



The Chimes



I had the pleasure of joining in on the Stewardship meeting my first day in Macon and we are truly blessed to have such a terrific team of parishioners running the stewardship campaign. I have been so impressed by the way so many of you give back to the Lord through your ministry at Christ Church. It is a wonderful place because of your commitment to the Lord. This is what stewardship is. It's the way we steward the lives we have been given by God and it is the recognition that all we are and all we have is a gift from God. Living with an attitude of gratitude (rather than an attitude of entitlement) makes all the difference in our character and in the way we live. We often hear about stewardship as honoring God in the use of our time, talent, and treasure but I believe there is a fourth piece

that is crucial and that is honoring God in our attitudes. Scripture warns us to guard our hearts and our minds against anything that would separate us from the Lord and to keep any bitterness from taking root in us. This too is part of the stewardship of the life we have been given by God. There is a five step plan for stewarding our lives that spells out the acronym HEART that helps us to have our heart transformed to be like the heart of Jesus. We need to remember:

- He really owns it all.
- Every day is an opportunity
- Action is required
- Remember your blessings
- Thank Him

We can live in the heart of Jesus when we follow these steps. There is one place in scripture where God actually invites us to test him. It's in Malachi 3:10 where the Lord calls us to give back to him the first fruits of our labors not just our leftovers. He says: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

We serve a God of abundance, and when we really trust him as Lord of our lives, every day is not only an opportunity, it's an adventure. I can't wait to see what He has in store for us at Christ Church as we seek to honor Him together.

The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp

OCTOBER

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- Malachi 3:10

Photo: The Rev.
Cynthia C.
Knapp
Celebrates her
first Eucharist
as Rector of
Christ Church
on Sunday,
September 25,
2016.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Special Children's Sunday School Offering October 9, 10 a.m.

Children in grades PK-5, along with a parent or caregiver, are invited to come to the Great Hall on Sunday, October 9 for a special Lego my Bible class on the story of Ezekiel and the Valley of the Dry Bones. Participants will experience this classic lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures using everyone's favorite bricks. Afterwards, there will be a variety of crafts and creative play options to help both children and adults enter the story more fully. Skeleton snacks and crumbled cookie deserts (that's right—deserts, not desserts!) will round out our time together. Please note

that this will take the place of regular Sunday School classes on this date. The nursery will be open as usual.

ALL HALLOWS' EVE CELEBRATION Wednesday, October 26

5:30- Service

6:00- Dinner & Costume Contest



PILGRIMAGE COMING TO MACON

Reclaiming HOPE *through Remembering* Pilgrimages to Georgia Sites of Martyrdom

Inaugural Pilgrimage to Macon Georgia
October 22, 2016 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Bus will depart from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
in Morrow, Georgia @ 7:00 a.m. Lunch is provided.*

Registration for the pilgrimage is \$10.00

Diocese of Atlanta's
Beloved Community:
Commission for
Dismantling Racism



episcopalatlanta.org

Registration is required and can be done at

https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Dismantling_Racism/reclaiming-hope-through-remembering/

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for sending me off to school with a new iPad and keyboard! I can't tell you how helpful your gift has been as I continue my studies at Mercer. Plus, I'm looking forward to using it during a variety of EYC programs. What a cool device! Again, thank you.

Special thanks to Karen Baxley, Kelley Hague, Sally Hatcher, Laurie Minette, and Marie Probst for serving as Adult Companions on our Rock the Universe Road Trip Adventure to Orlando! We had an awesome time and couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for making sandwiches, going on rides, keeping up with us, and caring for us all! Thanks also to Tavia Henderson for lining up transportation and to Roderick for driving us down and back safely.

The 2016/17 Confirmation Class is going well, and it's not too late to join (we can help you catch up on what you've missed). All in grades 6-12 are welcome to participate on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Youth Ministry Suite of the Parish House. Even if you've already been confirmed, come and join the classes. The experience will be better with you there. Thank you to the parents who have joined us. Your presence makes a wonderful difference, and we appreciate you sharing this special time with us.

Remember that New Beginnings #36, a spiritual retreat for middle school students, is October 7-9, and Happening #66, a special retreat for high school students, is November 11-13. For more information and to register, visit www.eycdioatl.org. SPECIAL NOTE: Each confirmand gets to attend one New Beginnings or Happening at no cost because your youth ministry team believes these are very important opportunities for spiritual growth! Please let me know if you plan to go so we can arrange transportation. If you can't go this Fall, there will be a chance to go again in the Spring.

Join us for EYC Prayer Breakfast on Thursday mornings at Chick-Fil-A (Zebulon Road) beginning at 6:30, and on Friday mornings at Jittery Joe's (Mercer Commons) beginning at 7:00. It's great way to start the day with friends, food, conversation and prayer.

Other important dates to remember are Saturday, October 29, for the Haunted Lock-In, and Friday-Saturday, November 18-19, for the Diocesan Youth Lock-In at Annual Council (a great time to be reunited with all the new friends you make at New Beginnings and Happening).

Have a great month, and remember... wherever we are, we are in the presence of God! Pay attention to God's touch in your life.



Peace and Love,
JM
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"I will be serving as Deacon for the Pride Eucharist at All Saint's Episcopal Church on Thursday evening October 6th, in Atlanta at 7:30 p.m. I realize that is a week night and a drive! So, if you can't attend, I know you will be there in spirit as I represent our convocation."



*The Mulberry Tree,
Saint-Rémy:
October, 1889
by Vincent van Gough
Norton Simon Museum
Pasadena CA*

FROM THE DEACON

"Then and Now"

I am embarrassed to say that while I have attended our Diocesan Jonathan Daniels pilgrimage many times in the past, I did not attend this year's pilgrimage back in August. I was actually attending a conference in Atlanta that weekend. But, I did get a report from one of our faithful pilgrims here at Christ Church. He told me that he heard yet another inspiring message. This year the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marry encouraged our church to be passionate in our love for all mankind and restore harmony. He went on to say that we are here to love the Lord and our neighbor. Our parishioner attending this year told me that he always comes away enlightened by seeing something, hearing something, and feeling the love of the blessed community.

Thinking of personal enlightened experiences with this annual pilgrimage, I was honored to meet Gloria House and Ruby Sales back in 2013; the two women who were with Jonathan Daniels the day he was shot in 1965. While I believe both women are now in their 60's, I felt an overwhelming spirit of youth and awareness with a sense of flourishing faith about them; the very moment I met them. I first thought, - these women have lived through the pain and struggle that, I believe, is still at work today. Yet, they both seem to continue to live with and through that pain in their efforts to bring about peace. After speaking with them, I believe part of what encourages their faith is their awareness of the present moment, then and now. While this awareness can be, at best, uncomfortable, I believe God provides a sense of purpose within our faith while living through the pain of history.

We have two opportunities this month to share in solidarity our history with God's children and in a hope to flourish in our faith as a community. First, Gay Pride comes around this time of the year in Atlanta with the LGBT community. I will be serving as Deacon for the Pride Eucharist at All Saint's Episcopal Church on Thursday evening October 6th, in Atlanta at 7:30 p.m. I realize that is a week night and a drive! So, if you can't attend, I know you will be there in spirit as I represent our convocation. Second, The Beloved Community Commission, of which I have served as a member, will be hosting a pilgrimage that echoes our Diocesan pilgrimage to Hayneville AL for Jonathan Daniels on Saturday, October 22nd. Here is a wonderful note about this pilgrimage. It's right here in our front yard; no all-day bus rides to Alabama. My hope is that you will join the Dioceses of Atlanta in our quest and that we show our best in hospitality as the Beloved Community leads a pilgrimage through the Tubman African American Museum and at the historic Douglass Theater. Both of these events are well posted on our Diocesan website.

The Gospel story for the first Sunday in October (Luke 17:5-10) has a message that seems to call us into this show of solidarity. Jesus' believers seem to be pleading for more faith. However, Jesus reminds them of all the empowerment we can find in faith as small as a mustard seed; so much so, we can command an extraordinary act of nature. This leads me to believe that our faith (our flourishing desire for faith) can grow from the smallest of experiences of just being present in the moment; then and now.

Grace and peace

Deacon Arthur W. Villarreal

FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“A Word to the Church for the World.”

Greetings from Detroit, a city determined to be revived. Greetings also from the city of Flint, where we are reminded that the gift of water has for many of our brothers and sisters become contaminated.

Here we have been exhorted to set our sights beyond ourselves and to minister to the several nations where we serve and the wider world.

We lament the stark joylessness that marks our present time. We decry angry political rhetoric which rages while fissures widen within society along racial, economic, educational, religious, cultural and generational lines. We refuse to look away as poverty, cruelty and war force families to become migrants enduring statelessness and demonization. We renounce the gun violence and drug addiction that steal lives and crush souls while others succumb to fear and cynicism, abandoning any sense of neighborliness.

Yet, in all this, “we do not despair” (2 Cor. 4:8.). We remember that God in Christ entered our earthly neighborhood during a time of political volatility and economic inequality. To this current crisis we bring our faith in Jesus. By God’s grace, we choose to see in this moment an urgent opportunity to follow Jesus into our fractured neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

Every member of the church has been “called for a time such as this.” (Esther 4:14) Let prophets tell the truth in love. Let reconcilers move boldly into places of division and disagreement. Let evangelists inspire us to tell the story of Jesus in new and compelling ways. Let leaders lead with courage and joy.

In the hope of the Resurrection let us all pray for God to work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish God’s purposes on earth.

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The Episcopal Church House of Bishops met Sept. 15-20 in Detroit, Michigan.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Andrew, Alice, Bailey, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Bill, Bonnie, Carmen, Carolyn, Charlie, Chuck, Cloyd, Crawford, David, Eddie, George, George, Jack, Jeffery, Lynn, Malinda, Margaret, Margarete, Mary, Millie, Molly, Nina, Paula, Peggy, Peter, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Alan, Angela, Bailee, Beth, Brady, Bobby, Colin, Ed, Felecia, Gail, Heather, Henry, Jack, Joann, Julie, Justin, Larry, Larry, Lilla, Lucille, Lynn, Maddox, Maggie, Ray, Richard, Suzanne, Tommy, and the Talbert Family.

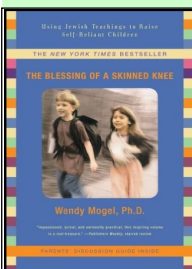


We pray for all those who serve in the military especially, Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Owen, & Terry. We pray for our Staff, Vestry, & for our new Rector Cynthia. We pray for the students & staff of St. Marc’s School in Trouin, Haiti. We pray for the tired and lonely; for those affected by severe weather, natural disasters, civil unrest, and violence throughout the world. We pray for the wholeness of the Anglican Communion. We pray for our Ministry of the Month: The Weekend Lunch Program.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON PRAYER**Begins on October 2 @ 10 am in the Cloister Room****Taught by The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp**

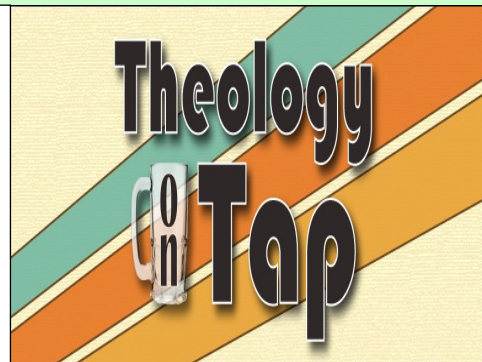
Over the course of several weeks we will be exploring prayer by examining the way Jesus taught us to pray in The Lord's Prayer. What are the different elements of this prayer and why is each element so critical in developing our relationship with the Lord? Even Jesus spent significant blocks of time in prayer and was in constant communication with His Heavenly Father. He only spoke the words given him by God and acted in accordance with what the Father was doing. So who are we to function on our own without being in communication with the Lord? If we are to be living and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit we must be rooted in prayer. Otherwise it's like trying to turn on the light without first plugging it in to the source of electricity. Join us for this very practical study of prayer. No one has too much or too little experience to participate. Learning to pray and going deeper in prayer is a response to the Lord's invitation to "Come to the water."

**FAITH AND FAMILIES: *THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE*****Sundays, @ 10 am in the Parlor****Led by the Rev. Julia Mitchener**

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 as we discuss excerpts from this bestselling book by Wendy Mogel. Mogel is a clinical psychologist who uses teachings from the Hebrew Scriptures to explore challenges facing today's parents and children. Please note that you do not need to read the book in order to participate in this class, and "drop ins" are welcome.

THEOLOGY ON TAP**Tuesdays @ 7 pm****@ Just Tap'd, 488 First St.**

Join us each Tuesday at 7 p.m. to discuss "the news of the day" in light of Christian theology and the teachings of Jesus. We'll look at some of the most pressing issues of our time using the curriculum "Between the Lines" (formerly known as The Bible Workbench). Please note that this is a "drop-in" discussion group, so join us whenever you can, and feel free to bring friends from beyond the Christ Church community (You must be 21 or older to participate). Questions? Contact the Rev. Julia Mitchener, julia@christchurchmacon.com.

**SHINE BEFORE THE GRIND****Meets Bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 6 am -7am****Hosted by Elizabeth McCain, 105 Turnberry Park**

All women are invited to gather for study group and fellowship before the day begins. We will be discussing Anne Lamott's book on prayer, *Help, Thanks, Wow*. You do not need to have read the book to join us. For more information, please email Susannah Maddox sjmaddux@gmail.com, Elizabeth Schorr elizabeth@elizabethschorr.com, or Elizabeth McCain (elizabethmccain@gmail.com).

THANK YOU, JEFF WHITE! As many of you know, parishioner Jeff White has faithfully led a very engaging and popular Sunday morning Bible study at Christ Church for several years. Jeff is currently taking a break from this class while undergoing a discernment process to see if he may be called to the ministry of a vocational deacon. Please join the parish in thanking Jeff for sharing his abundant gifts and continue with us in prayer for his faith journey.



News from the Pews

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FALL ECW KICK-OFF PARTY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd!!

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will gather
at the home of Helen Stewart
for our annual Fall ECW gathering.

Sunday, October 2nd

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Helen Stewart's home
259 Idlewild Road**

*If your last name begins with...
please bring*

**A - J ~ bring a large bottle of
red wine or chilled white wine**

K - S ~ bring a salad

T - Z ~ bring a dessert



NEW ECW MEMBERS

If you are a new member at Christ Church, we want to make sure we have you on the email list for the Episcopal Church Women! All women at Christ Church are members of the ECW, and we want you to get all the information we send out. If you are new to Christ Church, or if you are not currently getting emails about ECW from Kelly Causey, please email causey.kelly@gmail.com or call 390-9627 and ask to be added to the list!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The October 3rd Daughters of the King meeting will be held at the home of Sherrie Sumner beginning at 6:00. Our presenter will be Ellen Murphey. Connection is what we all long for – to each other and to our Maker. Ellen will introduce us, via youtube, to researcher and storyteller, Brene Brown. She has written 3 New York Times bestsellers and her 2010 TED talk, “The Power of Vulnerability” is one of the top five most viewed TED talks in the world! We will watch the video and discuss what she has uncovered as the path to love and belonging. Dinner will be served.

Please send any announcements or information for our next newsletter to Kelly Causey at causey.kelly@gmail.com or 390-9627. Thank you!

The logo of the ECW consists of four elements...The Cross, which symbolizes Christ and our service to him in the world; the Circle, which symbolizes our hope for wholeness in our lives; the Outflowing Lines, which symbolize the works of ECW going out into the world; and the Intertwined Lines, which symbolize our lives centered in Christ.



Every female member of the Episcopal Church is a member of the ECW...we are glad you are a part of something special!



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October's Ministry of the Month is:

The Weekend Lunch Program— We encourage you to donate gift cards to Kroger & Sam's Club during the month of October in support of this valuable community ministry of our parish.

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S

Annual Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
4 P.M.

AT THE SHERIDAN
FARMHOUSE

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