Fall Calendar



Plan Ahead for a Fabulous Fall at Christ Church

Inside you will find details about events and programs for children, youth and adults in all areas of ministry (note any registration dates). From worship, music and Bible study to shared meals, support groups, and opportunities to give back, we are offering myriad ways to Love God, Care for Each Other, and Serve the World.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me...



WORSHIP

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/worship Contact: Hannah King, kingh@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6957

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

(Every Week Through September 2)

8:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:30 AM* (August 26 only) Discovery Eucharist in

All Saints' Hall

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

Blessing of the Backpacks*

Sunday, August 26, 10:30 AM Worship Services in the Church and All Saints' Hall

Start the school year off right with this Christ Church tradition. Children, youth and adults are invited to bring school bags, lunch boxes, preschool totes, or briefcases to the 10:30 AM worship services, where clergy will bestow special prayers and blessings on the bags and those who carry them.

Parish Day Festive Eucharist*

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

Fall Sunday Worship Schedule

(Every Week Beginning September 16)

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
8:45 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church
8:45 AM* Contemporary Eucharist in All Saints' Hall
11:15 AM* Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer in the Church
11:15 AM* Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

Weekday Worship Services (Every Week)

Tuesday Evening Eucharist, 6:00 PM in the Chapel Wednesday Eucharist and Prayers for Healing, Noon in the Chapel Thursday Morning Eucharist, 7:00 AM in the Chapel

Choral Evensong

Sundays, October 7, 4:00 PM, The Church

Throughout the centuries, much music has been written for this liturgy creating a unique service known as Evensong. It includes choral and organ music, congregational hymns, and moments for meditation and reflection. First Sundays of each month beginning in October.

Celebration Sunday

Sunday, October 21

On this special Sunday we celebrate God's generosity and dedicate our pledges for 2019.

Acolytes

Rising 8th graders and older are invited to serve as acolytes. This is a great way to grow in faith through worship leadership and getting to know Christ Church clergy. Contact Ginger Garner at ginger.garner@att.net for information about acolyte training.

Altar Guild

This important ministry supports hundreds of worship services each year, including chapel services during the week and our six Sunday services. Like setting a table for a special meal, we place the silver for communion on the altar, and clean up and reset afterwards. It takes no more than 30 minutes, and can be scheduled for the service(s) of your choice. We work in teams, so you will never work alone. It's a fun group and we'd love for you to join us! Contact Peggy Horne (peggy.horne1009@gmail.com) or Katie Charlebois (katiechar68@gmail.com) to learn more and/or sign up.

MUSIC

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/music Contact: Hannah King, kingh@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6957

All music ensembles require advance registration at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/music-signup.

Contemporary Band (Adults and Youth)

Every Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Band Room

Musicians of all backgrounds and abilities lead worship through music at the Contemporary Eucharist.

Youth Choirs Kickoff Weekend (Grades 1 - 8)

August 24 - 26

Choir participants will enjoy a full weekend of community-building, rehearsals and worship. Contact Hannah King at kingh@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more and sign up.

Music Club (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Every Wednesday Beginning August 29, 5:00 - 5:30 PM, M211

Pre-kindergarten (age 4) and kindergarten students learn the basics of making music and healthy singing by playing musical games.

St. Nicolas Choir (Grades 1 - 3)

Every Wednesday Beginning August 29, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, U304

Based on the Royal School of Church Music training plan, choristers prepare music for worship while learning the basics of music reading, vocal skills, liturgy and teamwork. Repertoire contains scripture and poetry that teach the beliefs and principles of our faith. In rehearsals, choristers use movement and experiential learning to explore their own artistic abilities and discover the joys of teamwork.

^{*} Nursery Care available

Christ Church Choristers (Grades 4 – 8)

Every Wednesday Beginning August 29, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, Choir Room

This choir prepares music for worship using the Royal School of Church Music curriculum. Areas of focus include sight singing, multi-lingual diction, understanding musical styles, and vocal technique. As with all team activities, commitment and leadership are taught and highly valued.

Christ Church Choir (Adults)

Every Thursday Beginning August 30, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Choir Room

Repertoire is challenging and covers a wide range of styles and languages from our classical choral heritage, directed by Ben Outen. We welcome singers with choral experience, vocal confidence and music reading skills. Contact Ben Outen at 704-714-6942 or outenb@christchurchcharlotte.org for more information.

Parish Choir (Adults)

Monthly beginning in September, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Choir Room

For those who are unable to make an ongoing commitment and love to sing, Parish Choir rehearses and sings in worship once a month (dates TBA).

WELLNESS & SUPPORT GROUPS

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/support Contact: The Reverend Lisa Saunders, saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6952

Sunshine Flower Guild

Every Monday, 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Sacristy

Sunshine Guild volunteers meet on Mondays to arrange the altar flowers into smaller bouquets and deliver them to parishioners who need some cheer. Would you like to be a part of this joyful ministry? Contact Ainslie Wall at 704-333-0378 or walla@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Separation, Divorce and Recovery Group

Every Tuesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, M213

Support, fellowship and encouragement for those going through divorce or separation. Led by non-members of Christ Church. Contact Doug Carson, 704-957-3943 or dougcarson@bellsouth.net.

Silver Bullet Men's Exercise Group

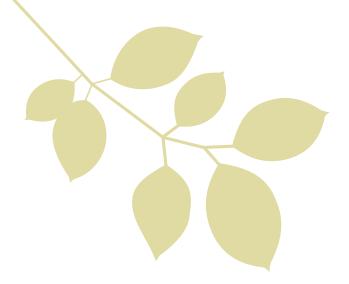
Every Saturday, 7:00 AM, Christ Church Parking Lot

A quick boot camp style workout and fellowship for men of all ages.

Yoga for the Spirit

Every Sunday Beginning September 9, 4:00 PM, St. Francis B

Calming, meditational yoga practice to deepen your relationship with your body, mind and spirit. No registration needed; \$10. Proceeds donated to Leap of Faith initiatives.



EPEC (Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children)

Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM, Green Room

Designed for parents to discuss their experiences, share ideas, and provide spiritual, mental, and emotional support to one another, this group meets on the second Monday of each month. Childcare is available by request. Find details and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/epec.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

September 12, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, M205

If you are living with someone who has dementia, join us on the second Wednesday of each month to share resources, concerns, advice and understanding. For more information, contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders at saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Knit One, Pray Too Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, September 17, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, St. Francis D

Join us on the first and third Mondays each month for fellowship and knitting prayer shawls, which are given to those going through illness or difficult times to remind them of God's presence. Novice to master knitters, all are welcome! Contact Grace McGoogan, 704-591-6800 or gmcgoogan@aol.com.

Men's Hike at Crowder's Mountain

Third Wednesdays of Each Month

We'll depart from Christ Church in the early morning and end with lunch at Hillbilly's BBQ in Gaston County. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men for details.

Living With Grief and Hope

Wednesdays, October 3 - 24, 1:00 - 2:15 PM OR 6:30 - 8:15 PM, M204

This four-week series provides support and resources for those who are dealing with loss. For more information, contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders at saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 PM, Christ Church Lawn

Bring your creatures, great and small, to be blessed. For the safety of all, please keep animals on leashes or in carriers. Canceled if raining.

ADULT FORMATION

BIBLE STUDIES

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bible Contact: Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945

The Daily

Sign up to receive an inspirational Bible passage from the Old or New Testament every day.

Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS)

Mondays, Twice Monthly, 7:00 PM, St. Francis C

Women meet to study scripture and literature, enjoy fellowship, and worship together.

Men's Reading Between the Lines

Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, Yellow Room

Men meet weekly using the Reading Between the Lines curriculum.

Reading Between the Lines

Every Wednesday, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, M206

Add to your understanding of scripture by reflecting on topics that arise from cultural and literary inspirations, using the Reading Between the Lines curriculum.

Thursday Morning Worship and Bible Study

Every Thursday, 7:00 AM, Chapel/M207

All are invited to worship in the Chapel followed by breakfast and Bible study led by clergy.

Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS)

Every Thursday Beginning September 13, 10:00 AM, Blue Room

Women of all ages gather weekly, September through March, to study, learn, and grow together.

Feasting on the Word

Every Sunday Beginning September 16, 10:00 AM, M207

Join clergy and lay leaders for a Bible study on the Sunday scripture passages. After a short lecture, small groups explore how the Living Words of God can instruct, lead, and open our hearts.

The Good Book Beginning to End

Mondays, September 24 – May 24, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, Good News Café
Participants will receive a free Reading Guide that provides a framework for reading the entire Blble in a year.

Building Up the Body of Christ (Bodybuilders)

Every Monday Beginning September 24, 11:00 AM - Noon, St. Francis C

This group connects faith to everyday life through articles, wo<mark>rld events, poetry, other readings, and scripture. No homework. Come when you can.</mark>

Young Adult Women's Bible/Book Study

Wednesdays, September 26 – November 14, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, St. Francis D

Young women (ages 21 - 35) meet for discussion and fellowship. Childcare is available by reservation.

Young Adult Faith & Fellowship

Most Sundays Beginning September 30, 10:00 AM, Parlor

Young adults (ages 21 - 35) meet for conversation, learning, and fellowship.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

These in-depth Bible study and theological reflection groups meet weekly at various times, September through May, to connect the study of scripture with our real lives. Participants commit to a four-year course of study.

CLASSES

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes
Contact: Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org
or 704-714-6945

Centering Prayer

Every Monday, 5:30 PM, M206

An ancient prayer discipline that quiets the mind in order to cultivate interior silence. We open ourselves to the presence and healing activity of God. Please join us any time.

Parenting With Love and Logic

Preschoolers: Tuesdays, September 18 – October 2, 9:00 – 10:30 AM Preschoolers: Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 28, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Elementary: Wednesdays, October 10 – 24, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

This three-session class series offers parents practical skills that can be used immediately, based on curriculum developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, PhD, and Foster W. Cline, MD. Registration (\$25 per family) covers two parenting partners. Free childcare is available upon request. A series on parenting teens will be offered in January.

The Daring Way

Wednesdays, September 19 - October 24, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Dr. Susan Campbell will lead this six-session class based on the work of Dr. Brené Brown. Find details and register (\$90/person) at www.christ-churchcharlotte.org/daringway.

Spiritual Growth and the Enneagram

Introduction: Thursdays, September 20 – December 6, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Renovation of the Heart: Wednesdays, September 19 – December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, St. Francis A

Refresher for Past Participants: Third Tuesday of Each Month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, M205

Learn more about yourself and discover a deeper relationship with God through study of the Enneagram. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/enneagram for details and registration links.

Race in America

Wednesdays, September 26 - October 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Led by The Reverend Rodney Sadler, this important three-class series in All Saints' Hall will examine the past, present and future of race in America.

Christian Essentials

Group 5: Thursdays, September 27 - November 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, M205 Group 6: Tuesdays, October 23 - November 27, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, M205

Explore, grow, and deepen your faith and life with God. In these six-week sessions, we cover 15 topics essential to the Christian life. Additional groups are currently being formed. Groups that began last spring will continue meeting. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/christian-essentials for details.

Communications Skills Training (CST)

October 9 - 11, November 13 - 15

These three-day workshops (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM) develop skills to improve relationships with friends, family, spouses, and co-workers. Visit www. christchurchcharlotte.org/cst for more information.

Communication Skills Training Reboots

September 8, October 13, November 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Half-day Saturday workshops help CST graduates build up and practice their skills. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst-reboot for registration details.

Clergy Classes

We will offer occasional large-audience Sunday morning classes at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall on a variety of themes taught by our clergy.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAMS

Faith Forum

Nationally recognized speakers share their insights on the Christian life with our gathered community throughout the year. Join us to be inspired, challenged, and transformed by new ideas and deeper reflection on important topics. Visit our website video archive to view past speakers and classes. Watch for details coming soon on our fall Faith and Courage series.

Men's Ministry Kickoff with Chad Williams

Thursday, September 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

Men will gather for dinner and the kick-off of a new season in Men's Ministry, as we welcome SEAL of God author Chad Williams. Chad draws on his own experiences as a Navy SEAL to help others better understand the depths of Christ's sacrifice and love. Register (\$20) at www.christ-churchcharlotte.org/men.

Living Big

This innovative ministry is designed to help two-man teams support one another in filling up the important "buckets" of faith, family, vocation and other critical areas for a fuller, richer life. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte. org/livingbig for more information.

Discipleship Matters Conference

October 15 - 17

Bishops Anne Hodges-Copple and Sam Rodman will be featured as Faith Forum guests during this three-day conference.

Legacy and Justice Pilgrimage

October 25 - 28, Montgomery, Alabama

We will explore the history of race in America and how we can participate in the work of justice. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/montgomery for details.

OUTREACH & MISSION

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach Contact: Laura Konitzer, konitzerl@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6959

Support Rama Road Elementary School

Help set up a classroom, volunteer at lunchtime during the first few weeks of school, or be a Girl Scout leader. Donate school supplies or uniform shirts. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www.christ-churchcharlotte.org/rama.

Men's Shelter Dinners

We serve dinner at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte on the first Sunday, second Friday, and fourth Thursday of each month, year-round from 5:15 to 7:15 PM, as well as on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve. Learn more and sign up at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/shelter.

Race in America

Wednesdays, September 26 – October 10, 6:30 – 8:30 PM See details under "Adult Formation" on page 5.

Hope Team Training

Saturday, October 20, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Charlotte Family Housing

Hope Teams consist of two to six people who provide non-financial support by offering emotional encouragement, financial and career advice, and simply providing a friendly ear. Christ Church Hope Teams help support residents of the Christ Church duplexes as well as other families in the CFH program. If you plan to attend the training, please contact Lisa Bradford at Ibradford@charlottefamilyhousing.org.

Legacy and Justice Pilgrimage

October 25 - 28, Montgomery, Alabama

See details under "Adult Formation" on page 5.

Serve-a-bration Week

November 4 - 10

Save the dates for this parish-wide week of service in the community. Details will be posted at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve closer to the event.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/children

Contact: Emily Kalmbach, kalmbache@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6956

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/youth

Contact: Betsy Parkhurst, parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org

or 704-714-6972

Youth Choirs Kickoff Weekend (Grades 1 - 8)

August 24 - 26

See details under "Music" on page 1.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 26, 10:30 AM, The Church and All Saints' Hall

Children, youth and adults are invited to bring school bags, lunch boxes, preschool totes, or briefcases to the 10:30 AM worship services, where clergy will bestow special prayers and blessings on the bags and those who carry them.

Christ Church Choristers (Grades 4 - 8)

Every Wednesday Beginning August 29, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, Choir Room See details under "Music" on page 1.

St. Nicholas Choir (Grades 1 - 3)

Every Wednesday Beginning August 29, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, U304 See details under "Music" on page 1.

Music Club (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Every Wednesday Beginning August 29, 5:00 - 5:30 PM, M211 See details under "Music" on page 1.

Youth and Children's Leader Kickoff

Wednesday, August 29, 6:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten First Day of School

Wednesday, September 5, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

EPEC (Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children)

Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM, Green Room

See details under "Wellness and Support" on page 3.

Sunday School

Every Sunday Beginning September 16, 10:00 AM, Various Classrooms

Sunday School is offered for childrens ages 2 (by August 31) through 12th grade. Watch for an email coming soon with your child's class assignment.

Navigators Fall Kickoff (Grades 4 - 5)

Sunday, September 16, 12:30 - 2:30 PM, Church Lawn

Join us as we kick off the school year with both new and old Navigator friends, play games, and discuss how we can F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely on God) in the upcoming year! Lunch will be provided.

Middle and High School Youth Kickoff

Sunday, September 16, 6:00 PM, Christ Church Lawn

All middle and high school students and youth leaders are invited to a celebration of a new year in youth ministry. Join us for food, fun, music and fellowship. In case of rain, we'll move to All Saints' Hall.

High School Life Groups

Every Wednesday Beginning September 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

High school youth and their adult leaders meet weekly in members' homes to share meaningful conversations about life and faith.

Middle School EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

Every Sunday Beginning September 23, 5:45 – 7:15 PM, Youth Room Youth in grades 6 – 8 gather for fun and fellowship.

Youth Council Retreat

September 28 - 30, Glory Ridge

Faith Talk

Wednesday, October 3, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

All middle and high school families (youth and parents) are invited for a monthly dinner and faith-based conversations on a variety of timely topics.

Youth Council (Grades 9 - 12)

Sunday, October 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

All rising 9th - 12th graders are invited to serve the Church while deepening their relationships with God and each other. This leadership group meets monthly to share a meal and plan events. Apply by August 31 at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/highschool.

These Are Our Bodies (Grade 5 and Parents)

October 19 - 20 OR November 30 - December 1

Formerly known as "He, She, We and God," this two-day program is designed specifically for 5th graders and their parents. It offers a place of growth, encouragement, and honest conversation about faith and human sexuality. Registration (\$75) is required; space is limited in each session. If cost is prohibitive for your family, please contact The Reverend Joshua Case.

Navigators Service Project: Operation Sandwich

Sunday, October 21, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, Blue Room

Navigators will make sandwiches to be delivered to the Urban Ministry Center.

Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 29, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, M207

See details under "Parish Life" on page 7.

Parenting With Love and Logic

Preschoolers: Tuesdays, September 18 – October 2, 9:00 – 10:30 AM Preschoolers: Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 28, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Elementary: Wednesdays, October 10 – 24, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

See details under "Adult Formation" on page 4.

Acolyte Training

Rising 8th graders and older are invited to serve as acolytes. See details under "Worship" on page 1.

PARISH LIFE

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parishlife

Contact: Kathryn Saunders, saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974

Greeters

Every Sunday

Come join our team of greeters as we welcome newcomers and life-long parishioners on Sundays. The commitment is minimal in time, but brings maximum rewards. If you attend church, you are perfect for this ministry! Greeters welcome churchgoers for 15 minutes prior to a service and 15 minutes at the end of the service, as suits your schedule. It's as simple as smiling and saying hello! To join this team, please contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

Social Bridge

Every Wednesday, 6:00 - 8:45 PM, M213

People of all skill levels and ages gather weekly to play bridge in a relaxed and fun atmosphere at Christ Church. Please join us!

Connect Class

Sunday, August 19, 9:45 AM - 1:45 PM, M207

Newcomers and anyone wanting to learn more about Christ Church are invited. This is a great opportunity to get to know some clergy and staff on a more personal basis and learn a lot about what is here for you. Lunch is served and childcare is available upon request.

Hot Dog Sunday

Sunday, August 26, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Christ Church Lawn

Join us for fun, fellowship and good food after the 10:30 AM worship services. Enjoy hot dogs with all the fixings while visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Fall Parish Day

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

We will kick off the fall season with a Festival Eucharist in All Saints' Hall and a parish-wide celebration on the lawn, with a picnic lunch and fun activities for all ages.

Wednesday Dinner Buffet

Every Wednesday Beginning September 12, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Blue Room

Join your Church family for dinner! Lots of food stations ensure there is something for everyone. No reservations needed; please drop in before or after your class or choir rehearsal! (\$9 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children ages 4 - 12; \$35 family maximum; cash, check, credit or debit.)

Sunday Brunch Buffet

Every Sunday Beginning September 16, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM, Blue Room

Everyone is invited for a delicious brunch and fellowship with friends and family. No reservations needed. Please join us! (\$9 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children ages 4 - 12; \$35 family maximum; cash, check, credit or debit.)

Newcomer Dinner

Wednesday, October 3, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, M207

We invite any and all newcomers for dinner and a chance to meet other newcomers and some of our staff. On the first Wednesday of each month, October through April, we will share a little of what's going on around Christ Church. Come join us for a casual and rewarding evening of fellowship.

Sages Coffee & Conversation

Wednesday, October 10, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Green Room

Sages (ages 65 and up) are invited to gather on the second Wednesday of each month (October through April) for coffee and casual conversation with each other and some of our Clergy.

Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 29, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, M207

Join us for a hot dog supper, decorating trick-or-treat bags and a parade around the circle and up to the upper parking lot to "trunk or treat" among parishioners' Bible-story themed trunks. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte. org/trunkortreat for details.



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