

SEPTEMBER 2019 - CALENDAR EDITION

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

Living FAITH

I am the vine,
you are the
branches...

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Holy Eucharist in the Church

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Holy Eucharist in the Church

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Living FAITH



How do we live with faith and courage?

What practices lead to a vital, life-giving faith?

What do the fruits of living our faith look like?

In the season ahead we will explore these questions (and many more) as we move into our second year of the Faith and Courage Initiative and explore what it means to LIVE our faith. Whether you attend Faith Forum, join a Bible study, sing in a choir, seek help for a problem, or serve a meal to those in need, we hope you will be inspired and challenged to live your faith in new and meaningful ways that bring you closer to God and to one another.

Read on to see the many ways you can worship and pray; discover and learn; practice wellness; live in community; build diverse relationships; and advocate, serve, and give with us this fall.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

— JOHN 15:5



Sundays, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

Our upcoming series will focus on some of the ways God calls us into a Living Faith, featuring some remarkable people who have answered that call. What can we learn from their stories? Join us to find out and be inspired.

September 22

Mary Celeste Beall

Living Faith: Family Tragedy and the Journey of Healing



Mary Celeste Beall is the proprietor of Blackberry Farm, the acclaimed resort hotel and renowned food, wine, and wellness destination in the Tennessee foothills. She and her late husband, Sam, transformed the space before Sam tragically died in 2016 at the age of 39. After his death, Mary Celeste, a mother of five children, became the sole proprietor. Hers is a courageous story of healing after tragedy.

September 29

Jordan Kassalow

Living Faith: The Power of Vision and Purpose



Jordan Kassalow, an eye doctor and social entrepreneur, is the founder of VisionSpring and EYE-Alliance, and has distributed over 2,000,000 eyeglasses around the world. He has garnered many humanitarian awards for his tireless work to improve the lives of others, and co-authored the book *Dare to Matter: Your Path to Making a Difference Now*.

October 6

Anthony Ray Hinton

Living Faith on Death Row



Anthony Ray Hinton was wrongly convicted of the 1985 murders of two fast food restaurant managers in Birmingham, sentenced to death, and held on Alabama's death row for 28 years. In 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously overturned his conviction on appeal, and the state dropped all charges against him. After being released, Hinton wrote and published a memoir, *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*.

October 13

David Zahl

Living Faith and the Paradox of Religion



David Zahl is the author of *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do About It*. In it, Zahl explores the possibility that our culture is not becoming less religious, but rather that we are becoming religious about more and more things. Ultimately he brings us to a fresh appreciation for the grace of God in all its countercultural wonder. David also serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal

Church in Charlottesville, VA, supervising their ministry to college students.

October 20

Hannah and Charlie Lucas

Living Faith and Teen Mental Health



When Hannah Lucas was a high school freshman in Atlanta two years ago, she became depressed and suicidal. She came up with the idea of a digital panic button to help people like her. Her 13-year-old brother, Charlie, had been learning to code since he was seven, and built the NotOkay app. The app alerts five pre-selected friends when the app user is Not Okay, providing the friends the user's GPS location. Hannah and Charlie Lucas will join us to tell their

story and share their continued efforts to encourage good mental health.

November 13

Becca Stevens

Living Faith: Trauma and Restorative Love



Becca Stevens is an author, speaker, Episcopal priest, justice entrepreneur, and founder and president of Thistle Farms (Nashville, TN), a community of women survivors of prostitution, trafficking and addiction. Thistle Farms includes a holistic two-year residential program, justice enterprises that employ survivors, and an education and outreach program that includes a national network of 50 sister communities. The Global Market of Thistle Farms helps employ

more than 1,800 women worldwide.

December 1

Rob Mendez

Living Faith: Beating the Odds



Rob Mendez sounds like any other football coach on any other field across America — passionate, authoritative, knowledgeable — but he is like no other coach you know. Coach Rob has no arms or legs. He moves in a custom-made wheelchair that he operates with his shoulders. Coach Rob diagrams plays on a smartphone attached to the chair, using a stylus that he maneuvers with his mouth. Coach Rob first learned football playing Madden video games, and that

is just one incredible detail of his remarkable story. Born without limbs, an extremely rare condition called Tetra-amelia, Coach Rob has been beating the odds for 30 years.



WORSHIP

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/worship
Contact: Margaret Haigh, haighm@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6957

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

(Every Week Through September 1)

8:30 AM*	Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 AM*	Holy Eucharist in the Church (Morning Prayer August 25)
10:30 AM*	(August 25 only) Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist in the Church

Blessing of the Backpacks*

Sunday, August 25, 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 8, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall
Regular services will also be held at 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Fall Sunday Worship Schedule

(Every Week Beginning September 15)

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

* Nursery Care available

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 6 & November 3, 3:30 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 Sunday of each month, beginning in October.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 4:00 PM, Church Circle
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.

Celebration Sunday

Sunday, October 27
On this special Sunday we celebrate God's generosity and dedicate our pledges for 2020.

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 Betsy Zarzour at betsyzarzour@gmail.com 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: Margaret Haigh, haighm@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6957

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

Children's Choir Camp (Grades 1 – 8)

August 24 – 25

Choir participants will enjoy a full weekend of music, rock climbing, community-building, and worship. Contact Margaret Haigh at haighm@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more and sign up.

Music Club (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 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)

Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 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.

Christ Church Choristers (Grades 4 – 8)

Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 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)

Thursdays Beginning August 29, 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.

Contemporary Band (Adults and Youth)

Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Band Room

Musicians of all backgrounds and abilities lead worship through music at the Contemporary Eucharist. Contact Shea Watts at 704-714-6967 or wattss@christchurchcharlotte.org for more information.

Choral Evensong

Sundays, October 6 & November 3, 3:30 PM, The Church

See details under “Worship” on page 6.

Music Ministry Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help supervise children's choirs, maintain our music library, provide audio-visual support in All Saints' Hall and the Nave, and assist with administrative needs. To learn more, contact Margaret Haigh at 704-714-6957 or haighm@christchurchcharlotte.org.

WELLNESS & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Separation, Divorce and Recovery Group

Tuesdays, 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

Saturdays, 7:00 AM, Christ Church Parking Lot

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

Yoga for the Spirit

Sundays, 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 Faith and Courage initiatives.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Gatherings

Dates TBA, 6:30 PM

Twice a month, this gathering brings people together who have been affected by the suicide of a loved one. Shared pain and care has power to elevate hope and provide holy comfort. Contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders at saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org for meeting dates.

EPEC (Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children)

Second Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Green Room

Designed for parents to discuss their experiences, share ideas, and provide spiritual, mental, and emotional support to one another. Childcare is available by request. Find details and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/epec.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Second Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, St. Francis C

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

First and Third Mondays Beginning September 16, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. Francis D

Join us 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 Beginning September 18, 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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, September 25 – October 16, 1:00 – 2:15 PM OR 7:00 – 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.



Freedom School 2019

Freedom School 2019 at Rama Road was a tremendous success. It was led by a terrific site coordinator and a team of student leader interns (including Christ Church's own Virginia Hart Touma). A big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who were Harambee and The Great Day of Dear readers, Second Harvest Red Bag deliverers, supply shoppers, intern treat providers, supply donors, and so much more. We simply could not have made Freedom School happen without you.

Special thanks to Gigi Harris, who with her cadre of volunteers, provided meals for parent meetings throughout the summer. Led by the amazing Owen Copps, our Teen Board this year was fantastic. Thank you to Garrett Portland, Jenna Malone, Mallory Mauney, Kate Saunders, Patsy Sasz, Mac Konitzer, Anna Snead, Mary Mac Downs, Kayla Nugent, Andrew Lewis, Carolyn Payne, Jane Durden, Drew Smith, Lizzie Foster, Annie Durden, Sophia Ladley, and Addie Riley for bringing energy and love to our Freedom School scholars. We hope to see you all at Freedom School next summer!



Costa Rica

We are exploring exciting and new mission opportunities in the Diocese of Costa Rica. Stay tuned for details about our February 2020 mission trip.

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.christchurchcharlotte.org/rama.

Rama Volunteer Orientations

Wednesday, September 18 or Thursday, September 26

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Rama Road Elementary School

New and returning Rama Road volunteers are required to attend one of these sessions, which will include Safe Church Training, lunch, and information about the upcoming year at Rama. The Diocese of North Carolina requires everyone who interacts with children and youth attend a Safe Church Training session.

Men's Shelter Dinners

First Sundays, Second Fridays, Fourth Thursdays

5:15 – 7:15 PM, Men's Shelter of Charlotte

Christ Church volunteers serve dinner at the Shelter three times per month year-round, plus on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve. Learn more and sign up at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/shelter.

Slavery, Freedom, and the Civil Rights Movement

Wednesdays, October 2 – 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, M207

See details under "Adult Formation" on page 10.

Hawthorne Place Hosting

August 18 – 22

Provide a meal for 12 at Hawthorne Place.

Matthew 25 Casserole Delivery

Third Wednesdays

Drop off casseroles to be delivered to various homeless shelters in our community. Recipes are provided.

Legacy and Justice Pilgrimage

October 10 – 13, Montgomery, Alabama

See details under "Adult Formation" on page 10.

Serve-a-bration Week

November 3 – 9

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.

Jubilee Store Toy Drive

November 3 – 24

Toy and gift collection for Jubilee Store holiday market for Charlotte Family Housing residents and alumni.

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 at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bible.

Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS)

First and Third Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, St. Francis C

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

Men's Reading Between the Lines

Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Yellow Room

Men meet weekly using the Reading Between the Lines curriculum.

Reading Between the Lines

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, 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

Thursdays, 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)

Thursdays Beginning September 12, 10:00 AM, Blue Room

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

Feasting on the Word

Sundays Beginning September 22, 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 30 – May 18, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, M205

Participants will receive a free Reading Guide that provides a framework for reading the entire Bible in a year.

Building Up the Body of Christ (Bodybuilders)

Mondays Beginning September 23, 11:00 AM – Noon, St. Francis C

This group connects faith to everyday life through articles, world events, poetry, other readings, and scripture. No homework. Come when you can.

Young Adult Sunday School

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

Young adults (20s and 30s) meet for conversation, learning, and fellowship.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Mondays, 9:15 – 11:30 AM, Tuesdays, 6:45 – 9:00 PM, Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:45 AM, or Fridays, 9:15 – 11:30 AM, Beginning in September

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

Rector’s Class
Sunday, September 15, 10:00 AM

Join The Reverend Chip Edens as he launches this fall’s theme exploring what it means to live our faith, and how a Living Faith bears fruit in our own lives and in the world.

Centering Prayer
Mondays, 4:00 –5:00 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.

Daring Greatly
Wednesdays, September 18 – October 23, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, M206

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.christchurchcharlotte.org/daringway.

Meet the Enneagram
Wednesdays, November 6 – 13, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, M207

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

Sacred Ground
Selected Tuesdays, October – May, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, M205

A sensitive, prayerful program that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism.

Slavery, Freedom, and the Civil Rights Movement
Wednesdays, October 2 – 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, M207

This four-week series led by Kathleen Clark, PhD, explores the ideology of race that developed in the context of slavery, the struggles over what “free-dom” would look like after slavery, and the resistance to achieving equality through the ongoing Civil Rights Movement. No registration is required.

Christian Essentials

Group 7: Tuesdays, October 1 – November 5, 11:15 AM –12:45 PM, St. Francis D

Group 10: Tuesdays, October 1 – November 5, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, M205

Young Adult Women: Wednesdays, September 25 – November 6, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, St. Francis C

Online Class: Thursdays, October 10 – November 7, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Explore Christian Essentials: Sundays, October 27 – November 17, 10:00 – 10:50 AM, Green Room

Explore, grow, and deepen your faith and life with God. In these six-week sessions, we cover 15 topics essential to the Christian life. New groups are currently being formed, and groups that began last spring will continue meeting.

The Space Between Us
October 8 – 10 or November 12 – 14, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM, St. Francis B

These three-day workshops develop skills to improve relationships with friends, family, spouses, and co-workers.

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. See our fall schedule, see pages 4-5.

Men’s BIG Breakfast
Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room

Good food, great fellowship, and an inspiring speaker. Come as you are. No RSVP required. Invite a friend!

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.

Legacy and Justice Pilgrimage
October 10 – 13, Montgomery, Alabama

We hope you will join the third group of Christ Church pilgrims to Montgomery, AL as we explore the history of race in America and how we can participate in the work of justice. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/montgomery for details.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
SAVE THESE DATES:

Advent Luncheon
Tuesday, December 3

Feast and Flora Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 7

If you have questions or wish to volunteer, contact Leesa Clardy at lclardy@carolina.rr.com.

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

Food Truck Family Night
Thursday, August 22, 5:30 PM

See details under “Parish Life” on page 12.

Children’s Choir Camp (Grades 1 – 8)
August 24 – 26

See details under “Music” on page 6.

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 25, 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)
Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, Choir Room

See details under “Music” on page 7.

St. Nicholas Choir (Grades 1 – 3)
Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, U304

See details under “Music” on page 6.

Music Club (Pre-K & Kindergarten)
Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 5:00 – 5:30 PM, M211

See details under “Music” on page 6.

Youth and Children’s Leader Kickoff
Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, All Saints’ Hall

Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten First Day of School
Wednesday, September 4, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

EPEC (Exceptional Parents of Exceptional Children)
Second Mondays, Beginning September 9, 6:00 PM, Green Room

See details under “Wellness and Support” on page 7.

Middle and High School Youth Kickoff
Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, All Saints’ Hall

All middle and high school students and youth leaders are invited to celebrate a new year in youth ministry. Join us for food, fun, music and fellowship.

Sunday School
Sundays Beginning September 15, 10:00 AM, Various Classrooms

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

Navigators Gathering
Sunday, September 22, 11:05 AM – 2:00 PM, Church Lawn

Join fellow Navigators (4th and 8th graders) as we kick off the year with old and new friends. We will meet under the front circle tree for worship. Our afternoon will include lunch and an introduction to Navigators. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators.

High School Life Groups
Wednesdays Beginning September 18, 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)
Wednesdays Beginning September 18, 6:15 – 7:45 PM, All Saints’ Hall and Youth Room

Each week, 6th – 8th graders will gather for dinner, fellowship, and activities. We will begin in All Saints’ Hall (dinner provided by Wednesday Night Dinner Buffet, \$6). Afterward, we will move to the Youth Room. We end each week with Compline.

Youth Council Retreat
September 27 – 29, Glory Ridge, NC

Youth Council members (grades 9-12) will retreat to Glory Ridge Camp in Marshall, NC, to plan youth events for the 2019-20 year, get to know each other, and have a great time in the mountains. To register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/highschool.

Youth Council (Grades 9 - 12)
Sunday, October 6, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Alice deVries' home

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.

Sunday Suppers
Sunday, October 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

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

Navigators Worship and White Water Center
Sunday, October 27, 11:15 AM – 4:30 PM

For additional details and to register, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators.

Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 28, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, M207

See details under “Parish Life” on page 13.

These Are Our Bodies (Grade 5 and Parents)
November 15 – 16 OR January 10 – 11

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 (\$100) is required; space is limited in each session. If cost is prohibitive for your family, please contact The Reverend Joshua Case.

Acolyte Training

Rising 8th graders and older are invited to serve as acolytes. See details under “Worship” on page 6.

FOOD
TRUCK
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JOIN US FOR
Back to School Night
Thursday, August 22, 5:30 PM

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
Wednesdays, 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 18, 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.

Food Truck Fun: Back to School Night
Thursday, August 22, 5:30 PM, Christ Church Lawn

Come enjoy an evening of food trucks and fun to celebrate the end of summer and the kickoff of school. Spend an evening with neighbors and friends.

Hot Dog Sunday
Sunday, August 25, 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 8, 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 11, 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 15, 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
First Wednesdays Beginning October 2, 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
Second Wednesdays Beginning October 9, 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 28, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Christ Church Lawn

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.

GOODNEWS SHOP

Autumn is Coming!

We are back from the Atlanta Market and are excited about our incredible finds. Stop by to see all the wonderful new merchandise arriving daily. We are preparing for the Fall season with fun, colorful and yummy treats coming soon!



2020 Stewardship Chairs

We are absolutely delighted to introduce Margaret and Chris Ullrich as the 2020 Annual Stewardship Chairs. Members of Christ Church since moving to Charlotte 21 years ago, they have three daughters, Tinsley, Annie, and Caroline, all of whom were confirmed at Christ Church.

Chris, Margaret, and their girls have lovingly devoted themselves for many years to CCK, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Backpack Sundays, and Christmas Pageants. Annie sang in the Christ Church Choristers from 1st grade through 8th grade. Margaret served for ten years as a Sunday School teacher, chaired the CCK Fundraiser, assisted with VBS, chaperoned two youth choir tours to NYC, and served on the Music Director Search Committee and the Stewardship Commission. Chris has enjoyed sharing his time by participating in music programming during Sunday School for young children and serving on the Outreach Commission and the Stewardship Commission.

The Annual Stewardship Campaign provides the opportunity to explore Living Faith through the practice of financial giving that makes each and every mission, ministry, and outreach effort at Christ Church possible.

After a time of discernment and prayer, you are invited to make a financial commitment for the upcoming year. Watch your mailbox for more information.

We are deeply grateful tfor the Ullrich family's leadership and commitment as we embrace Living Faith through the practice of giving. **Be sure to mark your calendar for Celebration Sunday on October 27.**



Church Vestry Elections

At our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 8, the people of Christ Church will elect five persons to serve on the Vestry for a three-year term. Those elected will fill the positions held by Bird Anderson, Bob Dooley, Hooper Hardison, Carol Lorenz and Melissa Tolmie. The new Vestry members will serve with the following members: Nikki DeVilliers, Doug Ey, Susan Hamilton, Alex Kelly, David Kern, Julie Marr, Sally Mitchener, Randall Mountcastle, Jane Showalter and Betsy Zarzour. Service on the Vestry is an important ministry in our parish. The Vestry is responsible for the executive and organizational affairs of Christ Church and provides lay leadership in the spiritual life of the parish.

The Election Process

The Rector and the Senior Warden, in consultation with the Vestry, have appointed a nominating committee to ensure that an adequate number of qualified nominees for vacancies on the Vestry are presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. The members of the nominating committee are: Frank Horne, Jr. (Chair), Doug Ey, Susan Hamilton, Sally Mitchener, Burch Mixon, Jane Showalter, and Hooper Hardison Senior Warden (ex-officio). At least four weeks before the annual meeting, the nominating committee will deliver to the Rector the names of its nominees. Additional nominations for the Vestry may be made in writing, with the consent of the nominee, and given to the Rector no later than twelve days before the annual meeting, at which time the nominations will be deemed closed. Information about the nominees will be published prior to the annual meeting.

Who Can Serve

The committee has been charged with developing a diverse slate that will assure our Vestry continues to have the skills it needs to lead our parish. Those skills include an understanding of the various needs of our parishioners and our community, and of the governance and traditions of the Episcopal Church, as well as experience in board service, financial management, and personnel management. All nominees must be confirmed Episcopalians and communicants in good standing. Under Diocesan Canons and our Bylaws, “good standing” means that for the past year the nominee “has been faithful in corporate worship (unless for good cause prevented) and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.” Nominees must not have served on the Vestry during the preceding two years. In addition, it is customary for the committee to include on its slate at least two parishioners who have not previously served a full term on the Vestry.

How You Can Help

The nominating committee welcomes your assistance in identifying qualified candidates for the Vestry. Please send your suggestions no later than October 25 to Frank Horne, Jr. at frankhorne@gasfiredproducts.com or 704-927-1806. The nominating committee will consider all suggestions.



In the Parish

New Members

Jim Horton
Jane Lecznar
Zuzana and Kevin Murphy
Maggie Paul
Anne Smith
Kevin Troxell

Births

Ann Stafford Doerre, daughter of Carr and Matt Doerre
John Frederick Phelps III, son of Jessica and John Phelps
Corrine Blythe Riggins, daughter of Meredith and Tyler Riggins
Charlotte Leslie Rhyne, daughter of Kristin and Stephen Rhyne
Hagood Herring Ellison, son of Lauren and Andrew Ellison
Landon Elizabeth Vohs, daughter of Hanna and Michael Vohs
Weldon Philip Adkins, son of Meredith and Philip Adkins

Baptisms

Isabel Rose Akin, daughter of Natalie and Brian Akin
Leyburn Alanson Irvin, daughter of Wizzie and Dan Irvin
Edward Hunter Rome, son of Marika and Hunter Rome
Andrew Hunter Ross, Jr., son of Katherine and Andy Ross
Sutton James Tcherkezian, daughter of Meghan and Mark Tcherkezian

Marriages

Jocelyn Palmer Cassada and Bradley David Harder
Elizabeth Gray Merritt and Andrew Corbette Rodrigues
Rebecca Hoover and Heather Rice

Deaths

Dr. Francis “Jensie” Bailey Teague, Jr., father of Jensie Teague
Robert Louis Rash, father of Nancy Maloney
James Dalton, brother of Sally Robinson
Helen Ruffin Scarborough
Benjamin Franklin McGuire III, father of David McGuire
Evelyn Watts Deans, mother of Robin Deans
James Anderson Sparks, Jr., father of Christy Howey
Horace William Palmer, Jr.
Peter Michael Payne, father of Laura Baughan and Margaret Siegel
Wayne Ellis Lloyd, father of Mary Griesser
Robert Perry King Sr., father of Jennie Bidenceope
Ruel Laverne Duncan III, son of Pat Duncan
Joan Query Rash, mother of Nancy Maloney
Ann Gallagher

Christ Church Kindergarten & Preschool

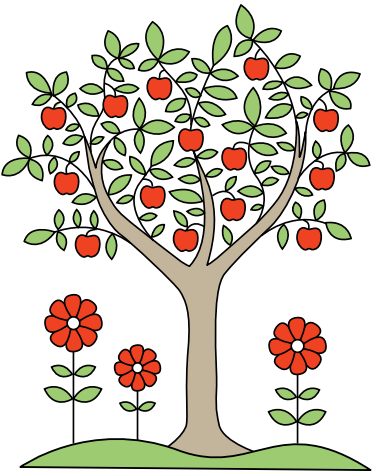
Ready for a New School Year!

CCK’s new school year will begin Wednesday, September 4. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with our highest enrollment to date.

CCK carpool will begin on Monday, September 9. We appreciate your patience in the parking lot during our drop-off window, 8:45 – 9:10 AM, and the pick-up window, 12:45 – 1:05 PM. Please understand that there will be a learning curve for our families navigating the drop-off and pick-up process.

Thank you for your support and patience during the playground construction this summer. The newly renovated play space will be enjoyed by the younger children of CCK, Christ Church, and the community throughout the year.

It is sure to be an exciting year. We invite you to visit us anytime!



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10:00 AM
All Saints' Hall

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Picnic and activities
on the lawn after
the service

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HORSESHOES · CAKE WALK
CORN HOLE · FACE PAINTING
BOUNCE HOUSES

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Dress for comfort and bring
your picnic blanket!

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September 8

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