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The Disciple

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

At our Vestry Retreat in early February, one of the 2016 Vestry Goals we agreed upon was to take a fresh look at personal financial stewardship at Christ Church. A small task force has been charged with pursuing this fresh look, consisting of the people listed at the bottom of this letter.

This decision was mainly in response to two things:

- We recognize that there are generational differences in how people give to churches and other charities, and in how much they give. For example, baby boomers and those over 70 are accustomed to writing checks and making pledges, and statistically tend to give more of their money away, and to place greater priority on giving to their places of worship. Generation Xers and millennials (generally, those born since the mid-1960s) don't use checkbooks, but typically transfer their money electronically; tend to make gifts rather than pledges; tend to spread their gifts around to multiple causes; and, in general, tend to give less of their income away than did their parents. As those of us who are baby boomers and older retire or (as they say) are "promoted to glory," it will be up to those of us in the next generations to provide the backbone for giving generally, and for financial support of Christ Church's ministry in particular.
- We share a concern that, while we have become adept at the nuts and bolts of fundraising at Christ Church, we may have neglected to give sufficient attention to the spiritual dimensions of personal financial stewardship and generosity – to our role as stewards of a generous God's financial blessings, and the connection between that role and God's call for us to use those blessings to be disciples of Jesus.

The task force has met on numerous occasions, and has spent time with an experienced consultant on church giving who comes from a different denominational background. We have studied, prayed, and thought about a broad range of questions concerning financial stewardship, generosity, and discipleship, including the following:

- Generally, but at the heart of the matter, how can we best nurture a culture of generosity in our parish, where our attitude about personal financial stewardship is driven not by fear of relative scarcity, but rather by joy in our relative abundance, and by an impulse to be generous in all things, including our money?
- How can we make it easier to talk among ourselves, in the context of our own spiritual journeys, about money and how we spend it, save it, and give it away? We note that, in the Gospels, Jesus spent a lot of time talking about money, but many of us want to change the subject when that comes up. What can we do to encourage comfortable dialog on a subject of such importance to our spiritual well-being?
- How can we better celebrate generosity at Christ Church, and better inform each other of how money given to Christ Church is used to love God, care for each other and serve the world?
- How can we better incorporate teaching about financial stewardship and generosity into our worship and Christian education for all ages throughout the year, and not just during our annual stewardship campaign?
- How can we better utilize the latest technology to make it easier for us to pledge and give to Christ Church, and even to be more spontaneous in our giving?

We are still pondering these questions and working on some specific responses, but perhaps you have already noticed increased attention to the subject of generosity from the pulpit and in our Christian education. We encourage you to ponder these questions as well over the summer, and to discuss them with each other and with any of us. Summertime is a good time for pondering!

Faithfully yours,

Chip Edens, Rector
Tere Ey, Senior Warden
Carrington Coulter, Junior Warden
Amelia Abbot, Vestry Representative
Norfleet Pruden, Vestry Representative
Wendy Mauney, Parish Administrator
Kimberly Mize, Director of Stewardship

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Music Ministry Open to All

We are in search of singers of all ages, whether they have experience in choirs or in the shower!

Parish Choir for Parents, Professionals and All Others

- Meet at 8:00 AM on Sundays for coffee, fellowship, and rehearsal.
- Help lead worship through music for the 8:45 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church.
- Go to Faith Forum at 10:00 AM.
- Enjoy Brunch and go out to love and serve the world!
- OR...simply come at 8:00 AM and sing for the 8:45 AM service!

High School, Middle School and 5th Grade Students

- Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:00 PM.
- Be part of a community where it's OK to make mistakes.
- Sing or share your instrumental talents (guitar, drums, violin, flute, trumpet, etc.).
- Have lots of fun and make beautiful music.

Junior Youth Chorus for 2nd - 4th Graders

- Wednesdays, 5:00 - 5:30 PM.
- All choristers are trained as junior cantors for the 11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall.

To sign up for any of these groups, contact Rob Ridgell, ridgellr@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Music Club for Pre-K (age 4) through rising First Graders

- Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:30 PM.
- We will sing, play, and move as we explore the elements of music together. We will also learn to worship through music, and sing on occasion in All Saints' Hall at the 11:15 AM Discovery Eucharist.
- Three six-week sessions – fall, winter, and spring - allow flexibility for families' schedules.

To sign up for this amazing musical educational experience, contact Lisa Lashley, lashleyl@christchurchcharlotte.org.



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STORY-TELLING
DRUMMING • GAMES
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Leap of Faith Update

Christ Church is serving the world in many ways and one way that is having a large impact is through Leap of Faith grants. The funds generously given to the campaign for outreach have been designated in roughly equal portions to our four areas of focus: Housing/Homelessness; Poverty Prevention; Children & Education; and Mission. Our most recent grants are as follows:

Crisis Assistance Ministry, Charlotte, NC: \$50,000 for an additional case worker to work with clients who are close to becoming homeless, but who clearly show the capacity to stay in their homes and become stable with some in-depth support over a year. Each case worker handles 60 clients per year. This program, Extended Casework, was begun through Christ Church's Micah Initiative as the Padlock Prevention Program. It has become a central ministry of Crisis Assistance.

Thistle Farms, Nashville, TN: \$20,000 as a part of their \$3.3 million capital campaign, *Sowing for a New Harvest*, which will allow Thistle Farms to greatly expand their ministries of empowering women survivors of abuse, addiction, prostitution, and trafficking. Our grant will go specifically to construction costs and furnishings at a new Global Education and Outreach Center. At this center they will be able to expand their existing program which allows individuals

and groups to attend workshops to learn about replicating parts of the Thistle Farms program in other cities. The new center will expand from 400 square feet to over 1,200 square feet with a capacity for 200+ visitors.

Holy Cross Hospice, Gabarone, Botswana: \$4,000 for equipment needed to meet Ministry of Health Requirements in order to open. Holy Cross is one of two hospices in Botswana, begun in 1998 to respond to the HIV/AIDS crisis. It was an outpatient ministry, but is now expanding its services (due in part to the downturn in HIV/AIDS) and opening a residential facility.

St. Augustine Theological School, Gabarone, Botswana: \$14,500 for furniture and equipment to bring their library up to standards for accreditation of the school. In seeking to raise up locals to become clergy (currently most clergy in the diocese are from other African countries or from England), the Diocese started St. Augustine Theological School in 2012 with enormous help from the Diocese of North Carolina. It is now established and functioning well, training not only clergy, but also laypersons.

Thanks from Sweet Ollie's Family



To our Christ Church family,

How will we ever find the words to express our deepest gratitude for the abundant love you have shown our family over the past couple of months?

In every moment of this tumultuous journey, you all have walked by our side. When we first discovered Ollie was sick, a prayer shawl loaded with prayers and tears arrived to snuggle him in his bed. When we found out he needed a heart transplant, you all bombarded us with messages, texts, cards – all sharing our pain, helping us carry our grief. As we lived in the hospital and waited, your prayers arrived in the forms of meals, gifts and the most beautifully written notes. They sustained us in so many ways. When we received word of his new heart, you celebrated with us rejoicing in the miraculous gift of new life for Ollie. You held us in our pain and fear during surgery and you cried happy tears with us when all went well. And now as Ollie recovers and transitions back home, you all have continued to lift up our little family and cover us in love. What a gift you all have been to us!



In the most selfless, generous way, you have loved a little boy many of you have never met. You have loved Ollie and you have loved us with such depth, such kindness, such heart. You have been God's incarnate love in our life and for that the words "thank you" barely seem enough. We will forever be grateful to you all.

We cannot wait for you all to meet sweet Ollie. We know he'll love you all as much as we do.

With big grateful hearts,
Alice, Evan and Ollie

Alice Marleaux is the Director of Outreach and Mission at Christ Church. Ollie received a heart transplant on April 23, 2016.

My Service Reflection — by Max Redic

I serve at Rama Road Elementary on a pretty regular basis and I really enjoy it. My mother and I are good friends with a certain teacher and she has taught various grades over the past few years. I have worked with kindergarteners, first graders, second graders, and fifth graders.

Over my years of service at Rama Road I have read books, tutored in math, helped with holiday parties, and organized books. I prefer to work with younger kids because they are very funny and I enjoy reading picture books to them. It is very rewarding having a lot of kids look up to me and who are excited every time I visit. It also is incredibly fulfilling helping children who don't have as much as I do and have a harder life than me.

Since I began volunteering at Rama Road I have learned so much from experiences and the kids too. I have realized that children with such different backgrounds and who

are much younger than me can be so incredibly similar to me. When I reflect after my visits to Rama Road I think about how happy a lot of the boys and girls are even when they have a lot less than I have, this allows me to be more thankful for everything in my life and visualize how God is present in my life. I love volunteering at Rama Road Elementary and it is even more convenient that Christ Church is partnered with Rama. I have learned that service and Church are one in the same and service is an important part of being a Christian and a member of Christ Church.



Shelter Servers Answer the Call

On Sunday morning, June 5, the McLeans and Hufhams read in the worship bulletin that we needed some volunteers that evening at the Men's Shelter, so they signed up! It turned out to be a multigenerational crew from Christ Church, and all reported it was a great outreach experience!

Pictured L to R: Frank Pattishall, Mal McLean, Reuben Hufham, Laura Pattishall McLean, Genie Hufham, AJ Whitehead, Jacob Whitehead.

Freedom School is in Full Swing!

Freedom School at Rama Road Elementary began with great excitement on June 16! Hosted by Christ Church with Freedom School Partners, this six-week summer literacy program for children in grades K - 8 is led by college interns, with a focus on literacy, character education, and community involvement. We are grateful for the many volunteers who read each morning at Harambee, lead on-site activities, chaperone field trips, purchase or donate supplies, and in many other ways take part in this fun, transformational program. Come out any Monday through Friday morning at 8:30 AM through July 27 for Harambee, a morning pep rally of motivational singing, cheers and chants, dancing, and children's books read in a lively storytelling fashion. It's a great way to start your day!



Vespers in the Garden

The Clergy, Staff, Vestry and Hospitality Committee recently welcomed newcomers at the annual Vespers in the Garden event. Held in the beautiful backyard of parishioners Patty and Alex Funderburg, we enjoyed a fabulous supper provided by Chef Eric, along with appetizers and desserts from the Hospitality Committee. A beautiful sundown Vespers service was accompanied by members of the Christ Church Choir. It was a gorgeous evening and everyone enjoyed the delightful fellowship!

A special thank you to Carol Lorenz and our gracious Hospitality Committee for their efforts in making this evening such a special occasion for all!



iGroups Kickoff

Despite the heat, the kick-off iGroup event, Picnic in the Park, was a cool success! Families enjoyed time together in the shade at Freedom Park, while the kids played, blew bubbles and chased balloons. A special thank you to hosts Cacky Higgins and Lindsey Williams.

The next iGroup event will be July 13 at Romare Bearden Park with the Band of Oz. Keep an eye out for details in News & Notices, the weekly email, and at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/igroups.

iGroups
an invitation to fellowship

Spring Parish Day

What a glorious day to celebrate our parish and the wonderful 2015 - 2016 program year! The weather was ideal and we were able to enjoy a fabulous fried chicken picnic from Chef Eric, as well as fun music with a cake walk and lots of fabulous activities. A special thank you to our event chairs, Alicia Wardlaw and Catherine Ruth Kelly, and our many fabulous volunteers who made it possible.

We look forward next to our Fall Parish Day event on Sunday, September 11.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Four- and five-year-olds from Jr. VBS settle in to our 'desert' for music and afternoon Assembly.



Opening Assembly had us moving and grooving every day.

Vacation Bible School Scrapbook

Wow, what a busy and fun time Children's Ministry is having this summer! Vacation Bible School took place June 20 - 23. It was a huge success, thanks to over 140 adults and teens who gave their time to make it happen. We extend a GIGANTIC thank you to each and every one of you, and hope you enjoy this peek at our VBS scrapbook!



Teen Helpers are a vital part of VBS. We couldn't do it without them!!



A visit from animals typical of ancient Egypt brought smiles to all.



'I want my MUMMY!' Outdoor games brought us lots of themed fun.



Fourth and fifth graders have a unique VBS experience: service projects throughout the Charlotte community. They enjoyed lunch at Sundries after their first day of hard work.



We tested out different special abilities in a concrete way to help us understand the many gifts that God gives to us.

YOUTH

Pilgrimage: A Journey Toward Our Inescapable God

Christ Church sent 38 tenth graders and eight adult leaders on a pilgrimage to Banff and Calgary, Alberta Canada. They viewed incredible scenery that could only have been painted with God's paintbrush, and reflected on how we can move the mountains in our lives with God's help. Thank you to the leaders who spent countless hours preparing for the journey and traveled side by side with these pilgrims. Visit the blog at www.banffpilgrimage2016.wordpress.com for more photos.



Confirmation

66 youth were confirmed on June 5. Turn the page for a list of all confirmands.

Class of 2016

Christ Church wishes the students in the Class of 2016 well as they venture on to these colleges and universities in the fall.

| Student | College/University |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Austin Daniel Anderson | Virginia |
| Gene Aufdenberg deVries | Appalachian State |
| Margaret Ruth Baughan | Alabama |
| Emilie Winifred Bidendope | South Carolina |
| Michael Marquardt Bidendope | Clemson |
| Abigail Verdane Chamblee | Furman |
| Samuel Buckley Cole | Appalachian State |
| John Robert Donohue | Colgate |
| Isabel Cobb Fetter | Georgia |
| Harrison James Garrett | Vanderbilt |

| Student | College/University |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sarah Wilson Heynen | North Carolina |
| Warren Frederick Holland | Sewanee |
| Louis Henry Lambert | IMG Academy |
| Thomas Wright Lindemann | Davidson |
| Gerald Mark Little, Jr. | Clemson |
| Emma Grace Lloyd | Alabama |
| William Wescott Mackay | NC State |
| Eleanor Keating Mills | Georgia |
| Stewart Armstrong Parkhurst | North Carolina |
| Jack Durant Robertson | North Carolina |

| Student | College/University |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Ann Willis Rogers | North Carolina |
| Genevieve Marie Salzer | Clemson |
| Thomas Hunger Sheridan | North Carolina |
| Ann Bruce Sherill | Sewanee |
| Maximilian Walsh Tobin | Minnesota |
| Blythe Isabella Turner | North Carolina |
| Anne Garland Ullich | North Carolina |
| John William Wall | High Point |
| Lucille Bishop Weller | Sewanee |
| Fred Marshall Wood | Virginia |

Register Now for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Embark on a journey to the Holy Land and prepare for a life-changing experience. Registration is open through July 31 for the Pilgrimage, which takes place November 14 - 23. You will be walking where Jesus walked and visiting Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor and Mt. Arbel, Jordan River baptism sites, Bethany, Jerusalem, and many more.

The cost for the trip includes roundtrip airfare from Charlotte, eight nights lodging in first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily at hotel, a full-time English-speaking professional tour guide, services of long-distance deluxe motor coach, and all entrance fees for places on the itinerary.

Find the brochure, reservation form and more information at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pilgrimage, or contact The Reverend Matt Holcombe at holcombem@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6964.

Theology Study Group Equips Members for Ministry in the World

Education for Ministry is a Bible study and theological reflection group that connects the study of scripture with our real lives. EFM has a rich history at Christ Church, and has four active groups that meet September through May, with seven trained mentors within those groups.

Participants commit to meet weekly for one year. EFM was developed out of the seminary at Sewanee to bring some of the theological training given to seminarians to lay people in churches. After completing the course most people feel more equipped for ministry in the world, whether through a particular vocation, living out one's Christian faith in the secular workplace, serving others, or teaching Sunday School.

Contact Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945 to learn more.

Confirmation of Youth and Adults

Christ Church joyfully welcomes the following new members:

Adults

Confirmed

Brantley Michele Alvey
Brian Downs Barksdale, Jr.
Katherine Boylston Fletcher
William Wrenn Hadley
Elizabeth Simmons Haigh
Monette Bales Manly
Angela Joy Newsom
Andrew Gene Sowder
Kathryn Jessica Wood

Reaffirmed

Haines Pruden Barksdale
Donald Taylor Carmichael, Jr.
Cindy Renee Langston
Andrew William Newsom
Joseph Parker Traywick

Received

Cheryl Wilson Hadley
Lucien Alexander Wood III
Katheryn Cella Woodruff

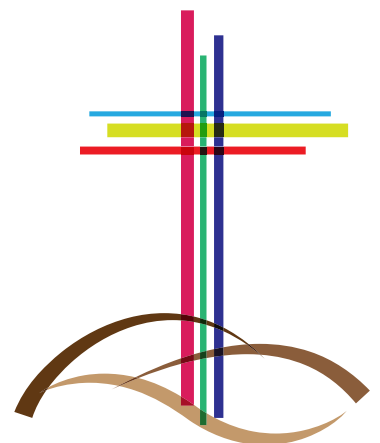
Youth

Confirmed

Bryce McMahon Aaron
William Aquilla Allen
William Hillery Benson
Helen Hance Bing
Ryan Joseph Bonner
Carter Dillon Bowles
Audrey Grace Burri
Mary Madeline Byrum
Katharine Greer Campbell
John Thomas Cashion
Christopher Finch Cecil
Caroline Carson Cobb
Caroline Johnson Cole
Martha Draper Connor
Kiley Mae Copps
Robert Aubrey Cox, III
Jane Randolph Durden
Elizabeth Bowen Gordon
Howard Scott Gordon
Thomas Rexford Hallow
William Bonneau Hardison, Jr.
Bailey Elizabeth Harris
Jeffrey Lee Irvin, Jr.
Emily Mary Jenkins
Hunter Lawrence Jones
Lindsay Chalmers Jones

Patrick Goodwin Joyner
Matthew Connor King
Sydney Smith Landau
Emma Elizabeth Landry
Andrew James Lewis
John Edward Bridgman Lloyd
Jenny Keer Loselle
William Zabel Lunsford, Jr.
John Hudson Malone
Stuart Eaton Mays
Thomas Alexander McIntosh
Bailey Jade Miller
Kate McClelland Moore
Olivia Hartman Morano
Margaret Tribble Moseley
Julian Baker Olin
William Dennison Orr, Jr.
Carolyn Grant Payne
Emma Laine Plott
Elizabeth Weaver Poole
Georgia Carlyle Ranson
Maxie Orestes Redic, IV
Laughlin Elizabeth Ryan
Patricia Cobb Sasz
Thomas Dunn Schleusner
Grayson Emma Shreero
William Daniel Simerville, III
Andrew Mallard Smith

Anne Dixon Sprock
Verner Thomas Stanley
Emma Cutter Stark
John Gerrit Stevens
Statton Headrick Taylor
William Dayton Trowbridge
Caroline Christian Ullrich
Emily Kemp White
Eleanor Davis Williams
Richard Howie Williamson, III
Katherine Enders Wolcott
Mason Grosvenor Wood



In the Parish

New Members

Scott Beveridge
Marta and Colin Holden
Janice and Frederick Hopkins, Jr.
Ellison Littlewood
Andy Moose
Danielle Morris
Laura Owens
Elizabeth and William Sigmon
Heath Zimmerman

Marriages

Kristin Lynn Jones and Taylor Randolph Beringer
Julia Gray Saunders and Samuel Harrison Farber
Elizabeth Trisch Locke and Dorian Kristuli
Ellen Preston Kelly and Grace Morales
Rebecca Settle McAdams and Michael Owen Smith

Births

Daniel Keegan Dunaway,
son of Jannell and Brian Dunaway
Henry Jacob Garfield,
son of Marie and Matt Garfield
John Breckenridge Gentzel,
son of Courtney and Brett Gentzel
Max James Greene, grandson of Kaye and Ralph Greene
Anna Brackett Luther,
daughter of Brittany and Derek Luther
McLean Lewallen Rayburn,
daughter of Millie and McCord Rayburn

Deaths

Boyce Ansley, sister of Anna Stanley and sister-in-law
of Ellen Hardison
Hiram Bazzoli, grandfather of Debbie Starling
Joan Black, mother of Hugh Black
Gene Bumgardner, aunt of Anne Dooley and Frank
Horne, Jr., and sister-in-law of Frank Horne, Sr.
Meredith Burns
John Callen, father of Paige James
Page Callender
Kathleen Colston, mother of Katie Valentiner
Peggy Edwards, mother of Frank Edwards
Edward Griffith, Jr.
Marian Hanner
Barbara Harrison, mother of Donny Harrison, Jr.
Richard Jones
Charles Lucas, father of Ben Lucas and Charlie Lucas
Warren Luke, brother of Marilyn Urey
John McAlister, Jr.
Anne Middleton
James Nash
Harriette Steele

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Thank you, Sunshine Flower Guild!



Did you know that the altar flowers not only grace our worship services, but are shared afterward with those in need a little cheer? Members arrange flowers from Sunday's altar and deliver smaller arrangements to parishioners. To learn more, contact Haley Moore, mooreh@christchurchcharlotte.com or 704-714-6951.

GoodNews has Affordable Custom Pillows

Elaine Smith Inconceivably Outdoor is a line of luxurious indoor/outdoor pillows that resist rain, sun and stains. Her runway-inspired designs are elegantly chic with fabrics that are created to withstand whatever children, pets and life can throw at them.

The collection is unique, combining interesting patterns, colors and textures using the highest quality fabrics and trims. Drop in to see the catalog and create pillows that are your own unique combination!



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Hot Dog Sundays are Back!

There was a great turnout on June 12 and 26 as Christ Church resumed the summer tradition of Hot Dog Sundays! As always, the hot dog lunch was a hit and it was nice to visit with friends and get to know others in our parish. Make sure you join us on the second and fourth Sundays of July and August, following the 10:30 AM services – you can't beat it for a fun and easy lunch!

