



CHRIST  
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# The CHIMES

August 2019



## FROM THE RECTOR

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Summer is always a wonderful time to rest, restore, and revitalize--to take the time to step back and reflect on the goodness of God and the blessing of simply being alive in the gift of His beautiful creation. We were created to live in loving relationship with God. Being in the presence of God and experiencing His love for us is the source of true joy in our lives. It is the only thing that will truly satisfy. When Scripture tells us we are to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances it is because in God we always have reason to rejoice and give thanks even if our circumstances would not take us there. It is a reminder to keep our focus always on the Lord and by praising and thanking God we are drawn into the presence of God where we can be filled by his strengthening, healing, comforting Holy Spirit. Our mourning prayer service teaches us to start each day in the awareness and presence of

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

God, in that place of gratitude simply for being in relationship with the Lord, and for the privilege of life in him.

“Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.... For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!” (Venite BCP p. 82)

“Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; and serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.... For the Lord is good; and his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.” (Jubilate BCP pp. 82-83)

We have the tools in our Episcopal tradition to train our minds to prevent those rogue thoughts that would lead us into destructive places or tank us in trying times. We have learned how to rise above stressful circumstances, and uncertain, even potentially frightening expectations regarding the future. We have at our fingertips a structure for our person prayer time in the service of Morning Prayer to help us start the day in a way that prepares us for uncharted territory and unexpected situations by keeping our feet firmly planted on the rock that is Jesus Christ and our thoughts focused on the goodness and love of God. But those tools remain useless if we don't use them.

It doesn't have to be a struggle to start your day with praise and thanksgiving. If it isn't just flowing out of you naturally train your heart and mind in that direction until it just comes forth naturally as one who has played an instrument so long they don't even have to think about it. Consider meditating on the words of the prayer of Thanksgiving on p. 101 of the Prayer Book:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but **above all** for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen



Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp  
Rector

*“We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life”*



We are excited to announce a new pictorial directory for Christ Church! Photographers from Universal Church Directories will be here on Thursday, August 22—Saturday, August 24 to take personal and family portraits for our new directory. *Sign up today!*



We are looking into a pilgrimage to the Holy Land through St. George's College in Jerusalem. The course is called “The Footsteps of Jesus.” This specific pilgrimage is set for September 30 - October 10, 2020 (not including travel dates). If you are interested in signing up or learning more about the trip, please email [Cynthia@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:Cynthia@christchurchmacon.com)



# SEPTEMBER 8TH

**SCHEDULE**  
8 AM Holy Eucharist | Nave  
10 AM Sunday School | Parish House  
11 AM Choral Holy Eucharist | Nave

**LUNCHEON**  
12:15 PM | Great Hall  
*All food and beverages will be provided.*



Rev. Zachary Neubauer  
*Associate Rector*

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a church to raise a Christian. One of the most intentional ways that the Church has undertaken the role of raising a Christian is through catechesis. Catechesis is the instruction of the Christian faith (both to children and adults).

Throughout the history of the Church, four main topics are covered in catechesis:

- » an overview of the Bible
- » the 10 Commandments
- » the Lord's Prayer
- » and the Creed(s)

This fall, we are launching Christ Church Catechesis. The impetus and main objective for CCC was to instruct our elementary school kids. Yet we do not just want a "kids' program" but rather a partnership between kids, parents, and Christ Church.

We are developing a great curriculum that is an overview of the Bible and are looking forward to our first year (September-May). (Upcoming years will be devoted to the 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creeds.)

As parents and other adults got on board with CCC, I got the response of "can we do this too"? I am excited to announce that there will be an adult version of CCC that will run parallel to during the fall. Both programs start Wednesday, September 4th and will run from 6-7pm. Jonathan has arranged for the Novice (Children's) Choir to practice from 5-5:25pm and there will be a meal provided each week from 5:30-6pm, so come along and make an evening of it. Childcare will also be provided for kids who are not old enough to participate in CCC.

*Please see Zac if you are interested in participating or assisting in this fantastic new initiative.*

*“It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a church to raise a Christian.”*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Jonathan Alan Poe, Organist-Choirmaster*



### TE DEUM LAUDAMUS: *We Praise thee, O God!*

This was our theme at this year's Royal School of Church Music course in Durham, North Carolina. Each year I am blessed to join a world-class staff and 100 other choristers to make joyful music praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Words often fall short in their attempt to express the abundance of God's creation, and for many, only the power of music is able to excite the soul!

The *Te Deum* is an ancient hymn attributed to St. Ambrose (A.D. 397) and St. Augustine (A.D. 430) and like the Apostles' Creed it is divided into distinct sections praising the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. What I find so special about this hymn of praise is found at the very end. *"We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting."*

**"Because we believe in a God that can do more than we can ask or imagine, we are not defined by are brokenness or by our shortcomings, we are not shackled by our illnesses or our sadnesses, we are not chained to our possessions or our demographics, we are not bound up in the opinions of others or in our own bad behavior. Because we believe in a God who GAVE US ALL; then GAVE ALL FOR US, we are forgiven. We are loved. We are free."** — *Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons*

This my friends is why God is worthy to be Praised. We praise thee, O God! We acknowledge thee to be the Lord! Thanks be to God, Amen! — *Peace+Love, Jonathan*



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
*Wednesday, August 28*  
*5:30pm | Jones Chapel*

The Christ Church Choir is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship on Wednesday, August 28. We will meet in Jones Chapel for refreshments and to discuss an overview of our 2019-2020 season. We will also take a professional photograph in our new vestments.

### CHORAL EVENSONG

The Christ Church Choir invites you to our first monthly Evensong on October 6 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

Our new choir vestments have arrived from J. Wippell & Co. Limited in Exeter, United Kingdom and they are absolutely gorgeous! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Joan Hatcher and the entire Memorials Committee for their generous gift. The choir will be decked in all its glory beginning Sunday, September 8 at the 11am Eucharist.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

### ALPHA COURSE FOR THE FALL

*Wednesdays @ 6pm (begins August 7) | Cloister Room & Parlor*

Alpha is a course on the Christian faith that serves to strengthen our faith and build community among participants. It includes dinner, a video teaching, and discussion. Child care is provided. Please contact Cynthia Knapp at [Cynthia@Christchurchmacon.com](mailto:Cynthia@Christchurchmacon.com) to learn more about it or sign up to participate.

### CHRIST CHURCH CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

*Wednesdays @ 6pm (begins September 4) | Parish House Rm. 203*

Christ Church Catechesis is our new Wednesday evening program. As parents and other adults got on board with CCC, I got the response of "Can we do this too?" I am excited to announce that there will be an adult version of CCC. Each week we'll cover a section of the Bible, and learn how it fits into the big picture. Each evening's format is based on our Anglican Tradition of Evening Prayer, and features songs, crafts, memory verses, and more!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

*Sundays @ 10am (begins September 8) | Cloister Room*

Beginning September 8th through November 3rd we will be doing an eight-week study using N.T. Wright's video lesson series *The New Testament You Never Knew*. This includes a 23 minute video set in the Holy Land and about 20 minutes of discussion. On September 22nd we will be taking a brief hiatus from this series to hear from visiting missionaries to Uganda, Joe and Robin Booker, who we have been praying for on our parish prayer list. For the months of November and December (incorporating the Advent season) we will be doing a 7 week study using Archbishop Rowan Williams' book *Being Christian*, covering the topics Eucharist, Baptism, Bible, and Prayer. We are hoping anyone wanting to be a part of the adult Confirmation class that begins in January will participate in this study. Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Rob Wright will be coming in May of 2020 for a Sunday service and will be Confirming any youth and adults at that time who have prepared for Confirmation.

### CHRISTIAN HEALING THROUGH PRAYER

*Sundays @ 10am (begins September 15) | Parlor*

Did you know nearly one-fifth of the Gospel accounts are devoted to the healing miracles of Jesus' ministry? Beginning September 15th, join Virgil Warren in the Parlor to explore the power of Christian healing through prayer and how God uses the laity as well as the ordained to bring forth healing miracles to his children. We will also explore the role of miraculous healing in our own Church family. The excellent materials provided by the Order of St. Luke the Physician will be used during this study. Contact Virgil for more information by email [virgilplaw@aol.com](mailto:virgilplaw@aol.com).

## WOMEN'S STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

### WISE WOMEN'S STUDY

*Wednesdays @ 10:45am (begins August 28) | Cloister Room/Parlor*

The Wednesday morning Wise Women's Bible Study Begins on August 28th at 10:45 in the Cloister Room to show a video overview of the Gospel of Luke. We will resume the following week in the Parlor at 10:45 with our ongoing study of the Gospel of Luke using our Bibles as our text.

### EARLY MORNING STUDY

*Wednesdays @ 9:30am (begins September 4) | Cloister Room/Parlor*

The Wednesday morning Bible Study at 9:30 in the Cloister room begins on September 4th with a 6-week study He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear From God by Priscilla Shirer whose teaching we have very much enjoyed in other studies.

### GIFT OF GAB

Thursday, September 12 @ 5:30pm | Melody Blake, host (229 Rutledge Way)

Thursday, September 26 @ 5:30pm | Barbara Jenkins, host (2649 Stanislaus Circle)

Thursday, October 10 @ 5:30pm | Molly Muse, host (4987 Wesleyan Woods Drive)

Thursday, October 24 @ 5:30pm | Betsy Hatcher, host (209 Rutledge Way)



### FALL GATHERING

The Episcopal Church Women will have their Fall Gathering on *Sunday, September 15* from 5-7pm at the home of Mary Allison Buzzell (416 Lamar Drive).

If your last name begins with A-H bring a dessert, I-Q a bottle of wine, and R-Z a salad or appetizer. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun night of fellowship!

## The ORDER of the DAUGHTERS of the KING



The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Our membership currently

includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

### OUR ANGLICAN TRADITION

- ✘ Recognizes Episcopal oversight
- ✘ Believes that Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation.
- ✘ Acknowledges the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, the real presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, and worship according to The Book of Common Prayer



### PAINTING with KARI WALTZ

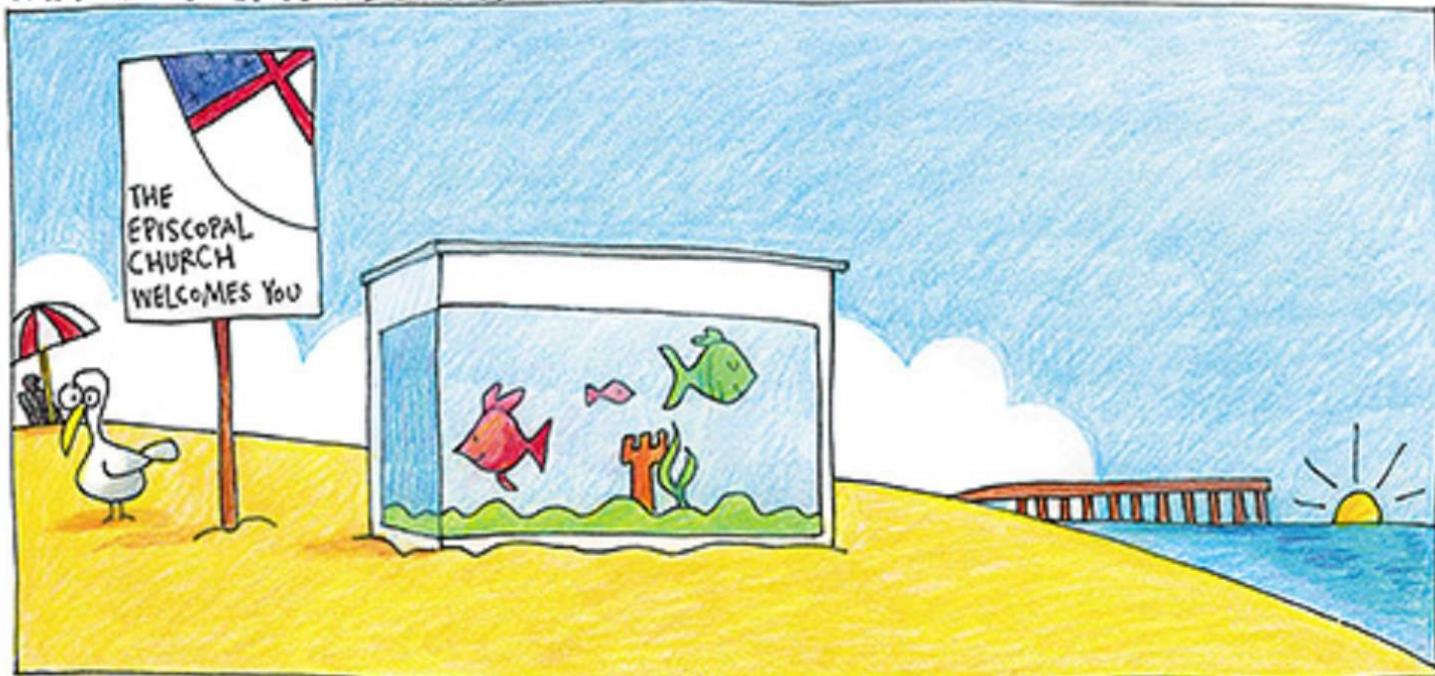
Monday, September 9  
5:30pm

*Cloister Room*

The kick off meeting for the Daughters of the King will be held on Monday, September 9th, 2019. Our guest for the night will be Kari Waltz, an amazing artist from Macon. We will be creating a painting of our beautiful DOK cross within a design from one of our stained glass windows. You will have a canvas to take home with you when finished. The cost for this evening, including all art materials, is \$25.

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

### A PARABLE OF EPISCOPAL EVANGELISM.



It is likened unto an aquarium set by the ocean's edge. Any fish from the ocean are invited to jump into the aquarium if they happen to be passing by and feel like it.

### 22 QUESTIONS

Monday, August 25 @ 5:30pm

Home of Robbo Hatcher (209 Rutledge Way)

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

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 4 @ 7:15am

Cloister Room

The Wednesday morning Bible Study at 7:15am in the Cloister room begins on September 4th. All men are welcome to join us. After the Bible study we walk downtown to enjoy food and fellowship. For more information contact Zac.

### BROTHERHOOD of ST. ANDREW



Thursday, September 19 @ 5:30pm

Jeff White, host (262 Wesley Circle)

Join us for our first Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting for the fall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. If you are interested in learning more about the Brotherhood let us know by contacting Jeff White by email [jwhite@gordon-state.edu](mailto:jwhite@gordon-state.edu) or phone (478) 957-9724.

The vision and mission of the Brotherhood is to inspire, empower and equip men and boys to fulfill the Great Commission and to bring men and youth to Christ.

## YOUNG FAMILIES *MINISTRY*



### NOVICE CHOIR

*Wednesdays @ 5pm | Great Hall*

The Novice Choir will meet prior to the family-style dinner from 5-5:25. This choir is available to all children who are in pre-K to 2nd grade. This fall we will learn how to sing the psalms and learn the classic Christmas carols of the church. The curriculum will follow the Royal School of Church Music series *Voice for Life*. This wonderful musical resource helps guide the chorister through proper vocal techniques in a fun and exciting way. *Contact Jonathan Poe to register your child(ren) today!*

### FAMILY-STYLE DINNER

*Wednesdays @ 5:30pm | Great Hall*

Each Wednesday at 5:30pm, beginning September 4, there will be a family-style dinner served for all participants. Everyone is welcome!

This is a wonderful way to spend time getting to know one another through food, fun, and fellowship. The meal will take place in the Great Hall and the programming will immediately follow in rooms 202 & 203 of the Parish House.



### CHRIST CHURCH CATECHESIS

*Wednesdays @ 6pm | Parish House Rm. 202*

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## GODLY PLAY TRAINING

*October 5-7 | Mulberry Street United Methodist Church*

There are a lot of things you can learn from a lecture, but Godly Play is best learned from the inside out. This is what we do at Godly Play Training. Within a circle facilitated by a Godly Play Trainer, you will experience and learn Godly Play stories, practices,

and theology in a collegial, prayerful setting.

Our talented Trainers will deepen your understanding of children's spirituality while guiding you on a personal journey of wonder. By exploring the fundamentals of a

Godly Play room at an accredited training event, you will improve your teaching skills, learn to build rooms of your own, and leave spiritually refreshed.

*Contact Helen Stewart for more information (478) 731-8971.*



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Helen Stewart, *Coordinator*

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! It is amazing how fast it ends. We have had a great time all summer in Children's Sunday School with the Gospel According to Dr. Seuss. It will continue through August 25 ending with an *End Of Summer Celebration in the Great Hall on the 25th*. I hope all children, whether you have been able to attend Summer Sunday School or not, will join us at 10am on August 25 for a fun morning of games, crafts, and special snacks! Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help this summer. The children have loved having some new faces.

We will take Sunday, September 1 off and resume our Fall Sunday School On Sunday, September 8. We will register all children on the 8th and begin classes in the 4 groups, 2 & 3 year olds and PreK-K downstairs and 1st-3rd grades and 4th & 5th grades upstairs. As always I need volunteers to chair and help with special events and we always welcome new Sunday School teachers. There is an opportunity to be trained for Godly Play right here in Macon. It is being hosted by Mulberry Methodist, October 5-7. Please let me know if you are interested or have questions about getting involved with our precious children at Christ Church [helenstewartgigi@gmail.com](mailto:helenstewartgigi@gmail.com) or 478-731-8971.

Blessings for a fantastic end of summer,  
*Helen*



## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

*Steve Ayers, Director of Youth Ministry*

### SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS

begins September 15 | At The Baxleys

Throughout the Fall, we will meet every other Sunday for regular EYC programming.

5-6pm: Middle School  
6-6:30pm: Dinner for all EYC  
6:30-7:30pm: High School EYC

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Sundays @ 10am (begins September 8) | *Youth Suite*

Join us as we take a detailed and relevant journey through our Episcopal faith and traditions using the curriculum My Faith, My Life: A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church by Jenifer Gamber. This is a Confirmation curriculum for youth seeking that all-important step in their faith journey. However, it is also open to all youth as it will serve a wonderful refresher on the Episcopal faith. As a side note, we will also share breakfast together on the last Sunday morning of each month. Come join us!

### DIOCESE OF ATLANTA: *Regional Youth Event*

Saturday, August 17 @ 10am-5pm

*St. Francis Episcopal, Macon*

The Regional Youth Event in Middle Georgia is an event for youth of the Diocese of Atlanta. All are invited, but the target audience is middle and high schoolers from the convocations surrounding Middle Georgia. There will be fellowship, games, music, a meal, and worship. Come experience the unconditional love of our diocesan youth communities and see why it is thriving! THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EVENT.

*Contact Steve for more information and to sign up by Sunday, August 11.*

### A DAY AT THE LAKE

Saturday, August 24

*Lake Sinclair, Milledgeville*

The Hatchers have graciously offered to host us at their house on Lake Sinclair for a day of fun....swimming, tubing, skiing, wakeboarding, fishing, etc.

### AN AFTERNOON AT THE FARM

Sunday, September 8 @ 3-7pm

*Sheridan Farm (955 McCowen Road, Forsyth)*

All youth are invited for an afternoon and evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we officially kick off our Sunday evening programming for the year.

### FRIGHT FEST @ SIX FLAGS

Saturday, October 26

We will have more details as the event is officially promoted in the next few months but go on and mark your calendars for an evening of rides and Halloween fun.

### ANNUAL COUNCIL OVERNIGHT

November 22-23

*Marriott Convention Center, Macon*

Each year at Annual Council, there is an overnight event for the EYC of the Diocese of Atlanta. The council is in Macon this year, so we are definitely going to be there! More details will be available as the event draws nearer.

### JR DYC @ CAMP MIKELL

December 13-15 | Grades 6-8 | \$100

The Diocesan Youth Commission hosts its retreat, the DYC Retreat, twice a year. It is hosted annually at Camp Mikell the second week of December for middle schoolers and the first full weekend of January for high schoolers. The purpose of the retreat is to bring the inclusive love of Jesus experienced at Summer Camp into an abbreviated winter session. We even have Summer Staffers up to chaperone the weekend. The theme of the DYC Retreat changes yearly, but it is always a fun weekend that includes music, worship, morning program, afternoon activities, a dance, and 4 square!

More details will be available after registration officially begins!



## PASSPORT MISSION TRIP

Our Youth participated in Passport Missions over the summer in Greenville, SC at Furman University. Here are a few pictures. Steve, along with the EYC, will give us a presentation on their time there at the Kick-off Luncheon on September 8 in the Great Hall.





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OCTOBER 2 @ 5:30PM