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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

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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 EYELIANCE, 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 1,600 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.

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

Acolytes
Rising 8th grades 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 Zazuor at betzyszazzor@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, clean up and reset afterwards. It takes no more than 30 minutes, and can be scheduled for the services’ 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 Home (peggyhome1009@gmail.com) or Katie Charlebois (katiacharlebois@gmail.com) to learn more and/or sign up.

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
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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

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 or learn more and sign up.

Music Club (Pre-K & Kindergarten)
Wednesdays Beginning September 4, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, M211
Pre-kindergartners (age 4) and kindergarteners 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 dict., understanding musical styles, and vocal technique. As with all teams, activities, commitment and leadership are taught and highly valued.

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.

Coral 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

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Gatherings
Dates TBD, 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, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 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
Third and Fourth Mondays Beginning September 16, 1:30 – 2:30 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 McGowan, 704-591-6800 or gmgowan@icloud.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 Hillybilly’s BBQ in Gaston County. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men for details.

Living With Grief and Hope
First and Third Mondays Beginning September 16, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, St. Francis C
Designed for parents to discuss their experiences, share ideas, and provide spiritual, mental, and emotional support to one another who are dealing with loss. For more information, contact The Reverend Lisa Saunders at saundersL@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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Separation, Divorce and Recovery Group
Second Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, M204
Support, fellowship and encouragement for those going through divorce or separation. Led by non-members of Christ Church. Contact Doug Carlson, 704-957-3843 or dougcarlson@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.
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 Tourna). 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 Coppins, our Teen Board this year was fantastic. Thank you to Garrett Portland, Jenna Malone, Mallory Mauney, Kate Saunders, Falas Saxx, Mac Kenitzer, Anna Sineaad, 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!

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.

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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.

Hawthorne Place Hosting

August 18 – 22

Provide a meal for 12 at Hawthorne Place.

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

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October 10 – 13, Montgomery, Alabama
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Thurday 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, Parish
Young adults (20s and 30s) meet for conversation, learning, and fellowship.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Mondays, September 30 – May 18, 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.

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.
Classes
www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes
Contact: Jenny Beaumont, beaumont@christchurchcharlotte.org
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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 25 – October 16, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, M206
Dr. Susan Campbell will lead this six-session class based on the work of Brene Brown. Find details and register ($90/person) at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/daringgreatly.

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 conversation. A sensitive, prayerful program that creates space for difficult but respectful dialogue on race and racism. A sensitive, prayerful program that creates space for difficult but respectful dialogue on race and racism. Please join us any time.

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 Montgomery for details.

We hope you will join the third group of Christ Church pilgrims to Montgomery for details.

Feast and Flora Holiday Bazaar
Thursday, August 22, 5:30 – 9:30 PM, St. Francis C
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 totebags, 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.

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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, 7:30 – 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 lining up the important “buckets” of family, faith, vocation and other critical areas for a fuller, richer life. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/livingbig for more information.

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

EPEC
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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.

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Online Class:  Thursdays, October 10 – November 7, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, St. Francis C

First Day of School
Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 AM, Wednesday Night Dinner Buffet ($6). Afterwards, we will move to the Youth Room. We end each week with Compline.

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). Afterwards, we will move to the Youth Room. We end each week with Compline.

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(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). Afterwards, 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 13 – 16 OR January 10 – 13
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 Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

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

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. It’s 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/trunkortretext 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!

STEWARDSHIP

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 Christmastime 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 for 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.

2020 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
A 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 Zarsour. 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.

New Members

Jim Horton
Jane Leonzar
Zusane and Kevin Murphy
Maggie Paul
Anne Smith
Kevin Trezise

Births

Ann Stafford Doore, daughter of Carr and Matt Doore
John Frederick Phelps III, son of Jessica and John Phelps
Connie Blythe Riggins, daughter of Meredith and Tyler Riggins
Charlotte Leslie Rhine, daughter of Kinston and Stephen Rhine
Hagood Herring Ellison, son of Lauren and Andrew Ellison
Landon Elizabeth Voehs, daughter of Hanna and Michael Voehs
Weldon Philip Adkins, son of Meredith and Philip Adkins

Baptisms

Isabel Rose Akin, daughter of Natalie and Brian Akin
Leyburn Alanson Irvin, daughter of Wicity and Dan Irvin
Edward Hunter Rome, son of Marka 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 Meritt and Andrew Carotte 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 Houston
Horace William Palmer, Jr.
Peter Michael Payne, father of Laura Baughan and Margaret Siegel
Wayne Ellis Lloyd, father of Mary Greisner
Robert Perry King Sr., father of Jennie Bidecope
Rue LaVeme Duncan III, son of Pat Duncan
Joan Query Rash, mother of Nancy Maloney
Ann Gallagher

In the Parish

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!
Festival Eucharist
10:00 AM
All Saints’ Hall

Picnic and activities
on the lawn after
the service

HORSESHOES - CAKE WALK
CORN HOLE - FACE PAINTING
BOUNCE HOUSES

Dress for comfort and bring your picnic blanket!

September 8

FALL PARISH DAY