# News & Notices

March 30, 2025

# Today

Clergy Class: The Practices of Faith: Sabbath Rest - 10 am | All Saints' Hall - Lenten series exploring different aspects of the Christian life. Sabbath Rest with The Reverends Elizabeth Walker and Connor Gwin (3/30), and Gifts for Ministry (4/6).

Weekly Word Bible Study: Jesus' Arrest, Trial, and Death - 10 am | M204 - This week, journey with us through the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. We'll consider His arrest, trial, and the ultimate sacrifice on the cross, reflecting on the depth of His love and the meaning of redemption. (John 18:1-19:42)

**The Episcopal Church: Basics and Beyond (Adult Confirmation) - 10 am | Green Room** - God made the world and called it 'very good.' Your gifts are part of the goodness of the world. Join The Reverend Allen Pruitt and Director of Generosity Natalie Akin to explore how you can live your gifts!

#### **Children & Youth**

- Sunday Nursery Care, 8:30 am 12:30 pm, Nursery Suites
- · Children's Chapel during 8:45 am worship services
- · Children's Sunday School, 10 am, various locations
- · Middle School Sunday School, 10 am, St. Francis C

Sunday Brunch - Weekly | 11 am - 1pm | Blue Room - Don't miss Chef Andrea's famous brunch! \$14 adults; \$12 seniors; \$9 children ages 4 - 10; \$50 max per family. Credit/debit cards accepted. No reservations necessary. Can you flip pancakes or check in guests for an hour one Sunday? Chef Andrea needs you! Great service option for High School students. Details & volunteer sign up: christchurchcharlotte.org/sunday-brunch-buffet.

Parents Praying Together - 6 - 7 pm | Chapel - Sundays during Lent, gather with The Reverend Chip Edens, Jane and Mike Harrell, and other parents to connect and pray together for our families.

Easter at GoodNews - Spring has arrived at GoodNews! Hop on in and see our fun colorful merchandise and selection of Easter décor to help welcome the season. Our hours are Sunday, 9:30 am - 1 pm, and Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm. All proceeds are donated to local and international organizations that support women and children.

**Room in the Inn** - Every Sunday through March, we provide emergency overnight hospitality for 10 unsheltered neighbors (men, women, and/or families). Parishioners set up beds, pick up neighbors in the Church van, provide and share dinner, serve as overnight hosts, and make sack lunches. Great volunteer opportunity for families, including those with young children. Details & signup: christchurchcharlotte.org/room-in-the-inn.

**Easter Lily Memorial Gifts** - Every Easter we adorn our spiritual home with lilies in loving memory of those who have passed away and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/easter-lilies to make your gift online by April 8. Paper forms are available in the Rotunda.

**Nursing Mothers Space** - Beginning today, a private space for parents to feed, care for, or calm their babies is available inside the Nursery lobby (look for signage). We hope this new space will make Sunday mornings a little easier for you and your baby.

## **OUR SPIRITUAL HOME**

Youth Sunday - Sunday, April 6 | All Worship Services - Come support our youth as they lead our Sunday worship services. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate as ushers, readers, preachers, or greeters. Contact Alice deVries at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org to express interest in these roles. To help with worship music, contact Charles Milling at millingc@christchurchcharlotte.org.

# It's Not Too Late To Pledge



Your Pledge Matters - We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support the ongoing ministries of Christ Church through the 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign. Pledge online at christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge or use the OR code at left.

**Ways to Give** - To make a gift to Christ Church, including a payment on your 2025 pledge, use the QR code at right.

Give Online

Parish Choir - Wednesday, April 2 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Choir Room - This group rehearses and sings in worship once a month. It's a wonderful opportunity to participate in our music ministry without the weekly time commitment. Email pecko@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions or to sign up.

Wednesday Dinner Buffet - Weekly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Blue Room - Enjoy a family-friendly meal at an excellent value (\$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 children ages 4 - 12; \$45 max per family). Credit/debit cards accepted. No reservations needed. Volunteers are needed and eat free! Details & volunteer signup: christchurchcharlotte.org/wednesday-dinner-buffet.

Thursday Morning Eucharist & Bible Study - Weekly | 7 - 8:30 am | Chapel & M207 - This early morning Holy Eucharist is followed by a Bible study led by one of our clergy focused on the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading.

**Undergraduate and Seminary Scholarships** - The Christ Church Foundation makes annual scholarship grants to qualified college and seminary students, based on financial need, good citizenship, academic record, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Application deadline is April 30. View details and apply at christchurchcharlotte.org/give/#ccf.

Stations of the Cross - Weekdays I 8:30 am - 4:30 pm I Church and Chapel Throughout the season of Lent, all are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church and Chapel. This mini pilgrimage takes you through the events of Christ's last day. Pick up a booklet in the Narthex to guide you through the stations and spend some time in prayer and meditation.

### ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

**Tech Teaching Tuesdays - First Tuesdays Monthly (Next Session: April 1) 2 - 4 pm | M205** - Step-by-step solutions to your everyday tech challenges, from individual concerns to general topics like safe password storage, QR codes, digital payments, avoiding scams, and more. Friendly, judgement-free environment. Bring your device. Questions or topic requests contact Katherine Vest at vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6947.

Men's BIG Breakfast: Your Faith Journey - Wednesday, April 2 | 7 - 8:15 am | Blue Room - All men are invited for breakfast and conversation on the first Wednesday of each month. Cash donations for breakfast can be made at the door (\$10 suggested). RSVP to lackeyr@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Newcomer Dinner - Wednesday, April 2 | 5:30 pm | Green Room - We invite newcomers for dinner and a chance to meet other newcomers and some of our clergy and staff. Join us for a casual and rewarding evening of fellowship and to hear a speaker who will share a little of what's going on around Christ Church. Free childcare is available upon request. Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org to RSVP or ask questions.

The Good Book, Beginning to End | Mondays (1 - 2 pm) or Tuesdays (7:30 - 8:30 am) Weekly | Green Room or Online - Explore the story of God's love from "In the beginning" to "a new heaven and a new earth." Includes a daily reading guide and questions for reflection, plus weekly fellowship and facilitated discussion. Learn more and register (no cost) for your preferred meeting time at christchurchcharlotte.org/the-good-book-Monday or -Tuesday.

**Lenten Devotional Study: The Spiritual Practice of Fasting – Mondays through April 7 | 10 - 11 am | M206** - Join us any week as we read through *A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding Our True Hungers* by Christine Valters Painter. This week, we are reading Week 4 in the book, which encourages us to fast from holding it all together and embrace tenderness and vulnerability. Details at christchurchcharlotte.org/events/spiritual-fasting.

Women's Lifeline | All Things New: A Study on II Corinthians - Wednesdays through April 9 | 9:15 - 10:45 am | Parlor - Eight-week study on *All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter. Lifeline is an intergenerational women's group. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/lifeline.

The Twelve Habits of a Reconciler - Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | M206 and Virtual - Lenten series focusing on ways to nurture the gifts, characteristics, and lived practices that can move us towards reconciliation. Register at christchurchcharlotte.org/twelve-habits-of-a-reconciler.

Creative Reflections: Journaling Through Art | Wednesdays through April 9 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | St. Francis A - Discover the transformative power of contemplative journaling through the lens of artistic expression. This five-week class is led by artist and parishioner, Peggy Williams. No prior art experience is needed—just an open heart and a willingness to explore! Details and registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/journaling-through-art.

Faith in Action/Popcorn Theology: Reconciliation in Real Life - Sunday, April 6 | 10 am | M207 - Explore a real-life story of reconciliation through clips from the documentary, *A Binding Truth*, a film about De and Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick, MPHS grads, who visited Christ Church in 2023. To receive a link to view the documentary ahead of our discussion, register at christchurchcharlotte.org/reconciliation-real-life.

Clergy Class: The Way of the Cross - Sunday, April 13 | 10:15 - 10:45 am | All Saints' Hall - Learn how participating in the Holy Week drama leading to the resurrection can deepen your faith. All ages are welcome to attend this half hour offering led by The Reverends Allen Pruitt and Elizabeth Walker.

Men's Bike Ride - Saturday, April 19 | 8:30 - 11:30 am | Little Sugar Creek Greenway - Men of all ages enjoy a leisurely Greenway bike ride on the third Saturday of each month through September. Details & registration: christ-churchcharlotte.org/mens-bike-ride.

Sages Conversation & Lunch: Ask the Clergy (Almost) Anything! - Wednesday, April 23 | 10:30 am - 12 noon | Blue Room - Sages (men & women, ages 65+) and all interested parishioners are invited for lunch, conversation, and a chance to ask the clergy questions about almost anything that's on your mind! Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/sages-april.

**Vespers in the Garden - Wednesday, April 23 | 6:30 pm** - Dinner, fellowship, and Vespers service for newcomers. Invitations will be mailed soon. Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

**Book Discussion:** *The Serviceberry* - Thursday, April 24 | 12 - 1 pm | M207 - This book by Robin Wall Kimmerer is a thought-provoking exploration of reciprocity, gift economies, and our relationships with the natural world. Make plans to read the book ahead of the discussion. No registration needed.

Men's Annual Retreat | April 25 - 27 | Valle Crucis Conference Center, Banner Elk, NC - Looking for a chance to reconnect, renew, and reset? The Men's Annual Retreat begins Friday, April 25 (5 pm) and runs through Sunday, April 27 (11 am). Men of all ages are invited. The cost is \$375 and covers lodging and all meals. Sign up: christchurchcharlotte.org/events/mens-retreat.

Movie Discussion: Field of Dreams - Wednesday, April 30 | 6:30 - 8 pm | M207 - Watch the movie before we meet (stream on Amazon Prime Video, Google Play Movie, or Apple TV) and join others for a discussion on the themes of renewal and redemption led by parishioner Wayne Ballard, PhD. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/movie-discussion-April.

## SERVE THE WORLD

Visit the Galilee Center! Thursday, April 3 | 10 am | 3601 Central Ave - Come learn about the work of this special mission of the Diocese of NC. See details and all tour dates and times at christchurchcharlotte.org/galilee-tours.

**Our Easter Offerings** will support Crisis Assistance Ministry. They provide assistance and advocacy for people in financial crisis, helping them move toward self-sufficiency. Our contributions will help our neighbors with rent and utilities, preventing evictions.

**ECW Lenten Service Opportunities** - Every week during Lent (various days and times), women of all ages are invited to serve together with one of our outreach community partners and connect with each other. This week, join us for a Sip 'n Learn about Shamrock Gardens (Monday, March 31) and a spring planting and garden day at Galilee Center (Saturday, April 5). Details & signup links: christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-lent-serve.

Christ Church's 37th Habitat Build! Saturdays through May | 2413 Sir Julius Court - We are helping Tonya Huntley and her family build their new home and need help with both construction and lunch provisions each week. Teens (16 and older) can volunteer with supervision and consent from parents. To see all build dates and register visit christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat.

#### SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

**Lenten Quiet Day - Saturday, April 12 | 9 am - 2 pm | Blue Room** - Half-day retreat with time for prayer, journaling, and silence led by The Reverend Connor Gwin. Registration fee (\$25) covers lunch and journaling supplies. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/lenten-quiet-day.

Living with Grief & Hope - Mondays, April 7 - May 5 (no class on April 21) | 12 - 1:15 pm | St. Francis C - Four-week program to provide support and resources for those dealing with the death of a loved one. Led by The Reverend Connor Gwin and therapist Amy Styers Bissette. Details & registration (required): Contact Amy at bissettea@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Sacred Stitches: Lenten Lessons - Wednesdays through April 16 | 5:15 - 7:15 pm | Parlor - All ages are invited to learn to knit/crochet as part of our Sacred Stitches ministry; appropriate for first-timers and those wanting to enhance their skills. RSVP to angersone@christchurchcharlotte.org.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

**Southern Soiree - Friday, April 4 | 7 - 10 pm | The Casey** - A fun evening to celebrate and raise funds for our Children's Ministry and Christ Church Preschool and Kindergarten (CCK). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Charlotte Bilingual Preschool. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/soiree.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 20 | 12:15 pm | Christ Church Lawn - Children will proceed directly from the 11:15 am worship services to hunt eggs, so bring basket(s) to the service. If your child(ren) plan to participate, please drop off 24 Easter eggs per child filled with wrapped candy at the Church offices starting April 1. More details: christchurchcharlotte.org/easter-egg-hunt.

Registration is Open for VBS! June 23 - 26 | 9 am - 12 noon | Christ Church - Vacation Bible School (VBS) is four days of faith-building, fun, and service for children, youth, and adults of all ages! Details & registration: christ-churchcharlotte.org/vbs.

Family Wellbeing Retreat - August 29 - 31 | Kanuga Conference Center - Activities and programs for adults and children ages 5 and up, plus time for rest and renewal. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/family-retreat.

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