



CHRIST  
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# The CHIMES

April 2019



## FROM THE RECTOR: GOALS

The Vestry and Clergy at Christ Church do our best to listen to the Lord's direction for us and prayerfully discern a path forward for each new year. After the election of new vestry members at the Annual Parish Meeting, we have a retreat to develop our relationship as a leadership team, explore our role as disciples, evaluate what we have accomplished in the past year, and set goals for the year ahead.

During this year's retreat, in response to a 2018 goal, we reviewed and adopted a final version of the Five-Year Strategic Plan presented by our Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee identified three priorities for development of strategic goals for the next five years. These priorities include: (1) focusing efforts to attract a younger and broader demographic;

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

## FROM THE RECTOR: GOALS (*cont.*)

(2) maintaining and improving our historic buildings and grounds and better utilizing our facilities; and (3) nurturing a sense of community within our parish and in the broader community. In addition to these priorities, the committee recommended that we develop a vision statement that articulates where we hope to be in five years. This serves a different purpose than our current mission statement, although it is natural that the two would complement one another. During the retreat, we collaborated to discern our vision: "Christ Church is a growing Episcopal community of disciples of Jesus, committed in faith and dedicated to service." The full text of our newly-adopted Strategic Plan and Vision Statement will be added to the church website in the new few weeks.

Many of the accomplishments of 2018 have already been noted in the Christ Church Annual Report. Three unanticipated bonuses last year were establishment of the Cloister Shop, the recovering of kneelers in the church nave, and the completion of needlepoint work on altar chairs in Jones Chapel. Spearheaded by Lynn Waggoner, the Cloister Shop makes Christian resources and gifts easily accessible to parishioners in a vibrant, bustling environment at the entrance to the Parish House. Julie Edge performed excellent work in recovering all of the kneelers in the nave. Karen Yarbrough worked throughout the year to needlepoint exquisite crosses that now grace the altar chairs in Jones Chapel. Thanks to all of these women for sharing their special talents with our parish. A detailed evaluation of the Vestry's completed 2018 goals will soon be posted on the website for your review.

Vestry goals for 2019 build on recent accomplishments and expand to new areas of emphasis. These goals include: (1) being more intentional in our welcome of newcomers, reaching out to downtown residents, continuing to improve our communication and website, and producing a new printed directory for members; (2) enhancing parish operations by updating the Employee Policy manual, creating procedures for staff review, and establishing a Finance Committee to oversee financial stewardship and explore additional financial opportunities through the parish and outside resources; (3) addressing barriers to diversity by having all vestry members complete diocesan Dismantling Racism Training, developing the paired clergy relationship that Cynthia has just entered, and establishing a committee to document and raise awareness of our historical role in the community and larger Church; (4) improving our physical plant with new and handicap-accessible restrooms for the Chapel and Parish House, making the Chapel handicap accessible through the use of a removable ramp, installing a new rack in the church narthex for informational materials, increasing our energy efficiency, and addressing drainage issues in the alley; and (5) implementing our strategic plan.

We continue our commitment to parishioners of all ages by providing opportunities for spiritual and personal growth through excellent Christian education and worship as well as opportunities to exercise our faith through service and prayer. Your clergy and vestry always welcome your input and suggestions for our church ministries. To increase access, we will hold "town hall-style" meetings twice a year to answer questions and address any concerns people may have. Vestry meetings are open to parishioners, and meeting minutes are kept in a notebook in the Cloister Room and are also posted on the whiteboard outside the Cloister Shop.



**Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp**  
*Rector*

It is a privilege to lead such a wonderful, vibrant parish. I hope you will delve deeper in your faith this Lent by practicing the Spiritual Disciplines and exploring the liturgy of the ordinary, being more mindful of our relationship with the Lord in everyday activities. I look forward to sharing with you the observance of Holy Week, culminating in the joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday!

**“**Christ Church is a growing Episcopal community of disciples of Jesus, committed in faith and dedicated to service.**”**



**Rev. Zachary Neubauer  
Associate Rector**

**“W**e need a savior, for our sins have cut us off from God, leaving us weary and wanting... Because of Christ’s self-offering on the cross, our sins are fully forgiven”

## COMFORTABLE WORDS

Many Episcopal churches, including the one I serve as associate at, choose to use the Rite 1 liturgy for Lent. While Rite 1 can be tricky because we are unaccustomed to its prayers and its Elizabethan English, there is much to commend in it. One of the best things about using Rite 1, is that it allows us to hear “Cranmer’s Comfortable Words.” [Thomas] Cranmer’s Comfortable Words were not penned by the founding father of the Anglican tradition. Instead, they are sentences of Holy Scripture that Cranmer strategically placed within the prayer book liturgy, immediately following the confession and absolution. The prayer book instructs, “A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences.” Often times, only one is said, (perhaps because our knees are sore from kneeling!). However, Dr. Ashley Null, an Episcopal theologian, argues that the four sentences come as a set and act as a miniature of the gospel of grace by faith. (Null’s commentary follows each sentence.)

*Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.*

*Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (Matthew 11:28)*

“Cranmer’s Comfortable Words do not begin with God’s wrath. ... Rather, the first [comfortable word] focuses on hurting humanity--with its felt needs, its longing for wholeness.”

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)*

“Having used Jesus’ own words to acknowledge the depth of human longing for good news, Cranmer’s second Comfortable Word now turns again to Jesus to establish the depth of God’s own longing to respond.”

*This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)*

“Cranmer’s third Comfortable Word circles back to the human condition. Humanity suffers from spiritual fatigue because that is merely the most noticeable fruit of human sinfulness.”

*If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)*

“Previously, 1 Timothy 1:15 described salvation from the human perspective. We need a savior, for our sins have cut us off from God, leaving us weary and wanting. Now 1 John 2:1-2 explains salvation from God’s perspective. Because of Christ’s self-offering on the cross, our sins are fully forgiven.”

So as we keep Lent, using Cranmer’s Comfortable Words, allow them to sink deep into your heart, knowing that they are a reminder of the steadfast love that God has for you and a reminder of how his son Jesus Christ demonstrated that love by giving himself on our behalf.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **Men's Bible Study**

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

All men of Christ Church are welcome and invited to attend.

### **Early Morning Women's Bible Study**

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

This study for women will begin looking at the Book of Esther using a resource by author Beth Moore.

### **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.

### **Practice of the Spiritual Disciplines**

*Sundays @ 10am | The Cloister Room*

During the season of Lent, in adult Sunday school, we will be learning about the practice of the spiritual disciplines. We will be studying respectively: Prayer and Meditation Service (April 7th), Worship and Celebration (April 14th).

### **Gift of Gab Bible Study**

All women of the parish are invited to attend. This study focuses on discussion of topics and applying faith to our daily lives .

*Thursday, April 4 @ 5:30pm | 207 Rutledge Way*

Betsy Hatcher is hosting.

*Thursday, April 25 @ 5:30pm | 964 Park Place*

Cynthia Knapp is hosting.

### **Bible Study on the Book of Micah**

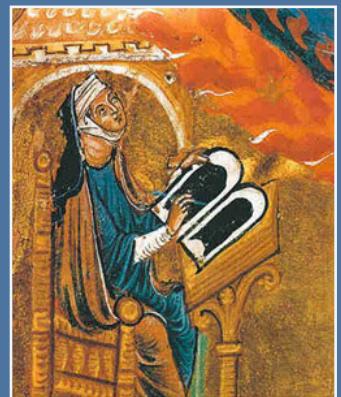
*Wednesdays @ 6:30pm (Resumes) | 139 Country Club Rd*

Political scandal is a daily affair. While many are prospering, there seems to be great inequality and heartache among the poor and disenfranchised. The darkness of sin seems rampant in our society, and for many, hope seems like a distant memory. Does this sound like what you may have been reading, living, or watching? It actually forms the backdrop to the Old Testament book of Micah of which a new study starts soon. All are welcome to this new study.

## MYSTICISM IN MUSIC: *power to excite the soul*

*Wednesdays @ 5:30pm, April 10 & April 17*

This five-week lecture series focuses on composers whose Christian mysticism was a principal motive in their compositional style. Mysticism is to experience union with God as happening over time, bit by bit through a journey aided by spiritual discipline and prayer. Music can often be the aid, or medium, whereby we are transformed. I invite you to travel with me on this musical journey to achieve spiritual ecstasy. Resources used for this series are drawn from works by notable authors Evelyn Underhill, Thomas Troeger, and Mellick Belshaw. The composers featured are Hildegard von Bingen, Palestrina, John Tavener, Arvo Pärt, Henryk Górecki, and Olivier Messiaen.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Helen Stewart, Coordinator



### **Sunday School**

We have had a wonderful year in Sunday School!! I want to thank our very dedicated group of Sunday School teachers who give so much of their time to enhance the spiritual development of Christ Church's children. A huge shout out to Walker and Tori Stewart, Chad and Elizabeth Bacon, Blair Sumrall, Karen Baxley, Tiffany Cusson, Jane Kemper, Mary Allison and Reg Buzzell, Elizabeth McCain, Sally and Gene Hatcher and Kelli and Jed Hill!!!! Sunday School would not happen without this fabulous reliable group of people.

Our last regular Sunday School for 2 year olds through 5th grade will be Sunday, May 19. There will be no Sunday School Memorial Day Weekend. On Sunday, June 2, we will begin a one room summer class for rising PreKs through 5th graders in the downstairs Godly Play Room. A nursery will be available for younger children. The curriculum is The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss. We will need volunteers to teach each Sunday. The curriculum is easy to teach from and fun! Please consider volunteering for a Sunday so our faithful teachers can have a break. There will be information in the May Chimes about volunteering. We are blessed to have an incredible group of children at Christ Church. Thank you for sharing them with us.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 21 | 10:15am**

Teen and Adult Volunteers needed! Please contact me at [helenstewartgigi@gmail.com](mailto:helenstewartgigi@gmail.com) or 478-731-8971.

Parents, please bring 2 dozen plastic filled eggs per child hunting. We welcome donations from everyone! You can start bringing eggs March 31. There will be baskets in the Church Office, the Narthex and the Parish House to collect the eggs.

The hunts will take place in 4 locations:

Back Courtyard – PreK, K

Front Courtyard – 3 year olds and younger

Front Lawn – 1st – 3rd graders

Front Walk to the Church – 4th & 5th Graders meet Cason Wilkin for a fun and educational Scavenger Hunt

Please do not allow your child to start hunting eggs until everyone is there and they are told to begin. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone!

Thank you in advance for making this a fun event for the children of Christ Church!! Remember we need volunteers to make this happen.





I am in the process of trying to get a spring retreat planned. I am navigating through the intense sports and school schedules that our youth have. I will get info out ASAP to the youth and their parents so be on the lookout.

#### EYC Sunday Schedule:

**Sunday, April 7 | EYC at the Baxleys**

5:00-6:00 pm: Middle School

6:00-6:30 pm: Dinner for Middle and High School

6:30-7:30 pm: High School

**Sunday, April 14 | Dinner at Mellow Mushroom!**

Located on Bowman Road

\$5.00 per youth

**Saturday, April 27 | EYC at the Baxleys**

The EYC will be participating in the Rebuilding Macon service day!

More details to come as received.

**Sunday, April 28 | Trip Down the Ocmulgee (Tentative)**

More Details to come!

#### Events on the Horizon:

**Saturday, June 1 | Macon Bacon Baseball!**

We have reserved 15 tickets at \$15 each for this game. I am sure we can get more if needs be though! Let me know if your youth will be attending ASAP!

**Wednesday, June 5 | Day Trip to Six Flags!**

More Details later, but mark your calendar now!



## SPONSOR OUR SUMMER EYC MISSION TRIP!

At my last youth ministry stop, I began a tradition of letting church members sponsor the annual youth mission trip. This was not just a monetary donation either, but rather an opportunity to connect with the youth in a special and meaningful way. Each sponsor would be assigned a youth for whom they would pray each day of the mission trip for along with writing a special note of encouragement for that youth. I would hand them the notes the first night of the trip as a way to bolster their experience right off the bat as they would know they have folks back home thinking of them. The sponsors do not necessarily have to know the youth beforehand but this effort will seek to build a lasting relationship with the youth. In the fall, we will have a Sponsorship Appreciation meal in which the sponsors will sit and eat with the youth they sponsored as they talked about the trip. This is a great way to support your youth Christ Church and I have seen firsthand the positive it has on both youth and sponsor.

Now, I did say a little something about a monetary donation, didn't I? A sponsorship would include a \$50 donation to help further offset the expenses of the trip. Gas adds up as well as groceries on these trips so any donations are appreciated.

So.....if you are interested in this let me know ASAP and we will begin the process of matching you with a youth. Speaking of which, we have nine youth currently signed up to go with a few more expected. That does not mean that we simply stop at nine sponsors, though. We will take as many as want to take part in this! More often than not, each youth in the past has had multiple sponsors.

Let me know if you have any questions at all, and I hope this first year of doing this at Chrsit Church is successful. I cannot wait for our mission trip! Trips like this one is where a bond becomes unbreakable with a group as they grow closer to Christ and each other.

That's all for now!

*Steve*

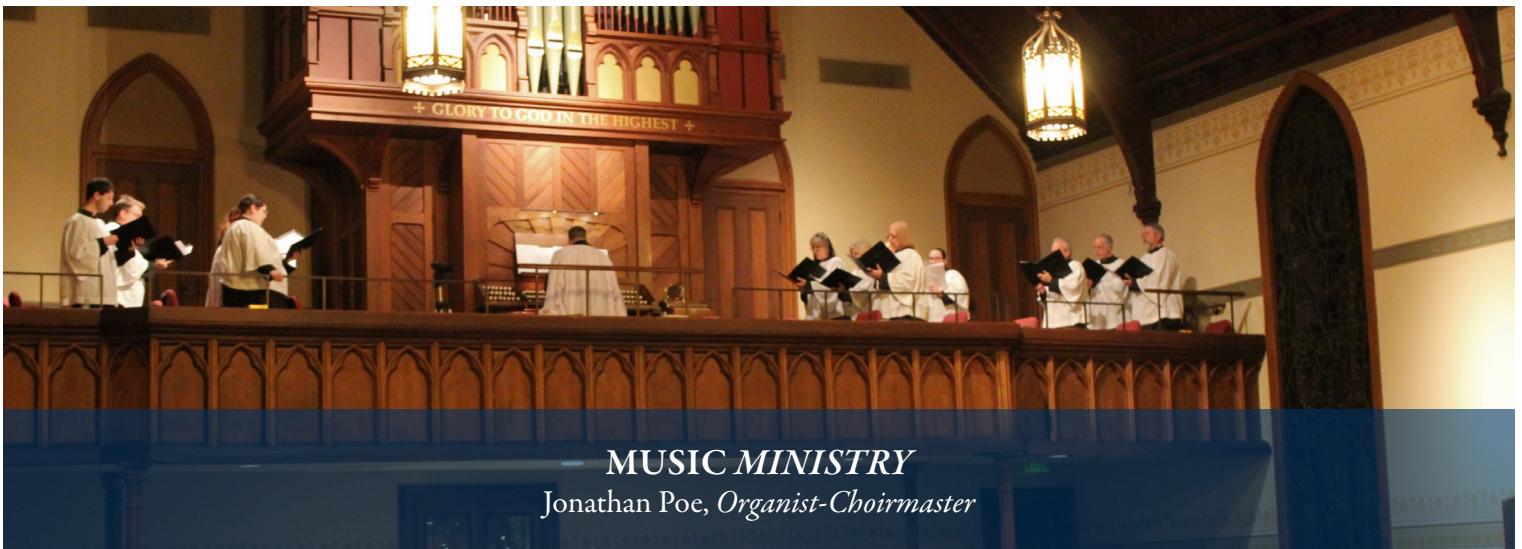


## PASSPORT *missions*: Youth camping with a mission

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 FEAR LESS.





## CHORAL EVENSONG

The Christ Church Choir invites you to our next monthly Evensong on *April 7 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!

## NEW VESTMENTS

The Christ Church Choir has been given a gift from the Memorials Committee to purchase new vestments. Our current vestments have served Christ Church for over 30 years and they are well passed their prime. The new vestments are being custom-made by J. Wippell & Co., Ltd. in Exeter, UK. The cassocks will be royal blue and in the Anglican style. Our new surplices will be white full-length cathedral-style surplices. I want to extend our gratitude to Joan Hatcher and Betty Talbot and to the entire Christ Church family for your continued support of our Music Ministry.



## *Earth, Wind, Water, and Fire*

Sunday, April 28 — 4 pm | Free Admission

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
719 Mulberry Street, Macon

Choral Society of Middle Georgia and the  
Mercer University Choir  
Dr. Stanley Roberts, conductor  
Mr. Jonathan Alan Poe, accompanist

The final concert of the season will offer an afternoon of choral gems inspired by the four elements: Earth, Wind, Water, and Fire.

The Choral Society of Middle Georgia is a community organization of singer-musicians from the central Georgia area. Originally founded as the Macon Civic Chorale, the Choral Society has provided inspiring choral concerts since 1975. With three major concerts each year, the choir explores a wide range of choral styles but is dedicated to performing choral/orchestral works.

## *Richard Gress, organ*

Tuesday, April 16 — 6 pm

Richard Gress is a senior organ performance major at Mercer University's Townsend School of Music. He is a very accomplished organist and musician. He currently serves as organist at Sandersville United Methodist Church. This recital is free and open to the public. The repertoire selected will showcase the many colors of our magnificent Fisk organ.



## WORSHIP: PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER

The week before Easter is a time of special devotion for Christians. As Episcopalians, we shift the liturgical color from purple to red and mark the events of Christ's last days with specific readings and liturgies. The week opens with Palm Sunday, the celebration of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This joyful occasion quickly shifts during the service to the reading of the Passion Narrative, which records the trial of Jesus and the call of the crowd for his crucifixion. We celebrate Eucharist daily on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with specific proper readings. During the Easter Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we prepare for the Holy Feast of Easter – the day of Christ's resurrection. Maundy Thursday marks Christ's washing of the Disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, and the betrayal of Judas. On Good Friday, we observe the crucifixion of Jesus. Holy Saturday commemorates the day Jesus visited among the dead while his body lay in the sealed tomb. This day ends with the Easter Vigil, the first service of Easter. Holy Week concludes with the celebratory services of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This year at Christ Church, we are intentionally observing Maundy Thursday with one service, to be held at 6:00 p.m. We invite everyone, young and old, to join together for this most significant liturgy. During the service, we will participate in the ceremony of foot washing, recalling how Jesus humbled himself to wash the feet of the Disciples, to be the servant rather than the one served. Through this observance, we recall Jesus' teaching to "love one another just as I have loved you." If you are reluctant to have your feet washed, please don't let that keep you from attending this service. The foot washing is entirely optional, and you may participate by simply watching. The service continues with the Eucharist and concludes with the stripping of the altar. This component of the service is incredibly moving, as clergy and altar servers carefully remove all of the chancel and altar elements – flags, crosses, scripture books, kneeling pads, candles, linens, anointing oils, and Communion service pieces. The Reserve Sacrament is moved to a table in the nave for use during the Good Friday service. The altar is washed and laid bare, the Tabernacle door left open to reveal its emptiness. The lights are dimmed, and worshippers leave the church in darkness and silence. Please make every effort to join us for this service. Child care will be provided. I promise you this recognition of the death of Jesus will add emphasis to the joy of Easter and the realization of new life in our risen Christ.

Each year, Christ Church and St. Paul's celebrate the Easter Vigil together, and this year, the service will take place at St. Paul's at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Combining the choirs, readers, altar servers, and clergy of both churches, we observe this service by lighting the Paschal Candle from a new fire, recalling the promises of God to his people, and celebrating the first Eucharist of Easter. The Vigil was traditionally the time to baptize new Christians, and this year, Clive and Rory Neubauer, children Zac and Erica Neubauer, will be baptized during the Easter Vigil service.

**APRIL 14–21**

**Palm Sunday:** April 14  
8, 9, & 11am

**Weekday Eucharist:**  
Monday, Tuesday, and  
Wednesday @ 12pm

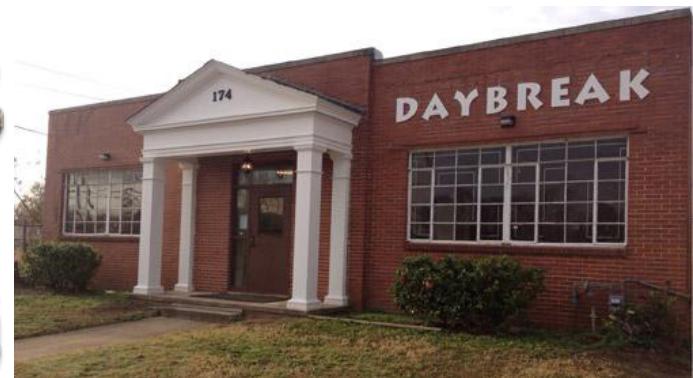
**Maundy Thursday:**  
April 18 @ 6pm

*Childcare will be  
provided at the 6 pm  
service.*

**Good Friday:**  
April 19 @12pm  
Holy Eucharist &  
Veneration of the Cross

**The Great Vigil of Easter:**  
Saturday @ 5pm  
St. Paul Episcopal  
753 College Street

**Easter Day:** April 21  
8, 9, & 11am  
Full choral Eucharist  
and guest musicians at 9  
and 11. Incense at 11:00  
only. Bring fresh flowers  
from your gardens to  
adorn the Living Cross  
set outside the church.



## Ministry of the Month: *Daybreak*

### *About Daybreak:*

Daybreak is a day center for people experiencing homelessness. Daybreak is a place where men and women who live homeless can escape the streets to a place that offers a warm welcome and the services they need to move toward lives of stability and dignity. Services offered include hygiene — showers and laundry, meals, access to tech services, education, employment readiness, case management, and healthcare.

Daybreak is a day/resource center offering individuals access to showers, telephones, computers, laundry services, a medical clinic, and case managers.

### *Who Daybreak helps:*

Adult individuals facing homelessness--on the street, in tents, or housing "insecure".

### *How Daybreak Helps:*

Giving a hot morning meal, safe place to relax during the day, and access to resources to help individuals move from homelessness to a life of hope and dignity.

### *How to volunteer or get involved:*

Please contact Macon Director, Sister Theresa Sullivan, at 478-216-9119.

### *Contact details:*

Director, Sister Theresa Sullivan, 174 Walnut Street, Macon, Ga 31201 or call 478-216-9119. We always need volunteers and donations. Monday through Friday—give your time or call to donate supplies.

### *Christ Church Contact:*

Dottie Wendt  
941-744-7555.

### *Daybreak Ministries: Current Needs*

Here are a list of current needs for Daybreak. You may bring them by the Parish Office or take them to Daybreak directly. Claritin, Mucinex DM, Flonase, Zirtec, hydrocortisone cream, Ora-gel, ranitidine 150 mg (Zantac), pepto bismol, tums, natural sleep aid, anti-diarrheal, Off! insect spray, reader glasses (+1.00, +1.50, +1.75, +2.00).

## Rebuilding Macon

Saturday, April 27

For the second year in a row we will be participating in Rebuilding Macon Day which was formerly known as Christmas in April. We will be helping to repair and rehabilitate a house for an elderly or disabled homeowner. This is a critical need in our community and everyone who participated last year found the project to be very worthwhile and rewarding. Last year we had over 30 volunteers and we hope to exceed that number this year. We will also be providing childcare for those who need it. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email Walker Stewart at [walkerstewart@hbgm.com](mailto:walkerstewart@hbgm.com).



# CALENDAR of EVENTS

April 2019

**April 1:** The Order of the Daughters of the King  
6pm | Cloister Room

**April 3:** Wednesday Studies  
Regular Schedule

**April 3:** Holy Eucharist & Healing  
12:05pm | Nave

**April 3:** Last Supper and Service  
5:30pm | Jones Chapel

**April 4:** Gift of Gab  
5:30pm | 207 Rutledge Way

**April 4:** Christ Church Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm | Nave

**April 7:** Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**April 7:** Choral Evensong  
5pm | Nave

**April 7:** EYC @ the Baxleys  
5-7:30pm | 650 Richmond Hill Drive

**April 10:** Wednesday Studies  
Normal Schedule

**April 10:** Holy Eucharist & Healing  
12:05pm | Nave

**April 10:** Grief Recovery Group  
5:30pm | Parlor

**April 10:** Mysticism in Music: *power to excite the soul*  
5:30pm | Cloister Room

**April 10:** Bible Study on Book of Micah  
6:30pm | 139 Country Club Road

**April 11:** Brotherhood of St. Andrew  
6:30pm | 1140 Oakcliff Road

**April 11:** Christ Church Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm | Nave

**April 14:** Palm Sunday  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**April 15:** Holy Eucharist  
12pm | Nave

**April 16:** Holy Eucharist  
12pm | Nave

**April 17:** Wednesday Studies  
Normal Schedule

**April 17:** Holy Eucharist & Healing  
12pm | Nave

**April 17:** Mysticism in Music: *power to excite the soul*  
5:30pm | Cloister Room

**April 17:** Bible Study on the Book of Micah  
6:30pm | 139 Country Club Road

**April 18:** Holy Eucharist  
10am | Carlyle Place

**April 18:** Maundy Thursday  
6pm | Nave

**April 19:** Good Friday  
12pm | Nave

**April 20:** The Great Vigil of Easter  
5pm | St. Paul Episcopal (753 College Street)

**April 21:** Easter Day  
8, 9, 11am | Nave

**April 22:** Outreach Committee Meeting  
5:30pm | Cloister Room

**April 23:** Vestry Meeting  
5:15pm | Cloister Room (*All are welcome*)

**April 25:** Gift of Gab  
5:30pm | 964 Park Place

**April 25:** Christ Church Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm | Nave

**April 28:** Second Sunday of Easter  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**April 28:** ECW Spring Gathering  
6pm | Home of Cindy Harris (116 Saddlerun Court)



## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday

9AM – 4PM

(closed 12–1 for lunch)

Friday: Office Closed



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