

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### CHRIST CHURCH IN PICTURES

2023 was another busy and blessed year at our church. New ministries, a time capsule, helping our neighbors, singing, dancing, building, skiing, learning, retreating, worship, study, and fellowship; we lived this year to its fullest! Here's to everything to come in 2024 and sweetest of all - doing it together.



## AT CHRIST CHURCH

### In-Person and Online Worship Offerings

Online worship continues to be available on our YouTube Channel.  
Channel name: @ChristChurchEpiscopalGVL

### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday Mornings

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I Markley Chapel  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II Historic Church  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II Markley Chapel

#### Sunday Evenings

First Sunday of the Month

5:00 PM • Solemn Choral Evensong Church  
All other Sundays  
5:00 PM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II Markley Chapel

#### Second Sundays

3:00 PM • Rhythms of Grace, Markley Chapel

#### First & Third Tuesdays

5:30 PM • Healing Eucharist, Rite II Markley Chapel

#### Wednesdays

10:30 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite I Markley Chapel

For full descriptions and detailed information, please visit our website at [www.ccgsc.org](http://www.ccgsc.org).



## Save the Date:

**December 24** - Advent 4 and Christmas Eve

**December 25** - Christmas Day

**December 27** - Gingerbread Houses - Grove Park Inn [acook@ccgsc.org](mailto:acook@ccgsc.org)

**December 31** - Carols for Christmastide

**January 7** - Sunday School Resumes [abuckner@ccgsc.org](mailto:abuckner@ccgsc.org)

**January 8** - Weekday Bible Studies Resume [abuckner@ccgsc.org](mailto:abuckner@ccgsc.org)

**January 10** - The Common Table Resumes [abuckner@ccgsc.org](mailto:abuckner@ccgsc.org)

**January 18** - Soup Order Deadline [kmertens@ccgsc.org](mailto:kmertens@ccgsc.org)

**January 18** - Young Adult Third Thursdays [lbunch@ccgsc.org](mailto:lbunch@ccgsc.org)

**January 21** - Soup Pick-up [kmertens@ccgsc.org](mailto:kmertens@ccgsc.org)



#### OUR MISSION

Embrace, Equip, and Empower Apostles to  
Serve Jesus Christ.

#### OUR VALUES

Community, Compassionate, Faithful,  
Grateful, and Inviting to All.



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CHRIST CHURCH  
EPISCOPAL

A JOYFUL COMMUNITY SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

**December 24, 2023**

**December 25, 2023**

**December 31, 2023**



### Welcome

At Christ Church Episcopal, we have been gathering for 200 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate faith in our daily lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you. If you are visiting or are new to our parish, contact Kevin Mertens, Director of Faith in Action and Hospitality Ministries at [kmertens@ccgsc.org](mailto:kmertens@ccgsc.org). Otherwise, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera or fill out the blue card in your pew so we may contact you. To learn more, visit our website at [www.ccgsc.org](http://www.ccgsc.org) or contact us at 864.271.8773.



The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector





## A JOYFUL COMMUNITY

### Christmas at CHRIST CHURCH

**Christmas Day • December 25**

10:30 AM | Church

**Carols for Christmastide with Holy Eucharist • December 31**

10:30 AM | Church

Nursery will be available December 31, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#### JANUARY SAVE-THE-DATES

January 7 - Sunday School and EYC resume

January 8 - Weekday Bible Studies resume

January 10 - The Common Table resumes

#### Explorers Sunday School Class

**Starts January 7, 9:30 AM, Earle Conference Room**

Are you hungry for fellowship and searching for community with others close to your age? Join fellow parishioners in a new Sunday School offering as we navigate the second half of our lives looking at how scripture speaks to us. Our goal is to share, learn, challenge and build relationships as we explore the lessons of the day. For more information, contact Greta Parkinson at [tidelandscounsel@aol.com](mailto:tidelandscounsel@aol.com) or Claudia Coleman at [ccoleman@ccgsc.org](mailto:ccoleman@ccgsc.org).

#### Young Adult Third Thursday

**January 18, FireForge, 5:30 PM (311 E. Washington St.)**

All young adults (18-39) are welcome to join us for informal fellowship at this monthly offering. With no set agenda, we simply get together to sip and chat. Contact the Rev. Lindy at [lbunch@ccgsc.org](mailto:lbunch@ccgsc.org) for more information!

#### Faith in Action Year-in-Review

We're so thankful for the ministry and dedication of our parishioners who continue to positively impact our Greenville community helping neighbors in need. Parishioners of all ages participated this year as we fed, clothed, housed, and cared for God's people. **THANK YOU!**

- 23,500 lunches prepared by 50 food ministry volunteers
- 4000 Weekend food backpacks provided to Title I schools
- 300 volunteer hours on Habitat and Rebuild Upstate Projects
- 80 teenagers baked 850 cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry
- 200 coats collected during the St. Martin's Coat Drive
- 26,000 books distributed to children in Greenville County
- 10,000 boxes and cans of food collected for the food pantry at United Ministries



## SHARING LIFE

### Grace & Gardens in England's 'Green and Pleasant Land'

#### 2024 Pilgrimage

**September 7 – 19, 2024**

Join our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, on a pilgrimage to the home of Anglicanism. See historic sites, eat traditional British foods, and worship in some of the oldest Anglican churches in the world. To indicate interest and hold your place, make a reservation beginning in January 2024. For more information, please call the Parish House at 864.271.8773.



#### Parish Family Retreat

**February 23 - February 25, 2024**

Let our Christ Church family come back together at Kanuga Conference Center for a weekend you won't forget! This year, our guest speaker will be Episcopal priest and author, the Rev. Barbara Crafton. While the programs will have a spiritual focus, there is lots of recreation and fun! We hope you can join us for a weekend of fellowship, rejuvenation, and prayer in the mountains. For more information, contact Anne Green Buckner at [abuckner@ccgsc.org](mailto:abuckner@ccgsc.org).



#### Women's Intergenerational Bible Study – Winter 2024

**Mondays, January 22 though February 26**

**Starting at NEW time 6:00 PM**

I AM the Bread of Life. I AM the Light of the World. Join us as we take a six-week deeper dive into the seven I AM statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John through Lysa TerKeurst's *Finding I AM: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart*. This study includes large group teaching, small group discussion and personal study time with included workbook. The class is \$25.00. Registration Deadline to order workbook is January 15th. **Please note the NEW start time of 6:00 PM for this Winter Study.** Contact Anne Green Buckner at [abuckner@ccgsc.org](mailto:abuckner@ccgsc.org).



## THE COMMON TABLE WEDNESDAYS • 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Did your child love being a part of the Christmas pageant? We offer more opportunities for your children to get involved in the worship life of our parish during Children's Sabbath as part of The Common Table. We meet on Wednesday evenings during the program year at the All Saints Center beginning at 5:30 PM. Adults enjoy a brief social time before their class, Clergy Klatch begins at 5:45 PM. Afterward, we all break bread together in the gym for Wednesday Night Suppers. Nursery is available on the second floor of the ASC for infants through K2. This fun, weekly event is well-attended and loved amongst every age group in our parish.



## IN JESUS CHRIST

### Angel Tree Store a Tremendous Success!

**THANK YOU** for all those who contributed to the success of our 2023 Angel Tree Store. From the **generous donations, diligent sorters and assemblers, those who stuffed stockings** and all those **who shared God's light** with the families of the 175 children who shopped our store, our 2023 Angel Tree Store was a massive success because of our joyful Christ Church community. THANK YOU for all the hard work and dedication it takes to make this huge ministry run smoothly! The Angel Tree ministry is great collaboration between Faith in Action and Parish Life. We'd also like to give a huge shout out to Jessica Clayton for leading this ministry.

**400 parishioners** participated who provided Christmas to

**78 legacy families** and their **175 children**

**40 Sterling Community children**

**79 Sterling senior citizens**



#### Christ Church Parish Oyster Roast

**January 20, 6:00 PM, McKissick Refectory (Parish House)**

It's back! One of our most popular events of the year: the annual Christ Church Oyster Roast! Join us for oysters, chili and brews. Childcare will be provided upon request for children up to 5-K. \$35 per person. Questions? Contact Anne Green Buckner at [abuckner@ccgsc.org](mailto:abuckner@ccgsc.org).



#### Learning Leadership and Conflict Skills – Sunday, January 28

**12:30 – 2:30 PM, Graham Library**

Everywhere we look today, we see broken relationships. How can we be a part of the healing? This class will teach you what needs to happen for reconciliation to occur using real, practical examples. (or you may attend virtually. Email Kellie Wilson at [kwilson@ccgsc.org](mailto:kwilson@ccgsc.org) to obtain the link) Please scan the QR code to register.



#### End-Of-Year Giving Information

Thank you for your support of Christ Church in 2023. As you plan for your year-end giving, please make a note of our limited holiday business hours. Between Christmas and New Year's, the church office hours are reduced to allow staff time with their families. Offices will close at noon, Friday, December 22, through Tuesday, December 26. The business office will respond to emails and voicemails in a timely fashion. For stock gifts or pledge balances, leave a message for Kristin Bennett at [kbennett@ccgsc.org](mailto:kbennett@ccgsc.org) or 864.672.4148.

**Business staff will be onsite Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.**

Appointments and call-aheads are encouraged. As a reminder, if you are mailing a check, make sure it is postmarked by December 31. To give online, please visit [www.ccgsc.org/give](http://www.ccgsc.org/give).