporate worship no matter how you make music! Contact Brian Sullivan at sullivanb@christchurchcharlotte.



JOIN US FOR **Evensong**

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 – 7:15 PM, The Church

The Christ Church Schola Cantorum will offer Evensong in honor of Bishop Sam Rodman's visit to Christ Church. The service will include John Barnard's "Preces and Responses in A," Herbert Howells' "Gloucester Service," John Sheppard's "Libera nos, salva nos" and hymns. This brief service will be both meditative and festive. It is often said, "those who sing pray twice." Please join us as we worship with our new Bishop.



Joining the Team Leads To Deep Gratitude

As we enter November, Thanksgiving comes immediately to my mind. Still being new to the Christ Church community, I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the parish for your warm and generous welcome. I am thankful to serve with you.

I am grateful to work alongside the staff of Christ Church who bring faithfulness, skill, vision, and dedication to their work every day. I am especially grateful for the music staff who I want you to know, because it is with them that we can do great things.

Hannah King, Administrative Assistant for Music and Worship, is not only super-organized, detail-oriented and friendly, but she is a wonderful musician (a pianist and singer) who helps in every aspect of the program.

Lisa Lashley, Music Associate, is a skilled teacher, singer, and pianist who has known the congregation for years. Her work and dedication to the success of the entire program is an inspiration to all of us.

I am very grateful to work alongside **Brian Sullivan**, Contemporary Music Leader. Brian brings skills on multiple instruments, as a singer and an educator. He is deeply passionate about worship and creativity as you can read in his article (Page 3).

I am thankful for **Catherine Hicks**, Interim Assistant Organist, who offers her well-honed sensibilities for worship, her skill at the organ, and her dedication to excellence every time she appears.

Most of all, I am extraordinarily grateful for **all of the singers in all of our choirs, both volunteer and professional**, one of whom has been serving Christ Church for 41 years! Their willingness to work hard and offer their skills and their hearts in service to our parish is remarkable. It takes a huge amount of time to be a great choir and they go the distance.

The **young singers** in the music program are a particular source of joy and thanksgiving for me. Their innate musicianship, not muddled by too much life, leaves me hopeful and grateful beyond measure for the possibilities of music at Christ Church for years to come.

With all of these wonderful people, there is room for many more. The choirs, the contemporary band, Sunday School songleaders, music librarians, 5:00 pianists, and cantors are all places where volunteers are needed. If you are a latent talent in our midst, please use this season to get involved. You too will be grateful you joined the team.

– Ben Outen, Director of Music

CONTEMPORARY CURRENTS: Invitation to a Conversation

By Brian Sullivan, Contemporary Music Leader

Greetings Christ Church community! This is the first in a series of conversations about creativity, and contemporary music, and how these things fit into our lives as Christians. I am excited to have this forum to begin a dialogue, and I hope that you all will engage with me and one another directly as we walk down this road together.

Everything was once new. From the Psalms to the Phos Hilaron, our oldest musical texts were once just a glimmer in the heart of someone who longed after God. We find comfort and assurance in our ancient texts as they bring us into relationship with our own histories. But we must also remember the initial creative impulses that birthed these words, and we must believe that God still inspires. We know that God takes delight in the glory of creation and the messy beauty of the creative process.

Think back to the time of the Psalmists. How many songs of praise were central to the faith in those years, but now are lost to time? Songs that were sung for generations under tent and sky, songs that instructed and challenged, songs that celebrated the goodness of God, shaping the

minds and hearts of David and others whose writings remain. Whose hearts and minds are being shaped today? What role can Christ Church play in nurturing the creative impulses and energy of all God's children? What is the role of "contemporary" music in honoring God's divinity as part of our corporate worship? These are just a few questions I hope we can strive after, together.

Towards that end, I have created two Spotify playlists to share some ideas. You will need a Spotify account to listen (it's free).

The first playlist contains all the music we will utilize in the Contemporary Eucharist this season. Type this link into your browser window: <https://goo.gl/5XCKf1>.

The second is a curated mix of recent music that has been meaningful in my own faith journey, and I think bears the fingerprints of God: <https://goo.gl/VGBEL7>.

Please reach out to me at sullivanb@christchurchcharlotte.org and let me know what you think. I'd love to hear from you. Until then, keep singing!



A Prayer for Generosity

Gracious God,

You taught us to let our light shine. Help us to lead luminous lives of generosity: to pour love, praise and patience upon others; to give without expecting a return; to hold our treasures with open hands; to increase our joy by sharing it; to provide and care deeply for those in need, and to know that ultimately we only have what we give away. In the name of Christ, our one true light, *Amen*.

The Reverend Lisa G. Saunders

*We'd like to thank everyone for their support to-date.
It's not too late to make your commitment for 2018.
We count on every parishioner to help make the mission
and ministry of Christ Church a reality.*

2018 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Live Generously

Trunk or Treat: See the Fun Online!

On October 25, children and adults gathered to enjoy hot dogs, games and Halloween fun at our Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat event. After parading around the circle in costume, the children went trick or treating for candy among the wonderfully decorated car trunks in the upper parking lot. There were Bible-themed and Halloween-themed decorated cars. A huge thank you to all who participated! Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat to see a gallery of photos. We are already looking forward to next year!



Newcomer Dinners

Our Newcomer Dinners continue on Wednesday, November 1. We are excited to offer this opportunity for newcomers to gather together for dinner and conversation on a monthly basis.



On the first Wednesday of the month, October through April, we will welcome newcomers 5:30 – 7:00 PM in M207.

In addition to getting to know each other better, each dinner will feature a special guest who will fill us in on what's going on around the Church. To register, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974. Childcare is available upon request.

Noted Care

IDEAS THAT HELP. STORIES THAT INSPIRE.

Tips for Handling the Holidays While Grieving

Decide what you can handle comfortably and let family and friends know.

Can I handle the responsibility of the family dinner, etc. or shall I ask someone else to do it? Re-examine priorities: greeting cards, holiday baking, decorating, putting up a tree, family dinner. Do I really enjoy doing this? Is this a task that can be shared?

Make some changes if they feel comfortable for you.

Open presents Christmas Eve instead of Christmas morning. Vary the timing of gift giving. Celebrate the entire holiday or have dinner at a different time or place.

Consider doing something special for someone else.

Donate a gift in the memory of your loved one. Donate to a loved one's favorite charity. Assist a family in need for the holidays. Invite a guest to share festivities.

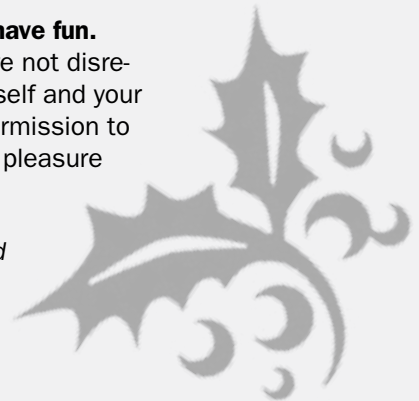
Pass on family treasures.

If you have special items of your loved one's that other family members would treasure, wrap them up and give them this holiday season. Pass on the treasures rather than keep them locked away in a box.

Don't be afraid to have fun.

Laughter and joy are not disrespectful. Give yourself and your family members permission to celebrate and take pleasure in the holidays.

Information gleaned from a publication of Rivendell Resources and GriefNet.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Advent Festival

Advent Festival for All Ages

Sunday, November 26, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Blue Room, Yellow Room,
Green Room, M207



Join us on November 26 for this annual Christ Church tradition – a perfect way to prepare for the holy season of Advent. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Advent Wreath-Making: Fresh greenery is supplied. Bring your own wreath form, or we will have new ones for purchase. You will also have the option to purchase candles. **Children's Craft Room:** Learn about the lineage of Jesus by making Jesse Tree ornaments! **Outreach Project for Duff, TN:** Gift-wrapping station to prepare donations that will go to the children of an isolated and impoverished community. **Advent Activity Room:** Legos, games, puzzles, and crafts for older children.



Christmas Pageant Registration Coming Soon

Sunday, December 17, 11:15 AM

Online registration to participate in this year's Pageant will begin on November 19 for all children in four-year-old through third grade Sunday School class. We invite children in second grade and younger to be a part of our ensemble, while third graders are invited to be a part of the cast telling the story. Look for an email with all the details for each age group.



Navigators for Fourth & Fifth Grade

Monday, November 6, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

This month we will support Serv-a-bration, our churchwide week of service, by engaging in an outreach project for A Child's Place. This will be a wonderful opportunity for learning and serving. For more information or to register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve.

Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers

We have more than 105 adults dedicated to teaching your children (age 2 through 5th grade) on Sunday mornings. Some of them prepare crafts, some spend hours figuring out how best to tell the Bible story, and some just know how to comfort your child. We absolutely could not do it without them. When you see these heroes on Sunday mornings, please give them a high five or a hug and thank them for their dedication.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Exciting Holiday Shopping Coming To Christ Church!

Christ Church Bazaar and Pop-Up Shop
Saturday, December 2, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Our elves are busy organizing and planning. We are bringing back many of our tried-and-true, favorite vendors and are welcoming new, fresh ones.

Our Greenery sales are taking off! A wider range of products are offered this year, including a dried magnolia wreath with a life span of about five years, named "Greenery" after the 2017 Pantone Color of the Year. Place your orders early! Forms can be found in the Rotunda or online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays.

For the first time, we will be offering two wonderful products for pre-sale: beautifully hand-painted Bibles and our all-time favorite Christmas Breakfast Casserole.

All are welcome and encouraged to volunteer! Opportunities to serve include cooking casseroles, decorating, and welcoming visitors the day of the event. Contact Wendy Cantey at volunteers@CCBazaar.org for more information.

Find us on Instagram @ccbazaarpopupshop. Also visit Christ Church's Facebook page for up-to-date event information. The more people we reach, the greater our opportunity to engage the community and expand Christ Church's fellowship and mission.

Find information and links for ordering, volunteering and filling your spirit with Christmas joy at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays.

About Our Mission Funding

Did you know? The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is pleased to have given away \$104,000 last year to 41 local and international agencies benefiting women and children in need. These gifts are awarded via grant applications received each fall and are funded solely by proceeds from the Good News Shop and the annual Christ Church Bazaar and Pop-Up Shop. We encourage you to support the ECW's purpose and enjoy shopping at both!

Save the Date:

Women's Retreat at Kanuga
April 20-22, 2018

ECW Advent Luncheon

Come Let Us Rejoice

Tuesday, December 5
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM in All Saints' Hall

The Reverend Chip Edens will inspire us as we begin the Advent season. Bring your friends, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome!

\$20 per person. Reserve your space by Thursday, November 30. *All tables will be filled on a first come, first served basis.*

You can reserve a table of 8 or 10, or as many places as you like, as long as you pay in one payment/reservation with all the names of guests included.

We will do our best to accommodate requests to sit with friends on another reservation, but cannot guarantee placement at the same table.

Register and pay online or download extra registration forms at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays.

Questions? Contact Page Gatewood at bow829@aol.com or 848-979-5001; or Jennifer Chapman at jenniferhas3kids@gmail.com or 704-661-7648.

ECW Advent Luncheon REGISTRATION

Tuesday, December 5, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Name(s)* _____

**Tables may be reserved for up to 8 people. For table reservations please submit one check for all persons seated at your table.*

Phone _____

Email _____

Amount of Check: (\$20 per person) \$_____.

Make checks payable to Christ Church.

Please write "Advent Luncheon" in the memo line.

☐ I would like to be seated at a table with an ECW host.
(These tables are open to all and will be hosted by ECW board members.)

Drop off registration and payment at the Church office by Thursday, November 30.

Holiday Greenery

Traditional Wreaths*

- 22" Small (\$25)
- 26" Medium, *no boxwood* (\$25)
- 26" Medium (\$30)
- 26" Medium, *double-sided* (\$35)
- 30" Large (\$38)

**Unless otherwise noted, wreaths include Fraser Fir, White Pine, and Boxwood*



No Boxwood



With Boxwood

Garland

25 Ft. (\$45)



Topiaries

- 4.25" Ivy Christmas Tree, 13" tall (\$22)
- 5" Ivy Christmas Tree, 18" tall (\$30)
- 6.5" Ivy Christmas Tree, 21" tall (\$48)
- 6.5" Single Ivy Ball on Stem, 24" tall (\$55)



Ivy Christmas Tree



Single Ivy Ball on Stem

Novelties

- 28"x18" Christmas Cross Wreath (\$48)
- 10" Kissing Ball (\$40)
- 20"x16" Holiday Centerpiece (\$45)
- 23" Magnolia Wreath in "Greenery" (\$110) (*Five-year shelf life*)
- 23" Magnolia Wreath in Greenery & Velvet (\$110) (*Five-year shelf life*)
- 15" Ivy Reindeer (\$52)



Kissing Ball

Christmas Cross Wreath



Magnolia Wreath in "Greenery" 2017 Color of the Year



Magnolia Wreath in Greenery & Velvet



Holiday Centerpiece



Ivy Reindeer

Poinsettias

- 4" Small red, white (\$8)
- 6" Medium red, pink, white (\$14)
- 8" Large red, pink, white (\$25)
- 10" Extra Large red (\$35)



2017 Christ Church ECW Christmas Bazaar

Order Deadline is Monday, November 13

Use order form on reverse, or visit
www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays

All proceeds benefit the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) fundraising efforts which support local women and children's charities.

Holiday Greenery Order Form

2017 Christ Church ECW Christmas Bazaar

ORDER ONLINE: www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays

Order Deadline is Monday, November 13



TRADITIONAL WREATHS/GARLAND (unless otherwise noted, Wreaths include Fraser Fir, White Pine & Boxwood)

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 22" SMALL | |
| 26" MEDIUM (No boxwood) | New! |
| 26" MEDIUM | |
| 26" MEDIUM (Double-sided) | New! |
| 30" LARGE | |
| 25 ft GARLAND * | |

*single strand with double the weight of mixed greenery

| Quantity | Price | Subtotal |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| | \$ 25.00 | |
| | \$ 25.00 | |
| | \$ 30.00 | |
| | \$ 35.00 | |
| | \$ 38.00 | |
| | \$ 45.00 | |
| TOTAL | | |

NOVELTIES

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| 28" x 18" Christmas Cross Wreath w/ Noble Fir, Cedar, Incense and Juniper | New! |
| 10" Kissing Ball w/ Mixed Greens of noble fir, white pine, bay leaves & red berries | New! |
| 20" x 16" Holiday Centerpiece - 2 Red Candles & Mixed Greens of noble fir, cedar, pine and bay leaves | New! |
| 23" Magnolia Wreath in "Greenery" (2017 Color of the Year, a yellow/green shade) | New! |
| 23" Magnolia Wreath in "Greenery" and Velvet | New! |
| 15" Ivy Reindeer | |

| Quantity | Price | Subtotal |
|--------------|-----------|----------|
| | \$ 48.00 | |
| | \$ 40.00 | |
| | \$ 45.00 | |
| | \$ 110.00 | |
| | \$ 110.00 | |
| | \$ 52.00 | |
| TOTAL | | |

TOPIARIES

| | |
|---|-------------|
| 4.25" Ivy Christmas Tree/13" tall | |
| 5" Ivy Christmas Tree/ 18" tall | New! |
| 6.5" Ivy Christmas Tree/ 21" tall | New! |
| 6.5" Single Ivy Ball on Stem / 24" tall | |

| Quantity | Price | Subtotal |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| | \$ 22.00 | |
| | \$ 30.00 | |
| | \$ 48.00 | |
| | \$ 55.00 | |
| TOTAL | | |

POINSETTIAS

| | Quantity Red | Quantity Pink | Quantity White | Price | Subtotal |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 4" SMALL | | X | | \$ 8.00 | |
| 6" MEDIUM | | | | \$ 14.00 | |
| 8" LARGE | | | | \$ 25.00 | |
| 10" EXTRA LARGE New! | | X | X | \$ 35.00 | |
| TOTAL QUANTITY | | | | TOTAL ORDER | |

Name _____

Phone _____

Email Address** _____

** (required for confirmation)

ONLINE ORDERS ENCOURAGED, but completed forms and checks may be sent to: Christ Church, 1412 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207. Check payable to Christ Church and note "Bazaar Greenery." We will email to confirm your order within 7 days of processing your order form. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Laura Hunter at greenery@ccbazaar.org or 704-577-9854.

All proceeds benefit the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) fundraising efforts which support local women and children's charities.



7 DAYS OF SERVE-A-BRATION • NOVEMBER 5 –11, 2017

Be a part of this amazing week of service and celebration!

Every day will offer opportunities to serve at the Church, in the community and in our homes!

Sunday, November 5

Commissioning at All Worship Services

10:00 - 11:00 AM Snack Packing for A Child's Place (Youth Sunday School)

5:45 - 7:15 PM Sandwich Assembly for Urban Ministry Center (Middle School- EYC)

Monday, November 6

9:30 - 11:00 AM Teacher Help for Ramo Road Elementary School

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM Serving Drinks for Urban Ministry Center

3:30 - 4:15 PM Cupcakes and Sweets, Oh My! for Ramo Road Girl Scouts

4:30 - 6:00 PM Snack Packing for A Child's Place (JYC/Newigators)

5:30 - 7:30 PM Ladies' Craft & Dinner Night for YWCA

Tuesday, November 7

7:15 - 8:15 AM Rise 'n Shine Breakfast Ministry for Crisis Assistance Ministry

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Breaking Bread for Urban Ministry Center

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Serving Lunch for Men's Shelter of Charlotte

2:00 - 3:30 PM Ice Cream Social for Men's Shelter of Charlotte

6:30 - 8:00 PM Snack Packing for Ramo Road Elementary School (Young Adults)

Wednesday, November 8

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Serving Lunch for Urban Ministry Center

12:15 - 1:45 PM Read A loud for Ramo Road Elementary School

6:00 - 7:30 PM Do the Can-Can for Leaves and Fishes (High School- Youth)

Thursday, November 9

2:00 - 4:00 PM Prize Bag Packing for Ramo Road Elementary School (Southminster)

6:30 - 8:00 PM Snack Packing for Ramo Road Elementary School (Young Adults)

Friday, November 10

9:15 - 9:45 AM Read A loud for Ramo Road Elementary School

10:30 - 11:30 AM Snack Delivery for Ramo Road Elementary School (Young Adults)

5:30 - 7:15 PM Serving Dinner for Men's Shelter of Charlotte

Saturday, November 11

8:00 - 11:30 AM Painting Perfection for Habitat for Humanity

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Moving Day Relocation Assistance for Crisis Assistance Ministry

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Green Fingers with Neighbors for Charlotte Family Housing

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Duplex Renovations for Charlotte Family Housing Duplexes

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Green Fingers for Ramo Road Elementary School

For details, contact information, and to sign up visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve.

Sundays in November

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

CLERGY CLASS:

The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth

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Here I Am. Send Me!

Serve-a-bration, a week of opportunities at different times every day, begins this day.

To encourage others to participate, parishioners involved in a variety of outreach and mission ministries will share their stories of how and why they began to serve, as well as

stories about serving others in our community and in the world.

CLERGY CLASS:

The Reverend Joshua Case

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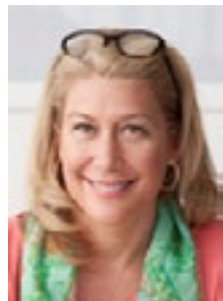
One Church, One Faith, One Family

Join Reverend Joshua Case for a conversation on how our Christian faith can be the fuel families need for lifelong thriving.

During this forum, families will explore everyday spiritual practices and habits that encourage communication, generosity, and faith in the home, in the car, at the park, and at the dinner table.

FAITH FORUM: **Lisa Miller**

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The Spiritual Child

Founder of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute and Professor of Psychology and Education at Columbia University Teachers College, Lisa is the author of New York Times bestseller, *The Spiritual Child*. Lisa is a leading scientist on spirituality across the lifespan and her innovative research has focused

on the quantifiable effects of spirituality in health, resilience and thriving, and an overall sacred and joyful life.



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Advent Festival for Everyone

Join us for this annual tradition to prepare for Advent. Make ornaments for the Jesse Tree, an Advent wreath for your home, and enjoy fellowship with one another. Come to worship and stay for the event! There will be something for all ages. See Page 5 for more details.

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

SAVE THESE DATES!



Annual Meeting, Activities for Children

December 3, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

Hush in the Rush

December 10, 10:00 AM, Location?

Christmas Pageant

December 17, 11:15 AM, All Saints' Hall

Live Nativity

December 17, 5:30 PM, Church Lawn

First Friday for Men's Breakfast November 3

7:00 AM, Blue Room

All men of Christ Church are invited to breakfast with good food, great fellowship, and an inspiring speaker. Come as you are. Donations accepted at the door for breakfast; no RSVP required. We will begin at 7:00 AM and end promptly at 8:00 AM. Invite a friend! For more information, contact Matt Holcombe at holcombem@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Annual Men's Retreat

January 26 – 28, 2018, Valle Crucis, NC

All men of Christ Church are invited to attend a weekend focused on fellowship in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Turn off your cell phone and unwind with your fellow Christian brothers. Meet new friends and enjoy old ones. A short program on will be offered to help you live a fuller and more faithful life. Cost is \$175/person for all meals and two nights of lodging. Contact The Reverend Matt Holcombe if confidential scholarship assistance is needed. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men.



Scotland/Ireland Adult Pilgrimage

April 19 - 29, 2018

This unforgettable 11-day pilgrimage to the heart of Celtic Christianity will put you in the footsteps of the mystics and saints, as you allow their spirit of courage and trust to awaken your soul and transform your life.

We'll enjoy visits to Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, St. Andrews, and Glasgow, to name a few of our Scottish destinations. Then we'll ferry to Ireland and visit Belfast, Dublin, Blarney, and other sites. Castles, cathedrals, and breathtaking landscapes await! Registration deadline is January 5, 2018. To register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pilgrimage.



You're Invited!

Please join us for the

**GOODNEWS
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, November 7
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

We have everything for your Fall and Thanksgiving décor along with our wonderful selection of Christmas merchandise.

Come join us for refreshing beverages, tasty treats and LOTS of holiday spirit!

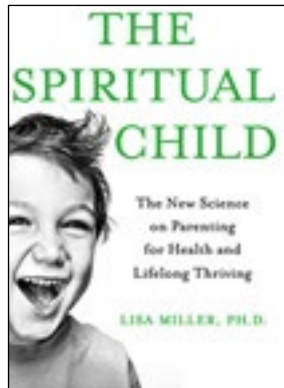
GOODNEWS, the shop @ Christ Church
1412 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28207
704-372-5906



The Spiritual Child: An Evening with Lisa Miller

November 18, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Are you a parent, grandparent or educator who wants to nurture the mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing of a child? Do you want to see your family thrive in the midst of the pressures that accompany adolescence? Join us for an evening of conversation with Dr. Lisa Miller, author of *The Spiritual Child*, as we explore what science tells us about the power of cultivating positive, active relationships to spirituality. This event is hosted by Christ Church and held at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Cost of the event is \$10, books are \$5. To register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/spiritual-child.



6th Grade Sunday School with star pupil, service dog Ryder Castillo.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

High School Serve-a-bration Service Project
Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

We'll be heading to the Loaves and Fishes warehouse to unload and sort boxes of donated groceries for our Mecklenburg County neighbors in need. Sign up at christchurchcharlotte.org/serve.



Let's Go In!

The Science and Practice of Nurturing The Spiritual Family
Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join The Reverend Joshua Case as we engage, equip and empower families to love God, care for each other, and serve the world. Faith Talks are a wonderful time for families to sit in fellowship, enjoy a meal, and discuss real-life faith issues. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks.

Rite 13 Service is November 12

Rite 13 is offered to young people who are approaching their 13th birthday, with a special liturgy in the Church loosely modeled after the Jewish bar mitzvah. In this ceremony young people are charged with the responsibility to use wisely the power given to them at puberty. A portion of Psalm 139 is read, and a prayer for parents is shared as they watch their children on this journey out of childhood, anticipating their return as adults and friends. A charge to the peers of the Rite 13 class and to the congregation follows asking for their support of the youth who are on this journey. Detailed information has been provided to parents of all seventh graders. Contact Adam Klevenhagen at klevenhagen@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

LIFE GROUPS

Middle School EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

Sundays 5:45 – 7:15 PM, Youth Lounge

This is an opportunity for all middle school students (6th – 8th graders) to come together once a week to share a meal and have fun while learning more about God and how to apply their faith to life circumstances. For more information, contact Adam Klevenhagen at klevenhagen@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6968.

High School

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Home of Alice deVries, 1930 Ewing Avenue

The purpose of our High School Life Group is to provide a place for high schoolers (9th – 12th Graders) to come together as a Christ-like community and share their faith journey with each other. We learn how to be in relationships, discuss life events, and use our spirituality as a resource to navigate them. High School Life Group is led by Joyce Cmiel, Kim Gordon, Jim Clardy, Clem McDavid, and Alice deVries. For more information, contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6962.

God's Presence: A Story of Faith

by Sadie Weiss, 9th Grade

A couple of weeks ago I felt the strongest presence of God in my life yet.

After my soccer game on a Sunday evening, the coach of the other team, The Urban Eagles, asked us to come and pray with them. My whole team, as well as our coaches, gathered into a circle and we wrapped our arms around each other. Their coach started by talking about how before and after each game their team would pray. She asked her team why they put their arms around each other, and they responded in broken English, "because we're a family." I already felt the presence of God radiating between the hearts of each girl in this circle.

The Urban Eagles were from North Africa, the Congo, Mexico, Cuba, and a few other places. One girl was born in Nepal and her whole family was Buddhist. Her father and grandfather were monks, and she was raised in a family that did not believe in Jesus. Her father got in a horrible accident that would cause him to become sicker and sicker, with no hope of getting better. Eventually, as he gave up on life, he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior. The day after that, he was healed. After her dad was healed, she tried to go to church and read the Bible, but this was hard for her. In 2010 she moved to the United States. She had a tough time fitting in and trying new things. She said that she started going to Sunday School and that changed her life. She realized through Sunday School that saying you're a Christian and what you do behind those words is really important. After she shared her story we bowed our heads in prayer and then broke apart.



I was headed to my car and wanted to say something to their team but was too shy. Of course, as I walked by they started talking to me! I went up to her and said "Hi there, I just wanted to give you a hug." She smiled and hugged me. Then I said, "I want to tell you that God loves you, God loves me, and I love you."

She put her hands on my shoulders and told me that she loved me too. We hugged again and said "good game," and that was that. In these few minutes alone, I felt God more than I ever have in my whole life, and that is so beautiful.



8th Grade Sunday School

Welcome New Staff Members

Sarah Carr

Assistant Director of Children's Ministry



Join us in welcoming Sarah Carr as the newest addition to the Children's Ministry team at Christ Church.

Sarah is a native of Hendersonville, NC, but joins us from Raleigh where she worked as Residence Director for Meredith College. She received her B.S. in Business Administration from High Point University in May 2016. She grew up attending St. James

Episcopal Church where she was an acolyte, a lector, and was involved with EYC. She was baptized, confirmed and will be married at St. James this coming May. In her free time, Sarah enjoys running as well as spending time with her family and her golden retriever, Houser.

Sarah is excited about working with children and families at Christ Church and we are thrilled to have her.

Sarah Eyssen

Director of Development



Sarah began her career with First Financial Trust & Asset Management Company in Texas before moving on to serve as Director of Development at St. John's Episcopal School, also in Texas.

In 2013, Sarah and her family moved to Charlotte where she worked in donor relations with Central Piedmont Community College Foundation.

She is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and St. Mary's University School of Law. Sarah's joy is spending time with her husband, Alex, and their three children, Emma Kate (13), Andrew (9), and Luke (9).

Betsy Parkhurst

Administrative Assistant for Youth and Family Ministry



Betsy has been a member of Christ Church for 50 years. She taught preschool at Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten for the past nine years as an assistant teacher for three-year-olds.

She and her husband, Dick, have three daughters, Lindsey, Stewart and Sallie, as well as a precious blonde lab named Yeti.

They enjoy going to Panther games and cheering for the Tar Heels in all sports. Betsy enjoys running, walking with friends, yoga, pilates, and attending Orange Theory classes. In her spare time, she loves being in the kitchen cooking or baking bread.

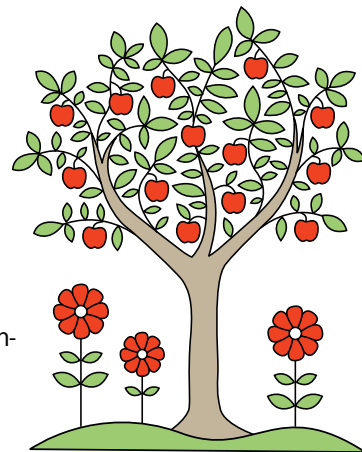
Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten (CCK)

Looking Ahead to 2018-2019

Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten is gearing up for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Registration begins January 3, 2018.

Tours are offered every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. To schedule a tour, contact Meredith Sorrell, Assistant Head of School, sorrellm@christchurchcharlotte.org. For more information, visit www.christchurch-charlotte.org/cck.

CCK will host Kindergarten Open Houses November 30 and January 9, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, in the Green Room. Come learn more about CCK's Kindergarten program. To RSVP, contact Kelly Coley, Head of School, coleyk@christchurch-charlotte.org.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Meals for Rama Road Families

Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to share our blessings with those unable to provide loved ones with a Thanksgiving meal. Our Rama Road site coordinator, Dee Perez, identifies families in need. We provide and deliver meals on Wednesday, November 22. Learn more at christchurchcharlotte.org/rama.

Refugee Support Services Volunteers Needed

Refugee Support Services (RSS) has an immediate need for volunteers in their Children's Love & Learn Program. Volunteers provide childcare while parents are involved in CPCC/ESL classes or receiving services at the RSS Help Center.

Volunteers are needed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. For information, contact Anne Banks at annebanks@refugeesupportservices.org or 803-981-3240.

Costa Rica Adult Mission Trip

Register now for the winter mission trip to Costa Rica, February 3 – 10, 2018. Approximate cost of \$1800 includes airfare, lodging and most meals. Deposit of \$500 is required. Register by November 1.

For more information or to register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/costarica or contact The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth at hedgpethm@christchurchcharlotte.org.



In the Parish

New Members

Kathleen Burchette
Elliott Fraser
Sarah Hayes
Dan Jones

Births

Jackson Myers Mazhari, son of Brooke and Michael Mazhari
Michael Turner Morrell, son of Clay and Patrick Morrell
Clement "Chandler" McDavid, Jr. to Stirling and Clem McDavid

Baptism

Oliver Burkett Griffith
James Eckess Breeding
Nora Elizabeth Peet
Wrenley Rose Taylor
Andrew Robert Kain
Fred Stafford Kelly, Jr.
Lucile Grace Kinder
Slane Elizabeth Williams
Elizabeth Huguley Williams
Catharine Wilson Kraper
Sydney Charlotte Leazer

Marriage

Laura Helen Wallace to William Hardison McGoogan, Jr., son of Anne and Bill McGoogan

Deaths

Franklin "Frank" David Pattishall, Sr.
William "Bill" Alexander Whiteside, son of Jim Whiteside and Lydia Whiteside and brother of Brooks Whiteside
James Mark, father of Eleanor McCurdy
William Ronald "Ron" Walton
Bishop Daly Pope Garnett, brother of Stanford Taylor Garnett IV
Marcia Stanley Clark, sister of Verner Stanley
Nathan Ward Kocmond
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