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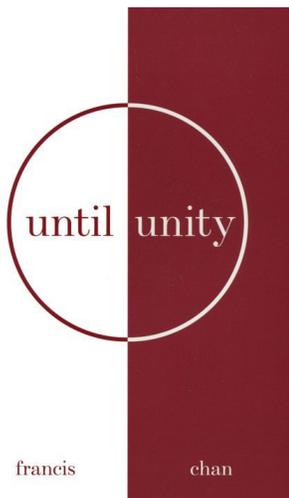
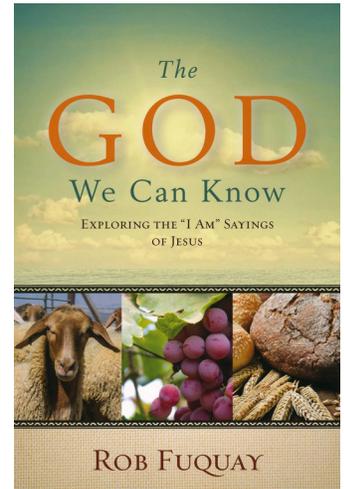
FALL CALENDAR

- **Monday, September 6th:** Labor Day | Church Office Closed
- **Wednesday, September 8th:** Training for Vergers, Lectors, and Chalice Bearers - *Registration required in advance*
- **Thursday, September 8th:** 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal (*weekly*)
- **Saturday, September 11th:** 8 a.m. | Men's Breakfast - *Registration encouraged in advance*
- **Sunday, September 12th:** Kick-Off Sunday! Services at 8, 9, & 11 a.m. resume | *See our weekly calendar in Sunday's service leaflet*
 - 8:00 a.m. | Spoken Holy Eucharist
 - 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (Family Service)
 - 10-10:50 a.m. | Christian Formation | *Adult Formation, Youth, Godly Play, & Nursery*
 - 11:00 a.m. | Choral Holy Eucharist
 - 12:15 p.m. | Parish Lunch provided for all by the Parish Life Group - *Registration required in advance*
 - EYC Sunday Evenings | Youth Suite
 - 4-5 p.m. | Middle School Youth
 - 5 - 5:30 p.m. | Supper for all Youth
 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Senior High Youth
- **Wednesday, September 15th:** *See our weekly calendar in Sunday's service leaflet*
 - Women's Bible Studies:
 - 9 a.m. | Early Morning Women's Study | Harrold House Davis Room
 - 10:45 a.m. | Wise Women's Study | Cloister Room
 - 12 Noon | Holy Eucharist & Healing
 - Wednesday Evening Schedule:
 - 5-6 p.m. | Meal & Fellowship | Great Hall - *Registration encouraged in advance*
 - 5:15 - 7:45 p.m. | Nursery
 - 6 p.m. | Education
 - Children's Programming (6-7 p.m. + 30 minutes for children with parents in Alpha)
 - Alpha | Parish House Parlor (6 - 7:30 p.m.)
 - Singing Our Faith: Hymns of our Anglican Heritage (6-7 p.m.) | Parish House Cloister Room
- **Tuesday, September 21st:** Haitian Hope Golf Tournament | Healy Point Country Club
- **Sunday, September 26th:** 5 p.m. | ECW Fall Gathering | Wendy Johnson's home
- **Thursday, September 30th:** 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Gift of Gab Bible Study | Molly Muse's home
- **Sunday, October 3rd:**
 - 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. | Pre-Evensong Organ Concert
 - 5 - 6:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong (*reception to follow*)
- **Thursday, October 14th:** 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Gift of Gab Bible Study | *Location to be announced*
- **Saturday, October 16th:** 8 a.m. | Men's Breakfast - *Registration encouraged in advance*
- **Sunday, October 17th:** Parish Picnic | Dr. & Mrs. Holliday's Farm
- **Wednesday, October 27th:** 4:30 p.m. | All Hallow's Eve Service
- **Thursday, October 28th:** 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Gift of Gab Bible Study | *Location to be announced*
- **Sunday, November 7th:** Stewardship Luncheon
- **Thursday, November 11th:** 5:30 - 7 p.m. | Gift of Gab Bible Study | Lizzie Clark's home
- **Saturday, November 13th:** 8 a.m. | Men's Breakfast - *Registration encouraged in advance*
- **Wednesday, November 17th:** Final Wednesday evening programming date for 2021
- **November 19th - 21st:** EYC: New Beginnings 43 | Camp Mikell - *Registration required in advance*
- **Thursday, November 25th:** Thanksgiving | Church Office Closed (*no Choir Rehearsal*)

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

ADULT FORMATION | 10 A.M. | CLOISTER ROOM

Our adult formation class will be studying two books this fall. The first book, [The God We Can Know: Exploring the “I AM” Statements of Jesus](#) by Rob Fuquay, will begin September 12th. *The God We Can Know* is a 7-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the “I Am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent or any time of year, this series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?” *A few books will be available from the Church office for \$9 each. Call the office to reserve a copy.*



On October 31st we will begin the book [Until Unity](#) by [Francis Chan](#). It seems that the church is becoming more and more divided. Why are we failing to love each other - and allowing jealousy and ambition to prevail? Challenging God’s people to come together as one body, Chan encourages us to hate sin, pursue peace, and strive for unity within the church - without compromising holiness or truth.

Both books are linked to purchase by clicking the images or book titles in this article.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY | SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10 A.M. | CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH | YOUTH SUITE

Beginning on Sunday, September 12th, a confirmation class will be offered for interested youth during the Sunday School hour (10-10:50 am). Steve Ayers will be leading the course, and all youth are invited even if they have already been confirmed. We will communicate Confirmation service dates and opportunities as they become available.

EYC SUNDAY EVENINGS | YOUTH SUITE

4-5 p.m. | Middle School Youth

5 - 5:30 p.m. | Supper for all Youth

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Senior High Youth

We welcome all youth to an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at Christ Church as we begin our official programming! We will follow a Schedule on Sundays separated by age group that will allow for us to meet in both small and large groups for devotion, worship, and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

STUDIES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

EARLY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

Meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Davis Room | Christ Church Harrold House

Everyone is welcome to join this diverse group of women of all ages who engage in fellowship and Bible study. Cynthia is leading the study of the Gospel of Mark. No homework is required. Please bring your Bible.

WISE WOMEN'S STUDY

Meets each Wednesday at 10:45 a.m.

Cloister Room | Christ Church Parish House



This group of older women meet to pray for one another and study the Bible. This group often attends the Noon Holy Eucharist immediately following in the Church. Cynthia is leading the study. Please bring your Bible.

For more information on any of these studies or to be added to the email lists for any of the Bible study groups, contact [Cynthia](#).

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5-6 P.M. | PARISH SUPPER & FELLOWSHIP *(Participation in a class is not required for supper or fellowship.)*

5:15 - 7:45 P.M. | NURSERY

6-7 P.M. (7:30 P.M.) | CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING *(Plus half an hour for children with parents in Alpha.)*

6-7 P.M. | HYMN CLASS

6-7:30 P.M. | ALPHA

We welcome all to an evening meal and time of fellowship every Wednesday evening for 10 weeks this fall beginning September 15th and wrapping up on November 17th. We will have meals provided by a variety of caterers as well as the Parish Life Group. More information on food and [registration](#) for each week will be provided in the weekly bulletin and online. In order to calculate quantities needed for each week, we request you register in advance via Realm, the bulletin insert, or by calling the Church office. There will be a basket in the Great Hall where you will be able to place a donation or you will also be able to give online in Realm to help cover the cost of the supper. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate any special dietary restrictions but we encourage you to bring along your own supper and join us during the meal and fellowship if you are not able to eat the meal provided.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES



SINGING OUR FAITH: HYMNS OF OUR ANGLICAN HERITAGE

In this ten-week study, we will explore some of the great hymns of our faith while paying particular attention to their use in the Holy Eucharist and Daily Offices. To better understand and appreciate these hymns, we will examine the text, the hymn writer, the music, and the composer while taking into account the circumstances, and intent, in which they were written. This study will be led by Jonathan Poe and will meet in the Cloister Room on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration in advance is encouraged. You can register [online](#) or by calling the church office.

ALPHA | “WE ARE BY THE CHURCH, FOR THE CHURCH AND THROUGH THE CHURCH”

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the basics of the Christian faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment.

Running over a total of 15 weeks (10 weeks this fall plus an additional 5 weeks to be scheduled in 2022), each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It’s just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life’s big questions together. We will walk through the basics of the Christian faith in a way that everyone can relate to.

Due to the nature of the class, you will need to begin the study withing the first few sessions. No homework or advanced preparation is required. Feel free to try the class but know that there is no obligation to complete the course if you feel it is not the right fit for you.

This study will be led by Rev. Cynthia Knapp and will meet in the Parlor on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Childcare will be provided until 7:30 for the children of parents in Alpha.

Registration in advance is encouraged. You can register [online](#) or by calling the church office.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 11th, 8:00 a.m. | One Saturday a month

The Men of Christ Church will gather on Saturday, September 11th for our first monthly Saturday Morning Breakfast. The Rev. Steve Ayers will give a short program. The purpose of this event is to bring us together in a strong community of Faith, Fellowship, and Family. *Registration is encouraged in advance.*

GIFT OF GAB BIBLE STUDY

Select Thursdays, 5:30-7p.m. | Select Thursdays

We are studying the Gospel of John. Geared towards working women who enjoy getting together and praying for one another, studying scripture, and enjoying a glass of wine. No homework required. A Bible will be needed.

ECW FALL GATHERING

September 26, 2021 | 5 p.m. | Wendy Johnson's Home | 116 Maimont Place

We're happy to be able to reconvene! Please come empty-handed and join us at 5:00 p.m. for conversation, nibbles, and drinks. We'll discuss ideas for a 2022 fund-raiser.

"There's a changing of the guard. Somebody has a beck of an opportunity to step forward."

D. Wayne Lukas

Please seriously consider volunteering to serve in an ECW leadership position beginning in January of 2022. The ECW president, secretary, and treasurer have served well past their 2018-2020 term commitments.

OUTREACH EVENTS

HAITIAN HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 21st | Healy Point Country Club

Join us for the 10th Annual Haitian Hope Golf Classic! Lunch is at 12 noon followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Proceeds go to support St. Marc's School located in Trouin, Haiti.

The school educates and serves lunch to 300 children. Haitian Hope is a Mission Partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

\$80 per player *(In advance)*

\$90 per player *(Day of play)*

\$320 per 4-man team *(In advance)*

\$175 Hole Sponsor

\$300 Elite Sponsor

To register or for more information contact Irene Marxen.



**Crisis Line
& SafeHouse**
of Central Georgia

Ninth Annual

**Phoenix Rising
5K & Fun Run**

Saturday, October 23, 2021



Festivities begin at 4pm
Race starts at 6pm

**Register to run, sponsor,
or volunteer by Sunday,
October 3rd**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MEALS FOR PASTORAL CARE

Would you like to be part of a ministry that provides meals for parishioners who are in some kind of crisis? We are creating teams to work together so that no one person is responsible for the entire meal. Each team will be on call for a month at a time- according to the schedule that works for you. If you would like to help please call or [email](mailto:kate@christchurch.org) Kate Grice.



CHURCH PHOTOS

Do you enjoy taking photos of your friends and family? Do you get asked to take the pictures at gatherings? If so, Christ Church needs your help! We have several events coming up and we would like to enlist your help in helping us document our church and its people. This would simply require you to take candid and grouped shots at events you're already attending and then sharing the photos with us so we could use them on our website, e-mails, and The Chimes newsletter. If you're interested in giving us a helping hand or have photos you'd like to submit, contact our Parish Administrator, [Katherine Coleman](mailto:katherine@christchurch.org).

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in service at Christ Church? Do you want a great reason to get out of the house and do something meaningful? We need you! Our office is staffed each week by a team of volunteers. Duties include answering the phone and basic help to assemble materials for our services. We are re-opening our church office and have several volunteer opportunities available. Most volunteers work a morning or afternoon shift of only 3 hours once or twice a month. If you're interested in giving us a helping hand or would like to learn more, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [Elizabeth Benjamin](mailto:elizabeth@christchurch.org).



EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

NEW BEGINNINGS 43 @ CAMP MIKELL

November 19th-21st

For Grades 6-8. More Info soon!

EYC LOCK IN AT THE CHURCH

Friday, December 18th, 8:00 p.m. - Saturday, December 19th, 8:00 a.m.

Food, games, fellowship, and more!

SKI TRIP 2022

Next Year

We are actively planning for a ski trip during the winter! While details are still being worked out, I wanted to simply share that we are a full go for this excellent experience! Be on the lookout for finalized details!

PHOTOS FROM OUR RECENT TRIP TO PASSPORT July 19th-24th, 2021 | Furman University, Greenville, SC



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

STEVE AYERS IS NOW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

"I am excited to begin working with Helen Stewart in the children's ministry beginning this fall! We will continue many of the wonderful Christ Church traditions of the past such as the Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg hunt, while also beginning some new ones for our children and families.

"On Wednesday nights beginning this Fall, we invite our children for an hour of fun games, fellowship, and exploration of some of our favorite stories in the Bible. It's a great opportunity for our children to build community within the church as well as grow in their faith as they discover new and exciting ways of interacting with those beloved Bible stories. It is also a great opportunity for me to get to know our children, so I am hopeful for a great turnout. I will be sharing more information directly with parents as we come closer to our beginning date of Wednesday, September 15th.

"Be on the lookout for exciting opportunities for our children as we move forward. I am looking forward to a great year!"

~ Rev. Steve Ayers

WEEKEND LUNCH

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD; I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK.”
MATTHEW 25:35

Weekend Lunch Ministry, established in the Mid 1990’s at Christ Episcopal Church, is a non-profit Food Ministry meeting the needs of Macon’s downtown area homeless thanks to volunteers, donors, sponsors and fundraisers.

The backbone of the ministry is made up of partnerships with other churches, organizations, synagogues and individuals. Teams of volunteers from St Peter Claver and St Joseph Catholic Churches, Christ Church, St Paul’s and St Francis Episcopal Churches, Beth Yeshua International Messianic Synagogue, High Street Unitarian Universalist Church, St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Martha Bowman United Methodist Church, 1st Baptist Church of Christ and Charla Baker’s Team, Bakers’ Delight are stepping up to serve meals to those less fortunate.



On Saturdays and Sundays each weekend, assigned teams prepare Hot Meals or Sack Lunches for the area homeless and hungry. Teams arrive between 9:00 & 10:00 am to begin preparing the meal, serve lunches from 11:30 to 12:15 and end the day cleaning up and getting the facility ready for the following weekend. The fulfillment goes beyond putting food in the mouths of the hungry. Many times it’s the love and care shown by helping hands that mean the most.

Two is always better than one so take action and do what’s right. See how you can help your community today and if you can, volunteer with Weekend Lunch. Make a difference in someone’s life and I guarantee you that the experience will uplift you.

Hal Brickle, Director of Weekend Lunch



New Teams and Volunteers are always needed. For more information about Weekend Lunch, check out our website at <https://www.christchurchmacon.com/weekendlunch/> or contact Hal Brickle at weekendlunch@christchurch-macon.com to learn how you can get more involved in our ministry.



OUTREACH | MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



HAITIAN HOPE, TROUIN, HAITI

Haitian Hope has been supporting St. Marc's Episcopal Church in Trouin, Haiti since 2004. Christ Church, St. Paul's and St. Francis are all involved with financial support and have sent parishioners to visit the students and teachers. Glad River Church, Macon, St. Peter-by-the Lake, Denver, NC, and Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, Jasper, GA are also involved in this ministry.

Mission: The purpose and mission of Haitian Hope is to enhance the educational program of St. Marc's School, Trouin through the Episcopal Partnership of Haiti and through relationships with other organizations that assist in aiding our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ.

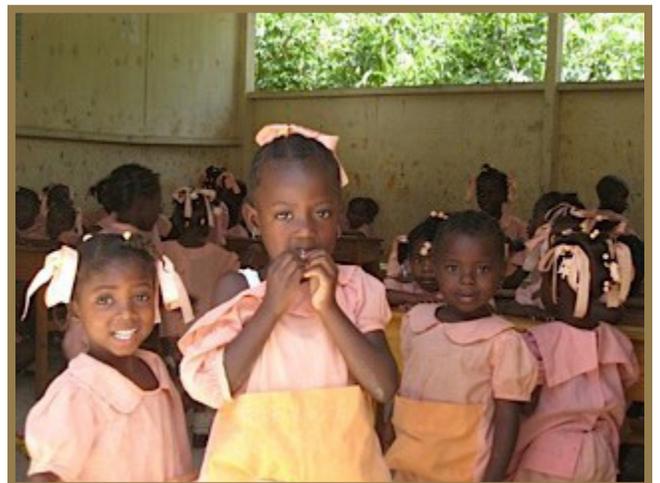
Goal: To help the children become more productive and self-sufficient citizens upon the realization of specified educational requirements established by the Haitians for the Haitians. We solicit donations and otherwise raise funds for mutually agreed upon projects and materials, including crisis aid, lunch programs, and the training and supporting of leaders, teachers, and students.

Objective: To help St. Marc School help themselves

Haitian Hope's budget is funded by individual donations, church donations, and two annual fundraisers, a golf classic and Boston butt sales. The budget provides for:

- Salary for Teachers & Administrators
- Lunch Program
- Required Uniforms
- School Supplies

To support Haitian Hope, you can mail a check to the church or drop it in the offering plate with "Haitian Hope" written in the memo line, or you can give [online](#) on our website and select the fund for "Ministry of the Month" from the drop-down menu. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry, contact [Irene Marxen](#).





GOOD NEWS! The Boston Butt Sale will be back in November! We hope you will support the children of Saint Marc School by buying a butt. We also need volunteers to help prepare and smoke these delicious butts.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Irene Marxsen (478-319-4220)





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