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*Quarterly Newsletter*



**ADVENT**

**2015**

# Announcements

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## Parish Register

### Baptisms

- Leila Rives Way, daughter of Landon and Charles Way, on November 1, 2015

### New Members Welcomed on November 1, 2015

- Bob Conley
- Nancy Midimmo
- Jacob Mulli
- John Smith
- Abbie, Micah, Elliana, and Eden Sprunger

### Congratulations to:

- Lallie Vander Ploeg and Art Wagner on their marriage on May 31, 2015
- Jane McNeal and Keith Saunders on their marriage on June 6, 2015
- Landon and Charles Way on the birth of their daughter, Leila Rives, on June 24, 2015
- Cecelia and Craig Clements on the birth of their daughter, Catherine, on August 24, 2015
- Meg and Chip Welch on the birth of their daughter, Georgia Harden Louise, on September 18, 2015
- Lea Reeves and Scott Stevens on their marriage on October 17, 2015



**Fr. Marc Robertson welcomes new members on November 1, 2015. From L-R: Bob Conley, Nancy Midimmo, Jacob Mulli, Abbie Sprunger (holding Eden), Fr. Marc, Micah Sprunger (holding Elliana), and John Smith**

## Vestry Nominations Open

At our Annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2016**, we will elect two new vestry members. Nomination forms will be available beginning **Sunday, December 13**, in Hebron Hall and on our website. The deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, January 6, 2016**. Vestry Nominees must be 18 years of age, confirmed communicants in good standing, and subscribe to CCA's Rule of Life for Parish Leadership, found on the nomination form and on the church website.

# Introducing



I caught up with Willie Goldwire at the Parish Retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea under a shady oak tree. His wife, Loraine, joined us as I learned more about Willie's life. Like many of us, Willie was raised in the Church. He and two of his three sisters sang in church as children but at that age when children often rebel,

Willie left the "things of God" and made money his god. Years later a daughter was born with a birth defect and when prayers were going to be offered for her, he stepped back into the fold to seek help for his baby girl. In that homecoming, he was saved! His daughter underwent surgery and was fully healed as well!

When he was attending Christian Life Church in the late 1980's, Willie and some other members left with Pastor Ron Chambers to start a new church which later became Christian Revival Center (CRC). He played the guitar as a praise leader, and Freddie Hebron played the sax; Loraine was also on the praise team. Twelve church members, including Willie and Freddie, found the property at 2020 Bull Street for their new church, and God provided the financial resources for them to acquire it. When Pastor Chambers left, the remaining members elected Freddie Hebron as their leader, and most of our readers know the story after that: Pastor Freddie died suddenly and CRC suffered from a declining membership. What you may not know is that the church leadership, including Willie, was getting up at 4 a.m. and praying for their church at 2020 Bull Street when CCA entered the picture. Willie thinks the homeless congregation of CCA was an answer to prayer but he also thinks more prayers are about to be answered.

He is expecting the Holy Spirit to mightily use CCA at 2020 Bull in evangelism. He points out that 2020 is located at the very heart of Savannah, it's on the same latitude as Israel and its very address, "2020," means vision. I think it's these expectations that brought Willie to the planning sessions for the new 5 p.m. service on Sundays—a sense that this may be the next step in God's plan for CRC/CCA and the storied church on the corner of 37<sup>th</sup> and Bull. Willie is again playing the guitar as part of a team leading worship at 5 p.m. The music in worship has always been a drawing card for Willie. You may remember that he sang a moving prelude with David Duckworth at our first worship service at 2020. He and Loraine are both members of the choir and while he's had no formal training, Willie is enjoying learning new theory and methods in music from Mark Williams and other choir members. Willie loves to

**FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 3:5-6

**HIS HEROES:** His Mom (who taught him to love everybody) and his Dad (who taught him to do things right or not at all)

**ALWAYS IN HIS FRIDGE:** Ice cream (and he wishes Loraine's red velvet cake was in there more often)

learn new things. The Anglican liturgy was new to him. While he first thought it to be repetitious, he says he now sees Jesus in it.

Willie has two sons and two daughters, all grown, and although he has known Loraine a long time, they are practically newlyweds, having married in February 2012. In fact, it was during a worship service that Willie was called up to the front of the church (everyone thought he was coming up to sing) and then and there he asked Loraine to marry him, totally catching her off guard. What could she say but yes?! Willie makes his living in the construction business (although he did have a stint as a postman in New York for 7 years). He worked a long time with his father and at one time preferred trim carpentry work but now does all types of construction. Willie has been to Haiti five times where he has ministered and helped to give out food and clothing. Haitians have definitely left a mark on his heart.

Willie loves people. His smile is warm and friendly. He likes to kiss and hug those in his church family. He is filled with the Holy Spirit and is grateful to a God who waited on him to come back. He explains, "Who wouldn't serve a God like that? And give Him your all?"

— Dottie Courington



*Who will be in  
our next issue?  
This photo should  
give you a hint!*



# Recent Events



*Lots of fun was had by all at the Parish Fall Kick-off Picnic on August 16 at Wesley Gardens on Burnside Island! After some great food, the youth and other brave souls took to the water in kayaks to explore and enjoy the beauty of God's creation!*



*Kaitlyn and Chad Duckworth were big helpers at the clean-up day at the Whitefield Center on September 12!*

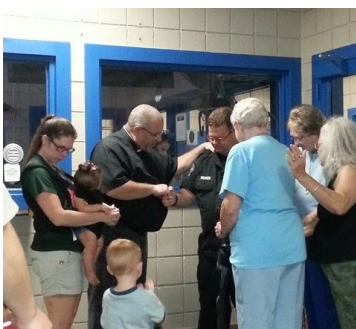


## EPIPHANY ANGLICAN OFFERS ST. MICHAEL'S MEDALLIONS

On Tuesday, September 29, The Feast of St. Michael, The Rev. Bill Hesse coordinated members of five different churches, including Epiphany Anglican Church in Kingsland, Georgia, to pray for and offer St. Michael's medallions to law enforcement officers in Camden County, Georgia.

St. Michael is the patron saint of law enforcement, and since last year, the first time Epiphany offered this ministry, many officers have kept the coins in their pockets while on duty. This year, several coins had holes drilled in them so they could be attached to the collars of members of the K-9 Unit!

Keep our friends at Epiphany Anglican in your prayers and check out their website, [www.brunswickanglican.weebly.com](http://www.brunswickanglican.weebly.com). You can find them on Facebook at Epiphany Anglican Camden County.



# Community Groups



## CCA COMMUNITY GROUPS

Loving ❖ Learning ❖ Praying ❖ Serving

**Community Groups are essential as Christ Church Anglican pursues our vision of serving Savannah and the world with the love of Jesus Christ. Our Community Groups meet for fellowship and friendship, to study Holy Scripture, to pray together, and to serve our neighbors.**

**Here's what some Christ Church Anglican members are experiencing through the ministry of their Community Group:**

Seven years ago I received an invitation to join a new Community Group in Sandfly. It would meet on Monday nights every week. Frankly, I could not see myself committing to attend a weekly, night time meeting for any purpose. My life was already busy enough. However, the idea of Bible study hooked me into trying it. Shortly thereafter, I could not see myself anywhere else except at that meeting every Monday night.

There are several reasons for this. The first is the Bible study itself. I had a hunger for learning more about the Bible. The meeting discussions about the lesson for the current week gave me the discipline to prepare. So far, we have tackled over 20 books of the Bible. I have learned so much but there is more to cover. How exciting!

A second reason is the loving fellowship. Our group has not remained static. We welcome new folks. Over the years people have come and gone for one reason or another but the group that appears on Monday nights is a cohesive, loving group of people on whom I depend for love and support. We have a very special bond that is remarkable and comfortable.

A third reason is the intercessory prayer with which we end each meeting. We bring to each other and the Lord, our own needs as well as those of others. This is such a powerful, amazing moment in time.

Last but not least is the support we have given various ministries through our time, talent and financial resources, The Whitfield Center, CRC Mission to Haiti (Project Bean) and Anglican Campus Fellowship to name a few.

These are powerful reasons to attend a "weekly, night time meeting." I'm all in! – **Eden Combes**

### **Sandfly Community Group**

Contact Clark [clark@e412ministries.org](mailto:clark@e412ministries.org)

Being part of the Ardsley Park Community Group has been a wonderful way to learn the scripture and really know the Bible. The social aspect gives you the opportunity to become close to other church members. When there is a crisis, you know them and they're ready to help.

– **Ted & Ginger Benton**

### **Ardsley Park Community Group**

Contact Linda [llsavage621@aol.com](mailto:llsavage621@aol.com)

Our Burnside Community Group has provided a consistent, meaningful space to know folks at a deeper level than just Sunday attendance permits. I treasure the intergenerational piece, allowing Elliana & Eden to see friends in our home breaking bread and praying with one another. Lately, there's been a theme in our group of longing to better understand and care for those who are not followers of Jesus. These next two weeks we've challenged one another to do something uncomfortable for the love of Christ. Together and individually, I look forward to watching what comes of this. – **Abbie Sprunger**

### **Burnside Community Group**

Contact Fr. Marc Robertson [mrobertson2@me.com](mailto:mrobertson2@me.com)

Our Women's Community Group has come to a place of deep and caring fellowship these past three years as we endeavor to study God's Word together. Each member is encouraged to share and contribute. As a result, we are inspired and enriched by the insight each one gives. Our study of Ephesians has brought us into a deeper understanding of our position in Christ as well as how to walk it out in practical ways. – **Ellen Kohut**

### **Women's Community Group**

Contact Ellen Kohut [ellie358@gmail.com](mailto:ellie358@gmail.com)

If you are interested in joining an existing Community Group or helping start a new Community Group, please contact Fr. Layne at [lhansen@ccasav.org](mailto:lhansen@ccasav.org) or Tom Kennedy at [costaken.78@gmail.com](mailto:costaken.78@gmail.com).

# Advent Opportunities

## ADVENT PRAYER AND GIVING

***“The Anglican Relief and Development Fund is committed to generously reflecting the Love of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Your giving and my giving make this possible. It enables us to proclaim the good news of Jesus all throughout the world to those in need. We are able to do that in tangible ways, to reflect the love of Jesus Christ. So I invite you during this Advent season to join me and my family as we sacrificially give so that others may know the Love of Jesus Christ.” – Archbishop Foley Beach***

ARDF is partnering with our Anglican brothers and sisters around the world to help many poor communities gain access to education. They are providing **prayer guide/activity sheets and mite boxes** for families to use during Advent this year. We hope that each family in the church will take a mite box and a prayer guide/activity sheet to use throughout Advent, placing money in the box and remembering to pray for others daily. If you have children, refer to the activity sheet to engage the children in learning and understanding about others in the world. All members of the church are encouraged to participate in prayer and giving.



The materials will be available prior to November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, for families to pick up at church and begin using throughout the season. Parents are encouraged to double any amount given by the children. Consider making this a daily part of your family or individual discipline during Advent and give at least a small amount daily for the needs of others.

The boxes will be returned to ARDF after Advent to help Anglicans around the world assist many poor communities to gain access to education.

***PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY  
TO SUPPORT THE  
NEEDS OF OTHERS  
AROUND THE WORLD!***





# Advent Opportunities

## Help us decorate our new CCA Family Christmas Tree!

A brand new tradition begins this Advent with the placement of a freshly cut Christmas tree on the stage of Hebron Hall. This tree is more accurately called a Jesse Tree as it is being decorated in the season of Advent celebrating together the coming of Christ leading us to His birth at Christmas. Since the Jesse Tree is really an Advent Tree anticipating the coming of Christmas it may be more instructive, especially for our children, to allow the Jesse Tree to represent anticipation during Advent while letting the eventual fully decorated tree with ornaments be the celebration of Christmas itself.

The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." It is a vehicle to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect the Advent Season

with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. The Branch is a biblical sign of newness out of discouragement, which became a way to talk about the expected Messiah (for example, Jeremiah 23:5). It is therefore an appropriate symbol of Jesus the Christ, who is the revelation of the grace and faithfulness of God.



**You and your family have the joyous opportunity to decorate the our new Hebron Hall Jesse Tree as we move as a family through the season of Advent!**

Here's how it works. The Jesse Tree will be installed without decoration, other than the lights. You and/or your family then are asked to bring an ornament with a hanger during the season of Advent that you would like to donate to CCA and to hang it lovingly on the tree. With this, we should see our Jesse Tree flower with decoration as we move toward the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

## Join us and Old St. Nick for Breakfast!

**Sunday, December 6**, is not only the Second Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of December, but it is also St. Nicholas' Day! Join us for our first Parish Breakfast in Hebron Hall. Be sure to bring the kids, because a special visitor will be there—St. Nick himself!! Learn more about St. Nicholas (who was actually a bishop of the church) and join in singing Christmas carols as we "practice" during Advent to hail the coming King!! The breakfast will start at 9 a.m. You don't want to be late! And bring your smart phone!



## The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

The **Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols**, famously begun at King's College England in the 1920's, will be presented by all of the choirs of Christ Church Anglican on **Sunday, December 13** at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis to the prophetic books and the Gospels interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and anthems. You won't want to miss this beautiful and holy celebration of the coming of the Christ Child in both scripture and song.

## The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

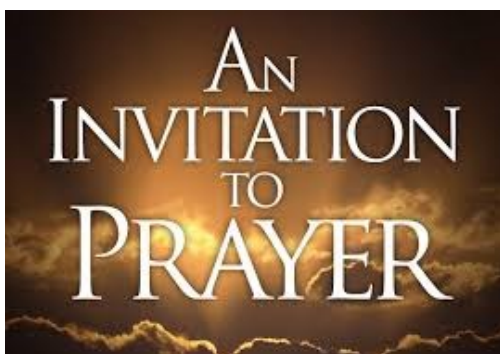
**Sunday, December 13**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship**



# From the Rector

## Why do We do That?

*Editor's Note: This column appears in each issue and is intended to help explain various Anglican traditions to the newcomer and may serve as a "refresher course" for the "oldcomer." If you have a question for this column, please submit it to the church office or email [jmalley@ccasav.org](mailto:jmalley@ccasav.org).*



Every Sunday morning we offer intercessory prayer "stations" during the distribution of Holy Communion. This has not always been the case.

When I first arrived at Christ Church twenty-five years ago, I was asked if we could provide intercessors to pray for parishioners who may wish such a ministry in accordance with the instruction of James 5:14-16 – *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."*

Some years later, after a sermon on prayer and healing (accompanied by a wonderful testimony of healing by one of our own parishioners), we decided to make this ministry part and parcel of our Sunday worship every Sunday, recognizing that the ministry of Jesus was often summarized as "preaching and healing" (Matthew 4:23; 9:35). Over time, as is the case with many things done repetitively for several years, this ministry was often overlooked by many in the congregation, some of whom I believe would have benefited from it if they had only taken advantage of it.

Nevertheless, we continue faithfully offering this quiet but important ministry every Sunday. Teams of intercessors still make their way quietly to a corner of the church nave and pray for those who seek this ministry. It is an essential element of what it means to be the Church, and a central component of Gospel ministry.

As with most ministries, the invitation to engage in this particular expression of prayer may be summarized as follows: ***All may, some should, none must.***

***All may*** – Everyone present is invited to receive this ministry! Your concerns may seem to be "too trivial" to bother others, but if God is calling you to come, please do! There have been numerous times when people were hesitant to come, but afterward told me what a gift of love and grace it was, once they overcame the obstacle of asking for prayer from others.

***Some should*** – There is not a single one of us who can make the Christian journey on our own. There are times when the burdens and troubles of life are more than we can bear. Allowing other members of your family of faith to pray for you and with you can often relieve the oppressive weight of those worries, cares, and pains. You will not be compelled to reveal elements of your life you wish not to reveal. God knows our hearts and circumstances, and He is the one who answers prayer. Praying with others, however, is part of the context God has established through which His grace and healing normally comes (see the James text above).

***None must*** – There is no compulsion here. You are not a "second-string Christian" if you don't take advantage of this ministry. It is not there for a show. But it is *there*.

Just remember: this simple, quiet, but powerful ministry is present for you every Sunday. Perhaps one day you will be grateful it is there.

— Fr. Marc



# From the Rector

## Advent Preaching Series on Worship: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Robbie Castleman, in his book *Parenting in the Pew* (IVP, 2013, page 25), says "Worship is not a refueling to get us through another week. Worship is not a system of traditions built up over many years of congregational life until everyone feels comfortable. Worship is not a time to unwind, relax, tune out or take a mental vacation.

Worship is not an hour of Christian entertainment. It is not what makes us good people, faithful Christians or successful parents. Worship is not designed as a commodity to sell or a storefront window to attract 'shoppers' to come on in for a great selection of congregational programs.

Worship is the surrender of our souls to God who is jealous for our attention, time and love. Worship is a challenge...

Os Guinness, in his book *Fit Bodies, Fat Minds* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994), writes that modern people

- Worship their work
- Work at their play
- and Play at their worship"

Advent is the beginning of the church year, a time of expectancy and preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation, when God became man in the birth of Jesus Christ. One of the central themes of Advent is worship: Zechariah the priest received an angelic message that his barren wife, Elizabeth, would give birth to a son named John, the forerunner of the Messiah. He received this message while he worshipped. Mary, when hearing the message that she would bear a son through the miracle of the Holy Spirit, worshipped. The angels, as they pronounced the birth of Christ to shepherds in the field, worshipped in the heavens. The Magi, seeing the star in the heavens, came to worship.

Yes, some of the above events technically take place outside of the season of Advent, but they are all planted in the seedbed of the promises made to us in this holy season. For several months, I have sensed the calling of God to preach and teach about worship: something I have never done in a series before. In my study of Scripture and other reading, it seems God is continuously bringing to my attention this matter of worship.

I encourage you to be present during the Sundays of Advent. Bring a friend or neighbor, and "Come, let us adore Him."

— Fr. Marc

## First Parish Supper set for The Feast of the Epiphany

Come join us for our first Parish Supper, planned for Wednesday, January 6, 2016, which is the Feast of the Epiphany.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "revelation," and is the great truth of the Gospel that proclaims Jesus as Lord, not only of the Jews, but of the Gentiles.

The coming of the Wise Men (who were Gentiles) is the central event of Epiphany, and is the good news that all who put their trust in Christ belong to Him!

Come enjoy friendship, food and the observance of this wonderful Gospel truth on Wednesday, January 6, at 5:45 p.m. in Hebron Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share; the entrée will be provided. A wonderful program follows dinner. Child care is available for children under the age of four.

— Fr. Marc



# Parish Weekend Memories



*The beauty of Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island provided a tranquil setting for a weekend of restoration and prayer.*



***Bishop Roger and Gretsie Ames were our Parish Weekend speakers and teachers.***



*Each session began with worship led by our intergenerational folk group.*



# Parish Weekend Memories



*The Orange and Yellow teams played in the afternoon kickball game!*

*Several couples were seen "cutting a rug" at the dance on Saturday night!*



*The bonfire and the dance were great fun!*



**From all indications, Parish Weekend was a terrific success! Here are some quotes from this year's participants:**

***"Wow, what an experience for me as an individual & as a member of the body!"***

***"How tremendous to hear the body testify to each other about the miraculous and loving things the Lord has so graciously given to us."***

***"Amazing weekend! ...This was the best retreat we have been to."***

***"Great venue – let's reserve for 2016!"***

***"He Restores My Soul could not have been a more appropriate title for this retreat."***

***"Great place to get to know other fellow members."***

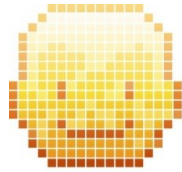
***"Excellent teaching, instruction. Great joy from being involved again in deep intercessory ministry!"***



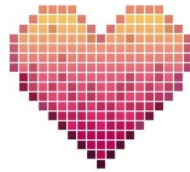


# Children's Ministries

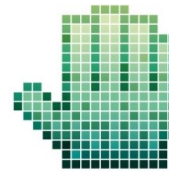
## Children's Sunday School Curriculum



**HEAD**



**HEART**



**HANDS**

On Sunday, November 15, all children's Sunday School classes began a 9-week curriculum, called HEAD HEART HANDS. This curriculum spends three weeks on each of the following three topics:

### HEAD

"Don't live any longer the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2 (NIRV)

BIG IDEA	BIG POINT
Thinking about thinking	How I think changes how I live
Think on these things	I can choose what I think about
Know it all	I don't know everything, I know the One who does

### HEART

"Listen closely to my words. Don't let them out of your sight. Keep them in your heart. They are life to those who find them. They are health to your whole body. Above everything else, guard your heart. It is where your life comes from." Proverbs 4:20-23 (NIRV)

BIG IDEA	BIG POINT
What's on the inside counts	Others may look at the outside, God looks at the heart
Heart Attack	God cares about the condition of my heart
Overflowing Heart	What's in my heart overflows in my life

### HANDS

"Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay. You are the potter. Your hands made all of us." Isaiah 64:8 (NIRV)

BIG IDEA	BIG POINT
Hands to serve God	I am willing to serve God
What's in your hand?	Use what's in your hand to fulfill what's in your heart
Cheerful givers	Generosity is a way of thinking, seeing and living

### Bring it HOME

It's simple to reinforce these Sunday School lessons with your child(ren) weekly --

- Discuss the questions that appear on your child's Activity Sheet. These questions can kick-start discussion of the topic
- Memorize the Bible verses with your child, and give a reward for remembering the verse!
- Work through the take home sheet questions one bible verse/day
- Together get into God's Word, and pray as a family

#### Bible Verses for Head, Heart, Hands

John 3:16; John 14:6, 1 John 3:16 Ecclesiastes 3:11, Jeremiah 31:3	Ephesians 3:18, Psalm 139, Mark 16:15, 1 Peter 1:3, Romans 1:16	1 Corinthians 13, Philippians 4:4-9 Psalm 27:4, Philippians 4:6 Matthew 22:37-38
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# Christmas Pageant 2015



Join us as we retell the story of the birth of Jesus the Messiah! Our Christmas Pageant isn't merely a holiday tradition. It's an opportunity for our children to learn and reflect upon our Lord's incarnation. Registration for the pageant will take place during Sunday School and after church through Sunday, December 6. We also need volunteers to help with the following (*please speak with Fr. Layne if you are able to serve in any capacity*):

- Clean and organize costumes prior to and after the pageant.
- Assist children with their costumes the night of the pageant.
- Supervise children during rehearsals and during the pageant.
- Organize a Christmas reception following the pageant.

## PAGEANT SCHEDULE:

- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.**  
Middle and High School students will rehearse during Sunday School (Location TBD)
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 12:30 - 2 p.m.**  
Entire cast will rehearse with the exception of the sheep. Lunch will be provided in the Wesley Wing (Lower Level) directly after the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Dress rehearsal for the ENTIRE CAST. Lunch will be provided in Hebron Hall following the rehearsal.
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**
  - 5 p.m.** Prayer and preparation for Middle and High School cast
  - 5:30 p.m.** 5th grade and below cast arrives
  - 6 p.m.** Pageant in the Nave!

## CAST

**2-3 Year Olds:** Sheep    **PreK4-K:** Angels    **1st-2nd Grade:** Townspeople  
**3rd- 5th Grade:** Shepherds    **Middle and High School:** Main/Readers

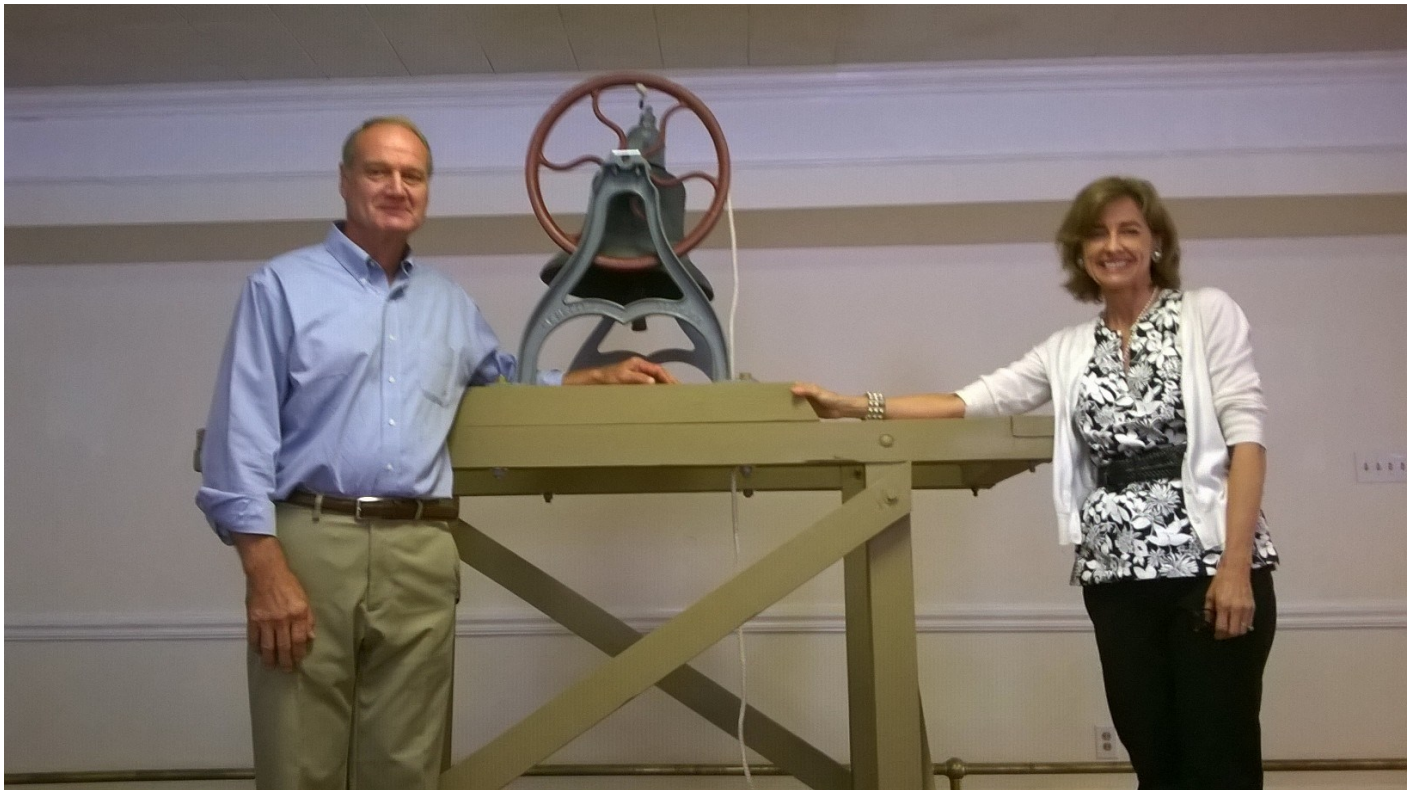
# CCA's New Bell

## The Christ Church Anglican Bell

*A church's bell is its building's voice, calling all to come and worship the Lord.*

The bell hanging in the CCA bell tower was cast by in 1894 the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, New York. The 17-inch bronze bell weighs 100 pounds and rings a B flat. Although the wood cradle supporting the bell is new, it has all of its original swing mountings, wheel, and clapper. The bell originally hung in the Chapel of the Little Sisters of the Poor, located down the street from Christ Church Anglican at 37<sup>th</sup> and Abercorn Streets.

The Meneely Bell Company was also selected to cast the Centennial Bell for our country in 1876!



***The church's new bell is a gift from Melly and Frank McNeal.***

***Frank restored the bell and constructed its new wood cradle.***

***It was installed in the bell tower in October 2015***

***by a volunteer crew of Frank, Bryan Kerr, Adam Ragsdale and Billy McGinley.***



# Stewardship Celebration

**Celebration Banquet—November 14, 2015**



*The CCA Feastmakers prepare for the Celebration Banquet, the first meal served from our newly renovated kitchen!  
(Many thanks to our photographer Tom Cooper!)*

**Wow!**  
**We collected**  
**\$1,069.86 in**  
**"spare change"**  
**at the Celebration**  
**Banquet. Imagine**  
**what we can do**  
**with disciplined**  
**giving!**



*A large crowd gathered in Hebron Hall to enjoy a delicious meal as the first part of the Celebration Banquet. After dinner, everyone moved to the Nave for an inspiring program of scripture, music, testimonies, and an opportunity to thank God for His many blessings to us as a congregation and individually. Paul Webb, Stewardship Chairman, stressed the importance of knowing that all things are gifts from God and encouraged everyone to consider how best to give of their time, talent and treasure to His glory.*

# Global Missions

## Hands Extended

“Be slow to offer your hand to Romanians as you greet them. Wait, instead, for them to offer a hand. They will be reluctant.” Thus instructed the Romanian guidebook, but that was not our experience as we met young women at Open Door, a home and halfway house in Bucharest for young women rescued from sex-trafficking. The residents approached us with ready smiles, extended hands and giggles.



*From L-R: Jen Cox, Clark and Carol Rogers Smith, Dave Cox*

After praying and supporting Dave and Jen Cox, who have served with their family in Romania for almost twenty years, we were finally visiting and seeing many of the ways the Lord has used them and their Bucharest city team.

The day we visited the women and children of Open Door the shelter was in a state of transition as room was being made for eight more residents to be sheltered and for one resident to give birth to a child conceived when she was being trafficked. In just a few years the Open Door ministry, <http://www.usadeschisa.ro/>, one of very few programs in Romania, has offered a haven for many

women and children who were trafficked for sex and legal defense for men who were trafficked for labor. Through counseling, health services and legal aid many have been able to leave the shelter, receive job training and be employed. Most importantly, all have been offered God's love and care.

Through its legal arm Open Door has over 2000 cases in process. The shelter's lawyer has been able to aid in the prosecution of over 100 traffickers, including 9 mafia groups, securing 186 years of jail term for perpetrators and over \$100,000 in compensation funds for survivors. They have begun to change the legal and government approach to trafficking in Romania.

Dave and Jen, as board members and frequent visitors, have given spiritual and practical guidance to Open Door. They have wisdom and maturity from their many years of ministry in Romania as well as pre-missionary experience as house parents in a home for unwed mothers in Miami. We were grateful to also spend time with an enthusiastic, young German physician who felt compelled in her seminary education to visit and survey human sex trafficking across Europe. She is surprised that the Lord has placed her in Romania, a crossroads of Europe, but convinced that she is serving in His will at Open Door.

On a following day we prayer walked in a large amusement park nearby that is often used by predators to engage and entice victims. We prayed for protection, for the spiritual battle against traffickers and for the Lord's protection and wisdom to be extended to potential victims and their families. If you feel led, please pray for the Open Door, the support of their current ministries, their expansion, increased funding and wisdom for future ministry. Please pray for the witness of Open Door, that it will reflect the Lord's justice and compassion, His healing and His restoration.

— Carol Rogers and Clark Smith

***“He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn.”  
(Isaiah 61:1b-2)***



# Global Missions

**SAVE THE DATE: NEW WINESKINS FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS 2016**

**RIDGECREST, NC APRIL 7-10, 2016**

**Even if you think you have no interest in ever going abroad on a mission trip, this conference will enlighten you and possibly change your perspective.** You will have the opportunity to hear speakers from the US and around the world who will teach, inspire, and challenge you to think about the bigger picture of the Great Commission that may also lead to involvement at home. Plan to go to Ridgecrest, NC from April 7-10, 2016 for the New Wineskins Conference.

Participants from 34 states and provinces in the U.S, Canada, and 53 other countries have attended previous New Wineskins conferences. The many speakers in 2016 include Bishop Ken Clarke (who visited us in February for our World Missions Sunday and Founders Day), Guy and Summer Benton whom we support in Cambodia, The Rev. Fouad Masri, on Reaching Muslims in North America, and our own Clark and Carol Rogers Smith, for example.

A children's and middle school program and nursery will be offered on a first-registered/first served basis, \$85 each/\$170 per family. Also, Rock the World Youth Mission Alliance is sponsoring the parallel re:mix conference, equipping students and young

adults to change their world starting in their own neighborhoods and out to the ends of the earth. This will be held from Friday, April 8, through Sunday, April 10. For more information, please visit <http://www.rocktheworld.org>.

New Wineskins conferences are held every three years and we have had at least 12 people from Christ Church Anglican go to the last two conferences. It is a wonderful place and a great time for worship, fellowship, receiving teaching in large groups as well as workshops on topics of interest. For example, Gay Park and I attended a wonderful workshop entitled, "What on Earth do the Arts Have to Do with the Great Commission?"

For more detailed information go to the following link: <http://www.newwineskins.org>.

Talk with Claudia Thomas, Susan White, Clark and Carol Rogers Smith, Marc Robertson, Layne Hansen, John Novikoff, Frank and Melly McNeal, Jon Maire, Brian and Mary Jane Dennison, Tom Kennedy, Grey Hansen, Cindy Jones, and many others who have attended one or more conferences.

— Claudia Thomas for the Global Missions Team

## New Wineskins for Global Mission

Helping Anglicans fulfill the Great Commission



## April 7-10, 2016

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**Christ Church Anglican received this note of thanks from Sharon Steinmiller, Director of New Wineskins Missionary Network, in response to a gift from the church made possible through the 2015 Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens.**

**October 19, 2015**

**Dear Friends at Christ Church Anglican,**

**Thank you so much! This is a tremendous help and we thank God for you! Your gift is strengthening our hands as we prepare for the New Wineskins for Global Missions 2016 Conference and it will help ensure there will be more New Wineskins conferences in the future!**

**We hope to see a big contingent from Christ Church Anglican at Ridgecrest April 7—10  
Every blessing in Christ, Sharon**



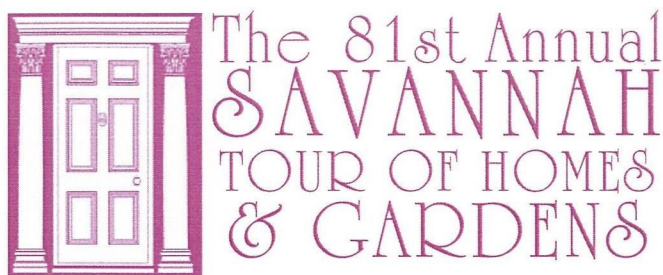
# WCCA/TOH News

## WCCA Announcements

On September 26, the Women of Christ Church Anglican kicked off the new year with a wonderful brunch in Hebron Hall, compliments of the excellent cooks in attendance. Kathy Burnsed, Christian author of *Beating the Clock: Managing Time God's Way*, gave a stimulating talk on how our lives get totally out of control unless we turn our time and talents over to God and let Him take the pressure out of trying to juggle everything and failing miserably!

Mark 1:17- "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Let us come together this year ready to glorify God with our time together, in His word, serving Him and spreading the Good news!

— Heather Ford, WCCA President



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## Tour of Homes Update

**MARCH 31—APRIL 3, 2016**

Plans are underway for the 81st annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens. We are so grateful for the wonderful volunteers who are already working so hard to ensure this Tour is a successful one! The Tour is a great and fun way for you to help raise funds for outreach ministries supported by CCA. Volunteers are needed in every department including docents, street guides, special events, flowers, and headquarters.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debbie Webb, 2016 Chair, or Mollie White, Tour Director. By volunteering, you will receive a free walking tour ticket

for each 4 hours worked with a maximum of two complimentary tickets issued to each volunteer. You would not only be helping support ministries but you also would be able to enjoy the fruits of your labor. If you are not able to volunteer, please consider praying for the Tour, the workers, and the guests. We are looking forward to another great year of service and preservation in our city and beyond and we hope you will join us.

Tickets went on sale on November 4, 2015, and they make great gifts! There are special incentives for early ticket purchasers, so please visit the Tour website ([www.savannahtourofhomes.org](http://www.savannahtourofhomes.org)) to review the entire schedule of events offered and then order online or by calling the Tour office at 912-234-8054.

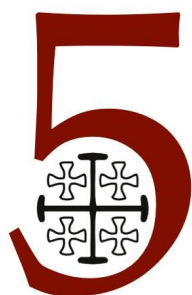
Another way to support the Tour of Homes is by becoming a Friend of the Tour. For a tax-deductible contribution of \$50, you may become a Friend of the Tour for 2016! This is a meaningful way to support the Tour financially; please consider making your gift of support in memory or in honor of someone you love. All Friends of the Tour donations must be received no later than February 15, 2016. Please mail your \$50 check (made payable to the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens) to the Tour office at P. O. Box 10585, Savannah, GA 31412. If you would like to pay by credit card, please visit the Tour website to sign up online or call the Tour office at 912-234-8054. All Friends of the Tour will be acknowledged in the 2016 Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens guidebook.

— Debbie Webb, 2016 Tour Chair, and Mollie White, Tour Director



# Common Worship

## Introducing Common Worship at Christ Church Anglican: A Short Q&A for Church Members and Regular Attenders



This October we launched a new weekly service at Christ Church Anglican. It is called Common Worship: A Service of the Word for Savannah. It takes place on Sundays at 5 p.m. You have probably seen or heard something about Common Worship over the past few weeks. This article is offered to answer a few questions you or others you know might have about the service.

### *What is Common Worship?*

Common Worship is a simple service grounded in the Anglican tradition. It is a service where a believer can experience the presence of God and a non-believer can be led to Jesus. It is built on a basic liturgy that opens up space for musical worship and evangelical engagement. It features songs that are widely accessible and theologically sound.

### *Why is CCA launching this service?*

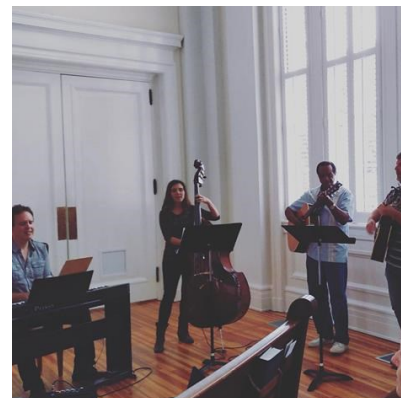
The leadership at CCA recognizes the need to have another weekly service offering. CCA is here to spread the Gospel and build Christ's Church in Savannah. We believe a service that is more casual and easier to navigate will appeal to people that might not be as comfortable in our other worship offerings. In addition, a 5 p.m. service will be attractive to people who are unable attend our morning services.



**Willie Goldwire is one of the musicians assisting with Common Worship.**

### *Is Common Worship a "Seeker Service"?*

Common Worship is a seeker friendly service. This means that the service is designed with an eye towards those who are not "church people" but are at least willing to walk into a church and see what it is like. As a result, time is taken to explain liturgy and the Eucharist, and homilies will speak to the unchurched. Also, the team from CCA behind the service is focused on evangelical outreach as a core purpose of Common Worship.



**Musicians lend their talents during Common Worship. From L-R: David and Alicia Duckworth, Willie Goldwire and Jimbo Bass.**

However, Common Worship is not a service that is just for seekers. It is a service that richly feeds the souls of believers through sacrament, word and song.

### *How long does the Common Worship service last?*

The service starts at 5 p.m. and lasts for one hour. After the service we have very basic refreshments (right now, coffee and water only) in Hebron Hall for those that want to stay around for some fellowship.

### *What about Child Care?*

We have child care (a nursery actually) for children ages 5 and under. We hope that children ages 6 and up will feel welcomed and engaged in the general service.

### *Do I "have" to attend Common Worship?*

No, but you SHOULD attend Common Worship at least ONCE! This service is a way to reach our community and build up the body of CCA. Please come and join us one time so you will be able to share about this offering with people that you know and meet. Also, if you come you might find that you will want to make Common Worship a regular part of your walk with God.

— Brian Dennison

# Prayer Ministry

## A 30 Year Concert of Prayer

My earliest memory of the Christ Church Prayer Teams was just over 30 years ago in the Undercroft after the main Sunday service when a very young mom came forward for prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of her daughter. That family has since moved to another state and the young mother is now the grandmother of three who were birthed by that baby! Christ Church Prayer Teams have been in place to serve the Christ Church family for many years. Their roots are traced back to the altar rail ministry that went forth after the Prayer and Praise services held on Thursday evenings.



Intercessory Prayer Teams moved to Sundays and different venues were tried until they settled in the Narthex first and, now, the back corner of the Nave at 2020 Bull Street. On “Healing Sundays” two Teams with anointing oil are available in the front of the church. People stop for prayer about various things and when we don’t have any customers” we pray for you as you return to your seats after communion! Bless --- as her pregnancy progresses, Help --- find a job, Please continue to heal ---, Give --- strength as she grieves, Thank You for ---’s successful surgery, Thank You for this place of worship, Give wisdom to the Vestry, Anoint Marc and Layne as they preach etc., etc.

Currently there are six Team Captains and approximately 22 “Prayer Team members” who faithfully serve the CCA congregation seven or eight times a year. We welcome any one who has a prayer concern or need or thanksgiving to stop for prayer on Sunday. All requests, of course, are confidential. And, if you ever felt the nudge to get involved in this ministry, do prayerfully consider coming alongside us and learning as you go. We would place a “newbie” with the

seasoned Captain and they would learn the ropes by being a part of a Team.

Prayer Teams are utilized at Parish Weekends, Retreats and other venues when the Body of Christ gathers. Other Prayer Opportunities include the Prayer Chain and Friday noon prayers at the Whitefield Center. Contact the CCA office if you want to receive email prayer requests for our church family. We currently have well over 100 people on the Prayer Chain! The Friday Noon Prayer team (contact Linda Savage for details at 912-238-4971) continues as we pray specifically for CCA, the children in Sunday School, the leadership, staff, etc. An interesting praise report regarding this noon prayer group is that we met for three years at noon on Fridays in St. Andrew’s REC sanctuary while we were in transition without a permanent home. Over the years we got to meet many of the St. Andrew’s folks. I recently spoke with their Sr. Warden who said that they have begun an intercessory prayer group because of our example. He reported, “Your group has produced much fruit!”

Why do we pray? Philippians 4:6-7 comes to mind as we “by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to God...” And from 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, “Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” And finally, in Psalms 34:15-18, “... the righteous cry out and the Lord hears them and delivers them...” Mostly we are there for our brothers and sisters who need the support and love of their church family. The Lord works through the teams in subtle and profound ways. And we may simply be a witness to the seeker as we stand ready to pray, and that would be enough. I personally want to thank all those who have served in this way over the years. Your availability to Him has been a blessing to many and your faithfulness to serve is a grand and visible testimony.

John and I are stepping down as coordinators of the Sunday Intercessors and Tom and Lori Kennedy are the new schedulers. We will continue, with joy, to be team members, but the Kennedys will be the coordinators going forward. Please contact Tom at costaken.78@gmail.com or 912-656-4255 or Lori at 912-659-5365.

— Liz and John Albert



# Christmas Poinsettias



## Help us Prepare for Our First Christmas in Our New Home!

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 below and  
send it to the office with a check  
**made payable to Christ Church Anglican**  
and note "poinsettias" on the memo line.

**A gift of \$30 or more is suggested.**

***Orders must be placed by 10 a.m., Monday, December 14!***



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**In memory of: *(print clearly)***

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**In thanksgiving for:**

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**Given by:**

# Parish Life Calendar

## November 2015

- 22**                      **Ephesians Study Concludes**
- 25**        6 p.m.        **Joint Thanksgiving Service and Reception with St. Andrew's**  
Nave and Hebron Hall
- 26 & 27**              **Parish Office closed for Thanksgiving Holidays**
- 29**                      **1st Sunday of Advent**  
*(no Sunday School today)*

## December 2015

- 6**        9 a.m.        **St. Nicholas' Day Breakfast**  
Hebron Hall
- 10**        6 p.m.        **Finance Committee Meeting**  
Hebron Hall
- 12**        10 a.m.        **Lesson & Carols Rehearsal**  
Nave
- 13**        9 a.m.        **Vestry Nominations Open**  
9:15 a.m.        **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal for Middle and High School students**  
*(Location TBD)*  
10:30 a.m.        **Lessons & Carols Service**  
Nave
- 17**        4 p.m.        **Tour of Homes Board Meeting**  
5:30 p.m.        **Parish Council Meeting**  
6:45 p.m.        **Parish Council/Vestry Dinner**  
7:15 p.m.        **Vestry Meeting**  
Hebron Hall
- 20**        12:30 p.m.        **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal for all cast members except sheep**  
*(Location TBD)*
- 22**        10 a.m.        **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal for all cast members**  
*(Location TBD)*

## December 2015 (continued)

- 23**        6 p.m.        **Christmas Pageant & Reception**  
Nave, Hebron Hall
- 24**        12 Noon        **Parish Office Closed for Christmas Eve**  
8:30 p.m.        **Christmas Eve Service with Seasonal Music**  
Nave
- 25**        10 a.m.        **Nativity of our Lord Service**  
Nave
- 25—30**              **Parish Office Closed for Christmas Holidays**
- 31**        2 p.m.        **Parish Office Closed for New Year's Eve**

***Baptisms will be offered on January 10, 2016, (the First Sunday after the Epiphany) as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. Please contact the Parish Office no later than Thursday, December 31, if you would like to have your child(ren) baptized.***

# Parish Life Calendar

## January 2016

<b>1</b>		<b>Parish Office Closed for New Year's Day</b>
<b>6</b>	5 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	<b>The Epiphany</b> <b>Vestry Nominations Close</b> <b>Parish Supper</b> Hebron Hall
<b>10</b>	10:30 a.m.	<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> ( <i>contact the Parish Office by December 31 to schedule baptisms</i> ) Nave
<b>18</b>		<b>Parish Office Closed for MLK Day</b>
<b>20</b>	5:45 p.m.	<b>Parish Supper</b> Hebron Hall
<b>21</b>	4 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>Tour of Homes Board Meeting</b> <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b> Hebron Hall
<b>24</b>	12:30 p.m.	<b>CONNECT</b> Whitefield Center
<b>28</b>	5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> <b>Parish Council/Vestry Dinner</b> <b>Vestry Meeting</b> Hebron Hall
<b>31</b>	9:15 a.m.	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> Nave

## February 2016

<b>3</b>	5:45 p.m.	<b>Parish Supper</b> Hebron Hall
<b>7</b>		<b>World Mission Sunday</b> Nave
	12:30 p.m.	<b>Founders' Day Celebration</b> Whitefield Center
<b>10</b>	12 Noon 6 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist</b> Nave
<b>11</b>	4 p.m.	<b>WCCA Executive Committee Meeting</b> Hebron Hall
<b>15</b>		<b>Parish Office closed for Presidents' Day</b>
<b>17</b>	5:45 p.m.	<b>Parish Supper</b> Hebron Hall
<b>18</b>	4 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>TOH Board Meeting</b> <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b> Hebron Hall
<b>19 &amp; 20</b>		<b>Parish Council/Vestry Retreat</b> Location TBD
<b>21</b>	12:30 p.m.	<b>LEARN</b> Whitefield Center

**The deadline for our Lent Newsletter is Monday, January 11.**  
**Please submit all articles and pictures to Janet Stevenson at [jstevenson@ccasav.org](mailto:jstevenson@ccasav.org).**

## Flower Workshop



*The Flower Committee will host a workshop and luncheon in late January. Everyone interested in learning more about serving on this committee and helping prepare floral/greenery arrangements on the altar are welcome to attend. Please watch the weekly emails and Sunday bulletin announcements for more information.*





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