



It has often been said, “God’s Church does not have a mission. God’s mission has a Church.” I was reminded of those words during the Vestry retreat this past weekend as we focused on living out God’s mission as lay and ordained parish leaders. It can be so easy to fall into the trap of focusing so much on whatever task we have to do in the parish that we forget that it is not our mission at all. It is God’s mission. Our job is to live into God’s broader mission. When we remember that, we can let go of any anxiety we have about what we do in the parish. God is already acting and inviting us to join in the mission. The starting place of finding where to join God’s mission is in being the community gathered around Christ. Then, out of our joys, passions, and gifts flow the ways that we are called to serve one another and the community around us in Christ’s name.

Just as God’s Church does not have a mission but God’s mission has a church, our church does not have missionaries; rather, all members of our church are missionaries. Did you know that you are a missionary? In addition to “The Episcopal Church”, our official name is “The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society” (DFMS). According to our Constitution and Canons, the membership of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society “shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of the Church”. In other words, we are not a Church with a missionary society. We *are* a missionary society!

I have always liked this under-acknowledged fact because it means that mission is central to our identity. Being an Episcopalian means being engaged in God’s mission in whatever particular way that we are called. At our Vestry retreat, our leader reminded us that, as St. Francis said, we are all called to, “preach the gospel at all times, and if we have to, use words.” Some of us will have a particular gift for evangelism, inviting people to church. Some will preach the gospel through serving in worship. Others will preach the gospel through an outreach ministry.

This Lent, as the Search Committee begins to lead us through a time of transition in the life of our parish, it might be an especially good time to refocus on living into God’s mission. With any transition comes anxiety. Jesus, though, right after telling his followers not to worry tells them, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.” No matter what we might be concerned about, Jesus tells us to stay focused on God’s mission, and leave the rest to me.

This Lent, try meditating on the questions, how am I being called to be a missionary? How are we in our common life called to live into our identity as The Christ Church Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society? If we put God’s Kingdom first, we will not know where it will lead, but we can be sure it will be a wonderful adventure!

Blessings,  
Joseph+

MARCH 2015

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays @ 10 am

### BIBLE STORY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

2 K & 3K,  
Downstairs

### GODLY PLAY I

4K - K  
Downstairs

### GODLY PLAY II

1st - 3rd Grade  
Upstairs

### GODLY PLAY III

4th-5th Grade  
Upstairs



Save the Date  
VBS-Everest  
June 1-5  
9:00-12:00



The children in Godly Play I change the altar in preparation of Lent.



Children make communion bread for Solemn Communion service.



*"The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving." Book of Common Prayer*

There are so many exciting things happening with the children's ministry in March. On March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00, we will have our first Solemn Communion for our Godly Play I participants in the Jones Chapel. We have done so much with the children to prepare them for this special service.

All of the Godly Play classes have been looking closely at the parables of Jesus. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30, the EpiscoPALS will be traveling to St. Phillip's Cathedral. We will be looking at the stained glass windows in Mikell chapel which depict some of the parables and doing some fun activities. We will conclude with Eucharist in the chapel.

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*Solemn Communion  
March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jones Chapel  
9:00  
1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*



**EpiscoPALS' Pilgrimage**  
St. Phillips Cathedral  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30-leaving Christ Church  
Lunch-Varsity

## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

There are no words to tell you how happy I am to be back home at Christ Church! Thank you for welcoming me with open arms and hearts. You have made me feel loved and accepted, and I am very excited about the good work, awesome fun, new friends and amazing adventures we have ahead of us.

In just the few weeks I've been back, you have shown me how much you've grown and continue to share God's love in the world. I've watched you serve Weekend Lunch, feeding more than 200 people in two days. I was present at New Beginnings 33 where I witnessed four of our high school students - Amelia, Ellie, Janie, and Lucy - help lead an amazing retreat weekend for middle school students from across the Diocese. At the same time, the Christ Church participants - Ben, Eli, Harry, John and Will, - impressed us with their abilities, inspired us with their thoughts, and made us laugh with their skits. Adult Sponsors William and Brick kept up with the action and added their own unique perspectives to a weekend of memories that will stay in our hearts for years to come.

Our young people continue to inspire me with commitment to their faith along with concern and love for each other and people they don't even know. On Ash Wednesday, we gathered at Chic-Fil-A and received the imposition of ashes before heading to school, where I imagine wearing a smudge of ashes and oil caught the attention of people who might not be familiar with our tradition. In addition to helping us begin Holy Lent with this meaningful ancient ritual, I wonder how the witness of our students affected those around them.

A couple days later, Jack and Janie spent another weekend at Camp Mikell and focused on their personal spiritual journeys and God's presence in their lives. By going to Happening - where our own Hope was on Team - and being present with the other candidates, they not only touched the lives of those who were there, they brought back to Christ Church a greater sense of community and care.

All these experiences combine to create layers and layers of memories and spiritual growth. Weekly events keep us coming together and growing as we spend time together regularly, but there are also some really cool special events in the months ahead (check out the Save the Date section), and many more to come as Chase, Bryan and I work on the EYC Calendar for the rest of the year.

I am really glad to be reunited with many of my old friends here at Christ Church, and I'm enjoying being introduced to new friends as well. Did you know that there are more than 80 folks ages 11-18 on our church membership list! Can you imagine what it would be like if we all showed up at the same time? Then, when you consider the possibilities of everyone bringing a friend or two, we'd have a celebration to top anything we've ever seen! We've all seen examples of what a big difference just one person can make, so imagine what would happen if all of us were to commit to joining our energies, skills and talents to making a positive change in our parish and the greater community. Macon, the Diocese of Atlanta, Georgia, Province Seven, our country and beyond), we could really rock the world in a super positive way!

Every good thing starts with God and God working in us, and Lent is the perfect time to reflect on our lives and think about how we can strengthen our relationship with God. Let me know what's working for you, and I'll share where God seems to be working in my life. We belong to God and to each other. Let's show the world exactly what that means.

Come play with us. Come pray with us.  
God's peace,  
JM

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### EYC SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-12)

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Deacon Bryan in the EYC room, Sundays at 10 am to hang out, catch up with the latest news and discuss the day's lessons.

#### TUESDAY EYC MEETINGS

7 pm - 8:30 pm

at the Greer's Pool House,  
4365 Old Club Road

Join us for another chance to hang out, play games, discuss current topics and share prayer concerns. Heavy snacks are provided, and everyone is encouraged to come after practice, rehearsals, whatever. Come play with us. Come pray with us.

#### MORNING PRAYER BREAKFAST

Mondays

Jittery Jones, Mercer

7:15 a.m.

Start your week off with good friends, discussion and prayer. Middle and High School students are invited to meet. Let us know if you need transportation.

Thursdays

Chic-Fil-a, Zebulon Rd.

6:30 am

Good friends, discussion, last minute studying and prayer are part of the fun on Thursdays. Middle and High School students are invited to meet on Zebulon Road beginning at 6:30 a.m. Let us know if you need transportation.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos encourages believers from a variety of Christian traditions to be volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry. Kairos programs offer to prison residents, their families, and those who work with them the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith and servant hood in Christian community.

You can support Kairos by bringing Publix gift cards to Church during the month of March.



## The Religious Art of Picasso

Facilitated by Rev. Arthur Villarreal, Deacon, Christ Church  
 Art Direction by Naomi Villarreal, Artist in Residence  
 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Houston TX

We will journey through a kaleidoscopic world of Picasso's *The Crucifixion*. Along the way, during our four week class on Sundays (March 1, 8, 15, 22), we will discover real world reflections expressed in Pablo Picasso's art. Plus, we will spend some time with our own real world reflections surrounding love, life, death, and reconciliation. Be sure to attend all four classes in sequence. Because, we will be spending the last two classes (March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>) creating a personal piece of art. Naomi will guide us to express your own kaleidoscopic view of our world of experiences.

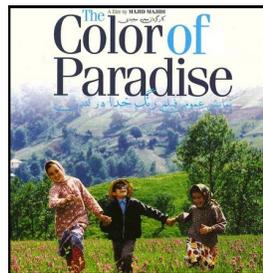
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## WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN FILM SERIES 6 PM IN THE GREAT HALL



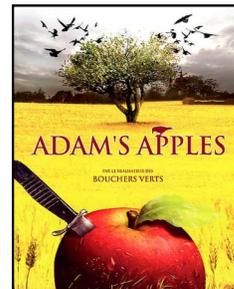
**March 4**  
*Dekalog/1*

(1988, 1 hour, in Polish)  
 The first in a series of ten films based loosely on each of the ten commandments, this one begins looking at the "other gods" to which a largely secular society gives heed, including science and technology.



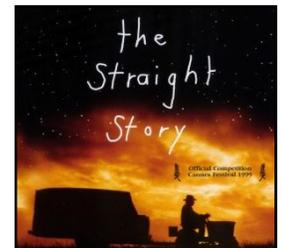
**March 11**  
*The Color of Paradise*

(1999, 90 min., Persian)  
 Transcending faith boundaries, this is about physical and spiritual blindness, and God's gracious and healing presence, in the lives of a blind boy and his downcast father.



**March 18**  
*Adam's Apples*

(2005, 91 min., Danish)  
 An over-the-top, dark comedy about the struggle between good and evil, Job-like afflictions, and turning the other cheek.



**March 25**  
*The Straight Story*

(1999, 112 min., English)  
 A journey story in which a man drives 240 miles on a lawn mower to reconcile with his brother, with suitably Lenten reflections along the way.

## GUEST FACILITATOR, NAOMI VILLARREAL



*Naomi Villarreal, Art Director for 'The Religious Art of Picasso' Served as Artist in Residence for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Houston Texas*

Naomi has always been a lover of the fine arts since her grandmother first took her to the Fine Arts Museum in Houston TX, as a child. But, she never really answered her passionate call for the arts until later in life. Naomi lived in Guatemala for most of her adult years. She married and raised her two children there on the family farm. After her children grew up, the family returned to the States to be back in Houston, her childhood home. Shortly after their move, during a time of reflection, Naomi picked up a paint brush, took some classes, and started a new journey in the arts.

While attending St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Naomi was commissioned to create a piece of art for the youth that would reflect life in the church. She chooses to express her idea of church life through a 'cubistic' lens that the works of Picasso helped to establish. Her original piece "My Life" is still on display in the Gallery at St. Andrew's in the Heights. Naomi will help guide us in our study of Picasso's *The Crucifixion* as we create a work of art that can reflect our own journey in life and spirituality.

"My Life" (My thoughts and feelings on the painting for St. Andrew's)

My focus was on the youth of our church in my piece. It's common in the life of our church that youth at times find a path to explore the world after confirmation. It's almost like a life cycle. As we become more mature in our scriptural life. We at times find our way back to The Episcopal Church.

The Pascal Candle, the light of Christ. However I'm disturbed and comforted at times. I show my thoughts with the splitting of the Shield. As a youth and young adult. I can remember difficult times in my faith journey with the church and my relationship with Christ. One thing that keeps coming back to my mind is that at Baptism I was "Marked as Christ's own forever". That mark, that light, that Paschal Candle was always with me. In my own journey of discovery into a life of faith outside the Christian Community, I knew I lived in the grace of love and faith in Christ and the family of God. I'm Christian! Having the Shield split, yet, wrapped around the Paschal Candle makes me reflect on the idea that I will always be a part of God's family.

Naomi Villarreal

You can find more of her work here:

<http://fineartamerica.com/art/all/naomi+villarreal/all>

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Bailey, Barbara, Beth, Bill, Bill, Carmen, Connie, Crawford, David, Dawn, Doris, Elizabeth, Etta Reese, Fabia, George, Jeffery, Lynn, Malinda, Nina, Phil, Russ, Scott, Shannon, Sparky, Susan, Suzanne, Ted, Aden, Alan, Ann, Billy, Cammie, Don, Ed, Eugene, Johnny, Kari, Maddox, Margaret, Martha, Mary Elizabeth, Michael, Phyllis, Rebecca, Rhett, Sean, & Suzanne .

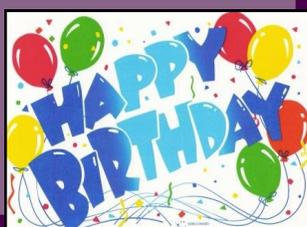


We pray for all those who serve in the military especially, Allen, Austin, Charlie, George, & Terry.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sparky Sparks  
Jay Traynham  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Andrew Whitaker
- 2 Ed Tharpe  
Joey Cleveland
- 3 Betty Smith  
George Matthews, Jr.  
Mary Lane McNeely
- 4 Connie Menendez  
Kitty Van De Water  
Sue Coggins  
Ben Baxley
- 5 Phil Groce  
Claire Smith  
Cole Yarbrough
- 6 Cloyd Hall  
Sherrie Sumner
- 7 Jack Rogers  
Jane Kemper
- 8 Ashley Severance  
Duncan Walker IV
- 10 Hannah Warren  
Elizabeth Logan  
Kaiser Swann
- 11 Leslie Huggins
- 12 Erin Bickley
- 13 Jeff White
- 14 Jake Martin  
Boone Smith IV
- 15 Mary Marbut  
Melanie Lanphier
- 17 Keith Leslie  
Roman Bonilla  
Dave Mayfield  
Clifton Olmstead, Jr.
- 18 Lane Sheridan
- 19 Hughes Pinson



*We are all ministers of music because we share and participate in the beauty and inspiration music provides for our worship services. Together let us sing our faith in praise to God.*

## Upcoming Choir Anthems at the 11:00 service

- March 1 Psalm 130 by Paul Manz  
*A meaningful anthem that aptly illuminates the text, "Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord"*
- March 8 Call to Remembrance by Richard Farrant  
*A beautiful Renaissance motet for a cappella choir*
- March 15 God So Loved the World by John Stainer  
*A "classic" and beloved 20<sup>th</sup> century anthem for a cappella choir*
- March 22 Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren (O heart subdued with grieving) by Johannes Brahms  
*A profound anthem by one of the greatest composers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century*
- Hide Not Thou Thy Face by Richard Farrant  
*Another fine example of this great English composer of the Renaissance*
- March 29 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Gilbert Martin  
*A rousing anthem for Palm/Passion Sunday (based on a well-known text of Isaac Watts)*
- Tenebrae Factae Sunt (There was darkness) by Michael Haydn  
*A prayerful and appropriate a cappella motet in observance of the crucifixion*
- April 5  
(Easter Day) Christ the Lord is Risen! Alleluia! by Johan Helmich Roman  
*A festive anthem for choir, organ and strings*
- Alleluia by Randall Thompson  
*A magnificent a cappella motet written in 1940 for the famous Berkshire Music Center*

*SPECIAL MUSIC provided by students in the McDuffie Center for Strings in the Townsend School of Music at Mercer University*

THANK YOU to the Christ Church Choir for singing so incredibly well for Choral Evensong on February 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a large congregation for this festive service and the hard work by the choir was greatly appreciated. We also are grateful for the participation of The Rev. Arthur Villarreal who read the lessons and The Rev. Joseph Shippen, officiant for the liturgy. Father Joseph chanted beautifully with excellent leadership. Fellowship and libations were in abundance at the reception afterwards! We thank all those who brought food and drinks. As always, we appreciate the assistance of Christy McAdams in preparing the bulletin and Robert Hubbard who is ever mindful of the needs of others. Robert is such a great asset to Christ Church!



*Easter Memorial Flowers*

Please complete the portion below for  
Easter Memorial Flowers.

Return this sheet and a check to the Parish Office by

*Sunday, March 22*

*Checks should be designated Christ Church Flower Fund*

*In Memory of*

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MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Dottie Wendt  
Jan Beeland  
Malcolm Burgess, Jr.  
Christy Henry
- 21 Helen Stewart  
Chris Edwards  
Tom Jones  
Keri Puryear  
Elisha Lanphier
- 23 Jonathan Rhodes  
Lindsay Speer
- 24 Howard Collins  
Laura Evans
- 25 Jennifer Stone
- 26 Steve Popper  
Shea McNeely
- 27 Amanda Smith  
Pete Tosh  
Katy Tosh
- 28 Barkley Massey  
Reid Wilson
- 29 Ruth T. Solomon
- 31 Cathy Servais  
Chandler Pipkins



OPERATING BUDGET  
\$849,534

	Contributions
2.1.15	152,026
2.8.15	164,861
2.15.15	169,955
2.22.15	177,083



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## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Services held at 8 am, 9 am, & 11 am

### HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 31

Noon Holy Eucharist

### HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Noon Holy Eucharist

### HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Noon Holy Eucharist

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 3

9 am Holy Eucharist for those who Serve at the Altar

7 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist followed by Agape Dinner

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Noon Good Friday Service followed by Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Vigil, hosted by St. Paul's (*Time TBA*)

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Services held at 8 am, 9 am, & 11 am