



# 2024 Annual Report

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Christ Church

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Macon, Georgia

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*The Rev. Cynthia Knapp*

## Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members Introduction of Committees and Ministries

*The Rev. Cynthia Knapp*

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## Rector's Report



In many ways 2024 was a year of strengthening our foundation as we build up the parish. We have grown in our knowledge of our history; learning what it took to overcome obstacles and to keep Christ Church strong. We have gone deeper in our faith and sought to be a living witness beyond these walls. The church is at her best when all her members are gathered together for worship, when all are involved in ministry, when all are bearing witness to their faith in word and deed. This is what makes the church strong and growing. When we are honoring the Lord in word and deed, we are living as the hands and feet of Jesus in our ministry here at the church and beyond. As we seek to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit we are molded to be more like Christ. We are blessed to be in a city where so many are seeking to serve in faithfulness. In partnering with other faith communities we are better able to serve the needs of this community as the larger body of Christ. We are living this out in our Weekend Lunch ministry Headed by Hal Brickle, and in the many ministries in town we are partnered with. Because of this spirit of working collaboratively Daybreak was able to open the Central City Apartments and Health Center. We continue to be made aware of other needs in our community. Rebecca Grist raised our awareness of Human Trafficking through a Sunday forum in the Spring, and we hosted a diocesan training on the Keep/Watch curriculum and ministry developed with the help of the Minette family helping us to better care for those at risk.

The Bicentennial Committee has been meeting all year under the leadership of Kay Greer and Jane Willingham to plan our year-long Bicentennial Celebration. The events started in August of the 2024-2025 program year but the planning happened long before. A special bicentennial logo was designed by Elizabeth Schorr, t-shirts ordered, and a reprint of the previous much-loved cookbook, *With Our Blessings*, was underway. A variety of items were made by artisan David Lanier out of the beautiful live oaks that were removed from the front of the church the year before and made available to parishioners at the beginning of 2024. A coffee table book, named *Sacred Reflections*, was envisioned to celebrate our history. Russ Henry found himself heading up that project, doing the research, compiling archival materials, and writing the book, and Walter Elliott was recruited as chief photographer. Starting in the fall of 2024 the celebration began with forums on the history

of Macon by Andy Lawson and of Christ Church by Russ Henry, lessons on our history through the weekly "Did You Know?" pages in the bulletin, and the monthly Bicentennial Forums. This committee has truly been knocking the ball out of the park with more to come in 2025 already in the works.

We held a Newcomers party in the beginning of 2024 to welcome our growing group of new members as well as an Inquirer's class to prepare for the regional Confirmation service that was held at Christ Church on May 2nd. Our Young Family Supper Club and our wonderful Children's Ministry headed up by Rachel Horkan has created a strong sense of community among the young families. To reflect the strength of this constituency, we began our program year in August for the first time to mirror the school schedule with our Sunday School kick off and brunch a full month earlier than years past. This was a huge success, lengthening our fall season before the busyness of the holidays set in.

While we started the year "a man down" functioning with only one priest since the fall of 2024, the void only served to encourage others to step up. A number of parishioners stepped into new opportunities for leadership, sharing in the ministry so vital to caring for our parish and the community beyond. Initially seven of those lay ministers decided to go through the process to pursue licensing through the diocese to do ministry beyond our parish in the diocese of Atlanta. I met with them throughout the year as a group and individually, and five are going to be Commissioned at the Cathedral of St. Philip in January of 2025 with others choosing to hold off for now. Those who are doing ministry at or through Christ Church under the rector's authority do not need to go through this licensing program. Those being Commissioned are: Tim Hoskins, Will McDavid, Lutricia Richardson, Katy Tosh, and Virgil Warren. Other new ministries that took place this year were the Wednesday night Compline services led by John Lynskey on Facebook live, Jeff White and Tim Hoskins led Tuesday Evening Prayer services in the Chapel for much of the year, and a Grief Recovery group led by Sheri Pyles. Sheri also completed the training the ministry of healing through The Order of St. Luke. There are many who have been carrying out ministries consistently as lay leaders in the parish. This is only naming those that were stepping into new leadership opportunities in 2024.

We were blessed with much needed clergy sup-

port when John McCard moved back to Macon in May as the new Director of the Macon Volunteer Clinic. He joins us as a non-stipendiary priest associate. In other words, John is volunteering his time as a gift to Christ Church when he is with us on Sundays. We have also strengthened our relationship with Macon Volunteer Clinic and your gifts made it possible for them to get the full matching grant from the Episcopal Foundation. In June, Harriette Simmons came back as a quarter-time Associate Priest (on paid staff) preaching once a month and helping with pastoral care. Having Harriette and John has been a huge help giving me the support I needed (especially with supply clergy so hard to come by) and having multiple voices preaching on Sundays. They have very much enriched our ministry!

I can't say enough about our wonderful staff who work so well as a team to lead our parish. We hired Tim Hoskins this summer as our full-time Director of Communications—a much-needed position in an age of social media and online presence and Tim has been a great blessing. We simultaneously launched a new website that has continued to be in process to make it more user friendly for parishioners and to better portray the vibrant life and ministry of our church. Elizabeth Schorr has headed this up with Tim working with her to keep things up to date and make any changes needed. We increased Rachel Horkan's hours to reflect the amount of time she was working in her ministry with the children and Young Families, and we moved Markisha to full-time to provide the sexton support needed. Along with our beloved Robert, we have an amazing team of sextons whose ministry has a much wider range than you might imagine! I am grateful for all that Jonathan Poe does as the Director of Music and Liturgy. Our beautiful music has only been enhanced with special music for the Bicentennial and the new children's Choir School of Macon held their first end-of-year celebration in the Spring—a long-time dream of his that has been realized. Hope Westervelt not only does a terrific job with our youth but has many behind the scenes talents providing support with our social media platforms and many other creative ideas and organizational skills that are a blessing to us all. Hope has also worked to develop the Young Professionals group to connect our growing group of young adults who are not part of the Young Family group. Lynn Waggoner provides loving and organized office leadership responding to the needs of parishioners and often interfacing with those calling for help to let me know what is needed when I am

not able available. Laurel Eady, who was hired at the end of 2023 has just completed her first year with us and has been a vital addition. She has been quick to learn our very complicated finances and works very well with our accounting firm, James B. Jordan, and our treasurer Steve Welsh to keep our finances and bookkeeping running smoothly. Steve has truly been a blessing with all he has done to be sure things are not only managed properly but entered into the system accurately. Robbo Hatcher continues to provide the generous ministry of managing our growing endowments. With this being a strong year for investments, we continued to avoid taking money unnecessarily out of the endowments, allowing them to continue to grow along with any gifts that have been given through those who are part of the 1825 Society of leaving a legacy to Christ Church.

Rob Wilkin joined our vestry as the Junior Warden this year and jumped in with both feet. A campus with buildings as old as ours is always a challenge to keep up but the push of the Bicentennial year celebration created an added level of work. The Cloister Garden courtyard was bricked over creating a wonderful shady space to gather for Lemonade on the Lawn—making it more accurately Cookies in the Courtyard. We have extended that to be all year as a welcome time of fellowship, moving it into the Cloister Room (Cookies in the...) in the inclement weather. Other major projects included the renovation of the Parlor and Bride's Room and adjoining powder room headed up by Anna Greer, and the renovation of the Sacristy headed by Mary-Allison Buzzell with funding from a number of parishioners in honor of the Bicentennial. Anna is also heading the creation of a new men's bathroom which was delayed in needing the antique iron pipes under the Parish House replaced.

Steve Solomon continues to provide steady leadership as our Senior Warden, and I am grateful to all our vestry and the many people at Christ Church in leadership and in ministry. It is through all of us working together in unity as the body of Christ that we are the church that we are. It is a privilege and a blessing to serve alongside you. I am ever grateful.

We also celebrated many sacraments among our members this past year, which you can read about in the sacraments report on page 27.

With Love,  
The Rev. Cynthia Knapp  
Rector, Christ Church



# 2024 Stewardship Campaign



Chris Hair

2024 Stewardship Campaign Chairman

The 2024 Stewardship Campaign for the 2025 calendar year was handled a little differently than in recent years. Instead of a committee, I relied this year on my previous stewardship experience in addition to a professional change resulting in more time to personally contribute to the campaign's efforts. I did, however, lean on Reverend Cynthia Knapp for guidance and approvals, and the administrative staff for letter production and pledge tracking. Despite the success of this year's campaign, I would not recommend this method to future campaign chairs. It's too much work, and excludes participation from those looking to be involved, especially future congregation leaders.

The theme for this year's campaign, which beginning Sunday, September 22, 2024, was "Be generous and ready to share." In preparation for its start, email and regular mail pledge packets, including a letter and pledge cards, were sent out to the Christ Church Family. The letter outlined our chosen scripture that our campaign was based upon; "Do not be haughty or put your hope and trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who abundantly gives us all things to enjoy. Do good, be rich in good works, be generous and ready to share, storing up for yourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that you may take hold of eternal life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19. This 200th anniversary year we asked that everyone especially consider how the campaign could impact our Bicentennial celebrations and the legacies we will leave by such a unique historical marker. This had a positive impact on our results. The campaign officially ended at our annual stewardship luncheon on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

As of January 2025, this year's campaign has resulted in pledges totaling approximately \$903,600. This amount is approximately \$106,435 more than 2024's pledges, an increase of 13% from last year's total of \$797,165. Truly a great success by the congregation.

Throughout the campaign, multiple methods were used to raise its awareness beyond the letter packet mailed to each member. Live church an-

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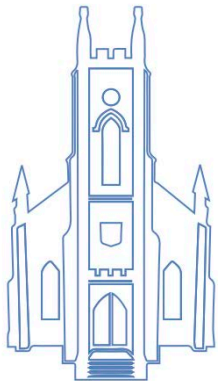
nouncements were made. The campaign was regularly included in The Chimes and other email communications. In the Narthex, a beautiful campaign banner was hung. The Announcements portion of our church services routinely advised of the campaign and its focus as an outward expression of each member's commitment to their faith.

I greatly appreciate the commitment and support for the campaign by the clergy and vestry, the church staff and volunteers, and the membership of Christ Church. Mr. Andy Jones will graciously serve as the Christ Church Stewardship Chair for the next two years' campaigns and will have my full support and participation.

Christ Church  
2024  
Stewardship  
Campaign



*Treasurer's Report*



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The combination of the faithful giving of Christ Church parishioners and a robust stock market allowed us to finish 2024 in a healthy financial position, as well as complete several capital projects ahead of the Bicentennial Celebration. Those projects included replacement of air conditioning units; restoration of the chimes; renovations of the Parlor, men's restroom, and Sacristy; paving of the courtyard; updating our audio-visual technology; and creation of an Historic Room.

With the continued assistance from James B. Jordan CPA firm and our local bookkeeper, Laurel Eady, we look forward to a successful 2025.

Steve Welsh  
*Treasurer*

*Endowment Funds*

Robbo Hatcher, Chairman

Christ Church maintains four investment funds that support various aspects of the church's ministry. These funds are managed by the Endowment Management Subcommittee according to the expenditure requirements of each fund.

The purpose of each of the major funds is as follows:

- Endowment: To provide annual support for the operating budget of Christ Church. 4.5% of the preceding year-end balance of this fund is available to be distributed to the general fund.
- Julia Jones: To provide operating support for outreach programs and ministries performed by Christ Church. The income generated by this account is distributed each year to support outreach.
- Freida May: To provide funding for capital expenditures related to building maintenance and facility improvements. Distributions are made as requested by the Vestry from time to time.
- Housing Fund: Created from the sale of the church rectory, 4.5% of the preceding year-end balance of this fund is available to be distributed for the ongoing support for housing for Christ Church clergy.

*Memorial Committee*

Joan Hatcher and Betty Talbot, Chairwomen

The Memorial Committee receives and distributes funds that are given as memorials. This money is a source for appropriate projects to support the life and ministry of the Church. We always welcome new members.



# 2024 Financial Report



## General Fund\*\*\*

### 2024 Actual Results and 2025 Budget\*

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
GENERAL BUDGET RECEIPTS			
Gifts and Pledged Income	\$ 863,700.00	\$ 929,825.92	\$ 1,020,410.00
Endowment Transfer	\$ 144,743.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 107,699.00
Restricted Account Transfer	\$ 179,779.00	\$ 166,415.30	\$ 155,230.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1,188,219.00	\$ 1,143,241.22	\$ 1,283,339.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSES			
Personnel	\$ 626,458.00	\$ 650,332.16	\$ 757,510.00
Building/Grounds	\$ 48,229.00	\$ 64,128.12	\$ 67,351.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 246,556.00	\$ 230,139.61	\$ 209,890.00
Diocese Support	\$ 95,465.00	\$ 95,465.00	\$ 95,465.00
Worship	\$ 63,980.00	\$ 120,240.88	\$ 61,451.00
Committees/Ministries	\$ 66,573.00	\$ 33,984.41	\$ 55,530.00
Outreach plus Discretionary	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,183,261.00	\$ 1,224,290.18	\$ 1,283,197.00
<b>Net</b>	\$ 4,958.00	\$ (81,048.96)	\$ 142.00

\*\*\* Note: Outreach Ministry & Weekend Lunch Revenues & Expenses are not reflected in these numbers.

\* Note: All figures referenced herein are subject to final confirmation and reconciliation by James B. Jordan CPA, LLC

2024 revenue was under budget due to leaving money in the endowments during robust market.  
2024 expenses were over budget due to special projects and adding two new personnel.



## Senior Warden's Report



Steve Solomon, Senior Warden

**2**025 is here and now I have two years under my belt being on the Vestry and serving as the Senior Warden, which continues to be a blessing in my life. These blessings come in many forms, and some are more challenging than others.

There have been many projects involving our physical plant this year which include several HVAC replacements and repairs, the renovation of the Parlor and existing restroom, the creation of an additional main level Men's restroom in the Parish House, and the bricking of the courtyard. The treacherous metal cover in the sidewalk out front was replaced by the County with a much safer configuration. Lighting was installed behind the stain glass windows located at the front of the Sanctuary. Adjustments were made to the audio-visual equipment to enhance the broadcast of the Sunday Services.

Regarding the Administrative and Business concerns of the Church, several projects were initiated. The Christ Church web site was upgraded and enhanced. We determined the need for a Director of Communications and created and filled that position. The Ushers continue to develop security plans for our Parish activities. The Executive Committee along with Cynthia and the staff have worked diligently to simplify our financial reporting and expect to have a financial audit for 2025. During this process we have striven to be good stewards of all our talents and treasure to ensure the future of this great Church. A compensation committee was formed to study our current staff and their respective annual compensation. Several adjustments were made, including a modest cost of living increase across the board. We are blessed with a fabulous staff, and we want to show our collective appreciation.

Now on to the main event! The Bicentennial Celebration of the Founding of Christ Church in Macon, Georgia! Over a year ago, Cynthia put together a committee to plan, execute, and fund our Bicentennial Celebration. We began with developing a theme and a logo to commemorate the event. As the committee discussed ways to really mark this as a special occasion, the list grew into quite a large undertaking. Right off the bat, a need for a remod-

eled Sacristy had been identified and was selected to be the marquee effort and a fundraising effort would be conducted to cover the cost of the project. DONE! Next it was proposed that a "coffee table" book be imagined and produced in time for the actual Bicentennial date. DONE! A logo and stationery were designed and approved by the committee for marketing and promotional items. DONE! A reprinting of the Christ Church Cookbook was approved to be updated and produced. DONE! A new visitors guide would be designed, printed, and ready for the Flower Show and the 2025 Cherry Blossom Festival. DONE! A cocktail party was planned to be in January 2025 to lead into the Celebrations, which the Hatchers volunteered to plan and host. DONE! The Vestry committed \$20,000 to fund the various projects, some of which will return the cost through sales. DONE! Russ Henry took on the "coffee table" book, now known as "Sacred Reflections", and the project evolved into him becoming our Parish Historian. Through his research for Sacred Reflections, he created historical blurbs that have been published every week in the Sunday Bulletin. A compilation of those will be available later. Additionally, Russ is heading up the creation of a Christ Church Museum to be in the Harold House. In addition to funding the Sacristy, money has been raised for an amazing music program already in process and continuing through the Spring featuring local and nationally known artists. And to cap it all off, there will be a Gala Celebration on May 2, 2025, at the Church. WELL UNDER WAY! All these incredible things are being accomplished for our Bicentennial Celebration and I didn't do any of it. It was the collaborative work of this Committee and this incredible Congregation.

I am very excited to see this Bicentennial Celebration unfold and am truly amazed by all that has been accomplished. I look forward to the coming years and the blessings that will abound. Here's to another 200 years of Christ Episcopal Church striving to do the work of the Lord through worship and ministries.



# Junior Warden's Report



Rob Wilkin, Junior Warden

First, I would like to thank the vestry and the membership of Christ Church for the opportunity to serve as Junior Warden this year. This position has given me a new understanding of how important our beautiful, historic parish is to Macon and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

This year we began several large projects in preparation for the Bicentennial celebrations in 2025. The first was the paving of the Cloister Garden with brick to match the existing walkway.



At the direction of Anna Greer, the Parlor in the Parish House was updated as well and turned out beautifully!



The men's restroom in the Parish House is also being renovated and will be finished in early 2025.

The Sacristy is receiving a total update at the direction of Mary Allison Buzzell. During the process of updating, much needed repairs have been made to the upstairs of this area. The project is currently in progress and will be completed soon.

Along with our multiple renovation projects, many necessary maintenance jobs were completed. Sev-



eral HVAC units were replaced this year. HVAC repairs and maintenance are a never-ending but very necessary part of daily activities at Christ Church!

Tim Hoskins spearheaded the effort to fix our cameras that stream the services online when one of them failed. This was completed, and we are back up and streaming to our online audience.

Bonnie and Hamp Dowling, worked to have the bare spots in the grass re-sodded and ready to grow in for next Spring.

Steve Solomon was able to get the attention of the city and have the sidewalk on Walnut Street repaired.

Additional security lighting was also added in the alley between the church and the Harrold House to prevent vandalism of our buildings.

Lastly, a few roof leaks were repaired, and water damage to the plaster in the Harrold House is being corrected. In this process, the original structural brick walls of the Harrold House were exposed.

The brick from 1900 is relatively young compared to the church and cloister structures, but it needed some touchup re-pointing of the mortar, which was completed recently.





## 2025 Vestry Nominees



**Chris Hair**

I am thrilled to join the vestry at Christ Church, and to serve our church community in this meaningful way. Previously, I have had the honor of serving as Stewardship Campaign Chair for 2023 & 2024, an experience that deepened my connection to the church's mission and its people. My wife, Evan, and I have been married since 2016, and together we are raising our two children, Arbour (6) and Charles (3). I look forward to contributing to the vibrant life of our parish and supporting its growth and ministry.



**Jed Hill**

I was born and raised in Cochran, Georgia growing up in the Baptist Church and moved to Macon and married my wife, Kelli who is a cradle Episcopalian from Christ Church. I joined Christ Church in 2006 because it was home. Kelli and I have two children, Ashby (16), and Lilly (14). I am a partner at Buzzell Welsh and Hill, LLP where I have been a practicing attorney for nearly twenty years. I previously taught the 4th-6th grade Sunday School class, chaired the stewardship committee, and currently serve as a lay reader. I will gladly and faithfully serve Christ Church on the Vestry if elected.



**Molly Muse**

I am honored to be slated to serve on the 2025-2027 Vestry. I truly appreciate the trust and confidence placed in me to contribute to our church. I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with such a talented group of individuals and to support the important work being done by the Vestry.

I am a cradle Episcopalian. I grew up in Trinity Episcopal Church in Parkersburg, WV. Ed and I married at Christ Episcopal Church in 1994. Both of our boys were baptized and confirmed at Christ Church. I have served on the Vestry two times. I served as Clerk of the Vestry five times. I have served on a search committee, long term planning committee and capital campaign committee. I served as the ECW President. I currently serve on the altar

guild, parish life and pastoral care committees. I most recently attended the Diocesan Annual Meeting.

I am a Realtor of 20+ years with Sheridan Solomon & Assoc. I also work part time at Previews Interiors. I love to travel, cook and spend time with my family and friends. I look forward to this opportunity should you choose to vote for me. Blessings!



**Nancy Wilkerson**

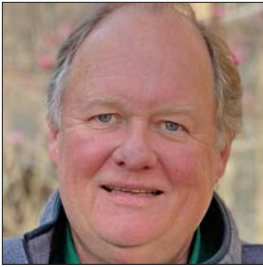
To my fellow parishioners and friends, my name is Nancy Wilkerson and it is such a huge honor to be slated to serve on The Vestry at Christ Episcopal Church. I want to express to you my capability and excitement for this role. I believe I would serve you well as a leader, communicator, and advocate.

I am a cradle Episcopalian and joined Christ Church in 2010, along with my two wonderful daughters, Laren Durkee (27) and Caroline Durkee (25). The minute we walked through the beautiful doors, we knew we were exactly where we needed to be. It not only became a home for the three of us, but eventually the place where my husband, Burt Wilkerson, and I were married in 2015.

I am currently active on the Flower Guild, a volunteer for the Christ Church Weekend Lunch team and most recently attended the Annual Council in Atlanta representing our wonderful church. My past experiences include teaching kindergarten Sunday School, as well as participating in several leadership roles during Garden Gate. I strongly believe in teamwork and encouraging one another, and I hope to cultivate a community of excellence and compassion among our parish as we work towards common goals. My current job as Vice President at Smith Brown and Groover, Inc. allows me to interact and collaborate with my clients on a daily basis. I hope to be a leader who is approachable, trustworthy, and someone on whom each of you can confidently rely on to make changes on your behalf. I look forward to working very hard to protect the vision and goals of our church and am delighted to serve alongside such an amazing Vestry group.



# Christ Church Vestry Members



**Steve Solomon**  
*Senior Warden*  
2023–2026



**Rob Wilkin**  
*Junior Warden*  
2024–2027



**George Greer**  
*Clerk*  
2022–2025



**Steve Welsh**  
*Treasurer*  
2024–2027



**Chris Blake**  
*Adult Education*  
2022–2025



**Harry Groce**  
*Outreach*  
2022–2025



**Russ Henry**  
*Youth & Young Adults*  
2023–2026



**Christine Hoskins**  
*Worship & Music*  
2024–2027



**Keri Jones**  
*Children's Ministry  
& Young Families*  
2024–2027



**Meg Sutherland**  
*Inreach & ECW*  
2022–2025



**Nancy White**  
*Inreach & DOK*  
2023–2026



**Lawrence Williford**  
*Parish Life*  
2023–2026



# Music Ministry



## Walnut Street Music at Christ Church

Mr. Jonathan Alan Poe, MMus  
*Director of Music & Liturgy*

[www.walnutstreetmusic.org](http://www.walnutstreetmusic.org)



Dear People of Christ Church Episcopal,

What a year of music and blessings it's been at Christ Church! Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the incredible music and worship we've shared together. From the inspiring voices of our Christ Church Choir and Walnut Street Singers to the joyful sounds of our St. Cecilia Choir and Choristers, the spirit of God has truly resonated through our parish and beyond.

Speaking of our young choristers, their growth and dedication this year have been simply amazing! A huge thank you to their parents for your constant support and to the incredible Lacey Barnes, whose expertise in music and childhood education makes this vital ministry possible.

We've also had the privilege of hosting world-class organists for our First Sundays on the Fisk series, filling our church with the magnificent sounds of our C. B. Fisk pipe organ. And who could forget the unforgettable performances of "Rooted: An Evening of Song and Spirit," the always-popular "Jazz on Walnut Street," and the deeply moving "Love's Eternal Home" concert in memory of Jack Christopher Minette. Each of these moments has enriched our lives and drawn us closer to God and to one another.

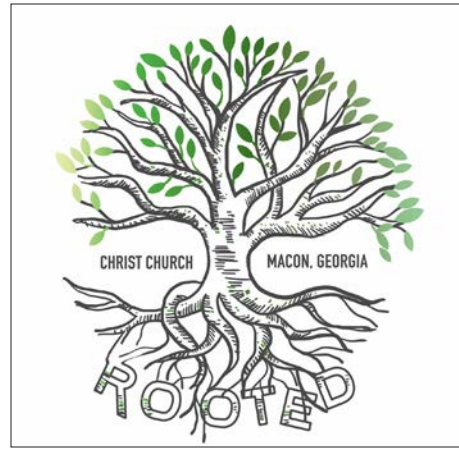
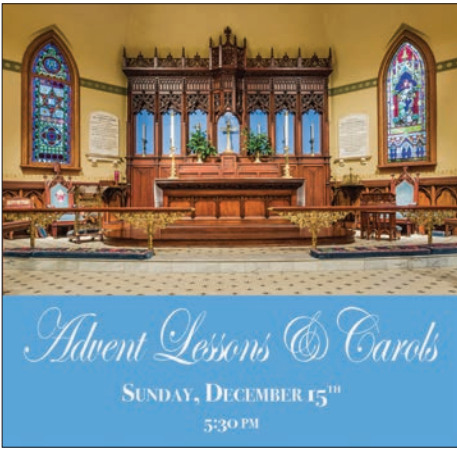
And speaking of enriching our lives, we were overjoyed to welcome the exceptionally talented Eduardo Brand to our organ bench in August. Eduardo is not only a gifted organist who brings the Fisk organ to life with his artistry and passion, but he is also a true blessing to our community. His genuine kindness and gracious spirit have quickly made him a beloved member of our music ministry. We are so grateful for his dedication, professionalism, and the joy he brings to everything he does.

We are so blessed at Christ Church Episcopal! Your unwavering support for Walnut Street Music makes all of this possible. And the best is yet to come! We have exciting plans on the horizon, including a July 2026 residency at Lichfield Cathedral in England which is open to more than just singers, so dust off those passports!

Walnut Street Music is dedicated to bringing powerful, life-affirming, and life-changing experiences to its members and the surrounding community through shared music. We invite you to join us on this incredible musical journey – there are so many ways to become involved and experience the joy of music ministry.

Peace and Love,

Mr. Jonathan Alan Poe, MMus  
*Director of Music & Liturgy*





## The Bicentennial Committee



Christ Church began celebrating the Bicentennial year in August 2024 and will continue to celebrate through May 2025. The committee has planned and is in the process of implementing multiple activities, events and programs every month. Many parishioners have made contributions to support the Special Music Programs throughout the year, as well as the remodeling of the Sacristy. Thank you!

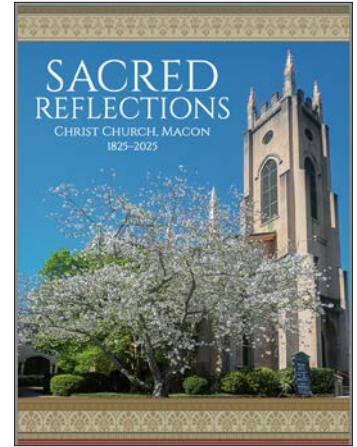
Some Highlights during 2024:

- A new website was launched in celebration of the Bicentennial.
- In celebration of Christ Church's 200th anniversary, the website, ChristChurchMacon.com, was redesigned to create a more user-friendly and engaging experience that reflects the church's rich history & vibrant community.
- A special Bicentennial logo was designed for promotions and was featured on commemorative T-shirts created for the congregation. These efforts honor the legacy of Christ Church while celebrating its remarkable journey and bright future.
- T-shirts with Bicentennial Logo available
- Reprinted 1992 Christ Church Cookbook with Bicentennial logo is available
- Coffee Table Book will be available for pre-sale again 1/23/25
- Bicentennial Forums presented monthly during Sunday School highlight the history of Christ Church
- "Did You Know?" page in the weekly bulletin
- Welcome Home Brunch in August 2024
- "History of Macon" was presented by Andy Lawson

Planned for 2025:

- 1/23/2025 Cocktail Party at the home of Georgia & Bob Hatcher
- 2/27/2025 Bicentennial Church Service & Reception in the Great Hall for Parishioners, the Bishop & Special Clergy
- 3/22 – 3/25/2025 Old City Flower Show at Christ Church with Guided Tours & Art Show
- 5/2/2025 Gala Cocktail Party to celebrate the conclusion of our Bicentennial year in the Gardens at Christ Church

Submitted by Committee Chairs,  
Kay Greer & Jane Willingham





## Christian Formation



### Children's Formation

*Rachel Horkan*

The Children's Ministry provides nursery for children birth through Kindergarten, Sunday School for children 2 years old through 5th grade, as well as special events during the year geared toward children and families.

Our nursery is staffed by five paid workers and occasional volunteers. They provide loving care for children during Sunday School, church, and special events.

Our Sunday School classes for age 2 through 5th grade provide a variety of hands-on opportunities for children to grow in the knowledge and love of God. The upper elementary children study scripture using personal Bibles gifted to them by our church. All classes have the opportunity to learn and experience Bible stories through crafts, activities, dramatic interpretation, Godly Play storytelling, and more. Like last year, our students have been working together to memorize Bible verses, with our focus this fall on Psalm 23. We've continued gathering together for music at the end of each Sunday School hour, singing various hymns and songs of praise.

We've continued our traditions of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, All Hallows' Eve Service & Celebration, All Saints' Service Project, Advent Wreath-Making, St. Nicholas Service & Dinner, Christmas Pageant,

and Young Family Supper Club. These events continue to be successful and much-anticipated.

The success of our Sunday School program and special events are due to our dedicated team of volunteers. Whenever we have a need, someone within the church is happy to step forward and help.

We have several new initiatives this year. We've developed a new Young Family Library, full of books for babies through teens and their parents. The children love checking out books from the library and sharing favorites with their friends. Also new this year is the invitation for families with Children or Youth to ring the chapel bell before the 10:15 service. This experience is such a fun way to get children involved! Other ways we've tried to engage children in worship services are updating the children's worship station and periodically inviting children to gather around the altar during the Celebration of Communion, giving them a close-up look at this important sacrament.

In 2025 we hope to increase our Sunday School attendance and continue to provide meaningful and fun programming and opportunities for fellowship for children and their families, helping them grow spiritually and develop a sense of community among each other.



### Youth Formation

*Hope Westervelt*

2024 was a great year of growth and community for the youth group at Christ Church! I have spent time listening to the needs of our families and adjusting our schedule to better fit their busy lives. We have switched to a rotating schedule where we meet every Sunday evening, but the 1st Sunday is hosted at a family's home, the 2nd Sunday is a fun outing or ser-

vice project, the 3rd Sunday we meet at the church, and the 4th Sunday is High School only at Hope's house. These gatherings have been both fruitful in conversation and diving into faith while also being so fun and perfect for community building.

We have also continued our bi-weekly prayer breakfast throughout the year. In the summer and

last semester we met at Cathedral Coffee while our beloved Chik-fil-A was being rebuilt but now we are back to our chicken biscuits at Chik-fil-A! I have also spent lots of time attending our youth's extra curricular activities and have had the best time watching them play sports and on the stage!

One of the biggest things we have done this year is bringing back the Youth Pilgrimage to England, which holds so many special memories for so many at our church! We will be taking a group of High School Youth to London and Canterbury on June 9th-17th, 2025 for a trip of a lifetime as we explore our Anglican roots, grow deeper in our personal

faith, and grow as a youth community. Your prayers are beyond appreciated as we prepare for this incredible journey. We also welcome any financial support to help sponsor our high schoolers on their pilgrimage!

This has been such a wonderful year of growing and learning together with our middle and high schoolers and I can't wait to see all of the wonderful things that are to come in 2025. If you ever want to know more about our youth program and what we do, I am always available to chat and gush about our youth!



## Adult Formation

*The Rev. Cynthia Knapp*

The Adult Sunday School started out the year with a study titled, "We Three Kings". These were not the wisemen. It was a study led by John Blanks on the three kings, Saul, David and Solomon. Drs. Chris and Melody Blake led a study of the book of Philippians, and Will McDavid led Part 2 of the characters of Genesis, having covered Part 1 in the fall of 2023. In the beginning of our program year in August we began our series of Bicentennial Forums in the Great Hall with Andy Lawson teaching on the history of Macon and Russ Henry teaching on the History of Christ Church. These were followed with monthly topics on the history of the music at Christ Church and the history of our stained-glass windows and Christian symbolism in the church led by Susan Welsh. The Adult Sunday School met on the Sundays we did not have a Bicentennial forum. This fall we started with a study of The Lord's Prayer led by the Blakes followed by a study of the Nicene Creed led by Will McDavid and the Rev. Cynthia Knapp. We made a shift to a more conversational model for the class to give congregants an opportunity to engage with the class and with one another more readily.

We held an Inquirer's Class beginning in January to help Newcomers become acclimated to Christ Church and to the Episcopal Church when coming from another tradition. We use the book, *Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* for participants to read on their own, but the class is an opportunity

for people to ask questions, share in one another's journeys, and grow in their faith and in their understanding of the Episcopal way of life. We held a Thursday evening regional Confirmation service at Christ Church on May 2nd where many of the participants were Confirmed or Received and others were Confirmed or Received in Atlanta at the Diocesan Confirmation services on June 2nd.

The 9:00 Women's Bible Study meets in the parlor with a zoom component for those unable to meet in person to be able to join us. This group was studying Romans from January through the Spring and started the Gospel of Mark when we resumed in August. We had about 16 participants.

The Wise Women's Bible Study meets in the Cloister Room 10:45-11:45 and also studied Romans through the Spring followed by Mark in the fall. This group had about 19 participants, some of whom remain for the noon Eucharist and healing service. The size of the groups allows for active participation without ever putting pressure on anyone to speak who would prefer to just listen.

The Men's Bible Study that meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 was brought back with Will McDavid's leadership this past Spring. They too were studying the gospel of Mark and very much enjoyed Will's teaching.

Anyone is welcome to join any of the Bible Studies at any time, and we encourage the formation of small group studies.



# The Worship Committee



Chairman: Richard Hughes (Vergers)

Committee Members: the Rev. Cynthia Knapp, Jonathan A. Poe, Timothy Hoskins, Hope Westervelt, Bonnie Collins (LEMs), Nan Solomon Harper (Altar Guild), Virginia Everett Rozier (Flower Guild), Duncan Walker (Ushers), Russ Henry (Acolytes), Virgil Warren, (Healing Ministry), Christine Hoskins (Vestry Shepherd)

2024 has been a strong year for Christ Church and our Worship Committee. We were blessed to welcome The Rev. Harriette Simmons, as Assisting Priest and The Rev. Dr. John F. McCard, Priest Associate to our clerical team. Hope Westervelt, Director of Youth Ministries, who came to us in 2023 has hit the ground running, building exciting programs for our Youth.

Russ Henry resumes his emphasis on training our Acolytes so that they feel comfortable whenever they are called to serve. His on-line videos allow on-going education more often and on-demand. Russ has been busy boosting the number of trained Thurifers. Currently we have 4 who can be called into action whenever incense is needed.

Altar Guild took on the first major redesign of its Sacristy in the last 30 years. Under the guidance of Nan Harper, it was taken down to the studs and rebuilt to provide more functionality and easier workflow. Please let Nan know if you would like a tour!

Jonathan Poe and his music team remain outstanding in their musical offerings. Whether it's a typical Sunday service, one of the monthly Choral Evenings, or a more relaxed Rooted service, you can count on something special. Jonathan has created a stellar musical ministry for Christ Church and the Macon community at large.

Bonnie Collins has put together an outstanding cadre of Lay Readers and Lay Eucharistic Minis-

ters. Duncan Walker's team of Ushers can always be counted on to provide support for any service, big or small. Ginny Rozier continues to impress with her team of artists who provide so much beauty to our Altar every week. On high Holy days, their work is beyond compare.

Virgil Warren works diligently to provide healing ministers each Sunday. If you would like to become a part of the order of St. Luke, please contact Virgil. Timothy Hoskins, Director of Communications, has worked tirelessly to maintain our on-line YouTube presence. He also coordinates with those requesting recordings of weddings, funerals, or other special events. If the AV team sparks an interest in you, please contact Tim for more information.

The Worship Committee has worked diligently during this year to ensure quality worship experience. We are blessed at Christ Church to have so many who are called to the ministry of worship and liturgy. Our goal is to always provide you with meaningful, inspirational, and safe worship opportunities at Christ Church. If you have questions or would like to be part of any of the Worship Committee ministries, please reach out to any of the Worship Committee members. God's Peace to you all!

Respectfully Submitted by  
Richard M. Hughes, Chair and  
Christine Hoskins, Vestry Shephard



## Acolytes

*Hope Westervelt & Russ Henry*

What a wonderful group of acolytes we have at Christ Church! Our acolyte team is made up of 32 children and youth who rotate serving each week. We have held two acolyte trainings this year to help them hone their skills and prepare them for worship. This year we also did a small renovation to the acolyte room where we cleared out the space, organized, and added some decorations to make it a more welcoming space. Special thank to Russ Henry for taking on training our acolytes and keeping things running smoothly during services!



## Lay Eucharistic Ministers

*Bonnie Collins*

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Christ Church have three functions: serve as Lectors, reading the appointed Lessons at regular and special services; serve as Intercessors, reading the Prayers of the People; and finally, serve as Chalice Bearers during the Eucharist.

In 2024, over thirty members of our church served as Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Patrick Dziedzic and Will McDavid joined the group and we welcomed back Chappell Traynham.



## Altar Guild

*Nan Solomon Harper*

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up and cleaning up after all services at Christ Church. This includes all regular worship services on Wednesdays and Sundays, as well as weddings and funerals. We have thirty-one members divided into four teams. Each team is responsible for one week of services; they divide up the responsibilities among their team members. It is fun and important work and doesn't take much time at all.

As part of our bicentennial celebration, we are very excited to be renovating our sacristy. This is the room to the right of the Altar where we house all of our supplies for the Altar and Flower Guilds and the place where we do all of the work to prepare for our services. The Altar Guild uses this room to store our linens, silver, communion wafers, wine, and all the other many things that are needed for the different church services throughout the year.



## Order of St. Luke

*Virgil Warren*

The OSL is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the ministry of Christian healing. As a group of volunteers, we are committed to Jesus Christ as the Son of God who still heals today! We provide healing prayer nearly every Sunday at the 10:30 service. We're the folks in the blue cinctures who pray with our fellow parishioners individually, helping lift their prayer up to the Lord. We also participate in the Wednesday lunchtime healing service, and are available to pray with people at any time, offering prayerful assistance to those in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing.



## Daughters of the King

*Hannah Warren*

Daughters of the King are Christian women who have taken a vow to follow a Rule of Life which includes daily prayer, service, and evangelism. There are DOK chapters located around the globe. The order is open to women of all ages.

This year the DOK of Christ Church are meeting monthly and learning about the ministries of Christ Church, supporting church endeavors, outreach programs and daily living the Rule of Life.

Church members interested in joining can talk with Hannah Warren or any DOK member.



## John's Ushers

*Duncan Walker*

Thank you for allowing the Ushers and Greeters to serve Christ Church. We enjoy our ministry and hope to set a standard worthy of our namesake, John Willingham, the host with the most. While John, and your ushers, take pride (I'm sure he still does) in performing our duties – welcoming the congregation, collecting and securing gifts plus assisting with communion logistics – we do not see our efforts as an obligation, but rather as a privilege. Your ushers enjoy greeting you and look forward to each congregant experiencing their time on our campus in the manner they have come to know and love.

So, if you enjoy celebrating the Lord at Christ Church, but want to find a ministry to give back some of the service you get, just give us a holler. We'll be the folks out front with smiles on our faces.



## Flower Guild

*Virginia Everett Rozier  
& Katy Tosh*

The Flower Guild has been in existence for over sixty years and arranges all flowers at the church for memorial altar displays, weddings, funerals, and special receptions. In 2024, Katy Tosh graciously stepped up as the Flower Guild Co-Chair. We are especially appreciative of the newly refurbished Sacristy. This is a wonderful and creative ministry, and everyone is welcome!



## Communications Ministry

*Timothy Hoskins*

This past year saw substantial changes to the way Christ Church handles communications. The Communications Ministry was established in anticipation of the Bicentennial Celebration year to bring together all the church's means of publishing information under one organization. To facilitate the formation of this new, consolidated ministry, Christ Church hired its first full-time Director of Communications. In June, Timothy Hoskins was hired as Interim Director of Communications and was made the permanent director in August. Timothy brings experience in writing, publishing, and graphic design from work in print journalism and the defense industry.

The Communications Ministry combines Christ Church's monthly newsletter, *The Chimes*, the service bulletins and announcement inserts, the AV Ministry and YouTube channel, the weekly Happenings email and other parish-wide emails, the parish website, and the parish social media accounts. The Communications Ministry has three primary goals:

1. To keep the members of Christ Church informed, in print and online, with timely and accurate information about the events taking place at Christ Church.
2. To advertise to our downtown Macon community about Christ Church, its ministries and activities.
3. To present an attractive, accurate, and up-to-date public face for Christ Church to newcomers and prospective members.

*The Chimes* is Christ Church's monthly newsletter, and is the primary means of communicating with members about current and upcoming events. This year, the July issue was larger than normal because it was intended as a guide to all the events of the 2024-2025 Bicentennial Program Year, which would be kicking off in August. To get this information into everyone's hands, a printed copy was sent to everyone on the parish mailing list, in addition to the usual modes of distribution through email and the website. This proved to be very popular, so on the request of the Executive Committee, the decision was made to

continue mailing printed copies to the entire parish throughout the Bicentennial year. Special thanks to our office volunteers Bonita Braun, Kay Greer, Maureen Hair, Linda Horne, Wendy Johnson, Irene Marxsen, Holly Morrison, and Jane Willingham for all your help with stamping, addressing, and stuffing envelopes.

The newly formed Communications Ministry took over responsibility in June for creating the weekly service bulletins in consultation with the Rector and the Director of Music and Liturgy. These leaflets serve to aid in our worship services and contain the announcement and calendar insert which is another means of sharing information with our parishioners. Special thanks to our dedicated proofreaders: Bonnie Collins, Nan Harper, Richard Hughes, Sandy Kendall, Ginny Rozier, Duncan Walker, and Virgil Warren and to Russ Henry for his fantastic weekly Bicentennial "Did You Know?" pages.

The AV Ministry completed its first full year of live-streaming. We recorded 52 Sunday services, 6 special midweek services, 4 funerals, 4 choral evensongs, and three organ concerts. We averaged 113 views per service. The Bicentennial celebration brought new opportunities, as we recorded and broadcast the monthly Bicentennial history forums. We dealt with significant technical challenges as one of our two primary cameras was out of service for several months over the summer and fall. After a lengthy troubleshooting process, the problem was ultimately resolved by replacing the camera with the help of a generous donor. In December, we conducted some audio work in the nave to install two new microphones to better capture congregational singing and the choir in their new location in the chancel. We are proud to be in our fourth year of offering this service to those members of Christ Church who are sick, traveling, or otherwise unable to be present in person. We look forward to serving in the new year, especially as the Bicentennial celebration continues. Special thanks to the Scaffolding Crew for all your hard work: Rob Wilkin, Chet Knapp, Roger Marxsen, Will McDavid, Harry Groce, and Scott and Christine Hoskins. And most of all thank you to AV Tech David Cline for your dedication and service.

Another tool Christ Church uses for communication is parish-wide emails. This primarily takes the form of the weekly Happenings email that is sent out every Friday morning and contains information about all the

events occurring that Sunday and the following week. The email goes out to an email list of about 470 contacts. We have also the parish-wide email system to notify and remind members about special events. This has been an especially important avenue of communication in the Bicentennial year because of the high number of special events taking place.

One area of ongoing work is the parish website. This is a particularly important tool because, not only does it serve to communicate information within the parish, it serves as one of the primary public faces for the church. It is one of the first places members of the surrounding community and prospective members will visit when seeking information about the church. We are working to make the website an attractive and accurate presentation of Christ Church, with timely updates about our events and “evergreen” information about the parish and our ministries. We want newcomers visiting our website to come away knowing who we are and what we believe, and seeing us as a vibrant and active church community. Special thanks to Elizabeth Schorr and her team at Elizabeth Schorr & Co. for their redesign of the website in the fall.

Finally, the Communications Ministry is responsible for Christ Church’s social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. In the past year, we have sought to increase our use of these platforms, which serve a dual role and both inward facing means of communicating with parishioners and outward facing means of giving a first impression to prospective members. In the past year, we have gained a net 84 followers on Facebook for a total of 726 and 41 new followers on Instagram for a total of 101. Interactions with our posts have increased over 900% vs. 2023. Special thanks to our Vestry Subcommittee on Communications Russ Henry and Christine Hoskins for taking an interest in developing this aspect of our online presence.

We are proud of the work that had gone into our communications in 2024, and we are excited to continue in 2025. We are dedicated to keeping the parish informed as we enter our season of Bicentennial activities and to being responsible stewards of the increased attention the Bicentennial celebration will bring. We hope to use this anniversary to reach out to our Macon community to build up Christ Church for the next 200 years, to make Christ Church a positive force to our neighbors, and to reach people with the Gospel throughout the city and beyond.

## 2024 Parish Renovation Projects

In 2024, the parish undertook several renovation projects to prepare the campus for our Bicentennial celebration. This included adding new brickwork and irrigation to the Cloister Garden, renovating and redecorating the Parlor, adding a variety of new signs around the grounds, and extensively remodeling the Sacristy. A project to convert the men’s vesting room into a restroom will continue in 2025.





## Inreach Ministries



### Welcoming & Nurturing *Ellen Murphey*

#### Welcoming & Nurturing Committee Mission Statement:

**T**o assure all Christ Church guests are made to feel welcome and to successfully assimilate new members into the worship, fellowship and ministries of the Christ Church parish.

The first encounters by a guest or new member with his or her new church are crucial to extending the life of the membership and the loyalty and participation of that member. The Committee should be supported by the Church Staff, Vestry, Clergy and the entire congregation.

#### Taking Action:

- We welcome visitors and those watching online at the beginning of the service and try to get welcome packets into the hands of newcomers.
- What to say: While we may worry we might sound foolish if the visitor has been coming for many weeks already, we can say “I haven’t had the chance to meet you, or “We have several services and maybe I’ve missed seeing you.” Ask questions and learn about our guests!
- Where to greet: Either before the service, stand-

ing with the ushers, during the Passing of the Peace if they are seated near you, or after the service standing near the clergy are good times to greet visitors. We don’t want to overwhelm first time guests, but it is important to get their names (invite them to complete a Visitors Card) and perhaps ask how they found us. Tell them about upcoming services, special events and ministries.

- Completed Visitors Cards: These should be given to the ushers and collected along with the offering. A welcome letter can then be sent from the church office.
- Scheduling volunteers: A tentative plan of action is to assign our volunteers one Sunday a month to be “on duty” seeking out visitors.

#### Other Committee Info:

- This ministry has a line item budget, money for Newcomer party expenses, etc.
- Tours of the church are very helpful to visitors learning their way around the property and are given when they meet with our clergy.
- Inviting visitors to get involved with a ministry, bible study or class helps them connect to their interest.
- Our Lemonade on the Lawn/Cookies in the Cloister Room following the 10:30a service provides an opportunity to welcome and get to know our newcomers.



### Lay Eucharistic Visitors *Katy Tosh*

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) are congregation members who have a desire to help our shut-ins with calls, visits and the sharing of Communion. Each LEV is assigned a specific parishioner who is unable to attend church services in person, due to an illness or other restrictions, for long periods of time or indefinitely.

While our new equipment allows us to record and livestream services, it still misses a personal touch and the ability for a shut-in to receive Communion. While visiting, our team of trained lay people administers the Communion, reads the lessons from the Bulletin and discusses the Sunday sermon. Just visiting is such a welcomed gift! However, the small act of watching the Sunday service online together and taking Communion makes the parishioners really happy! The LEV’s ministry is a vital one in helping the parishioner feel connected to their church and to also feel cared for and not alone when they can’t be at church in person!



## 12 Steps & Christian Healing

*Lynn Waggoner*

This group meets every Thursday at noon, in the parlor, to support each other in behavior-related recovery. Based in the belief of Christian healing, it follows the 12 Step format, created originally by the founders of AA. Our primary purpose is to achieve spiritual recovery for ourselves and others through the healing presence of Christ. As with any program of recovery, respect for confidentiality is the indispensable foundation for all participants.



## Grieving Ministry

*Sheri Pyles*

Grieving the loss of a loved one is a painful process without a specific timeline. In recognition of the difficulty of that process, we have a ministry of sending out a series of 4 booklets called *Journeying Through Grief* that arrive at set intervals over the course of the year following the loss of a loved one accompanied by a letter from the rector. Sheri Pyles is in charge of this ministry and sends these booklets out. In 2024 this ministry served 26 families. Sheri also taught the Grief Recovery Support Group for which we use the curriculum by Spark of Life Ministries supplemented by other materials. Dee Scarborough and Elizabeth McCain, who are members of the Wise Women's Bible Study and have experienced grief in their own lives, were helpers in leading the course. In addition to the leadership, there were 9 people consistently participating in the course.



## Good Grief

*Susan Placek & Martha Upchurch*

Good Grief is the ministry that provides receptions following Christ Church funerals. It is headed by Susan Placek and Martha Upchurch who work with a team of volunteers to provide refreshments for funeral receptions at the church. In 2024, Good Grief hosted 4 funeral receptions at Christ Church.



## Outreach



Lynn Waggoner, Chairwoman

The Outreach Committee of Christ Church represents this congregation's commitment to serving others in our local community. Meeting monthly on the third Monday of each month, the Committee welcomes lay volunteers to join this dynamic and challenging service. During meetings, ministry shepherds share organizational updates, needs, and successes with committee members, providing insight into our unique community, and our brothers and sisters abroad.

The 2024 ministries include Middle Georgia Justice, Book 'Em, Crisis Line/Safe House, Daybreak, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, Weekend Lunch, the Angel Tree (with gifts for children of DFACS), Macon Volunteer Clinic, Appleton Episcopal Ministries, and Weekend Lunch. The committee also supports two global missions, Haitian Hope and Grani-to de Mostaza (Cuban Dairy Ministry).

Weekend Lunch is Christ Church's flagship Outreach ministry. Headed by Dr. Hal Brickle, this essential component of the combined response Christ Church and the local community help feed those facing food insecurity. Every Saturday and Sunday, 52 weeks a year, volunteers prepare and serve hot meals in the beautiful Julia Jones Chapel.

In 2024, Christ Church Community Service funds contributed generously to these worthy ministries. This is a demonstration of what happens when agencies of the broader faith communities work together to meet the needs of all God's peoples. Each ministry is featured as a Ministry of the Month, during which time information about services provided and ways for parishioners to help are featured in the monthly Chimes, as well as in the weekly bulletins.

In addition to funds and material support distributed by the Outreach Committee, the Rector's Discretionary Fund responds to unexpected or individual needs that arise throughout the year.

For more information, contact Lynn Waggoner, Outreach Chairperson.

***Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.***

— Matthew 25:40 KJV


*Parish Life*




  
**Seasoned Saints**  
*Karen Maurizi*

Our church seniors had a fun year. Besides having dinner at different restaurants each month, we also had guest speakers talk to us about the history of Christ Church, Haitian Hope, and genealogy. I am gratified that there continues to be interest in our group.



  
**The Parish Life Committee**  
*Andrea Williford & Kay Greer*

The Parish Life Committee is responsible for hosting the fellowship and social events of the church. These events are meant to bring the members of the parish together outside of regularly scheduled church activities. Throughout the year, numerous parishioners dedicate their time and talents to create fun events for members of our parish. In 2024, the Parish Life Committee hosted the following events:

- Annual Meeting Luncheon in the Great Hall
- Reception following Confirmation in May
- Lemonade on the Lawn through the end of October
- Kick-Off Brunch for Sunday School and annual programming
- Parish Picnic at the Holliday's Farm in Juliette
- Reception following the Advent Concert

Respectfully submitted,  
 Andrea Williford and Kay Greer



## Men's Breakfast

*Jonathan Poe*

The Men of Christ Church gather on select Saturdays for breakfast in the Great Hall. The purpose of these events is to bring us together in fellowship and community. Food. Fellowship. Faith.



## Young Professionals

*Hope Westervelt*

We were thrilled to start our new Young Professionals group this year which has served the adults in our parish ranging in age from mid-twenties to young forties. This group meets the last Monday of the month for either dinner and conversation or an activity. It has been such a fun and fruitful time with others in the same life stage at our parish and we look forward to seeing this group continue to grow as the years go on. If you have interest in being a part of this group or would like to help in any way, please reach out to Hope Westervelt ([hope@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:hope@christchurchmacon.com))



## Episcopal Church Women

*Evan Hair & Keri Jones*

ECW kicked off the year in November with a night of Chili and Bingo in the Great Hall. Robert and Steve Solomon were our callers and fun prizes were awarded to our winners. It was a night full of laughter, fun and friendly competition.

Kelli Hill graciously opened her beautiful home to host our annual ECW Christmas Party. Women brought toys to be donated to DFACs. A big thank you is extended to Kay Greer and Kitty Walker for their generous hospitality in preparing the food for this party for the past 15 years.

We look forward to assisting with both the Art and Flower show this Spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evan Hair and Keri Jones



## Lemonade on the Lawn

*Laurie Minette*

Lemonade on the Lawn is a time of fellowship following the 10:30a service on Sunday mornings. It moved into the Cloister Garden following the installation of the new brickwork at the end of the summer. At the beginning of Advent, we moved into the Cloister Room for the colder months. Thank you to Robert and Markisha and everyone who volunteered to host.

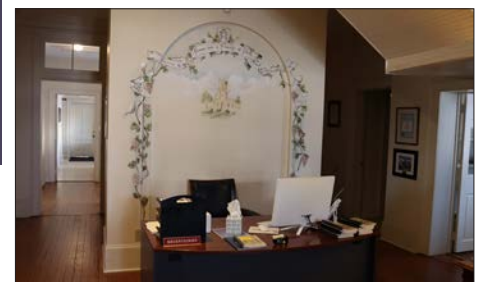


## Office Volunteers

*Lynn Waggoner*

Working selflessly at the church office in the Harrold House, the cadre of office volunteers provides a vital service to the day-to-day operations of the church. Competently managed by Elizabeth Benjamin for the first half of 2024, the decision was made to move volunteer management to the Parish Administrator. It is the realistic assessment of the Parish Administrator that this change, an unfortunate attempt at consolidating tasks, was performed much better by Mrs. Benjamin, and she regrets her decision.

Volunteers are asked to cover the front desk in the Harrold House, Monday through Thursday, either in the mornings from 9a - 12p or afternoons from 1p to 4p. They usually work twice a month, but some dedicated souls help weekly. Duties include answering the phone and door; clerical tasks including filing, mailing, and copying; writing thank-you notes; and in general, keeping track of the staff. If you are interested in volunteering (and enjoying an endless supply of fresh coffee) your participation would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lynn Waggoner at [office@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:office@christchurchmacon.com).





# WEEKEND LUNCH

AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Weekend Lunch program has served the needs of downtown Macon since the mid-1990s. What started as an opportunity to help feed the homeless, hungry, and less fortunate in a safe and enjoyable environment has since grown into a program that delivers far more than a meal to our community.

Serving 4-6 weekends each, the following Churches, Synagogue, and Independent Teams were instrumental in the success of Weekend Lunch Ministry:

- Beth Yeshua International Synagogue
- Martha Bowman Methodist Church
- St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 1st Baptist Church of Christ
- High Street Unitarian Universalist Church
- New Haven Baptist Church
- St. Francis Episcopal Church
- F.A.T. Ministry (Faithful-Available-Teachable)
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- Christ Episcopal Church.

In addition to providing meals, we also offered clothing, warm jackets, school supplies, shoes, water bottles in hot weather, containers of food to local ministries as well as family meals for special occasions and always prayers for and with our guests.

During the year, several area Outreach Groups helped out by providing hygiene kits. Turkeys were distributed, with the help of F.A.T. Ministry, to families during the Thanksgiving Holiday!

## 2025 Goals & Projects

### SERVICE:

#### CHRIST CHURCH

- PARTICIPATION: Christ Church members more involved in Ministry
- Additional Leaders & Teams
- CLERGY: Give an opening prayer and blessing of food
- WELCOMING: Vestry/Clergy/Members welcoming guests to Christ Church
- KITCHEN BRIGADE: Monthly Cleaning/Organizing

#### PRAYER GROUPS

- Prayer Warriors / Christ Church
- Prayer Groups from other Team Sponsors

### NEW TEAMS / VOLUNTEERS

- Daybreak & Loaves & Fishes & Macon Outreach - Sharing Experience W/L
- Mentor Program (June O'Neal) / Host & Serve at Event for Guests
- High Schools/Teachers (FBLA,etc)
- Clergy of the Middle Georgia Convocation (Rev. Knapp)

### PROJECTS:

#### INSIDE

- Purchase a New Freezer
- Purchase and Replace mat at the inside entrance
- Assess & update functionality and storage access in pantry.
- Assess and improve storage and access to dishwasher and sink area and working area
- Metal Wall Shelving in kitchen
- Drying / Work Table at Dishwashing Area
- Steam Clean kitchen floor and deep clean kitchen

#### OUTSIDE

- Paint the Front Door and improve the overall look of the entrance to Weekend Lunch. (Planters, Greenery, Canopy, Wood Fencing, Mural, Sponsorships
- Install a Handicap Entrance to Jones Chapel
- Plaque / Signage at Guest Entry (Wrought Iron Fencing)

### EVENTS:

- Appreciation Banquet
- Aluminum Can Drive
- Team Dinners - Fellowship/Recipes/Cooking/Updates
- Spaghetti Dinner (Salad/Dessert/Drink) Eat-In / Pick-Up

### 2024 WEEKEND LUNCH DATA

Month	Total Meals	Total Volunteers	New Volunteers
January	711	60	1
February	657	82	15
March	867	85	4
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2235</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>20</b>
April	776	64	22
May	678	56	4
June	726	79	9
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>2180</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>35</b>
July	686	57	4
august	792	84	9
September	627	80	26
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>2105</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>39</b>
October	551	66	17
November	623	85	11
December	641	68	10
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>QUARTERLY SUBTOTALS</b>			
1st Quarter	2235	227	20
2nd Quarter	2180	199	35
3rd Quarter	2195	221	39
4th Quarter	1815	219	38
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,425</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>132</b>

Extra Data	Meals	Volunteers	New Volunteers
Daily Average (1 day)	81	8.3	1.26
Weekend Average (2 days)	162	16.7	2.5
Monthly Average	702	72	11



# 2024 Parish Sacraments



## Baptisms



Thomas Hill Herrington  
Elizabeth June Swann  
Carolyn Simpson Walker  
Roy Benjamin Walden, V  
Posey Bay Hudson

Isabella Marie Smith  
Cooper Dylan Smith  
Simeon Robert Cavanaugh  
Jalyn Morgan Massey  
John Paul Weiche



## Confirmations



Addison Grace Henry  
Cohen James Camp  
Julie Vickery Camp  
Mary Hiller Crook  
Jacob Cameron Crook  
Roxanne Mincey Hinson  
Thomas H. Hinson

John Godfrey Morgan, Jr.  
Mary Catherine Morgan  
Lorraine C. Smith  
Bonnie Cole Gifford  
Jamie Williams Walden  
Roy Benjamin Walden, IV



## Marriages



Edgeley Askew Myers and Jeffrey W. Langford  
Georgia Butler and Donald Walukas  
Kathryn Windsor Stone and Jack Pilcher Harper

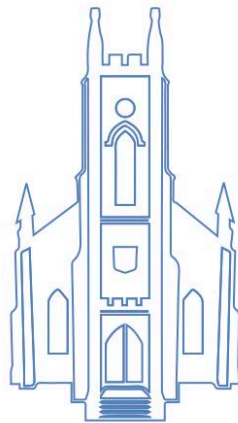


## Burials



Crawford Grandy Peace, Jr.  
Thomas Frank Richardson, Jr.  
Florabelle Collier Bloodworth Mellard  
William Donald Griffin, Jr.  
Bettie Hall Weaver  
Thomas Jerome Cogswell

John Satterfield McCord, Jr.  
Dr. Charles Hyatt Richardson, III  
Jane Canady "Tweedy" Everett  
Barbara Allen Stanton Domingos  
Robert Watson Hearn, Jr.



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