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

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About Christ Church

Christ Church is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Atlanta. We are a vibrant parish in the heart of downtown Macon, Georgia. Founded in 1825, Christ Church is the oldest church in Macon and in the Diocese of Atlanta. In this past year, we have observed the Bicentennial of our founding with a full schedule of events and commemorations. We thank everyone in our parish community who's hard work make this extraordinary year possible and all our neighbors from around the city, state, and diocese who joined us in our celebration. We welcome anyone interested in becoming part of our family to build the next two hundred years at Christ Church.

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The Rev. Cynthia Knapp
Rector

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Looking back and looking forward

This Bicentennial year has been a year of celebrating what God has done and is doing and will continue to do through the body of Christ at Christ Church. We have learned about our history, giving us a clearer sense of who we are and where we are headed. As we have looked back to celebrate the many ways the people of Christ Church have been engaged in ministry over the years, we are encouraged to carry out the work of Christ in the world, joyfully serving in His name.

Christ Church began with a faithful few who were committed to the Lord's call to plant a church. Over the years, despite the setbacks, the Lord provided the growth. Sometimes we are reluctant to start something new or step into an opportunity for ministry that the Lord is leading us to because we try to look too far down the road and are overwhelmed. All great things have small beginnings, whether it is the mighty oak tree or a great person. We are simply called to be faithful, to plant our "acorns" or mustard seeds or whatever way we see that small beginning, and trust God to provide the growth. "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will act." Psalm 37:5. Not only does God act but He acts in ways that are exceedingly beyond all that we can ask or imagine. (Eph. 3:20-22) It's not about the greatness of the people of God; it's about the greatness of God. We have only to be faithful and willing to be instruments of the Lord. Then, someday when the Lord reveals to us all that he has been able to do through our faithfulness, we will marvel at all that God has done. He takes a simple act, a kind word, a small work of ministry or act of generosity

and multiplies the impact exponentially. Jesus taught us this in the lesson of the loaves and the fishes.

So, if you are ever looking out over what seems to be an overwhelming situation and are tempted to despair or to give up, remember we serve a great God in whose



hands our little bit of faithfulness can do great, even unimaginable things through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and among us. Christ Church, the ministries that have been carried out here over the years, and the lives of so many faithful people, have demonstrated this over and over again. As wonderful as this Bicentennial Celebration has been, the Lord is just getting rolling in His work here. There is much that is yet to come!

-The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp



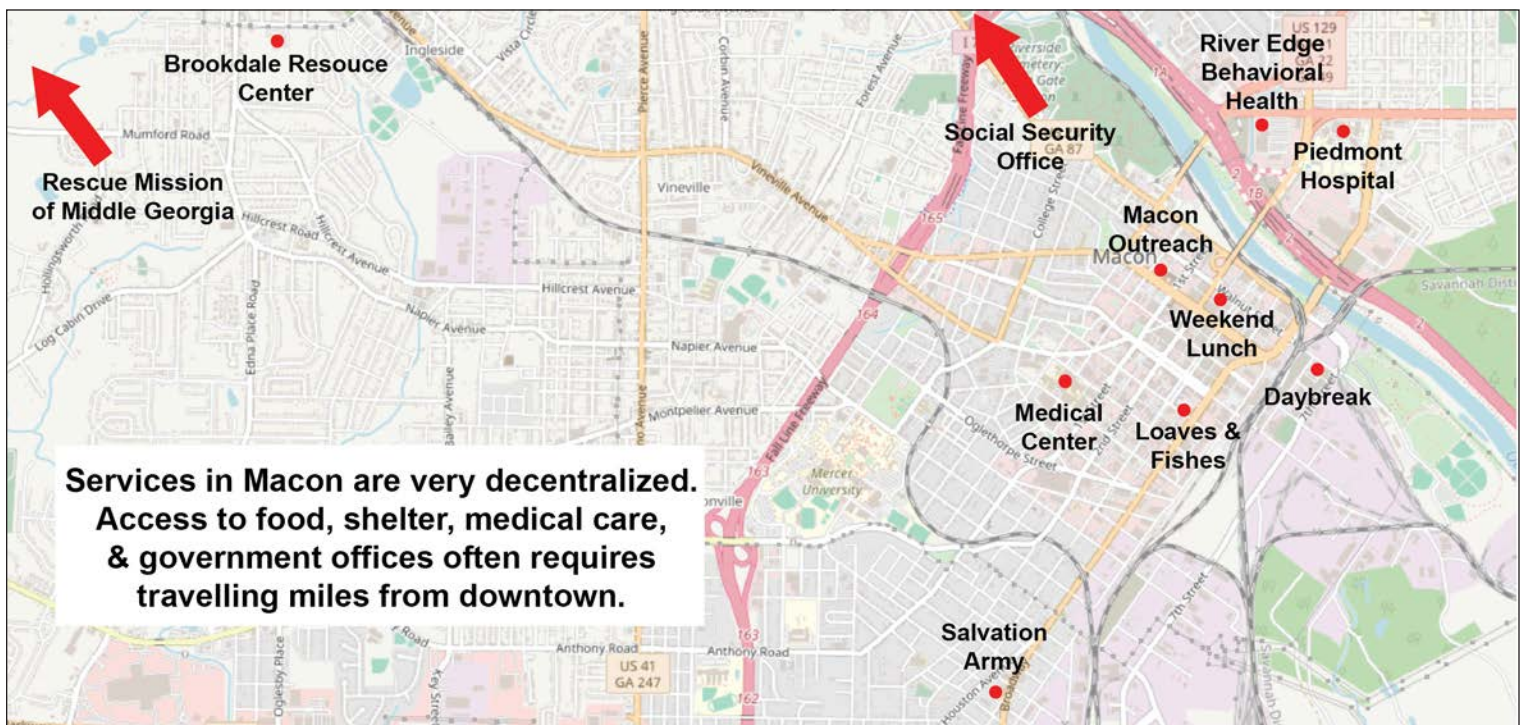
Office Volunteers: An Extension of Pastoral Ministry

Our office volunteers serve the vital role of responding to those who call or come to the church seeking assistance. At times, they are referred to the clergy, but often they simply need to know where to go in the community for the resources they need. Macon has a wealth of resources for meeting the needs of those in any kind of hardship, but the challenge is in connecting people to the right resources. At the desk, we have an updated list of those resources, and the office volunteers are able to reference that list to help people find the resource that fits their need. Lynn Waggoner will be training our office volunteers to carry out this ministry.



If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Lynn at volunteer@christchurchmacon.com. This will extend the role of office volunteer beyond those of receptionist and office assistant.

Bus Ticket Ministry: Meeting a Vital Need in Macon



We have identified a vital need for bus passes in Macon, especially among the homeless. While Loaves & Fishes and Daybreak will give bus passes to those with specific appointments (and the paperwork to prove it), people need bus passes to get to resources like food, shelter (the Brookdale Resource Center and other shelters are too far from downtown to walk), medical services, and other assistance, especially in the hottest months of the summer.

We have been using the discretionary fund to buy these passes, but the demand has quickly exceeded our resources. One bus pass is \$5 and covers four rides. Providing one hundred passes a month costs \$500, totaling \$6000 for a year. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please send a check to Christ Church with "bus passes" in the memo line.

We are keeping track of who is getting these passes, both to create a database of those we serve and to ensure that each person only receives one pass per week.

Thank you for your concern for the most vulnerable in our community!

OUR 200TH YEAR

Looking back at the year we celebrated Christ Church's Bicentennial

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This year, in addition to the normal rhythm of the seasons of the Church year, we celebrated a special milestone in the life of Christ Church, Macon. Amid the observance of Advent and Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter we marked the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of our parish on March 5, 1825.

As the oldest church in the City of Macon and the Mother Church of the Diocese of Atlanta, we could not let this occasion pass by unremarked. We brunched and picnicked. We enjoyed a cocktail party and a gala. We invited people from around the city and diocese to worship with us. We hosted a spectacular flower and art show during the Cherry Blossom

Festival. We learned about our two centuries of history in a series of monthly forums. We published three different books: a cookbook, a visitor's guidebook, and our beautiful coffee table book, *Sacred Reflections*, which is sure to be treasured by generations to come. We presented an expansive music program, hosting guest musicians from around the country. Above all, we honored the faithfulness of the generations that came before us, gave thanks to God for his many blessings, and laid a foundation for our next 200 years.

Please enjoy the following pages, which are a month-by-month pictorial review of everything that has happened at Christ Church since the program year began in August, 2024.

August

Sunday School Kickoff

Welcome Home Brunch

Macon History Forum

Christ Church History Forum





September

Young Families Supper Club

Pickleball

Rooted: An Evening of Song & Spirit

Parlor Renovation



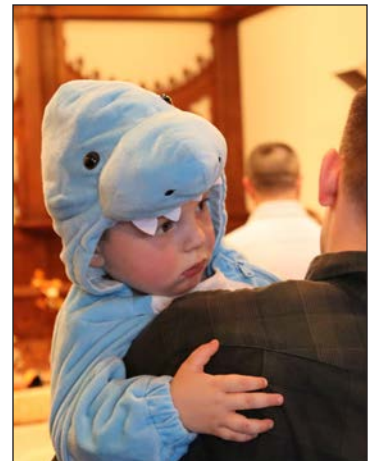
October

Blessing of the Animals

Parish Picnic

EYC @ Haunted Montrose

All Hallows' Eve





November

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Service Project
Stewardship Sunday

Christ the King



December

St. Nicholas

Cookies and Carols

Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve





JANUARY

Hotel Demolition

Snow Day

Cocktail Party

Lay Minister Commissioning

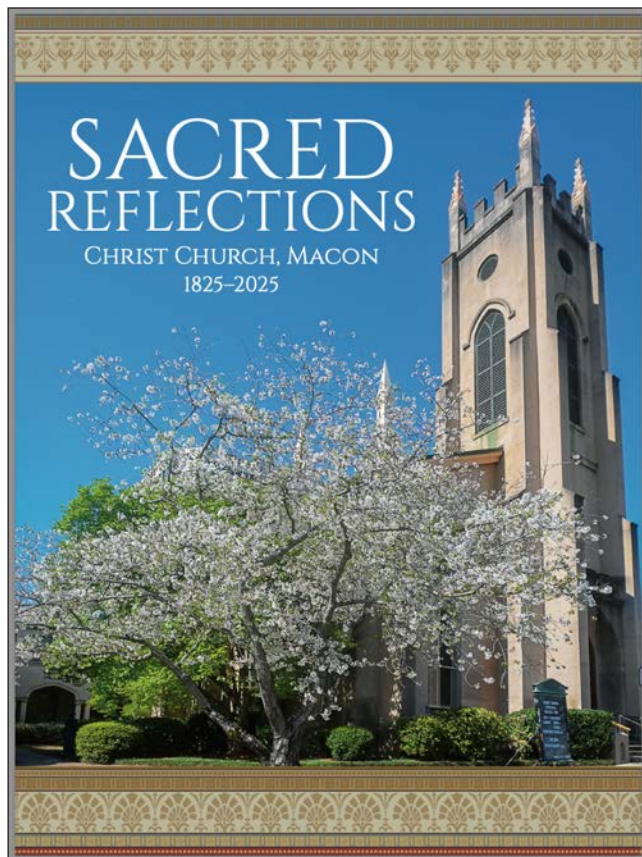
Annual Meeting



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March

*Shrove Tuesday: A Night on Walnut St.
Seder Supper
Sacred Reflections Art Show
Old City Flower Festival*





APRIL

Palm Sunday

Holy Week

Easter

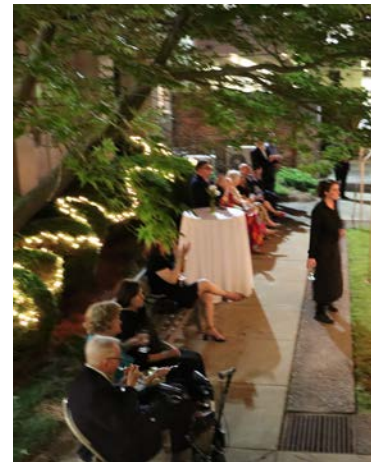
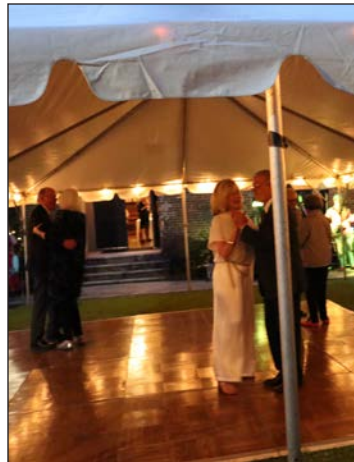
Youth Sunday



May

Bicentennial Gala

Jazz on Walnut Street



MUSIC MINISTRY

A Musical Tapestry for a Bicentennial Year

Christ Church's Bicentennial Year has been beautifully celebrated through the diverse and enriching offerings of Walnut Street Music (www.walnutstreetmusic.org). Throughout this special time, our worship and community life have been enhanced by a vibrant array of musical experiences.

The magnificent sounds of our Fisk organ have been a constant presence through the First Sundays on the Fisk series, offering monthly opportunities to appreciate its splendor within our liturgical life. The tradition of Anglican choral music has been upheld beautifully through our offering of Choral Evensongs, providing moments of serene reflection and connecting us to our rich heritage.

The anticipation of Christmas was heightened by our cherished Advent Lessons and Carols. A truly memorable event was February 27th, when the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, under Bishop Wright, joined with combined choirs and esteemed guests to celebrate Christ Church's founding as Macon's first church and the Mother Church of the Diocese. The joyful music, including the voices of the St. Cecilia Choir and Choristers of the Choir School of Macon (CSM), who gathered weekly for music and a meal, filled our nave with a profound sense of history and community.

We were also privileged to host the acclaimed Apollo5 ensemble from the UK, whose vocal artistry was a highlight of the year. Spring brought exceptional First Sundays on the Fisk, including performances by the amazing Nathan Laube and the remarkable duo of Jack Mitchener and Robert McDuffie. The powerful

music of Holy Week and Easter also resonated deeply within our nave. For a change of pace, Jazz on Walnut Street



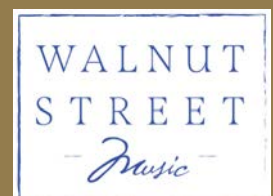
with the Matt Miller Quintet brought lively improvisation to The Great Hall, connecting us with the wider Macon community. Additionally, Rooted: An Evening of Song and Spirit, held in Jones Chapel, offered an alternative Episcopal worship experience, bringing together diverse musicians and community members in meaningful ways.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the dedicated Christ Church Choir, who faithfully rehearsed and shared their beautiful voices every Sunday for Holy Eucharist. Their commitment is invaluable to our worship.

Walnut Street Music's contributions throughout this Bicentennial Year have created lasting memories, enhanced our spiritual life, and celebrated the vibrant spirit of Christ Church. We eagerly look forward to the continued musical journey ahead.



Mr. Jonathan Alan Poe, M.Mus
Director of Music & Liturgy
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

From fun at special events like the All Hallow's Eve Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt to fellowship and spiritual growth during Sunday School, what a wonderful programming year we've had in Christ Church's Children's Ministry! In keeping with our theme of "God as our shepherd," we memorized Psalm 23 and put it to song (with some fun dance moves!) We looked for signs of God working as a shepherd throughout the year in Bible stories and in our lives and found ways to act as shepherds to others. It is my hope that this group of children always remembers God's love, provi-

sion, and guidance in their lives.

Our Sundae Sunday celebration was a bittersweet end to the year, celebrating the children's hard work committing scripture to memory this year but also saying "goodbye" to Sunday School until fall. Until then, we look forward to Vacation Bible School and wish our rising 6th graders the best as they transition to the youth program!

Thank you all for your support of our ministry and for loving on the youngest children of God!



Rachel Horkan
Director of Children's Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

What an incredible year we have had with our youth! Our 6th-12th graders have spent this school year building relationships with each other, diving into the Old Testament, meeting weekly for EYC and bi-weekly for Friday breakfast, fundraising and preparing for our high school pilgrimage, and supporting each other at extracurricular events. We continue to grow and are so excited to see what this next year brings us!

June 9th-17th, a group of six high schoolers and four adults will embark on a journey of a lifetime as we hop on a plane and head to England for our high school

pilgrimage! We will spend time in Canterbury, Salisbury, and London exploring our Anglican traditions, building meaningful relationships with each other, and growing in our personal faith. Going on a pilgrimage is such a life changing journey and we are so excited that we have this opportunity! Our youth will be writing daily blog posts, so be sure to follow along on the Christ Church website or Facebook page or the youth Instagram page as we share our travels!

Thank you for supporting our young people this year. We are so thankful for this fun year and can't wait to see what comes next in the 2025-2026 year!



Hope Westervelt
Director of Youth Ministry

WEEKEND LUNCH @



CHRIST CHURCH

Volunteering our time to support a cause we are passionate about is something we will never regret. It will enrich our life, familiarize us with our community, and connect us to people and ideas that will positively impact our perspective for the rest of our life. Helping our community is an opportunity for us to grow as people, to better understand how we fit into the world around us.



Why is it so important to find a cause we love and volunteer our time? Spending time enriching our community is a great way to broaden our perceptions of the world. By immersing ourselves in a community and surrounding ourselves with people who are dedicated to bettering the world, we can learn so much about how the world works. We gain a unique sense of purpose by serving those around us, one which often manifests in other areas of our lives.

Of course, it's also important for our community! Without volunteers, many of the services and events enjoyed in our communities would not be so readily available. Spending time helping out ministries provides an important service to less fortunate neighbors. Giving back to the place we call home helps to unite the community and bridge some of the social, economic and political gaps.

Donating our time to support those around us is extremely beneficial, both for us as individuals and our community as a whole. It is statistically proven that people

who volunteer regularly are healthier both physically and mentally. Individuals who have volunteered throughout their lifetime typically

live longer and have better psychological well-being. In addition to the health benefits, volunteering gives people a sense of purpose. The fulfilling feeling of giving back and contributing to society is unparalleled.

Giving back is also a great way to get to know our community and its citizens. When we volunteer, we have the opportunity to meet lots of new people. Working alongside individuals who also care about improving their surroundings allows us to broaden our network of friends. Additionally, it will help us to better understand the circumstances of other members of our community. Having a broad, open-minded perspective of the different walks of life around us will help us to be effective and empathetic citizens.

People skills are not the only skills one will gain through volunteering! Dedicating time to help others will help teach patience, kindness, and resilience. Not only do we improve our communication abilities by working alongside a diverse team of people, but we will also gain a plethora of other experiences that help us as we navigate our future. Volunteering may even help us discover a new passion or interest.

How can you get involved in your community?

There are so many important causes out there that always need volunteers to support the work they're doing. If you're passionate about helping the homeless, you can find many valuable ways to donate your time. Christ Episcopal Church has a great place to find such opportunities to give back to the place you call home~ Weekend Lunch... more than a meal! You can check out our website at WeekendLunch.org, or contact Hal Brickle for volunteer opportunities that fit your interests and abilities. Donating a few hours of time each month, you will be making a huge difference in the lives of others.



Weekend Lunch

Dr. Hal Brickle, *Executive Director*

director@weekendlunch.org (478) 200-1066

For the website, click: www.weekendlunch.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS June 2025

June 1 – June 7

Sunday, June 1st: The 7th Sunday of Easter

✙ 8a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 9:30a | Choir Rehearsal | Church
 ✙ 10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

Wednesday, June 4th

✙ 12p | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45p | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, June 5th

5:15p | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Saturday, June 7th

11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

June 8 – June 14

Sunday, June 8th: The Day of Pentecost

✙ 8a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 9:30a | Choir Rehearsal | Church
 ✙ 10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

Wednesday, June 11th

✙ 12p | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45p | Compline | Facebook

Saturday, June 14th

11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

June 15 – June 21

Sunday, June 15th: Trinity Sunday

✙ 8a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 ✙ 10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel
 Youth Depart on Pilgrimage

Tuesday, June 17th

5:15p | Vestry Meeting | Cloister Room

Wednesday, June 18th

✙ 12p | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45p | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, June 19th

✙ 10a | Holy Eucharist | Carlyle Place

Saturday, June 21st

11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

June 22 – June 28

Sunday, June 22nd: The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

✙ 8a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 ✙ 10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

Wednesday, June 25th

✙ 12p | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45p | Compline | Facebook

Saturday, June 28th

11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

June 29 – July 5

Sunday, June 29th: The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

✙ 8a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 ✙ 10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

Wednesday, July 2nd

✙ 12p | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45p | Compline | Facebook

Saturday, July 5th

11a | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel



PARISH NEWS

Meet Our New Parish Administrator: Nidia Svare

Say hello to Nidia Svare! As our beloved Parish Administrator, Lynn Waggoner, prepares for a well-deserved retirement, let's extend a warm welcome to Nidia, the newest member of our Christ Church staff, who will be taking over as Parish Administrator starting immediately.

Nidia and her husband, Aaron, have two children: Aidin, 11, and Avery, 8. The Svares are members of St. Paul's and have been involved with Christ Church for several years through the Choir School of Macon, our children's choir program on Wednesday evenings and through Weekend Lunch. Nidia is active in the PTA at Alexander II Magnet School and serves on the board of Loaves and Fishes. Nidia has lived all over the world, including in Germany and Saudi Arabia. Nidia and Aaron have lived in Macon for 12 years.

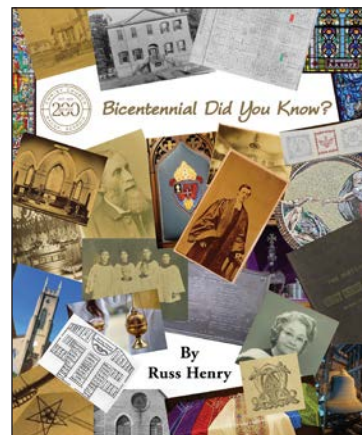
You can reach Nidia using the same contact information that Lynn previously used: email to office@christchurchmacon.com and telephone 478-200-1067. Be sure to stop by the Harrold House to welcome Nidia to our Christ Church community!



Read Every Bicentennial Did You Know? in a Single Volume

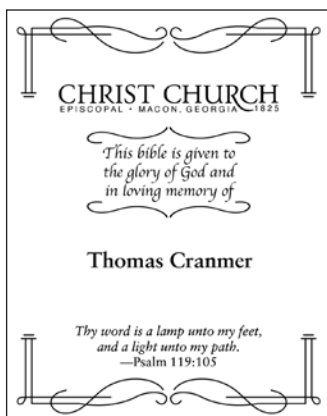
I'm sure you have all enjoyed the Bicentennial Did You Know? pages that have appeared in our bulletins for the past year. Every week since August, Russ Henry has explored one aspect or another of our parish's 200 years of history, revealing the stories, people, and places that have made Christ Church what it is today. Now, as we conclude our Bicentennial Program Year, we have collected every Bicentennial Did You Know? into a single volume. It contains all forty-three weekly articles from the past year plus two bonus articles that have never before appeared in print.

The compilation was published on Sunday, May 18, in honor of the publication of the final Did You Know? You can find them in the narthex, in the foyer of the parish house, or from the parish office during normal business hours.



Dedicate a Pew Bible

We have recently added Bibles to the racks behind each pew alongside the prayer books and hymnals. If you would like to dedicate one of these Bibles to the memory of a loved one with a memorial bookplate, please contact the church office in person, by phone, or by email with the names you would like listed. The cost is \$10 per Bible.



Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, June 8 is the Day of Pentecost, celebrating the fiftieth day after Easter, when the Apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is a day for celebrating God's guiding, empowering, sanctifying, life-giving Spirit which was given to the Church and remains with us today. Red is the color for Pentecost, representing the Holy Spirit's fiery appearance as described in Acts chapter 2. Be sure to add a splash of red next week to celebrate the Church's special day.



MINISTRY *of the* MONTH



About us:

Macon Volunteer Clinic provides free, high-quality medical, dental, and pharmaceutical care to low-income, uninsured adult residents of Middle Georgia. Staffed by dedicated volunteers, we offer compassionate healthcare to those who need it most—helping our community stay healthier, one patient at a time.

Our impact at a glance

2024

- 8,283 Patient Encounters
- 1,199 Medical Visits
- 316 Dental Services provided
- 512 Cancer Screenings
- \$802,229 in Prescription Assistance
- 153 Active Volunteers providing 4,936 Hours of service
- \$1,668,103 Estimated Value of Services

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