

November 2016

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

We Are Thankful

A General Thanksgiving Prayer

ACCEPT, O LORD, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 836

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 23
7:30 - 8:30 PM, The Church

Thanksgiving Meals for Rama Road Families

Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to share our blessings with those unable to provide loved ones with a Thanksgiving meal. Our Rama Road site coordinator, Deanna Chillemi, identifies families in need. We provide and deliver meals on Wednesday, November 23. Learn more at christchurchcharlotte.org/rama/

Advent Festival



Advent Festival for All Ages

Sunday, November 27, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, All Saints' Hall

Join us on the first Sunday of Advent for this annual Christ Church tradition! A perfect way to enter into this holy season. There is something for EVERYONE to enjoy!

Advent Wreath Making: fresh greenery supplied. Bring your own wreath form, or purchase one here (cash, check or credit card).

Children's Craft Room: learn the Bible history of Jesus by making Jesse Tree ornaments.

Outreach Project for Duff, TN: gift-wrapping station to prepare donations that will go to the children of an isolated and impoverished community.

Advent Activity Room: Legos, games, and puzzles for older children.

Sunday School During Advent

REMINDER!! The last day of traditional children's Sunday School of 2016 will be Sunday, November 20 to make way for our fabulous Advent Sundays. Each week beginning November 27 during the 10:00 AM hour, there will be an Advent activity or event intended for ALL AGES to enjoy together. Regular Sunday School classes will resume on January 8, 2017.

The Christmas Pageant is COMING! Sunday, December 18, 11:15 AM

Online registration to participate in this year's Pageant begins Monday, November 14 at christchurchcharlotte.org/pageant. There are three ways to be involved:



4-year-olds through 2nd grade are the **Pageant Ensemble** who sing dressed as angels, shepherds and sheep. They will learn the main chorus to three songs and need to attend two rehearsals.

3rd grade & above are invited to be in the **Pageant Choir**. This group will learn several full-length songs and are not required to be in costume, but may dress as angels/shepherds if desired!

3rd Grade only are the **"Stage Cast"** who act on stage and narrate the Pageant story.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Junior Youth Connect (JYC) for Fourth and Fifth Grade

Thursday, November 10, 5:30 - 8:00 PM,
All Saints' Hall Mezzanine



This month we will support the parish-wide "7 Days of Serv-a-bration" by engaging in outreach projects together and doing a scavenger hunt around the Church campus. Contact vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org for details.



CCK

Tour Our Facilities

Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten invites you to come tour our facilities any Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin January 4, 2017 and run through February 3, 2017. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cck/. For questions or to schedule a tour, contact Meredith Sorrell, Assistant Head of School, at sorrellm@christchurch-charlotte.org.

SUPPORT CCK

Support CCK by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card
to number **4676**. CCK receives a portion
of proceeds each quarter!

NEWCOMERS & PARISH LIFE



iGroups: Ballroom Dancing

What a treat! Our parishioners and friends were invited to join fellow parishioners Jim and Monette Manly at Metropolitan Ballroom for a two-part lesson: the East Coast Swing and the Salsa.

Everyone had a fabulous time learning these dances which may come in handy in the future, whether attending a wedding or visiting abroad! Light refreshments were served and a wonderful night was had by all! A special thank you to the Manlys for creating this opportunity for fellowship and fun.

Trunk or Treat: See the Fun Online!

On October 26, children and adults gathered to enjoy hot dogs, games and Halloween fun at our Third Annual Trunk or Treat event. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat to see a photo gallery. We are already looking forward to next year!

Newcomer Dinners

Our Newcomer Dinners continue with our next one on Wednesday, November 2. We are excited to offer this opportunity for newcomers to gather together for dinner and conversation on a monthly basis. We will welcome newcomers from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in M207 on the first Wednesday of the month, through April.

In addition to getting to know each other better, each dinner will feature a special guest who will fill us in on what's going on around the Church. To register, please contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974. Childcare is available upon request.

ECW Advent Luncheon

Preparing for the Savior

**Tuesday, December 6
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM in All Saints' Hall**

The Reverend Chip Edens will share reflections on generosity and making room in our hearts during the season of Advent. Bring your friends, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome!

\$20 per person. Reserve your space by Thursday, December 1.
All tables will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Register and pay online or download extra registration forms at
www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Hughes, jenniferhas3kids@gmail.com or 704-661-7648, or Liz Foster, lfoster926@me.com or 704-373-1401.

ECW Advent Luncheon REGISTRATION

Tuesday, December 6, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Name(s)* _____

**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: (\$20 per person) \$ _____.

Make checks 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 by
Thursday, December 1

Young Adult Social

Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Reid's Southpark

Young Adult women are invited to join in an evening of fellowship and fun with ECW Board members. Attendees are encouraged to bring school supplies for Rama Road Elementary. RSVP by Monday, November 28 to Eleanor Fairey efairey13@gmail.com.



ECW Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 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.) All proceeds will benefit ECW outreach efforts.

Order your greenery by Tuesday, November 15! 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, and in this issue of the Disciple.

Cooks and event-day volunteers are needed!

Learn about volunteer opportunities at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays.

Interested in a booth at the Bazaar? Contact our Vendor Coordinators, Wendelyn Kelly, wendelyn.kelly@gmail.com, or Laurens Adams, ladams@helenadamsrealty.com.

Questions? Contact Ginger Seabrook, ggseabrook@carolina.rr.com, or PerMar Olin, olinfamily5@gmail.com.



Holiday Greenery

2016 Christ Church ECW Christmas Bazaar

****Order Deadline is Tuesday, November 15**



WREATHS/GARLAND

Covered in Fraser Fir, White Pine and Boxwood.

22" SMALL
26" MEDIUM
30" LARGE
25 ft GARLAND *

*single strand with double the weight of mixed greenery

Quantity	Price
	\$ 22.00
	\$ 28.00
	\$ 34.00
	\$ 42.00

Subtotal
TOTAL

NOVELTIES

6.5" Ivy Kissing Ball
14.5" Mossed Ivy Reindeer

Quantity	Price
	\$ 26.00
	\$ 46.00

Subtotal
TOTAL

TOPIARIES

4.25 Ivy Christmas Tree/13" tall
6.5 Ivy Christmas Tree/ 26" tall
6.5" Single Ivy Ball on Stem / 21" tall
6.5" Double Ivy Ball on Stem / 28" tall
6.5" Triple Ivy Ball on Stem / 29" tall

New!
New!

Quantity	Price
	\$ 20.00
	\$ 32.00
	\$ 42.00
	\$ 49.00
	\$ 56.00

Subtotal
TOTAL

POINSETTIAS

****Please indicate color (Red or White)****

Size	Color	Quantity
4" SMALL		
6" MEDIUM		
8" LARGE		

Price
\$ 8.00
\$ 12.00
\$ 21.00

Subtotal
TOTAL

TOTAL QUANTITY

TOTAL ORDER

Name

Phone

Email Address**

** (required for confirmation)

Send completed form and check to:

Christ Church - 1412 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28207

Please make checks payable to Christ Church and note "Bazaar Greenery."

You will receive an email to confirm your order within 5 days of processing your order form.

Your order will be available for pick up at the Bazaar on Saturday, December 3 from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

If you have questions, please contact Katharine Cheek at 704-643-3343 or Susan Ahlborn at 704-236-6358 or by email at 2016ECW.greeneryorders@gmail.com.

All proceeds benefit the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) fundraising efforts which support local women and children's charities.



Mountains of Hope

By Abbey Cmiel, Christ Church parishioner

Upon arriving in Uganda, I was swept into the expected and terrifying whirlwind of going somewhere new and out of my comfort zone. Three other UNC-Chapel Hill students and I began the summer with the intention of working with Mountains of Hope, a grassroots ministry located in Kampala, Uganda's capital city, to increase women's access to sanitary pads. We hoped that with access to pads, women and girls could continue to attend school and work while menstruating. However, we quickly realized that so many more factors influence a girl's success in school or a woman's ability to run a successful business in Uganda.

We soon learned that addressing gender inequality, much like other social justice issues, is like peeling back the layers of an onion. Sanitary pads are only the first layer. To even have the opportunity to go to school, girls need sufficient funds, support from their parents, books, uniforms, lunches and lamps to do their homework by. In little time, I saw that a "solution" was nonexistent. No panacea could instantly and markedly improve girls' school attendance.

"It turns out that learning to truly listen and truly love seem to be universal journeys."

The Embodiment of Hope

Gratefully, James Malinga, the founder and director of Mountains of Hope was far from discouraged. Under his leadership, our time in Uganda was filled with undoubtedly the most memorable drives of my life. We drove to countless schools, taking girls sponsored by Mountains of Hope to their first days of classes. We visited countless clinics, helping families to ensure their daughters could get adequate treatment. Before long, we began joking that James was the community ambulance driver, teacher, pastor, grocer, and mayor. And in reality, these titles hardly encompassed the work he did for others.

Above all else he was the embodiment of hope. A Ugandan born to an impoverished family of 12 children, James defied many of the circumstances statistically endowed to him. Though his family did not have the resources to send him to school, he started his own piggery to pay for school fees and walked six miles to school in order to pursue a better future. Out of his own difficult upbringing, he developed the ability to deeply empathize with each person he met, proving that they too would make it through the circumstances they faced.



Lessons Learned

Though I wish I could say I carried out hugely impactful work while in Uganda, I learned far more than I ever could have contributed. I learned the power of empathy and deeply connecting with people within my community. I saw the real impact of being willing to sit with someone and listen to their needs and aspirations. I understood, through James' work, that only once you make a concerted effort to understand a person's story can you work through each layer of the issues they face and begin making lasting changes.

Above all, I realized that the people I met and the stories I heard while squished in James' car were not all that different than those in nearby communities in the U.S. Though the issues I encountered in Uganda may differ from those present in the U.S., I saw that the leadership, love and acceptance needed to make change are the exact same everywhere in the world. It turns out that learning to truly listen and truly love seem to be universal journeys.

For more information about the incredible work of Mountains of Hope, please see their Facebook page or website www.mountains-ofhope.com.

Winter Mission Trip to Costa Rica

Register now for the adult winter mission trip to Costa Rica, February 4 – 11, 2017. Approximate cost of \$1,700 includes airfare, lodging and most meals. Trips tend to fill up quickly on a "first come, first served" basis. Deposit of \$500 is required to register. Contact Deborah Shoemake at shoemaked@christchurchcharlotte.org.

OUTREACH & MISSION

FIND A WAY TO SERVE

Serve-a-bration is our annual week of providing opportunities for people of all ages in our parish to serve the larger community in some way. This year's Serve-a-bration will be November 6 - 12. We will have lots of activities for families to volunteer together.

For those who have participated in years past, we will be bringing back some of our tried-and-true events. We'll be hosting the muffin ministry at Crisis Assistance early one morning along with sandwich making for Urban Ministry Center. We'll have events at Charlotte Family Housing and the YWCA.

This year, we are also trying some new events! We'll be hosting a STOP HUNGER NOW meal packaging event on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 PM. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to come and pack meals that will be sent to over 37 developing countries to school feeding programs.

There are so many wonderful ways to be involved! Check out www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve for more information about events.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Seventh Grade Rite 13

On Sunday, November 20, Christ Church will invite another group of teenagers into Rite 13. Rite 13 is not a service you will find in The Book of Common Prayer, although it has roots in ancient tradition. It is a rite of passage that has a religious precedent: loosely based on the Jewish 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 in that we can choose how to use our creative energies in the world. We can choose to build and not destroy. We can choose 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." Thanks to all the adults in our community who make those words a reality week by week, in ways both formal and informal.

We will hold two other Rite 13 ceremonies this school year: February 12 and April 30. Contact Lindsay Masi at masil@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

November Faith Talks: Harvesting your Faith

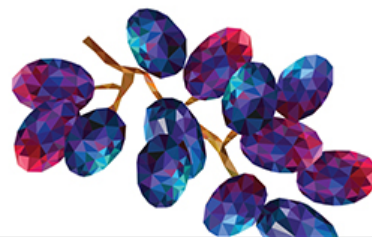
How do you keep faith at the center of your family life? Join us from 6:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 16 in All Saints' Hall as we discuss a cornucopia of ideas to harvest your faith at home with your family. All middle and high school families are encouraged to attend. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/faithtalks. Contact Lindsay Masi at masil@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Middle and High School Family Adventure

Save the date for the upcoming Family Adventure trip Saturday, March 4 at Camp Thunderbird. All families with middle and high school students are invited to join us for a day of "soul scouting" to deepen our faith and grow with our church family!

More information coming soon! Contact Lindsay Masi at masil@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

living a *generous* life



Faith Forum 2016

CHRIST CHURCH CHARLOTTE

Faith Forum is a long-running, nationally-recognized series of talks with leading thinkers, bestselling authors, business leaders, philosophers, artists, and theologians of our time. These conversations are led by The Reverend Chip Edens in a casual atmosphere of fellowship with a focus on spiritual growth.

This season we are exploring generosity: What it means in a faith context, and how God's abundant love can flow through us to others and out into the world.



Kathy Izard

**Sunday, November 13
10:00 AM, All Saints' Hall**

Author of *The Hundred Story Home*, Kathy is a talented developer, designer, consultant, and social change activist. Inspired to do more, Kathy changed the course of her life

and took on the seemingly insurmountable task of building housing for Charlotte's homeless. She says: "If you are restless and searching for a purpose in life, I know exactly how you feel, because that was me ten years ago. If you start to listen, I believe something is calling you, too. Whatever it is big or small, I encourage you to Trust the Whisper."

TIME TO REGISTER

Adult Confirmation and Inquirers Class

The Confirmation and Inquirers 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 this ten-week series of classes on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, beginning in February. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged.

The Confirmation and Inquirers Class is for adults who:

- wish to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church
- have 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
- have been confirmed in an Episcopal Church and wish to learn more about the basics of faith
- simply want to explore what we believe and the basics of faith.

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.

How do I sign up or get more information?

For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Jenny Beaumont at 704-714-6945 or beaumontj@christ-churchcharlotte.org.



Confirmation is Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 8:30 AM. If you

ADULT FORMATION

Men's Retreat 2017

January 20-22, 2017, Valle Crucis, NC

All men of Christ Church are invited to attend a weekend focused on fellowship and a much-needed retreat from our busy lives. Located at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, you are invited to turn off your cell phone and unwind with your fellow Christian brothers. Meet new friends and enjoy reconnecting with old friends. A short program on "Christian Courage" will be offered as we explore how courage connects to our lives at work, home, and church. Led by The Reverend Matt Holcombe, the cost is \$175 per person for all meals and two nights of lodging. Register today at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-retreat.

Devotions for Lent 2017

Calling all writers! If you would like to write a short 200 word scripture-based meditation for our 2017 Lenten booklet, please email Linda Bomar at lbbomar@gmail.com before November 12. No past experience needed and all ages of writers are needed.



STAFF NEWS

We are sad to report that two of our staff departed in October. Chef/Food Services Director, **Eric Love**'s last day was Sunday, October 9. Plans are in place to handle food needs during the interim until another Chef/Food Services Director is hired, hopefully during the first quarter of 2017.

The last day for **Anne Cullen**, Director of Children and Family Ministry, was on Wednesday, October 12. Although Anne will no longer be serving on the staff of Christ Church, we are glad she will continue to be a member here. Next time you see Anne, please thank her for her faithful ministry at Christ Church. A search will begin immediately for a Director of Children's Ministry.

We are saddened by Anne and Eric's departures, but we honor their sense of timing in their lives.

STAFF NEWS

We Welcome Our Newest Staff Members

Liz Chapa **Administrative Assistant** **for Worship and the Arts**



Liz Chapa is a native of North Carolina, having grown up in Fayetteville, and attended college in Boone's beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains at Appalachian State University. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Appalachian in Vocal Performance with a concentration in opera and French mélodie.

During her time in Boone, Liz performed in Quintessential!, the graduate recruiting ensemble, led a private voice studio, sang as a hymn leader at All Saints Episcopal Church of Linville, and worked as an administrative assistant to the director of the Appalachian Opera Theater. Liz continues to pursue her performance aspirations and is eagerly exploring Charlotte's opera scene.

Aside from music, Liz enjoys creative writing, clay and metal sculpting, and hiking with her two dogs, Wally and Schnapps. Most importantly, she has a great appreciation for the sense of community and family that can be nurtured through active worship, praise, and prayer. Feel free to drop her a line at chapel@christchurchcharlotte.org or call 704-714-6957.

Jane Siemens **Communications Design Associate**



Jane is a longtime resident of Charlotte, having graduated from UNC Charlotte with degrees in both Geography and German. After graduation, her love of cartography expanded to include graphic design, which she has been practicing freelance for over 25 years. Her work has focused on arts and human service organizations. Her goal is to create clear, simple and effective

visual communication solutions.

Jane is the mother of two teenagers who both attend Northwest School of the Arts. When not designing, Jane can be found running, playing tennis, or working in a community garden.

Jane can be reached at siemensj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6960.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Until We Meet Again!



As many of you have now heard, I have accepted a call as rector of Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina. I pray that every encounter we have had over the past eleven years has been saturated by my gratitude for the way each of you have been an important part of my life and growth in this place. It has been

gift, upon gift, upon gift, to be among you.

If I have not been able to speak to you face to face, I am sorry, but I am reminded of a statement one of my professors made in seminary. "The Episcopal Church is just five people, smoke and mirrors," he commented. Today I celebrate the professor's perspective. He was revealing a truth he had lived and knew to be true. No matter the number of people or expanse of space, we are a small church. We bump into each other all over town, all across the state, and not that uncommonly we even bump into each other all across the world.

Our Episcopal Church is a family and it has been one of my life's great blessings to be born into the Christ Church branch on that family tree. You can be assured that your memories will travel with me to St. Timothy's in Greenville. Perhaps some of you will soon join me there for a season. ECU is a fantastic University!

In Greenville or Greenwich, Greenland, or Finland, I will have my eye out for you and a place in my heart waiting to warm the memories of our time spent together.

Faithfully,
John Porter-Acee

Aging Matters

Join us for our last conversation this Fall related to aging and caring for aging loved ones.

The Spirituality of Aging

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM, M207

The Reverend Cathy Hasty, R.N., Director of Health Ministry and Pastoral Education, Novant Presbyterian Hospital

NEWCOMERS & PARISH LIFE

Christ Church Vestry Elections

At our parish Annual Meeting on December 4, the people of Christ Church will elect five persons to serve on the Vestry for three-year terms. Those elected will fill the positions held by Kaky Cassada, Carrington Coulter, Bill DeLoache, Tere Ey and Bo Thomas. The new vestry members will serve with the following members: Amelia Abbott, Mary Gregory, Scott Griffin, Gigi Harris, Warren Holland, Frank Horne, Jeanne Kutrow, Burch Mixon, Norfleet Pruden and Jim Thorp.

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

Our Rector, in consultation with the Vestry, has appointed a nominating committee to select at least five, but no more than ten, nominees for a slate to be presented at the annual meeting. The members of the committee are Mary Davis Smart, Chair; Amelia Abbott; Carrington Coulter; Mary Gregory; Bill Lowry; Burch Mixon; Bo Thomas; Jim Thorp; and Tere Ey, Senior Warden (ex-officio).

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.

Who Can Serve

All nominees must be confirmed Episcopalians and communicants in good standing. They must not have served on the Vestry during the preceding two years. In addition, the committee has been asked to include on its slate at least two parishioners who have not previously served a full term on the Vestry.

How You Can Assist

The nominating committee will consider all suggestions and will present a slate to the Rector for distribution at the Annual Meeting. The Rector can accept nominations until November 20.

The nominating committee's slate will be published one week prior to the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Kay Ethridge Pottery

GoodNews is proud to have carried Kay Ethridge pottery in the shop for many years. Kay has been a professional potter in Mecklenburg County since 1972. Her work has appeared at the Mint Museum, Spirit Square, Spring Fest and numerous other exhibitions in the Southeast.

Carolinasclay has been particularly popular among our parishioners. The clay contains impressed symbols of the Carolinas' three regions: mountain pine, dogwood blossoms from the Piedmont, and coastal shells. Kay shares that she is inspired by God's beautiful creation throughout our state. Her cross trays and stand-alone crosses come in several sizes. Their intricate detail and color combinations make these works of art a special gift and treasured keepsake.

Kay was involved in the start-up of Artworks 945 at the Urban Ministry Center, when volunteer artists came to work in various media. Kay brought clay. They worked in a vacant lot next to the center that the staff and homeless neighbors were turning into a garden, and created stepping stones for the garden path. Kay said, "Creating together promotes a different kind of relationship and encourages respect for each individuals gifts."



Come in to the GoodNews Shop to see Ethridge's latest one-of-a-kind creations.



2017 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
Live Generously

A Prayer for Generosity

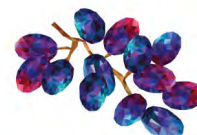
Gracious God,

You taught us to let our light shine. Help us to lead luminous lives of generosity: to pour love, praise and patience upon others; to give without expecting a return; to hold our treasures with open hands; to increase our joy by sharing it; to provide and care deeply for those in need, and to know that ultimately we only have what we give away.

In the name of Christ, our one true light, *Amen*.

The Reverend Lisa G. Saunders

*We'd like to thank everyone for their support to-date.
It's not too late to make your commitment for 2017.
We count on every parishoner to help make the mission
and ministry of Christ Church a reality.*



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 died, and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives. These decorations remain in place in the Church and All Saints' Hall through January 6.

To participate in this time-honored tradition, please complete this form and return 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...

☐ to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

☐ to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

MEMORIAL NAME

(Please print clearly)

GIVEN BY

YOUR NAME

YOUR TELEPHONE

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.

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

RECENT EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals



Fall Fest



MUSIC & WORSHIP

Halloween Eve Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment

Our amazing organ scholar (and Levine Scholar at UNCC) Austin Philemon will perform a silent film with organ accompaniment on Sunday, October 30 at 7:30 PM in the Church. The film is the 1920 German horror film, "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari." Considered a quintessential work of German Expressionist cinema, it has a dark and twisted visual style with special effects that were considered revolutionary for the day.

This is a benefit concert for the Levine Children's Hospital and a collection will be taken at intermission. Come, enjoy the eve of Halloween and the tradition and sacredness that Halloween brings to the Christian communities throughout the world – namely, All Saints' and All Soul's days, November 1 and 2.



Soul of a Musician Coffeehouse and Conversation

On Tuesday, October 18 we held the second of our coffeehouse concerts in the Blue Room to great acclaim. The music for the evening featured our own parish instrumentalists: F.H. Ahlborn (flute), Peter deVries (violin), Andrea Moore (violin), and our director of music Rob Ridgell.



Music from Mozart to Telemann was performed, interspersed with poetry and readings. In the middle of the program, the musicians talked about how their faith had been deepened by music and the role that music plays in our worship of God and the beauty of holiness. Bravi tutti!

Joint Concert with Holy Comforter and Saint Martin's Episcopal Churches

Sunday, November 6, 3:00 PM at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2701 Park Road

Gabriel Fauré's Requiem (Mass for the Dead) is one of the most beautiful choral works ever composed. The combined choirs of Holy Comforter, Christ Church, and Saint Martin's Episcopal Churches, along with members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, will offer a "Concert for a Cause" – benefiting the Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations benefitting Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte will be accepted.

Our music ministry is taking the Jesus Movement out into our world. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Highlights of Upcoming Music

Music Clubs Informal Performance

Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 PM, The Church

Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

Wednesday, November 23, 7:30 PM, The Church

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11, 11:15 AM, The Church

Christmas Eve Worship:

Festive Eucharist with Brass

Saturday, December 24, 3:00 PM, The Church

Children's and Family Eucharist

Saturday, December 24, 3:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Festive Eucharist with Brass

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 PM, The Church

Contemporary Eucharist with Carols

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 PM, All Saints' Hall

Eucharist with Carols

Saturday, December 24, 8:00 PM, The Church

Choral Prelude

Saturday, December 24, 10:00 PM, The Church

Festive Eucharist with Choir

Saturday, December 24, 10:30 PM, The Church

Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday, December 25, 11:00 AM, The Church

No other services that day.

New Year's Day Eucharist

Sunday, January 1, 11:00 AM, The Church

No other services that day.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Tax Deductions for 2016

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 Saturday, December 31, 2016.

Gifts received after December 31, 2016 will be recorded in 2017, unless they are received by mail and postmarked by December 31, 2016. 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:

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Account no. 7RU02019, DTC #5198

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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 2016 must be received by the finance office no later than Friday, December 30, 2016. All invoices received after this date will be charged to the 2017 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.

In the Parish

New Members

Lucy Bockweg
Wills Cooper
Katelyn DeFord
Alex French
Alexandra and Kevin Kretschmar
Brian Niekras
Cynthia Sharpe
Kathleen Wootton

Marriages

Cathleen Culp Beal and Thomas Hodges Hipp
Danby Hayden Donlan and Paul Leighton Peters
Rachel Cassi Ley and Warner Lewis Tabb, IV
Danielle Nicole Morris and William Alton King

Births

Knox Henderson Brantley, son of
Anna and Dane Brantley
Caroline Eloise McMahan, daughter of
Liza and Skye McMahan
Lindy James Vohs, daughter of
Hanna and Michael Vohs

Baptisms

Daniel Keegan Dunaway,
son of Jannell and Brian Dunaway
Charlotte Baker Manis,
daughter of Corrie and Zach Manis
Samuel John Neilson, son of
Molly and Casey Neilson
McLean Lewallen Rayburn,
daughter of Millie and McCord Rayburn
Luke Robert Stone, son of
Kim and Jacob Stone
William Ross Thach, Jr., son of
Tory and William Thach, Sr.

Deaths

Chuck Davies
Angus McBryde, Jr, father of Angus and J.P. McBryde
Steadman McCurry
Ed Wampold, grandfather of Clem McDavid
Gerald Workman, father of Alice Canterbury

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