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# The CHIMES

January 2019



## A NEW YEAR

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New Year's celebrations are notorious for being a disappointment. The hype of ringing in the New Year and expectation that it is supposed to be a big bash is often a set-up for disappointment. This is especially true if we are grieving the loss of a loved one or experiencing some other kind of personal loss such as the end of a relationship, a debilitating illness, the loss of a job, or the end of an unrealized dream. There are many different kinds of grief and grieving impacts each person differently. Grieving can keep us feeling stuck or laden with a deep sorrow. Sometimes we feel like the world is moving on without us, especially at times like the New Year when everyone else seems to be celebrating. We may not be ready to move into the next thing but the calendar has relentlessly moved on, or we may want to see the year we just finished be left far behind but are unable to leave behind the pain we are still suffering.

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## FROM THE RECTOR (*CONT.*)

In recognition that many in our parish family and in our community have been struggling with losses, Christ Church will be hosting a grief recovery workshop entitled Finding Hope in the Middle of Loss on Saturday, February 9, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Dave Matthews will be conducting the workshop and is the founder of Spark of Life, an organization that conducts grief workshops throughout the United States. This workshop will explore how one can find hope again in the midst of deep pain, and how we can respond in a helpful way to people who are experiencing loss. This workshop is for everyone – for those grieving any kind of loss, including non-death losses such as divorce, a child who is battling addiction, etc., and for those who have a loved one who is grieving. It is also for those who want to be better equipped, not only to help others, but also for when you are facing a loss. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors who might be dealing with grief or other challenging circumstances.

Dave will also be leading the adult Sunday school class on February 10th at 10:00 addressing the question of where God is in our grief, and preaching at the Sunday morning services. It is our hope that this opportunity will enrich all of us, strengthening and equipping our faith to deal with issues of suffering and loss in our world and in our lives. All of these opportunities are open to anyone who would like to attend so please spread the word. Suzanne and Bob Minarcine drove all the way to Montana to attend one of these retreats and found it so helpful that we are bringing Dave to Macon to be a blessing to you.



Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp  
*Rector*

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### SAFEGUARDING

*Led by the Venerable Janet Tidwell*

On February 9 at 11 am in the Cloister Room we will be offering a training course for “Safeguarding God’s Children.” This course is required by the Episcopal Church for anyone who helps lead children and youth on a regular basis. This would include all staff and clergy, Sunday school teachers, nursery workers, and others. If you think you need this training contact Jonathan in the church office.



### IMPORTANT UPDATE

“The Chimes”, a monthly publication of Christ Church, is sent electronically and available for download.

If you wish to receive a printed copy, please make this request by calling the church office (478) 745-0427.

Printed copies will be available in the Parish House and Narthex for you to take home as well.



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Helen Stewart, coordinator | [helenstewartgigi@gmail.com](mailto:helenstewartgigi@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Pageant, especially to all the parents for helping make it a wonderful service in celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We have resumed our regular Sunday School schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Helen at [helenstewartgigi@gmail.com](mailto:helenstewartgigi@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing soon.



Rev. Zachary Neubauer  
*Associate Rector*

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

New Year resolutions get us both ways. We discover simultaneously that we need improvement and that potential improvement relies on our actions. See what Augustus Toplady, and eighteenth century clergyman had to say about such things:

“My sinfulness has been exceeding great; my sins still greater; God’s mercies greater than both.”

“Upon a review of the past year, I desire to confess that my sinfulness has been exceeding great; my sins still greater; God’s mercies greater than both. My shortcomings and my misdoings, my unbelief and want of love, would sink me into the lowest hell, was not Jesus my righteousness and my Redeemer.”

What is the answer to not measuring up? Try harder? New Year’s resolution? By no means! The answer is turning to Jesus, our righteousness and our Redeemer.



### CAROLYN'S FAREWELL

Thank you all for the kindness shown to me in my retirement reception and the many gifts, love, and friendship over the years and also for the gifts at Christmas. I want to especially thank the ECW ladies, , Altar Guild, and the Flower Guild. These are sweet, sweet memories I will always cherish. I hope Christ Church has a wonderful and Happy New Year!

Love,  
Carolyn



### Men's Bible Study

*Wednesdays @ 7:15am | The Cloister Room*

All men of Christ Church are welcome and invited to attend. This study group resumes regular schedule on Wednesday, January 9.

### Early Morning Women's Bible Study

*Wednesdays @ 9:30am | The Cloister Room*

The topic for this study is "Jonah: An Interrupted Life." This study uses DVDs and workbooks by Priscilla Shirer who is a real favorite of mine. While there is a homework component to this study, which will enrich your experience, there will be no policing—you can participate regardless.

### Wise Women Bible Study

*Wednesdays @ 10:45am | The Parlor*

We will begin a study of the gospel of Luke on Wednesday January 9th 10:45- 11:45. This group is moving to the parlor in the Parish House.

### Adult Christian Formation

*Sundays @ 10am | The Cloister Room*

Jeremiah, the Prophet, NOT the Bull Frog led by John Blanks. The period of time Jeremiah prophesied was a period of storm, stress, and the doom of entire nations. The Book of Jeremiah preserves an account of the prophetic ministry of Jeremiah, whose personal life and struggles are presented in greater depth and detail than of any of the OT prophets.

### 22 Questions: New Men's Group

*Monday, January 21 @ 5:30pm | 229 Rutledge Way*

22 Questions is a monthly men's group centered around honest and vulnerable conversation, friendly support and engagement, and prayer. All men of Christ Church are welcome.

### Gift of Gab Bible Study

*Thursday, January 10 @ 5:30pm | 964 Park Place*

We will continue our study of Nehemiah Thursday January 10, 5:30–7:00 pm at Cynthia Knapp's house.

*Thursday, January 24 @ 5:30pm | 209 Rutledge Way*

We will continue our study of Nehemiah Thursday January 24, 5:30–7:00 pm at Betsy Hatcher's house.

## A NOTE OF THANKS *from Martie Banks*

On behalf of the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Giving Tree this past Christmas. Your response was overwhelming! The children at our Dove Center were so blessed by your thoughtful gifts. The mothers of the children were moved to tears by your abundant generosity.

This year was by far the most successful and it was all because you chose to be the hands and feet of Jesus for these special children. A simple thank you seems inadequate, but it's all I've got.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### EYC SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Sundays @ 10am | The Cloister Room*

The youth Sunday school class will delve further into the Lectionary texts that are read in worship on that particular Sunday. This will not only give the youth a stronger understanding of scripture, but also will further enhance their worship each Sunday. Please join us and bring a friend! On the fourth Sunday of each month, we will have a light breakfast, so bring an appetite as well.



### SKI TRIP @ WOLF RIDGE, NC

*February 8–10*

On February 8, right after school, the youth will travel to Wolf Ridge Ski Resort just north of Asheville, NC. Nestled in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina, conveniently located just 5 miles off I-26 and 30 minutes north of Asheville is Wolf Ridge Ski Resort. Wolf Ridge has tremendous offerings for the ski, snowboard and tubing enthusiast. Lighted slopes means the fun can be found day or night.



### SUMMER MISSION TRIP

*July 15-20, 2019 | Passport Missions | \$300 per youth*  
Register Online! [www.christchurchmacon.com/eyc](http://www.christchurchmacon.com/eyc)

Deadline to reserve a spot with a \$50 deposit is Sunday, January 20. We will be penalized for any drops from our group reservation after January 31, so please be sure your youth will attend prior to signing up. You may send a check to the church office addressed to Steve Ayers. Please write **EYC Mission Trip** in the memo line. You may also pay via the website.

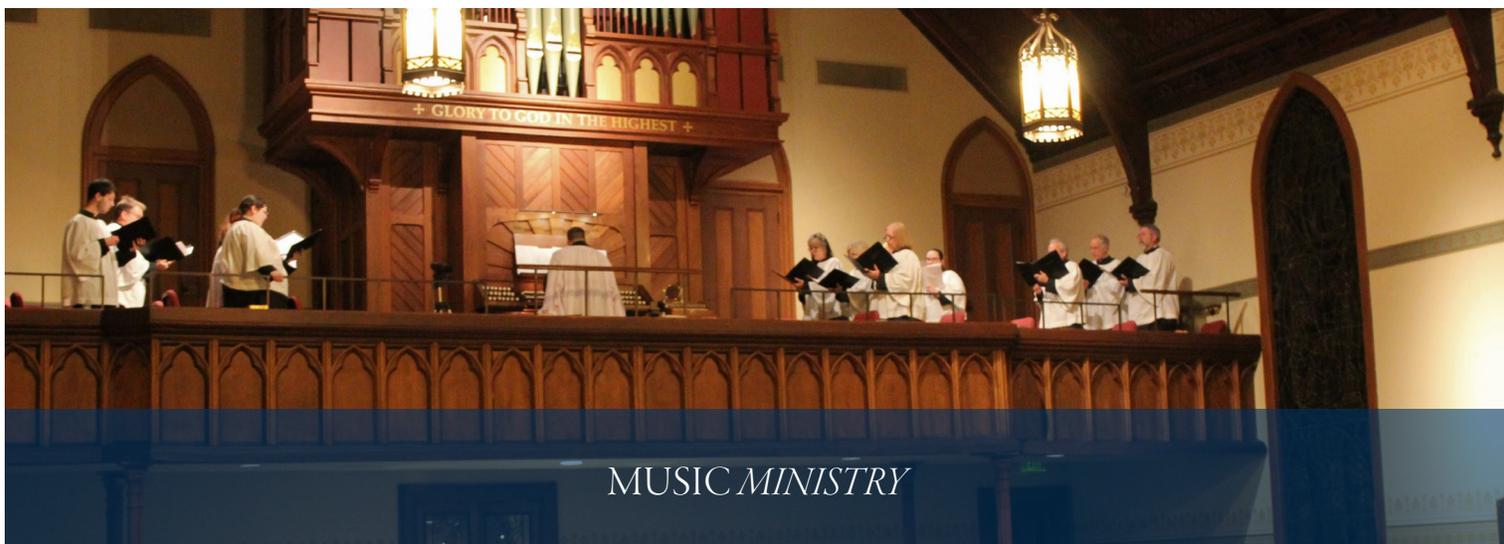


### PASSPORTmissions: Youth camping with a mission

In a world that seems to be telling us to fear more and love others less, Jesus calls us to an alternative way of living. Our lives can be radically changed as we notice God at work around us, continue to grow our faith, gather our strength from God, and let love permeate all that we do. Using 1

Corinthians 16:13–14 as a theme verse and the outline for the week, campers will be challenged as they dig into this passage (and others) to explore what Paul meant when he called us all to live a faith that is based in love, not in fear. When we are FEARLESS we can LOVE MORE and FEARLESS.





## MUSIC MINISTRY

### CHORAL EVENSONG

The Christ Church Choir invites you to 4 monthly Evensongs beginning on February 3 at 5pm in the Nave. These services are free and open to the public. Evensong is a time-honored liturgy and a perfect way to welcome the close of day. The Canticles, Anthems, Psalms, and Hymns will be chosen using the Daily Office readings. We hope you'll join us!

### THANK YOU!

I would like to extend my appreciation and thankfulness to all those who support our Music Ministry here at Christ Church. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful place. I especially want to thank the members of the Christ Church Choir. They work tirelessly with grateful hearts and dedication to enhance our worship every week of the year. I also want to extend my gratitude to the Choristers and their parents. Thank you for allowing me to share the gift of music with these precious angels.



### *O thou the Central Orb*

One of our Anthems during the Advent Lessons & Carols service, and the Feast of the Epiphany, was *O thou the central orb* composed by the great Irish composer and teacher Charles Wood. Wood was the teacher of Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells, who are without a doubt two of the United Kingdom's finest composers.

The text was written by Henry Ramsden Bramley. Bramley was an English clergymen and hymnologist who worked closely with John Stainer to popularize Christmas Carols. *The First Nowell* and *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* are the best known.

*"O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming clay [clay?]  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen."*



# CALENDAR of EVENTS

January 2019

**Jan 6: Feast of Epiphany**  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**Jan 7: The Order Daughters of the King**  
12pm | Cloister Room

**Jan 8: House & Garden Club**  
10am | Cloister Room

**Jan 9: Wednesday Studies**  
Normal Schedule

**Jan 9: Holy Eucharist & Healing**  
12:05pm | Church

**Jan 10: Gift of Gab**  
5:30pm | 964 Park Place

**Jan 10: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal**  
6:30pm | Church

**Jan 13: Baptism of the Lord**  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**Jan 15: Newsletter Deadline**  
Submit materials to [office@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:office@christchurchmacon.com)

**Jan 15: Executive Committee Meeting**  
12pm | Davis Room

**Jan 15: Staff Meeting**  
1:30pm | Davis Room

**Jan 16: Wednesday Studies**  
Normal Schedule

**Jan 16: Holy Eucharist & Healing**  
12:05pm | Church

**Jan 17: Holy Eucharist**  
10am | Carlyle Place

**Jan 17: Brotherhood of St. Andrew**  
6:30pm | Cloister Room

**Jan 17: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal**  
6:30pm | Church

**Jan 20: Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**Jan 21: Outreach Committee Meeting**  
5:30pm | Cloister Room

**Jan 21: 22 Questions**  
5:30pm | 229 Rutledge Way

**Jan 22: Vestry Meeting**  
5:15pm | Cloister Room

**Jan 23: Wednesday Studies**  
Normal Schedule

**Jan 23: Holy Eucharist & Healing**  
12:05pm | Church

**Jan 24: Gift of Gab**  
5:30pm | 209 Rutledge Way

**Jan 24: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal**  
6:30pm | Church

**Jan 26: Crisis Line & Safe House**  
8:30am–3pm | Cloister Room

**Jan 27: Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
NO 9am Service

**Jan 27: Annual Parish Meeting & Luncheon**  
12:15pm | Great Hall

**Jan 30: Wednesday Studies**  
Normal Schedule

**Jan 30: Holy Eucharist & Healing**  
12:05pm | Church

**Jan 31: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal**  
6:30pm | Church



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## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday

9AM – 4PM

*(closed 12–1 for lunch)*

Friday: Office Closed



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## SAVE the DATE

*An Evening on Bourbon Street*  
March 5, 2019 | 6:30pm

This year's Mardi Gras Celebration will feature our traditional Low Country Boil. Pricing, where to buy tickets, and more coming soon! This is a party you won't want to miss.

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*