

March 2016

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

Holy Week and Easter

**Join us for worship and other special events
during this holy season. Details on page 4.**

Habitat for Humanity – Our 28th Home

By The Reverend Fred Paschall, long-time Habitat volunteer

Why do I believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat is a Christian organization that, in their words, "seeks to put God's words into action," and welcomes all faiths. Christ Church was one of the founding Churches of our local Habitat affiliate in 1983 and we have remained active and involved ever since.

Over those 33 years, the organization has provided more than 1,500 families with affordable housing. Collectively, those homeowners have invested \$14 million back into the community in the form of property taxes paid. On past builds, police officers have stopped by the construction site to thank us for building the home, because a neighborhood of homeowners has a lower crime rate than a neighborhood of renters.

Today's Habitat houses are energy-efficient and LEED Certified. Habitat also recycles construction waste. There are two Habitat Restores in Charlotte that not only encourage people to recycle furniture and building products, but also produce income to fund Habitat's mission.

More than 92% of the money Habitat raises goes to low-income housing. Habitat tithes money raised here to build houses in third world countries, primarily El Salvador. To date, more than \$3 million has gone toward this effort.

The Habitat program is unquestionably a hand-up, rather than hand-out, program. Each homeowner is required to complete 300 hours of "sweat equity" on others' homes, as well as their own, before they can purchase their home with a mortgage funded by Habitat. Habitat also requires its homeowners to complete classes in budget management to help owners keep their homes, resulting in a low default rate. The Habitat program is designed not only to assist people in buying homes, but to ensure they keep them.

Why do I keep volunteering for Habitat year after year?

I believe the old saying, "God has no hands than our hands," and I also believe the words of Jesus, "in as much as you have done it unto the least of these my children, you have done it unto me." I believe we are called to serve others.

When we work together in an effort such as Habitat for Humanity, we are not focused solely on building a house, but rather a community. Some of us have been building these houses for more than twenty years and continue to come back year after year. Outreach projects such as these are so enjoyable and satisfying that we forget we are also doing good for someone we did not previously know. It is a great way to get to know other members of Christ Church and develop lasting friendships. It is also a great way to get to know the homeowner.

Not only are you building relationships, you're also learning construction skills you can use on your own home. No prior experience is needed; this is true "on-the-job" training. These projects have a definite start and stop time, as opposed to projects that seem to go on forever.

The first three days of a build are my favorite, because they remind me of things we buy with those words "some assembly required" on the box. We start with slab on Thursday, and by Saturday afternoon we have a roof, windows, and doors installed. We typically have different tasks every week, which prevents boredom or monotony.

By the time we get to the dedication, I am always amazed that a group of dedicated volunteers, many of whom had no prior building experience but simply a willingness to help others, have built a beautiful home.

Did you know? Christ Church has given more than \$1,250,172 since 1991 to further Habitat's mission.



Our 2016 Habitat house is being built in memory of Van Hill.

OUTREACH and MISSION

Our 2016 Partner Homeowner

Tiffany is a single mom who is raising her five-year old daughter and her 14-year old nephew. She is a department manager at a national retail store, where she has worked for almost 10 years. In her free time, Tiffany likes to spend time with her family, travel, and enjoy life. Tiffany is originally from Charlotte and has plenty of support from family and friends here in the community. She has worked hard to achieve her goal of a safe and happy place for her kids to grow up and an asset to leave to them for the future. She loves the lot she has chosen – it keeps her fairly close to work, and is in a quiet area. Tiffany is monitoring the progress we are making as we prepare to begin construction (i.e. driving by on a regular basis) and is excited to see each step along the way. We can't wait to see her settled in her new home later this year.



How you can get involved with Habitat?

Build: Every Saturday in March and April (aside from Easter Saturday), we will be at the Habitat build site putting up siding, painting, installing trim, and building a home. We would love for you to join us with as much or as little experience as you have! Come for part of the day or the whole day — whatever time you can give is deeply appreciated.

Lunches: For every build day, our workers need lunch! After a long morning's work, lunch gives us the sustenance to keep building and offers a great chance for fellowship over breaking bread. Sign up with a friend or by yourself and help out in a greatly appreciated way.

Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat to sign up!

Costa Rica 2016 Mission Trip

Our crew of 14 missionaries, led by The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth, had a great trip to San Jose, Costa Rica during the first week of February. They spent their time on construction of the Church of the Ascension, where many Christ Church teams have worked in recent years. Accompanied by Bishop Hector Monterroso, our teams worked hard to sand and power-wash walls, remove concrete and dirt floors, and lay the foundations for pouring new concrete that will become a parking area. It was a meaningful time of fellowship, hard work, and fun.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW Women's Habitat Build Day

Saturday, April 16

See details on this page and visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat to learn more and sign up.

GoodNews Announces Mission Funding

ECW is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2016 mission funding, raised through GoodNews and the ECW Holiday Bazaar. A combined total of \$108,000 was granted to the agencies listed below. This was made possible by the continued support of our shoppers and volunteers. A big thank you to all of you, and to these agencies for their work in our community.

Local:

Alexander Youth Network	InReach
A Child's Place	Kindermourn
Answer Scholarship Endowment	The Learning Collaborative
Augustine Literacy Project	Lex Matthews Scholarship
Baby Bundles	Lily Pad Haven
Brookstone School	Pat's Place
Camp Harrison	Red Boot Coalition
Camp Thunderbird	The Relatives
Center for Community Transitions	Safe Alliance
Charlotte Bilingual Preschool	Salvation Army Center of Hope
Charlotte Family Housing	Shelter Health Services
Charlotte Rescue Mission - Dove's Nest	Thompson Child & Family Focus
Classroom Central	Urban Promise
Council for Children's Rights	
Dress for Success	International:
Florence Crittenton Services	Elida Children's Home
Freedom School Partners	Faraja Foundation
Heart Tutoring	Fistula Foundation
Hope Haven	Hope for His Children
	Jubilee House Community
	Nica Nadadores, Inc.
	Our Little Roses
	Rural Education Institute

Upcoming ECW Events

Friendship Feast

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, All Saints' Hall

ECW Spring Retreat

April 22 – 24, Debordieu, SC

See insert in this issue of the Disciple, or learn more and register for both of these events at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, March 20

Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms

7:00 AM, 8:45 AM*, 11:15 AM*, 5:00 PM*

Monday – Wednesday, March 21 – March 23

6:00 PM – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Tuesday, March 22

6:00 PM – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:00 PM – Choral Concert featuring the St. Albans and National Cathedral School Choirs in the Church

Wednesday, March 23

Noon – Holy Eucharist with Healing in the Chapel

6:00 PM – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 24

7:00 AM – Spoken Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 PM – Choral Eucharist, Foot-washing, and Stripping of the Altar in the Church*

Good Friday, March 25

10:00 AM – Children's Morning Prayer in the Church

Noon – Good Friday Service in the Church*

2:30 PM – Stations of the Cross (meet in the Church)

Holy Saturday, March 26

5:00 PM – Vigil of Easter with the Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Baptisms in the Church*

Easter Day, March 27

Festive Worship

7:00, 8:45*, 11:15 AM*, and 5:00 PM* in the Church

8:45* and 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall

It is a Christ Church tradition to decorate the Easter crosses in All Saints' Hall and the Church with fresh-cut or store-bought flowers on Easter Day. We hope you'll participate in this beautiful celebration.

**Nursery care provided*

St. Albans & National Cathedral Schools Chorale

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM

On March 22, we will welcome the National Cathedral School and St. Albans Choirs as they perform a special concert in memory of their former teacher and choral director, Ben Hutto. The concert will be part of their east coast tour and they are especially eager to visit Christ Church where Ben worked as organist and choir headmaster for nearly fifteen years. The performance will include works such as Antonio Lotti's "Crucifixus" and Ben Hutto's "Just As I Am." Please join these students as they help us to prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week while offering a beautiful tribute to Ben Hutto.

PARISH LIFE & NEWCOMERS

Newcomer Dinners

Wednesdays, March 2 and April 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, M207

On the first Wednesday of the month, we invite any and all newcomers to enjoy a delicious dinner and get acquainted with one another. We will gather for a casual dinner with other newcomers and members of the staff or clergy to discuss a little of what's going on around Christ Church. We would love to have you join us! Please register with Courtney Cabaniss at cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org. Childcare is available upon request.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On February 9, many parishioners gathered in All Saints' Hall to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with delicious pancakes and New Orleans-style food from Chef Eric, fun crafts for kids, and festive music from Rob Ridgell, Jamey Graves, and friends! It was a fun way to usher in the season of Lent! Special thanks to the Hospitality Committee and Parish Life Commission for making it happen!



ADULT FORMATION

Faith Forum

Charlotte Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force

Sunday, March 6, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall



How achievable is the American Dream in the Charlotte area? Our community has ranked at the bottom (97 out of 100 largest US cities) as it relates to social and economic mobility. To address this staggering statistic, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force was formed to seek a better understanding of the factors that influence economic mobility,

and to provide recommendations for action towards broadening access to economic opportunity for all residents of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Join Chip as he speaks with the Co-Chairs of the Task Force, Dr. Ophelia Garmon-Brown and Mr. Dee O'Dell.

Dr. Ophelia Garmon-Brown, physician and Senior Vice President at Novant Health, has received the Women in Business Award from the Charlotte Business Journal, the Thurgood Marshall Award, and many more distinguished honors.

Dee O'Dell has been a banker for 25 years, is a CFA charter holder, is Senior Vice President and Group Head with US Bank. Dee is also a community leader, serving as Chair of the Board of Advisors for YMCA Camp Thunderbird.

Communications Skills Training

A recent participant described the Communications Skills Training (CST) class as "empowering, insightful, and illuminating." CST is a three-day experience. Course topics include DISC (communication styles profile), the Communication Cycle, Nonverbal Communication, Reflective Listening Skills, and Effective Confrontation.

The class is open to Christ Church parishioners and the Charlotte community. There is no fee to participate, however we appreciate your creating time in your schedule to be fully present and committed to attending. The class meets from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The evening dinner on Thursday night from 6:30 - 8:30 PM is a requirement for participation in the class.

Christ Church will offer several sessions of CST this year, including: **April 12 - 14, July 12 - 14, July 26 - 28, and October 18 - 20.** Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst to learn more and register.

Clergy Class: Faith Forum Rewind

Sunday, March 13, 10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

Did you miss one of our recent Faith Forums? Do you want the opportunity to engage on a deeper level regarding what Bryan Stevenson, Nicholas Porter, or the Charlotte Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force said? Join us for this Faith Forum Rewind as we engage in interactive conversation with the clergy. Bring your questions and we will seek the answers together.

First Friday for Men

Friday, March 4, 7:00 AM, Blue Room

Join the men of Christ Church as we meet for an early morning of fellowship, food, and formation with longtime member, Bill Grier. Men of all ages are invited to attend. Please RSVP for breakfast (\$8 payable at door) to Erin Cowles at cowlese@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Annual Men's Retreat: "Climbing Your Ladder"

April 8 - 10, Lutheridge

The Annual Men's Retreat has been rescheduled and has a new location! All men of Christ Church are welcome to attend as we join in wonderful discussion and fellowship, and enjoy a much-needed retreat from our busy lives! The retreat will be facilitated by the Reverend Matt Holcombe and will center on the seasons of life and expose what it looks like to "climb your ladder" of faith, family, and profession during each of these seasons.

We will depart for Lutheridge from Christ Church at 4:00 PM on April 8 and return on April 10 after a Sunday morning Eucharist. Among those registered, we will be coordinating a carpool option to and from Lutheridge. \$175.00 registration covers lodging and all meals. \$225.00 registration covers lodging, meals, and helps provide scholarships to other men in the Church. The registration deadline is March 21, 2016. Learn more and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men, or contact Erin Cowles at cowlese@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Men's Ministry Baseball Outing

Tuesday, April 19, 7:05 PM (Arrive at 6:30 PM)

Charlotte Knights vs. Norfolk

\$20 Covers Admission & Food

Join us as we enjoy the Charlotte Knights battle the Norfolk Tides from our private skybox. Cost covers admission and food. Space is limited, so visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men or contact Erin Cowles at cowlese@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more and register.

A Peek Inside Godly Play

Have you wondered what the words “Godly Play” mean? Perhaps a kind of recess or nursery for our youngest church-goers? Essentially, Godly Play is a program for children ages three and up to develop a deeper understanding of what takes place during a church service by modeling the traditions, symbols, stories, and rituals used in Episcopal worship.

Young children have an innate sense of wonder. Godly Play encourages wonder and curiosity by allowing children to explore expressions of faith through story, play, and hands-on experiences that mirror the worship



practices used in Church. Each Sunday a trained Godly Play storyteller uses symbols and wooden figures to share stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Young participants are encouraged to wonder aloud about how stories from the Bible relate to them. Each week, children also share a “feast” of cookies and water to represent the practice of Eucharist. There are opportunities for children to practice setting up the altar and also time for a creative response with art materials.

Godly Play is an opportunity for our youngest worshipers to spend part of their Sunday mornings constructing meaning in a developmentally appropriate way. Godly Play allows our young children to deepen their understanding of the presence of God.

We offer Godly Play every Sunday during the school year at 8:45 AM, and during the summer months at 10:30 AM.



Vacation Bible School June 20 - 23

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is for all rising four-year-olds through fifth graders, with our youth in grades 6 - 12 serving as Teen Helpers. This summer

we will explore Biblical Egypt through the eyes of Joseph. We hope that your family will join us for the journey! Contact Katherine Vest at vesk@christchurchcharlotte.org for more info or to volunteer. Registration is now open at christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs.



4th & 5th Grade JYC (Junior Youth Connect)

Bubble Soccer

Friday, March 18, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

It's time again for the wacky adventure of BUBBLE SOCCER! We will explore how God is our “protector, shield, and place of safety” (II Samuel 22:3) and enjoy air-filled fun at the same time. Space is limited so sign up at christchurchcharlotte.org/jyc. \$10 fee includes light supper, snacks and drinks.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 27, Following the 11:15 AM Services

Families with young children are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 11:15 AM Discovery and Church services. Be on the lookout for additional details in News and Notices and on the website. This is always a fun and special time for young children, ages eight and under. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Cacky Higgins at cacky.higgins@gmail.com.

Save the Date for the Low Country Boil

Friday, April 29, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Enjoy bluegrass music, catered dinner and drinks, a silent auction, and fellowship all in support of the children's programs here at Christ Church and in the community. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/lcb for tickets and donation information.

Summer Arts Camp

July 18 - 21

Rising Kindergartners through fifth graders are invited to our Second Annual Arts Camp, where we will celebrate God through visual art, movement, song, liturgical drama and percussion. Contact Allison Schommer at schommer@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more. Register at christchurchcharlotte.org/artscamp.

YOUTH

March Faith Talks: Enjoying a Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 PM

Do you know what a Seder meal is? Would you like to learn more about Passover? Join us on Wednesday, March 16 for a traditional Seder meal and conversation around traditional Passover happenings. Register at www.christchurch-charlotte.org/faithtalks.

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Ninth Graders: Plan Ahead for Spring/Summer

Poverty Awareness/City Bus Trip: Sunday, April 17

We will take public transportation to center-city Charlotte to experience poverty in our hometown and learn the services available to help those in need. We will end our time at Moore Place, learning about chronic homelessness and what we can do to help. This day is meant to prepare the group for the Urban Adventure.

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Urban Adventure: June 10 - 12

Our ninth graders will travel by train to Washington, D.C. to learn about travel, making decisions on your own, community building, and navigating a large city. In preparing for pilgrimage next year, we believe this is an important step in the process and hope to have good participation.

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Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, April 24, 5:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

To honor our seniors and send them off in love and gratitude, we will celebrate them at the 5:00 PM worship service with dinner to follow in All Saints' Hall. Former teachers, mentors, and friends will help remember their journey at Christ Church. Watch your email for more info to come.

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Middle School Dance Supports Freedom School

By Isabel Fetter

The Christ Church Youth Council worked hard this winter to prepare for the middle school dance on Friday, February 5. The Winter Wonderland-themed dance was a huge hit for the middle schoolers, with over 100 people in attendance! With "Just Dance" prominently projected on the screens, the high schoolers pulled off the entertainment of the night with their stellar dance moves.

The Youth Council voted to donate all proceeds from the dance to Rama Road Elementary School's Freedom School, after their great experiences participating in summer activities there. As Ann Rogers, Co-President of Youth Council, shared, "The relationships we made with the kids there made us want to help out a little more, and we thought this middle school dance would be the perfect way to do that."

In the Parish

New Members

Jacquelyn and Michael Anderson
Betsey and Scott Dillon
John Fenwick
Pam and David Pritchett
Durette Woods

Births

Robert Pierce Gilbert, son of Lauren and Grant Gilbert
Charlotte MacGreggor Russell, daughter of Brooke and George Russell

Baptisms

Jane Stokes Bowman, daughter of Anne and Brentley Bowman
Gray Anderson Bramwell, son of Emily and Matthew Bramwell
Catherine Winifred Clark, daughter of Kess and Brandon Clark
David Mack Dillashaw, son of Amanda and Brendan Dillashaw
Charles Timberlake Dillon, son of Betsey and Tim Dillon
William Baker Mazhari, son of Brooke and Michael Mazhari

Deaths

Benjamin Allen, III
Tommy Bost, husband of Carol Bost
Betty Fulton
Matthew Hollowell, son of Dottie Chambers and Tom Hollowell
Russell Leinbach
Rebecca Matvey, mother of David Matvey
Andrew McIntyre, father of Gail Burton
Mary Sommers Parker
John Phillips, father of Jack and Anna Phillips
Robert Rhyne, father of Terry Wolfe

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Caring for the Caregiver

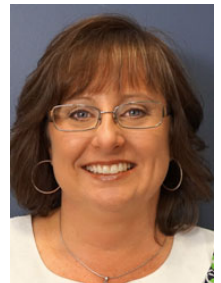
Tuesdays, March 8, 15, and 22, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Ivey will present a three-part interactive series providing family caregivers with tools necessary to maintain caregiver health, quality of life and sense of purpose while providing care for a loved one. Caregivers join together in a relaxed setting to discuss common issues and share ideas. Lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/support.

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Farewell, Lynne LeBlanc

We bid a Cajun adieu to our parish nurse, Lynne LeBlanc, as she and her family are moving back to her home state of Louisiana. Lynne has served at Christ Church for eight years, helping parishioners navigate health concerns and providing support and counsel. Her kind demeanor and nursing expertise made her ministry among us one we have treasured and will miss. Thank you, Lynne, for all your care and guidance.



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6:00 - 8:00 PM
All Saints' Hall
\$10 Admission

*Celebrity
Judges!
Family
Friendly!*

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/chili



Christ Church Charlotte
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2016 Easter Lily Memorials and Honorariums

Due March 18, 2016

I would like to donate an Easter Lily to adorn Christ Church to the Glory of God and in loving memory or in honor of the person(s) named below.

Please circle one: In loving memory of [or] In honor of

[Please print name(s) as will appear in the bulletin]

Given by: _____
[Please print name(s) as will appear in the bulletin]

Your Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Each Easter Lily is \$35. Checks should be made payable to Christ Church.
Please use one form for each memorial.

Mail Easter Lily forms and donations by March 18 to:

Kate Hill
2411 Knollwood Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

Questions: Kate Hill, 704-365-3811 or hill2411@bellsouth.net

Lilies may be taken home after the 5:00 PM Easter Sunday service.

ECW Spring Events

Register Now!

Friendship Feast

Thursday, April 7

6:30 - 8:30 pm

All Saints' Hall



ECW welcomes Celeste Bundy and Michele Dudley, founders of Fashion & Compassion, a local and international non-profit focused on empowering marginalized women by offering a marketplace for their handmade goods. Come learn about Fashion & Compassion and these women's personal journey to find their *soul purpose*. A pop-up shop will be set up in All Saints' Hall, 3:00 - 8:30 pm that day. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends for fellowship and fun!



Annual Women's Retreat

Rising Strong Through Faith

April 22 - 24 in DeBordieu, SC

"The truth is that falling hurts. The dare is to keep being brave and feel your way back up." - Brene Brown.

We've all had face down moments in life. Join women of Christ Church for our annual retreat, as we learn what it takes to get back up and live wholehearted lives. The Reverend Matt Holcombe, Certified *The Daring Way & Rising Strong* Facilitator, will lead large group conversations and learnings. With DeBordieu, SC and the ocean as our backdrop, all women of the church are invited to a girls' weekend of fellowship, faith, and fun! Contact Genie Hufham at geniehufham@gmail.com for more information.

Registration information on reverse.

Friendship Feast Registration (deadline March 25)

Register and pay online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw, or complete this form.

Name _____

Table Names: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

****Tables may be reserved for up to 8 people. For table reservations please submit one check for all persons seated at your table.**

Amount of Check (\$15 per person) \$ _____

Payable to Christ Church ("Friendship Feast" in the memo line)

Mail to: Ashley King, 2715 Idlewood Circle, Charlotte, NC 28209 or drop off registration forms with payment at the Church office

Questions: Ashley King, wardellashley@yahoo.com, 704-953-8855

ECW Retreat Registration (deadline April 6)

Register and pay online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw, or complete this form.

Cost: \$190, by check payable to "ECW Christ Church"

Mail to: Genie Hufham, 3021 Westfield Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

Questions: Genie Hufham, 704-372-0585, geniehufham@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Roommate or Housemate Request _____

Note: We will email house assignments and last minute details to all those that supply us with an email address.

Please mark any that apply:

☐ I need a ride.

☐ I would like to give a ride.