



**November 2015**

# The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God  
Care for Each Other  
Serve the World

## Give Thanks, Enjoy, and Share

### Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 PM in the Church**

Start your holiday with a service of thanksgiving.

### Mountain Faith Band Concert

**Wednesday, November 25  
7:00 PM in All Saints' Hall**

Mountain Faith Band is a bluegrass/gospel family band from the mountains of Sylva who made the semi-finals on this year's "America's Got Talent." We will enjoy a great mix of both traditional and contemporary bluegrass, classic and modern country, folk, acoustic and contemporary gospel, and a little rhythm and blues. Learn more and register at: [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/mfb](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/mfb)



### Thanksgiving Meals for our Rama Friends

For the last five years, Christ Church members have come together to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 50 families from our partner school, Rama Road Elementary. Learn more about this special opportunity to share your blessings on page 5.



## ECW (Episcopal Church Women)



### ECW Advent Luncheon The Journey to Bethlehem

**Tuesday, December 1**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in All Saints' Hall**

The Reverend Matt Holcombe will share thoughts and pictures from his recent journey to the Holy Land. Join us to learn more about the first journey as Matt helps each of us begin our own journey of Advent. Bring your friends, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome!

\$15 per person. Reserve your space by Monday, November 23.

All tables will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Extra registration forms at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays).

Questions? Contact Jennifer Hughes, [jenniferchughes@mac.com](mailto:jenniferchughes@mac.com) or 704-661-7648, or Liz Foster, [lfoster926@gmail.com](mailto:lfoster926@gmail.com) or 704-373-1401 (after November 11).

### ECW Advent Luncheon Registration

**Tuesday, December 1, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Name(s)\* \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check (\$15 per person) \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payable to Christ Church. Please write "Advent Luncheon" in the memo line.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to be seated at a table with an ECW host. (These tables are open to all and will be hosted by ECW board members.)

Drop off registration and payment at the Church office, or mail to:

Jennifer Hughes, 2538 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28209

Deadline: Monday, November 23

### ECW Annual Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, December 5, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

The Christmas Bazaar is around the corner. As always, we will have wonderful vendors, fantastic handcrafted gifts, fabulous holiday greenery, Christmas decorations and delicious homemade foods to get you in the Christmas spirit. Holiday shopping has never been easier! (Neither has helping your community.)

**Order your greenery by Monday, November 9!** Order forms and photos of greenery options are available in the GoodNews Shop and the Rotunda. Greenery order forms are also available at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays), and in last month's *Disciple*.

#### **Cooks and event-day volunteers are needed!**

If you can help, please contact:

Volunteers: Erin Walker, [erinwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:erinwalker@yahoo.com)

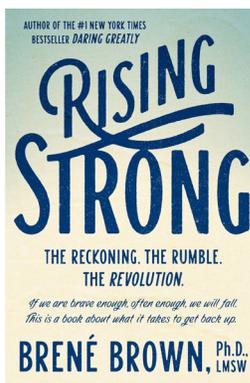
Cooks: Margaret Rudisill, [margaretrudisill@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrudisill@gmail.com)

**Interested in a booth at the Bazaar?** Contact our Vendor Coordinators, Wendelyn Kelly, [wendelyn.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:wendelyn.kelly@gmail.com) or Laurens Adams, [ladams@helenadamsrealty.com](mailto:ladams@helenadamsrealty.com).

**Questions?** Contact Ginger Seabrook, [ggseabrook@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ggseabrook@carolina.rr.com), or PerMar Olin, [olinfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:olinfamily5@gmail.com).



### Spring Retreat Sneak Peek



Exciting news: Our spring women's retreat will be based on Brené Brown's latest book, *Rising Strong*. After overwhelming feedback from our Faith Forum in September, The Reverend Matt Holcombe will lead us in further discussion of *Rising Strong*. You will not want to miss this girls' weekend of faith, fellowship and fun! Save the dates: April 22 – 24, 2016.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Youth Bring Harmony to Christ Church

We are blessed by the many unique gifts and talents that children and youth share with Christ Church as well as the greater Charlotte community. Meet some of our youth musicians:

**Cricket Burkart**, a junior at Myers Park High School, is incredibly gifted with languages. Cricket is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL), braille, and music, among other languages, and has creatively sought ways to use these gifts at Christ Church. As a member of the Queen City Youth Chorus, you will often see Cricket signing the words to songs sung by the choir during worship and choir performances. Most recently, Cricket created a braille bulletin for Holy Eucharist worship in the Church. We are so grateful for the ways Cricket uses her unique gifts to minister to a greater audience.

**Kaitlyn Tozzi** is one of our youth instrumentalists. Although only in sixth grade, Kaitlyn already has a deep love and appreciation for the violin and classical music. This October, Kaitlyn played at her first service in the Church. You may have heard her beautiful interpretation of J. S. Bach and the special flourishes she added at the end of the piece! We look forward to hearing more of Kaitlyn's violin accompaniment during worship this year. Thank you, Kaitlyn, for sharing your musicality and love of music with the Christ Church community!

**Harrison McGoogan** comes from a musical family. He received his first drum set for Christmas at age four and has been playing ever since. Now as a junior in high school, Harrison lends his talents to the Christ Church Worship Band, playing for our Contemporary Eucharist at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings. In addition to the Worship Band, Harrison also enjoys playing music with friends and occasionally in the greater Charlotte community. Most recently, Harrison joined with other members of the Christ Church Youth Band to accompany the Brookstone Schools Choir at a recent performance. Thank you, Harrison, for the energy you bring through your drumming!



**Enzo Restelli** is perhaps one of our youngest pianists at Christ Church. He is only in first grade, but that does not diminish his excitement about music and the amazing gift that he is able to offer through his playing. Enzo has been a core member of the Music Club Plus program and also participated in Christ Church's Summer Music Camp in July. Most recently, Enzo had the opportunity to help raise



money for the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte at an event where he played the famous Horowitz Piano (a 1940 Steinway custom piano of the late Vladimir Horowitz). Additionally, Enzo played "Jubilation" by Eugenie Rocherolle for WCCB news, and performed "Little Concerto" by Joseph Haydn at Queens University with his teacher. We are so proud of Enzo and his accomplishments.

We look forward to these musical offerings by children and youth in November:

#### **Queen City Youth Chorus**

November 8 at 8:45 AM in the Church

#### **Rock the Church**

November 15 at 11:15 AM in the Church (Grades 1 - 3)  
November 22 at 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall (2's - K)

#### **Music Clubs**

November 18 at 5:00 PM in the Church

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### Special Music Events This Month

#### **Veterans' Day Concert**

**Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 PM in the Church**

Following the Noon Eucharist, join us for a hymn-sing, prayers, and solos honoring the veterans of our beautiful country. Free of charge.

#### **Choral Evensong in Remembrance of Ben Hutto**

**Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 PM in the Church**

Christ Church is heartbroken by the passing of our former Organist/Choirmaster, Ben Hutto (1947-2015), on Tuesday, September 29 in Washington, DC. All are invited to participate in a Service of Choral Evensong in memory of Ben. Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/hutto](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/hutto) for details.

#### **Mountain Faith Band Concert**

**Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM in All Saints' Hall**

See details on cover.

## Find Trunk or Treat Photos Online

On October 28, children and adults gathered to enjoy hot dogs, games and Halloween fun at our second annual Trunk or Treat event. Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat) to see a photo gallery. We are already looking forward to next year!

## Thanksgiving Meals To Go

If you won't have time to cook this year (or just don't feel like it), or if you know a family that could use a delicious, freshly prepared Thanksgiving feast, look no further than the Christ Church kitchen! Chef Eric will prepare complete Thanksgiving dinners for pick-up on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 24 - 25, or on Thanksgiving Day.

Meals serve six (with some leftovers) and include:

- Roasted Turkey Breast (only white meat available)
- Fresh Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Homemade Bread Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Bean Casserole
- Fresh-baked Rolls or Bread Loaf
- Homemade Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Whole Fresh-baked Apple or Pumpkin Pie

All of this for \$67. We hope you will take advantage of this great offer! Besides ordering, paying, and picking up, all you need to do is to eat and enjoy! If you have questions, contact Chef Eric at [lovee@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:lovee@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6958.

**TO ORDER:** Starting November 2, stop by the main Church kitchen to place your order with Chef Eric or Sonja Young, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, or Sundays, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (no phone or email orders please). Pre-payment is required when ordering. You will be asked which pie you would like with your meal when you place your order. Order deadline is November 20 at 2:00 PM.

**PICK-UP DETAILS:** Orders may be picked up in the main Church kitchen on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 24 - 25, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, or on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. You must indicate what day you would like to pick up your dinner when you place the order. Please bring coolers, large carrying bags, or boxes, and maybe an assistant or two!

## Advent Festival

Sunday, November 29  
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Join us on this first Sunday of Advent for a special hour sure to engage hearts and minds for the coming season. There will be activities for all ages, with stations set up throughout the campus for making **advent wreaths** and **Jesse Tree ornaments**, as well as **gift wrapping** for Christ Church's annual Duff, TN outreach project. We will have Advent candles and supplies for sale if you need to restock! Cash or checks will be accepted.

## Girl Scouts Tour Savannah

Jo Cowan, along with several other parish moms, took Girl Scout Junior Troop 2905 for a weekend trip to Savannah, GA, to visit the birthplace of Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low. This troop of 18 fourth grade girls has met at the Church on Sunday afternoons for the last three years. Christ Church hosts many girl scout troops and is always looking for new leaders and scouts. To learn more, contact Jo at 704-200-1416 or [jocowan3@gmail.com](mailto:jocowan3@gmail.com).



## Newcomer Dinners

Our first Newcomer Dinner of the program year was held on October 7, when we welcomed several newcomers and heard from our ever-entertaining clergy member, The Reverend Lisa Saunders. All newcomers are invited to this casual gathering for dinner and conversation on the first Wednesday of each month. Childcare is available upon request.

**Our next dinner will be Wednesday, November 4** at 5:30 PM, with The Reverend John Porter-Acee. For more information, contact Kathryn Saunders at [saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org). To register, contact Courtney Cabaniss at [cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cabanissc@christchurchcharlotte.org). We hope to see you there!

### Rama Road Goals - We're Almost There

Last year we had good participation in our ministries at Rama Road Elementary School. Bravo and thanks to all who served, but in a parish of 5,500, we can serve far more than that! Our goal is to increase our 2015-2016 numbers in these roles by 30%. Here is where we stand:

Role	2014-15 Total	2015-16 Actual	2015-16 Goal
Tutor	31	37	40
Lunch Buddy	7	10	10
Classroom Assistant	11	14	15

We are close to meeting these goals, and we invite you to join in this special ministry to children. Contact Alice Marleaux at [marleauxa@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:marleauxa@christchurchcharlotte.org) if you would like to participate.

### Serve-a-bration is Happening Now!

It's not too late to sign up for a little taste of serving in our community. Opportunities are still available at various times of day and for different age groups. Young adults are invited to work together on our Habitat build, and all women are invited to serve with ECW through Green Fingers at the Charlotte Family Housing duplexes. Go to [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve) to see where you might be able to offer your gifts to help someone else and to discover the amazing ministries that are being done for those in need in our city.

### Learn More About the Faraja School

In 1999, Christ Church members Don and Joann Tolmie first visited Tanzania and recognized that little was being done for children with physical disabilities. During our Faith Forum on October 11, the Tolmie family shared their story of faith and purpose in founding the Faraja School for Children with Physical Disabilities. From the dedication of the school in 2001 with 15 students to the present fully-accredited, residential primary school of 88 students, Faraja School has become a refuge of hope for children who had no hope. To learn more about this inspiring mission and how you can help, visit [www.farajaschool.org](http://www.farajaschool.org), or ask any member of the Tolmie family.

### Turkey Time for Rama

Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to share our blessings with Rama Road families who are unable to provide loved ones with a Thanksgiving meal. Our Rama Road site coordinator, Deanna Chillemi, identifies 50 families to whom we will give a full Thanksgiving meal. You can make the meal yourself, order it from our chef Eric Love (details on page 4), or order it from a local store, such as Harris Teeter. We also need volunteers to deliver the meals. If you cannot both cook and deliver a meal, we encourage partnering with a friend or a neighbor. However, if you cannot find a partner or prefer for us to do that for you, we have a list and will pair you with another Christ Church member and match you and your partner with a Rama Road family, providing their address and contact information for you to make delivery arrangements.

**What to cook or order:** A meal that will feed 8 - 10 adults consisting of a turkey, two side dishes, rolls, and a pie/dessert. If you would like to take a beverage, such as milk or tea, it is a nice addition but not required.

**When:** Delivery is on Wednesday, November 25. You or your partner will contact the family to determine a mutually convenient delivery time.

**Find all the details and sign up to help at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/rama](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/rama).** Questions? Please contact Leesa Clardy at [lclardy@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lclardy@carolina.rr.com) or Trisha Dyer at 704-365-1655 or [dyerpatricia@bellsouth.net](mailto:dyerpatricia@bellsouth.net).

### Gifts for Children in Duff, Tennessee

Have you thought about signing up to be a Duff Christmas angel? Every year, Christ Church partners with the rural and impoverished town of Duff, TN to provide almost 200 Christmas gifts. Each child receives a toy, a book, paper and pens, and a new set of winter clothes. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to do something special together, by making a day of shopping for these items and lifting up these children in prayer around their dinner table during the Advent season. To sponsor a child, contact Amelia Abbott ([ameliaabbott@gmail.com](mailto:ameliaabbott@gmail.com)) or Henrietta Richardson ([henrietta.richardson1@gmail.com](mailto:henrietta.richardson1@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.



### Teaching God's Love, One Class at a Time

When you meet Church members Catharine Pappas and Betsy Parkhurst, they seem like twins separated at birth. They finish each other's sentences and genuinely delight in each other's company. You think, "It would be fun to hang out with these women." No doubt that's how their Christ Church Sunday School students felt for the past 15 years.

Charlotte natives, the friends have known each other since high school. Catharine attended Country Day, Betsy hailed from Charlotte Latin, and they both graduated from UNC in Chapel Hill. Both married in 1991 (just weeks apart), and each are raising three children. Betsy, whose father was an original Christ Church member, grew up in the fold, and Catharine became a member after marriage. So when time came for their own brood to start 10:00 AM Sunday School, it seemed natural that they would join forces to teach.

Betsy began teaching three- and four-year-old classes in 1999. Catharine followed suit a year later. "We were put on the same team by chance," Catharine recalls. "The first year I taught, our group disbanded so they put me on Betsy's team." Betsy adds, "Because we've known each other so long, we work well together." "And because she's so organized," Catharine exclaims. "I couldn't teach without her!"

Eventually, they became group leaders, teaching twice a month with a skilled corps of lead teachers and assistants by their side. "You can really make a difference with a four-year-old," Catharine explains. "You see them walk out of class a different person." Betsy smiles. "And they're so sweet and innocent. They love to learn and explore everything."

Over a span of nearly 200 Sundays, Catharine and Betsy guided more than 400 students, many of them now adults. Each class included a Bible lesson, craft, playtime, and a snack, plus bi-monthly music. Activities ranged from making a gold box for the Ten Commandments to acting out the Nativity with puppets – all tangible ways for children to connect with God's Word.

"I'm sure a lot of kids don't remember us," Betsy laughs, "but we sure remember them. I especially enjoyed Christmastime when we talked about the birth of Jesus. I still have ornaments the kids made." Catharine nods. "Me too. We cherish everything they ever gave us. I loved how some would give us hugs and look at us like we were rock stars. One year, a child came to class in a coat and tie. He was the cutest thing you ever saw."



This June marked the end of Catharine and Betsy's remarkable tenure, although they will continue to stay active in the Church (and contribute their coveted baked goods for our annual Bazaar!). Betsy serves as a preschool teacher for Christ Church Kindergarten, and Catharine begins her 23rd year as Relocation Director for Dickens Mitchener & Associates, a real estate firm.

In addition, both women remain devoted to their families and immersed in the community. Over the years, Betsy has worked with Christ Church's Caring Guild and Friendship Trays committee, Junior League, Room in the Inn, Urban Ministries and UMAR. Catharine has volunteered for the Mint Museum, Children's Theater, Elon Homes and Schools for Children, Alexander Youth Network, plus she teaches a baking course at Christ Church's adopted Rama Road Elementary School.

After countless lessons learned, what will the pair take with them? "Sunday School is where children learn that God loves them," Betsy emphasizes, "and they learn how to be a good Christian. Seeing my parents being active in the Episcopal Church made me want to get involved." Catharine agrees. "Classes also gave us time to slow down for an hour and talk about what God means to us. It's very enlightening to have a conversation with a four-year-old."

On behalf of everyone at Christ Church, we honor Betsy and Catharine for their collective three decades of Sunday School service and for teaching so many children the value of God's grace. You are truly His servants, and we can't thank you enough!

### 4th & 5th Grade JYC

Thursday, November 5  
4:45 - 6:45 PM

This month we will do our part with Christ Church's Serve-a-bration by hosting our own "Kids Serving Kids" event. Several local agencies are coming to teach us about their work and guide our JYC'ers through a series of projects that will directly benefit children in need. Several parent chaperones are needed; contact Katherine Vest at [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org) for more information.



## YOUTH

### Rite 13 Celebrates God's Faithfulness

On Sunday, November 15 at 8:45 AM in All Saints' Hall, Christ Church will invite another group of seventh graders into our thirteenth year of Rite 13. Although it has roots in an ancient religious tradition, Rite 13 is not a service you will find in *The Book of Common Prayer*. It is loosely based on the Jewish tradition of bar or bat mitzvah, a coming-of-age ritual in which young Jews demonstrate their mastery of Torah and are recognized as a son or daughter "of commandment," full members of the community responsible for their own actions.

Rite 13 emphasizes God's promises and faithfulness toward us, rather than commitments or vows we make to God. The gift God gives us as we enter adolescence is the gift of creative power. The Rite 13 liturgy puts it this way: "As young men and women, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings ... are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power ... God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the challenge to use it wisely?"

We reflect God's image as we choose how to use our creative energies in the world. We can choose to build and not destroy, to make a better world, reaching out in care and service to others. We hope to help our young people build this kind of community, by showing them over and over how much they are valued by God and by all the adults around them. And we hope to keep them engaged and interested

in their faith long after Rite 13 has passed.

We can only do that if all the adults in our congregation welcome young people and actively support and encourage them as they explore new ministries. In the liturgy, the whole congregation is asked "Will you, as a community of faith, which spans the generations, share your knowledge, experience and love with these young people as they begin their journey to adulthood?" Everyone answers: "We will, with God's help." We are grateful for all the adults in our community who make those words a reality week by week, in ways both formal and informal.

### November Faith Talks

#### Creating and Upholding Family Traditions

**Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, All Saints' Hall**

Does your family have special traditions for the holidays? All middle and high school families are encouraged to attend this opportunity to reflect on how your family can celebrate the holidays more purposefully. As part of our Faith Talks series this school year, we hope to help you remember your purpose, and support you in building a strong foundation here at your spiritual home. These monthly gatherings include a light dinner, engaging activities, guest speakers, and lots of prayer. Register (\$8 per person) at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks). Contact Lindsay Masi at [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org) for details.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Get Ready for the Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 20, 11:15 AM in All Saints' Hall**

We have created a new experience around this year's Christmas Pageant by combining a family-friendly worship service with the traditional elements of the Pageant. Our third graders will still play the lead roles, and all families are encouraged to take home one of the CD's created by our music team to become familiar with the songs (extra CD's are at the front desk). Even children who do not plan to sign up for the pageant will be able to sing along and participate from their seats! Children in four-year-old through third grade Sunday School are invited to register, and all parents will be asked to help in some way.



**Registration: November 13 - December 9** at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pageant](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pageant).

**Required Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**

*Third graders only will have an additional practice on Wednesday, December 16, 5:00 – 7:30 PM, and will arrive one hour early (at 9:00 AM) to Saturday's rehearsal.*



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**ANNUAL  
STEWARDSHIP  
CAMPAIGN**

**We were created to give.** Honoring this truth is the purpose of stewardship season at Christ Church. This holy, loving place runs on God's grace, with your financial gifts. The wine and bread served at Eucharist? They're provided by you, as is everything else from candles, music, education and electricity, to clergy and staff salaries. Your gift helps to engage and empower our parish to love, care and serve in the name of Christ. And beyond our grounds, your gift helps to make Charlotte and the world more like God's kingdom.

**People have purpose.  
So do churches.  
Ours is to be Christ's Church  
in the world.**

*Every pledge makes a difference.  
Please respond with prayer and purpose.*

**Pledge Form**

I/we, with God's help, pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to the ministry of Christ through the annual operating fund of Christ Church.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Stewardship office at 704-714-6973 or mizek@christchurch-charlotte.org if your address has changed in the past year.

\_\_\_ I would like information on using Visa/MC, stock transfer, or automated bank draft to fulfill my 2016 pledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Return this form to the Stewardship office at  
1412 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.  
Thank you!*

**From the FINANCE OFFICE**

**Tax Deductions for 2015**

I.R.S. regulations require deductions for charitable contributions to be claimed in the year the gift is received.

**Please mail or deliver your gifts (including stock gifts) to Christ Episcopal Church so that it will be received on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2015.**

Gifts received after December 31, 2015 will be recorded in 2016, unless they are received by mail and postmarked by December 31, 2015. Timely mailing or delivery of your gifts will greatly reduce problems and will simplify our year-end accounting schedule.

Offering envelopes will be in The Rotunda in January.

**Stock Gifts**

Please call Jennifer Stewart, 704-714-6949, if you are planning to give a stock gift. She will need your name, the name of the stock, the number of shares you are donating and the allocation of the gift. Please do not rely on your broker to provide this critical donor information.

We encourage parishioners who wish to donate stock to use one of the following brokers:

Wells Fargo Advisors  
Account no. 2142-7440, DTC #0141

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management  
(Formerly Bank Of America)  
Account no. 7RU02019, DTC #5198

Raymond James  
Account no. 27969534

Schwab  
Account no. 7119-2731

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney  
Account no. 801-116184-204

**Invoices and Check Requests**

Invoices/check requests from all commissions for the budget year 2015 must be received by the finance office no later than Tuesday, December 30, 2015. All invoices received after this date will be charged to the 2016 budget.

**Automatic Bank Draft**

We encourage you to participate in our Automated Bank Draft system. If you wish to pay your pledge in this convenient way, please complete a new form each year and attach a voided check. **Renewals for the new year will not automatically occur.** Forms are available in the Rotunda or may be downloaded from the Church website. Drafts are made on the 15th day of each month. To stop the automated bank draft at any time, contact Jennifer Stewart at 704-714-6949 or stewartj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

*A Christ Church Tradition*

# *Christmas Memorials*

Every Christmas we adorn our spiritual home with fragrant wreaths and bright poinsettias in loving memory of those who have passed away, and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives. These decorations remain in place through January 6.

To participate in this time-honored tradition, please complete this form and return it with your payment to the address below by December 7.

*Each memorial is \$35.*

*Memorials will be printed in the Christmas worship service bulletins.*



*I would like to donate a Christmas Memorial...*

*Choose one:*            \_\_\_ for the Church            \_\_\_ for All Saints' Hall

*Choose one:*            \_\_\_ to the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
                                  \_\_\_ to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

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Memorial Name (Please print clearly)

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Given By

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Your Name

Your Telephone

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Your Email or Mailing Address

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH MEMORIAL.**

You may photocopy this form, or download and print at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/memorials#christmas](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/memorials#christmas).

Make checks payable to Christ Church Charlotte.

Mail completed form with your payment to:

Denise Beasley, 1827 Cassamia Place, Charlotte, NC 28211

Questions? Contact Denise Beasley at 704-589-4977 or [dcb@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dcb@carolina.rr.com)

## ADULT FORMATION

### Talking About Stewardship in Your Family

**Wednesdays, November 11 and 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, M205**

Join Kimberly Mize, Director of Stewardship, for an hour of practical ideas and simple theology insights gathered from Nathan Dungan's Share, Save, Spend program.

### Parenting the Love and Logic Way

**Wednesdays, November 4 & 11, 9:30 - 11:00 AM**

It's not too late to learn the basics of Love and Logic. These classes use curriculum developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, PhD, and Foster W. Cline, MD, designed to give participants practical skills that can be used immediately with preschool aged children. Free childcare is available upon request. There is a \$20 fee for the class. Registration is required. Go to [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parenting](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parenting) to register.

Questions? Contact:

Jenny Beaumont, [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org)  
Anne Cullen, [cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org)  
Kelly Coley, [coleyk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:coleyk@christchurchcharlotte.org)

### Confirmation and Inquirers Class: Who Should Consider it?

This class explores the basics of Christianity: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, history of the Christian Church and being an Episcopalian. The class also addresses the way the Episcopal Church lives out that basic faith through worship, Bible study and service to others. Christ Church Clergy teach the classes, which are designed for any adult who:

- wishes to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church
- has undergone laying on of the hands by a Bishop in the Catholic, Lutheran or Eastern Orthodox Church and would like to be received into the Episcopal Church
- has been confirmed in an Episcopal Church and wishes to learn more about the basics of faith
- simply wants to explore what we believe and the basics of faith

Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged.

Adult Confirmation classes will meet for ten weeks on **Sundays, February 14 - May 1, at 10:00 AM**, excluding Palm Sunday and Easter, March 20 and 27. **Confirmation is Sunday, June 5, at 8:30 AM**. If you are unable to be confirmed that day, we can make arrangements for you to be confirmed at a different church or next year when the Bishop visits.

**To learn more or sign up, contact Jenny Beaumont, 704-714-6945 or [beaumontj@ChristChurchCharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@ChristChurchCharlotte.org).**

### Advent Preview

This year's Advent season at Christ Church will include new opportunities to worship, learn and enjoy the season together, and a fresh twist on some of our beloved traditions.

#### November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM - Intergenerational Advent Festival

#### December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM - Annual Parish Meeting in All Saints' Hall  
*During this time children will rotate through fun and meaningful Advent-themed activities. Youth are invited to attend the meeting. There will be no 11:15 AM worship services in the Church or ASH.*

#### Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM - Intergenerational Education: St. Nicholas Festival in All Saints' Hall  
11:15 AM Service of Lessons and Carols in the Church

#### December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM - Intergenerational Education: Hush in the Rush in All Saints' Hall and The Church  
11:15 AM - Christmas Pageant during Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall



### Living Your Strengths

**Mondays, January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22 OR  
Wednesdays, January 20, 27, February 3, 17, 24, March 2**

If you want to understand, appreciate, and better exercise your gifts and strengths, you will enjoy this course. Explore what makes you happy, alive, and energized, and how your gifts help you grow spiritually in all areas of life. The six-session course meets at 6:30 PM on Mondays or Wednesdays, and is appropriate for adults of all ages; several couples have enjoyed participating together. Class size is limited. For more information or to register for a class, contact Lisa Saunders at [saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Caring for Aging Parents

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 PM, M207

**Paying For Care**, with Al Prud'homme, CFP  
President, Carolina Financial Management

We all may anticipate the need for care later in life, but may not think much about how we will pay for it until the time comes. Or we may be helping to care for a loved one who has not been able to prepare financially. Al will discuss different ways to cover the cost of care later in life, including private pay, Medicaid, VA benefits, and how to protect assets.



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### GoodNews Has Great Gifts for Men

We know men can be some of the most challenging people on your gift list. GoodNews will host a “Gentlemen’s Corner” in the GoodNews Café during the ECW Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 5 (details on page 2). Featured items will be a Collared Greens Trunk Show, a Salt Rox demonstration for the grilling man in your life, leather goods by Traveller Trading Company, and signed books by Bob Timberlake and Mark Erwin. We will also have many other gift items for men including barware, scarves, travel accessories and more.

GoodNews will also have everything else you need, wrapped and ready, to help finish up your Christmas shopping. And it’s all for a great cause! Proceeds of every sale support our outreach and mission partners.



## *In the Parish*

### New Members

Suzanne Andersson  
Jennifer & Michael Gatto  
Kathryn Hull  
Sharon Neff  
Diane & David Tornberg  
Alex Wood

### Marriage

Mimi Lucas to Marks Arnold

### Births

James Austin “Jack” Carey, son of  
Austin and Jamie Carey  
Lucas Richard Thigpen, grandson of  
Kathryn and Richard Thigpen and  
great-grandson of Nancy and Dick Thigpen

### Baptisms

Townsend Savage Collins, Jr., son of Jennifer and  
Townsend Collins  
Nora Elise Doyle, daughter of Sloan Crawford and  
Jamie Doyle  
Arabella Joslyn Hallett, daughter of  
Carolyn and John Hallett, II  
Jackson Gregory Hamelin, son of Michaela and  
Ryan Hamelin  
Eloise Tate Hughes and James Reynolds Hughes,  
daughter and son of Madeline and Dave  
Hughes  
Ethan Charles Moore, son of Felicia and Greg Moore  
Michaela Reynolds Hamelin  
Kristin Lynn Jones

### Deaths

Roy Campbell, father of Anne Brooks  
Lucille Church  
Marcia Gilbert  
Benjamin Hutto  
Anne Ijams, mother of Henry Ijams  
Harrison McCray, Jr.  
Doug Dillard, father of Angela Breedon  
James Walker, father of Jane Browne

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## Don't Miss These Faith Forum Speakers in November

Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithforum](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithforum) for details.

### **The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle** Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 PM



Bishop Doyle summarizes his biography in six words: "Met Jesus on pilgrimage; still walking." He often blogs about current issues and maintains a vibrant presence on social media.

### **The Reverend Andrew McGowan** Sunday, November 8, 10:00 AM



McGowan is Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University. As an Anglican priest and historian, his scholarly work focuses on the life of early Christian communities, and on aspects of contemporary Anglicanism.

### **Michael Belk** Sunday, November 15, 10:00 AM



Michael Belk's photography has appeared in major fashion publications, but he says his life was defined by "great excitement, huge success, but very little substance." He felt God's invitation to live life in a different way, and produced a collection of fine art photographs depicting the messages of Jesus in the modern world.

### **Rachel Held Evans** Sunday, November 22, 10:00 AM



Rachel Held Evans is an award-winning author and popular blogger who has openly wrestled with faith and evolution, where women fit in church leadership, LGBT issues, and who will end up in hell. She has been interviewed in numerous magazines and newspapers on why the millennial generation is abandoning traditional church.