This Wednesday Evening

Newcomer Dinner | Wednesday, December 2 | 5:30 - 7 pm | M207 - All newcomers are invited for a casual dinner to meet other newcomers and church staff and hear from clergy about what's happening around Christ Church. Free childcare available. Questions? Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/newcomer-dinner.

Sacred Stitches | Wednesdays Weekly | 6 - 7:30 pm | The Commons - Come connect with others, enjoy the meditative rhythm of crocheting and knitting, and make handmade items that offer comfort and care to others in our church community. Beginners and experienced stitchers welcome!

Women's Evening Fellowship | Thursday, December 3 | 6 - 8 pm | The Commons – All women of Christ Church are invited for fellowship. Please bring a wrapped ornament and a snack or drink to share.

Rooted in Gratitude: A Guide for Thanksgiving & Advent - A collection of prayers and reflections on gratitude designed to enrich your Thanksgiving celebration and the season of Advent. Pick up a copy at the church and make it a part of your family or personal devotions.

Digital Advent Calendar - We invite you to take a moment each day to reflect on your own Advent journey. Follow along with our digital Advent calendar, where you will find readings, songs, activities for kids, and more – all designed to deepen your experience of waiting for the coming of Christ. Access the calendar at christchurchcharlotte.org/advent.

Coming Soon

Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble Holiday Concert | Saturday, December 5 | 6:30 - 8 pm | All Saints' Hall - All are invited to a festive holiday concert featuring Charlotte's premier bell choir. No registration needed.

Annual Meeting | Sunday, December 6 | 10 - 11 am | All Saints' Hall - All adults and confirmed youth are encouraged to attend as we elect new leadership and hear about important Church matters. This year's meeting will have a more interactive feel that invites your active participation. View the slate of nominees at christchurchcharlotte.org/leadership.

Assistance with Recurring Gifts and More | Sundays, December 6 & 13 | 8 am - 12 noon | Welcome Center - Questions about your recurring gifts? Need assistance setting up year-end or 2027 payments? The Generosity and Finance Teams will be available in the Rotunda to answer questions and help with updates on the spot.

Advent Workshop: Writing as a Spiritual Practice | Saturday, December 12 | 9 am - 2 pm | The Green Room - Give yourself the gift of quiet reflection and prayerful attention. Through guided writing prompts, you will be invited to get centered before Christmas and begin building a simple spiritual writing practice you can carry into everyday life. Registration ($15) is required. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/advent-workshop.

Life in Christ Series: Rooted in Story: The Birth of the Expected Yet Unexpected Messiah | Sunday, December 13 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - Dr. Brittany Wilson will explore the birth narratives of Jesus and the stories each Gospel tells about his arrival. Small groups are offered for further study. Details and small group information: christchurchcharlotte.org/life-in-christ.

Sounds of the Season: A Time to Pause and Celebrate | Wednesday, December 16 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm | Blue Room - Christmas concert presented by the Christ Church music ministry. We'll celebrate the joy of the season with a festive lunch ($10), seasonal carols, and stories behind the music. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/sounds-of-the-season.

Conversation, Coffee, and Carols | Sunday, December 20 | 10 - 11 am | All Saints' Hall - Festive sing-along for all ages! Come sing and learn about our favorite holiday carols.

Especially for Newcomers

Membership Orientation: Belonging and Beyond | Sunday, December 13 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm | M207 – New and proscpective members will be warmly welcomed and learn more about the core commitments of membership. Due to limited space, advanced registration is required. To inquire about availability for an upcoming session, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Especially for Children, Youth & Families

Youth Council Christmas Party | Sunday, December 6 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Youth Center - High schoolers, come celebrate with your fellow peers and leaders over great food, games, and a festive time together. We'll get into the holiday spirit, reflect on all we've done, and look ahead to a new season as we kick off Advent! Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/youth-council-christmas-party.

Christmas Pageant | Sunday, December 13 | **New Time:** 2 - 3:30 pm | All Saints' Hall - Children in four-year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School classes present the nativity story. Registration (required) is through November 30. Parents of all participating children are expected to volunteer. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/pageant.

EYC Christmas Party | Sunday, December 13 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Youth Center - Middle schoolers, it's time to celebrate the season! We'll have festive games, holiday treats, and plenty of fun as we celebrate Advent together. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/eyc-christmas-party.

Navigators Christmas Party | Sunday, December 20 | 6 - 8 pm | All Saints' Hall - Join us as we celebrate the holiday season! Festive holiday wear is strongly encouraged! We will eat dinner, dessert, and play White Elephant. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators-christmas-party.

Especially for Young Adults

Young Adult Christmas Party | Sunday, December 6 | 6 - 9 pm | Offsite - An evening filled with food, fun, and festive cheer. If you did not receive an evite and would like to attend, please contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/ya-christmas-party.

Especially for Men

Men's BIG Breakfast | Tuesday, December 1 | 7 - 8:15 am | Blue Room - Men of all ages are invited for breakfast and conversation, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. During Advent, we'll welcome Outreach Director Laura Konitzer to talk about our Room in the Inn ministry of providing shelter and hospitality to neighbors experiencing homelessness. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-breakfast.

Especially for Women

ECW Christmas Feast & Flora | Saturday, December 5 | 9 am–1 pm | All Saints' Hall - Celebrate this festive tradition with fresh greenery, handmade bows, homemade treats, gifts, and holiday vendors. All proceeds support organizations serving women and children. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/feast-and-flora.

- **Merry Mahjong** | 10 am - 1 pm | All Saints' Hall - Spend the morning playing with friends over coffee and light pastries. Details and registration ($5 suggested): christchurchcharlotte.org/merry-mahjong.

- **Calling All Cooks!** Help prepare casseroles for the event with a take-home cooking kit. Details & sign up: christchurchcharlotte.org/feast-and-flora.

Outreach & Mission

Angel Tree for Shamrock Gardens - Brighten the holidays at Shamrock Gardens by sponsoring a child from our 2026 Angel Tree! Select an angel tag (or a few) from the tree in the Rotunda, and purchase gifts according to the information on the tag. Please return wrapped gifts by December 13 to Laura Konitzer's office. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/angel-tree**.**

Holiday Gift Wrap Drive for Rama - We are collecting new rolls of holiday gift wrap for the teachers and staff at Rama Road Elementary School, to relieve some holiday stress and show our appreciation for their work all year. Drop off your donations in the Rotunda donation bin by December 20.

Room in the Inn | Sundays, December - March | Christ Church - During the coldest months, we provide emergency winter shelter for 12 neighbors. You can help offer hospitality, including meals, setup, and driving the church van, to those who have no place to call home. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families, including those with young children. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/riti.

Our Spiritual Home

Christmas Memorials - Every Christmas we adorn our spiritual home with wreaths and poinsettias in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/christmas-memorials to make your gift ($40 per memorial suggested). **Memorials received by December 8 will be included in the Christmas worship bulletin.**

New Chat Feature on our Website! We've added a digital assistant to help you find your way. Whether you are looking for worship times, program information, or the right person to call, it can point you in the right direction. If it doesn't know, it will hand you to one of us. (If you try it and it gets something wrong, we really want to hear about it!) Learn more at christchurchcharlotte.org/chat.

GoodNews Gift Cards Now Available - The shop now offers gift cards both online and in-store for effortless gifting, plus complimentary gift wrapping and extended hours beginning December 1. Order online at christchurchcharlotte.org/goodnews-shop.

Annual Stewardship Campaign 2027

Help us faithfully plan for next year by sharing your intentions.

Ways to Make Your 2027 Pledge

- Online at christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge →
- Drop a physical card in the offering plate.

Planning to pledge later or unable to pledge this year? Scan the **Response Form** QR code → so we can care for you well and plan wisely.

Give Online

Make a Gift

To give to Christ Church, including payments on your 2026 or 2027 pledge, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/give.

Questions? Contact Danielle DeNise at denised@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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