



# The Chimes

## VAYA CON DIOS

MAY 2015



*A*s I leave you at the end of this month, my desire is that you “Go with God” as I will “Go with God.”

*you, (Christ in me), the Hope of Glory.”* How awesome are these words and how humbling – that God would choose people like you and me to help establish the Kingdom of God on this earth. I will miss you terribly. But, I am not far away. And, as St. Paul says in all of his Epistles to fledgling churches, you will be constantly in my prayers.

*“My great passion for you has always been that you know that God is real and that He loves you.”*

All of life is a journey, and I have been privileged to walk with you for fourteen years. It has been a blessed time for me.

My greatest joy has been to watch you grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. This has been manifested in numerous ways, both in the church and in the world. Outreach, inreach, service at the altar, ministry to the poor, proclamation of the Gospel – all the numerous ways that you have continued to serve God.

I came to you as a seminary student. While at Christ Church, I was ordained deacon and later priest. When the Rector left, I became Interim. I learned on the job, and you were patient with me.

Christ Church has been here for a long time, since 1825, when it was established as the first church in the, then, new town of Macon. I pray that it will be here many more years. It will change and grow in the same and different directions, but the mission will stay the same – to honor God in all that we do.

Some things in life seem to work, and you (the parishioners of Christ Church) and I have been a good fit. I have so many happy times to remember – baptisms, weddings, celebrations of all kinds.

Peace and Love to you always. You live in my heart.

We have grown together – I, I hope, into a wiser priest, and you into a more dedicated congregation serving the Lord. My great passion for you has always been that you know that God is real and that He loves you. I have also wanted you to know the power of the indwelling Spirit – the same Spirit that anointed Jesus at His baptism and led Him throughout His life. That is our great hope – “Christ in

Harriette+

# 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



Thanks to all who volunteered for the children's Easter egg hunt at Christ Church. Many of you contributed eggs, hid eggs, and made refreshments as well as decorations. This event would not be possible without you and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## Intergenerational Sunday and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Please join us  
Sunday, May 17th  
At 10 am  
in the Great Hall

We will recognize our wonderful teachers, hear the Godly Play story of Pentecost, and have food and fellowship.



### Vacation Bible School

June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -12 pm

At Everest, kids will discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, create crafts and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures. Don't miss out on the fun!

**Please register your child by filling out the online form on our website and making a \$10 donation per child.**

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

# Mystery Dinner Theatre



**Sunday ★ May 10 ★ 5:30 pm ★ Great Hall**

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will present “Suspect Hollywood,” a mystery dinner theatre on Sunday, May 10, at 5:30 pm. The evening promises fun for all ages as actors and audience members explore the sometimes treacherous world of movie production. Everyone is encouraged to help solve the crime, and prizes will be awarded for successful sleuthing. In celebration of Mother’s Day, moms eat free! Tickets are just \$5 for children and \$10 for adults with a family cap of \$25. All proceeds benefit the EYC Scholarship Fund for Global Mission and Spiritual Formation. Make reservations by contacting [Christy@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:Christy@christchurchmacon.com) or by calling 478.745.0427.



**CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES** Sunday, May 17, is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please share the names and schools of anyone graduating from high school or college so we may celebrate his or her accomplishments. Send an email to [Christy@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:Christy@christchurchmacon.com), or call 478.745.0427.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

## 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.

The Weekend Lunch Program serves all people who come to it for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays, no questions asked. Since Jesus tells us that when we serve the poor and hungry, we serve him (Matthew 25), we strive to treat the homeless as valued guests. We offer nutritious meals as well as a safe and enjoyable space where laughter is often heard.

You can support this valuable ministry by designating a check to The Weekend Lunch Program or by bringing gift cards to Kroger or Publix.

Appleton Episcopal Ministries, the outreach ministry to children and families of the Middle Georgia Episcopal churches, has just awarded its first round of grants. Of the \$20,000 awarded to parishes throughout the Macon Convocation \$5,800 will go to



support the Weekend Lunch program at Christ Church! In their award letter, the Appleton Board of Governors expressed how impressed they are with the way Weekend Lunch fosters partnerships among Macon parishes and serves children and families with such hospitality in our newly renovated chapel.

The Appleton Board of Governors invites all Middle Georgia Episcopalians to come to a Eucharist and reception at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31 in the Beckwith Chapel at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We will be celebrating Appleton's recent transformation from an afterschool program at a single parish to a ministry that now supports outreach ministries throughout the Macon Convocation. Appleton began in 1870 as a children's home, and it is our diocese' oldest outreach ministry.



The Grand Opening of Wear, Depaul USA's "thrift store with a twist" in downtown Macon will take place on May 6th at 11 a.m. at the store (464 First Street).

I hope you will be able to attend. There will be an interfaith character to the proceedings, a ceremonial ribbon cutting, music and refreshments. You will also be able to buy clothes and accessories.

If you attend the opening, please "wear" an additional piece of clothing that you can donate to "Wear" during the ceremony. It can be a hat you no longer want, some old costume jewelry, an extra skirt or a pair of pants. On cue, I will ask those in attendance to take off this clothing at the same time. We need to keep it clean and family-friendly (make sure you have something under that extra skirt or shirt!) but it should be a good visual for the tv/newspaper news-- something different than the traditional new business story and something that captures the happy, optimistic vibe of Wear.

Wear represents Depaul USA's next step in Macon. Its goal is to provide a recurring source of income that can help fund the transformational work that the staff and volunteers do at Daybreak. We have also aimed to create a store that will be a credit to your terrific city.

I hope you will check out Wear on the 6th,

Chuck Levesque, President/Executive Director

## MUSIC MINISTRY AT CHRIST CHURCH

## Music Ministry at Christ Church

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

If you enjoy singing, consider joining the SUMMER CHOIR! Our first Sunday will be June 7<sup>th</sup> and we would be happy to welcome newcomers. We will rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:45 in preparation for the 10:30 liturgy.

All instrumentalists are invited to play during summer worship services!

If you are interested in playing one Sunday during the summer, please contact Jack Mitchener ([Mitchener\\_je@mercer.edu](mailto:Mitchener_je@mercer.edu)). Musicians of all ages are encouraged to play!

### CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR ANTHEMS – May 2015

May 3

(Easter 5)

Ubi caritas (Maurice Duruflé)

If Ye Love Me (Thomas Tallis)

May 10

(Easter 6 – Mother's Day)

Greater Love Hath No Man (John Ireland)

Ave Maria (Jacob Arcadelt)

May 14 at 6 pm

(Consecration of Jones Chapel, Ascension Day)

Behold, the Tabernacle of God (William Harris)

Sicut cervus (Palestrina)

May 17

(Easter 7 – Ascension Sunday)

My Eternal King (Jane Marshall)

King of all ages, throned on high (Paul Isom)

May 17 at 6 pm

(Unity Service for Racial Reconciliation)

My Eternal King (Jane Marshall)

May 24

(The Day of Pentecost)

Ev'rytime I Feel the Spirit (William Dawson)

Veni creator spiritus (Gregorian plainsong)

May 31

(Trinity Sunday – Harriette Simmons's last Sunday)

How Lovely Are the Messengers (F. Mendelssohn)

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Ann, Bailey, Barbara, Beth, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Carmen, Cloyd, Connie, Crawford, David, Doris, Elizabeth, Etta Reese, George, Hazel, Jeffery, Lynn, Malinda, Nina, Russ, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Suzanne, Ted, The Minarcine Family, Tony, Aden, Alan, Ann, Billy, Don, Ed, Eugene, Katelyn, Kari, Maddox, Margaret, Martha, Mary Elizabeth, Michael, Phyllis, Rhett, Sean, Seth, Sherri, Sue, Suzanne, & William.



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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

MAY  
BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bobby Cleveland  
Sarah Grace Mayfield
- 3 Bill Allen  
Vicky Cork  
Jack Grist  
John Sheffield
- 4 Bubba Edge  
Christine Hoskins  
Todd Jones
- 6 Jeffrey Henderson
- 8 Mary Losson-Benford
- 9 Ted Robinson  
Jed Hill  
Eleanor Traynham
- 10 Giles O'Neal
- 12 Sam Harper
- 13 Deacon Bryan Hinson
- 14 Christine Edwards  
Anna Burns Myers  
Colt Reynolds
- 15 Hamp Dowling
- 16 Louise Hazlehurst  
Elizabeth Bacon
- 17 Don Sheffield
- 18 Julie Groce
- 20 Chris Clark  
Katelyn Woodyard  
Crawford Edwards
- 21 Robbie Beeland  
Bill Elder  
Hutch Timms



SUNDAY, MAY 17  
6:00 P.M.

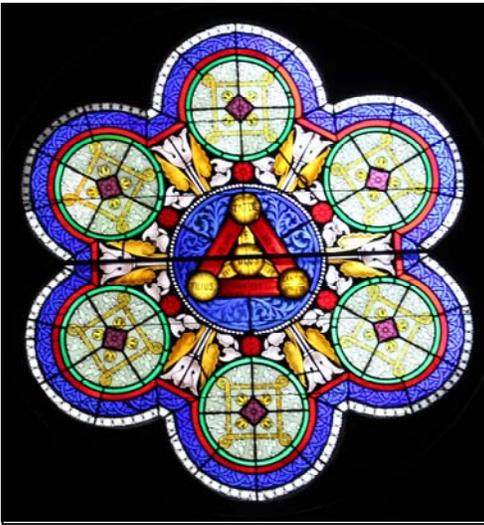
Christ Church will host a biannual service of many different congregations from Macon Bibb country. Focused on the unity we are called to have in Christ (Galatians 3:28), this service will bring together Christians diverse in race and denominational affiliation to worship together. A guest choir will join our own choir in providing musical offerings for this uplifting service.



**WE WELCOME DR. CHESTER J. FONTENOT, JR.  
AS OUR GUEST PREACHER**

Baptist Professor of English and Director of Africana Studies (PhD, UC-Irvine, 1975): Dr. Fontenot is the author or editor of four books, including two works in the influential series, *Studies in Black American Literature*, and the first book-length study of racial theorist Frantz Fanon. Also an ordained Baptist minister, Dr. Fontenot has worked extensively with black gangs and is currently writing two books growing out of those experiences, *Gangs, Gods, and Gospels: The Appeal of African-American Street Gangs for Youths* and *Why Stand Ye Gazing: A Critique of African-American Christianity, 1845-1996*. Dr. Fontenot was a founding member and first chair of the Modern Language Association African-American Literature Section and editor of the *Black American Literature Forum*.

OTHER PARISH NEWS



*The Consecration of Jones Chapel*  
 @  
*Dedication of the Stations of the Cross*  
 THURSDAY, MAY 14  
 6 PM  
 The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Officiant  
 Reception following in the Great Hall

MAY  
 BIRTHDAYS

- 22 Hester Baumgartner  
Steve Solomon
- 23 Chuck Richardson  
John Parris
- 25 Rena Pearson-Shaver  
William Severance
- 27 Willie Smith
- 28 Ed Bond  
Matt Solomon  
William Whitaker
- 29 Reg Buzzell  
Gracie Marie Peace
- 31 Flo Mellard  
Kris Cutright  
Will Horkan  
David Harrell



*Join us for a Reception*  
*In Appreciation of the Ministry of*  
*The Very Rev. Harriette J. Simmons*  
 SUNDAY, MAY 31  
 FOLLOWING THE 11 AM SERVICE  
 IN THE GREAT HALL



*A Unique Camping Experience*

On behalf of the children of Camp Little Shot, Elizabeth and I want to thank Christ Church for your generosity in supporting our ministry. This year we will celebrate 35 years of offering a free camping experience for children with Diabetes Mellitus. We also want to thank the Brotherhood Of Saint Andrews who devoted significant time to make our dream possible. The Shrove Tuesday party was a success because of those Christian men and we are indebted to them. Many women of the Daughters of the Cross helped and we also appreciate them. Thank you all and we look forward to next year.

Dr Tom and Elizabeth Jones

OPERATING BUDGET  
 \$849,534

	Contributions
4.5.15	\$247,909
4.12.15	\$274,582
4.19.15	\$284,996
4.26.15	\$291,717



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SUMMER  
 WORSHIP  
 SCHEDULE

Begins on Sunday, June 7  
 Services will be held at  
 8 am & 10:30 am

THE FIRST CHURCH OF MACON, GEORGIA. ESTABLISHED IN 1825

*"Growing by God's Grace into a Family of Faith and Ministry."*

*Join us for Worship on*

MAY 24 IN CELEBRATION OF

**PENTECOST  
 SUNDAY**

SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 8, 9, & 11 AM

JOIN US FOR CUPCAKES ON THE LAWN FOLLOWING THE 11 AM SERVICE

*Everyone is encouraged to wear red in celebration this Sunday!*

