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

# The Chimes



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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 the Mother Church of the Diocese of Atlanta. Last year, we observed the Bicentennial of our founding in a yearlong celebration. We are grateful for all those from around Macon and Middle Georgia and the Diocese of Atlanta we joined us during our celebration. We are a loving place where all are welcome and we invite anyone interested in becoming part of our family to join us in building the next two hundred years at Christ Church.

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**The Rev. Cynthia Knapp**  
*Rector*

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE

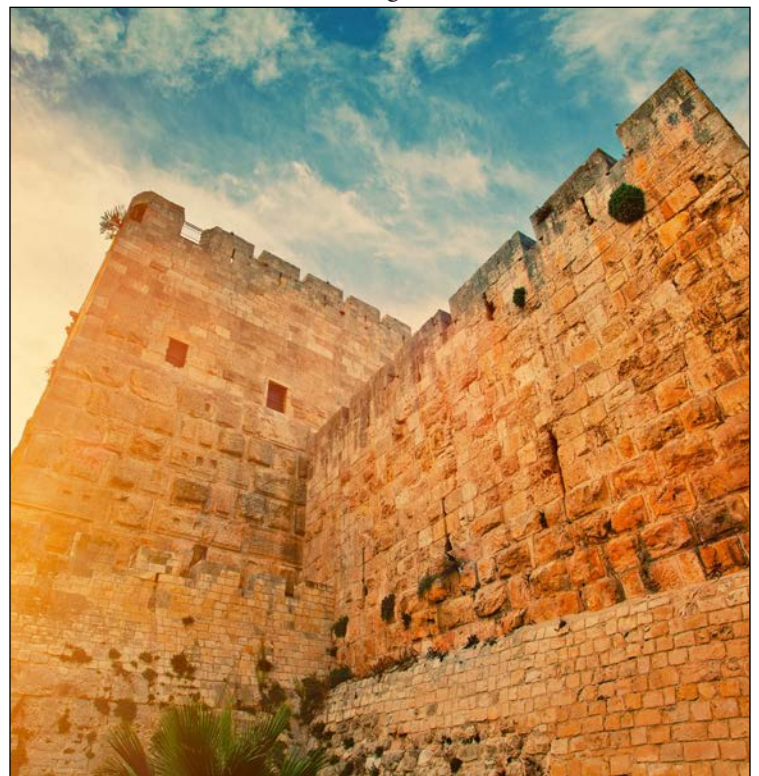
### *Growth and Recommitment*

**W**e are in a wonderful season of celebrations! As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we are also celebrating those who have made a commitment or recommitment of their faith in being confirmed or received while the bishop was with us on Sunday April 19th. We are celebrating those who are graduating among us on Youth Sunday, May 3rd, when our graduating seniors will receive a Study Bible as a gift from the parish. (All our high school students will be getting one in the fall thanks to a generous donor who made this possible.) We will miss our high school students heading off to college in the fall and our law school students going off to practice in other cities but we are grateful to have had them with

us for a season and will pray that the Lord blesses them in their new venture. We are celebrating new births in the parish and have a number of upcoming baptisms. We continue to grow as more newcomers join the parish. Sunday evening April 26th we had a wonderful welcoming party for our newest members in the beautiful gardens of Peter and Karen Holliday. About 22 of our newest members who have joined since the party last fall were present with at least as many parishioners in leadership there to welcome them—a good turnout for a busy time. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to the Lord for the abundance of God's blessing. I know you all will join me in helping those who are newly among us feel welcomed, as you have already been doing, and in wishing our graduates God speed! Just last night I was talking with someone about what a uniquely special group of people we have at Christ Church. Every one of you is a treasure and a blessing!

There is an account in the Old Testament of the people of Israel returning to rebuild Jerusalem after the long period of exile in Babylon. The entire city was nothing but rubble and the first task was the rebuilding of the walls for protection. It was an endeavor everyone pitched in to accomplish and it was accomplished in record time because everyone was involved. When the wall was completed around the entire city the people gathered to celebrate and to recommit themselves to the Lord. The celebration began with a reading of God's Word, reminding them of God's call to faithfulness, that caused the people to weep over their own sin. Then Nehemiah, who had witnessed God's blessing on His people and their faithful response in trusting the Lord as they built the wall out of the rubble, spoke to the people. He said to them, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Our times of celebration are times of recognizing what the Lord has done and is doing among us and within us and giving thanks for the goodness of God and the abundance of God's



blessing. They are times to be recommitting ourselves to living in faithfulness to the Lord, and of being ever mindful of the needs of others, joyfully sharing the good gifts we have been given with those in need. Our giving is a reflection of the overflow of the goodness of God and a trust that our future is in God's hands. It is into God's loving hands that we entrust those who are departing from us either to go on to new adventures in this life or to go to be with the Lord in the next. We also seek to be God's instrument of blessing as we receive those coming to be among us as a part of our parish family.

God be with you in your travels and endeavors over the summer! I look forward to worshiping with you on Sundays (and Wednesday noon) when you are in town.

Love and blessings,  
The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School, one of our biggest Children's Ministry events of the year is just one month away! June 1-4, 4:30-7, we'll transform our parish house into a rainforest and teach kiddos all about the nature of God! It takes a village to put on a successful VBS, and we invite you to be a part of our VBS village. Read on to see how you can support us.

Do you have kiddos in your life? We'd love for them to join us! Register at [ChristChurchMacon.com/VBS](http://ChristChurchMacon.com/VBS) or using the QR code below. Invite friends to join as well! We'd love to have a large group of kids both from Christ church and the wider community.

Would you like to help during

camp week? We have lots of fun volunteer opportunities for both youth and adults, including being a part of our fun youth skit, leading stations, shepherding groups, and preparing & serving food. VBS provides such a great opportunity to make meaningful connections across generations. Email me if you or your youth are interested in helping- [Rachel@ChristChurchMacon.com](mailto:Rachel@ChristChurchMacon.com)

Do you enjoy crafting? Adopt a prop! We will transform the parish house into a rainforest for the week, and you can help us make the decorations. Choose a prop bag from the parish house, complete it at home, and return it to church. You can also join our Prep Party after church on Sunday, May 31. We'll eat

lunch together and then team up to decorate the church.

Would you like to donate? We love donations- both monetary and physical. ;) Visit [ChristChurchMacon.com/VBS](http://ChristChurchMacon.com/VBS) to browse our wish list, and/or consider donating funds toward our food budget. When ordering from our wish list, please ship to the church: 582 Walnut Street, Macon, GA 31201. If donating funds, please indicate "VBS" in the memo.

Above all, please pray for a meaningful camp week and for those sweet hearts to grow in the knowledge and love of God. I can't wait for our kiddos to experience the magic of VBS this summer, thanks to all of y'all!



## Mark Your Calendars

### Last Day of Sunday School: Sundae Sunday Party

Sunday, May 17

In the Great Hall at 9:30 am  
Ice cream in the Great Hall!



### Pentecost

Sunday, May 24

In the Church at 10:30 am  
Wear something red!  
Red velvet cake after church!



### Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 1 –

Thursday, June 4

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Snack & dinner included

### How to Help

<p><b>Prep Party</b> Decorate after church on Sunday, May 31.</p> <p><b>Save &amp; Donate or Loan</b> -brown packing paper -cardboard egg cartons -large styrofoam -Christmas Tree Stands</p> <p><b>Pray</b> Pray for a fruitful week.</p>	<p><b>Browse Our Wish List</b> <a href="http://ChristChurchMacon.com/VBS">ChristChurchMacon.com/VBS</a></p> <p><b>Donate Funds</b> (Memo: VBS)</p> <p><b>Adopt-a-Prop</b> Create a prop at home; return by Sunday, May 17.</p> <p><b>Spread the Word</b> Invite friends to join us!</p>
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Rachel Horkan  
Director of Children's Ministry

# 2026 GRADUATING SENIORS



**Kate  
Burgess**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*Samford  
University*



**Mary  
Evans**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*Berry  
College*



**Addison  
Henry**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*University of  
Georgia*



**Ashby  
Hill**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*Georgia Institute of  
Technology*



**Clay  
Jones**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*University of  
Alabama*



**Anna Burns  
Myers**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*Southern Methodist  
University*

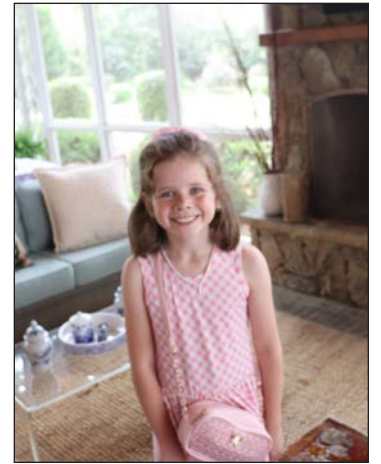


**Mills  
Sutton**

**Graduating:**  
*Stratford Academy*  
**Future Plans:**  
*Georgia College &  
State University*

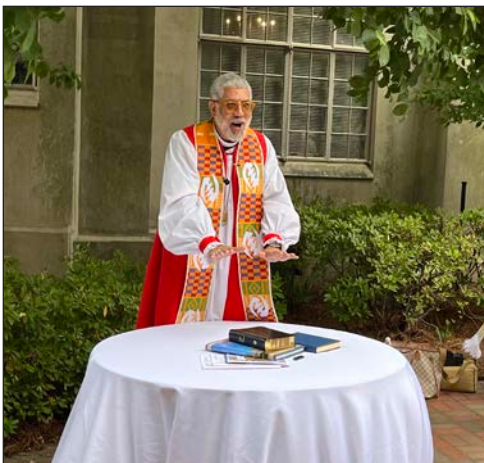
# Easter Egg Hunt





# PARISH HOUSE CENTENNIAL





## MUSIC MINISTRY

# Get Ready to Swing: Jazz on Walnut Street is Back!

Let the rhythm take over and mark your calendars—we are thrilled to announce that Jazz on Walnut Street returns for a night of pure, soulful improvisation featuring the incomparable Matthew Miller Quintet!

Straight from the vibrant Atlanta jazz scene, Matt Miller is bringing his signature saxophone sound to The Great Hall at Christ Church for an unforgettable evening. Joining him is a world-class lineup featuring trumpet, guitar, drums, and bass, perfectly dialed in to deliver that unmistakable, cool-cat energy. Whether you are a dedicated jazz aficionado or just looking for a sophisticated midweek escape, this

performance promises to hit all the right notes.



### The Details

**When:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 7:00 PM

**Where:** The Great Hall at Christ Church

**Admission:** Free!

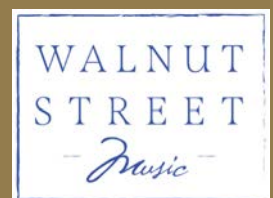
We invite you to join us for a night of incredible music from one of the best quintets in the business. While admission is free, we warmly welcome donations to support the ongoing mission of Walnut Street Music, ensuring we can keep these rhythms flowing for seasons to come.

### Register Now

Scan the QR code below to secure your spot. We can't wait to see you there for an evening of smooth lines, tight grooves, and great company.



Mr. Jonathan Alan Poe, M.Mus  
Director of Music & Liturgy  
<http://www.walnutstreetmusic.org>



## MUSIC MINISTRY

## Choral Residency at Lichfield Cathedral

*August 1–9, 2027*

As we look ahead to August 2027, the Christ Church music ministry is pleased to announce our upcoming Choral Residency at Lichfield Cathedral, United Kingdom. This pilgrimage will bring together our full choir, joined by 10-15 non-singing guests, to join us on our journey and experience the other exciting places we have planned. Sign-up to go with us today!

To ensure we can share the music of Christ Church within this historic English cathedral, we are launching a community-wide effort for ALL ages: The Lichfield 365.

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 to underwrite the comprehensive expenses of this residency, ensuring we can



carry our music to Lichfield with the support required for such a significant undertaking. We invite every member of our parish to participate by claiming one—or as many—of our 365 donation slots as you like, ranging from \$1 to \$365. Each gift, regardless of size, serves as a vital note in the harmony of this residency.

Beginning May 15, we invite you to stop by Christ Church Central to see our display in the Parish House. There, you will find "The Lichfield 365," where you can select your favorite numbers, mark your name in the ledger, and watch our progress as we prepare to carry



our music to the historic spires of Lichfield.

During our residency at Lichfield Cathedral we will also be visiting other places such as: Worcester Cathedral, Stratford Upon Avon and Anne Hathaway Cottage, and Kenilworth Castle and Gardens. Whether you are traveling with us as a pilgrim or supporting us from home, we invite you to be a part of this journey. We look forward to embarking on this residency with you.



# Confir- mation







# 2026 Confirmands



Will Buzzell

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
-Philippians 4:13



Lilly Hill

"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long"  
-Psalm 25:5



Knox Moore

"God is within her, she will not fall."  
-Psalm 46:5



Paige Smilie

"Cast all your anxieties on Him because he cares for you."  
-1 Peter 5:7



John Stembridge

"If God is all you have, you have all you need."  
-John 14:8



Caroline Stewart

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."  
-Psalm 145:18



Kate Greer



James Horkan

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."  
-Psalm 119:105



Herry Sanders

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus"  
-Romans 5:15



Chris Stembridge

"Be strong and courageous...the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."  
-Joshua 1:9



Mincey Stembridge

"we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."  
-Romans 5:3-4



Kathryn Sumrall

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."  
-1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Andrew Whitaker

"With Man, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible"  
-Matthew 19:26



Kristi Rock

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."  
-Jeremiah 29:11



Joanna Ezell

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"  
-Ephesians 5:1-2



Mary Allison Buzzell

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"  
-Psalm 118:24



Kristine Smilie



Wendy Williamson

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."  
-Ephesians 4:31-32



Sarah Adams

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."  
-Ecclesiastes 1:9



Dana Rock



Phil Ezell

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"  
-Philippians 1:3-6



Jonathan Wetherbee



Stephanie Strickland

"Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"  
-Matthew 6:27



Thom Williamson

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken"  
-Psalm 55:22



Samuel Adams

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."  
-Isaiah 1:18



Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# LUNCHEON FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AT THE ALTAR



# MAUNDY THURSDAY



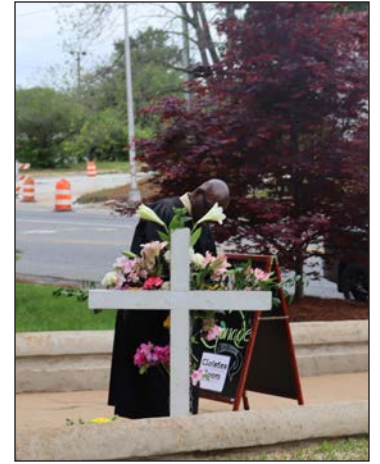
# GOOD FRIDAY



# Easter Vigil



# EASTER DAY



## WEEKEND LUNCH @



## CHRIST CHURCH

Imagine the transformative power of a warm meal shared in a welcoming environment. For individuals experiencing homelessness, it can mean more than just satisfying their physical hunger. It can provide hope, restore dignity, and remind them that they are not forgotten. At Weekend Lunch @ Christ Church, we understand the profound impact that feeding the homeless and less fortunate can have on their lives.



A meal holds a profound significance beyond its role in sustaining our physical bodies. It represents care, compassion, and nourishment for the soul. When we offer a warm, nutritious meal to someone who is homeless, we are not just addressing their immediate hunger; we are also acknowledging their humanity and showing them that they matter.

Imagine the impact of a simple act of kindness—a hot meal

shared with someone who has been surviving on the streets. It is an opportunity to make a connection, to break down the



barriers that separate us, and to bridge the gap between privilege and hardship. Sharing a meal demonstrates that we see the person behind the circumstances, that we value their presence in our community, and that we are willing to extend a helping hand.

In the face of homelessness, providing a meal becomes a catalyst for change. It becomes a tangible expression of love and solidarity that can restore a person's faith in humanity. It is a gesture that affirms their worth, reminding them that they are not defined by their circumstances and that brighter days are possible.

You have the power to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate and experiencing homelessness. Join Weekend Lunch in our mission to feed the homeless, restore dignity, and bring hope to our community. Whether through volunteering your time, making a donation, or spreading awareness, your support is invaluable. Together, we can create a more compassionate and inclusive society for everyone.

Feeding the homeless is not just about providing a meal; it is about transforming lives, restoring dignity, and fostering human connection. At Weekend Lunch, we believe that everyone deserves to be seen, cared for, and supported.

We invite you to reach out and get in touch with us at [WeekendLunch.org](http://WeekendLunch.org) or email [Director@WeekendLunch.org](mailto:Director@WeekendLunch.org) to learn more about our programs, volunteer opportunities, or how you can support our mission. Together, let's be the change we wish to see in the world.

HAL BRICKLE / JONATHAN POE  
EXECUTIVE Co-DIRECTORS  
WEEKEND LUNCH  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
582 WALNUT STREET  
MACON GA

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS May 2026

### April 26– May 2

#### *Sunday, April 26: The 4th Sunday of Easter*

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
9:30am | Children's Sunday School | Parish House  
9:30am | Youth Sunday School | Youth Suite  
9:30am | Community Foundation Forum | Great Hall  
9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church  
10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
After 10:30 Service | Cookies in the Cloister  
11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel  
5pm | High School EYC  
5pm | Newcomers Party | Hollidays' Home

#### *Wednesday, April 29*

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor  
10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room  
12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church  
5:30pm | Choir School of Macon | Parish House  
8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

#### *Thursday, April 30*

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room  
5:30pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

#### *Friday, May 1*

7am | EYC Breakfast | Chick-fil-A

#### *Saturday, May 2*

11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel  
5:30pm | Seasoned Saints | Whites' Home

### May 3– May 9

#### *Sunday, May 3: The 5th Sunday of Easter*

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
9:30am | Children's Sunday School | Parish House  
9:30am | EYC Brunch | Youth Suite  
9:30am | Adult Sunday School | Cloister Room  
9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church  
10:30am | Youth Sunday | Church  
After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn  
11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel  
4pm | EYC | Youth Suite  
5:30pm | Choral Evensong | Jones Chapel

#### *Wednesday, May 6*

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor  
10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room  
12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church  
5:30pm | CSM Showcase | Great Hall  
8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

#### *Thursday, May 7*

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room  
5:30pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

#### *Saturday, May 9*

11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

### May 10 – May 16

#### *Sunday, May 10: The 6th Sunday of Easter*

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
9:30am | Children's Sunday School | Parish House  
9:30am | Youth Sunday School | Youth Suite  
9:30am | Adult Sunday School | Cloister Room  
9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church  
10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn  
11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

#### *Wednesday, May 13*

9am | Women's Mini-Retreat | Knapps' Home  
12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church  
8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

#### *Thursday, May 14: Ascension Day*

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room  
5:30pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

#### *Friday, May 15*

7am | EYC Breakfast | Chick-fil-A

#### *Saturday, May 16*

11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

### May 17 – May 23

#### *Sunday, May 17: The 7th Sunday of Easter*

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
9:30am | Sundae Sunday Party | Great Hall

## WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS May 2026

9:30am | Youth Sunday School | Youth Suite  
 9:30am | Adult Sunday School | Cloister Room  
 9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church  
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn  
 11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

### *Monday, May 18*

5:30pm | Outreach Committee Meeting | Cloister Room  
 6pm | Appleton: "Spring into Reading" | St. Paul's

### *Tuesday, May 19*

5:15pm | Vestry Meeting | Cloister Room

### *Wednesday, May 20*

12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church  
 7pm | Jazz on Walnut Street | Great Hall  
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

### *Thursday, May 21*

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room  
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Carlyle Place  
 5:30pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

### *Saturday, May 23*

11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

## May 24 – May 30

### *Sunday, May 24: The Day of Pentecost*

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
 9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church  
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
 After 10:30 Service | Cookies in the Cloister  
 11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

### *Wednesday, May 27*

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

### *Friday, May 29*

7am | EYC Breakfast | Chick-fil-A

### *Saturday, May 30*

11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

## May 31 – June 6

### *Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday*

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church  
 After 10:30 Service | Cookies in the Cloister  
 11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

### *Monday, June 1*

4:30pm | Vacation Bible School | Parish House

### *Tuesday, June 2*

4:30pm | Vacation Bible School | Parish House

### *Wednesday, June 3*

12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church  
 4:30pm | Vacation Bible School | Parish House  
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

### *Thursday, June 4*

4:30pm | Vacation Bible School | Parish House

### *Saturday, June 6*

11am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel



## PARISH NEWS

### Women's Spring Mini-Retreat

Wednesday morning May 13th we are having a mini retreat for any of the women of the church who would like to join us at the home of Cynthia Knapp. We will begin at 9:00 for coffee/tea and breakfast. If you are able to bring something to share it is appreciated but certainly not required as we always have more than enough. The program will begin at 9:30 with selections from the life-giving waters of God's word in Isaiah. We will have some guided meditation on the Scripture, some time for independent quiet reflection, and some time for discussion. The program will wrap up by 11:30 at the latest leaving time for those wanting to attend the noon Eucharist at the church. Dress comfortably! If you will be able to join us please email [Cynthia@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:Cynthia@christchurchmacon.com) so we have an idea of numbers.



We had a wonderful Newcomers Party on April 26 hosted by the Hollidays in their beautiful garden. It was a joy to welcome 22 newcomers. We have been blessed with so many new families that we had to hold the party only six months after the last one. Take a moment to look around at all the new faces and introduce yourself!

### Haitian Hope Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for the 1st Haitian Hope Fish Fry on Saturday, June 13 from 3-5 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (753 College St.). You can eat on the premises or take home a plate. We will be offering delicious fried catfish or tilapia, coleslaw, potato salad, and a delicious dessert. The cost is \$20 per person with all proceeds supporting Haitian Hope's mission at St. Marc's in Trouin, Haiti.



David Cline was hard at work in April renovating the WiFi throughout the church campus. Additional access points throughout the church should dramatically improve connectivity. To connect to the new wireless network, connect to **Christ Episcopal - Guest**, use the password "**Welcome2026!**" and accept the terms of use. And be sure to thank David for all his work!

### Seasoned Saints Derby Party

The Seasoned Saints are having a Kentucky Derby watch party on Saturday, May 2 beginning at 5:30 pm at the home of Jeff and Nancy White. Mint juleps will be provided, please bring an appetizer to share. RSVP by emailing Karen Maurizi at [kcmaurizi@gmail.com](mailto:kcmaurizi@gmail.com).



This year, the Day of Pentecost will be Sunday, May 24. Wear something red to church that day and stay after the 10:30 am service for red velvet cake in the Cloister Garden to celebrate the birthday of the Church!

**Christ Church  
Weekend Lunch  
Service Dates  
May 30 & 31**

# MINISTRY *of the* MONTH

## Appleton Episcopal Ministries

### Improving Literacy in Macon:

#### Free to Read® Intensive

Beginning in November, Appleton launched the second year of our new program, Appleton Free to Read® Intensive. This program helps students with critical literacy deficits in Bibb County by directly addressing delays in language comprehension and word recognition. Twice a week at St. Francis Episcopal Church, these children receive a tailored lesson plan designed to work on specific literacy skills to help bolster their academic success. The program uses the Orton-Gillingham approach as a proven method to helping students of all reading levels achieve fluency and confidence in their reading. At the mid-point testing, all students have shown improvement in reading and spelling.



#### How can **YOU** help improve literacy in Macon?

- Time
  - Volunteer as a read aloud guest
- Talent
  - Share your background in education or children's programming by volunteering!
- Treasure
  - Financial Donations
  - Donate School Supplies
  - Buy a set of books



The 2026 program theme is **“Take Flight with Reading!”** Students will learn about all things that fly. Our program will examine how nature has inspired the creation of airplanes, rockets and space exploration. Our books also address self-esteem, respect for peers, managing emotions, and exploring cultures around the world.

### Appleton Invites You to Attend our Fundraiser on May 18th!



#### Free to Read® Summer

Located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, our free five-week program serves 36 rising second and third grade students in Bibb County. It prevents summer learning slide and enables students to maintain or even exceed their pre-program instructional reading levels. Our program also addresses food insecurity by offering breakfast and lunch for all students. Our full time therapist helps us to address student mental and emotional health.

Appleton Episcopal Ministries

Hosts:

*“Spring Into Reading!”*

A Fundraiser for Literacy In Macon, GA

**Monday, May 18th, 2026**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

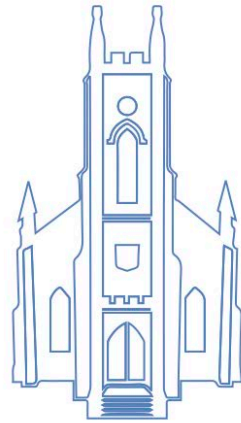
St. Pauls Episcopal Church Parish House  
753 College St. Macon, Ga 31201

Join us in Macon as we celebrate Appleton's Literacy Programming!  
The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music.  
Your support helps Appleton continue expanding our literacy programs that inspire a love of reading across our community.  
Come for the fun—stay to make a difference!

Tickets - \$50 Per Person

For reservations & tickets, use the QR code above or contact:  
[programdirector@appletonepiscopal.org](mailto:programdirector@appletonepiscopal.org)





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