I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

- JOHN 10:10

Join us October 27 for Celebration Sunday and explore how giving is part of a Living Faith.

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ADULT FORMATION

Upcoming Sundays

10:00 AM, All Saints’ Hall

**FAITH FORUM**

**Anthony Ray Hinton**

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**FAITH FORUM**

**David Zahl**

Living Faith and the Paradox of Religion

The author of Secularity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do About It explores the possibility that our culture is not becoming less religious, but rather that we are becoming religious about more and more things. He brings a fresh appreciation for the grace of God in all its countercultural wonder.

**FAITH FORUM**

**Hannah and Charlie Lucas**

Living Faith and Teen Mental Health

When Hannah Lucas was a high school freshman in Atlanta, she became depressed and suicidal. She came up with the idea of a digital panic button to help people like her. She and her 13-year-old brother Charlie built the NotOkay app that alerts pre-selected friends when the app user is Not Okay, providing the friends the user’s GPS location. Hannah and Charlie join us to tell their story.

**FAITH FORUM**

**Becca Stevens**

Living Faith: Trauma and Restorative Love

Becca Stevens is an author, speaker, Episcopal priest, justice entrepreneur, as well as founder and president of Thistle Farms (Nashville, TN), a community of women survivors of prostitution, trafficking and addiction. Thistle Farms includes a holistic two-year residency of women survivors of prostitution, as well as a national network of 50 sister communities. The Global Market of Thistle Farms helps employ more than 1,800 women worldwide.

**CLERGY CLASS**

**The Reverend Joan Kilian**

Biblical Justice

How does what we talk about and hear in our headlines compare to a scriptural perspective on justice? How do we incorporate that biblical understanding into our living faith?

**Living Faith through Worship and Music**

Ben Outen, Nicolas Haigh, and Shea Watts will talk with us about how music helps to bring our faith alive through our liturgies. We will hear performances and answer session will follow.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FAITH FORUM SERIES, VISIT WWW.CHRISTCHURCHCHARLOTTE.ORG/FAITH-FORUM.
**ADULT FORMATION**

### The Space Between Us

**November 12 – 14**  
**Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM • Workshop**  
**Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM • Closing Dinner**

Communication is essentially the way we share ourselves in this epic conversation called life. It is how we connect with others, self and God. Inspired communication is about awareness, attitude, powerful listening, and a desire to strengthen bonds and extend grace.

You are invited to develop this life-giving skill with this three-day experience that will transform the way you communicate at home, at work, and in the world. Grounded in learning theory and current research, this program gets to the heart, as well as the science, of communication. Lunch is included.

To register or see dates for 2020, visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/tsbu](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/tsbu).

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### Reading Between the Lines

**Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Yellow Room**

(For Men) Add to your understanding of scripture by reflecting on topics that arise from cultural and literary inspirations, using the Reading Between the Lines curriculum. For more information, visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-formation](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-formation).

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### Men's Midweek Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room**

Led by Craig Crieme, David Dean, Jon Koch mond, and Christ Church Clergy, this Bible study is an opportunity for men to gather weekly and develop a deeper understanding of their faith. We will rotate through God's Word, Jesus' Teachings, and The Holy Spirit on a quarterly basis. The format includes an opening prayer, weekly readings, historical narratives, education, and group discussion. (We will join in with “BIG Breakfasts” on first Wednesdays of the month.) For more information, visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-formation](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-formation).

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### Men's Big Breakfast

**First Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 AM, Blue Room**

All men of Christ Church are invited to breakfast with good food, great fellowship, and an inspiring speaker. Come as you are. Donations accepted at the door for breakfast; no RSVP required. We will begin at 7:00 AM and end promptly at 8:00 AM. Invite a friend! To learn more about Men's Ministry at Christ Church, visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men).

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**WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

### Choral Evensong

**Sundays, October 6 and November 3, 3:30 PM in the Church**

Archbishop Cranmer created the second of the Daily Offices, Evening Prayer, as a form for reading scripture and praying daily. Throughout the centuries, much music has been written for this liturgy creating a unique service known as Evensong. It includes choral and organ music, congregational hymns, and moments for meditation and reflection.

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### New Doors Enhance Security

New security doors have been added around our campus. The installation of the doors provides an extra layer of protection to our weekday school and staff and is part of our ongoing efforts to make our campus a safe environment for all.

On Sundays and when Christ Church Kindergarten is not in session, the doors will be open for easy access around the building. During Christ Church Kindergarten hours, the doors will be closed and only accessible by key fob, so you’ll need to stop by the front desk if you would like to visit spaces accessible through the new security doors.

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**PARISH LIFE / NEWCOMERS**

### Fall Parish Day

#### Kicking off the Program Year

Fall is a fabulous time of year and we are always excited to welcome the parish back at the annual Fall Parish Day Celebration. After gathering together for worship, parishioners came together on a warm but beautiful fall day to enjoy lively music, delicious bar-b-que and all the fixins from Chef Mary, fun and exciting games and activities, and a visit by our local fire truck.

We could not have done this without the many volunteers who baked treats, set up, greeted, served food and beverages, assisted with games and activities, and cleaned up.

A very special thank you goes out to two groups: our event chairs, Eleanor Fairey and Kara Hunt, and our wonderful sextons, who always work so hard behind the scenes!

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### Save the Date for our Annual Halloween Event!

**Trunk or Treat**

**Monday, October 28, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Christ Church Parking Lot**

We are very excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat event. We invite all ages to join in the fun. There will be lots of opportunities to participate: from trick-or-treating to providing the “trunk” of your car, to helping as a volunteer (teens included).

Children will gather in costume at 5:30 PM to decorate bags and play games. The parade and trunk-or-treating will begin at 6:00 PM.

Look for more information to come in News and Notices and at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/trunkortreat). If you have questions, contact Mary Catherine Zito at maryczie@ gmail.com or Jannell Dunaway at jannelldunaway@gmail.com.

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### Newcomer Dinners

**First Wednesdays Monthly, October through April**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM in the Green Room**

Beginning October 2, we are excited to invite newcomers for dinner and conversation on a monthly basis. In addition to getting to know each other better, each dinner will feature a special guest who will fill us in on what’s happening at Christ Church. To register, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974. Childcare is available upon request.
**Tenth Grade Pilgrimage**

**June 11 – 19, 2020**

We are excited to announce our 2020 Youth Pilgrimage to Spain. The opportunity that awaits the pilgrims to explore, grow, and deepen their faith will be transformational. During our time together we will contemplate the wonders of God’s creation and have opportunities to see the face of God in new places and spaces with other pilgrims from around the world.

We will be walking the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago (averaging 12 miles per day). Also known as “The Way of St. James,” the Camino is a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the tomb of St. James (Santiago in Spanish) in Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. It is the third oldest pilgrimage route in Christianity after Jerusalem and Rome.

Registration and a $500 deposit are due by September 29 at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/highschool. Contact Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

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**A Night of Hope**

**Thursday, October 17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, All Saints’ Hall**

A desire for wellness, a safe home, and a good education unites us all. Join us for dinner and a special evening to celebrate the Living Impact of our partnerships. Leaders of Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, HopeWay, and the newly merged Men’s Shelter of Charlotte and Urban Ministry Center will join The Reverend Joan Kilian for an in-depth conversation about how they live faith in the work they do to transform lives in the Charlotte community. For more information or to register visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/night-of-hope.

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**Serve-A-Bration: Seven Days of Service**

**November 3 – 9**

Are you interested in outreach work but don’t know where to start? At Christ Church, we believe that outreach is one way of living our faith in the Charlotte community. Our various partnerships represent the four pillars of outreach which we support with both funding and volunteers: Children and Education, Housing and Homelessness, Poverty Prevention, and Reconciliation and Social Justice. Serve-A-Bration offers a great way to get involved, with a week of outreach opportunities for parishioners of all ages and experience levels, on different days and times.

Our week begins with a special commissioning offered by the pastor at our Sunday services. Each outreach event is an opportunity to live your faith. For more information and to sign up, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/serve. Questions? Contact Laura Konitzer at konitzerl@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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**Rama Road Turkey Drive**

**Wednesday, November 27**

Christ Church members come together each year to provide 50 Rama Road families with turkey dinners for Thanksgiving. Dee Perez, our Rama Road Communities in Schools coordinator, works with administrators, teachers, and families to determine who might otherwise go without. If you are available to cook and/or deliver a meal to a family, we need you!

Volunteers are asked to provide a meal for 8 - 10 adults, including a turkey, two side dishes, rolls, and a pie or dessert. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/rama, or contact Sara Roche at 704-516-3888.
MISSION & OUTREACH

Jubilee Store is Back!

December 7 – 8, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, St. John’s Baptist Church (300 Hawthorne Lane)

The Jubilee Store is Christ Church’s holiday outreach partnership with Charlotte Family Housing (CFH) and other Myers Park churches. This is a unique opportunity to take part in CFH’s mission to help families achieve self-sufficiency and housing stability, while getting to know their incredible families.

In November, partner churches will purchase gifts which will be used to create a reduced-cost holiday store for CFH families. These families who formerly experienced homelessness work together with their case managers and our parishioners to plan their purchases according to their financial goals. The Jubilee Store will include entertainment for children of CFH families, dinner, and gift wrapping. All in all, it is a great way to be a part of ending family homelessness and forming new, boundary-breaking friendships.

How You Can Help

Gift tags will be hanging in the narthex and in All Saints’ Church beginning Sunday, November 3. Each tag will have a gift that you and your family can purchase and return by November 24. We invite you to include your family in the gift-buying process and to reflect together on what it means to celebrate Christ’s Advent by drawing closer to those who have been marginalized. No time to shop? Chase gifts which will be used to create a reduced-cost holiday store for CFH families.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are also ways to serve during the Jubilee Store on December 7 and 8. Volunteer shift times will vary by job, which include:

- Set up and clean up
- Shopping assistant to parents
- Serving dinner
- Eating dinner with a family
- Gift wrapping
- Picture taking
- Inventory assistance
- Parking assistance

A volunteer sign-up link will be posted November 4 at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/jubilee-store. Questions? Contact Laura Konitzer at konitzerl@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Outreach & Mission Partner Profile

Episcopal Relief and Development

Episcopal Relief and Development is an international agency responding to human suffering on behalf of the Episcopal Church. Its mission is to seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being. For over 75 years, Episcopal Relief and Development has been inspired by the faith and compassion of its supporters and partners to continue healing a hurting world.

Episcopal Relief and Development reaches over 3 million people annually, through long-term programs and disaster response efforts with local partners in approximately 40 countries. Working directly with the Anglican Communion and other partners, they carry out their mission of empowering people to find lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and disease. The US Disaster Program equips leaders in The Episcopal Church to prepare for and respond to disasters in their communities, particularly focusing on helping vulnerable groups of people to withstand the impact of disaster and to return to a state of normalcy afterward.

Program Priorities

Womens: Focuses on promoting the rights of women toward the vision that everyone deserves a life free from violence in a society where they are treated with dignity and respect. Only then can communities heal and thrive.

Children: Supports and protects children under six so they reach appropriate health and developmental milestones. Focus on early development is foundational and critical to helping children achieve their full potential.

Climate: Focuses on how families and communities can work together to adapt to the effects of rapidly changing weather patterns. This work includes preparing for and recovering from climate-caused traumas such as floods and hurricanes.

What You Can Do

- Connect @ episcopalrelief.org or 1-855-312-HEAL (4325). Whether you would like to pray for their work and partner communities or make a donation, you can have a positive, tangible impact on the world.

- Gifts for Life Catalog: Give an entire community the opportunity to not only survive, but thrive with Gifts for Life. Make a lasting impact with symbolic gifts ranging from medicine for children in need to goats that supply families with food and income. Honor loved ones for Christmas, birthdays and other special occasions. Catalogs are available in the Rotunda display rack. Online orders can be placed at www.episcopalrelief.org/gifts.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Welcome Mollee Reitz, Our New Wellness Director

Please join us in welcoming Mollee Reitz to our staff as Wellness Director, a new position at Christ Church designed to help parishioners of all ages embrace and encourage the call to wellness, and to cultivate a healthy and hopeful life.

Mollee will lead us in establishing and growing a wellness ministry at Christ Church. As the Wellness Director, Mollee will serve as an advocate, educator, and navigator for wellness. As advocate, Mollee will promote and increase conversations, awareness, and interest in holistic health, wellness, and preventative practices. As educator, she will teach and provide information about wellness for parishioners of all ages. As navigator, she will help connect parishioners to a network of psychological, psychiatric and counseling professionals, agencies and service providers. She can also offer short-term counseling to parishioners by appointment.

About Mollee

Born and raised in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, Mollee graduated from Texas A&M University with degrees in English and Psychology and was a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie taekwondo team. After graduation, Mollee taught English in Japan before returning to Wake Forest University for a master’s degree in Counseling.

Mollee completed her practicum at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital’s Memory Assessment Clinic Counseling Center, where she provided individual and family counseling to patients with Alzheimer’s and dementia, their spouses, and their adult caregivers. She completed her internship at Wake Forest Baptist’s Children’s Cancer Support Program, where she provided individual and family counseling to children and adolescents with cancer, and their families.

Since then, Mollee has worked as an outpatient therapist, a school-based therapist, an elementary school counselor, and in a private practice setting. Mollee is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC). She is passionate and enthusiastic about addressing total wellness across the lifespan. She also enjoys rock climbing, running, reading, and time with her dog.

WellDoing

Saturday, November 9, 9:15 AM – 4:00 PM, North Corner Haven

Enjoy a day doing something to enhance and encourage the many facets that contribute to your overall wellness.

North Corner Haven is a tranquil setting of field, forest and farm. Our day will include a wellness assessment, Bible study, information about resilience, stress reduction, healthy building blocks, and personal growth.

A delicious lunch is included. Cost is $35 per person. To register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/wellness or contact Jennifer Hamm at hammj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Yoga for the Spirit

Practice yoga every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM in beautiful M213 for relaxation, meditative movement and community in our spiritual home. All are welcome to relax, renew and restore. $10 fee goes to support outreach at Christ Church. Questions? Contact instructor Joyce Cmiel (RYT) at joycecmiel@aol.com or 703-625-7751.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 4:00 PM, Christ Church Front Circle

Bring your creatures, great and small, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals. For their own safety, please make sure all animals are on leashes or in carriers.
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Mark Your Calendars!

Christmas Greenery
Christmas greenery sales will begin online Tuesday, October 15 at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw/holidays. We encourage everyone to place their orders online, but for those who prefer paper, order forms are included in this issue of The Disciple. Net proceeds from your order will directly benefit women and children in need.

Meet the Founder: Our Little Roses
Tuesday, October 22, 6:00 PM, M207
Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society is one of the organizations funded by ECW. Meet founder Dr. Diana Frade and learn more about their work.

ECW Convocation
Friday, November 1, 6:00 PM
“Serving into the Way of Love” is the theme for this fall gathering. Watch for an email with more information.

Advent Luncheon
Tuesday, December 3, 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM, All Saints’ Hall
This annual event features great fellowship and an inspiring talk and to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Feast and Flora Pop-Up Shop
Saturday, December 7, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Get a head start on your Christmas shopping at our largest fundraiser of the year, with fresh holiday greenery and delicious prepared foods.

For more information about any of the above events, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/women.

New Members
Sally Dudley
Amanda Golmont
Linda and Phil Hammond
Liz and Andrew Houston and Family
Jeanne Konije
Amanda and Ian Piekutowski and Family
Emily and Thomas Poe
Kate Ryan

Births
Jean Everett Kelly, daughter of Wendelyn and Stafford Kelly
John (Jack) William Lucus Anderson, grandson of Tere and Doug Ey
Lilly Blankenship House, granddaughter of Anne and Bert House
George Haile Reichard, grandson of Kim and Ed Cherry

Baptisms
Tucker Sinclair Bailey, son of Grace and Trent Bailey
John Thomas Learsy, son of Kate and Josh Leary
Elizabeth Boen Mills, daughter of Merritt and William Mills
Margaret Goydon Ninemire, daughter of Annie and Wade Ninemire
Thompson Lewis Russell, son of Brooke and George Russell
James Tyler Tomlinson, son of Blair and Buch Tomlinson
James Archibald Stuart Bonner lll, son of Martha and Stuart Bonner
John (Jack) William Lucus Anderson, grandson of Tere and Doug Ey
Lilly Blankenship House, granddaughter of Anne and Bert House
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In the Parish

GoodNews Shop

GoodNews is excited that we now carry award-winning jams and butters from Adams Apple Mercantile. Located in Lexington, South Carolina, this company began over 20 years ago with a family recipe for apple butter. Thousands of homemade jars later, Adams Apple offers a variety of seasonal, delicious products that satisfy customers all around the country who say it “tastes like memories.”

We are open Sunday, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM; and Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
Celebrate our *Living Impact* in our community.

**A NIGHT OF HOPE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**
6:30 - 8:30 PM, ALL SAINTS’ HALL

REGISTER AT WWW.CHINSTCHURCHCHARLOTTE.ORG/NIGHT-OF-HOPE

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 7.