



The Chimes

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

MARCH 2016



A family once had a treasured antique vase. It was a genuine antique and quite valuable, but the real treasure was in how it had been handed down for generations. The vase was kept on the mantel in a prominent

place for all to see and enjoy. One day when the lady of the house came home, she was greeted by her daughter. "Momma, you know that vase you told us has been passed down from generation to generation?" Her mother acknowledged she did in fact know that vase. The daughter then said, "Well, this generation just dropped it."

As Episcopalians, we enjoy many treasured antiques. Christ Church is less than 10 years from our 200th anniversary. The church, our many treasured antiques, and the community itself has been handed down from generation to generation. We enjoy long traditions of how we have "always" done things, and this helps define who we are. An earned reputation describes us as resistant to change. We embrace this order in our communal spiritual life as it reflects the order God established in Creation. Like God, these traditions are reliable, dependable, and create a firm foundation.

One adage states, "The only thing you can count on is change." As much as we might resist change, it cannot be avoided. Our community has weathered great changes in the world, including Civil and World Wars, a long and continuing journey toward equality for all people, economic depression and prosperity, and incredible advancements in medicine, technology, and communication. Our spiritual oasis has not been immune to the epidemic of change. Christ Church has

adapted through four versions of the Book of Common Prayer (1789, 1892, 1928, 1979). In the church offices hang pictures of all of our past Rectors, and we are in transition for yet another. Descendants of the past remain in our church family, as we welcome and adopt those whose journey has carried them to our doors. Some changes are forced upon us and painful like a dropped vase. Others we reluctantly choose out of necessity. Change is almost always challenging, but that can be a good thing. Amid our deep traditions, we encounter and face change together. Despite our reputation, it seems we adapt to change and continue to thrive. Thanks be to God.

Both cradle Episcopalians and newer members alike have noticed the changes in liturgy during Lent. Although worship remains true to the Book of Common Prayer, different language, order, and focus help us notice that our spiritual journey is different during Lent. It will change again for Easter, as our journey shifts from the path to the cross to life in resurrection. Our pattern of worship, including the changes from season to season, repeats each liturgical year, forming our faith and helping us navigate the changes in our lives and the world. While constant and dependable, God is present in the world and active in change, making old things new. During this Lenten journey, notice what is different. Embrace it, participate in it, and allow it to change your soul, so that at the end of this season when we encounter the resurrection anew, we might find ourselves changed and more aligned with the will of God, as persons and a people.

"And oh the change is gonna do me good." -Sir Elton John

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Photo: Helen Stewart tells a Godly Play Story during the Children's Ash Wednesday Service.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays @ 10 am

BIBLE STORY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

2 K & 3K, Downstairs
Teachers
Mary Robinson,
Walker & Tori Stewart

GODLY PLAY I

4K - K, Downstairs
Teachers
Suzanne Shippen and
Karen Baxley

GODLY PLAY II

1st - 3rd Grade, Upstairs
Teachers
Elizabeth McCain and
Helen Stewart

GODLY PLAY III

4th-5th Grade, Upstairs
Teachers
Laura Evans and Vicky Cork

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Family Sing-Along



Wednesday, March 2nd

Join us for singing,
dancing & finger plays.

Enjoy old favorites
& learn new ones, too!

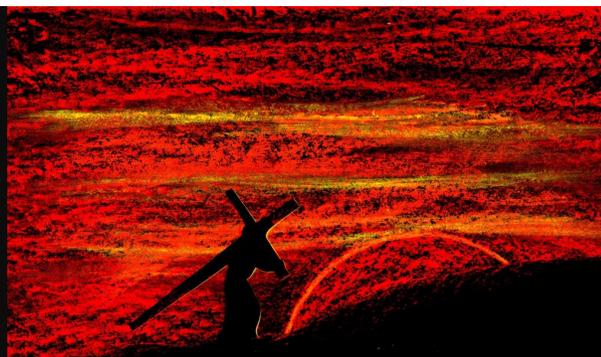
Dinner at 6 pm
Sing-Along at 6:30.

Bring some friends for a great
night of fun and fellowship!

Children's Good Friday Service

March 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us for this simple liturgy designed to help children and their families enter into the mystery of Good Friday. Storytelling, music, and symbols will invite participants to join Jesus on his journey to Golgotha and to reflect on the significance of our Lord's Passion.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Day, Sunday, March 27 @ 10 am in the Courtyards & on the Front Lawn



EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of Hunger Walk/Run - taking steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger!

The Hunger Walk/Run -- an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984 -- is a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local non-profit organizations that support food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other programs for people in need of food assistance. These benefiting partner organizations help recruit participants and receive a percentage of the funds raised to support their direct hunger relief programs.

In its 32 years, Hunger Walk/Run has raised over \$7 million for hunger relief - enough to provide 28 million meals!

Whether you choose to walk or run, you'll join thousands of participants coming together to support our neighbors in need and celebrate achievements already made in the fight against hunger. The family-friendly, festival atmosphere at Turner Field's Green Lot includes food trucks, games, educational activities, live entertainment and more!

In 2015, more than 15,000 participants came together to raise over \$800,000 to combat hunger in our community! This year, you can help make a real difference in the lives of your fellow Georgians by helping us exceed our fundraising goals. **Take the next step and join us on March 13, 2016!**

We're going to drive up early enough to go to Emmaus House for the Eucharist and lunch. After the Walk, we'll go grab a bite to eat at The Varsity before heading home.

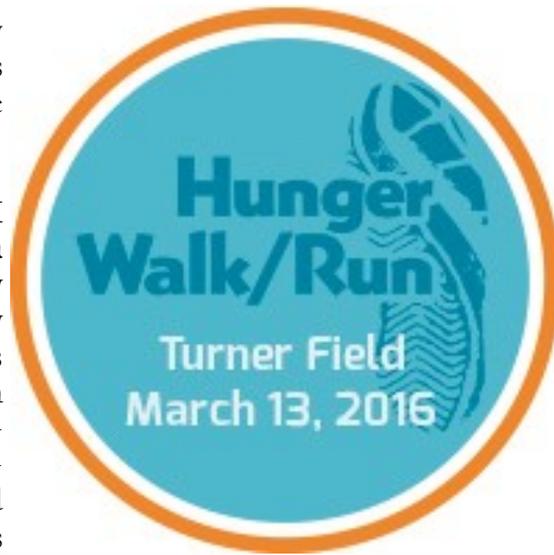
To sign up, go to...

http://engage.acfb.org/site/TR/2016HungerWalk/General?fr_id=1733&pg=entry

Scroll down and click on JOIN A TEAM.

Our team is CHRIST CHURCH MACON EYC.

It'll be a great day!!!!



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10 am

Youth meet at 10 am in the EYC room to catch up, pray, share, and learn together. This is a great way to prepare for confirmation.

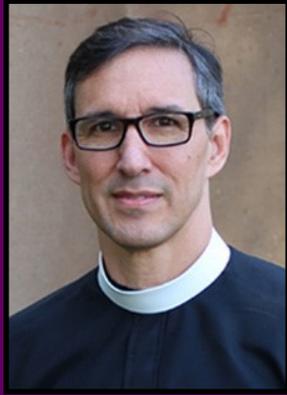
EYC TUESDAYS (Location TBA) 7 pm—8:30 pm

Join us for EYC on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 for heavy snacks, a time to hangout and catch up with each other, and more. Come as you are from practice, rehearsal, whatever. Bring friends. All are welcome.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Tuesdays
@ Jittery Joe's
Mercer Village
7 am**

**Thursdays
@ Chick-Fil-A
on Zebulon Rd.
6:30 am**



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*Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt van Rijn 1662
Hermitage Museum,
Saint Petersburg*

FROM THE DEACON

“May the Force be with you...”

You may have noticed that I have not been around much on Sundays since the holiday season. My holiday travel was pretty much over booked this year. Plus, I accepted different requests to attend a number of clergy and church programs and events throughout the Province. Just to check in, I recently accepted a position with the local Trustee’s office. I am back working fairly close to the area of legal practice I was working in before leaving Atlanta back in 2008 to attend seminary. So, I am striving diligently to manage an ongoing travel schedule and quality time for two different offices. All this said, sometimes I can’t remember whether I’m coming or going; as they say.

A few weeks ago, just when my travel schedule was beginning to ebb a little, John Mark had a conflict and could not attend ‘New Beginnings’ at Camp Mikell as scheduled. I offered to take his place. But, it soon hit me, what was I thinking?! That particular weekend was going to be the first unscheduled weekend I would have since before Christmas; no travel, no Diocesan meeting in Atlanta – Free. All I would have to do that weekend was be at Christ Church on Sunday. On my drive up to Camp Mikell, I began to feel a little dreadful for offering to spend another weekend away.

However, after getting up there I experienced one of the best spirit filled highs I have felt in a long time. Of all the years I have worked with youth at Camp Mikell, this was my first time to attend a program like ‘New Beginnings’ or ‘Happening’. And let me tell you, it was an experience! The program was framed around the Star Wars trilogy and the recent release, ‘The Force Awakens’. The students had so much fun with the props and skits. All the fun and games gave way to a real spiritual center where the kids shared their own journeys into a particular spiritual life. Some say kids have a spiritual nature that needs mature guidance. After spending a weekend with these kids, I say kids just need a venue to express the spiritual maturity they are already developing.

The facilitators for the weekend, of which both the clergy were from the Middle Georgia Convocation and two of the youth leaders were from our very own parish, help to keep the conversation on track with scripture. One of the main readings came from our Lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, ‘The Prodigal Son’. I was deeply touched as the students shared their understanding of this parable. They didn’t reach for the obvious character identifications. They didn’t even reach for the all understanding of the story around repentance and forgiveness. Their expressions of faith and spirit in and around this story had more to do with tapping into their own history. That’s right, kids can have a history. They got up and spoke out about their values, their deepest longings, and how that shapes their lives. A few of our very own youth participants from Christ Church bravely stood up before the whole group and shared their model for loving and serving as Jesus would. Working with kids can’t get much better than that. So, I want to say thank you Christ Church Youth for accepting me as your replacement for John Mark. Your journey has lifted my spirits to a new high – May the Force be with you...

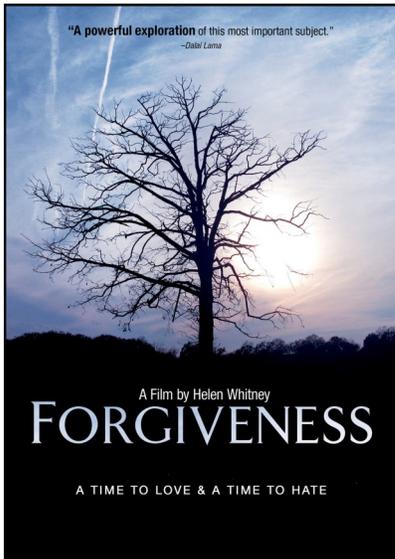
New Beginnings “35” Participants and Leaders:

Adult Leaders - Hal Brickle, Bryan Hinson, Hope Hutchins, Chance Reynolds

Youth Leaders – Ellie Minette, Amelia Bunker

Youth Participants - Will and Ben Baxley, Jack Boltja, Anne Travis Evans, Stetson Hatcher, Gracie Marie Lee, Jack Minette, Dane Reynolds

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Forgiveness: From Grudges to Grace **Feb. 14-March 20** **10 a.m. in the Cloister Room**

Have you ever struggled to let go of a deep seated anger against someone who has offended you? Ever found yourself humbled by someone else's mercy in the face of something you yourself have done wrong? Join us for this clergy-led series on forgiveness, one of the most freeing—and challenging—of all the spiritual disciplines. Over the course of six Sundays, we'll examine biblical texts on forgiveness, with a particular focus on what Jesus had to say on the subject. We'll consider what makes forgiveness so hard as well as what makes it so liberating. Along the way, we'll look at stories of people who have pardoned the "unpardonable" and think about our own experiences with forgiveness as well.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School for adults or children on Easter Day, Sunday, March 27.

MUSIC MINISTRY

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS will be singing an anthem on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20, at the 11am Choral Eucharist. Each chorister has worked very hard to accomplish the goals in their RSCM workbooks and in the preparation of their Anthems. I am extremely proud of their progress and accomplishments. The Christ Church Choristers meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the choir room. Contact Jonathan Poe for more information jonathan@christchurchmacon.com or 478-745-0427 ext. 134.



EASTER DAY WE WILL WELCOME TO THE LOFT THE ENOTAH BRASS. These five talented musicians Rolando Fernandez, Daniel Johnson, Tyler Smith, Annabelle Forrester, and Patrick Young will present selections for opening and closing voluntaries and accompany other service music. The Enotah Brass quintet takes its name from the Cherokee's translation for Brasstown Bald, the tallest peak in the state of Georgia. For more information about each performer visit www.enotahbrass.com.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 2

Family Sing-Along

Join us for an evening of traditional favorites including "VBS songs," "camp songs," "hymns from childhood" and others. Discover the joy of making music as a family. Wear comfortable shoes, as you may find yourself dancing! Rhythm instruments, streamers, parachutes and other "props" provided. Dinner begins at 6; we'll start singing at 6:30.

MARCH 9

Lenten "Chocolat" Dinner

Don't give up chocolate this Lent—come indulge yourself guilt free! Join us as we view and discuss the funny, touching and deeply symbolic movie "Chocolat." We'll have plenty of everyone's favorite food group—milk, dark and white—to munch on during the film.

MARCH 16

The Art of the Passion

Join us for another engaging lecture by Susan Welsh, Executive Director of the Museum of Arts and Sciences. This presentation will focus on events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus as portrayed in great art through the ages.

MARCH 23

Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae, from the Latin word for "shadows," is an ancient liturgy of darkness and light that powerfully tells the story of the last week of Jesus' life through words and symbols. Join us in Jones Chapel at 6:45 for this quiet, contemplative observance of Holy Week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

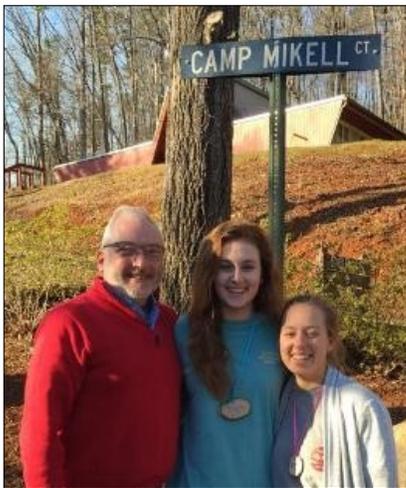


Alice, Andrew, Bailey, Barbara, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Bill, Carmen, Charlie, Cloyd, Crawford, David, Doris, Doris, Eddie, Edsel, George, George, Jack, Lynn, Malinda, Mary, Maryel, Molly, Nina, Paula, Pete, Ron, Russ, Sandy, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Alan, Bryan, Cliff, Ed, Gail, Henry, Irene, Jenny, Jimmy, Kim, Lucille, Lynn, Maddox, Matthew, Morgan, Patricia, Ray, Sandra, Sandra, Suzanne Terry, Vivian, & Wesley.



We pray for all those who serve in the military especially, Austin, Charlie, George, Owen & Terry. We pray for our Staff, Vestry, & Search Committee; and for those affected by severe weather, natural disasters, and civil unrest and violence throughout the world. We pray for the wholeness of the Anglican Communion. For the cold and lonely.

SNAPSHOTS





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 20, 2016

Checks should be designated Christ Church Flower Fund

In Memory of

MINISTRY
OF THE MONTH



THE WEEKEND
LUNCH
PROGRAM

Since the mid-1990's, the Weekend Lunch Program at Christ Episcopal Church has provided hot meals for the homeless and hungry in downtown Macon on every Saturday and Sunday of the year. These meals take place at noon in Christ Church's chapel. Each weekend, we serve from two hundred to three hundred meals.

During the Month of March you can support The Weekend Lunch Program by donating gift cards from Kroger, Publix, or Sam's. You may also write a check to Christ Church and designate it for the Weekend Lunch Program.

We hope to receive enough donations to replenish the spice cabinet & to purchase a microwave for the kitchen. Additional funds received will be used to supplement the food budget for the program.

Thank you again for your continued support!



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Holy Week Worship Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

HOLY MONDAY, HOLY TUESDAY, & HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21-23

12 pm Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

12 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

7 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist followed by Agape Dinner

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

12 pm Good Friday Service followed by Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm Good Friday Children's Service, Jones Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

6:30 pm Easter Vigil & Holy Baptism

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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

10 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt (No Sunday School for Adults & Children)