
THE CHIMES

“Growing by God’s Grace into a Family of Faith and Ministry”



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Preparing the sermon for Trinity Sunday with the Old Testament Lesson from Genesis on the creation of the world, I was reminded of the cyclical or seasonal nature of life, the ebbs and flows, and how important that is in our lives. God didn’t need to rest after creating the world. He rested because his work was finished not because he was tired, but we certainly need rest. The ebbs and flows of the seasons, with their different pace of life and various kinds of activities, seem to be consistent with the need for order in our lives, which reflects the need for down time. Jesus often took time aside to rest and pray. Prayer is a time of recharging by coming into God’s presence and being filled with his Holy Spirit. As we bath in God’s presence we are restored and rejuvenated. As we take that time to thank God and praise him for all that he has done for us, and all that he is, we are encouraged and remember how great our God is and how great is his love for us. All of this prepares us for that season of the pace picking up again and the demands on our time increasing. The Sabbath was God’s gift to us, not a burden. It was given to remind us that we are free not slaves. It is because we are free that we can take time to rest. This summer enjoy the freedom you have in Christ. Rest in God’s presence as you lay on the beach soaking up the sun or relax in the cool breezes of the mountains. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you and restore your soul. Take that time to praise and bless God so you might be able to simply bathe in his presence without having your prayers focus on your needs, and the needs of those you love. You will be amazed at how that time of resting in the presence of God, and praising God, empowers and strengthens your prayers. You might even find mountains being moved simply by resting in the presence of the Lord.

The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, Rector



Looking Ahead

- **July 3 & 4 | Church Office Closed**
The church office will be closed for Independence Day and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5.
- **July 11 | 12p | Crisis Line & Safe House**
July meeting for Crisis Line & Safe House will be held in the Cloister Room.
- **July 11 | 6-8p | Ladies' Night Out**
- **July 20 | Newsletter Deadline**
Please send information to Jonathan at office@christchurchmacon.com by 5p.
- **July 17 | 5:30p | Outreach Committee**
- **July 20 | 12p | Executive Committee**
- **July 25 | 5:15p | Vestry Meeting**
Held in the Davis Room.

Summer Services & Hours

- **Sundays**
 - 8a Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (spoken)
 - 9:30a Christian Formation Classes
 - 10:30a Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
- **Wednesdays**
 - 12:05p Holy Eucharist: Rite Two & Healing
- **Office Hours**
 - 9a-2p Monday-Thursday
 - Closed on Friday
 - (478) 745-0427
 - office@christchurchmacon.com

Update on Robert Hubbard

As many of you know, Robert underwent knee surgery at the beginning of June. The surgery was successful and he is at home recovering. As you can imagine he misses everyone and is very eager to return to Christ Church.

Robert called and wanted me to express his love and appreciation for all that our Christ Church Family is doing for him while he is away. The cards, phone calls, home visits, food and prayers mean so much to him, Evelyn, and their family.

Robert also sends his thanksgivings for the Staff of Christ Church, especially Harry Groce and Carolyn Simmons. Harry's help and gracious hospitality, as well as Carolyn's continued service, have kept Christ Church running!

We all know there is no replacing Robert Hubbard, and we anxiously await his return. In the meantime, we hope Robert will find some much needed rest and recuperation, even though physically therapy is not easy.

We continue to extend our prayers and blessings on Robert and his family during this time.

Jonathan

from John Mark Parker

Dear Christ Church Family:

Thank you very much for the beautiful oil stock you so graciously presented to me on my last "official" day at Christ Church. Nan Harper was kind enough to prepare it for use before I left campus, and I had opportunities to use it later that day.

The only thing more precious is the gift of your friendship, which I carry in my heart always. Please know that I keep you all in my thoughts and prayers each day. I treasure the love you have for me as well as the kind and generous support you have shown me over the years.

I look forward to seeing you as soon as the Summer Semester ends.

With love, in Christ,
John Mark Parker

Appleton Episcopal Ministries

"Freedom School™ Is Thriving"



Each morning, the sound of excited children reciting a chant fills Beckwith Chapel at St. Paul's Episcopal Church: "Yea, we got it going on at the Freedom School! We're gonna have a lotta fun 'cause reading is cool!" By the time you read this, we will have completed nearly half of our six-week program. This year's reading camp includes 50 Bibb County first - third graders primarily from Ingram-Pye, Riley, and Southfield elementary schools. Monday through Friday, scholars gather for breakfast and then celebrate Harambee, a rousing gathering described by Father Bryan Hinson as "better than coffee." Afterwards, children spend the mornings working with an integrated reading curriculum followed by an afternoon of enrichment programs.

The mission of the Freedom School™ program, developed by the Children's Defense Fund, is to build strong, literate, and empowered children. Each summer since 1995, CDF trains more than 2,000 college students and young adults from across the nation to deliver a proprietary six-week reading curriculum that improves literacy, encourages positive attitudes toward learning, increases self-esteem, instills cultural awareness, and promotes civic engagement. School systems, churches, and non-profit groups from Hawaii to California to Texas to Illinois to New York to Pennsylvania to South Carolina and Georgia sponsor Freedom School sites, and this year, the Diocese of Atlanta has a Freedom School in Macon as well as in Atlanta.

Each Freedom School classroom has no more than 10 students. Directed by the college teachers, known as Servant Leader Interns, scholars explore four to five books each week to develop a love of reading that improves their ability to learn in the classroom and feel better about themselves and their fellow students. Afternoon enrichment programming includes art, step and drumming, chess, computer coding, swimming, space science, gardening, and field trips to the public library, the Museum of Arts and Sciences Planetarium, the St. Francis Arts Center, the Ocmulgee Mounds, Dickey Farms, the Tubman Museum, and a production of *Aladdin* at Macon Little Theater.

Appleton's Freedom School Macon is made possible through the generous support of a grant from the Innovations Task Force of the Diocese of Atlanta and private donations to Appleton Episcopal Ministries. Fund raising for this program is ongoing, so if you would like to make a financial contribution, please contact Appleton Missioner and Freedom School Project Director Julie Groce at 478-731-5901, email her at missioner@appletonepiscopal.org, or send a check to Appleton Episcopal Ministries at 753 College Street, Macon GA 31201.



As important as financial support is the need for volunteers to help meet buses each morning and afternoon at the schools, serve as Read Aloud guests during morning Harambee, prepare snacks, serve lunch, and assist in classrooms and on field trips. If you are interested in helping at Freedom School, please contact Julie Groce or Site Coordinator Rachel Chabot, or visit the sign-up link at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c45ac23aOff2-daily>.

Ministry of the Month: *"Focus on Outreach"*

WEEKEND LUNCH PROGRAM

is an in-house program that feeds the downtown hungry (150-200 per day) on Saturdays and Sundays in Jones Chapel. The program is staffed by teams of volunteers from Christ Church and other participating churches/groups.

DAYBREAK

is a day program offering breakfast, showers, laundry, computer services, healthcare, education, job seeking assistance and camaraderie during the day to Macon's homeless.

LOAVES AND FISHES

provides groceries, sack lunches, clothing, hygiene kits, household items, showers, laundry, and financial aid to the homeless and needy in Macon.

CRISIS LINE/SAFE HOUSE

is a non-profit agency serving victims of family violence and sexual assault in central Georgia with shelter, intervention, support, and recovery.

PATH TO SHINE

is an after school and summer mentoring and tutoring program for at-risk and under-served children held at the Southside Community Center in Lynmore Estates.

RESCUE MISSION

is an organization that provides an in-house Christian based men's recovery program, an in-house women's domestic violence shelter, and evening and holiday meals for the downtown homeless.

APPLETON EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

partners with parishes in the Macon Convocation to promote health, safety, education and well being of children and families.

HAITIAN HOPE

supports St. Marc's Episcopal School in Trouin, Haiti. Christ Church, through its outreach donations pays the annual salary of the English teacher. In addition, school supplies are collected and sent periodically.

BOOK 'EM

is a corporation partnering with the Sheriff's Office to deliver books to at-risk children of all ages in the community. To date, nearly 10,000 books have been distributed.

FREEDOM SCHOOL

is a summer program targeting rising 1st through 3rd graders at Brookdale, Ingram-Pye, Riley, and Southfield Elementary Schools. 50 children are enrolled this summer. The children are engaged in reading, art, exploring the community, and social advocacy.

These ministries are supported by Christ Church through donations and/or volunteers. Please consider donating your time or making a financial contribution to Christ Church Outreach as this month's Ministry of the Month. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Susan Allen or Shannon Davis.

Ministry of the Month:

June: Loaves & Fishes
Several items were brought to the office for donation as well as a \$25 monetary gift.

Outreach News & Updates

Weekend Lunch Program: Feeding our Homeless...

For the month of May, 1,278 meals were served to area homeless and hungry!

We would like to extend our gratitude to the following teams for preparing and serving these meals during the month of June: Charla Baker, First Baptist Church of Christ, Carol Maddox-Lucas & St Francis Episcopal Church.

July's upcoming Weekend Lunch Teams:

- July 1st & 2nd / St Francis Episcopal Church ~ Joseph Whidby
- July 8th & 9th / Macon Area Catholics ~ Angela McAfee
- July 15th & 16th / St Andrews Presbyterian Church ~ Emily Oldham
- July 22nd & 23rd / St Paul's Episcopal Church ~ Hillary Ellwood

Are you interested in getting involved in this Outreach Ministry?

Teams from various churches in Macon form groups and prepare & serve food at noon on Saturdays and Sundays. Teams are scheduled to prepare and provide this service under the guidance of a Team Leader, who plans the menu and coordinates the preparation and serving. Usually eight to ten volunteers are needed to form a Team and ensure the entire process runs smoothly.

What you can do?

- Volunteer... (contact below)
- Arrive around 10AM on Sat & Sun
- Wipe down and set up tables
- Prep food, cook, make tea or lemonade and serve
- Wash pots & pans, and clean up

Teams / Volunteers Contact:
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Book 'Em, Inc.

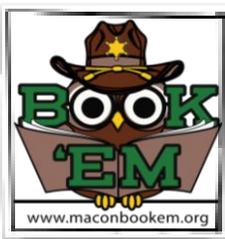
Dear fellow members of Christ Church,

Thank you for your generous donations resulting from Book 'Em being named the Ministry of the Month for the month of May.

Book 'Em received a total of \$830 from church members' donations.

A large portion of this money will be used to purchase books for the close to fifty children attending Freedom School this summer. I anticipate being able to purchase five high-quality books for each of these students. I encourage you to come to St. Paul's to visit Freedom School, serve a meal, sing, dance, watch, and be amazed at the work going on there.

In addition, the funds raised will purchase books to be given by Sheriff's Deputies to children they encounter in the line of duty and at community events in Macon/Bibb. Thank you for your confidence in my mission to improve both childhood literacy rates and the relationship between local law enforcement and those they protect in our community.



With gratitude and love,

Katie H. Powers
Executive Director, Book 'Em, Inc.
www.maconbookem.org

Children's Ministries

“Field Trip to The Cathedral of St. Philip”

August 20 | 10:30a

I would love to take all children from rising 1st graders through rising 6th graders on a field trip to Atlanta on August 20. We will leave Christ Church at 10:30, have lunch at the Varsity and then go to the Cathedral for a scavenger hunt in the Mikell Chapel, which has beautiful stained-glass windows depicting the Parables of Jesus.

To move forward with these plans, I need to know if there is interest. Please contact me and let me know if your child/children can go with us. I may need some extra parent drivers depending on numbers. This will be a fun day for all. I am looking forward to a huge response!!!! helenstewartgigi@gmail.com or (478) 731-8971.

Lego My Bible

- July 2 – No Lego My Bible
- July 9 – No Lego My Bible
- July 16 – Jonah and the Big Fish
- July 23 – David and Goliath
- July 30 – Jesus Walks on Water
- August 6 – The Prodigal Son
- August 13 – A Dinner in the Upper

We are off to a great start with Lego My Bible. The children and adults are having a wonderful time hearing familiar Bible stories in a new way and then creating their own version of the stories. We have had crafts and snacks related to the stories as well. Thank you to Matt Harper, Jed Hill and Jane and Kyle Kemper for being our June storytellers! They have done a fabulous job. We are taking a break July 2 and 9 but will start back up on the July 16. If you are in town, please join us!!



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Camp Little Shot

Camp Little Shot was held at Rock Eagle 4H camp in Eatonton Ga.

We had 97 children with diabetes, and a staff of 20. Everyone had a wonderful time. The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew chose the camp as the recipient of their fundraising from "An Evening on Bourbon Street". \$5,000 dollars was given to Camp Little Shot! Elizabeth and I are very appreciative of their donation and Christ Church for sponsoring the Camp.

If you would like more information about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, or Camp Little Shot, contact Tom Jones or (478) 737-9005.



Christian Formation

Alpha Course

Coming this Fall...

What is Alpha? Alpha is a course on the Christian faith but it is so much more than that. It teaches the faith in a way that is transformative and empowering. It is basic in that it covers things like: Who is Jesus? Why did he have to die? And

How do I pray? But also, more advanced, in that it talks about the question of God healing today, and what the Holy Spirit does in our lives. It also serves to build strong bonds with those in your discussion group.

We are planning to teach the Alpha program this fall at Christ Church in the Great Hall. Childcare will be provided to encourage young families to participate. It is our hope to use the Alpha program as a spring board to develop a stronger sense of community among the young families in the parish. To this end we will form the discussion groups for this age group with other couples with children of similar ages and a group for those who are not yet at that point in their lives. We also had teenagers in our last Alpha who really enjoyed the program, and we hope to have another group of teens participating. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings starting September 6th and will last about 14 weeks. I have found people are consistently a little overwhelmed at the outset by such a long commitment, but by the end of the course they don't want it to end.

We will begin at 5:30 with dinner and the talk will begin at 6:00 followed by a discussion to have the evening finish by 7:30. We are hoping the earlier time will be helpful for young families and for those who don't like to drive at night.

Please call the church office to let us know if you would like to participate. While we do not have a cut-off number we need to know how many people will be coming for dinner.

Prayer Yoga

Mondays @ 6-7p | Begins Sept. 11

All are welcome, beginners as well as the experienced, including people of all ages and faith traditions. Sue Davy will be the instructor. Her bio is listed below. Classes will be taught to nurture the body, mind, and spirit. Deep breathing and meditation will be integral element to help uplift and calm the nervous system. We will use our bodies to practice the seven different forms of prayer. This practice invites us to surrender and introduces us to Grace.

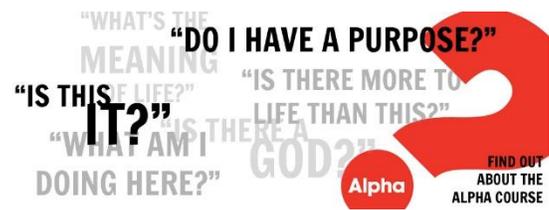
Cost: \$30.00. 10 lessons

Level: Beginner and all levels including experienced

Clothing: Comfortable

Susan (Sue) Davy is a registered member with Yoga Alliance receiving her 200 hr. Certification at Peachtree Yoga Center in 2006. She began working at The Cathedral Book Store in 2007 and found that her involvement with Christian authors and events complemented her yoga practice. She became certified in Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) under Kay Coker who studied with Jon Kabat- Zin at the UMass Medical Center. In 2014, she discovered The Center for Integrative Yoga Studies and just recently received her 500 hr. Yoga Therapy Certification. Her intent for this class is to create a space that is safe, inclusive, and fosters connectedness, creating an openness in our bodies and minds where we can grow in compassion and see the Light of Christ.

She lives in Thomaston with her husband, an Episcopal priest, and her shepherd/lab rescue dog. They have one adopted son attending Georgia State University.



Episcopal Church Women

Garden Gate

It's a Garden Gate year! Please save the date for November 2 & 3 for our fabulous biannual event which includes a Preview Party, Luncheon, and holiday shopping. We are looking for fresh faces to help with leadership roles. If there are any women of the church interested in learning more about this event, or willing to offer their time and creativity, please feel free to contact me.

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Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, July 11th at 6p | Lane Sheridan's house, 2727 Ingleside Ave.

If you are coming on July 12th, please plan to bring the following. (Use your last name to pick your letter.)

- A - G please bring a dessert
- H - R please bring a salad (garden, fruit, vegetable, pasta, etc.)
- S - Z please bring a large bottle of red wine or chilled white wine

ALL of the women of Christ Church are welcome!!! Look forward to seeing you there.

Nursery Notes

"With love and peace, we welcome..."

Harper Kay Crabb
granddaughter of Virgil & Hannah Warren

Richard Henry Maddux IV
son of Tripp & Susannah Maddox

William Henry Odom
grandson of Ellen & Lee Murphey

Thomas Bridges Smith
son of Boone & Amanda Smith



Music Ministry

Jonathan A. Poe, Organist-Choirmaster



Summer is a time for recuperation and relaxation either at the beach, the mountains, or just laying by the pool. It is also a time we can gather our thoughts from the busy-ness of the previous seasons, and finally work on projects we've neglected. If you're anything like me you set goals for the upcoming months, but most of these plans get pushed aside due to the pressures of daily life. When organists and choirmasters reach this time of year, the last thing on our minds is planning for next season. This doesn't mean we aren't excited about what's to come, it just simply means we're running on empty. This is the perfect time of year to attend a music conference. They introduce us to current ideas and newly composed music as well as revisiting existing methods of teaching and familiar, perhaps overlooked music.

The conference I attend most is the Royal School of Church Music: Carolina Course held the week of July 9-16. This course is held in the Raleigh-Durham area, my old stomping grounds, and this year will now be entirely housed at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. The RSCM Carolina Course accepts 50 girls and 25 adults each year for a week-long study of music and workshops. The 50 girls all sing the "treble" line of the music. They are divided into two equal groups labeled cantoris (north side of chancel) and decani (south side of chancel). The adults sing the other parts to complete the ensemble.

The focus of our week is preparing the repertoire and liturgies for daily Holy Eucharists and Choral Evensongs. The final Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong encompass all the accomplishments throughout the week. Each year a course Director and Organist are employed, along with several Episcopal rectors, deacons, vergers, acolytes and lectors to help lead these services and rehearsals.

It is a treat to be able to sing and play the organs at Duke Chapel. Most people do not realize what a tremendous historical and musical resource Duke Chapel provides to our region and our nation. I first came to experience the magnificence of Duke Chapel when I was just 9 years old while my father was a patient at Duke University's Cancer Center. Each day that my mother and I would visit him, we would walk around campus. We would go and tour the chapel for hours listening to an organist practice or reading about one of the Dukes down in the crypt. Sometimes we would just sit in the pews while the massive stained-glass windows bathed us with transcending resplendent light. The chapel is a gothic structure with pillars and arches soaring high from the slate floor below. The Nave is 291 feet long, which is nearly the length of two football-fields. It is not hard to imagine the incredible acoustical properties this room affords. It wasn't until 1995 that I heard the first organ concert in this room. The concert was performed by my former teacher Robert Burns King. He studied in Paris, France with Jean Langlais and Maurice Duruflé. He played the entirety of the concert on the large 4-manual, all-mechanical action organ, which hangs in the rear gallery of the nave. This organ is modeled after the grand organ at St. Bavo's Church in Haarlem, The Netherlands. This is just one of 3 pipe organs in the chapel alone. The Divinity School Chapel houses another, newer all-mechanical instrument. The bell tower, which greets you miles before you arrive, rises 210 feet from its base, and houses a 50-bell carillon. The largest bell weighs 11,200 pounds and is 6 feet in diameter.

This week will be filled with lots of challenging work, many memories of past courses and of time spent there as a child, spirit-filled moments during eucharists and evensongs, laughter with friends around the dinner table, and time for personal reflection and meditation. The greatest thing I bring back from this week is a renewed passion for what it is we do as Episcopalians. The grandeur of our heritage both theologically and musically. I also form new friendships and renew old ones. It is my hope that as our Christ Church Choristers grow in their abilities, that they will want to join me in this splendid week and experience the marvelous works God has provided.



Loaves & Fishes

You are invited to...

A Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday July 26 | 10a-12p | Great Hall

The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting is to hear and discuss plans, to ask questions, and to voice your concerns and/or agreement with the proposed partnership/merger between Loaves and Fishes Ministry and Action Ministries Inc.

For more information or questions regarding Loaves and Fishes and the proposed merger please contact:

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Recording Ministry

Are you looking for a way to get more involved?

Do you enjoy using technology?

We need some tech-savvy people who would like to become an integral part of our Parish Life here at Christ Church. Our Holy Eucharists are uploaded online for parishioners who are unable to attend services on Sunday.

If you are interested in helping, or would like to find out more information, please contact Jonathan in the church office.