Summer 2015

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte

Love God
Care for Each Other
Serve the World

Freedom School and VBS

Look inside for more photos from both of these outstanding summer programs.

Vespers in the "Garden"

Vespers in the Garden was held on April 29 in All Saints' Hall. Chilly weather forced us inside this year, but it did not dampen the spirits of any of our newcomers, who were welcomed by clergy, staff, Vestry members and many of our fabulous musicians who led a beautiful candlelight Vespers service. With nearly 90 people in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and worship!

Christ Church Music Goes Abroad

We are excited to announce that our Organ Scholar, Austin Philemon, has been accepted for a two-month summer music education opportunity. In June, Austin will study at the Institut de Recherché in Paris. He will also have the privilege of playing some of the world's great organs and taking organ lessons throughout France. In July, he will be in Graz, Austria to perform as a collaborative pianist in the prestigious AIMS Music Festival. We are very proud of Austin and how he represents the Christ Church Music Ministry throughout the world.

During Austin's study in Europe, we are happy to welcome back Budd Kirby, music director at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. Budd will be a familiar face to many who have long attended the 5:00 PM Sunday Eucharist. He will be lending his voice and accompaniment to that service again this summer.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday Through August 30

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist* in the Church
10:25 AM Godly Play (Children's Worship) in M213
(except Discovery dates listed below)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church*
(First, Third & Fifth Sundays)
Morning Prayer in the Church*
(Second & Fourth Sundays)
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist* in the Blue Room
(Note location change due to HVAC issues)

Contemporary Eucharist

July 12 & August 9 (Second Sundays)
10:30 AM in All Saints' Hall*

Discovery Eucharist

July 26 & August 23 (Fourth Sundays)
10:30 AM in All Saints' Hall*
No Godly Play - Families are encouraged to worship together at the Discovery Eucharist

**Nursery care is available for all services in the Nursery Suites on the lower level of All Saints' Hall.*

Spring Parish Day

Christ Church celebrated Spring Parish Day on May 17 with a beautiful Festival Eucharist service, fabulous food from Chef Eric, and lots of fun activities for the kids. The weather was gorgeous as we welcomed our parishioners, new and old. What a great way to usher in the summer! We offer a special thank you to our amazing volunteers, led by co-chairs Alicia Wardlaw and Catherine Ruth Kelly.

Co-Chairs Alicia Wardlaw and Catherine Ruth Kelly

Ann Rogers and Isabel Fetter painted many happy faces!

The young adults were well represented on the lawn!

For more pictures, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parishday.

Celebrating Another Great Year of Partnership with Rama Road Elementary

Gratitude for Mr. Chris and Every Rama Volunteer

On April 28, the annual volunteer thank you party was held at Rama. One of the featured speakers was Vincent, a third grader who spoke about his tutor, Christ Church member Chris Martin.

Vincent said, "I have been at Rama Road for two years. To have a volunteer come and work with me at school makes me feel excited. We not only do work with reading – we also talk about baseball. My tutor takes the time to find out what I'm interested in and that makes me feel special and important. Talking with him about my interests or what is going on in my life makes it easier for me to focus when I get back to the classroom. I am so thankful that I have been able to work with Mr. Chris this year. Thank you, Mr. Chris, for all you do!"

We know that Vincent speaks for all the Rama Road children and staff, who frequently remind us how much they appreciate all that Christ Church volunteers give of themselves to this special school.

Rama Girl Scouts Give Back

Girl Scout Troop 5301 at Rama Road Elementary School held its annual Bridging and Court of Awards Ceremony on May 18. Each girl received a Membership Star for completing a year in Daisies, Brownies, or Junior Girl Scouts, and numerous awards were presented. The prize for selling the most Girl Scout cookies was awarded to Ariana, a Daisy, who sold over 300 boxes of cookies!

Each year one of the most special parts of the ceremony is a gift from the Scouts to the school. This year the girls took some of the money they raised selling cookies and chose a variety of books to purchase and present to Mr. Montgomery, Assistant Principal, for the school library.

Over 60 girls participated in Scouts this year, led by Julie Stedman and a fantastic team of many assistants and volunteers. Thanks to all for making this a banner year for the girls.

Rama Principal Patty Denny with Kate Hill, The Reverend Marty Hedgpeth, Alice Marleaux, Fran Redic, Deanna Chillemi, and Burch Mixon

Governor's Award for Service

On March 25, Christ Church was one of ten recipients of the Governor's Award for our volunteer work at Rama Road Elementary School. Deanna Chillemi, Rama's Communities in Schools Site Coordinator, nominated us for this special recognition. As Governor McCrory wrote in his letter which accompanied our official certificate, "Recognizing the needs of others and working to improve those circumstances strengthens us all and your dedication sets an impressive standard for volunteer service. North Carolina's greatest strength is our people. Thank you for all you have given to those around you."

Freedom School is in Full Swing

On June 18 Christ Church welcomed 60 scholars to Rama Road Elementary School to begin six weeks of summer learning and fun at Freedom School. Learn more about this great program at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/freedomschool.

Rama School Supply Drive

Be on the lookout for our Rama Road School Supply apple trees in the Church and All Saints' Hall. We will begin collecting items this month to donate to our friends at Rama Road. Questions? Cathy Verdone at cverdone1@gmail.com.

Habitat House #27 Finished and Dedicated

On May 2 we enjoyed a festive dedication of the 27th Habitat for Humanity house built by Christ Church members. This house was built in memory of Scott Cox, Christ Church acolyte advisor and a Habitat supporter who died last year.

Yngeo Nai and Jin Adrong, new homeowners, worked with us each week, along with several members of their family. At the dedication, they shared a wonderful array of Vietnamese food, adding the perfect touch to the lunch provided by Lynne McAdams and Peggy Horne, and the celebratory cake made by Deborah Shoemake.

All who wore their Scott Cox t-shirts (with Scott's standard dress item on the front – a bowtie) gathered for a photo with his family. Many thanks to all who helped build this year's house and special thanks to Rob Buckfelder for being our very able project coordinator for the second year; to Emilie Heffernan for coordinating lunches; and to Fred Paschall for being our overall leader for so many years.

Consider These Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Communication Skills Training (CST)

CST is a full three-day experience that offers paricipants valuable skills to improve how they communicate in all kinds of relationships, including with family members, co-workers, and friends. Participants describe the class as an enriching experience and not to be missed.

Course topics include:

- DISC (communication styles profile)
- The Communication Cycle
- Nonverbal Communication
- Reflective Listening Skills
- Effective Confrontation
- One to Others
- Transitions

Additional details are available at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst.

When is the class? Christ Church will offer several classes this year: June 16 - 18, July 14 - 16, July 28 - 30, and October 13 - 15. The class meets 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday, plus dinner on Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 PM (a requirement for participation). The class is open to Christ Church parishioners and the Charlotte community. Although there is no fee for the class, we appreciate participants creating time and space to attend all classes as scheduled, and to be fully present during the class.

How do I apply? The structure of the course requires that we select participants to ensure a balanced number of students in each class, so space is limited. If a class fills, we will start a waiting list. Apply online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cst. Contact Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945 for more information.

Congratulations to these graduates from our 18th CST class: Virgina Anderson, John Grainger, Betsy Heynen, Lisa Mateboer, Lynne McAdams, Linda McKinney, Elaine Miller, Andrew Moose, Makeda Pennycooke, Anne Poole, Deborah ReFalo, Chrys Rhodes, Javier Smith, Carter Starr, Jacquelyn Thomas, and Irene Trotter.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Wondering what's next?

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a Bible study and theological reflection group that seeks to connect the study of scripture with our real lives. EFM was developed out of the Seminary at Sewanee to bring some of the theological training given to seminarians to the lay people in churches. The emphasis is on study, worship and reflection designed to provide a scriptural and theological foundation for lay ministry. After completing the course most people feel more equipped for ministry, which might include anything from hospital work, to knowing how to be a Christian at work, to outreach or even teaching Sunday school.

Hear what Christ Church EFM participants are saying about their experience:

> *"This is the most meaningful and in-depth study I have ever done."*
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> *"I have learned to ask the hard questions and delve into scripture with the background that I have always wanted to know."*
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> *"Learning how to reflect theologically has changed the way I process information—I now can filter ideas and decisions through the lens of my faith."*
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> *"I wish I had started EFM 10 years ago!"*

EFM has a rich history at Christ Church, with four currently active groups that meet September through May, and seven trained mentors within those groups. Participants commit to the program one year at a time.

We are now forming groups for classes which will begin meeting weekly in late August or early September at these times:

- Monday morning, 9:15 - 11:30 AM (new group)
- Tuesday evening, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Friday morning, 9:15 - 11:30 AM

If you would like to join one of these classes or learn more, contact Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945.

Christ Church Women's Bible Study

On Thursday mornings, September through March, women of all ages gather to study, learn and grow together, with clergy and guest speakers leading the lectures. This year we are studying the book of Exodus in the fall and the letter to the Romans starting in January. Each week we gather for a lecture and then move into our small groups for discussion and to grow closer to one another in Christ. The small groups help us make the connection between scripture and our lives, and provide an opportunity to learn from one another. You may register by completing the enclosed form, or online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bible. Childcare is available for $50 per child covering both semesters. Scholarships are available. Contact Jenny Beaumont at beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945 with any questions. We hope you will join us!

An Evening with Dr. Brené Brown

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
OVENS AUDITORIUM
6:30 - 7:45 PM

Dr. Brené Brown has spent the past thirteen years studying vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame. Brené is the author of two #1 *New York Times* bestsellers: *Daring Greatly* and *The Gifts of Imperfection*. In her new book *Rising Strong*, she writes, "If we are brave enough, often enough, we will fall. This is a book about what it takes to get back up."

Dr. Brené Brown is coming to Christ Church for the fall book tour of *Rising Strong*.

Tickets $35
Ticket price includes a signed copy of *Rising Strong.*

Tickets must be purchased online before the event.
Learn more and purchase tickets at:

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/brenebrown

SHOW UP · BE SEEN · LIVE BRAVE

Participate in The Daring Way™ at Christ Church.

The Daring Way™, based on the research of Dr. Brené Brown, examines the thoughts, emotions, and behaviors that hold us back. In these sessions we'll identify new choices and practices that move us towards living a more authentic and wholehearted life. Sessions are led by The Reverend Matt Holcombe, Certified Daring Way Facilitator – Candidate.

Summer Session 1: July 13, 15, 20, 22
9:00 AM – Noon (Women's Group)

Summer Session 2: July 27, August 3, 10, 17
7:00 – 9:30 PM (Men's Group)

Summer Session 3: August 15
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Mixed Group)

Cost is $40 · Register Online

www.christchurchcharlotte.org/daringway

GoodNews, the Shop@Christ Church

What the Clergy Are Reading

GoodNews has recently updated our "What the Clergy Are Reading" section for the summer. Be sure to come by before you go on vacation to stock up on your summer reading. Every purchase supports Christ Church outreach and mission in our community and the world.

Chip Edens: *The Art of Possibility* by Rosamund Stone Zander

Marty Hedgpeth: *Benediction* by Kent Haruf

Matt Holcombe: *Praying Our Days* by The Most Right Reverend Frank Griswold

Fred Paschall: *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough* by Harold S. Kushner

Lisa Saunders: *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner

Patty Willett: *The Road to Character* by David Brooks

John Porter-Acee: *Simple Gifts* by Judy Brown

Please note: GoodNews will be closed July 3 - 11, and on all Fridays in July and August. Summer sale begins July 12, with select items 50% off!

Confirmation of Adults and Youth

On Sunday, June 7, The Right Reverend Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of North Carolina, and The Right Reverend Robert Hodges Johnson, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, led our annual Confirmation services. We joyfully welcome all of these newly confirmed members!

Adults (*Confirmed, received or reaffirmed at 8:30 AM in the Church*):

Confirmed:
Frank Henry Ahlborn
Carina Huynh Benningfield
Beth Ramsey Bilger
Jose Rene Costa
Lucinda Marie Costa
Alexandra Gibbs Crofoot
Kimberly Dawn Dehaenen
Craig John Errington
Henry Lee Falls III
Paul Edward Gibson, Jr.
Walter Todd Hutchinson
Arthur Duane Ringwald
Laura Kathleen Smith
Sean Patrick Smith
Tonya Graser Smith

Received:
Sean Michael Bird
Shannon Francis Bird
Catherine Jean Ringwald

Reaffirmed:
Robert Oren Bilger
Elizabeth Willett Falls

Youth (*Confirmed at the 10:30 AM service in All Saints' Hall*):

Patrick Steven Alvarez
Mary Oliver Anderson
Haydn Bradley Baughan
Joseph Campbell Bossong
Frances Bowers Bowles
Jones Boykin Bruner
Sadie Charles Calame
Mary Thompson Charlebois
Araminta Virginia Cheek
Lauren Gray Cmiel
McRae Renfrew Culbertson
Peter Godwin Davis
Samuel Hillman Davis
Samuel Frishe Dean
Michael Scully Downing
Frank Hughes Edwards
Thomas Ward Fetter
Ann Cameron Garner
Charlotte Claire Gay
Emma Christine Gay
Grace Rebecca Gay
John Douglas Harris
Samuel Middleton Hobbs
Wyatt Pressley Hodges
India Kate Hoover
Garland Lee Hughes
Arthur Seton Ijams
Olivia Elizabeth Irvin
Campbell Ort Jenkins
Robert Hodges Johnson
Lillian Michele Jones
Benjamin Richard Joyner
Nathan Ward Kocmond
John Edward Kreshon
George Brown Ladley
Emily Stratton Lamarre
Courtney Drake LeSage
Patrick Gilchrist Lindemann
Emma Elizabeth Grace Martin
Richard Shapard McCoy
Elizabeth Rose Nesbit
James Duncan Nichols
Smith Connor O'Leary
Thomas Andrew Odell
Sallie Granville Parkhurst
William Taylor Pearce
Elizabeth Rose Redvanly
Rebecca DuPont Riopel
David Stockett Roselle
Mary Elizabeth Rowell
Caroline Butler Rudisill
Reese Cole Ryan
Kathryn Vaughan Saunders
Robert Adam Schleusner
Charles Hampton Schrader
William Robert Shelley
Lillian Alexandra Smith
Anne Gray Stedman
Hubert Keith Stoneman
Anna Rebecca Thalman
Jack Downie Thomas
John William Walker
Gabrielle Anne Wall
Avery Grace Wells
Laura Jane Wenger
Mary Robbins Whisnant
William deRosset Holt Yon

Tenth Grade Urban Adventure

Thanks to our Sunday school and life group leaders, Bird Anderson, Jim Clardy, Gene Hicks, Henry Ijams, and Lindsay Masi, for traveling with our rising tenth graders on their Urban Adventure to Washington, DC for three days. Our crew of 14 teens and five adults navigated the city on their own and shared discussions about justice and reconciliation.

Fun in the Sun at Freedom Park

Wednesday, August 12, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Middle and high school students are invited to join us for a picnic and field games at Freedom Park! Cost is $10 per person. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/summerfun to sign up. Questions? Contact Lindsay Masi at masil@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6971.

Prayers for Our Glory Ridge Work Crews

July 5 - 11, we will send a group of students and adults to Madison County, North Carolina to assist with home repairs for families who live in poverty. The crew will stay at Glory Ridge, a camp in the mountains in Marshall, NC, and depart each day for a work project that not only improves living conditions for families, but also offers encouragement and builds caring relationships with residents of this impoverished area.

We invite you to pray for these young people as they face physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges: Coleman Holland, Ellen Hardison, Crawford Orr, Jackson Fernandez, Emma Gay, Grace Gay, Charlotte Gay, Macy Riopel, Becca Riopel, Jocelyn Riopel, Bea Cooper, Cameron LeSage, Elizabeth Redvanly, and Powell Forshaw.

Welcome Back, Pilgrims!

After taking time this year to study the themes of justice, peace, and reconciliation, 23 teenagers and five adults traveled to Northern Ireland on a weeklong pilgrimage June 11 – 18. Read and see more about their trip at www.northernireland2015.wordpress.com.

Welcome back, Kathleen Bledsoe, Gorrell Cheek, Denny Cmiel, Ann Mills Cobb, Owen Copps, Anna Elsasser, Emma Garbee, Josie Hicks, Ginger Ijams, Anna Kilguss, Taber Kocmond, Anna Low, Miller Mackay, Katie Matkins, Brianna McKnight, Davis Miller, Emmy Packer, Annie Rudisill, Jack Targgart, Elizabeth Van Pelt, Philip Wall, William Wood, Harry Zimmerman, Michael Beaumont, Emily Cooper, Mark Landers, Tasse Little, and Matt Holcombe!

Vacation Bible School Teaches God's Mighty Power

More than 200 children spent four wonderful days (June 22 - 25) learning about God's power to provide, comfort, heal and love us forever. Our Mount Everest-themed week offered crafts, games, story time, service, and singing. This fantastic experience could not have happened without a multitude of faithful and hardworking volunteers. THANK YOU to Anne Bowman and Jenny Morton, our 2015 VBS co-chairs, and the 110 other adults and 45 teens who worked alongside our awesome staff to provide food, music, set up, clean up, child care, and ministry leadership during this busy week.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Sunshine Flower Guild

Ever wonder what happens to the beautiful flowers we enjoy during worship on Sundays? On Monday mornings, members of our Sunshine Flower Guild separate the large flower arrangements into many smaller ones and share them with parishioners in the hospital or at home who could use some cheer and a reminder that their church community is thinking about them.

We invite anyone who loves working with flowers to participate. No experience is necessary. Volunteers work in pairs, and sign up to help with arranging and deliveries on selected Mondays that fit their schedule, as often or infrequently as they wish. Feel free to recruit a friend, or we can pair you with another volunteer if you'd like to meet someone new.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Haley Moore at mooreh@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6951.

STAFF NEWS

It's Official! Welcome Kelly Coley (Again)

We are delighted that Kelly Coley has been selected to serve as Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten's next Head of School. The search committee partnered with Coleman Lew + Associates to conduct an extensive search for this critical leadership role. Coleman Lew contacted over 250 individuals, interviewed more than 30, and our search committee ultimately reviewed and interviewed eight candidates. After conducting in depth interviews with a slate of outstanding candidates, the search committee unanimously selected Kelly to lead CCK into the future. We are confident in Kelly's leadership and vision for our school. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Kelly to her new role. (Kelly served as Interim Head of School from December through May.)

In the Parish

New Members

Sallie Scarborough
Emily Culp Kraper
Andrew Ancona
Deborah Refalo
Jenna Koebel
Allison and Ryan Popp
Brooke and Michael Mazhiri
Alison Gugenheim Family
Kim and Ernest Ellison Family
Catrina and Errol Restelli Family
Rob Ferguson
Jane Billings
Scott Husselbee
Downie Saussey
Eleanor Fairey
Susan and F.H. Ahlborns
Lauren and Jeff Klein

Marriages

Emily Stafford Mehta and Brian Glenn Farlow
Theresa Hopkins and Paul Edward Gibson Jr.
Adrienne Grace Howell and Dana Carl Knowlton
Christine Cullen and David Allen
Morgan Carter and Alex Mauney
Hailey Andresen and Joshua Ellington

Births

Nora Elise Doyle, daughter of Sloan Crawford and Jamie Doyle
Winston Breckinridge Falls, son of Elizabeth and Lee Falls
Theodore James Leary, grandson of Margaretta and Joe Leary
Townsend Savage Collins Jr, son of Jennifer and Townsend Collins
Palmer Caton McDavid, daughter of Stirling and Clem McDavid
Evelyn Shields Errington, daughter of Sommers and Craig Errington
John Hayes Hunt, son of Kara and Graham Hunt
Cella Louise Woodruff, daughter of Katheryn and Kyle Woodruff

Baptisms

Mary Charles Eleanor Montague, daughter of Margaret Montague and John Pollock
Anna Joyce Thomas, daughter of Siri and William Thomas Jr.
Perry Everett Turner IV, son of Virginia & Perry Everett Turner III
Louise Margaret Boisture, daughter of Lisa and John Boisture
Katelyn Clavin Dorst, daughter of Meagan and Kevin Dorst
Molly Franklin Knowles, daughter of Laura and Nathan Knowles
John Timothy Kraper, Jr., son of Emily and John Kraper
Patterson Campbell McConkey, son of Sarah and Brantley McConkey

Deaths

Ettie Minor Luckey, sister of Hardin Minor
Ruby Sudduth Forrester, mother of Karen Pierce
William G. Baynard
James Kiser, father of Jamie Kiser
Cyndy Blackburn, mother of Sarah Brincefield
Ed Maloney, father of John Maloney
Jimmy Sommers, son of Susan Tompkins
Edwin Wiggins Jr.
Christina Browning, daughter of Peter Browning
Mary Madert
David Townsend
Sherman Pardue
Richard Costley-White, son of Peter White
Anita Schenck, sister-in-law to Ed Schenck
Jean Fort, mother of Claudia Heath
Allen Tate, father of Libby Gordon

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