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News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



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The angel said to them,
'Do not be afraid; for
see — I am bringing
you good news of great
joy for all the people.'

— LUKE 2:10

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Advent Sundays For All

ADVENT is a time to watch and wait for Christ's coming into our midst in human flesh. Each Sunday of this season we will offer opportunities to worship, learn and enjoy time together as we prepare the way of the Lord. We hope you'll be a part of these joyful and holy moments to usher in the season.

Sunday, November 25

Advent Festival, 10:00 AM, Various Rooms



All adults, children, and teenagers are encouraged to participate in our annual Advent Festival. We will have crafts to make Jesse Tree ornaments.

Candles and wreath forms will be available for purchase, and greenery is provided to make an Advent Wreath. We will also prepare toiletry kits for our Room in the Inn guests.

Sunday, December 2

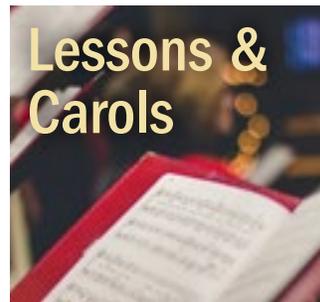
First Sunday of Advent

- 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*
- 8:45 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting in All Saints' Hall*
- 5:00 PM Advent Lessons and Carols in the Church

*Nursery care available

Annual Meeting, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

The Annual Meeting is an important event in the life of our community. We elect new leadership and learn more about important Church matters. All adults and confirmed youth are encouraged to participate. (See pages 12 – 13 for more details.) Children and youth will report to their Sunday School classrooms, and then be led to the Blue Room for a large group gathering. Pick up children from their classrooms.



Advent Lessons and Carols, 5:00 PM, The Church

The Christ Church Choir offers a traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols based on the great "O" antiphons.

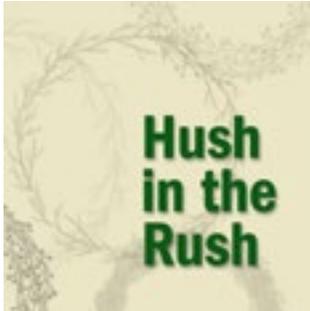
This year's music encompasses a multitude of styles – from the heartwarming "There is a flower" by John Rutter to the meditative Byzantine "O, do not move" by John Tavener.

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

- 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*
- 8:45 AM Children's Chapel
- 10:00 AM Hush in the Rush, Various Locations*
- 11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall*
- 11:15 AM Morning Prayer in the Church*
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

*Nursery care available



Hush in the Rush, 10:00 AM

Need to slow down and take a deep breath? Join us and experience a holy 'hush' in the rush and busyness of the Christmas season. We will offer multiple ways for families and people of all ages to be still, meditate, pray, and enter into a quiet holiness.

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

- 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*
- 10:00 AM Virtual Pilgrimage to Bethlehem*
- 11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist with Christmas Pageant in All Saints' Hall*
- 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church*
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

*Nursery care available

Virtual Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, 10:00 AM, Blue Room

Have you ever wondered what Bethlehem looks like? Journey back in time to visit the place tradition holds that Jesus was born. Using pictures from the most recent



Christ Church Holy Land Pilgrimage, The Reverend Matt Holcombe will help you imagine a new narrative of Jesus' birth.

Christmas Pageant, 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall

Children will share the story of Jesus' birth during a family-friendly worship service.

Monday, December 17

9:00 AM **Greening of the Church** – Open to all

Wednesday, December 19

5:00 – 7:00 PM **A Night in Bethlehem**, Christ Church Lawn

Enjoy a drop-in experience of what it might have been like in Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth, complete with live animals. All ages are welcome. Drop in anytime.

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 8:45 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church*
- 11:15 AM Morning Prayer in the Church*
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

*Nursery care available

On this day before Christmas Eve, we invite you to worship and pray, watchful and waiting for the quiet coming of Christ. In that spirit, Sunday School classes will not meet.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Book of Common Prayer)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 3:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church*
- 3:00 PM Holy Eucharist for Families and Young Children in All Saints' Hall*
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church*
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Band in All Saints' Hall*
- 8:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 10:30 PM Choral Eucharist in the Church

Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

Choral prelude begins at 10:00 PM.

*Nursery care available

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

11:00 AM Christmas Day Festive Eucharist in the Church

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Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 16, 11:15 AM
All Saints' Hall



The tradition continues as our children recreate the story of the birth of our savior. You and your entire family are invited to witness this critical moment through the eyes of a child.

Four-year-olds through third graders form the **Pageant Ensemble** who sing dressed as angels, shepherds and sheep. We ask these participants to attend at least two of these three music practices in All Saints' Hall:

- Wednesday, November 28, 5:00 - 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, December 5, 5:00 - 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, December 12, 5:00 - 5:30 PM

Third graders only are the **Stage Cast** who act on stage and narrate the Pageant story. Third grade cast members must be present the entire time for all three of the below rehearsals. If your child cannot commit to these three rehearsals in their entirety, he/she will be asked to participate in the pageant ensemble.

Rehearsals dates and times:

Sunday, December 2, 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Parts assigned and script read through

Sunday, December 9, 12:15 – 1:45 PM
Blocking and costumes (lunch included)

Saturday, December 15, 9:45 – 11:30 AM
Dress and sound rehearsal

***All pageant participants plus one parent are asked to attend rehearsal on Saturday, December 15, 11:00 – 11:30 AM to go over seating and to receive costumes.*

Registration is open until Friday, November 30 at www.christchurchcharlotte/pageant.

What is a Jesse Tree?

Families are invited to join us at the Advent Festival, Sunday, November 25 at 10:00 AM, to make Jesse Tree ornaments to take home. Jesse Trees are small, artificial trees, available for families who haven't received one in the past.



The Jesse Tree, named from Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots," tells the story of God in the Old Testament and connects the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across thousands of years of history.



A Reflection on the Youth Council Retreat

In September, twenty-nine members of our Christ Church High School Youth Council spent a weekend at Glory Ridge, a camp in the mountains of Madison County, North Carolina, for Sabbath time together. Thank you to our volunteer leaders Sylvia Wood, Joyce and Craig Cmiel, and Steve Garbee! Below are two reflections from new members of our Youth Council this year on what the weekend meant to them.

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Never did I imagine what an amazing experience a small group of girls and guys could have at an isolated camp sitting on the top of a mountain. The Youth Council traveled to Glory Ridge a few weekends ago. Glory Ridge is a small camp just outside of Marshall, North Carolina, made up of some cabins, a bathhouse, a kitchen, and two small pavilions. But even better were the spectacular sights and sounds that we got to experience all weekend.

Everywhere I stood, I could see the mountain peaks in the distance, hear the rush of the river below, and feel the crisp air surrounding us. We were even blessed by the Shoemakes who cooked us the most delicious food while we were there all weekend. Friday night, we hung our eno hammocks up in the pavilion and enjoyed the wonderful view in front of us. I would never have imagined how much two days with these people, most of whom I had never met before, could have such a strong impact on me.

That weekend we focused a lot on using silence to our advantage, and listening to God's insight in our lives. There were many times during the trip where we were asked to sit in silence and then reflect on what we took away from that time. I learned that weekend that the most important thing about silence is being able to feel like I am the only one in the world, and that nobody can stop me from doing what I believe in. I truly felt like all of the other worries and regrets that I had in my mind before we left were put on hold for that weekend.

It was a true blessing to step away from reality and to grow closer with each and every person that went on the retreat,

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including the leaders. Glory Ridge is a place of peaceful isolation and I couldn't be more grateful to have had the experience to retreat there. – *Emi Jones, 9th Grader*

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The Youth Council retreat to Glory Ridge allowed me to expand on my faith, open myself to new people, and create memories that will be special to me forever. I went into the weekend with few acquaintances and many doubts about my faith, but left with many friends and reassurance in my religion. After the weekend, I was closer with God than I ever had been before because of the space I was given from the real world. Without my phone, I was able to speak with our savior distraction free, which played a much larger role in my faith than I honestly believed it would.

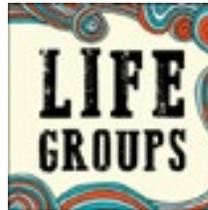
The connections I made over the course of the weekend are strong enough to last throughout my experience at Christ Church, and most likely well beyond. The most memorable experience from my weekend at Glory Ridge was when I fell asleep while looking up at the clear night sky. We worked on our abilities to be silent and listen to God, being left to our thoughts and God alone. I wanted to say thank you to Glory Ridge and Christ Church for giving me this experience. – *Sallie Hughes, 10th Grader*

Middle School EYC



Join us on Sundays from 5:45 – 7:15 PM in the Youth Room for fun, fellowship, faith, and food! Contact Lindsay Masi at masiL@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions or to find out more.

High School Life Groups



Ninth grade Life Group meets Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at various locations around Charlotte. Leaders will communicate with ninth grade families ahead of time. Contact Catherine Dooley at catpdooley@gmail.com with questions.

Tenth – twelfth grade Life Group meets Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the home of Alice deVries, 1930 Ewing Avenue, 28203. Contact Alice at devriesa@christchurch-charlotte.org for more information.



All middle and high school students and their families are encouraged to join us for Faith Talks on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in All Saints' Hall. Talks are led by Christ Church staff and special guests to help families discover their faith together. Join us for one or more of the following! Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks.

December 5 – Let's Talk about Hope

January 9 – Let's Talk about Wellness

February 6 – Let's Talk about Love

March 6 – Let's Talk about Forgiveness

April 3 – Let's Talk about Practice

May 1 – Let's Talk about Renewal

An Advent Prayer

The Season of Advent is quickly approaching and, while we hope you and your family will join us for our various Advent offerings to prepare for the mystery of Christmas, we hope you will also slow down and take time to pray. The following text, O Gracious Light (Phos Hilaron), is as old as the 3rd or 4th century. Mostly sung by choirs, this beautiful text can also be utilized as a spoken prayer as your family lights your Advent wreath each week.



*O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!*

*Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

Trunk or Treat: See the Fun Online

On October 29, children and adults gathered to enjoy hot dogs, games and Halloween fun at our Fifth Annual Trunk or Treat event.

After parading around the circle in costume, 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 cars.

A huge thank you to all who participated and volunteered, and a special thank you to our co-chairs, Jannell Dunaway and Mary Catherine Zito.

We also want to thank all the youth who helped make Trunk or Treat such a fun evening. We are so blessed to have so many great high school youth at Christ Church who are willing to volunteer and offer wonderful, creative ideas: Madeline Byrum, Araminta Cheek, Elizabeth Anne Coughlin, Elizabeth Edwards, Emma Gay, Grace Gay, Martha Goldsmith, Marshall Hanson, Sallie Hughes, Emily Jenkins, Lindsay Jones, Mac Konitzer, Stuart Mays, Carolyn Payne, Molly Rudisill, Kate Saunders, Emma Cutter Stark, Anna Thalman, and Kate Wolcott.

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat to see a photo gallery. We are already looking forward to next year!



Newcomer Dinners

We enjoyed getting to know new parishioners better in October and November, as we shared a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Mary. These monthly dinners are a great way to get to know others new to the Church, in addition to some clergy and staff, in a casual and relaxed setting. Each month we welcome a special guest who shares some of what's going on around Christ Church. Our next dinner will be Wednesday, December 5 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in M207 and we hope you can join us. To register, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974. Childcare is available upon request.

Hello My Name Is ...

Wearing name tags is an act of hospitality. We would love to provide all adult parishioners with a magnetic Christ Church name tag to wear when you are here. To receive yours, simply email Ainslie Wall at walla@christchurchcharlotte.org and specify your first and last name. We will notify you when your name tag is ready for pick-up in the Welcome Center. (Replacement name tags are \$5; non-magnetic tags are available upon request.)



MUSIC



Children's Choirs are Open For New Members

The Christ Church children's choir program is seeking young people in grades one through eight to sing in the St. Nicolas Choir and the Christ Church Choristers. These groups are great ways to receive both Christian and musical training simultaneously.

The choirs sing for worship twice a month (first and third Sundays) and rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Part of every Wednesday evening is devoted to learning to read music, lessons that could be very expensive elsewhere.

The skills children learn in choir are useful in almost every discipline. Choristers sing, laugh, learn, and become an integral part of the Christ Church worship leaders team.

The sense of belonging is huge and lasts a lifetime. It is a great time to join. Email Hannah King at kingh@christchurchcharlotte.org for more information or to sign up. We would love to have you!

Seeking Volunteers With Experience and Enthusiasm

Did you sing in choir in college? Have you sung in your previous church's choir and just haven't thought about joining the choir at Christ Church? Are you under the impression that "they sound so good they don't need me?"

The Christ Church Choir is seeking volunteers with great choral experience and enthusiasm. We need you!

If you enjoy singing but have no Episcopal Church choir experience, we can teach liturgy. If your music reading skills are rusty, we can help that improve. If you are not in fine voice, we can help get that back.

All we require is an interview with Ben or Nick, both of whom are friendly and welcoming. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers before you show up for rehearsal and they will be able to find the best way to help you feel comfortable in this great group of people.

Revisit your choir experience and become a contributing member of the Christ Church Choir! If you are interested, email Ben Outen at outenb@christchurchcharlotte.org or Nicolas Haigh at haighn@christchurchcharlotte.org to schedule your interview.

STEWARDSHIP



Courageous Generosity

Our baskets overflow with your gifts of generosity! Thank you to our young and mighty givers. Your courageous gifts inspire us to hope more and fear less.

If you haven't already made your 2019 pledge, now is the time. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge or use our TXT2PLEDGE by sending your pledge amount and full name to 980-221-4035.





Adult Mission Trip to Costa Rica

February 2 – 9

For many years, the Diocese of North Carolina has enjoyed a vibrant relationship with the Diocese of Costa Rica. Christ Church has been a crucial partner in this relationship for over a decade. In that time, our missionaries have helped build churches and repair and build two schools serving impoverished families. Most importantly, our parishioners have built lifelong friendships with our Costa Rican sisters and brothers. This special relationship embodies the words of Colossians 3:14: “Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

Along with construction projects, we will have the opportunity to witness Costa Rica’s incredible beauty on a day trip to La Paz. We invite you to join The Reverend Matt Holcombe on this powerful spiritual journey. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/costarica.



Room in the Inn Season Begins December 2

Christ Church, along with over 100 churches and organizations, provides emergency winter shelter for 12 homeless “neighbors” (men, women, children, and/or families experiencing homelessness) every Sunday, December through March.

Parishioners host our neighbors by assisting with the set-up of beds, picking up neighbors, making, serving, and sharing dinner with neighbors, serving as overnight hosts, and making sack lunches. We provide hospitality for those who have no place to call home. Nearly 150 volunteers spend over 1,000 hours to provide 240 beds for a single season of Room in the Inn.

Please consider serving at Room in the Inn (RITI) this season. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for families, especially for those with young children. For more information or to sign up, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ministries/outreach-and-mission/housing-homelessness or contact Laura Konitzer at konitzerl@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Rama Road Turkey Drive

Wednesday, November 21

For the last several years, Christ Church members have come together to provide up to 50 Rama Road families with turkey dinners for Thanksgiving. Dee Perez, our Rama Road Communities in Schools coordinator, works with administrators, teachers, and families to determine who, without our help, may go without. This year we will provide 35 meals. If you are available to cook and/or deliver a meal to a family, we need you!

Volunteers are asked to provide a meal that will feed 8 – 10 adults, consisting of a turkey, two side dishes, rolls, and a pie or other dessert. For more information, contact Sara Roche at 704-516-3888.

Night of Hope Recap

Christ Church held its first Night of Hope on October 18. Leaders from three of our closest partner agencies joined hundreds of parishioners for dinner and an evening of exploring how Christ Church can make an even greater impact in Charlotte. It was an inspiring night to remember.

Harry Shaw had this to say about his experience: “Night of Hope transported us from the formality of church to an evening of community and fellowship. It was incredibly powerful to share a meal with other parishioners while

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our guest speakers shared their journeys, struggles and triumphs. It was a source of hope for all of us gathered. It was very impactful to hear how the three organizations support each other and their families through every phase of their lives: homeless elementary-age children, adults/parents needing housing assistance, and teens working to learn a trade skill. It isn't often that we get to see the organizations working together as a whole package. As the evening wore down, I was thunderstruck by Darren Ash's closing remarks. In particular, his challenge to remove meaningless distraction from our lives and to go meet your brothers and sisters in the world. I have not been able to shake the importance of this challenge since."

If you were unable to attend, you can view the program here: www.christchurchcharlotte.org/videos/all-videos/a-night-of-hope. You are encouraged to watch – you may be surprised to learn all that your church home has been doing to impact lives in Charlotte.

Jubilee Store: A New Way to Serve During Advent

Saturday and Sunday, December 8 – 9

Christ Church said farewell to a much-loved Advent service opportunity last year: our Duff, Tennessee Gift Ministry. Incredibly, Christ Church had been taking part in the Duff Gift wrapping event for almost 30 years. In that time, Charlotte has changed, and so have we.

The shared reflections of our entire parish made it increasingly clear that we ought to focus our efforts on those within our own community. In response to this shared reflection, Christ Church is partnering with Myers Park United Methodist and Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte Family Housing's Jubilee Store on December 8 and 9.

The Jubilee Store is a unique opportunity to take part in Charlotte Family Housing's mission to help families achieve self-sufficiency and housing stability. Parishioners from all three churches will purchase gifts and create a Christmas shopping experience many of the families have never had. You will have the opportunity to help families shop, wrap gifts, and share a meal. We hope that you will join us for this life-changing experience during Advent. To learn about all of the ways to get involved and to sign up, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/jubilee-store.



MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Retreat

January 25 - 27

Valle Crucis Conference Center, Banner Elk, NC

Men of all ages spend a weekend of fun and fellowship: a time for reflection, recreation, and relaxation. Register online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men. Contact Henry Ijams at 704-525-5763 or henryijams@gmail.com with questions.

Men's BIG Breakfast

Wednesday, December 5

7:00 - 8:00 AM in the Blue Room

Join us as we take a deeper dive into what makes life BIG, especially for men. We will explore the topics of living BIG with clergy, peer, and community leadership. In December we welcome Mike Shildt, Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Breakfast will be catered by Anderson's (with donations graciously accepted). Join us at 6:45 AM for fellowship, blessing at 7:00 AM, speaker(s) at 7:15 AM, finish at 8:00 AM. Feel free to stay for additional fellowship as you are drawn. It's going to be BIG! Contact Scott Griffin 704-905-8692 or scottgriffinphoenix@gmail.com with questions. No RSVP required – all are welcome. Invite a friend!

Be sure to also save the date for our next BIG Breakfast: Wednesday, February 6.

Living BIG

Tired of doing the same thing in life - expecting different results? Join this innovative ministry designed around two-man teams that support one another in filling up the important "buckets" of faith, family, vocation and other critical areas for a fuller, richer life. You can sign up to be assigned a partner or select your own partner. Learn more or sign up at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/livingbig.



ADULT FORMATION

Spiritual Growth and the Enneagram

Who's Driving the Bus?

**Wednesdays, January 16 – February 27,
6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Who's actually in charge in your life? The inner critic, also known as the superego, is an internal force we generally accept as a necessary moral compass (and for many identified as God's presence in their lives). Using exercises and practices, participants will learn how to recognize their inner critic and its functioning within their Enneagram style. In this advanced course they also will learn how accessing strength, truth, and compassion can allow us to take a step toward experiencing the freedom and vitality of the human soul... and the utterly unconditional love of God.

Opening the Higher Mind

**Mondays, January 14 & 28,
February 4 – March 25, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

This 11-session course is a deeper exploration for those who have completed Introduction to the Enneagram. We'll explore the body, heart, and head centers as different forms of human intelligence that work together.

The sessions will offer a great deal of information along with experiential exercises, covering the nine Enneagram types in terms of their instincts, passions, fixations, virtues, and Holy Ideas. Contact Jenny Beaumont @ beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Registration (\$25) is required at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/enneagram.

Adult Confirmation and Inquirers Class

Sunday, February 10 – April 7, 10:00 AM

This nine-week class is offered for any adult who wishes to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or who simply wants to explore what we believe and the basics of faith.

What does the class cover?

The 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 the way the Episcopal Church lives out that basic faith through worship, Bible study and service to others. Christ Church clergy teach the classes. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 19. Registration is required. To register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/confirmation. Contact Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.



Adult Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

May 2 – 11 (Registration Deadline: January 11)

We invite you to travel with us to the Holy Land, to walk where Jesus walked and experience the places where he worshiped, prayed, taught, healed, and served. This ten-day pilgrimage around Israel is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith by bringing Biblical geography to life.

Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe and The Reverend Lisa Saunders on this life-changing experience. To view the brochure with complete itinerary and trip details or to register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/holyland.

Communications Skills Training (CST)

January 15 – 17, February 26 – 28

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.

Living a Soul-Centered Life: An Inner Pilgrimage

February 22 – 24, St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

A soul-centered life is one lived in attunement to God. It's about discovering the sacred within the ordinary.

Come experience this way of life we are called to during a time of faith, hope, love, wonder and meaning in Sewanee, Tennessee. Along with traversing our inner terrain and exploring spiritual practices new and old, we'll hike the winter woods, make s'mores under the stars, and worship at All Saints Chapel. Led by Julie Marr and The Reverend Matt Holcombe, the cost is \$325 per person (covers lodging and meals). Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pilgrimage to learn more and register.

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Vision Board Workshop: Discovering God's Dream for You

Saturday, January 12, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Green Room

What if finding a simple way to stay focused and purposeful could set you on the path to living out the life God desires for you? A vision board is one way to quiet the noise around you and tap into the gentle nudges and whispers of the Holy Spirit. Join Makeda Pennycooke for this workshop and learn how this simple tool can support your current spiritual practices in uncovering God's plan for you. You will walk away with a vision board that will inspire and motivate you towards living your best life.

A \$30 workshop fee includes supplies and materials. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes to register.

Save the Date

A Lenten Journey: Adult Pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL

Wednesday – Saturday, March 6 – 10

As injustice and racism continue to plague our city and our country, our faith calls us to confront and confess our failures and fears in order that we may be reconciled one with another. As Desmond Tutu said, "There is no future without forgiveness."

Join The Reverend Matt Holcombe on a pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama to experience the Legacy and Justice Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/montgomery.

Mark Your Calendars

JANUARY FAITH FORUMS



Ned Hallowell

**January 6, 10:00 AM,
All Saints' Hall**



Dawn Huebner

**January 13, 10:00 AM,
All Saints' Hall**

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IDEAS THAT HELP. STORIES THAT INSPIRE.

Christ Church Wellness Check-up

Wellness: An individual's best possible vitality of mind, body, soul, and relationships, leading to a hopeful, generative life.

Christ Church has established a Wellness Commission to engage, equip and empower parishioners to be well and live well. The commission developed a definition of wellness and set of twelve questions to consider the state of your own wellness. Which question(s) below invite you to explore and deepen your own wellness?

- Have you had a physical check-up within the last year?
- Do you engage and enjoy creative activities that make you lose track of time?
- Do you practice healthy ways to ease the stress in your life?
- Do you eat healthfully and avoid harmful substances?
- Do you regularly and intentionally tune out from your digital devices and screens?
- Do you worship, pray or meditate as part of your daily life?
- Do you exercise regularly each week?
- Do you have a good friend and feel valued by others?
- Do you enjoy your own company?
- Do you spend time in nature or in quiet?
- Do you give and receive love?
- Do you express gratitude to God and others?

Living Your Strengths

**Wednesdays, January 23 – February 27
9:30 – 11:00 AM, St. Francis C**

If you want to understand, appreciate, and better exercise your gifts and strengths, you will enjoy this six-session course, which explores what makes you happy, alive, and energized, and how your gifts help you grow spiritually in all areas of life. Class size is limited. This is not a career counseling course, yet it will deepen your faith in your own gifts and encourage you to share them. For more information or to register, contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders at saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018
10:00 AM in ALL SAINTS' HALL**

Please join us for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall. The Annual Meeting is the one time during the year we gather to hear "the state of Christ Church." It is a time to reflect on 2018 and acknowledge the mission and ministry that took place during the past year, and to look ahead to 2019 and all the promise it holds for our spiritual home. We will hear reports from the Rector, the Vestry and other parish leaders.

During the Annual Meeting, the parish will elect five new members of the Vestry for the 2021 class that will serve for the next three years. The Vestry Nominating Committee has worked faithfully to present a slate of five nominees that assures our Vestry has the skills it needs to lead our parish, rounding out the experience of continuing Vestry members. Those skills include holding leadership positions in one of the Church's many ministries, understanding the governance and traditions of our Church, and the ability to see the big picture as decisions are made. The committee also considered the need to ensure a balance of genders and ages on the Vestry.

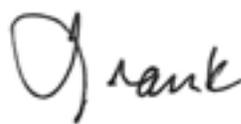
Please take the time to read about these very capable and willing candidates and be ready to vote at the Annual Meeting on their tenure. Their pictures and biographical information are on the facing page.

Under our Bylaws as adopted by the parish last year, any additional nominations must be duly made and received in writing by the Rector no later than twelve days prior to the Annual Meeting (that is, by November 20), at which time the nominations are closed. As of the date of this notice (November 15), no such additional nominations had been received. If any additional nominations are duly made and received within the time permitted by the Bylaws, information about the additional nominee(s) will be provided on the Christ Church website and at the Annual Meeting.

Your service and participation at the Annual Meeting is reflective of this "generous community" that we call Christ Church. We are grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure and ALL that encompasses. Blessings to all who engage in the mission and ministry of this amazing place!



Chip Edens, Rector
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Frank Horne, Senior Warden

VESTRY & ANNUAL MEETING

The election of the 2019 Vestry Members will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 2 at 10:00 AM in All Saints' Hall. (There will be no worship services at 11:15 AM that Sunday, but other services will be held as regularly scheduled.) Five people will be elected to the 15-member Vestry. The following slate of parishioners has been nominated:



Doug Ey has been a member of Christ Church for 30 years. He has previously served two terms on the Christ Church Vestry, most recently as Senior Warden in 2006. He has co-chaired the Annual Stewardship Campaign, co-chaired the Leap of Faith Campaign, and had leadership roles in numerous other ministries and initiatives at Christ Church. Most recently he has been serving on the 75th Anniversary Visioning Committee, the Outreach Commission, and the Associate Rector Search Committee. He has also been a sixth grade Sunday School teacher for the past 16 years. Doug is a lawyer with McGuireWoods, and he and his wife Tere have three adult children, McGowin, Emily, and John Douglas, two of whom were married at Christ Church.



Susan Hamilton was confirmed at Christ Church in 1988, and has been an active member ever since. She has been engaged with youth programs in many roles, including as a Sunday School teacher, a Rite 13 leader, and as a Youth Advisory Board member. She was Hospitality Chair for ten years, and has been involved with many Care Teams, and with a Hope Team family which, as she says, "beat the odds" and moved into their own home. She co-chaired the Annual Stewardship Campaign in 2015, served on the 75th Anniversary Visioning Committee, and is currently assisting with weddings at Christ Church. In the community, Susan has chaired school boards and led Girl Scout troops, including one at Rama Road Elementary School. Active in disability resource centers and narcolepsy research, she and her youngest son co-founded the first narcolepsy support group in the Carolinas. Susan has four adult children, Moore, Eloise, Wake, and Blanton III.



Julie Marr, a lifelong Episcopalian, has been at Christ Church for 34 years. She is currently chair of the Wellness Commission, serves on the Spiritual Growth Commission, and is active in Education for Ministry. She also serves on the Board of Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte, which operates the Galilee Center. She recently co-founded SoulStudio, which offers programs devoted to soul care and pursuing a soul-centered life. Julie is a professional writer and creative director, specializing in development projects for nonprofit organizations, and has been instrumental in applying her talents to numerous Christ Church projects and initiatives over many years. She and her husband Mike have three children, Yates, Italia, and Ian.



Randall Mountcastle joined Christ Church in 2000. He has served as a Sunday School teacher here for nine years, and served on and chaired the Rama Road Elementary School Church Commission. Randall has been active in several committees and commissions at Christ Church over the years: Micah Initiative Commission, Outreach Commission, Leap of Faith Implementation Team, and the 75th Anniversary Renewing Our Vision Committee. Outside of Christ Church, Randall works for Videre Diagnostics (healthcare imaging service) and is an active board member and current Chair of the Stratford Richardson YMCA. Randall and his wife, Lori, have two daughters, Ella and Grace.



Betsy Zarzour joined Christ Church in 2011, after moving from Raleigh where she was a member of Christ Church Raleigh. At Christ Church Charlotte, she has been especially involved in youth ministry, serving on the Christ Church staff for six years as Director of Youth Ministries and in various other roles. Betsy has also served on the Freedom School Teen Board, as a Rama Road tutor, and on the Leap of Faith Campaign Committee. She has participated in Education for Ministry, serving at the Men's Shelter, and Mom to Mom Bible Study. Outside Christ Church, she has served on the boards of Myers Park Trinity Little League and the Steve Smith Family Foundation. Betsy is currently a teacher at Trinity Episcopal School. She and her husband Taylor have two daughters, Katie and Grace.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Holiday Greenery Sale

Pick up on December 1

Pre-ordered greenery will be available to pick up at the Feast and Flora Pop-Up Shop on December 1. See details below.

Feast and Flora Pop-Up Shop

Saturday, December 1

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM in All Saints' Hall

Get a head start on your holidays! This year we are featuring gorgeous handpicked greenery and delicious homemade food items to stock your freezer and fill your holiday table. As always, the GoodNews Shop will be ready for you with great gift ideas for everyone on your Christmas list and a wonderful selection of seasonal items for your holiday décor and entertaining.

In addition, The GoodNews Shop is thrilled to welcome two local authors: The Reverend Lisa Saunders, debuting her new children's Christmas book, *From Stars To Stable*, and Kathy Izard, author of *The Hundred Story Home*. Both will be available for book signings.

All proceeds from sales at the Pop-Up Shop and GoodNews Shop benefit organizations that support women and children. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw to learn more about our mission funding.

Calling All Cooks! Help us prepare delicious homemade foods to sell at the Pop-Up Shop. Items are easy to make and a wonderful way to contribute. Recipes provided. Click here to find details and sign up. Contact Ginny Cobb at ginnycobb@me.com for more information.

We Need Your Help We welcome and need volunteers! Come join in the holiday cheer and have some fun supporting our mission fund. There are many opportunities to volunteer, from decorating before the event to greeting visitors. For more information, contact Kathleen Nastiuk at kwnastiuk@gmail.com.

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays for other details about this event.

Save the Date

Women's Retreat

March 8 – 10, 2019

We will once again journey to Kanuga in the beautiful North Carolina mountains for a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun. Stay tuned for details.

Join Us!

ECW Advent Luncheon

**Tuesday, December 4, 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM,
All Saints' Hall**

Julia Boyd Mitchener, former Christ Church Associate Rector, will inspire us as we begin the Advent season. Bring your friends, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome!

All tables will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. 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 names of guests included. If you would like to request to sit with friends on another reservation, we will do our best to accommodate, but cannot guarantee placement at the same table.

Cost is \$20 per person. Reserve your space by Thursday, November 29. Paper registration forms are also available in the Rotunda. Questions? Contact Page Gatewood at pagegatewood@gmail.com or 848-979-5001. Visit the ECW Holidays webpage at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays for more information.

GOODNEWS SHOP

Bring Your Shopping List to GoodNews

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at GoodNews! We are well stocked with festive and seasonal merchandise including gifts, holiday decor and tasty treats!

This year we are especially pleased to carry *Abbiamo tutto*, hand-crafted platters and serving bowls. Each piece is created entirely in Italy based on traditional methods of manufacturing and craftsmanship and made with



only Italian materials. A beautiful addition to your holiday table! Let us help you with your Christmas shopping and the perfect gifts for everyone on your shopping list.



In the Parish

New Members

Allison Abbott and Family
Mary Beth Allred and Olivia Smith
Kate Austin
Katie Donovan
Mary Brook Ewing
Allison and Meg Frantz
Maggie and Henry Frantz
Jackie and Fletcher Fortune
Katy and John Nalley and Family
Teri and Bill Nugent and Family
Kathy and Ted Shonts
DuBose Williamson

Births

Harriett Gage Fairey, daughter of Eleanor and William Fairey
Caroline Colville Griffith, daughter of Caroline and Tucker Griffith
Virginia McIntyre Griffith, daughter of Caroline and Tucker Griffith
William Tucker MacDonald, grandson of Logan and Marsden Haigh
Noah Ellison Dean, son of Jammie and Jonathan Dean
and grandson of Diana and Howard Dean
John Scott Giammarinaro, son of Carolyn and Matt Giammarinaro
Lisa Catherine Morris, daughter of Catherine and Patrick Morris
Howard Frederick Collins, son of Jennifer and Townsend Collins

Baptisms

Juliette Moncure Cooper, daughter of Anne Taylor and John Cooper
Jackson Myers Mazhari, son of Brooke and Michael Mazhari
John Frazier McMahan, son of Liza and Skye McMahan
Magnolia Gippie Hawn Rome, daughter of Hewit and Brendan Rome
Charlotte Tucker Anderson, daughter of Laura and Mitchell Anderson
Hampton Clarke Steele, son of Marianna and Eric Steele
Eleanor Kay Wood, daughter of Kathryn and Alex Wood

Marriages

Statia Gelling Thompson and Chandler Dowe King
Rebecca Rutledge Adams and Connor William Starrs
Claire Elizabeth McGee and Thomas Russell Ferguson III
Katherine Marie Maynard and William LaMar McGinnis
Jessica Jane Fallis and Phillip Burke
Natalie Taylor and Taylor Linde
Elizabeth Baker Bonner and Alexander Carter Covington
Lauren Michelle Southwell and Charles Cameron McGoogan

Deaths

Mary D. Armistead
Carolyn Walker, sister of Midgie Speight
Laura Pocock, sister of Matt Stubbing
Elizabeth Byerly, sister of Mary Irving Campbell
Amelia James, grandmother of Amelia Abbott
Barry Hinnant, brother of Chris Weiss
Winston Conner Paschall
Candi Hawkins, mother of Zann Hawkins
Lewis Caperton "Cape" Beirne
Mark Ardis, grandfather of Katie Griffith
William McKinnis, father of Beth Poston
Virginia Sohn, mother of Peter deVries
Juanita Halstead Neas
Helen Ross Maddux, mother of Helen Maddux
Donald DeLong, father of Sharon Webb

Christ Church Kindergarten & Preschool

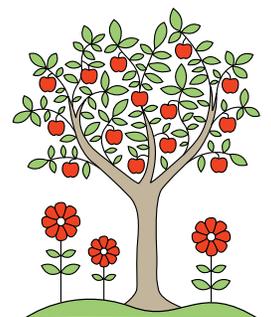
Prospective Parent Tours

Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten is hosting prospective parent tours on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM.

RSVP to Meredith Sorrell, Assistant Head of School, at sorrellm@christchurchcharlotte.org.

CCK Kindergarten Open House

CCK will hold a Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, November 29 at 9:30 AM in the Green Room. To RSVP, contact Kelly Coley, Head of School, at coleyk@christchurchcharlotte.org.



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**Feast & Flora
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Details on page 14.