



**CHRIST
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The CHIMES

February 2019



FROM THE RECTOR

In addition to being a month we tend to associate with love because of Valentine’s Day, February is a month for remembering. We remember the impact and message of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and we remember our presidents that were so critical in the early formation of our country. It is important to us as a Church to remember those saints who have gone before us who have shaped our lives individually and as the Church and to be mindful of the legacy we leave for those who will come after us. In the front page of the January Chimes I spoke about the weekend of February 9th and 10th where we will be addressing the process of grieving—grieving the loss of loved ones and other kinds of loss. More about the schedule and content of that weekend is inside this newsletter. On the three Sundays after that (Feb. 17, 24, and March 3) we are doing a three-part presentation called “When the Saints Go

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Growing by God’s Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship & Ministry



FROM THE RECTOR (*CONT.*)

Marching In". I have found in ministering to families who have lost a loved one that they can feel crushed by all the work involved in planning after their loved one has died, especially being burdened with the planning in the midst of their grief. Grief can be debilitating. Adding an overwhelming amount of decisions and arrangements to make, especially in areas that are unfamiliar to them is especially difficult. One of the great gifts we can give those we love is to make decisions and arrangements for that eventuality when our life on earth is ended. It is something better done now while we are of clear mind and know what we would want rather than to leave that to someone else to manage. This is true of financial arrangements, burial arrangements, and planning your service. Your funeral is your final witness to your faith. People will come to that service that won't set foot in a church for any other reason. While you have already entered the gates of heaven you have the opportunity to be impacting someone you love in a way that assures you will meet again someday because you have taken the time to choose what was meaningful to you in Scripture, in music, and in your witness if you would like to leave one. The first Sunday of this series, Boone Smith will be talking about financial preparations that covers everything from planning for your own needs, to planned giving and tax advantages in the arrangements you have made in your estate. The second Sunday Milton Heard from Hart's and Phil McGoldrich from Snow's will be talking about the ins and outs of planning for burial. I will ask them to bring with them some entertaining stories- there are many as truth is stranger than fiction- but also to give us the straight talk about options available. (I have known grown children who felt the need to buy the mahogany casket to do right by Dad when all he wanted was a pine box.) The third Sunday we will be talking about planning our own service. This is not sad or grim when you are alive and well. It is an opportunity to think about and record what Scriptures are meaningful to you and what hymns speak of your faith. I have offered this course before and it was both well attended and extremely appreciated so we will be holding this during the Sunday School hour (10:00 pm) in the Great Hall. If you would like to do any advance preparation, take a look at the burial service in the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 469/491). It is my personal opinion

that we are blessed with a uniquely beautiful and uplifting liturgy for funerals that is a great blessing to those who are left behind.



Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp
Rector



The Safe Spaces Committee of Christ Church will begin meeting again this winter to develop concrete suggestions the Vestry can adopt to make the church property more secure for our children and families while at the same time Christ Church can continue to offer gospel hospitality to our community. We're reaching out to other churches in Macon and also other parishes in the Diocese of Atlanta to explore how they are addressing this same challenge. One way we can immediately offer better security on Sundays is to encourage everyone to use the Cloister garden entrance to the Parish House. This keeps the unattended Parish House front door from remaining unlocked or open, which allows free and unobserved access to the Children's Sunday School hall and the back staircase to the Great Hall. This is not meant to inconvenience anyone, and the front doors remain available for emergency exit purposes. The Cloister garden entrance also offers a ramp for those who may need to avoid stairs. We thank you for your cooperation and invite your prayers for our work.

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CLOISTER SHOP

Lynn Waggoner & Elizabeth Benjamin, Shopkeepers | cloistershop@christchurchmacon.com

The Cloister Shop has survived its infancy, and is toddling into the new year with optimism. We hope to increase its presence within the downtown community as a Christian bookstore, and art venue for parishioners of Christ Church, and members of the Macon Convocation.

Our hours have expanded for the months of January and February; beginning in March, we will experiment with opening the store to the public during weekdays, around lunchtime; and will continue with special programming and displays during the Cherry Blossom Festival.

To All Christ Church Parishioners: Your creativity is a valued and important part of this endeavor. We want your creations, whether literary, fine art, crafts, graphic arts, woodworking, needlework, calligraphy –the list is endless. We might have to draw the line at large sculpture, but even that could be accommodated!

From your dedicated shopkeepers, Lynn & Elizabeth



Rev. Zachary Neubauer
Associate Rector

GOD'S GRACE

Recently (January 31st), the Episcopal Church celebrated the life of one of the heroes of our tradition, Rev. Sam Shoemaker. Sam Shoemaker was an influential rector of a parish in New York City. "During his tenure, Calvary's ministry grew exponentially, largely through Shoemaker's ability to hold in creative tension the power of personal evangelism and giving authentic witness to one's faith while remaining faithful to the liturgical and sacramental traditions of the church" (Holy Men, Holy Women). Shoemaker was also instrumental in the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. He later became the rector of Calvary Church in Pittsburgh with the intention "to make Pittsburgh as famous for God as it is for steel" Shoemaker was also an author and one of his quotes has always stuck out to me.

"The best kind of human goodness does not arise out of efforts at self-reformation of a conscious kind: it arises spontaneously out of gratitude to God for His goodness to us, out of sheer love of Him. Goodness is a by-product. Grace is the main thing."

Brothers and sisters. Remember, grace is the main thing. If anything is worth doing, we must have God's grace to do it.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6
7 AM, 12 PM, & 6 PM

The 7 AM and 12 PM services will be spoken.

At 6 PM the service will feature anthems and hymns for the occasion, provided by the Christ Church Choir.

Childcare will be provided at the 6 PM service.

All services are held in the Nave of Christ Church.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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 continue to study the gospel of Luke on Wednesdays from 10:45- 11:45. This group meets in the parlor in the Parish House.

Adult Christian Formation

Sundays @ 10am | The Cloister Room

When the Saints Go Marching In. A three-part series on financial planning, funeral arrangements, and the Service of Burial using the Book of Common Prayer. February 17, 24, and March 3.

22 Questions: New Men's Group

Monday, February 25 @ 5:30pm | 943 Fieldstone Drive

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. Gene Hatcher is host this month.

Gift of Gab Bible Study

Thursday, February 7 @ 5:30pm | 611 Chastain Place

Ellen Bunker is hosting.

Thursday, February 21 @ 5:30pm | 229 Rutledge Way

Melody Blake is hosting.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: *Crisis Line Safe House*

The mission of Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia is *to provide community crisis intervention as well as safe shelter, comprehensive support, and recovery services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and to educate the community about the cycle of violence and its prevention. We exist to empower victims of violence to begin healing and speak for them until they find their voices.*

Here is a list of current needs:

Umbrellas, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant spray/wipes, laundry pods, full-size shampoo, full-size body wash, women's underwear, women's socks, white towels/washcloths, white twin bed sheet sets.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

Steve Ayers, *Director of Youth Ministries*

Hello February!

Let me back track a bit, though. The December lock-in had yet to occur when my January newsletter article had been written. Let me tell you.....WE HAD A BLAST! Ten youth attended, and we played games of all kinds, eventually watching a movie as we all fell asleep. In my 13 years of youth ministry, I have never slept at a lock-in. Usually, I had 3 or 4 youth stay up the whole night, which meant I had to stay up the whole night. It was a nice change to actually get sleep this time around! I am already looking forward to the next one. Which will be near the beginning of summer.

Later this month (February 8=10), the youth will be traveling to the beautiful mountains of North Carolina for some winter fun. We will be lodging in Asheville for the weekend and be skiing/snowboarding at Wolf Ridge Ski Resort on Saturday of that weekend. We have 12 youth signed up to attend, and I am very excited about that on our first big trip together at Christ Church. Please, please, please, say some prayers for us, not just for safety but for a great opportunity to further grow in our relationships within the group as we build a strong EYC. You can say some additional prayers of safety for me though if you like. I'm going to try and shake my rust off and snow board for the first time in years. UH OH!

Our EYC continues to meet bi-weekly at the Baxley home on Sunday evening. As a refresher, the schedule is as follows on those evenings we meet. Please join us!

- 5:00-6:00 pm: Middle School Gathering
- 6:00-6:30: Joint dinner for Middle and High School Youth
- 6:30-7:30 pm: High School Gathering

On the other Sundays, we try to meet up for at least dinner somewhere in town, so be on the lookout for that!

I am always in planning mode for future events and trips, so please be on the lookout as details become available. In this first year together, we are trying to lay a solid foundation for years to come, but it can be challenging to get rolling on setting up new traditions in the forms of events, retreats, trips, etc. Just bear with me, though, and I can assure you that both the present and future is incredibly bright for the EYC of Christ Church!

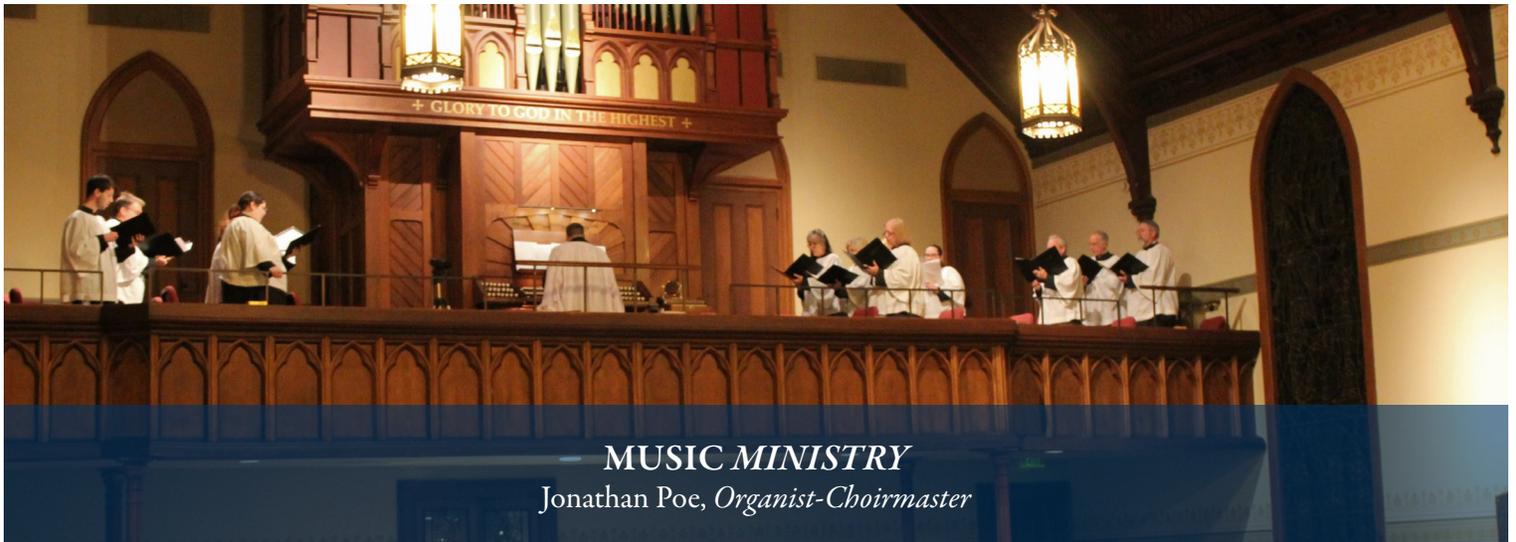
Grateful to be here,
Steve

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

Jonathan Poe, *Organist-Choirmaster*

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Christ Church Choir invites you to our next monthly Evensong on *March 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.



Weekend Lunch Program

Hal Brickle, *Program Director*

Your thoughts, words and deeds are painting the world around you... Whether you offer your love and compassion, or make a charitable donation of time or money, there are many ways to bring sunshine into the lives of those less fortunate. The involvement and compassion of our Teams, Volunteers and Donors shown to those less fortunate we serve through Christ Church's Weekend Lunch Program is truly an inspiration. Your good deeds do not go unnoticed; especially how our guests are treated with respect and kindness, no matter their situation. We all know how stressful it can be for the people who find themselves in need of the services we provide, and your actions go a long way towards helping them keep their dignity. Everyone's efforts in making the Weekend Lunch Ministry such a success is greatly appreciated!

Special thanks to our newest volunteers: Tommy & Terri Campbell, Travis & Sherian Miller and Richard Smith for serving weekends, as well as providing grilled hotdogs and hamburgers for Christ Church's Team! These wonderful volunteers and several of their friends look forward to joining Christ Church Team for the 2019–2020 year.

February 2nd & 3rd:

1st Baptist Church of Christ / Dan Riley
New Heights Baptist Church / Nancy Greene

February 9th & 10th:

St Joseph Catholic Church / Lea Owen

February 16th & 17th:

Middle Georgia Taekwondo / Aaron Cannon

February 23rd & 24th:

St Francis Episcopal Church / Joseph Whidby

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

February 2019

Feb 2: Turn it Around Workshop
9am | Great Hall

Feb 3: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule

Feb 3: Choral Evensong
5pm | Nave

Feb 4: Adult Christian Formation Committee
3:30pm | Davis Room

Feb 4: Order of the Daughters of the King
6pm | 7249 Rivoli Road

Feb 6: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Feb 6: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Feb 7: Gift of Gab
5:30pm | 611 Chastain Place

Feb 7: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Feb 8: EYC Ski Trip to NC
Feb 8–10 | Wolf Ridge Ski Resort

Feb 9: Grief Recovery Workshop
8:30am | Great Hall

Feb 9: ATO Fraternity
10am | Nave

Feb 9: Safeguarding God's Children
11am | Cloister Room

Feb 10: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule

Feb 11: Order of the Daughters of the King
5:30pm | 4216 Old Club Road E

Feb 13: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Feb 13: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Feb 14: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Feb 17: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule

Feb 18: Outreach Committee Meeting
5:30pm | Cloister Room

Feb 19: Executive Committee Meeting
12pm | Davis Room

Feb 20: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Feb 20: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Feb 21: Holy Eucharist
10am | Carlyle Place

Feb 21: Gift of Gab
5:30pm | 229 Rutledge Way

Feb 21: Brotherhood of St. Andrew
6:30pm | 185 Cory Drive

Feb 24: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule

Feb 25: 22 Questions
5:30pm | 943 Fieldstone Drive

Feb 26: Vestry Meeting
5:15pm | Cloister Room "All are Welcome"

Feb 27: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Feb 27: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Feb 28: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Feb 28: Daybreak Sleep Out
All Night | Central City Park

Mar 3: Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule

Mar 3: Choral Evensong
5pm | Nave

Mar 5: An Evening on Bourbon Street
6pm Social Hour begins | Great Hall

Mar 6: Season of Lent begins

Mar 6: Ash Wednesday Services
7am, 12pm, & 6pm | Nave



CHRIST CHURCH

E P I S C O P A L

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 | 6pm Social Hour

This year's Mardi Gras Celebration will feature our traditional Low Country Boil & the musical talents of the Southern Gentleman's Dixieland Band. This is a party you won't want to miss.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!