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The CHIMES

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

WEEKEND LUNCH

FEEDING THE HOMELESS... FAITH IN ACTION

You hear sermon after sermon about being a disciple of Jesus yet it never seems to hit home. Then you hear “Go buy someone a sandwich!” Nothing out of the ordinary, but it seems to stick with you.

You gather with your brothers in Christ, but what about those outside the walls of the synagogue, church, etc.? What about the poor, the widows, the orphans?

Then it hits you! The world is so full of in-reach that it never looks for opportunities to Reach Out. Sure, it’s talked about, but as James states:

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.’”

I’ve heard it stated time and again, “People will never care how much you know until they know how much you care.” We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus not just a mouthpiece, and if we never let them know how much we care, how will we ever tell them about the One we know? We must serve! Hallelujah!

~Hal Brickle, Director of Weekend Lunch

For more information about Weekend Lunch, check out our website at <https://www.christchurchmacon.com/weekend-lunch/> or contact Hal Brickle at weekendlunch@christchurchmacon.com to learn how you can get more involved in our ministry.

OUTREACH



UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Rebuilding Macon rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so that they may live in warmth, safety, and independence.

COME JOIN US

**MACON
REBUILDING DAY**

APRIL 24TH

DETAILS

COMING SOON

MUSIC MINISTRY

In Memoriam: John Francis Willingham The Deagan Tower Chimes at Christ Church

In 1923, the Centennial of Macon, Christ Church made the historical and lasting investment in a Deagan Tower Chimes System. These beautiful chimes stand proud on the tower level behind the patinated copper louvres. Sadly, they are mostly unheard unless manually activated by the existing keyboard beside our Fisk organ. This restoration project will add the capability for them to be heard throughout the community every quarter-hour by tolling the familiar Westminster tune and chiming the hour. In addition to the Westminster Chiming Device we will be installing a 1920's era roll player system allowing for additional hymns and peals to be played automatically.

On March 21, 2013, John Willingham wrote the following in his report to the Vestry of Christ Church.

“The J. C. Deagan Company of Chicago built 440 tower chimes systems between 1917 and 1958. Of the approximately 100 still operating, Christ Church is the only Episcopal Church in Georgia to house such an instrument. The chimes are an important part of the historic preservation of Christ Church, and in the future the church should consider a complete restoration.”

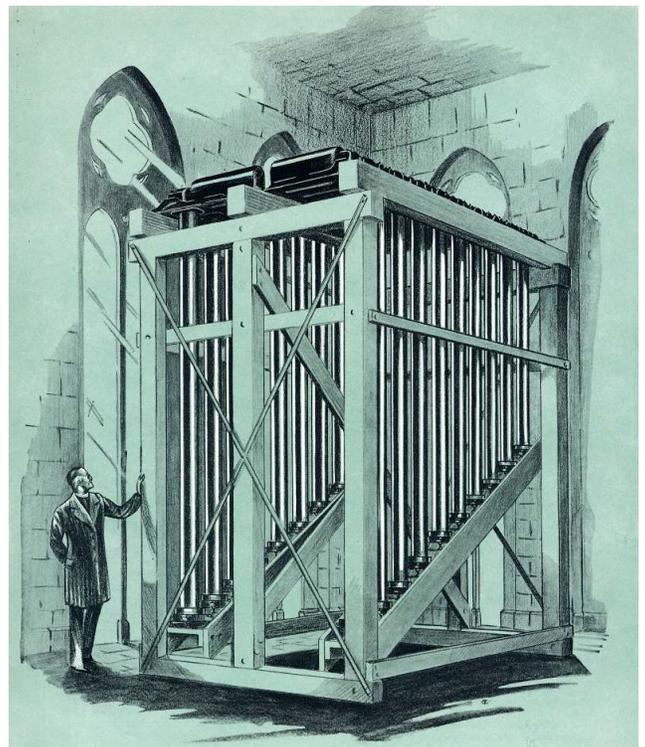
In consultation with Jane Willingham, and Cynthia, I am delighted to announce that this restoration project will be dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Francis Willingham. If you would like to contribute to this lasting legacy please contact Katherine Coleman at (478) 200-1067.

If you are interested in learning more about this magnificent instrument, and the full restoration project, please contact Jonathan Poe at (478) 200-1062.

Soli Deo gloria,

Jonathan Alan Poe, *Director of Music & Liturgy*

“I have heard sweet Chimes a-ringing,
Down the lanes of memory,
heard them calling, heard them singing,
In the days that used to be.
But the sweetest, purest, clearest
Bringing Angel faces nearest,
Making life divinest, dearest.
Are the Old Church Chimes to me.”
—from *The Memorial Sublime*



GODLY PLAY

We have been blessed to continue our Godly Play Sunday School class online thanks to the hard work of Helen Stewart. Helen has been faithful in our children's ministry for decades and records weekly Godly Play lessons for our children to enjoy from home via YouTube. Thanks Helen!



ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

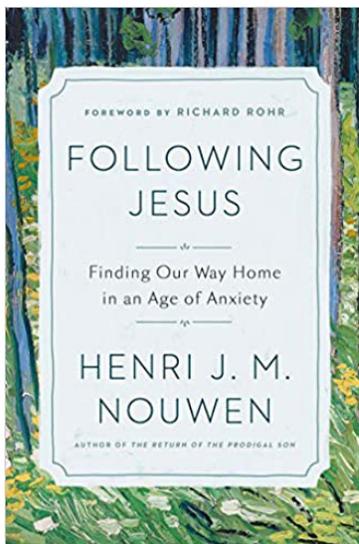
EASTER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Beginning Sunday, April 11 via Zoom.

Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety

Henri Nouwen, the bestselling author of *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, offers a compelling case for why Christianity is still relevant, beautiful, intelligent, and necessary in the modern world.

This class offers warm, insightful, practical habits to help navigate the narrow, sometimes arduous, but ultimately fulfilling road of conviction and faith.



EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



PASSPORT 2021

We are excited about the opportunity to attend Passport once again this summer for our mission trip. If you paid the deposit for the 2020 trip, which was cancelled, we will apply that deposit to this trip if desired. Contact Steve to learn more!

Here is the basic info along with important reservation details:

July 19-24
Furman University in Greenville, SC
TOTAL Cost per youth: \$350

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 4: Easter Day

- No Youth Activities

April 11:

- No Zoom Sunday School
- EYC Gathering for 8-9th Grade youth at the church from 5-6 pm.

April 18:

- Zoom Sunday School (time TBD)
- EYC Gathering for 6-7th Grade youth at the church from 5-6 pm.

April 25:

- Zoom Sunday School (time TBD)
- EYC Gathering for 10-12th Grade youth at the church from 5-6 pm.

Save the Date:

- Graduate & Youth Sunday is currently planned for May 16th

BIBLE STUDIES



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

All women are welcome! For more information and to request the Zoom link, contact Cynthia.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

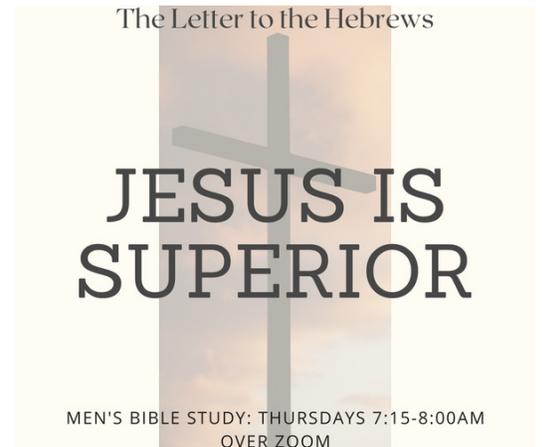
Jesus is Superior: The Letter to the Hebrews

Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. via Zoom.

(Will not be meeting on April 7th)

All men are welcome!

For more information contact Zac.



GARDEN PARTY



CHRIST CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

May 23, 2021

Save the Date! We are planning a Christ Church Garden Party to replace the previously planned Garden Tour. Lane & Tim Sheridan have graciously agreed to host. The party will be open to all adult members of Christ Church. It will be held outdoors to enable social distancing. More information will be made available soon.

CELEBRATE. ACKNOWLEDGE. REMEMBER.

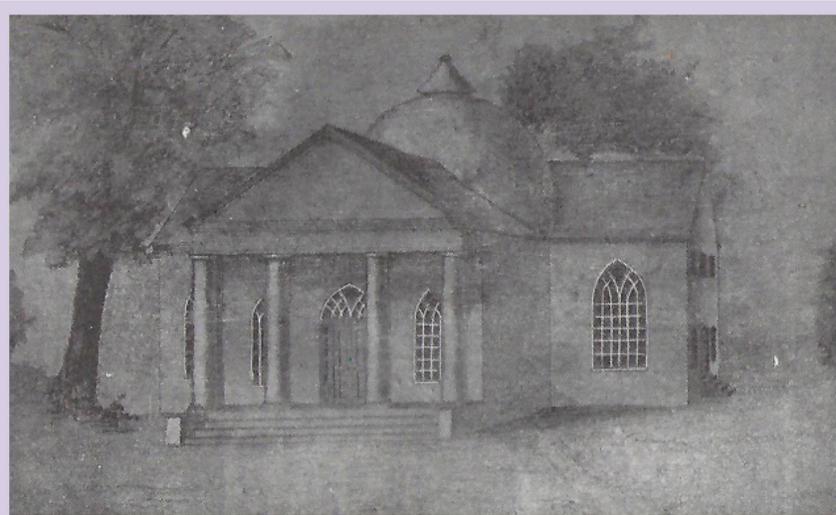
RECAPPING OUR LAST STUDY

Just over two years ago, a discussion was started at Christ Church's vestry retreat about how our congregation might start to engage with the work of racial reconciliation. Plans were put into place to start a discussion the result of which was a three week Sunday School class in the spring of 2020 about how Christians can respond to societal injustice. This was followed up in the fall of 2020 with a Wednesday night class that studied the book *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*. The most recent endeavor Celebrate, Acknowledge and Remember: Reconciling and Transcending the History of Christ Church was a momentous undertaking by Christ Church's own historian, Julie Groce. Assisted by Dr. Matt Harper, Julie took a Zoom class of 20+ parishioners through the history of Christ Church as examined through the lens of race. Julie put it best when she wrote,

Dr. King wrote we are "all caught up in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."



Julie Groce
Historian



**Christ Church's first building, erected in 1833
in the form of a Roman Cross and opened for worship in 1834.**



Matt Harper
Historian

As we intentionally explore our past we confronted both saints and sinners. We spent our Lenten season reconciling the dark and the light, transcending all of that history to rededicate ourselves to our Baptismal Covenant - to strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

While the class is now over, recordings of the talks, PDF copies of Julie's powerpoints, and other supplemental documents are available on our website at <https://www.christchurchmacon.com/formation/>



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