

Christ Church Ministries



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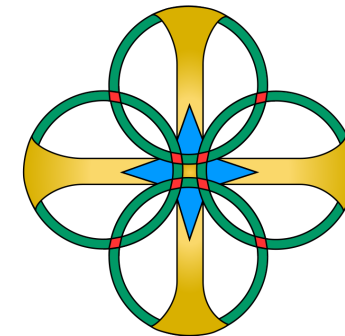
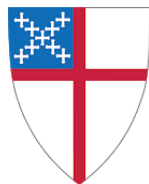
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Mercy collections, and through special collections for disasters locally and around the world.

Thrift Shop—Our Thrift Shop is a successful ministry that benefits the community and our parish! It requires volunteers to sort, hang, and price merchandise for sale, and donations are accepted during the hours that the Thrift Shop is open. The shop is located in the basement of the Church Office building, across the parking lot from the Church building, and is open four days per week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 10am-3pm). It contributes a portion of its profits to the general budget of the church, and assists the church by making in-kind donations, copier payments, and providing parish materials.

Hispanic Ministry

La Congregación Hispana de Christ Church

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/who-we-are/espanol

This vibrant worshipping community of Spanish-speaking families has significantly grown and added a multicultural dimension to our parish. The 1pm service in Spanish is in keeping with Central- and South-American influences and tradition.

We also celebrate baptisms, first communion, confirmations, weddings, and quinceañeras. We gather to celebrate anniversaries and birthdays, have cake, and play bingo after the 1pm service on the last Sunday of each month, and it's been one of the bonds for the community to grow.

Men’s Group—Offers big and small opportunities for men and youth, 16 or older, to grow spiritually, help others, and have fun! Men’s Group offers Sunday morning check-ins, and special quarterly events. They also enjoy hiking, watching football, and monthly team Tavern Trivia.

PrimeTimers—Brings together “Seniors” of our parish in a social setting to provide opportunities for fellowship. The group meets in the Parish Hall after the 12pm Healing Service on the first Wednesday of each month. You do not need to be a senior to join the group! The members volunteer to take turns bringing the meal, which includes the main course, sides, drinks, and desserts.

Outreach

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/serving/serving-others/

Norcross Cooperative Ministry (NCM)—Christ Church is the founder of this 25+ year ministry that serves the impoverished families and individuals of the greater Norcross area. The core mission of NCM is the provision of food and clothing, and the assistance with shelter and utility bills. Multiple outreach programs throughout the year at Christ Church support NCM. They are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Rainbow Village—This ministry was founded by Christ Church in 1991. The mission of Rainbow Village is to transform the lives of homeless families with children by providing a stable community and services that instill initiative and accountability for future generations. Multiple outreach programs throughout the year at Christ Church help support Rainbow Village, including donations of furniture and household goods, and monetary gifts through Mission of Mercy collections. They are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Haiti Partnership—Christ Church partnered with St. Joseph’s of Arimathea Church and School in Jasmin, Haiti, in 2007. We are financially committed to contribute monthly to student scholarships and teacher salaries. Members of Christ Church travel to Haiti twice per year (spring and fall) with donated supplies, and help at the medical, dental, and eye clinics.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)—ERD is the international relief and development agency of The Episcopal Church, and a separate 501(c)(3). Our parish representative receives information about ERD’s needs and activities, and disseminates it to the parish. Christ Church has generously donated funds through Mission of

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Stephen Ministry—Dedicated to providing one-on-one confidential Christian care to someone in need. Trained members act as listeners and provide support to anyone seeking help during transition, loss, anxiety, and/or grief.

Training: 50-hour training program required

Parish Life

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/volunteer

Adult Adventures—Adult Adventures is one of the many opportunities at Christ Church Norcross to connect with fellow parishioners and enjoy quarterly trips to museums, gardens and the theater. These coordinated trips allow those who might not want to brave Atlanta traffic to carpool from the church.

Christ Church Players (CCP)—The core mission of Christ Church Players is two-fold: to build communities within the parish, and to reach out into the greater community to help grow the church. This theater troupe continues to develop as members discover God's gifts within themselves. All are invited to join in, whether they be actors, musicians, stage hands, set designers, costume designers, photographers ... and the list goes on! No experience necessary.

Christ Church Wildcats Cheerleading—This program emphasizes spiritual and character formation, as well as excellence in cheer, and serves about 40 girls in grades 2-8. Each team competes five times in competitions sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders. CCE is the sponsor of this program; church membership is not required to participate. The program is accepting of children with disabilities.

Coffee Hour—Offered each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15am, a light breakfast is provided between the first two worship services. Volunteer through the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Foyers—A social gathering group that is open to all adult members—matched in groups of six to eight. Usually a meal is shared, but the format is determined by the group. Foyers begins each fall, and usually continues for six months. *(On hold until 2019-20)*

Ladies Night Out—Women who meet the second Thursday of each month for dinner and fellowship in the greater Norcross area. Special activities have included painting ceramics, enjoying a holiday play at the Horizon Theatre, and gathering for a Christmas Brunch at the Payne-Corley House!

Thurifer—The Thurifer follows the Verger with incense.

Training: 1:1 minimal training

Verger—The Verger facilitates worship on special days by leading worship processions.

Training: 1:1 minimal training

Weddings Committee—Assists the brides and grooms with everything from pre-rehearsal arrangements to the wedding ceremony and the receptions, as well as coordinating other parties involved, such as the florists, photographers, etc.

Training: None required

Pastoral Care

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/volunteer

Daughters of the King (DOK)—The women of the Grace Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) have taken a lifelong vow of daily prayer and service. The Order's purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Christ, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our church and missions.

Training: Twelve-week discernment class before being admitted to the Order

Eucharistic Visitors—Non-ordained parishioners who take Holy Communion to those who are sick or homebound, and unable to attend services.

Training: Trained by Clergy and re-licensed by the Bishop every three years

Helping Hands—Provides food and rides for parishioners in need of temporary help after a recent surgery or illness.

Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL)—Members study the healing miracles of Jesus in preparation for offering prayer to those who seek physical or emotional healing prayer. Holds monthly meetings.

Training: An intense examination of the healing miracles of Jesus Christ, reading two books, attending one OSL Conference

Prayer Shawls—Prayer shawls are created by a few parishioners and then blessed by one of our priests. They are given to persons suffering from illness and/or grief. These shawls literally and figuratively wrap someone in the love of Christ Church.

Training: Knitting or crocheting

Adult Christian Education

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/christian-education/adult-education

Christ Church Episcopal seeks to offer a range of options for you to deepen your faith by exploring new topics, engaging in meaningful conversations, and practicing some of the many ways we connect with the holy. We offer learning opportunities on weekends, weekdays, and weeknights. We invite you to join us in one or more of these classes.

When: Check our Adult Christian Education tri-fold brochure for dates, times, and classes: www.ccnorcross.org/CCdocuments/Trifold-Adult-Christian-Ed.pdf

Children's Christian Education

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/christian-education/childrens-education

Children's Chapel—A children's Liturgy of the Word is offered for 3-year-olds through 4th-graders. In Chapel, children sing songs, hear one of the Bible stories of the day, and say prayers. Families begin in church together at the 10:30am service, and children are invited to follow the cross to Chapel during the Sequence Hymn.

Children rejoin their families in the church before Birthday Blessings.

When: During the 10:30am service on Sundays

Training: *Safeguarding God's Children*—a 3-hour class held frequently throughout the year.

www.episcopalatlanta.org/Resources/Safe-Church/Safeguarding-God-s-Children

Godly Play—Godly Play is offered to our children in 1st-5th grade. This program fosters wonder and understanding of scripture and liturgy for our youngest members.

When: 9:15am-10:15am on Sundays

Training: *Safeguarding God's Children* (see above)

Youth Christian Education

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/christian-education/youth-education

Godly Journey (Middle School)—We are embarking on a Godly Journey which will invite participants into the life of the early church, and introduce the people who helped spread Christianity. Students will also reflect on how Christianity is spread today, and how they can be Christ-bearers in their own lives.

When: 9:15am-10:15am on Sundays

Training: *Safeguarding God's Children* (see above)

Path to Confirmation (High School)—Our program this year is based on a new Confirmation curriculum: offering our students a path to citizenship. We want to expose our students to ideas, religions, experiences, and concepts, and then let the Holy Spirit and their own engagement do the rest.

When: 9:15am-10:15am on Sundays

Training: *Safeguarding God's Children* (see previous page)

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/christian-education/youth-education

EYC (for Middle- and High-Schoolers)—Christ Church welcomes all young people in 6th-12th grades into community for fellowship, worship, and fun. We work to build a faith community among the young people of our parish and their friends. We gather on Sunday nights for dinner and fellowship—sometimes at the church, and sometimes for events or parish-wide activities.

When: Check our webpage for dates and events.

Training: *Safeguarding God's Children* (see previous page)

Growth

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/newcomers-membership

Greeters—Welcome all to Sunday services by greeting everyone as they enter the church. Greeters also assist in helping visitors feel welcome, and in offering Welcome Bags to them.

Training: 1:1 minimal training required

Ushers—Greet parishioners as they enter the worship area, distribute bulletins, and assist with the worship service.

Training: 1:1 minimal training required

Newcomers—Help to identify and seek out visitors. The Newcomers ministry offers a quarterly informational class about Christ Church Episcopal. They also monitor and refill Visitor Bags.

Training: 1:1 minimal training required

Membership—Assists newcomers in becoming full members of CCE (membership at Christ Church is open to all; the only pre-requisite is Baptism). Also includes ordering nametags, and hosting a New Member reception every six months.

Training: 1:1 minimal training required

Worship

Information:

www.ccnorcross.org/worship/worship-ministries

Acolytes—Open to all ages 5 years and older. Children, Youth, and Adults are encouraged to serve as Crucifers, Torch Bearers, and Servers during the 10:30am and 1pm worship services. They are cross-trained to serve in two of the three roles.

Training: 1-2 hours

Altar Guild—Prepares the Altar for all Sunday and Wednesday services, and for special services throughout the year. They are charged with the care of the vessels and adornments of God's House, and ready the wine and the bread for Holy Eucharist.

Training: 1:1 minimal training

Eucharistic Ministers—Assist priests with Communion by serving the chalice at each service, including funerals and other services.

Training: Trained by Clergy and re-licensed by the Bishop every three years

Flower Guild—Adorns the church with flowers in accordance with the liturgical calendar. Parishioners can also make donations and dedications “in thanksgiving for” for a special person or occasion in their lives, or “in memory of” a loved one.

Training: Some knowledge and instruction required; occasional Saturday workshops are offered throughout the year

Lectors—Non-ordained parishioners who read the Epistle (New Testament lesson) at the Lectern. A Lector reads at each service.

Training: 1-2 hours

Parish Choir—Comprised solely of volunteer singers who support the 10:30am service each Sunday, along with special services throughout the liturgical year. The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm, and Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am.

Training: Ongoing

Sewing Guild—Makes priests' vestments, altar hangings and banners as requested. They also make costumes for the Christ Church Players, and quilts and other items to sell which benefit our Haiti mission.

Training: Sewing experience

St. Cecilia Handbell Choir—This popular and fast-growing instrument has five octaves of bells and three octaves of Choirchimes®, and requires 14 ringers who are regular in attendance. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:45pm.

Training: Ongoing