SUMMER 2019

The Disciple

News & Events at Christ Church Charlotte



A Faithful & Courageous Summer



For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

- ISAIAH 41:13

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PARISH LIFE & NEWCOMERS

Hot Dog Sundays are Back

You know summer is here when Hot Dog Sundays reappear!

Enjoy delicious hot dogs with lots of great sides. Join friends and fellow parish members for this fun summer tradition, following the 10:30 AM services on the second and fourth Sundays of June, July and August.

We had a fabulous turnout on a rainy day for our RED HOT Hot Dog Sunday on June 9. It was Pentecost Sunday and many braved the weather in their red outfits to celebrate the Church's birthday and enjoy fellowship and fun. An extra-special occasion, we added bounce houses and face painting, which were thoroughly enjoyed by young and notquite-as young!

Be sure to join us for our next Hot Dog Sundays: July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25.



Vespers in the Garden

We welcomed an amazing group of newcomers to Christ Church at our annual Vespers in the Garden event on April 25. Hosted in the beautiful gardens of our wonderful parishioners, Alex and Patty Funderburg, on a gorgeous spring evening, our Hospitality Committee, clergy, staff, and Vestry welcomed over 90 newcomers. Chef Mary and Andrea provided a delicious dinner, and we concluded the

night with a Vespers service led by Ben Outen and beautiful voices from the Christ Church Choir. It was spectacular evening.

Special thanks to our co-chairs, Molly Nielsen and Lindsey Williams.





Connect Class Sunday, August 18

Interested in connecting more deeply to your spiritual home? Join us for our next Connect Class! This class is designed for newcomers, but intended for anyone wanting to connect and learn more about Christ Church. It is an excellent way to get to know other newcomers, as well as clergy and staff, on a more personal basis. One attendee noted, "The class was informative, but not too overwhelming with detail... it showed the heart and personality of Christ Church."

Contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974, to register or ask questions. Lunch will be provided and childcare is available upon request.

iGroups Food Trucks

In collaboration with Children, Youth and Family Ministry, we are hosting three food truck events this summer. Parishioners of all ages are invited to enjoy the food and fun. BYOBC (bring you



fun. BYOBC (bring your own blanket/chairs).

For details, see page 4.

ADULT FORMATION



Register Now for Christian Essentials

In February 2018, I signed up for Christian Essentials as my Lenten practice. Little did I know I would be part of a small group that would encourage me to grow, deepen my faith, and form friendships that have made my life fuller. What started as a six-week class led to a transformative experience in my spiritual life.

I have participated in many Bible studies and classes over the last fifteen years, as I love to learn. Christian Essentials provided a safe place to explore the hard questions of faith and encouraged me to ponder what I actually believe versus what I was raised to believe. It has led me to think more outside the box and to question. The curriculum has guided me on how to apply spiritual practices to my everyday life.

Each week there was rich discussion and I learned so much from listening to others' stories and life experiences. I was prompted to examine my life, to listen for God's will, and to use my spiritual gifts to be Christ's hands and feet in our community.

– Alison Gugenheim

No matter where you are on your faith journey, this curriculum meets you where you are as you learn, apply and build new practices into your life.

Did You Know...

- Christian Essentials was written by Christ Church parishioners, staff and clergy?
- This class is offered online if you cannot commit to the times it is offered at the church?
- Other churches are using this curriculum all over the country?
- We have 35 Christian Essentials graduates who would be happy to tell you about their experience?
- Christian Essentials is another avenue to Adult Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation?

Christian Essentials is all about connection, and we have learned from Brené Brown's research that we are hardwired for that. To deepen your connection to God and your spiritual home, register for Christian Essentials at www. christchurchcharlotte.org/christian-essentials.

2019 – 2020 Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS)

Thursday Mornings, beginning September 12 Lecture: 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Blue Room Small Group Gatherings: 11:00 – 11:45 AM (optional)

Join Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS) as we journey through the books of Joshua and Judges this fall and explore the Universal Epistles including the letters of James, Peter, John and Jude in the spring.

Christ Church clergy and guest speakers will teach us from their unique perspectives on the scripture and guide us in how to live into it each day. Optional small group meetings provide the opportunity for discussion and connection in a comfortable setting. No experience necessary!

Whether you are new to studying scripture or a life-long Bible student, this is a great opportunity for enrichment, fellowship, and growing our faith together.

Open to women of all ages. Friends are welcome and childcare is available at no charge (for infants through age four). If you have questions or are interested in becoming a small group leader, contact Grace Fogg at gfoggnc@ gmail.com.

Find additional details and register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bible, or complete the paper registration form on the Adult Formation Classes and Bible Studies insert in this issue of The Disciple.

REGISTER NOW FOR CLASSES

Adult Formation Classes and Bible Studies Fall 2019 Insert

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Faith at Home this Summer

Ideas to engage spiritually as a family this summer:

- · Find a way to serve others together. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach to learn about current opportunities. We encourage your family to discuss what the Bible says about serving others, so your children can have a meaningful understanding of how their actions tie to their beliefs.
- Read a daily devotion. Do a Google search for family devotions and choose the best fit for your family. There are devotional podcasts for families that can be played as you drive to and from camps or on long car rides.
- Create a family prayer list. Think about those you would like to pray for. Write down the biggest needs for your family and those you know and commit to praying together consistently throughout the summer.
- Join us for worship or visit a church in the town where you are vacationing. Remember Christ Church operates on a summer schedule through Labor Day Weekend. We would love to see your family for Church, Children's Chapel, Hot Dog Sunday or Lemonade on the Lawn when you are in town.

Summer Food Truck Events

Mark your calendars now for some food truck fun at Christ Church. Children, Youth and Family Ministry and iGroups will host these events for parishioners of all ages to enjoy. BYOBC (bring your own blanket/chairs)!

Christmas in July

Thursday, July 18, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

This fun evening will feature the Dan Good 'Que food truck and a Christmas movie suitable for all ages.

Back to School Night Thursday, August 22, 5:30 – 8:30 PM

We will celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year with food trucks, waterslides, and other outdoor fun.





Children's Ministry Volunteer Spotlight: VBS 2019 Steering Committee

Each January, Children's Ministry invites volunteers to serve as our VBS Steering Committee for the upcoming Vacation Bible School week. This committee of 20 spends hours scrolling Pinterest, creating craft examples, conducting mock science experiments, diving deep into Bible stories, sending emails, making phone calls, and meeting monthly to plan meaningful activities for the children of Christ Church. We would like to say a special thank you to this year's Steering Committee who helped lead activities, decorate, and plan another successful year of Vacation Bible School:

Sarah Hawkins

Brittany Luther

Jenny Morton

Molly Neilsen

Anna Portal

Lauren McGuire

Sarah Kain

Caroline Austin Anna Clifford Caroline Coffron Cindy Costa Sloan Crawford Jannell Dunaway Carolyn Giammarinaro Katherine Slayton Whitney Smith Peggy Thies Kristin Van Stratt Katherine Vest Mary Catherine Zito

If your children attended VBS this year and you see one of these women this summer, please flash a smile and a "thank you" for their dedication.

Eighth Grade Sunday School Teachers Making a Difference

Six passionate, enthusiastic Sunday School teachers led our eighth grade class for 2018 – 2019. Austin Ford, Will Hadley, Gene Hicks, Nancy Poe, Barbara Pooley, and Katherine Vest brought great energy each Sunday and kept the students engaged by beginning with a game, activity or icebreaker. These teachers made Sunday School enjoyable for the students and were wonderful role models, stepping up whenever they were asked.

This team is now preparing for next year, as their class begins high school. The Youth Ministry team is so grateful for their enthusiasm, energy and commitment. They really make a difference in the lives of our youth.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



Youth Confirmation

On Sunday, May 19, 57 youth were confirmed by Bishop Sam Rodman in All Saints' Hall during the Contemporary Eucharist. The room was filled with many proud parents, grandparents, godparents, mentors, neighbors and friends. Be sure to welcome these newly confirmed members when you see them!

Hudson Adams Ashlev Alt George Baughan Kay Benson Leila Bond Jacqueline Brownlow Andrew Cox Lily Cox Sophie Croker Poole **Colin Crowley** Eleanor Dean Grady Donohue Hollyn Dunn Mayes Fisher Regan Frail Meg Frantz Emily Funderburg Robert Gefaell Virginia Goldsmith Sam Gugenheim

Wilson Hadley Mills Ham Charlie Hanson Wallace Hardison Greta Hines Katie Hovey Thomas Hunter Mary Cate Kiser Olivia Lolli Jordan Loughran Mary Henley Lowe Hugh Lynch McClain Marshall Jane McBryde Eliza McCurdy Caroline McGirt Graham McPhail Brielle Nugent Virginia Olin

Josie Pitt **Eleanor Poole** Maggie Ryan George Smith Olivia Smith Jane Starling Branch Stedman Sam Stevens Zan Thompson Connor Thornton Sam Turner Dabbs Viser **Bee Voellinger Michael Witt** Miller Workman Katie Zarzour Chloe Zeck

Pardon Our Progress: Playground Renovation

Our playground for younger children (facing Providence Road) is closed for renovation this summer. The Toddler and Older playgrounds will remain open during the summer months. We look forward to having our new playground ready for the start of CCK and Sunday School in the fall.

Mary Martha Smith



Youth Pilgrimage to Ireland

Twenty youth, accompanied by three leaders, traveled to southwest Ireland June 14 - 22. They hiked the countryside, explored ruins, and visited monastic communities as they grew and deepened their relationship with God and the world. If you would like to learn more about this impactful trip, visit their travel blog at www.christchurchireland2019. wordpress.com.

Another Amazing Vacation Bible School

Thank you to the countless volunteers who served as "star guides" on our space travel adventure that explored where God's power can take our "voyagers." To Mars and Beyond was a great success! With nearly 50 volunteers onsite each day guiding the children on their journey, they were able to discover a new realm of possibilities by reaching for the stars and encountering the limitless power and love of God!

It was a stellar week with EP-320 the Robot as we went beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, and hope. We are grateful for the generosity experienced each day during this incredible week, and look forward to next year's adventure!



MUSIC & WORSHIP

Forty Years of Song and Service

Christ Church is blessed with the privilege of honoring two volunteers for decades of service. Al and Joan Rodgers have sung in the Christ Church Choir for 42 years.

Al and Joan met in their home parish, All Saints Memorial Church, in Providence, RI, where AI began singing in the men and boys choir at age nine. Joan began singing as a teenager when women were finally allowed to be in the choir.

Arriving in Charlotte in 1976 with daughters Suzie and Linda, Al and Joan immediately joined Christ Church and the choir (then under the direction of Carolyn Darr). Beyond the church choir, they participated in musicals, operas and the local oratorio chorus.



Al worked as an engineer and Joan worked at home, but they found time for untold numbers of rehearsals and services with the Christ Church Choir. They traveled with the choir on three pilgrimages to Great Britain, singing services in cathedrals and parish churches. On one such tour, the choir

sang Evensong at St. Alban's Cathedral with Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, in the congregation. They remember with great pride singing for the consecrations of Bishops Frank Vest and Gary Gloster at Duke Chapel, both of whom had served Christ Church. Alongside these grand occasions, Joan and AI participated in choir retreats to Montreat and Wildacres, concerts at Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, and trips to Washington National Cathedral and St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. Throughout their tenure, they sang with choir directors Ben Hutto, Christopher Brayne, and Rob Ridgell. They also remember fondly many guest conductors who came to Christ Church to work with the choir: Bruce Neswick, Richard Webster, Malcolm Archer, and David Hill, to name a few. During their time at Christ Church their daughters had their own choir experiences, were confirmed and started their own lives surrounded by music.

Al and Joan have served Christ Church in other capacities. Joan and another choir member. Ann Burts, ran the GoodNews Shop in the early 1980s. Al has been and continues to be highly involved in Glory Ridge and Habitat for Humanity.

For a long time now, Al and Joan's commitment to and joy for singing has been a model for other choir members. Their service to the congregation resonates and will continue to resonate in the lives of all who have been touched by music and worship. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for Al and Joan's dedication to bringing beautiful music and a faithful witness into our lives.



Choir Retreat for Children and Families Saturday and Sunday, August 24 - 25

Be a part of our overnight choir retreat for children and families of rising 1st through 8th graders intending to participate in the Christ Church Choir program. This weekend in Blowing Rock, NC will be a fun start to the choir year, with a mix of musical experiences and adventure activities to build community. For more information or to register, contact Margaret Haigh at haighm@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Children's Choir

Registration is now open for Children's Choirs in the fall! Choir is open to all children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. Our program offers high quality musical experiences alongside fun activities and music education. Children will learn not just about singing, but about liturgy, team-building, friendship, and camaraderie. To register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/music-children-youth or email Margaret Haigh at haighm@christchurchcharlotte.org.



MISSION & OUTREACH - BY THE NUMBERS

Following the Trail of Giving

By The Reverend Joan Kilian

Love God. Care for Each Other. Serve the World. As we live into this vision. we seek to 'Build Diverse Relationships' and 'Advocate, Serve and Give,' You respond very generously. Do you ever wonder where that money goes? How are we helping to make our world a little more like the Kingdom of God?

Below are the organizations that received grants from multiple Christ Church sources in 2018. Many fit into one or more of our four outreach 'pillars;' many fill additional needs, such as health and well-being.

All that giving beyond our walls totals \$1,283,772.27. Wow. And these numbers don't include your time and energy. The relationships you built. The meals you prepared. The lessons you tutored. I invite you to learn more about these organizations and get involved. Thank you for what you make possible in so many ways!

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

A Child's Place Administration Alexander Youth Network ANSWER Scholarship Endowment Augustine Project for Literacy Baby Bundles CareRing Center for Community Transitions Center for Urban Ministry Center of Hope Charlotte Bilingual Preschool Charlotte Family Housing Charlotte Rescue Mission Classroom Central Communities in Schools/Rama Rd. Council for Childre's Rights Crisis Assistance Dress for Success Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry Fashion and Compassion Florence Crittenton Services Freedom School - Rama Road Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte Gracious Hands Habitat for Humanity - Charlotte Heart Tutoring Hope Builders Hope Haven Hopeway Hospice and Pallative Care I AM 24/7 Inreach Kindermourn Jubilee Store Lex Matthews Scholarship Fund Lily Pad Haven Loaves and Fishes

Mecklenburg Ministries Men's Shelter of Charlotte Mitchell Bays Turner Pediatric Fund Pat's Place Penick Village Rama Road Rama Road Girl Scout Troup Reconciliation and Social Justice R.O.C. Safe Alliance Service Weekend Shelter Health Services Society of St. Andrew Southminster Foundation The Learning Collaborative The Relatives **Thistle Farms** Thompson Child and Family Focus UMAR United Thank Offerin Urban Promise YWCA (Women in Transition & Families Together)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Anglican Church in Jerusalem Botswana - Companion Relationship Costa Rica - Companion Relationship Elida Children's Home Episcopal Relief and Development Faraja Foundation **Fistula Foundation** Hope for His Children Jubilee House Community Nica Nadadores, Inc. Our Little Roses Ministry **Rural Education Institute**

CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH FUNDING SOURCES



Outreach/Mission Commission \$427,005 (Annual Operating Budget) Leap of Faith/Faith & Courage Inititative

- \$596,000
- Episcopal Church Women (ECW) \$113,530
- Christ Church Foundation \$79,500
- Special Collections \$76,737

TOTAL \$1,283,772

CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH PILLARS



Housing and Homelessness (13)					
Poverty Prevention (23)					
Children and Education (29)					
Reconciliation and Social Justice (9					
Other (Health, Hunger) (21)					

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The Rama Road Girl Scouts Need You!

Our Rama Road Girl Scout Troop is a well-oiled machine, but we do have open positions for women wanting to make a difference in the lives of young girls who need your time and attention. Our troop meets two Mondays a month from September through May (September and December have one meeting). Contact Julie Stedman at julescs@aol.com to sign up or learn more about these opporunities:

- Assistant Troop Director This job is for the "big-picture" person who can oversee and delegate. Learn how to run the troop this coming school year and then assume the director role. This is not direct leadership of a patrol, rather oversight of the program and team, as well as helping during meetings.
- Assistant Treasurer/Registrar This job can be done from home on your own time. The first year will be training. The job of treasurer/registrar begins the following year. The busiest times are September, October, and February. Register girls and adults, file expenses with the church, and manage the troop account.
- Assistant Leader This is a show-up job. The leader will delegate responsibilities, great for those who enjoy making a difference with a kind and caring hand.
- **Substitute Leader** Sign up to substitute for the Leader or to chaperone a field trip.

New Outreach and Mission Instagram #christchurchcltoutreach

Follow and be inspired!

Rama Road Volunteer Orientations Wednesday, September 18, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM OR

Thursday, September 26, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

For the 2019 – 2020 school year we will conduct two orientation sessions for new and returning Rama Road volunteers. Orientation sessions, which include lunch, will provide Safe Church Training and information about the upcoming year at Rama.

The Diocese of North Carolina requires everyone who interacts with children and youth attend a Safe Church Training session, designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse, and to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs.

There are many opportunities to make a difference at Rama by becoming a reading tutor, math tutor, lunch buddy, classroom assistant or helping with teacher appreciation. For more information please contact Jeanne Kutrow at jkutrow@gmail.com or 704-201-6452.

Back-to-School Items Needed

Rama Road Elementary School needs the following items:

- · 2-pocket plastic folders with & without prongs
- Wipes
- Tissues
- Packages of sheet protectors
- 2-gallon zip-top bags
- Gallon and quart zip-top bags
- Plastic pencil boxes
- Girls and boys socks
- Girls and boys khaki or navy blue uniform pants, sizes 8, 10, 12.

Be on the lookout for our Rama paw prints for the Backto-School Supply Drive, in the Church and All Saints' Hall in late July.

SAVE THE DATE Legacy and Justice Pilgrimage October 10 - 13 Montgomery and Selma, Alabama

We will explore the history of race in America and how we can participate in the work of justice. For more information or to register contact Laura Konitzer at konitzerl@christ-churchcharlotte.org or visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ montgomery.

MISSION & OUTREACH



Great Things Happening at The R.O.C.

The inaugural group of students at The R.O.C. (Rebuilding Opportunities in Construction) have completed their first year of classes and all fifteen have paid summer internships with local companies!

On May 15, as the students worked on resumes and interview skills, Dan Jones, Christ Church member and food truck owner, graciously fed the students and staff to celebrate the end of their first year. Kimberly Mize, Genie Hufham, and Alice Harney served the group ice cream treats as part of the celebration.



Look for opportunities to get involved in this thriving program during the coming school year.

Emanuel Screening

Christ Church members met for a screening of *Emanuel,* a documentary about the church members at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church who were gunned down by a white supremacist on June 17, 2015 in Charleston, SC. After the screening, there was a discussion with members of other area churches.

New Monthly e-Newsletter

To learn more about how Christ Church is serving the community and the world, "opt in" to receive our monthly e-newsletter. Get details on the most up-to-date volunteer opportunities, easy links to sign up, and information about our community partners. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte. org/outreach to opt in.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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IDEAS THAT HELP. STORIES THAT INSPIRE.

A rabbi noticed that his son went into the forest every day and asked him why. "I go to be with God," the boy answered. His father asked, "Don't you know that God is the same everywhere?" "I know," said the boy, "but I am not."

We actually are different when we are out in the woods, or at the ocean or surrounded by nature in any form. Research shows that being outside in nature can lower pulse rate and cortisol (stress markers) levels. Yet American adults spend less than five percent of their day outdoors, and visits to our national parks has been in decline in the last decade. Nature deficit is now a diagnosable syndrome. In Japan, forest bathing or *shinrin-yoku*, is a therapy that requires patients to walk for extended periods through forested areas.

Winston Paschall, who died last September, told me the story of when she was volunteering in the Chattanooga schools, and as part of her lesson, she brought a pine cone. One boy in the class asked what it was. He had never seen a pine cone before. The fact that children in her town did not know what a pine cone was motivated Winston to lead the charge to create a nature center in her town. We all could use some forest bathing therapy.

Hike some of the 40 miles of nearby Annie Spring Close Greenway or the Whitewater Center's trails, or climb Crowder's Mountain's summit. Walk the mile-long raptor trail at the Raptor Center. Visit the National Parks of Carl Sandburg's Home in Flat Rock, or the Uwharrie Forest, our closest national forest, and walk the 2.5 or 5.6 mile trail around Badin Lake to look for the bald eagles that live there.

Let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

- PSALM 96:12



STAFF NEWS

Maggie Paul Assistant Director for Youth and Family Ministry



Maggie will join our youth and family ministry team in mid-July and we could not be more excited. She brings relational ministry experience as well as great knowledge of our liturgies and Rites of Passage.

Originally from Montgomery, AL, Maggie has spent the last four years at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, GA, where she served as the Director of Youth and Young Adult

Ministries and sang in the choir. She graduated from the University of Alabama, spending her summers working as a camp counselor at Camp McDowell, where she camped as a child. A parishioner of Holy Comforter in Montgomery, she was an acolyte, sang in the choir, and was involved with EYC. Maggie and her fiancé Brad, met while rafting on the Ocoee River, and will be married in Atlanta this October.

Sally McKinley Development Assistant



Sally is a native of Charlotte, having lived here most of her life, except for ten years in Atlanta after college. Sally most recently worked at SunTrust Investment Services. She and her husband have two adult children, twins Patrick and Caroline, who live in New York. Sally loves to jog, walk, cook, and travel. Please join us in welcoming Sally!

Shea Watts Associate Director of Contemporary and Family Worship



Shea Watts is a worship leader/songwriter who has led worship in various denominations (Pentecostal, PCUSA, UMC, SBC, AME Zion, and UCC) and is committed to writing songs that are approachable and theologically robust.

Beyond the music, Shea is published in the *Journal* of *Hip Hop Studies* and the *Berkeley Journal of Religion*

and Theology. Music has been at the center of his work and life.

In addition to his background in music, Shea is a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary (MA, Theology), where he is currently entering his fourth year in the PhD program (Theology). His research focuses on the relationship between ritual and embodiment, particularly within Pentecostalism. He brings his whole self – his background, interests, and commitments – in hopes to further the contemporary and family worship programs at Christ Church.

Shea lives in Plaza Midwood with Kathryn, his wonderful wife, and their three cats: Sophie, Curly, and Rosalyn. He's always down for a good brew – coffee or beer – and a chat, whether about theology, music, or sports, and extends an open invitation to everyone!

New Members

Susan Bryson Jared de Chandieu Mindy and Chris McIver and Family Chelsea and Brian Mister Brenda and Art Paradise Jessica Phelps Margherita Soule and Family Sarah Tull

Births

Hazel Hansen Leazer, daughter of Lauren and Justin Leazer Lydia Jane Rhyne, granddaughter of Patty and Steve Rhyne Christian Brace Walsh, son of Liz and John Walsh Leighton Lea Teden, daughter of Mary Pell and Dewey Teden Annaleigh Ryan McGahey, daughter of Haley and James McGahey Molly Charlotte Middleton, daughter of Claire and Henry Middleton Anne English Tinsley, granddaughter of Gale and Henry Adkins James Archibald Stuart Bonner III, Martha and Stuart Bonner Edward Louis Popp, son of Allison and Ryan Popp Marshall Stackhouse Macon, son of Conner and Marshall Macon Watson Edward Mister, son of Chelsea and Brian Mister Mason Ray Jackson Bomar, grandson of Linda and Sam Bomar Blair Marcia Whiteside, daughter of Neely and Brooks Whiteside Ellen Jenkins Purcell, daughter of Jenny and Brian Purcell

Baptisms

Howard Frederick Collins, son of Jennifer and Townsend Collins John Scott Giammarinaro, son of Carolyn and Matt Giammarinaro Caroline Colville Griffith, daughter of Caroline and Tucker Griffith Virginia McIntyre Griffith, daughter of Caroline and Tucker Griffith Lisa Catherine Morris, daughter of Catherine and Patrick Morris Thomas Brantley Templeton, son of Brantley and Ryan Templeton Blair Marcia Whiteside, daughter of Neely and Brooks Whiteside

GOODNEWS SHOP

Our annual Summer Sale begins Monday, July 8, with select items 50% off!

In July and August we are open Sundays, 9:30 AM - 12 Noon; Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; and closed on Fridays.



In the Parish

Marriages

Anne Christian Jones and Joseph Tyler Brown Rosemary Lauran Chandler and Christopher Hamilton Wells Margaret Reece Mealy and Ian Alexander Fraser Rahilly Charlotte Shepherd Ogburn and David Judd Allen Sarah Beth Fishel and Edward Allen Hawke

Deaths

Walter Johnson Riley, father of Sue Goodling H. William Palmer, Sr. George King Cutter III, son of Frances Cutter Elizabeth Bynum Miller, mother of Will Miller Chandler W. Thompson, Jr. David George Goodling, brother of Robert Goodling Sarah "Sally" Anderson Prentice Martha Gaines Whitington, mother of Peggy Whitington Reynolds Kathleen Hall Ravenel, mother of Henrietta Richardson Anne Clarke Harbold Frank Joseph Napp, father of Nanelle Napp-Cocke Mary Jane Tate, mother of Libby Gordon Jon Gregory Tilsch



Sunday, August 11 · 10:30 AM Services

Going off to boarding school, college, or graduate school? Come for a blessing and a gift to remember us by while you're away. The Disciple (USPS#679-610) Published monthly by **Christ Episcopal Church**

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Thursday, August 22, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

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ADULT FORMATION

Classes and Bible Studies FALL 2019

Register Now for Fall





The Space Between Us

July 23 -25. October 8 - 10. or 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, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/tsbu.

Christian Essentials

Group 10: Tuesdays, October 1 - November 5, 1:00 - 2:30 PM Online Group: Thursdays, October 10 - November 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM Explore Christian Essentials: Sundays, October 27 - November 17, 10:00 – 10:50 AM (No registration needed)

Explore, grow, and deepen your faith and life with God. The Christian Essentials series starts with a six-week session, and then offers two additional five-week optional sessions. Each session covers a topic essential to the Christian Life. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ christian-essentials for details.



Men's Big Breakfast

First Wednesdays monthly, beginning in September 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

Sacred Ground: A Dialogue on Race and Faith

Tuesdays, October 1 - May 12, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, M205

This is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

Part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's longterm commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society, this ten-part series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day...

For more information, or to register, visit www. christchurchcharlotte.org/ sacred-ground.



Daring Greatly

Wednesdays, September 18 -October 23, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, M206

Based on the work of Brené Brown. these classes explore vulnerability, courage, shame, guilt, and worthiness, led by Dr. Susan Campbell. Intensive seminars are offered

throughout the year. To learn more or register, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/daring-greatly.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Four classes begin in September:

Mondays, 9:15 - 11:30 AM; Tuesdays, 6:45 - 9:00 PM; Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:45 AM; or Fridays, 9:15 - 11:30 AM

These in-depth Bible study and theological reflection groups meet weekly at various times, September through May, to connect the study of scripture with our real lives. Participants commit to a four-year course of study. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/efm.

Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS)

Thursdays, beginning September 12 Large Group Gathering: 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Blue Room **Optional Small Group Gatherings: 11:00 – 11:45 AM**

Women of all ages gather to study, learn, and grow closer to God and each other. Clergy and guest speakers lead the lectures and help us connect scripture to our journey with Christ. After a lecture, we move into small groups for discussion and the opportunity to grow closer to one another in Christ. In fall, we will study Judges and Joshua; in spring, The Universal Letters.

Childcare for infants through 4 year olds is available at no charge. See registration form on next page, or register online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ccwbs.

Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS)

Mondays (twice a month), 7:00 - 8:30 PM, St. Francis C

Women meet twice a month on Monday evenings to study scripture and literature, enjoy fellowship, and worship together.

Meet the Enneagram

Wednesdays, November 6 & 13, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, M207

The Enneagram is about people -- how we are the same, how we are different, what makes us tick, how we get in our own way. Join Jenny Beaumont to learn how the Enneagram can help us develop a more authentic relationship with ourselves and others, and discover a deeper relationship with God. No registration is required.

Thursday Morning Worship and Bible Study Thursdays, 7:00 AM, Chapel/M207

Join us for worship followed by a clergy-led study of the Sunday lessons. Breakfast is served for minimal charge. No registration needed; all are welcome any time.

For more information on adult classes and Bible studies, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-formation. Questions? Contact Jenny Beaumont, beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6945.



Young Adult Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, beginning September 25, 6:30 PM, St. Francis D

Young adult women gather for discussion and fellowship with The Reverend Patty Rhyne. Topics cover cultural and religious issues and values, incorporating videos and readings as reference materials. No preparation necessary; one class does not build on another. Childcare is available by reservation. For more information, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ youngadults.

Centering Prayer

Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, M206

This ancient prayer discipline quiets the mind in order to cultivate interior silence. We open ourselves to the presence and healing activity of God. Join us any time.

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.

Men's Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 AM, Blue Room

Led by Craig Cmiel, David Dean, Jon Kochmond, 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.)

The History of Freedom: Slavery, Freedom, and the Civil Rights Movement

Wednesdays, October 2 - 23, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, M207

This four-week series led by Kathleen Clark, PhD, explores the ideology of race that developed in the context of slavery, the struggles over what "freedom" would look like after slavery, and the resistance to achieving equality through the ongoing Civil Rights Movement. No registration is required.

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Christ Church Women's Bible Study

Register Now for 2019 - 20201

We look forward to seeing you September 12, 2019 - March 19, 2020. Fall Study: Judges and Joshua Spring Study: The Universal Letters (James, Peter, John, and Jude)

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