



The Chimes

RESURRECTION

APRIL 2015



can have lovely blossoms on them, some pink, some white, some crimson?

Spring is a reminder that there is life even when it seems there is only death. So it is with our lovely Christian Feast – Easter. Those of us who have been practicing the rigors of Lent, now look forward to that supreme Holy Day, the Feast of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday.

The Epistle to the Colossians tells us that *“Jesus is the image of the invisible God.”* In God’s infinite wisdom, he came to earth in the flesh, so that people could see what he was really like. Jesus was completely divine; he was also completely human. He walked among people doing the same things they did. He dined with friends; he got tired; he got sad and angry; he studied scripture, he prayed to God. He was full of compassion, and this led him into a powerful ministry of healing and deliverance.

Spring never fails to make me gasp. It is just so beautiful after the cold and drabness of winter. How can it be that in a few weeks, trees whose branches looked dead

But towards the end of His life, something went terribly amiss. The very people who should have been supporting him, began a hate campaign which ended in his horrible death. Many had thought that he was the Messiah promised to the Hebrew people in scripture. But, no Messiah would have been put to death, let alone a criminal’s death. It looked as if Jesus was as dead as that tree in your backyard looked two months ago.

Remarkably, underneath all that death was life. And, it was life experienced in a way that no one had ever witnessed before. A man who had been dead for three days was resurrected. Jesus came back to the people who loved him. He told them that, not only were they forgiven for their sins, but that they never fear death again.

You and I are recipients of that wonderful Good News. So rejoice this Easter. As you enjoy the beautiful blossoms of nature, so enjoy your new life in Christ.

“Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia.”

Harriette+

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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

"Alleluia, Christ has risen!"

"The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Easter is the most important feast of the year. In preparation for this day, we began our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday by imposing ashes on our children and letting them share in the burying of the Alleluia in anticipation of Easter Day. With Jesus' resurrection, we learn that God's love is stronger than anything, even death. During this season, help your children to recognize the symbols of Easter all around them and discuss their meanings.

White- The white altar linens and vestments represent festival and joy.

Paschal candle- The paschal candle is lit from Easter until Pentecost. It represents the death of darkness giving way to light and life.

Butterfly- It represents new life from a cocoon.

Egg- It is an Easter symbol from which new life emerges.

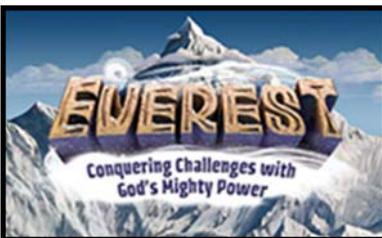
Easter Lily- It symbolizes purity and beautiful new life.



**April 5th
Easter Egg Hunt
Christ Church
10:15**

**Playground- Toddlers-3K
Back courtyard- 4K—K graders
Front lawn- 1st – 3rd graders
Scavenger hunt— 4th-5th graders**

**Light refreshments
will be in the breezeway.**



**Save the Date
VBS-Everest
June 1-5**

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2015 Hunger Walk!

Members of our parish family joined about 15,000 other folks who walked and ran a 5K course around the State Capitol to help raise awareness and funds for organizations that minister to people in need throughout the greater community. Donations are still coming in, but at last count, participants have collected \$598,245.19!

Why do we participate? Well, there are several reasons. In addition to enjoying a fun event with friends from Christ Church and across the Diocese of Atlanta, adding another official tee shirt to our collection, and going to The Varsity to reward ourselves for walking three miles, we participate because it's our job as a people called to make a difference in the world! As Christians, we are called to minister to the needs of others. In our Baptismal Covenant, we commit, with God's help, to "...seek and serve Christ in all persons" loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Feeding hungry people is one of the greatest ways to serve others, and there are many hungry people in Georgia! In fact, according to the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau report, 1.8 million Georgians are living in poverty (that's like filling Turner Stadium 36 times). More than one in four (28%) Georgia children are food insecure. Your efforts in the 2015 Hunger Walk will help feed hungry children across Middle and North Georgia through the Episcopal Charities Foundation and many other partners in ministry. Thank you for making a difference!

Sunday, April 5: Easter We need youth volunteers to help with the Annual Easter Egg hunt. Let JM know if you can be there!

Sunday, April 19: Youth Sunday and Afternoon at Rigby's We're looking forward to a special Youth Sunday this Spring followed by an afternoon of fun at Rigby's.

Save These Dates...

Tuesday, May 5: EYC Celebrates Cinco De Mayo!

Wednesday, May 13: Murder Mystery Dinner

Sunday, May 17: Graduation Sunday and Celebration Luncheon

WEEKLY EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-12)

youth meet at 10 am in the EYC room to catch up, discuss the day's lessons, and share.

TUESDAY EYC MEETINGS

7 pm - 8:30 pm.

at the

Greer's Pool House,
4365 Old Club Road

Heavy snacks provided, come as you are from practice, cheering, wherever we will laugh, play, and be.

MORNING PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesdays

@ Jittery Joes

Mercer University

7:15 am

Thursdays

@ Chick-Fil-A

on Zebulon Rd.

6:30 am

PLEASE arrange transportation to your school afterward.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

DAYBREAK

MACON, GA

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Daybreak is a resource center that provides Macon's homeless population with three critical services in one place - all with the goal of helping homeless people move towards housing stability and lives of greater dignity. Daybreak offers many hygiene services (showers, and clothes washers & dryers) healthcare, and educational opportunities. Classes are offered by educational institutions and individuals with job training and job placement a high priority. Daybreak is a collaborative effort of Macon's faith community with active representatives of the city's Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish, Methodist, Presbyterians, and Unitarians Universalist congregations. Finally, Everybody at Daybreak deserves a place to call home and a stake in their community.

Items needed include:

Family sized 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash, Family sized body lotion, Paper towels, Toilet Tissue, 13 gallon Trash Bags, Laundry Detergent (HE only), Bleach, Disposable gloves (food service or medical exam), Disposable razors, Dish detergent, Coffee, Creamer, Coffee stir sticks, sugar, Canned fruit cocktail & pineapple, Canned chili, Powdered lemonade, socks (crew & boot socks), or Gift cards (Visa, Amex, Wal-mart, Kroger, Publix, Sam's)

THE DEACON'S ARTICLE



Dance – Henri Matisse, Oil on canvas, The Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia

“Let’s Dance”

During Lent this season we shared in a journey into the religious art work that Pablo Picasso created throughout his life time with the Christian Education series, ‘The Religious Art of Pablo Picasso’. This Lenten class was offered not so much to study the detail and scope of Picasso’s art. Rather, we spent more time discovering our own journey and relationship with art and how our perception of certain art may affect our journey. I personally enjoyed our look into how Picasso expressed his religious journey through his many forms, styles, and genres. I was particularly touched as we spent a little time reflecting on our own spirit and faith journey as we turned the parish hall into an art studio and just let our imaginations run wild!

Spending all this time with art has got me to thinking about my first awaking to the fine arts. Up to the time I was a young adult, I never really took art that seriously, as most of us do in our day to day life. However, while taking a basic art appreciation class in college, I was introduced to Henri Matisse. Of course, I fell in love with one of his most famous works, the ‘Dance’ series. While I knew that one of the paintings was at the MOMA in New York City, I made it a point to place a trip to NYC on my bucket list to see, in person, the massive piece of art that had over taken my artistic heart; thinking I would never make it Russia to see the other one. Much to my surprise, Ben was offered a position to work in St. Petersburg Russia. I was in my late twenties at the time and I had never traveled abroad. But, when Ben’s company said that I could tag along, I jumped at the chance. My first trip overseas felt more like a pilgrimage. My naive excitement about international travel, along with the idea that I would be walking the halls of a palace such as the Hermitage was almost more than this little country boy could handle. Looking back, I think I took it all in stride. Actually, I kept my composure up to the time I walked around the corner entrance into the studio where Matisse’s 9 foot tall by 13 foot wide painting, the ‘Dance’ hung. Actually, it wasn’t hanging. It was just propped up against the wall.

As I stepped closer to the painting I began to move in a rhythm, not sure of the rhythm, I just began moving in toward the ‘Dance’ as if I were part of the experience in the painting. I am sure Ben and the other folks who were there thought me to be Mad. But, I didn’t care. Matisse’s ‘Dance’ is said to be his expression of complete liberation to an uncompromising position of hedonism. It all sounds scandalous to me. But, maybe that’s why I like it so much.

In the famous ‘Doubting Thomas’ story found in John 20:19-31, our lectionary reading for the second Sunday of Easter, I find it difficult to believe that Jesus was chastising Thomas’ doubt. Rather, I believe Jesus was offering an opportunity to dance into the truth that is God’s grace. When Jesus asked Thomas to touch him, Jesus was actually offering the fullness of his grace to Thomas and anyone who believes. It is as if Jesus was saying, come a little closer, find your rhythm and dance with me to the point that you are part of the experience. Isn’t that how we can actually live as Easter people? That ‘Grace’ in which we live in is what can fuel our heart’s desire to live more fully into the love of God, find solidarity in one another, and live beyond our imagination toward the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Grace and Peace

The Rev. Arthur W. Villarreal

Deacon Christ Episcopal Church, Macon GA

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Since its formation, the Search Committee has held three (3) formal meetings in which the groundwork for a successful search for our new rector has been laid. Ginny Rozier and Roger Marxsen authored a special prayer for the Committee. As we pray for guidance, I ask that each of you also pray for the Committee and Christ Church during this selection process.

Our first step is the implementation of a new Parish Profile for use by candidates, our clergy, lay leaders and fellow parishioners. It will serve as a historical reference point and a guide for our future as a Church. In order to successfully prepare a Parish Profile, you will be asked to participate in a parish survey. Needless to say, participation and input from the congregation will be crucial to our success.

Our survey roll-out will be in early April with a three (3) week period of participation. A link to the parish survey will be found on the Church's website. For those of us who are not computer savvy or do not have access to a computer and the internet, the Committee is making special arrangements to guarantee your participation in the survey.

At the recommendation of the Diocese, the Committee hired the consulting firm known as "Holy Cow Consulting" to assist with the parish survey and the evaluation of the survey results. This organization comes highly regarded, as it was especially helpful with Christ Church Frederica in its search process. Once the Committee receives the "Holy Cow" evaluation in late May, 2015, it will be integrated into the new Parish Profile. The new Profile should be completed in early June, 2015 for approval by the Vestry and the Diocese.

During the past months, it became obvious to the Search Committee that Christ Church needs a new website. We have learned that one's website is the new "first impression" for an organization. The website will be the primary source for access to the Parish Profile by potential candidates. As Father Tim Graham, our Diocesan consultant said, "This is the first place candidates will go to in considering Christ Church Macon".

In order to accomplish the task of building a new website, the Search Committee retained the professional services of Elizabeth S. Schorr, who specializes in this area. Our goal is to have the new website, in its basic structure, online by early April, 2015 to coincide with the parish survey roll-out.

All in all, we are off to a good start! On behalf of the Committee, I ask that all of us be a part of the search process. In order to do so, please complete the parish survey. The Committee members are ready and willing to answer any questions you may have and help you with the survey.

Faithfully,

Bill Buzzell

PRAYER REQUESTS



Bailey, Barbara, Beth, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Carmen, Connie, Crawford, David, Doris, Elizabeth, Etta Reese, George, Jeffery, Lynn, Malinda, Nina, Russ, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Suzanne, Ted, Tony, Aden, Alan, Ann, Billy, Cammie, Clyde, Don, Ed, Eugene, Kari, Maddox, Margaret, Martha, Mary Elizabeth, Michael, Phyllis, Rebecca, Rhett, Staci, Steve & Suzanne .



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

MUSIC MINISTRY

APRIL
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pete Kendall
Ray Cutright
Sandy Kendall
- 2 Mickey Rivers
Phyllis Matthews
Reg Buzzell
Griffin Hutchins
- 4 Katie Powers
Joel Bradley
- 5 Willa Jelks
Bud Jones
Caroline Harrell
- 6 Etta Reese Sheffield
Kathryn Blanks
Eugene Hatcher, Sr.
- 7 Suzanne Minarcine
Edward Toth
Karen Baxley
- 8 Joann Hudson
- 9 The Rev. Julia Mitchener
Hope Martin
- 10 Marilee Rivers
John Willingham
Ed Long
William Baxley, III
Ross Crutchfield
- 11 Lee Johnson
Nancy Long
- 12 Beverly Fitzpatrick
Lynn Massey
Sarah Beth Stenbridge
Mary Hannah Lanphier
- 13 Russ Temple
- 14 Walter Massey
Ginny Lane Sheridan
Elizabeth Jones
- 15 Duncan Walker, III
- 16 Andy Bradley
- 17 Betsy Hatcher
John Clark



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 Musical Offerings

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| April 2 (Maundy Thursday) 7 pm | Dextera Domini by Anton Bruckner |
| April 3 (Good Friday) 12 Noon | Tenebrae factae sunt by Michael Haydn
"Were you there" (sung by Katie Elliott) |
| April 4 (Easter Vigil) 7 pm | Christ Church Choir will sing at St. Paul's for this liturgy |
| April 5 (Easter Day) 9 & 11 am | Christ the Lord is Risen! Alleluia!
by Johan Helmich Roman
<i>A festive anthem for choir, organ and strings</i>

Alleluia by Randall Thompson
<i>A beautiful motet written in 1940 for the Berkshire Music Center</i> |

In addition to the Christ Church Choir, our Easter liturgies will be enhanced by students from the McDuffie Center for Strings, Townsend School of Music, Mercer University.

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| April 12 | Solo by Katie Elliott |
| April 19 (Youth Sunday) | Duets by father and son saxophonists,
Clint and Jesse Smith |

ORGAN RECITALS at Christ Church by Students of Jack Mitchener at Mercer University

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the following recitals

- Friday, April 17 at 4:30 pm – Morgan Ingleright (college junior)
- Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 pm – Teodora Cîrciumaru (candidate for the Artist Diploma)
- Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 pm – José Reyes-Ortiz (candidate for the Master of Music degree)

News from the Pews

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SPRING ECW PARTY—CHANGE IN DATE!!

Mark your calendars and plan to join ECW for a NEW Spring event! On Sunday, **MAY 3rd**, we will gather at the home of Anne Sanders for a Spring ECW gathering—the last one of the year before we break for summer.

Sunday, May 3rd

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Anne Sanders's home

3726 Overlook Avenue

If your last name begins with...please bring

A - J - bring a dessert

K - S - bring a salad

T - Z - bring a large bottle of red wine or chilled white wine

Save the Date:  **KANUGA**

This year's Family Parish Retreat at Kanuga will be held Friday, December 4th through Sunday, December 6th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS EVEREST is set for June 1st-5th from 9 am to 12 noon each day! Mark your calendars! Laura Evans is looking for volunteers! Please email her at laura@christchurchmacon.com if you would like to volunteer!



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!

CHRIST CHURCH EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5th
10:15 a.m. at Christ Church!
See you there!



Save the Date:

HOLIDAY GARDEN GATE

Can you believe it's almost time for another Garden Gate! Next year's ECW President Anna Greer has already been hard at work recruiting volunteers, and we want you to go ahead and mark your calendars! **HOLIDAY GARDEN GATE will be held on November 5th & 6th, 2015.**

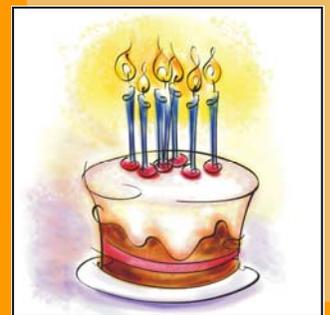
Cason Wilkin and Kelly Causey will be the Garden Gate Co-Chairs, Laura Evans will be the Luncheon Chair, and Julie Edge will be once again be in charge of the Vendors. We will share more information at the Spring Party, but since we have the date set, there's no reason to keep it a secret!! Mark your calendars! This is always such a wonderful event!

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ECW COOKBOOKS

There are two *Juicy TidBits from the Congregation* cookbooks out now. Please take a minute to check through those if you have them and make note of some of your favorite recipes! We may do a "Favorites" or a 3rd edition for Holiday Garden Gate this November, so start thinking!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Lawrence Williford
Thomas Woodyard
- 20 Mildred Dennis
Debbie Griffin
- 21 Jill McSwain
Jack Boltja
- 22 Laura Olmstead
Carter Cusson
- 23 Deitz Carpenter
Bonnie Collins
Isabel McSwain
- 24 Lauren Jones
Charles Ellison
Blair Myers
Leah Parris
William Martin
- 25 Mary Robinson
- 26 Lizzie Clark
- 27 Julie Edge
- 28 Randy Sanders
Jack Jenkins
Susan Pavoni
LeAnne Kaase
Mary Blain Grist
Harry Greer
Katie Beth Powers
Carter Tharpe
- 29 Michael Shippen



OPERATING BUDGET \$849,534

	Contributions
3.1.15	197,075
3.8.15	209,910
3.15.15	210,630
3.22.15	227,825



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Save the Date! Bishop Wright will
 come to consecrate Jones Chapel on
 Wednesday, May 27 at 6 pm.

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Services at 8, 9, & 11 am

March 30 - April 1

Services each day at Noon

Maundy Thursday, April 2

9 am Holy Eucharist followed by brunch for those who serve at the Altar
 7 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist followed by Agape Dinner

Good Friday, April 3

12 pm Good Friday Service followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4

7 pm Easter Vigil, hosted by St. Paul's

Easter Sunday, April 5

Services at 8, 9, & 11 in the Main Sanctuary
 10:15 am Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Church

