

FEBRUARY 2018

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte

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Happy 75th Birthday Year, Christ Church!

By Arrington Mixon
75th Anniversary Committee Chair

In January of 1943, a strategy committee was appointed by Bishop Penick to organize Myers Park Episcopal Sunday School, and the first Sunday School class was held at Eastover School on February 28. On July 25, the Bishop attended Morning Prayer and proclaimed that Christ Church Mission was organized!

I want to thank the many parishioners on our 75th Anniversary Committee who have been hard at work to make this milestone in the life of our Spiritual Home a memorable and joyous experience! I am also so grateful to many others who have shared their stories for our anniversary videos and book, and their pictures and other memorabilia for our growing archives. I know I speak on behalf of our entire committee in saying what an honor it has been to be a part of collecting your rich memories as we try to capture the essence of what it means to be Christ's Church.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY

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You will note that proceeds from the sale of our 75th Anniversary book, Celebration art auction and Christmas ornament will be used to support outreach initiatives – an important recognition of the many ways that Christ Church has shined its light out into the world.

Here is what we have planned for the year. I encourage you to visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/75years to learn more.

75 Years of Mission Trips and Pilgrimages

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

A gathering of all past and prospective pilgrims and missionaries in All Saints' Hall. Tables will be set up with memorabilia from and information on each of our trips, and we encourage you to bring and share what you have!

CELEBRATION WEEKEND: APRIL 13 - 15, 2018

75th Anniversary Video and Book Launch

Parish-Wide Celebration, Friday, April 13, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

This will be an informal and festive dinner gathering on the lawn of Christ Church. You should receive your invitation (including artwork by our own Peggy Williams) in the mail in early March. The dinner will include an art auction featuring work from many talented parishioners. Proceeds from the auction will be used to support outreach. Special thanks to Janie Sellers, Bruce Miller, Peggy Horne, and Nancy Lowry, who have been coordinating the various details of the event.

Rector's Class, Sunday, April 15, 10:00 AM



Inside of Quonset Hut, 1948.



Laying the cornerstone, 1951.

I am so grateful to our gifted Celebration Committee, led by Margaret Williams and Nikki Devillers, who have been planning this weekend and other special 75th Anniversary activities over the past year.

Our Archives Committee, consisting of Lois Ann Partridge, Anne Dooley, Kaky Cassada, Winston Paschall, Anne Carroll Ratcliffe, and Sallie Close, has been meeting regularly over the past year to collect, categorize and archive a tremendous amount of information previously stored across the Church and in parishioners' homes. The work has been tedious, but I have heard reports of wholehearted laughter (and a few tears) as long-lost memories have been recovered. These cherished memories are already popping up on our website and will be further captured in a visual display and book that will come out in the spring.



Our Video Committee, led by Bird Anderson and The Reverend Lisa Saunders, has been interviewing parishioners since last spring, asking them to share their thoughts about Christ Church and how it has impacted them personally. You will start seeing some of their videos early this year – with the final video to be released on our Celebration Weekend.

Our Book Committee, including Fletcher Gregory, Ned Hardison, Catherine Browning, Martha Alexander, John Lowry, and Eric Locher, has been working with the very talented Ken Garfield (and several other beloved contributors) to create a keepsake book that celebrates the life and legacy of Christ Church through timeless stories and photographs. The book has been fully financed by a wonderful group of parishioners so that 100% of the proceeds from its sale will be given to Christ Church Foundation in support of outreach.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Of course, none of this could be accomplished without our amazing staff, who have been instrumental in designing our logo, creating and maintaining our website, editing our book, creating our videos – and generally keeping us in line and on task. A special shout-out goes to Wendy Mauney, Elizabeth Ignasher, Jane Siemens, and Rick Fitts.

My stepfather used to enjoy quoting Plutarch, who said, “It is certainly desirable to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.” While it is important to remember and honor those who lit the path that we still follow today – we must continue to shine our light forward by discerning God’s will and planning for the future of our Spiritual Home.



50th Anniversary celebration, 1993.

Fortunately, we have a team of parishioners, led by Carol Lorenz and Hooper Hardison, who are doing just that. Their Renewing Our Vision committee has spent the past few months meeting with organizations in the commu-

nity to determine their needs. Meetings have also been held with clergy and staff at Christ Church to learn about what they are working on and what their hopes and dreams for the future might be. We plan to bring the congregation into the conversation over the next several months. The committee’s goal is to establish a list of priorities for the next five years that will continue to make Christ Church vital and relevant in the lives of our parishioners and in the life of our community. Initiatives will flow from these priorities which will equip and empower parishioners to engage in our existing mission to Love God, Care for Each Other, and Serve the World.



Christ Church Mission is established. Quonset Hut erected for worship services, 1944.

“The past can teach us, nurture us, but it cannot sustain us. The essence of life is change, and we must move ever forward or the soul will wither and die.” (Susanna Kearsley, *Mariana*). It has always been in the soul of the people of Christ Church to plan, pray, question, and dream – and ever move forward – and that is what has sustained us and allowed us to grow. Join us this year as we remember our past, celebrate our present and renew our vision for the future.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



ADULT FORMATION

Living in the Word

Sundays, 10:00 AM, Blue Room

"Living in the Word and the Word Living in You" – Join Christ Church clergy and lay leaders for a weekly Bible study on the Sunday scripture passages. After a short lecture we will spend time in small groups exploring how the Living Words of God can instruct, lead, and open our hearts. For more information, contact The Reverend Matt Holcombe at holcombem@christchurchcharlotte.org.



Christian Essentials invites participants to explore, grow, and deepen their faith and life with God. Over the past 18 months the Christ Church Spiritual Growth Commission has been curating and building a holistic curriculum to help parishioners live a Christ-centered life.

This Lent, we invite you to join a small group to begin Christian Essentials. We will start with the "Love God" modules. Each group will meet for six weeks, 90 minutes per week, with 10-12 participants and two facilitators. The Spiritual Growth Commission has created a 150-page Christian Essentials notebook that provides all the resources and tools needed for the journey. In addition, Christ Church clergy have recorded videos to be used with each of the modules. In summary, we've pulled out all the stops to create something that will inspire, inform, and transform!

Group 1 - Led by Tere Ey and Chris Martin
Mondays, February 19 - March 26
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Group 2 - Led by Amanda Anders and Tasse Little
Mondays, February 19 - March 26
1:00 - 2:30 PM

Group 3 - Led by Cindy Costa and Shawn King
Tuesdays, February 20 - March 27
5:00 - 6:30 PM

For more information or to sign up, visit www.christchurch-charlotte.org/christian-essentials.

NEW OFFERINGS FOR LENT

Raising Shame-Resilient Kids

Wednesdays, March 7 - 21, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, M213

Parenting is hard work, and many of us find ourselves in need of support and guidance. Using Brené Brown's research and methodology, certified Daring Way Facilitator The Reverend Matt Holcombe will offer a three-week class for parents on raising shame-resilient kids.

Materials and exercises will be centered around Brown's research on shame, vulnerability, and courage to illuminate ways parents can engage in 'wholehearted parenting.' Childcare is provided for this free offering; advance registration is required. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/lent for more information.

Wilderness and Wonder

Saturday, February 17, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, Green Room

Wilderness can be an experience of exploration, discovery, and clarity when approached with a sense of wonder. Join us for a morning of soul care and cultivation as we embark on the journey of Lent. Sponsored by Soul Studio. Advance registration is requested and can be completed online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/lent.

Lent Devotions

Each year Christ Church parishioners, staff, and clergy offer daily meditations to guide you through Lent. Lent Devotions for 2018 will be available daily via email, or booklets will be available starting February 4 in the Rotunda. To subscribe, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/lent.



Prepare for Easter as you read the Gospel of Mark through the Season of Lent. Learn the story of Jesus' life through the eyes of the earliest Gospels written.

Sign up to receive a daily Reading Guide with the reading plan, prayers, and information to help you enter into a period of self-examination and reflection.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.christchurch-charlotte.org/goodbook.

Sundays in February

10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

CLERGY CLASS:

The Matt Holcombe

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The St. John's Bible

Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe for a presentation on the St. John's Bible, which is on display at Christ Church through April 2.

Learn how this hand-illuminated contemporary work of art was created, and view the spiritually rich images and hand lettering which

illuminate the scriptures.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Ben Outen

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Singing Our Faith: Music and Worship, One and the Same!

We will discuss the importance of music and liturgical education and participation at every level and also enjoy the opportunity to sing some old favorites and learn some new tunes from a variety of sources. Join us for a fun and informative hour of music making and living into the old

adage, "those who sing pray twice."

THE LIVING JESUS

LENT 2018 | SUNDAYS IN ALL SAINTS' HALL | 10:00 AM

Jesus As...

Faithful Leader

February 18

THE REVEREND MATT HOLCOMBE

Jesus As...

Wounded Healer

February 25

THE REVEREND CHIP EDENS

Jesus As...

Suffering Servant

March 4

THE REVEREND JOSHUA CASE

Jesus As...

Compassionate Teacher

March 11

THE REVEREND MARTY HEDGPETH

Jesus As...

Restoring Reconciler

March 18

THE REVEREND LISA SAUNDERS

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Confirmation and Inquirers Class

Sundays, February 11 - April 29 at 10:00 AM

The Confirmation and Inquirers Class explores the basics of Christianity: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the sacraments, the Bible, *The Book of Common Prayer*, history of the Christian Church, and being an Episcopalian. The class also addresses how the Episcopal Church lives out that basic faith through worship, Bible study, and service to others. Classes are taught by Christ Church clergy. All are welcome; questions are encouraged.

Confirmation is Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Jenny Beaumont at 704-714-6945 or beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/confirmation.

Men's Hike in April

**Save the date for the Men's Hike: April 5 – 7, 2018.
More details to come!**

CHRIST CHURCH FOUNDATION

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Christ Church Foundation continues to assist in underwriting the construction costs of our yearly Habitat for Humanity house? In 2018 alone, CCF has allocated \$13,000 towards the construction of our thirtieth build, a familiar practice every year since 1990.

Almost twenty-eight years ago, with one gift of \$100,000, a generous parishioner included CCF in her estate plan with the intention of funding a permanent endowment to be used solely for Christ Church's commitment to Habitat for Humanity. Since then, many small gifts have been added to the corpus of this fund – often in memory of a devoted parishioner who was committed to Christ Church's yearly Habitat build.

Thanks to sound investment and management by the Christ Church Foundation Board of Trustees, this endowed fund now offsets a portion of the yearly construction expenses, which means fewer dollars are required from Christ Church's outreach budget. Talk about long-term planning! Have you considered making a gift to the Christ Church Foundation? There are many easy ways to make a gift that will last forever. Please contact Skip Smart, Chairman of the Christ Church Foundation's Board, or Kimberly Mize, Director of Planned Giving at Christ Church for more information about including our parish as part of your legacy.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday, February 13

As we prepare to usher in the season of Lent, we invite you to celebrate Fat Tuesday at our annual Pancake Supper – Mardi Gras-style – on Tuesday, February 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

In conjunction with the Music Department, the Hospitality Committee welcomes all parishioners to enjoy pancakes, as well as other delicious New Orleans-style foods. We will enjoy fabulous jazz tunes and Mardi Gras crafts, so grab your family or invite friends and join us! This hearty dinner, served buffet-style, will cost \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children (ages 4-12). No reservations are necessary.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

4th and 5th Grade Navigators in January and February

Thank you to our Navigators and their families who helped serve our homeless neighbors at Room in the Inn in January. We enjoyed the evening of fellowship and service together.



NAVIGATORS

Our next Navigators event is scheduled for Friday, February 23 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This evening of fun will include pizza, games, and conversation. Stay tuned for a sign up!

Family Lenten Calendars

The season of Lent is upon us and we want to equip and empower your family to participate in daily practices as we prepare for the mystery of Easter.

In the Godly Play story, “The Circle of the Church Year,” children learn that the mystery of Easter is so big that we must spend six weeks to prepare and wonder. To help you and your children live intentionally during this time of contemplation and mystery, your family will receive a Family Lenten Calendar that includes daily challenges or tasks to help you be intentional about what Godly Play refers to as the mystery of Easter.

Calendars will be mailed to homes the week of February 12, hopefully hitting your mailbox on or before Ash Wednesday. We hope you will use this calendar to find new ways to seek and be the Living Jesus within your home, your neighborhood, your family, and yourself. Join us for forty days of wonder, for one big mystery.

Children’s Ministry Volunteer Spotlight:

Mary Beth Ausman, “Art Guru”

We are blessed with more than 105 volunteers who lead our children age 2 years to 5th grade each week in our Children’s Ministry. This month we want to highlight one very special leader.

Mary Beth Ausman is in her fourth year of helping with the Sunday School art program, and continues to awe and inspire us as she does it.

Mary Beth grew up in Mount Pleasant, SC with a passion for drawing. When she enrolled in THE undergraduate program at Davidson, she signed up for an art history class and unwittingly was hooked. After studying in Italy, she interned at the Mint Museum her senior year at Davidson and became interested in museum education, which led

her to pursue a master’s degree in education. She has served as the Education Director at the Mint Museum of Craft + Design and the Director of Research and Evaluation at Discovery Place. She now works as an evaluation and assessment consultant for numerous nonprofit organizations in Charlotte and the Carolinas.



Mary Beth leads groups of children at Christ Church every third Sunday in making thematic and visual connections between scripture and art by “reading” works created by other artists, and using different media and processes to express themselves as artists. This month, Mary

Beth walked through the story of Jesus’ baptism with our second graders and they created art similar to the illumination in the St. John’s Bible. These works of art are currently showcased in the Good News Café alongside the St. John’s Bible. We are grateful for Mary Beth’s generous heart and the impact she has on the children of Christ Church. Please join us in saying “thank you!”

WOMEN’S MINISTRY (Episcopal Church Women)

Room in the Inn

Women of Christ Church will host Room in the Inn on **February 25**. We are one of 135 Room in the Inn sites across Charlotte who help provide beds to those experiencing homelessness. To learn more, or to sign up to participate, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/riti.

SAVE THE DATE!

Women’s Retreat at Kanuga
April 20 – 22, 2018

College and Seminary Scholarship Applications Available

Christ Church Foundation scholarships are designated for college and seminary studies. Applications are available in the Rotunda wall rack and at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/foundation. Deadline for applications is April 30. Return by email to Kimberly Mize at mizek@christchurchcharlotte.org or by mail to 1412 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, 28207.

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IDEAS THAT HELP. STORIES THAT INSPIRE.

Two Georgia Fans

Two parishioners who didn't know each other made a special connection through a ministry here.

Celia Sinclair's father died in July, and since then she has received a letter each month from a member of the Bereavement Ministry Team at Christ Church. Dr. Al Dasher wrote Celia in November and noted from reading her father's obituary that he and her father had several things in common: both physicians, both University of Georgia grads, both members of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Celia loved Al's letter and shared it with her mother who promptly suggested that she give Al her father's fraternity ring.

So one day after Christmas, Al found an appreciative letter from Celia, and tucked inside the envelope was her father's ring. He wears it proudly, glad to remember a man he never knew but whose life reminds him that the communion of all the saints is real.

Good Marriage Tips

No marriage is perfect. Dr. John Gottman is a renowned marriage guru and author, and his weekly "Marriage Minute" email offers quick, good advice. Subscribe to receive his weekly tip. They make for good discussion and friendly reminders that all marriages are hungry for kindness, honesty, commitment and fun.

Here are tips from some of his recent "Marriage Minute" emails:

- Revere each other and be grateful that you are in each other's life.
- According to research, prevention is three times more effective than intervention. Getting help early is key to staying ahead of gridlocked marital conflict.
- Couples who go on "exciting" and novel date nights or engage in fun and challenging activities feel more satisfied with their relationships.

To subscribe, visit www.gottman.com/the-marriage-minute.

Living with Grief and Hope

A four-week series for those coping with grief and loss will be held on Wednesday evenings February 21 through March 14, 7:00 - 8:15 PM. A daytime offering will be held on the same Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:15 PM.

Grief can be a pathway to growth, not in a way that justifies the pain or loss, but in a way that pays homage to our loss. No one need carry grief alone either; knowing that others understand how we feel can lessen the hurt and strengthen the hope.

Each meeting will be led by The Reverend Lisa Saunders. To register, contact her at saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6952.

Sages and Aging Matters Team up for...

Eating For One or Two

Wednesday, February 14, 1:30 PM, Thrive*

A cooking class held at Thrive*. Cost is \$10 per person. To register, contact Jennifer Hamm at hammj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6951.

** Thrive is run by three medical doctors seeking to promote healthy living through conventional and integrative medicine, and personalized care, located at 6401 Morrison Boulevard at SouthPark Specialty Shops, behind BrickTops Restaurant.*

NEWCOMERS

Newcomer Dinners

We are excited to offer the opportunity for newcomers to gather together for dinner and conversation on a monthly basis. We welcome newcomers from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in M207 on the first Wednesday of the month, through April. 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. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, to register for any of these dinners at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.



Christ Church Benefit for Youth Ministry



3RD ANNUAL

Chili Challenge

and

Silent Auction

Sunday, March 4

6:00 - 8:00 PM

All Saints' Hall

\$10 Admission



Awards: People's Choice, Judges' Choice, Showmanship

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- \$10 admission includes unlimited chili sampling, salad, and beverages.
- Buy tickets at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/chili.
- "Chili Free" children's tickets are available for \$10 and include a hot dog meal and entertainment area for preschool and elementary ages.
- Sample beef, chicken, and veggie chilis from mild to hot.
- Celebrity judges! Live entertainment!
- Silent Auction includes beach and mountain getaways, restaurant gift certificates, children's birthday parties, and more!
- All proceeds benefit the Christ Church Youth Ministry.
- Think you have a winning chili recipe? Complete the form (on reverse) or contact Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org to enter the competition.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING OF FOOD AND FUN!



Chili Challenge

Team Entry Form

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26

**Submit form and \$20 check payable to
Christ Church Charlotte to:**

Christ Church Charlotte
1412 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207
attention: Betsy Parkhurst

Additional forms:

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/chili

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Chili recipe category (please check all that apply):

☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Spicy

I have read and understand the cook-off rules. I agree that our team will be responsible for set-up and clean-up of our assigned area.

Team Captain Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chili Entry Team Rules and Regulations

- 1. Teams must submit an entry form with \$20 to reserve a spot. The deadline to enter your chili is February 25. Fee covers chili entry and team admission to the event.**
2. The cook-off site will open at 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 4 for registration and set-up. Teams will begin serving chili to judges at 6:00 PM.
3. Teams will be assigned a 4' x 4' chili showcase area.
4. Teams must consist of 2-5 people.
5. Each team is responsible for set-up and clean-up of their area.
6. All ingredients must come from approved food sources, so it's absolutely safe for public consumption.
7. Chili powder and other spices are great additions, but complete commercial chili mixes are not permitted. Thickeners such as corn meal, masa or flour are allowed—so are canned tomatoes, chipotles and beans. No canned chili is allowed.
8. Teams are encouraged to decorate their area and themselves. The best decorated and costumed team will win a fun prize.
9. Each team will be assigned a team number by the chief scorekeeper and given a Styrofoam cup with lid for their chili. An official of the cook-off will deliver the chili entries to the judges for a blind taste test.
10. Each team will donate its chili for consumption that day. Each team is expected to dispense their chili to the public at 6:00 PM. Bowls, spoons and tickets will be provided by Christ Church. Please make a minimum of 12 quarts OR two crockpots of chili.
11. Awards Presentation will occur at 7:45 PM. Awards that will be presented: People's Choice, Judges' Choice, and Showmanship.
12. HAVE A GOOD TIME!

OUTREACH AND MISSION



Building our 30th Home

We are excited to be building our 30th Christ Church Habitat House this year. The Habitat build is a great way to involve a small group of people, promote fellowship, and do some good for a family in the community. Last year multiple small groups signed up, including young adults, ECW, and a men's Bible study.

Here are important dates for our build this year:

- Habitat Kick-Off Dinner
February 15, 6:00 – 7:30 PM (all are welcome)
- Kick-Off Build Days
February 22, 23 and 24, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Build Days: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Fridays, March 2 – 16
Saturdays, March 3 – 24 and April 7 – 21
- Habitat Dedication
Saturday, April 28, Noon

Learn more and sign up at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat.

Costa Rica Mission Trips

february 3 - 10, ten Christ Church missionaries will travel to San Jose, Costa Rica. Please keep them in your prayers:

Michael Beaumont
John Crehore
Marty Hedgpeth
Joe Kluttz
Mary Kluttz
Jeanne Kutrow
Bill Lowry
Cindy Pruden
Norfleet Pruden
Kirk Ritchie
Olivia Ritchie

Our Parent/Youth mission trips in July will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to spend time with their teens in service and fun. To learn more visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/costarica.

Room in the Inn

Two months into this annual ministry, we are going strong. We have served our neighbors during record-setting cold weather. If you haven't already signed up to participate, there is still time. There are many ways to help: bring food, help set up beds or drive the van. We are particularly in need of overnight hosts, one of which must be male. If you are willing, please sign up to spend the night with our guests. Learn more and sign up at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/riti.

Christmas Offering

One way that we highlight the transformative power of Christmas and Easter at Christ Church is by designating special outreach gifts for offerings given during these services. Through your amazing generosity, we collected \$19,242 during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations.

The majority of these funds are going directly to hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico. They will also be used to construct a beautiful therapeutic labyrinth for the children served by Thompson Service Center in Matthews, NC. Thank you for helping Christ Church share the true meaning of Christmas with our city and the world.

Calling all Christ Church Parishioners!

Celebrate 75 Years of Pilgrimage and Mission Work

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 PM, All Saints Hall

We are excited to celebrate the international and domestic pilgrimages and missions that our parish has made over the last 75 years. Hundreds of Christ Church members have heeded the call to be Christ's feet and hands in the world. We will showcase where we've been and look forward to what challenges are yet to come!

Please join us for this special celebration held *after* the regular Wednesday dinner buffet. Because we anticipate many attendees, please RSVP to Laura Konitzer at konitzerL@christchurchcharlotte.org if you also plan to attend the dinner buffet in the Blue Room, 5:30 – 7:00 PM.



If you have questions or would like to help us plan or contribute pictures, call Virginia Anderson at 704-607-5098.

A Beautiful Human Harmony

Music happens on many levels simultaneously. Clearly there are notes which represent both pitches and rhythms. There are designated timbres such as singer or violin or drum or piano. There is emotional content that happens on one level and spiritual content that happens on another level. The beauty of it all is that it happens simultaneously. A song communicates so much more than just the words.

The process of music making is the same. When people get together to make music many things come with them: skills of playing an instrument or singing; songs with various intentions; basic human needs hoping to be fulfilled, such as connection, sharing, joy, etc.

Time of Transition

The music program is in a time of transition on many levels. We are growing a chorister program where children are invited to become musically literate and to participate regularly in worship leadership. They have the opportunity to become part of something larger than themselves, where they are asked to give back as well as receive.

In January, we hosted a concert by The Bach Akademie, Charlotte's only period-specific musical ensemble. They performed Baroque music on period-styled instruments with singers who are experts in that genre. In February, we will host a local choral ensemble, Caritas, who sings exceptionally beautiful a cappella music to raise money for local charities. Also in February, the Christ Church Contemporary Band will participate in a workshop with Troy Bronsink, founder and director of The Hive: A Center for Contemplation, Art, and Action. The Christ Church Choir, Parish Choir and Schola Cantorum are all growing in membership, worship responsibilities, and new repertoire for worship. There is transition everywhere.



“Greater Things”

What is the payoff of all this for our parish? First, shared endeavors lead to strong communities. When people respond to a call to action, the ensuing work creates bonds that lead to great things. That's what happens in choir. These “greater things” are offered as service to the larger congregation. What is the benefit of concerts in our Church? The very presence of beauty begets more beauty. Often people are drawn to God in a moment of inspiration. Music can pierce the hearts of many people at one time. Why is it important to pursue a creative retreat for the band or music literacy for the children? Because it strengthens each person's individual best while calling them together, enlivening the concept of “the sum of the parts is greater than the whole.”

Join Us

The various levels of music, the various levels of endeavors, the various levels of transition are coming together to make a beautiful human harmony, the practical application of which is inspiration for all. If you would like to be part of it, please give Ben Outen or Brian Sullivan or Lisa Lashley or Hannah King a call. All are welcome.

Home Grown: Caritas Winter Concert

Sunday, Feb 25, 7:00 PM

Caritas Acapella Ensemble, directed by Cathy Youngblood, has inspired and delighted its Charlotte-area audiences with its challenging musical selections, its polished performances, and its vision to make an impact in the community. The mission of Caritas, ‘acapella artistry with a purpose,’ is lived out through its public concerts, and through its donation of a portion of the proceeds from ticket sales to charitable organizations. Ticket information can be found at www.caritasacapella.org.

Do You Make Music?

The Christ Church Contemporary Band is always looking for new members! We especially need a few more pianist/keyboardists to fill out our rotations. Singers and instrumentalists of all ability levels: there's always a place for you to contribute!

Contact Brian Sullivan at sullivanb@christchurch-charlotte.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

CONTEMPORARY *Currents*

By Brian Sullivan, Contemporary Music Leader

For the past few months I have been sharing some thoughts about creativity and how our collective worship is a chance for us to explore the creative impulses that God wrote into our being. This month I want to share the exciting news that on March 9 and 10, the contemporary band will be taking part in a workshop with Troy Bronsink, a specialist in Christian creativity and contemporary worship based.

During the workshop we will hone our musical communication, explore the spiritual side of creativity, and develop our vision for participatory worship in our Contemporary Eucharist. This is an exciting opportunity, and one that we are certain will pay dividends for years to come.

In preparation for Troy's visit, I will be reaching out to creative folks in all disciplines (music, visual media, dance, culinary arts, etc.) about how we might work together to share our gifts. If you are at all interested in this topic I encourage you to pick up a copy of Troy's book, *Drawn In: A Creative Process for Artists, Activists, and Jesus Followers*, look around his website TroyBronsink.com, and check out his work at The Hive – Cincinnati at www.CincyHive.org.

My hope is that this event will serve as a catalyst for continuing conversation and action around creativity here at Christ Church. Be on the lookout for some special creative events as the spring blooms, and please be in prayer as we grow together. And as always, if you want to get involved in the contemporary band or other creative activities, contact me at sullivanb@christchurchcharlotte.org.



GOODNEWS SHOP



LOCAL VENDOR SPOTLIGHT:

Live in the Light with ZAGS Sunwraps

Entrepreneur Jennifer Horton's company, ZAGS, started from a love of being in the sun. Featured in *Garden and Gun* magazine, Jennifer believes that life should be spent outside as much as possible and ZAGS' goal is to keep you protected from it while looking colorful and stylish. Designed and manufactured by hand in South Carolina, ZAGS was created for women and families with active outdoor lifestyles. Whether you are going from pool to party or dock to dinner, you will be protected by these fashionable UPF 50+ sun wraps, ponchos, and blankets. ZAGS offers a wardrobe for living, loving and lingering in the light.

Join us at GoodNews for a Trunk Show

Featuring Jennifer Horton, ZAGS
Anne Pipkin, Gorgeous GLO

Wednesday, February 28, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM



phubbing

verb (*fuhb-bing*)

ignoring real people in favor of the virtual universe inside a phone or other mobile device; as in "phone+snubbing"

Are You 'Phubbing' Right Now?

What is phubbing and why does science say it's bad for your relationships?

"A set of studies showed that just having a phone out and present during a conversation interferes with your sense of connection to the other person, the feelings of closeness experienced, and the quality of the conversation.... We feel more empathy when smartphones are put away."

– *The Washington Post*, October 13, 2017

When Youth Council and High School Life Group started their season together, both groups decided the number one item on their community covenant was to show up and be present. The first thing they do when they arrive is to drop their phones in a basket. It is a wonderful and simple spiritual practice they have adopted willingly, and it has made all the difference in their time together. We invite you to do the same any time two or more are gathered.

Middle School Dance

Friday, February 2, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Youth Council is excited to host this event for all middle school students and their friends.

This year's theme is Soul Spirit. We will be collecting used soles for souls of the children in Haiti. Allie Holcombe, sixth grader at Palisades Episcopal Middle School, has taken the initiative to organize a collection of gently-used shoes for the children of Haiti. Allie says, "Sole Spirit is my way of giving to those in need. Haiti is one of the poorest places on earth and there are so many children that need help. I believe that when people come together, we can and will change lives. Shoes can help kids feel loved and feel important, because they are."

Join us for this fun event for a good cause. For questions, contact Alice deVries at 704-714-6962 or devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org. Admission is \$5 plus an optional donation of used pairs of shoes for Sole Spirit Shoe Drive.

Middle and High School Lenten Practices

On Wednesday nights during Lent, we invite all youth (middle and high school) to participate in Lenten spiritual practices at Christ Church. EYC will not meet on Sunday nights during Lent. Instead, we encourage our middle school youth to attend the Lenten practices on Wednesdays, February 21 and 28, and March 7 and 14.

Lent: What Does Chocolate Have To Do With It?

(Followed by Imposition of Ashes)

The next Faith Talk will be Wednesday, February 14, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in All Saints' Hall, led by The Reverend Joshua Case. All families are invited to enjoy our monthly Faith Talks that present relevant topics that engage you and your youth in conversations to equip and empower you on your faith journey. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks.

Rite 13

On Sunday, February 11, our 7th grade youth will participate in the Rite 13 Liturgy. This liturgy will be held during the 8:45 AM service in All Saints' Hall. In the ceremony, the young people are charged with the responsibility to use wisely the creative energy they come upon with the onset of the teenage years. The congregation, parents and peers also play a part in the liturgy. There will be a class celebration immediately following the ceremony. We wish our 7th grade youth all the best on this special Sunday.

3rd Annual Chili Challenge (and Silent Auction)

Sunday, March 4, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Come for the fun, stay for the chili. This event is organized by Youth and Family Ministry and is open to all. There will be great chili cooked by parishioners and wonderful silent auction items. The event benefits youth programs at Christ Church. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! See page 9 for details and team entry form.

Welcome New Staff

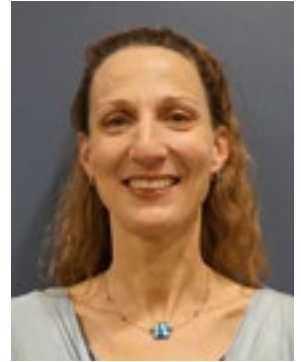
Patricia Hamilton

Administrative Assistant for Adult Formation and Spiritual Growth

Happy to call North Carolina home again, Patricia returned to the Charlotte area in spring 2017. A “cradle” Episcopalian, she has worked with parishes in the Dioceses of Massachusetts and Northern Indiana.

Patricia graduated from Duke University with a degree in music and holds a Master’s degree in Higher Education from The George Washington University. An avid Duke

basketball fan, Patricia looks forward to March Madness and cheering on the Blue Devils. She enjoys classical music, reading, and spending time with her family and her beloved long-haired Dachshund, “Daphne.” Patricia looks forward to helping to bring creative and inspiring programming in Spiritual Growth and Adult Formation to the Christ Church community.



In the Parish

New Members

Scottie and Matt Akins
Billy Butler
Paul Cavanaugh
Elizabeth and Wil Glasgow and Family
Alex Griffin
Jenna and Joe Hollmeyer and Family
Ross Howard
Karen and Andy Kearney
Stephenie Santilli

Births

Charlotte Elinor Davenport, granddaughter of Chris and Tim Dargusch
Hampton Clark Steele, son of Marianna and Eric Steele
Ashton Edwards Baird, son of Erica and Tyler Baird
William Harrison White, son of Emily and John White
Conner Joseph Ingersoll, son of Brittany and Paul Ingersoll
W Haskell Tison, son of Marian and Beau Tison
John Howell Gallagher, son of Alison and Ric Gallagher
Caroline Virginia Woodruff, daughter of Katheryn and Kyle Woodruff

Baptisms

Parker A. H. Benningfield, son of Carina and Don Benningfield, Jr.
Caroline Heyward von Werssowetz, daughter of Mary Radford and Odon Von Werssowetz

John Pearce Hayes, son of Sarah and Pearce Hayes
John Whitmer Costa, son of Mary-Keller and John David Costa
Thomas Hawley Viccellio, son of Laura and John Viccellio, Jr.
Mary Ellis Swift, daughter of Bethany and Carl Swift
Lindley Rhoads Cheek, daughter of Haley and John Cheek

Marriage

Danielle Felix Williams and Walter Olin Nesbit

Deaths

James E. Cates, brother of Jan Cates
David White, stepfather of Kee Marshall
Elliott Dulaney, brother of Joe Dulaney
Mavis Brooks Powell, mother of Lee Cooney
Mary Ellen Owsley
Wilford Morris, father of Grace Morris
Audley Taylor, father of Jennifer Schultz
Janet Elaine Shuster, mother of Katharine Correll
Anne S. Shaffner, mother of Ashley Cranz
Thomas Wayne Sevier, father of Jane Sevier
Keith Rennie Biggers, brother of Carol Dabbs
Henry Froneberger, brother of Sue Schenck
Anne “Pokey” Van Every Glenn
Martin Waters
Julius Jake Wade, Jr.
Rex Deaton, father of Mimi Arnold

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