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Parish Register

Baptisms:

The following were baptized on November 5th, 2017:

- * *Aaliya Noel, Eden David, and Elianna Marie, children of Micah and Abbie Sprunger*
- * *Finley James, son of Michael and Jamieson Troise, grandson of Bert and Sam Adams.*

New Members:

We welcomed the following new members this fall:

Liz Harden, Andrew Lazarro, and the Crowe Family: Joshua, Charlotte, Anice, Roeland and Llachlan.

Our Condolences:

- * *Warren Thrasher, on the death of his mother on September 11th, 2017*
- * *Greg Malley, on the death of his mother on September 29th, 2017*
- * *Nita Henderson, on the death of her sister on November 10th, 2017*

Congratulations to:

Kristen Michelle Peterson and Matthew Dearing Lufburrow on their marriage Saturday, November 18, 2017. The Rev. Marc Robertson officiated.

Year End Giving Notice

If you plan to make a year-end stock donation, please do so ***before Christmas*** so that your giving can be properly recorded for tax and pledge purposes. Contact Harry Moore at Wells Fargo Advisors (912-921-3406) for further instruction. Please remember that for IRS tax purposes, in order to receive credit for tax deductible contributions, all donations for 2017 must be postmarked or hand delivered to the church office no later than Sunday, December 31st. (There is a letter slot in the door if the office is closed.) Checks in envelopes postmarked after December 31st will be included as 2018 donations, even if the check is dated 2017. *Please write a separate check for any building fund donations.* You may also make year-end donations online. Just visit our website at ccasav.org and click on the "Donate Here" button on the home page. Please contact Joan in the church office with any questions (912-355-7730; jmalley@ccasav.org).

Deadline for our Lenten Newsletter is: Monday, January 22nd, 5 p.m.

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Parish Weekend



October 20-22, 2017

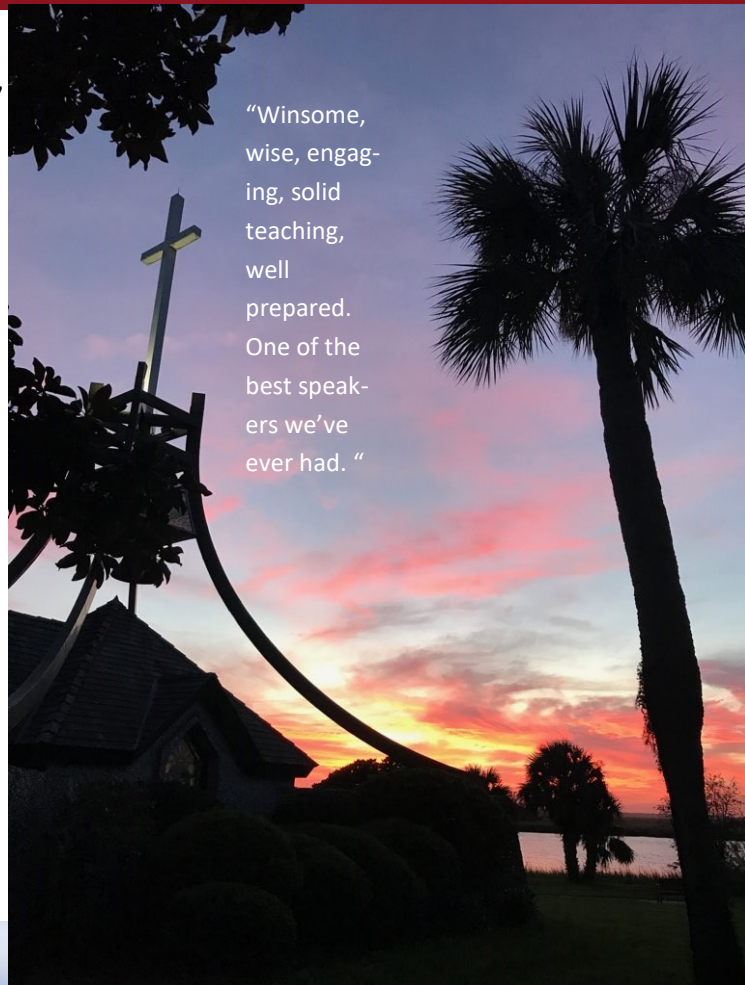
Singing and making s'mores around the campfire



Milena after completing the ropes course.



All ages enjoying square dancing



"Winsome, wise, engaging, solid teaching, well prepared. One of the best speakers we've ever had."

"Great time all around. Enjoyed getting to know people on a deeper level and loved the intergenerational aspects. Bring back square dancing!"



The Official Cornhole World Cup

From the Rector

A Vision for the Parish

For almost 15 years now, the “agenda” of our congregation has been established by external circumstances: first, our theological differences with The Episcopal Church, followed by the lawsuit against the congregation and its vestry; after that, our search for a place to worship, and then seeking to find a new permanent home. Once that was accomplished (and what a miraculous story that is!) we threw ourselves into refurbishing and settling into our new house of worship. Now the major repairs and reconstruction are concluded and for the first time in quite a while, seeking the Lord for His vision and direction for this parish takes on a new and exciting dimension.

In August, The Vestry (the elected leadership of this congregation) and the Parish Council (comprised mostly of the appointed leadership of various ministries in the parish) established a sub-group of Vestry and Council members charged to pray, dream and discuss such a vision. The group focused on three simple but important questions: “Where are we now?” “Where is God taking us?” And “How will we get there?” Through a series of intense, exciting and prayerful meetings, this group looked at a wide spectrum of issues and concerns, noting places of excitement and energy as well as elements lacking focus and forward movement. In September, the sub-group presented a vision document for the Vestry and Council to consider at a joint meeting. The Vestry and Council received the document favorably and took the following month to review it and pray over it more carefully, with about half of Vestry / Council members providing written feedback. In October, at another joint Vestry-Council meeting, with much discussion, the vision document was received as a “working document” which will be used to help fashion the Parish Budget for the coming year and help guide both the Vestry and Council in future decision-making.

It is called a “working document” because there are details to be thought through and a number of practical and logistical matters that will need attention. At its core, however, is an exciting picture of where we see God calling Christ Church Anglican for the next five years.

You will be hearing more about our Parish Vision in the months to come, and it will be more formally presented to the congregation at our Annual Parish Meeting early next year. In summary, our Vision focuses on four areas of our common life: Worship, Catechesis, Pastoral Care, and Mission. Allow me to say just a word or two about each.

Worship – This is the heart of our Anglican identity, indeed our identity as Christians. The single activity that connects this world with eternity is worship. It is the bridge between the “already” and the “not yet” of God’s kingdom, and it is the primary means by which God fashions His people. It is the vision for mission (see Isaiah 6) and gives proper perspective to engaging the world (see Psalm 73). We seek to maintain the preaching of the Gospel and the faithful administration of the Sacraments through our Anglican tradition as the heart of our worship.

Catechesis – As the family of God, we are most faithful to ourselves when we embrace the passing on of the “faith once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3). Handing down this Faith from generation to generation invites us to engage with focus and intention on intergenerational formation, where younger members of our congregation learn from and grow in relationship with other (older) members as they share in the Gospel together. Our vision looks to a “sustainable faith,” where younger members hold fast to the Gospel through their college and young-adult years, finding the Good News to be the foundation for their life over the long haul.

Pastoral Care – When asked what is the “Great Commandment,” Jesus tells us to love God and our neighbor (Matthew 22:37). Interestingly, Jesus was asked only for “the greatest commandment,” but He was compelled to include the second that is “like it.” Loving one another flows naturally from receiving the love of Christ in our hearts and is the hallmark of Christian community (John 13:35). The initiation of Stephen Ministry in our parish is a significant step toward embodying this Great Commandment vision, and holds forth great potential for strengthening our love for one another as well as the “stranger in our midst.”

From the Rector

A Vision for the Parish (*continued*)

Mission – In our many discussions, we recognized that though we are not a “neighborhood church” in that our membership is not primarily made up from those who live nearby, we desire very much to become a “church for the neighborhood.” We understand our calling to “seek the welfare of the city,” and in the city’s welfare we will discover our own (Jeremiah 29:7). Looking at SCAD students walking by our building every day, seeing new businesses crop up throughout Thomas Square, engaging in the Thomas Square neighborhood, and offering love and assistance to the economically disadvantaged in our part of the city is all part of that mission. But the mission is greater than Thomas Square, Savannah. As Anglicans, we are connected to our brothers and sisters in our Deanery, our Diocese, our Province (which expands the United States and Canada) and the Anglican Communion worldwide. Our God is the God of the nations (Psalm 22:28), and our mission must match His mission, both in Gospel truth and in scope. While we cannot be everywhere in the

world, we believe God will direct us to specific places and people in the world, especially as we come alongside our Anglican brothers and sisters around the globe in service and Gospel proclamation.

You will hear more about these four areas of our vision in the months to come. The “big picture” will be broken down into manageable parts, with specific tasks and time lines. The temptation is to keep the vision too abstract, too “undoable,” and so send it to the filing cabinet where it will lay dormant for months or even years. Our prayer is to put feet and hands to this vision, to see it applied in practical ways, from creating the Parish Budget to informing parish leaders in every day decisions to encouraging us all as the Body of Christ known as Christ Church Anglican.

- Fr. Marc



As part of our vision, we will continue to develop an active Stephen Ministry at CCA.

Shown here: Paul Webb, Jerry Reeves, Beccy Reeves and Fr. Marc, the leaders of this new ministry, after having spent a good part of the day interviewing potential ministers.

Introducing

Harry Moore



What do the Massie School, Jeremiah the Bullfrog and a 786-pound Marlin all have in common? All three of these things have intersected the life of Harry Grimshaw Moore, II. Harry is the guy who beats the drum with the Folk Group during Communion. He may not look like your idea of what

a drummer looks like today, but Harry's got the beat! And for full disclosure, he is also married to this writer.

Harry is a born and raised Savannahian. And when I say Savannahian, I mean hard core! He attended grade school at The Massie School, the first public school in Savannah which opened its doors in 1856. Harry isn't quite *that* old; he attended Massie in the 1950s. He went to middle school where the Board of Education currently resides on Bull Street and he attended Savannah High which is now the Savannah Arts Academy. He attended Armstrong Junior College, housed in the Armstrong House on the north end of Forsyth Park. Harry grew up on Huntingdon Street and his playground was Forsyth Park. His childhood home is now the Azalea Inn, and if he wanted to take a trip down memory lane and sleep one night in his old bedroom it would cost a mere \$189 - \$295!

When Harry finished his second year at Armstrong Junior College he headed to Atlanta to finish his degree at Georgia State University. There he met and married Carol, his wife of 36 years and the mother to our very own Mary Jane Dennison. They had a whirlwind romance and were engaged and married within a year of meeting each other, one week after their graduation. Carol had one requirement for marriage: that Harry join the Episcopal Church and attend every week with her. This was a no-brainer for Harry who was totally smitten. He had been raised Methodist at Wesley

Monumental and except for a lapse of a couple during college, Harry has attended church almost every Sunday of his life.

Carol gave birth to Jennifer and some two years later Mary Jane came and finished up the little family. During their young married life in Atlanta Carol and Harry were youth leaders at their church. Harry loves to tell the tale of how one Sunday the youth produced the entire service and they rocked the congregation with a lusty rendition of *Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog*. I'm not entirely sure if theologically speaking it was Calvin or Luther, but hey, it was the 70's!

Harry started his career in banking and Carol was an elementary school teacher. They moved to Savannah in 1977 when Harry left banking and became a Stock Broker. Carol continued to teach until her untimely death in 2003. They came to Christ Church in 1979 right at the beginning of the Renewal Movement. Jennifer and Mary Jane are "graduates" of the youth group, and of course Mary Jane is a devoted Sunday School Teacher and member of the WCCA board, wife to Brian and mother to Charlotte, David, Robert and Carol.

Harry has had a few remarkable experiences in his life, but probably the most noteworthy was the day he caught the largest Marlin caught in the entire world on that day. The day was July 4, 1997. Harry and Carol were on a Hawaiian cruise to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Harry signed up for a Marlin fishing excursion. When he arrived at the fishing boat, the Captain informed him that the Marlin World Cup was that day, and would he like to enter the contest for a cool \$1,000 with a grand prize of \$100,000. Harry declined and then proceeded to catch a marlin that weighed *786 pounds* – after an hour and twenty-minute struggle to bring it in. The fish that won the Cup was caught off the coast of Japan weighing 616 pounds! Now *that* is a fish tale!

If Harry were to share his testimony with you, he would tell you that the pivotal event in his life that brought the reality of the gospel home to him was the day his wife Carol was taken from him. She died in a car accident in which Harry himself only suffered a broken foot. The accident occurred in Florida while driving home from a Georgia-LSU football game. The night Carol died was the first time Harry truly understood the nature of God's role in his life – that God was in control

Introducing

and Harry wasn't. He also felt His presence when the world was falling apart and how he benefited from God's comfort and consolation (2 Cor. 1:3). Harry believes that he was visited by angels that night as he waited for his family to arrive. While Harry believed that Jesus was the Son of God and his Savior before Carol's death, after her death he better understood his personal experiential relationship with his Savior. It was truly that dreadful night that Harry gave up the control he never had had to Jesus.

Harry and I married ten years ago at Christ Church on a Sunday morning. He opened his heart not only to me but to my kids, Max and Alexia Lemaigre. We are now blessed to have a wonderful "blended" family with Christ at the center. We have six grandchildren ages 18-7. Along with the Dennison kids Harry's daughter Jennifer Meyer and husband Paul have "little" Harry (18) and "little" Mary Jane (16). We are lucky that all the kids and grandkids are here in Savannah, except for Max who currently resides in Atlanta.

Harry is somewhat of a workaholic. He spends most weekends at the office where he looks at his job as a broker and financial advisor as a ministry to his clients. Harry's time outside of work is mainly spent with family or working on the Board of the Boy Scouts, or at the Exchange Club, the civic club which produces the Coastal Empire Fair each year, or at the church beating the drum, singing in the choir or working on the Finance Committee. One of Harry's many



contributions to the life of Christ Church was his idea to have the Founders Day Oyster Roast, which he organized and supervised for many years. We are accustomed to purely fellowship events at

Christ Church today, but back in the '80s this was a new and revolutionary concept! So, thank you, Harry, for bringing us such a wonderful tradition that finds new life at our new home at the Whitefield gardens.

As his wife, I think the thing that sums Harry up the best is that Harry epitomizes the Boy Scout law. Harry earned his Eagle Scout at the age of 15 and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award a few years ago to honor the many years of service he has given to the Scouts. He is well versed in the law and as his wife I can attest that he lives this law out every day: he is "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." Bravo, Harry!

- Susan Moore

*Who will we get to know next issue?
This photo might give you a hint...*



Why Do We Do That?

Editor's Note: This column appears in each issue and is intended to help explain various Anglican traditions. If you have a question for this column, please submit it to the church office or email kbeaumont@ccasav.org.

What's the significance of an Advent Wreath?

Around the beginning of December, we notice new liturgical furnishings in our worship. One would assume an appropriate Christmas decoration by our lectern with evergreens and candles. No, this is not a Christmas decoration but what's considered an Advent wreath. Advent is a powerful season of the Church that emphasizes preparation, anticipation, expectancy, and actively waiting for the coming of Jesus.

The season of Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year, and we start our pilgrimage with the hope of who is to come. The Advent wreath is meant to communicate the coming of Christ, both at Christmas time but also His second advent. You will notice that the candles are placed on top of a rounded wreath with evergreens. One of the older forms of ending a prayer in the liturgy was the phrase, "world without end, Amen." The rounded wreath of evergreens signifies the world without end or the creational order of new creation. This world is not destined to be destroyed or annihilated, but the Scriptures point us towards a fully restored creation without end because God has made His home with us. The placement of 4 candles on the wreath with a 5th centered candle represents the light of Christ making the new creation a reality. His light is breaking into the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Each week a new candle is lit making it brighter and brighter, until the very coming of Christ into the world with the lighting of the centered candle on Christmas. This is obviously even more effective in the evenings, especially as the days get shorter and the nights get colder. The flickering candles bring light and warmth into our darkened, cold hearts.

One way of engaging Advent in your household is having your own Advent wreath with candles. During dinnertime, a different family member lights the candles) with Scripture read, prayers offered, and maybe talk about your hopes for the new creation. Where do we long for the light of Christ to break into? We hope that Advent can be a season to build an imagination of Christ breaking into the vastness of not only our own darkness, but also the created order which groans for restoration. May our prayer always, and even now be, come Lord Jesus, come!



Christmas Pageant

Advent is also the time that we prepare our celebration of our Lord's birth with The Christmas Pageant. We invite all children and youth to participate in this year's pageant, which will take place at the 10:30 a.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you would like your child to participate, please note these dates for preparation and practice. Other than dress rehearsal, these will all take place after the 10:30 a.m. service:



December 3rd: Going over script and assigning roles.

December 10th: Practice, Roles, and Assignments.

December 17th: Pizza Party, Practice, Costumes.

December 24th: Dress Rehearsal (9am)

If you have any questions or can volunteer to help, please contact Fr. Joe (912-355-7730; jgasbarre@ccasav.org) or Jane Saunders (912-484-3294; jane.randolph.saunders@gmail.com).

Tour of Homes

Tour of Homes Update

The 83rd Annual Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens is kicking into high gear, and we need your help! The Tour is CCA's largest fundraiser for both local and global missions. In 2017, the Tour raised over \$100,000 for its partners. Grants were distributed to several worthwhile local and global missions including The Whitefield Foundation, Hope Academy, Ansley's Rainbow of Hope and Heads Up Guidance Services. The global missions who received funds are listed in the global missions article. These organizations depend on the Tour and you.

The Tour is made possible through the generous support of hundreds of volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours to the Tour. Their efforts result not only in a wonderful experience for the thousands of visitors who come to Savannah, but also in bringing vital dollars to the on-going programs of the local and global outreach efforts of Christ Church Anglican and the preservation projects of Historic Savannah Foundation. Every volunteer should be proud of the fact that they contribute to the well-being and future of our beautiful city. As a "Thank You" to our volunteers, each of them receives a ticket to the walking tour of their choice.

If you're wondering how you can help, we have several ways that you can contribute. All our committees need volunteers. Do you enjoy arranging flowers? Volunteers on the Flower Committee work with individual homeowners to select the type and style of floral arrangements and arrange the flowers the day before the home is on the Tour. If flowers aren't your thing, but you enjoy meeting people and tell-

ing them about our wonderful city, please consider volunteering in headquarters or as a docent. Do you like to be outside? Volunteer to be a Street Guide! Street Guides are assigned to strategic locations on the Tour each day to assist visitors as they walk from site to site. It is very helpful if these volunteers have good knowledge of the downtown area, as questions for general directions, restaurant suggestions, etc. are common. Maps are provided to each volunteer. Do you like Special Events? Volunteers are needed to work at one or more of the special events during the Tour,

primarily to check tickets at the various events, and to stay through the event to meet any needs and answer questions as they arise.

If you don't have time to volunteer, consider becoming a sponsor or a Friend of the Tour. These monetary donations help offset the costs of the Tour allowing for even more money to be distributed. And as always, please keep the Tour in your prayers. Prayers for our procurement process, our volunteers, our homeowners and our visitors are always appreciated!

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Tour, look for our Chairs, Maryann Cela and Susan White, or director, Mollie White. Or you call the office at

912.234.8054 or email director@savannatourofhomes.org.

- Mollie White



Women of CCA

WCCA Hosts Special Speaker

The WCCA activities this fall have been centered around our Renew events and our Tour of Homes (see Mollie White's update article.) We hosted a special speaker, Laura Werezak, at our November Renew meeting. Laura recently published a book, *Attend: Forty Soul Stretches Toward God*. In this little gem of a book, Laura challenges her readers to see the divine in the ordinary, and after all, most of our lives are made of ordinary and mundane activities that shape our days. In her book, Laura invites us to see the blessings the Lord offers us in the little things, such as setting the table, and that such activities can propel us to a position of worship while performing the ordinary.



In Laura's talk she highlighted some people who have influenced her Christian journey. Those who attended Renew that morning were whisked away to her professor's home on a Pacific northwest farm, where Laura and her fellow classmates were welcomed to warm, convivial meals and the students were blessed by the hospitality of their teacher. We were encouraged by her memories of her grandparents who spent intentional time, making each of their twenty grandchildren feel their special love and attention. Finally, Laura shared with us the writings of the medieval saint, Julian of Norwich (1343-1413). Julian was a nun living in the town of Norwich. Julian is unique for a couple of reasons: firstly, she is one of the few medieval female writers whose writings survived to the present day. Secondly, her passion to live as Christ and to literally share in his sufferings, and to find her joy in those sufferings is surely not common in today's world. Through Julian of Norwich, Laura has been encouraged to seek a deeper and a joyful connection to

our Lord, and in her talk, she encouraged us to do the same.

Renew also began offering at this November meeting and at all further meetings healing prayer ministry. We are fortunate to have among us women trained in healing prayer ministry who in turn are training more women so that we can offer this ministry at each Renew meeting. Christ has given us salvation not so that we just get by, but that we live life abundantly! Jesus wants us to be healthy and strong spiritually so that we can do the works that he has set before us to work into. Satan, of course, wants to ruin that plan, and so our lives can be filled with not only physical ailments but also spiritual disease from broken relationships, sin and whatever other cocktails he can muster up to mess us up. Prayer ministry is a powerful antidote to Satan's sinister plans for us, and we are humbled and expectant at the healing power the Lord will manifest through this prayer ministry to the women of the church.



We are also planning for future Renew events. See our invitation to the special Advent Renew below. And we are also beginning to work on the Renew retreat weekend on Feb 16-17. Mark your calendars! If you would like to see the WCCA offer some other activities please don't hesitate to talk to one of the board members: Susan Moore (President), Cindy James (VP) Claudia Thomas (Treasurer) and Mary Jane Dennison (Secretary).

- Susan Moore

Women of CCA

What is the WCCA Annual Retreat?

How does a weekend at a water-front property with an inspirational speaker, fantastic food, great women, optional yoga sessions and long walks on nature trails sound to you? If you could use a mid-winter tune-up, please come and join the Women of the Church at the Renew Weekend, February 16-17. Our very own Irish Bible teacher, Maureen Ross Jones, will be back with her prayer warrior friends to speak with us about going deeper with the Lord. What does that mean? Come and find out! Maureen is such a wonderful teacher, who can forget about Lodibar? We will hear from Honor Davis who has lived with blindness and failed surgeries that have not provided the vision she was praying for. She will share her story of what the Lord is teaching her through these trials. Come and learn, connect and re-connect with the Lord and your sisters here. Invite a friend, a mom, a grandmother, any woman who could benefit from a wee retreat and go deeper with the Lord.

- Susan Moore

Advent Renew

December 3, 7 pm

at the Whitefield Center

Come and join us for a special Advent Renew at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, December 3rd at the Whitefield Center. It will be a Christmas themed Renew event with some holiday nibbles to begin our time together, followed by a program designed to give women a chance to catch their breaths during this busy holiday season. We will end our time at 8:45 p.m. and walk over to the church to enjoy Compline. Bring a friend, a mom, a daughter, a grandmother – any lady you know who would enjoy a chance to pierce through the noise of holiday business and drink of the peace that is promised by our Lord Jesus.

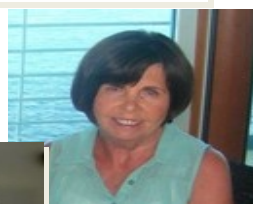
SAVE THE DATE!

WCCA ANNUAL RETREAT

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2018 at WESLEY GARDENS

Led by our favorite Irish Bible Teacher, also accompanied by our other Irish friends, Alison Oliver, Diane Keown, and Honor Davis

Maureen Ross Jones



Some of the women at the 2016 Retreat

Advent

Advent Eucharist in Chapel: Wednesdays at noon during Advent

Advent is a season where we are watchful for the return of Jesus. It is often considered a semi-penitential season. In other words, there are occasions for both expectant joy and repentant hearts. We do not know when the Lord shall return so we rejoice because He is coming soon, and we repent of our sins to prepare for His appearing. During this season, we will open the chapel for Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. This will be a simple and short service of Holy Communion, no longer than 40 minutes. The first Wednesday will begin December 6th. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Joe.



Help us Prepare Christmas!

To enhance the beauty of our church during Christmas, we will place poinsettias around the altar again this year. If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the order form found in your Sunday Bulletin



ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROL

On Sunday, December 17th the Music Ministry of Christ Church Anglican will present The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols with orchestra at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This historic Anglican service intersperses scripture, carols, and anthems leading us to the coming of the Christ Child. This is a beautiful and meaningful service and a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to our worship.

- Mark Williams

The Catechist's Corner

Upcoming Intergenerational Events

St. Nicholas Carol Sing/Dinner

December 6th at 5:45 pm

One of the best forms of catechesis, especially for children and youth, is hymnody. When I lived in western Pennsylvania, I loved walking to my favorite coffee house that was conveniently close to my house. Walking along, college students passed by me and I heard one of them singing the Magnificat (song of Mary)! As I ordered my macchiato, another person was at the counter humming a tune of the Song of Simeon. I was surrounded by canticles! As we approach the Advent season, wouldn't it be rich to hear the humming or under the breath singing of hymns/carols on your way to Foxy Loxy? At Christ Church Anglican, it is our hope to pass on sustainable faith to our children through carols that



are very much forgotten in our culture. This is not another culture war cry, but an opportunity to engage a new culture of singing that takes us back to the old, old story of tidings, comfort, and joy. What better day to sing and celebrate the faith than on the feast of St. Nicholas. On Dec. 6th at 5:45pm we will have an intergenerational dinner with singing, activities, food, and teaching. The main dish will be provided, and we would ask you to please bring a side dish to share. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Joe. We hope to see you there!

The Feast of the Epiphany:

January 6 at noon at Wesley Gardens on Burnside Island

One of the major feasts of the Christian calendar is the feast of the Epiphany. The feast recognizes the visitation of the Magi to Jesus and the Holy Family. This signified how the coming of the Christ drew all men, including Gentiles, to Himself. A great light has shone into the world, drawing all peoples who walked in darkness. In celebration of this great feast, we are inviting the men and families to bring a dish to Wesley Gardens at the conclusion of Renew on January 6th. Sounds like people bringing gifts from afar.... The Epiphany! We will gather at the picnic area on the grounds at 12pm. After lunch, we will continue the Feast of the Epiphany with Holy Communion together. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Joe. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh will always be accepted too (just make sure it comes with a dish of food!).

Epiphany Progressive Dinner

January 19th, 6—9 p.m.

Now that the light has come into the world at Christmastime, the season after the Epiphany is the light going out into the world. One of the ways we are going out into the world is through a progressive dinner where we visit each other in our homes. We will eat together, pray together, and fellowship with one another in the spirit of hospitality. Depending on the number of participants, there will be three host homes per group; Appetizer, Supper, and Dessert. This dinner is meant to be very casual, and about moving from one home to the next. If you would like to be a host, please know we do not wish for sit down meals but casual food and drink standing and talking with one another. Mark your calendars for this delightful dinner on January 19th from 6pm-9pm. As the date approaches, look for Fr. Joe to sign up to be a host and participant.

Celebrations

**Congratulations to John and Margot Novikoff on
their 65th Wedding Anniversary!
Sunday, November 12, 2017**



A Note from John:

Margot and I want to express our deepest appreciation to the Body of Christ at Christ Church Anglican who joined us in celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary.

Indeed, Fr Marc's prayer was very moving and very uplifting and a very special blessing to the two of us. I am so happy that those in the worship service could celebrate that day with us.

Needless to say, we both were flabbergasted by the enormous but delicious cake served during the hospitality hour. It was a very special hour honoring our 65 years together.

I am still at a loss for words but I better write them out while I can!



Facilities

The Christ Church Building Fund

Heading into the final year of our initial Building Fund Campaign, we wish to thank all of you who have paid your pledges in full or continue to make payments towards them. The campaign runs through 2018, and we are hopeful and prayerful that our pledged income will be fulfilled. If you need to know the balance on your building fund pledge, please contact Joan in the church office (912-355-7730; jmalley@ccasav.org).

This year the Building Fund has enabled us to finish up some of the renovations that were originally delayed. We have installed new exterior building lighting for both aesthetic and security purposes, installed a floor in the kitchen walk-in cooler (thereby preventing the condensate from damaging the nursery ceiling), installed beautiful new doors in the 37th Street narthex, and renovated the office area to provide a better space for our new Parish Life Administrator. An extra donation to the Building Fund allowed us to make some modifications to our HVAC system to help with cooling the nave and putting less strain on the system. Special donations also made it possible to install an engraved name plate over the Bull Street entrance.

Perhaps more importantly, the Vestry, upon recommendation from the Finance Committee, approved making additional principal payments totaling \$200,000 against our \$500,000 renovation loan with BB&T. This will result in a fairly dramatic savings in interest payments on this 10 year loan. The balance on that loan is now under \$150,000. The Building Fund also allows us to make monthly payments to the Christian Revival Center for the purchase of the building and will continue to do so until that loan is satisfied in 2025.

Building Fund pledges represent a real sacrifice and commitment to the church as these donations are offered above and beyond everyone's annual stewardship pledge. Thank you, again, for your faithful giving.

- Joan Malley



Facilities Update — August to Present

Late summer here at Christ Church Anglican was busy, and very productive. A number of facilities modifications were made to better serve the staff and parishioners of CCA. While not everything new relating to facilities is terribly exciting, I believe it is important to communicate why and where changes have been made to the physical church plant.

The Christ Church front office was totally reconfigured to make way for our new Parish Life Administrator Katie Beaumont (Yay!), and to better facilitate the functionality of the front office space. All of the church archives were relocated and securely stored in new steel cabinetry in the Wesley Wing. The old archives room became my office, and after strategically relocating the copier and other work supplies Katie got her own office as well. The office really came together when two repurposed church windows were added which allow much needed natural light to reach everyone in the front office, as well as present a much more welcoming feel for visitors and newcomers.

In addition to office improvements, the Nave HVAC system received some serious fine tuning and enhancements to allow it to perform more efficiently. Adding additional return air, sealing attic space vents and balancing the system proved to greatly improve the system's ability to cool the Nave. On Sundays this summer, the Nave HVAC system was able to keep us about three degrees cooler than last summer due to these changes.

- Bryan Kerr

Missions

Outreach Ministries in the Season of Advent

Jesus came to save The Lost, The Last, and The Least...

Loving Locally: “Blessings to Go” Bags

We have had an increasing number of individuals come to our church asking for food on Sundays and during office hours midweek. The Parish Council feels strongly that we should make every effort to be able to provide at even the simplest level for anyone who comes to our doors with this request. This Advent you are invited to collect specific items that will be assembled into “Blessings to Go” Bags. These bags will be available on site at any time for those who come to us in need. We are asking CCA families to gather specific items during the season of Advent to help us launch this ministry. Please bring in the following items:

- Small Bottles of Water
- Pre-Packaged Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers
- Fruit or Applesauce Cups
- Dried Fruit
- Soft Breakfast Bars

Items can be delivered at the food of the Jesse Tree in Hebron Hall throughout the season of Advent. Questions? Contact Diane Saturday (912-667-5454 or dianesaturday@comcast.net).

To hear a bit more about these CCA mission opportunities, join us at our First Sunday Breakfast on December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent at 9 a.m. in Hebron Hall.

Loving Globally: Advent Conspiracy



As with last year, CCA will be participating in the *Advent Conspiracy* program to support the work of *Love for the Least* (Jerry & Stacy Kramer) with thousands of refugees in Kurdistan. For \$50 we can feed an entire refugee family for a month, provide blankets and small gifts for the children along with a radio containing a Bible chip in Arabic and Kurdish. Please consider reducing your Christmas spending by 10% this year and giving to those in need. Advent Conspiracy cards will be hanging on the Jesse Tree in Hebron Hall. Any donation amount will be appreciated and can be dropped in the offering plate. Make checks out to CCA with “Advent Conspiracy” in the memo line. Questions? Contact Claudia Thomas.



Missions

Local Missions



Have you wondered what the big NA sign in front of the church office on Friday nights means? Christ Church Anglican houses a Narcotics Anonymous

meeting every Friday night from 6:30 to 7:30. NA is a vital resource open to anyone in recovery from an alcohol, prescription drug, substance abuse or any other type of addiction. NA worldwide uses AA's 12 Step model for ALL addiction issues. The NA group meeting at CCA is part of the Low Country NA Chapter, founded in 2006, and participates in their programs and social activities. Our CCA group offers a small convention with activities and speakers once a year. NA meeting dates and times are printed online and visitors to Savannah say they appreciate a Friday meeting in such a convenient location. Who could have predicted the current opioid and drug epidemic in this country? NA is a blessing to our neighborhood and city and CCA is a blessing to NA.

-Linda Sawyer

The Hope Academy

As we move into Thanksgiving week, I wanted to share a glimpse of thankfulness that blessed our family recently, and relates to our CCA family. For the past year and a half, the kids and I have been serving on Fridays from 12 to 2 p.m. with Hope Academy, teaching English to refugee women and caring for their children so the moms can focus on language, and have a break! (Back

in August, Elliana was actually so sad to miss the first gathering that we decided to begin taking her out of school an hour early so she'd have the chance to play weekly with these friends from around the world.) Initially, this group of women began meeting at the Whitefield Center. After about a year though, they outgrew that space and we're now meeting at Southside Baptist. (We have such an influx of Afghani women, however, that there's a chance we'll begin a second group back at the Whitefield for just those who are Farsi speaking.) Last Saturday evening, we gathered at the Whitefield Center with all the women and their families, as well as volunteers, to celebrate two years together. About 150 of us showed up! Faces ranged from the lightest of white, to the darkest of black, imaging angles of God from around the globe...Syria and Iraq, Afghanistan and Myanmar, Iran and Sudan, Pakistan and Congo. A boisterous room of mostly Muslim and minimal English speaking friends quieted themselves for a moment as a prayer was said in Jesus' name, and then we feasted on a meal cooked by a former Afghani chef who's been resettled here. CCA family, *GOD HAS BEGUN THIS GOOD WORK IN OUR CITY*, and we are confident that he will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6). When you see a Muslim fully covered and seemingly distant outside of Target, or pumping gas on Abercorn, or shopping at Walmart, please do not run away in fear. They are more than likely part of Hope Academy, a ministry being bolstered by your tithes and prayers! As an American family who's been blessed and changed by these dear souls, we wanted to thank you. And simply share a glimpse of God at work in our city, saving the nations, and shining bright his glory around the world and in Savannah.

- Abbie Sprunger

Parish Life Calendar

Repeating Meetings/Rehearsals:

Meeting	Day/Time	Location
Youth Group	Mondays 5 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Mondays 7 PM (weekly)	Choir Loft
Alpha Yoga Omega	Tuesdays 5:30 (weekly)	Room 8
Choristers' Rehearsal	Wednesdays 4:30 (weekly)	Tucker Choir Room
Choir Dinner	Wednesdays 6 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays 7 PM (weekly)	Tucker Choir Room
Parish Prayer	Fridays 12 PM (weekly)	Whitefield Center
NA Meetings	Fridays 6 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Stephen Ministry Training	Sundays 2 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall (Beginning 1-7)
Compline Choir Rehearsal	Sundays 7:30 PM (weekly)	Choir Loft
Folk Group Rehearsal	Sundays 12:15 PM (every other week)	Nave
Isaiah 58 Lunches	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 10:30 AM	Hebron Hall
Women's Renew	1 st Saturdays 10 AM (subject to change)	Wesley Gardens
Parish Council	2 nd Thursdays 6 PM	Hebron Hall
Needlework Guild	2 nd Thursdays 10 AM	Room 5
Finance Committee	3 rd Thursdays 5:30 PM	Hebron Hall
TOH Committee	3 rd Tuesdays 1 PM	Hebron Hall
TOH Board Meeting	3 rd Thursdays 4 PM	Hebron Hall
Vestry Meeting	4 th Thursdays 6 PM	Hebron Hall



Special Advent & Christmas Services & Events

- ◇ Evening Prayer, Mondays & Thursdays
5:30 PM, Wesley Wing Chapel
- ◇ Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, Dec. 24th
Special Music, 8:30 PM; Eucharist, 9 PM, Nave
- ◇ Midweek Eucharist, Wednesdays, 12 PM, Chapel
- ◇ Christmas Breakfast for the Needy
Monday, Dec. 25th, 9 AM, Hebron Hall
- ◇ St. Nicholas Parish Dinner & Carol Sing,
Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 6 PM, Hebron Hall
- ◇ Christmas Eucharist
Monday, Dec. 25th, 10 AM, Nave
- ◇ Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols,
Sunday, Dec. 17th, 10:30 AM, Nave
- ◇ The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, Dec. 25th
through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.
- ◇ Christmas Pageant, Sunday, Dec. 24th, 10:30 AM, Nave

Parish Life Calendar

December 2017

1	6:30 PM	Movie Night "Luther" Whitefield Center
3	9 AM	1st Sunday Breakfast Hebron Hall
	12:15 PM	Pageant Rehearsal Nave
7	6 PM	Parish Council (Earlier Date) Hebron Hall
10	12:15 PM	Pageant Rehearsal Nave
14	5:30 PM	Finance Committee (Earlier Date) Hebron Hall
16	9 AM	Catechesis Retreat Wesley Gardens
	10:30 AM	Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal Nave
17	12:15 PM	Pageant Rehearsal Nave
21	6 PM	Vestry Meeting (Earlier Date) Hebron Hall
24-25	See Special Box for Christmas Services (p. 22)	
24	9:15 AM	No Sunday School
31	9:15 AM	No Sunday School

Special Services for Ash Wednesday & Lent

Ash Wednesday Services, February 14th
12 and 6 PM, Nave
Midweek Eucharist, Wednesdays
6 PM, Nave

January 2018

6	12 PM	Parish Epiphany Lunch Wesley Gardens
7	9 AM	1st Sunday Breakfast Hebron Hall
15		Parish Office Closed for MLK Day
19	6 PM	Epiphany Progressive Dinner Various Homes
21		World Missions Sunday
22		Lenten Newsletter Deadline
27	8 AM	Special Stephen Ministry Training Hebron Hall
28		Tour of Homes Sunday
	12:30 PM	Newcomers' Luncheon Whitefield Center
31		Deadline for Vestry Nominations

February 2018

4		"For the Neighborhood" Sunday
	9 AM	1st Sunday Breakfast Hebron Hall
	12:30 PM	Council Interviews Vestry Nominees
10	8 AM	Whitefield Center Work Day Whitefield Center
11		Founders Day
	12:30 PM	Oyster Roast Whitefield Center
14	(See Special Box for Ash Wednesday and Lent Services)	
16-18		Women's Renew Retreat Wesley Gardens
24	9 AM	Catechesis Retreat Wesley Gardens
25	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (One Service) Nave
	11 AM	Annual Parish Meeting Nave



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