

*Celebrating 125  
Years of Love*

*Flu Shots Available*

*All Saints' Day  
Traditions*

# The Disciple

Christ Church Charlotte

*Stories of the people and events in our Spiritual Home*

Dear Parishioners,

Christ Church is thriving! Our membership continues to grow as does the energy and excitement. Volunteers are focused on every aspect of pastoral care, education and outreach. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are truly immeasurable.

“**Let Your Light Shine**” is our guiding tenet for the 2012 stewardship campaign. It comes from Matthew 5:16 - “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*” We need your light to shine and help keep Christ Church a flourishing, spiritual home.



**A few important facts that impact our finances and operations:**

- We have grown to more than 5,000 parishioners, yet we are still served by only 5 clergy.
- Revenues in 2011 are \$3.8 million, \$300,000 below 2008 levels.
- Despite decreased revenues and increased costs, Christ Church maintains a balanced budget.
- The total number of pledges has remained flat for the past four years.
- The Annual Stewardship Campaign pledges fund 95% of the operations of our parish.

**We need your pledge to help fund the following:**

- Pastoral Care - An additional minister is needed to maintain our commitment to pastoral care.
- Education - Our growth has created needs for additional programs for children, youth and adults.
- Outreach - In uncertain times, the need for help has grown, yet the Outreach budget has not.

The Bible reminds us that God is the true and ultimate owner of all of our possessions. We are each accountable to God for the care and use of these possessions.

Now, more than ever, “Let Your Light Shine” and offer your support by making a pledge. If you have never pledged or given before, now is the time to join those parishioners whose gifts sustain our church. If you are a regular supporter, we invite you to consider increasing the amount of your gift in order to keep our church strong for the future.

Please join us in sharing your gifts from God by making a 2012 pledge to Christ Church. Stewardship packets will be arriving in your mailbox soon, or you may pledge online, at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org), under the link “GIVE.”

Thank you so much for your love and support of Christ Church.

  
John and Julie Stedman  
2012 Annual Stewardship Campaign Chairs

**Stewardship Commission**

Suzanne Bledsoe  
Bill Blue  
Alan Dickson  
Bob Dooley  
Doug Ey  
Ted Garner  
Ned Hardison  
Joe Kluttz  
Bill Lunsford  
Dank Pinckney  
Robert Schleusner  
Anne Carter Smith

John Stedman,  
2012 Stewardship Chairman

Wellford Tabor,  
2011 Senior Warden

Kimberly Mize,  
Director of Stewardship

The Reverend Chip Edens,  
Rector

## *In The Parish*

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

The John and Hobby Sherman family  
Barkley Hendrix  
The Richard and Sarah Walker family  
The Joe and Kristin Foster family

### **MARRIAGES:**

Lauren Robbins to Jay Holder  
Jenny Flynn to Stephen Schmidt  
Emily Katherine Andrews to Patrick Ian Land

### **BIRTHS:**

Bratton Mayes Chandler,  
son of Barron and Emily Chandler  
Daniel Ravenel Richardson,  
son of Max and Henri Richardson  
John Lindsay Hallett, III,  
son of John and Carolyn Hallett  
Millicent Grace McMahan,  
daughter of Ed and Anna McMahan  
Jack Franklin McGuire, s  
son of David and Lauren McGuire

### **ADOPTIONS:**

David Warren Young,  
grandson of Ken and Cindy Young

### **BAPTISMS:**

Henry Thomas Barr Dixon,  
son of Tom and Kathryn Dixon  
William Wood Dixon,  
son of Tom and Kathryn Dixon  
Lane Elias Faison, Jr.  
son of Lane and Liz Faison  
Victoria Elise Hardin,  
daughter of Jim and Kathryn Hardin  
Reese Katharine Jenkins,  
daughter of Camp and Jessica Jenkins

### **DEATHS:**

Nona Butterworth  
Zeno L. Edwards, father of Teresa Edwards  
Ormond Hessler  
Glenn Garella  
Robert Massengill  
Laurel Houser  
Tatum Gressette, Jr., father of Tatum Gressette, III  
Elizabeth Sawyer, daughter of Sophie Wood

## **SAGES CORNER**

The Sages will have their October luncheon on Monday, October 24th at Christ Church. All members and guests need to pay \$10.00 to CHRIST CHURCH and send the money to Meredith Marchant, 218 Wintergreen Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211, by Tuesday, October 18th. The program will be a prepared musical event, including a sing-a-long of favorite songs for fun.

The Sages will host a barbeque on October 16th for the residents of Southminster who are Christ Church members. In addition, plans are in the works for a Charlotte city tour in November. We will let everyone know additional information about this event as plans are finalized.

## **ECW CORNER**

*News about Episcopal Church Women  
by Jessica Fallis*

Fall is here! The ECW is very excited about our upcoming events and we hope that you will join us for the following: "Perk Up"-ECW Coffee Stop, October 25th at 9:30 AM in the Parlor and Blue Room.

Advent Luncheon, November 29th at 11:30 AM in All Saints' Hall.

Our Annual Greenery Sale begins this month in anticipation of the Christmas Bazaar, December 3rd. The order form is provided in this edition of "The Disciple" and online.



Join us Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 AM until Noon on the front lawn! Our special entertainment this year will be The Plaza Family Band. Other activities will include bounce houses, face painting, cookie and pumpkin decorating and more! We will be selling pizza and soft drinks and will have popcorn and water available. The tickets are \$5 in advance (\$7 at the door) with free admission for those 12 months and younger. Christ Church Picnic Blankets will also be available for \$25. All proceeds will benefit our Nursery. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Brimigion at 480-694-4201 or [brimigions@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:brimigions@christchurchcharlotte.org). We hope to see you there!

### Drew's News

by Drew Courtright, Youth Minister



Christ Church is blessed to have such a wonderful youth program but did you know that there are great things going on in youth ministry outside our doors? The Episcopal Church has been supporting youth in their walk with Christ for decades in many ways. This fall, the tradition will continue with some excellent weekend youth events.

I can't say enough about how terrific these events are. I know this because I was heavily involved and invested in youth ministry when I was in middle and high school. Weekend events like these were hugely formative for my faith. They gave me a space to have fellowship with other youth in an intentional Christian community. I got to ask questions, explore my faith, pray, laugh, and sing, all with a spirit of fun and joy.

Ok, but what happens at these things? Typically, youth (and their chaperones!) arrive Friday evening and leave Sunday before lunch. You can expect large group sessions with singing, group games, and a talk or activity exploring the theme of the weekend. These large group sessions are coupled with small groups where participants are able to think and talk about the issues at hand and get to know one another in a smaller setting. Three meals a day and a snack here or there keeps everyone fueled for both program time and free time activities like craft workshops, gym and field games, or just hanging out. The events are filled with prayer and praise and usually have evening worship and one Eucharist. Each event has one or two clergy on staff and Bishop's Ball in December has all three of our bishops there the whole time! How cool is that? Happening is also a bit different in that it is a fixed event that many dioceses do throughout the country. It is a unique, intense, and powerful experience of getting to know the love of Christ. Lastly, Winterlight is a superb five-day event with youth from across the nation. I'll be going back again this year along with John Porter-Acee and we want to take a whole crowd of folks from Christ Church.

So what's in store this fall?

High School Sabbath Retreat,

October 1-2, Grades 9-12, Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, SC

Fall Youth Event,

October 7-9, Grades 6-9, Haw River State Park, Brown Summit, NC

Happening #57,

November 10-13, Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC

Bishops' Ball, Grades 6-12,

December 9-11, Camp Walter Johnson, Denton, NC

Winterlight 36, Grades 9-12,

December 27-January 1, Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC

Do we expect you to go to all of these events? No. Do we hope that you will take a leap of faith and participate in as many of these wonderful experiences as possible? YES! Please email me at [courtrightd@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:courtrightd@christchurchcharlotte.org) for more information or to talk more about how and why to get involved.

### All Saints Day Traditions

#### Worship and Luncheon - Tuesday, November 1st

by The Reverend Lisa Saunders, Associate Rector

Each year on All Saints' Day, we remember aloud the names of our loved ones who have died in the past year. There will be a luncheon immediately following the 11:00 AM All Saints' service that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st. Parishioners who have lost loved ones in the past year will be receiving an invitation in the mail to join in fellowship at the luncheon, but all parishioners are invited.

Rooted in the 4th century, the day originated as a commemoration of Christian martyrs, known and unknown, and evolved to give thanks to God for the lives of *all* Christians who have passed to the next life. All Saints' Day is a celebration of the fellowship of the entire Church, those who went before and those present.

It is celebrated very differently in different cultures. In Central America, for example, Dia de Los Muertos ("Day of the Dead") services are highlighted by building and flying giant kites. The kites symbolize loved ones' souls flying to heaven. People gather at the cemetery for a joyful all-night vigil at the graves of their family members. The gravestones and monuments are covered with food and there is alcohol to drink. Celebrations can take a humorous tone, as celebrants remember funny events and anecdotes about the departed. In modern Mexico, the day is sometimes referred to as Flor de Muerto ("Flower of the Dead".) Flowers and toys are brought for dead children (los angelitos, or "the little angels"), and bottles of tequila for the adult departed. Pillows and blankets are left out so that the deceased can rest after their long journey.



In Sweden, All Saints' Day marks the first day of winter. Most Swedes take the day off, and those who don't visit cemeteries usually stay at home with the family and cook an ambitious meal.

Here at home, our service is a worshipful one, which many find helpful in the healing process. The luncheon provides an opportunity to laugh and reminisce with others. If you have lost loved ones and would like to include the name of a loved one in the service, no matter when the death occurred, call the church office or e-mail Lisa Saunders at [saundersl@ChristChurchCharlotte.org](mailto:saundersl@ChristChurchCharlotte.org).

### Made in America

In the news recently, it has been reported that imports are growing faster than exports. You may ask yourself "What can I do to help the economy?". Maybe if we purchased less foreign products and purchased more U.S. products we might help generate more jobs in the U.S.! GOODNEWS is trying to do its part by carrying products from companies that employ U.S. citizens and make their products right here in the USA! Buy American, Support America! Proceeds from GOODNEWS go to various Outreach projects in our community.



### Time to “Serve The World.” Fall Service Day is Saturday, October 22nd

Share your time at Christ Church or in our community on Service Day. We'll sort canned food at Loaves and Fishes, sort clothing at Crisis Assistance Ministry, serve brunch and make a craft with housing participants at the YWCA, assist with landscaping and planting at Charlotte Community Health Clinic, and our on-site project for adults only is painting and planting.

Ask anyone who has participated in Service Day before: It's more fun than work. We get a lot accomplished in a short period of time, and you get free breakfast out of it too! Be sure to complete the registration form included in this edition of “The Disciple” and return it to the church. Registration forms are also available online. Service Day is Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 AM to Noon, with breakfast at the church at 8:00 AM.

### HOPE Team Needs YOU!

The YWCA Families Together Program is forming its first HOPE team to serve a family in the program. Meet the HOPE team and their Adopted Family - a twenty-nine year old single mother and her three children, nine and seven year old boys and a six year old girl. Mom identifies her strengths as “having strong values and morals, having the ability to move forward and keeping a positive outlook on life.” She just started a new part-time job in retail, which she hopes will soon become full time, and is working towards her GED (We need to find her a good GED tutor.) She plans to enroll in a surgical technician training program once she receives her GED. Her two sons are very active in football, basketball, and tennis and her daughter wants to get involved in dance. Excellence in education is very important to this family and they are also looking for a tutor for the oldest child. All three children attend Park Road Youth Learning Center at the YWCA, after-school and summer camp. Transportation is one of the biggest obstacles for this family as the mom has no car and is reliant on public transportation. If you are interested in serving on a team of people to help this family, please contact Aimee Norman at [normana@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:normana@christchurchcharlotte.org) or Kate Hill at [hill2411@bellsouth.net](mailto:hill2411@bellsouth.net).

### Putting A BandAid On It - October Monthly Service Project

Usually, the phrase, “putting a BandAid on it” implies you're not doing much to treat the problem. In this case, however, putting a BandAid on it is exactly what the doctor ordered. Help us collect supplies for the Charlotte Community Health Clinic. Supplies needed include: support hose, ace bandages, carpal tunnel splints, copy paper, postage stamps, volunteer snacks, bus tokens, gift cards for gas and groceries, diabetic test strips, blood glucose test strips. Drop off supplies to the red bin near the Rotunda.

#### *Did You Know...*

Over 40,000 people in Mecklenburg County do not have access to health care services.

1 out of 4 people in the county cannot afford health insurance, a number that is rising rapidly.

Charlotte Community Health Clinic gets over 75 new patients each month, and sees over 1000 patients monthly.

### Poverty Simulation hosted by Crisis Assistance Ministry. Wednesday, October 26th, 6:30—8:30PM.

Participants will be assigned a role and given a list of things to accomplish. The 2nd hour is divided into 15 minute intervals in which each week represents the life of someone in poverty. After experiencing one month of someone in poverty, the group will share its experiences and reflect on what they have learned. We need at least 50 people signed up to make this Poverty Simulation work well. Please rsvp to Sarah Brincefield at [brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org) by October 21st. For more information please contact Mary Davis Smart at 704-334-5708 or [mdmsmart@gmail.com](mailto:mdmsmart@gmail.com).

### Tornado Recovery: Mission Trip to Eastern NC October 24th – 28th

Christ Church is embarking on its first mission trip to Eastern North Carolina to lend a hand to areas affected by the recent tornadoes. To sign up, please contact Christine DeLia at [deliac@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:deliac@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6959.



### Fall 2011 Bridges Out of Poverty Classes

Wednesday, October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. For additional 6 hour training classes at other Charlotte area churches, go to [www.christchurchcharlotte.org](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org) click on “Micah Initiatives,” then click on “Upcoming Training Dates”

#### **2 Hour Training Class**

(Required for all Rama Road Elementary School Volunteers)  
Monday, October 17th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Contact Sarah Brincefield at [brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org).

### Holiday Help

Can you believe that it is time to start thinking about the holidays and serving others? This year we have multiple opportunities for volunteer ministers of all ages.

- Turkey Dinner Drive for families of Rama Road Elementary
- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Emergency Winter Shelter
- Duff Christmas gifts
- Room in the Inn: Christmas Eve at Christ Church

To help with these events, please contact Sarah Brincefield at 704-714-6962 or [brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org).

### Family Promise

Our friends will be back at Christ Church on Sunday, October 30th thru Sunday, November 6th. Family Promises provides families in transition a church in which to stay for a week at a time so they can remain together. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages. Opportunities include: moving the families in and out, preparing dinner, preparing breakfast on the weekends, spending the night and donating toiletries. To get involved, please contact Ashley Weir at [jweir3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jweir3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-996-7243 or Sally Miller at [salshomil@yahoo.com](mailto:salshomil@yahoo.com) at 704-907-5893, if you would like to help.

## Caring for Aging Parents

As the population grows older and life expectancy increases, more and more people find themselves responsible for the care of one or both elderly parents. Christ Church offers a Caring For Aging Parents support group that meets regularly.

In October, Lynne LeBlanc, R.N., Parish Nurse will be leading a discussion inspired by the book “A Bittersweet Season: Caring for Aging Parents and Ourselves” on Wednesdays, October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 7:00-8:00 PM in room M205. The book was written by “New York Times” journalist Jane Gross and chronicles the story of caring for her own aged and ailing mother. She offers indispensable advice on virtually every aspect of elder care and candidly examines the caregiver emotional roller coaster. We will discuss how her journey parallels and differs from ours and what we can learn from her and each other. Reading the book is not required, but recommended and the book is available from Lynne LeBlanc in the church office. Contact Lynne for more information at 704-714-6968 or leblanc@christchurchcharlotte.org.

## 2011 Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Centers for Disease Control recommends that EVERYONE over the age of 6 months get a flu vaccine every year. If you have questions please contact the parish nurse, Lynne LeBlanc at 704-714-6968 or leblanc@christchurchcharlotte.org. Flu Shots will be available at Christ Church for adults of any age and children ages 4 and up.

**Monday, October 24, 9:00 AM-1 Noon**  
The Gathering Space

**Wednesday, October 26, 3:00-7:00 PM**  
St. Francis A

Please present your insurance card and picture ID when you arrive. Insurances accepted include: Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage PFFS, Aetna, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NC or Massachusetts, Humana Gold Choice, Premera Blue Cross, SummaCare, Today's Options, and Universal Health Care.

Self Pay Cost: \$30 by cash or check only. No debit or credit cards, please.

Pneumonia vaccines will also be available at no charge to Medicare recipients or for \$65 for self pay. Check with your health care provider about your need for the pneumonia vaccine.

## Celebrating 125 Years of Love

Thompson Child & Family Focus has provided hope and security for thousands of children over the past 125 years. Founded by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina as Thompson's Orphanage, the organization celebrates its 125th anniversary this fall. For 83 years, children came to live, worship, work, and play on 72 acres of land that included a self-supporting farm, chapel, and orphanage. The story is a rich part of Charlotte and North Carolina history.

The bricks of the chapel at Thompson, which still stands today, were formed from the red clay of Sugar Creek, which ran through the farm. Much has changed in the physical structure and complexity of Thompson's services since the early days. And yet, one of its founding principles – to offer new life and promising futures to children in need – remains intact, reflected in the children and families whose lives continue to be transformed today. Last year, Thompson helped improve the lives of more than 12,000 at-risk children and families. Never a place that simply warehoused unwanted children, Thompson provides intensive clinical and behavioral treatment, developmental education, and proactive care.

A special worship service will be held to commemorate the anniversary of Thompson here at Christ Church on October 16th, at 7:00 PM. The Rt. Reverend Bishop Michael Curry will preside, and combined choirs from several churches will sing.

## Hope for the Hardest Hurts

by *The Reverend Lisa Saunders*

We all love someone affected by one of life's hardest hurts. Often, we are at a complete loss for what to do or say. Jesus said that when one of us suffers, we all suffer. This fall the Congregational Care Commission will offer a series of Sunday morning classes to encourage each of us to know better how we can care for one another and leave no one feeling alone or hopeless through loss or illness. Take part in this special series Sunday mornings this fall, at 10:00 AM.

### October 16th: When Someone I Love Dies

Wes Sturgis, a grief counselor with Hospice, and two parishioners, Susan Boyleston and Bill Lorenz, who have dealt with the loss of a family member, will share their advice on what helps when grieving.

### October 23rd: When Someone I Love Has Mental Illness

Dr. Fred Caudill, a psychiatrist, and parishioners, Jeanne Kutrow and Beth Purdy, will help us learn how to respond compassionately when those we love are affected by mental illness.

### November 6th: When Someone I Love Is an Alcoholic

Charles Odell, Director of the Dilworth Center for Addiction, is also a recovering addict. He and other parishioners affected by alcoholism will share how we can be most helpful to those battling addiction.

### November 13th: A 9/11 Survivor's Story

Brian Clark, is one of four survivors of 9/11 who was on a floor above the plane's impact in the second tower. His story is one of resilience, luck, faith, and hope.

## Breast Cancer Survivors Fall Gathering

Thursday, October 13th, Noon

We will enjoy lunch and a time of catching up with each other. All Christ Church breast cancer survivors are invited. Lunch will cost \$7.00 per person and can be paid for that day. RSVP REQUIRED to Lynne LeBlanc, R.N., Parish Nurse at 704-714-6968 or leblanc@christchurchcharlotte.org by Monday, October 10th. If you are a breast cancer survivor and would like to be added to the email/phone list, please let Lynne know. Our gathering will be Thursday, October 13th, at the home of Julia Wade. Call for directions.



Children leaving the chapel of Thompson Orphanage. This image and many more are in the heartwarming 125th Anniversary video at [ThompsonCFF.org](http://ThompsonCFF.org).

# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Confirmation Retreat
2 Brunch 11:15 AM—1:15 PM  Blessing of the Animals 4:00 PM  Men's Shelter  Confirmation Retreat	3 Christ Church Uptown Noon-1:00 PM Childress Klein YMCA  Christ Church SouthPark Noon-1:00 PM  Knit One, Pray Two 1:30 PM  CCK Parents' Night  Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM	4 Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM	5 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer Noon  Choirs Practice, Dinner, Programs, EYC, Bridge	6 Holy Eucharist 7:00 AM  Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	7 First Friday for Men 7:00 AM  1st-3rd Grade Fun Night 6:00 PM	8
9 Discover Christ Church Tour/Orientation 10:00 AM—Noon Church  Brunch 11:15 AM—1:15 PM	10 Caring for Aging Parents 7:00 PM	11 Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM	12 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer Noon  Choirs Practice, Dinner, Programs, EYC, Bridge	13 Holy Eucharist 7:00 AM  Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	14 Men's Shelter	15 Baptism Instruction 10:00 AM
16 Youth Mission Presentation  Baptisms—11:15 Service Brunch 11:15 AM—1:15 PM  CROP Walk—2:30 PM Sages Barbecue at Southminster 6:00 PM	17 Knit One, Pray Two 1:30 PM  Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM  Bridges Out Of Poverty Training 7:00-9:00 PM	18 Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM	19 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer Noon  Choirs Practice, Dinner, Programs, EYC, Bridge	20 Holy Eucharist 7:00 AM  Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	21 Junior Youth Event—Corn Maze  Middle School Lock In	22 Middle School Lock In  Service Day
23 Brunch 11:15 AM—1:15 PM	24 Flu Shot Clinic 9:00 AM—Noon  Sages Luncheon and Program Noon	25 ECW Perk Up Coffee Stop 9:30 AM  Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM	26 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer Noon  Flu Shot Clinic 3:00—7:00 PM  Choirs Practice, Dinner, Programs, EYC, Bridge  Poverty Simulation 6:30—8:30 PM	27 Holy Eucharist 7:00 AM  Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM  Men's Shelter	28	29 Fall Festival
30 Brunch 11:15 AM—1:15 PM  Family Promise	31 Family Promise					

**FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE – CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

I.R.S. regulations require deductions for charitable contributions be claimed in the year the gift is received. Please mail or deliver your gift (including stock gifts) to Christ Episcopal Church so that it will be received on or before Saturday, December 31, 2011.

Church offices will be open Saturday, December 31st, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM .

Gifts received after Saturday, December 31, 2011 will be recorded in 2012 unless they are received by mail and postmarked by 12/31/11.

Please call Joyce Sellers, 704-714-6949 if you are planning to give a stock gift. She will need your name, the name of the stock, the number of shares you are donating and the allocation of the gift. Please do not rely on your broker to provide this critical donor information.

We would like to encourage all parishioners who desire to donate stock to use one of the following brokers:

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management	( Formerly Bank of America )
	Account no. 7RU02019-DTC #5198
Morgan Keegan	Account no. 58051954-1
Schwab	Account no. 7119-2731
Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney	Account no. 801-08652-13-551
Wells Fargo Advisors	Account no. 2142-7440, DTC #0141.

Timely mailing or delivery of your gifts will greatly reduce problems and will simplify our year-end accounting schedule. We thank you in advance for your help.

**AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT:**

**RENEWALS FOR THE NEW YEAR DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY OCCUR. PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT A NEW FORM (on the back) AND ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK.**

**INVOICES/CHECK REQUESTS FROM ALL COMMISSIONS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2011 MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FINANCE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>. NO INVOICES FOR 2011 WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE IN THE ROTUNDA DURING JANUARY.**

## 2012 AUTOMATED BANK DRAFT

**We encourage Christ Episcopal Church parishioners to participate in our Automated Bank Draft System.**

To do so, please follow these directions:

- 1) Complete this form and return it to Joyce Sellers in the business office.  
Please attach a voided check.
- 2) Drafts are made on the 15th day of each month.
- 3) This benefit is available for your **GENERAL FUND PLEDGE** only.
- 4) The automated bank draft can be stopped at any time by calling Joyce Sellers at 704-714-6949.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BEGINNING DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ENDING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT EACH MONTH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a blank, voided check.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: this draft is good for the present calendar year only. Renewals will not automatically occur.**

**CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY NOMINATION FORM  
DUE BEFORE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

***BACKGROUND AND INSTRUCTIONS***

At our Annual Parish Meeting on December 4, 2011, the people of Christ Church will elect five persons to serve on the Vestry for three-year terms. Those elected will fill the positions held by Jim Clardy, DeeDee Dalrymple, Blanton Hamilton, Winston Paschall and Wellford Tabor. The new Vestry members will serve with the following members: Bird Anderson, Bill Blue, Lisa Cashion, Deborah Clark, Sally Cooper, Fletcher Gregory, Bill Grier, Perry Lucas, Garrett Moseley, and Dank Pinckney.

Service on the Vestry is an important ministry in our parish. The Vestry is responsible for the temporal affairs of Christ Church and provides lay leadership in the spiritual life of the parish. Christ Church has been blessed with able Vestries over the years, typically consisting of parishioners with varied backgrounds, talents, perspectives and interests but, a common commitment to the mission of the Parish.

The eligibility rules for candidates for the Vestry are few: he or she must be a confirmed Episcopalian and a communicant in good standing at Christ Church. They must be nominated by another parishioner in good standing, and must have not served on the Vestry during the preceding two years. Of the five Vestry members elected, at least two must have never served on the Christ Church Vestry.

The strength and vitality of the Vestry depends heavily on the participation of the whole parish in the nomination and election process. You are encouraged to solicit as Vestry candidates persons you believe would be well-suited for this important ministry, obtain their permission to nominate them, and use this form to make the nomination. Nominations from the floor at the Parish Annual Meeting are permitted (but rarely made).

Please submit the nomination form (with a photograph of your nominee) to Wendy Mauney in the Parish Office. To facilitate communication, we ask that you either submit a digital photograph to Wendy Mauney at [mauneyw@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:mauneyw@christchurchcharlotte.org) or make arrangements to have one made at the church office. Information about the nominees will be provided to the parish prior to the meeting.

**I am a communicant in good standing of Christ Church, have obtained the permission of the person named below to nominate him or her for election to the Vestry, and hereby make that nomination to be voted on at the 2011 Parish Annual Meeting.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print or type name of Nominator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Nominator*

***INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE***

*Name of Nominee:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Principal Occupation:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Years at Christ Church:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Family Members:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmed Episcopalian Y/N:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Member of Christ Church Y/N:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current or Past Christ Church Activities (Please list no more than five):*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ yr to \_\_\_\_\_ yr    4. \_\_\_\_\_ yr to \_\_\_\_\_ yr  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ yr to \_\_\_\_\_ yr    5. \_\_\_\_\_ yr to \_\_\_\_\_ yr  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ yr to \_\_\_\_\_ yr

***Please return to the attention of Wendy Mauney in the Parish Office. A digital photograph should be forwarded to Wendy Mauney, or arrangements made to have one taken at the church office should be made.***

# CHRIST CHURCH

## Fall Service Day Projects 2011

Our Partners through Outreach	Project	Nature of work; Range of labor intensity	Volunteers needed (**all ages)
<p><b>Charlotte Community Health Clinic</b></p> <p>Provides acute medical care to uninsured, low-income adults and children. Emphasis on health education, training and community outreach.</p>	<p><b>At Charlotte Community Health Clinic</b></p> <p>Landscaping projects - raking, trimming bushes, planting flowers</p>	<p>Medium to heavy</p>	<p>8 to 10</p>
<p><b>Christ Church</b></p>	<p><b>On-Site</b></p> <p>Painting rooms at the Church (adults only)</p> <p>Planting</p> <p>Organizing prayer books &amp; hymnals in the church</p>	<p>Light to medium</p>	<p>unlimited</p>
<p><b>Crisis Assistance Ministry</b></p> <p>Serves the low-income citizens who are facing financial emergencies and are struggling to meet life's basic needs.</p>	<p><b>At Crisis Assistance</b></p> <p>Sorting clothing for the free store</p>	<p>Light</p>	<p>15-20</p>
<p><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b></p> <p>Provides groceries and support to people in crisis. Christ Church regularly collects non-perishable and canned goods to help stock the shelves.</p>	<p><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes Warehouse</b></p> <p>Sorting food</p>	<p>Light to medium</p>	<p>15 (6 years and older)</p>
<p><b>YWCA—Park Road</b></p> <p>Helps homeless families through Families Together and homeless women through the Women in Transition Program.</p>	<p><b>YWCA</b></p> <p>Serving brunch &amp; making a craft with transitional housing participants</p>	<p>Light</p>	<p>5-8</p>

# Annual Service Day

## Saturday, October 22, 2011

*Seek and Serve Christ in All People....*

### Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 22, 2011

8:00 - 8:30 AM

- Breakfast in Blue Room
- Commissioning of volunteer ministers of all ages

9:00AM - 12 Noon

- Service Projects

Submit Registration Form:

By Fax: 704-333-8420

Email: Completed forms to [deliac@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:deliac@christchurchcharlotte.org)

By Mail: Service Day - Christ Church  
1412 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207

{Look for sign-up tables on Sundays prior to Fall Service Day}

### Fall Service Day Projects:

- Crisis Assistance Ministry
- Charlotte Community Health Clinic
- Gleaning for Society of St. Andrew
- Loaves & Fishes
- On- Site: Painting & planting at Christ Church
- YWCA

Questions?

Contact Christine DeLia at  
[deliac@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:deliac@christchurchcharlotte.org)  
704-714-6959

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 2 \_\_\_\_\_

I will gladly serve on any project

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Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children and Youth: to work supervised with parent on project (unless 16+ years old)

Child 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people who will be eating breakfast at the church: \_\_\_\_\_

# LEAP OF FAITH

Sermon Series

October 9  
God Will Give You What You Need

October 16  
You Never Have To Walk Alone

October 30  
Unexpected Blessings

## FAITH FORUM



October 9  
Brian McClaren



October 30  
Dr. Edward Hallowell

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