



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
The Episcopal Church of Norcross



**RENEW! REJOICE! GROW!**

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 6-2-19 thru 6-9-19**

- PrimeTimer’s Luncheon..... Wed., June 5, 12:45pm
- Wonderful Wednesday..... Wed., June 5, 6pm
- CCE Booth at Peachtree Corners Art Fest ..... Sat. & Sun., June 8/9
- Pentecost Sunday, 3 baptisms, Chicken Fajita Sunday, High School Sr. Recognition, & 1st Communion Celebration ..... Sun., June 9**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Wonderful Wednesdays ..... Wed., June 12 & 19,  
..... July 17, 24, & 31, 6pm
- Sandwich Sunday ..... Sun., June 16 & 30
- LifeLine Screening..... Mon., June 17, 8:30am
- Haiti Summer Fest..... Fri., June 21, 6pm
- Family Outing—Mercedes Benz Stadium ..... Sat., July 20, 11am
- Movie on the Lawn ..... Sat., July 27, 6:30pm
- CCP Summer Shows ..... Fri. & Sat., Aug. 23 & 24, 7pm

**PRIMETIMERS’ LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019**



Come welcome the Summer (or not) by attending the PrimeTimer’s Lunch in the Parish Hall at 12:45pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Be sure to wear your favorite Luau attire. If you plan to attend, please contact Leslie Wengenroth at [gacmcleslie@gmail.com](mailto:gacmcleslie@gmail.com) or 404/324-3694 so we can plan the menu. All are welcome!

**ATTENTION ATENCIÓN!!**

**CHICKEN FAJITAS** lunch plate on sale, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am until 1:00pm. The lunch plate includes: Chicken fajitas, rice, tortillas, and salsa. For the low price \$10 per plate. You can eat in the Parish Hall and have it “to go.” Please RSVP to Mimi Guerra at [mguerra@ccnorcross.org](mailto:mguerra@ccnorcross.org), **before noon on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.**



### My Journey to the Episcopal Church



In the early years of our marriage, prior to having children, David and I were a two-church family. On Sunday mornings we attended Collins Memorial United Methodist Church. David directed the choir and I sang in the alto section. This was my introduction to Protestantism and the warm fellowship of the Methodist tradition. On Sunday evenings, we attended the Folk Mass at the Catholic Cathedral of Christ the King.

Tapping these two traditions enriched our marriage and strengthened our fledgling faith. When our eldest child was born, we decided to move to Gwinnett County so that I could be near my work where childcare was accessible. Our eldest was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in Lilburn, where we were active members.

These few years at St. John Neuman were important in our faith development. Fr. Paul Reynolds introduced us to the writing of Anthony De Mello, a Jesuit priest from India, whose intention was to weave together the various themes common to all the world religions. Neither David nor I felt comfortable with the Christian Education program for children and youth. Consequently, we began attending Mountain Park United Methodist Church. While quite pleased with the education program, I felt lost without the Eucharist on Sunday morning.

In time, my neighbor, Pat Sampson, director of Christian Education at St. Bede's Episcopal in Tucker, invited us to attend their Sunday Eucharist. After one visit I knew that I had found my home: a church that provided good fellowship, sound Christian Education, and beautifully lead liturgy.

We joined the choir, taught fourth grade Christian Education, and briefly became youth leaders. St. Bede's sponsored me for the discernment process and ordination. We are ever grateful to have found a place of spiritual health in which to raise our children. Then there was seminary...

### PEACHTREE CORNERS FESTIVAL

Christ Church will host a booth at the Peachtree Corners Festival on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>! We need volunteers to help set up, take down, and cover shifts in the booth. To sign up, click here or visit our website at [www.ccnorcross.org](http://www.ccnorcross.org) and look under events.



### MAKING OF FATHER'S DAY CARDS, JUNE 2, 2019

Sunday, June 2; Parish Wide Event; 9:15am – 10:15am in the Parish Hall. Bring your entire family to make Father's Day cards for the immigration detainees at Stewart Detention Center (SDC). All materials will be provided!! The cards will then be delivered by El Refugio. El Refugio provides visitation to immigrants at SDC in the remote town of Lumpkin, Georgia, as well as free lodging and meals to friends and family members visiting their loved ones. For more information about El Refugio, go to their website: [www.elrefugiostewart.org](http://www.elrefugiostewart.org).



### CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



During the 10:30am service on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will honor all 2019 High School Graduates, followed by cake and ice cream in the Parish Hall.

We would also like to honor all College/University (Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorates) graduates by sharing their information and plans in the June Communique. If you or someone in your immediate family is graduating in 2019, please email Karen Bass at [children@ccnorcross.org](mailto:children@ccnorcross.org) right away for inclusion.

### CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS/READERS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Do you speak a foreign language? If so, please be part of our Pentecost Sunday Gospel reading at 8:00am or 10:30am on June 9. Please contact Beth Holland at [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) or call 770/447-1166 **before 9:00am on Wednesday, June 5, 2019**, and let us know at which service you would like to read and in what language. The English text of the Gospel will be provided after you respond, so you have time to translate it into the language you will read. Thanks.



### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS



Wonderful Wednesdays will include Storytelling, Art, and Play to make the Old Testament come alive for our children. Six sessions are available; sign up for as many or few as your schedule allows. Geared for children ages 3 – 10, older children can attend as “helpers.” June 5, 12, 19 and July 17, 24, 31. 6:00pm–7:30pm. Email Karen Bass at [children@ccnorcross.org](mailto:children@ccnorcross.org) with questions. [Click here to sign up](#) or go to our website at [www.ccnorcross.org](http://www.ccnorcross.org) and look under Events.

### SANDWICH SUNDAYS

June 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am in the Parish Hall.

This summer we are making lunches through SmartKids/SmartLunch – a program that fills in during the summer months for area students who receive free lunches during the school year. The lunches will be delivered by the youth group the day after they are made. Sign up here to bring lunch fixins:



June 16<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Email Karen Bass with questions!

### LIFE LINE SCREENING MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019



The annual Life Line Screening, which will administer five (5) tests for a low cost of \$149.00, a savings of \$181.00, will be held at Christ Church, Episcopal, on Monday, June 17th, in the Parish Hall beginning at

8:30am. To register, please visit their website at [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) and/or see the pink flyer in the bulletin.

### HAITI SUMMER FEST

#### A Fundraising Event for our School in Haiti Friday June 21, 2019, 7:00pm – 11:00pm

We will be having our annual Summer Fest to celebrate our partnership with the parish of St. Joseph's of Arimathea and to raise money for the teachers' salaries at the school. Tickets are now on sale—\$25/person or \$60/family of three or more—and at the church office. Again this year, Daphne Gary has generously offered to prepare this culinary delight for all palates and the details of the menu will be coming soon. Also included in this party is a live auction, a silent auction, special music, activities for children and youth (it's a family affair), along with a few special surprises. We would also like to have some very special items to be included in our auctions. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Daphne Gary or Annette Stewart.



*Over eleven years ago we entered into a relationship with the school at St. Joseph's of Arimathea, a relationship that has lots of love. As a result, we are now providing education to over 400 students. To quote Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world."*

### **SIGN UP FOR 2019-2020 EFM CLASS**

Education for Ministry classes now forming for 2019-2020. Please contact Dianne Olson at [dolson42668@gmail.com](mailto:dolson42668@gmail.com) or Brian Maruscak at [bri-anmaruscak@gmail.com](mailto:bri-anmaruscak@gmail.com) for more information.



### **ACOLYTES NEEDED TO ENRICH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES**



We are looking for more parishioners, children, youth, adults, families (you get the picture) to join the ranks of our Acolyte program, an important ministry in the life of any parish. If you or someone in your family has an interest, please contact Brian Maruscak at [bri-anmaruscak@gmail.com](mailto:bri-anmaruscak@gmail.com).

### **NEXT ADULT OUTING, SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019** **MERCEDES BENZ STADIUM**



Our next Adult Outing will be on Saturday, July 20th, at 11:00am for a behind the scenes VIP tour of the Mercedes Benz Stadium--home of the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta United! The \$25 ticket includes a private stadium tour, locker rooms, private boxes, and field access! If we have a group of 20 or more persons, tickets are reduced to \$15 per person. We will be carpooling from the church, so don't let driving downtown scare you from this fun opportunity. Children and youth are welcome. Lunch will follow the stadium tour at a pre-planned location. Tickets will be purchased by coordinator, Kristie Bernard. Cash or check welcome. Please RSVP by July 13, 2019.

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

Coffee Hour is like a tiny, weekly party where people gather, connect, and relate to each other. The food we offer is nourishment for the body, but the fellowship is nourishment for the soul. If you have ever enjoyed noshing on coffee hour goodies, consider paying it forward by hosting one of these micro-parties. The effort is minimal — especially if you host with a friend! Please consider signing up to host just one coffee hour in the next few months. Use the link below to get started! If you have any questions, contact Kathy Smith at [ksmithd106@gmail.com](mailto:ksmithd106@gmail.com) or call at 678-644-9304.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4AD2DA5FD0-summer>



**NEWS FROM THE NORCROSS COOPERATIVE MINISTRY (NCM)**

Find out if you are eligible for Food Stamps (SNAP) and other benefits on Monday, June 3, 2019, or Friday, June 7, 2019,, from 10:00am until 2:00pm at the NCM. Eligibility is based on income, resources, and household size.

Free Health Fair on Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 10:00am until 1:00pm.

Learn techniques to keep your debt under control at the Money Management Class on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. RSVP at 770-263-8268

Critical Needs: Macaroni & Cheese Cups, Canned Chicken (12 oz), Peanut Butter, Jelly (plastic jars), Spaghetti Sauce.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in Norcross by supporting the NCM.

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THE CHILDREN OF NCM's CLIENTS!**



Area churches provide support to NCM's clients by entertaining their children while the parents meet with their case worker. Christ Church has volunteered to cover one week in July (8-13.) Shifts are just two hours. During that time, we will play, read stories, work on art projects, and share the love of Christ! Volunteers just need to show up — no prep necessary! [Click here to sign up.](#)

**WEEK 5-22-19 thru 5-26-19 ATTENDANCE & DOLLARS**

Wednesday	12:00pm	8
Sunday	8:00am	25
Sunday	10:30am	101
Sunday	1:00pm	<u>82</u>
	<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>Total: 216</b>
		<b>\$8,802.82</b>

**HAVE YOU BEEN SENT? Year to Date SENT's for 2019**

	<u>#</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Adult	4	278.50
Youth	0	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>278.50</b>
<b>Total SENTs Rec'd</b>		<b>59</b>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 6-2-19 thru 6-9-19**

<sup>\*N</sup> Indicates that childcare is available (enter from the Parish Hall).

**Sunday, 6-2-19**

8:00am Holy Eucharist ..... Nave  
9:15am Choir Rehearsal..... Nave  
10:30am Holy Eucharist <sup>\*N</sup>..... Nave  
10:30am Children’s Chapel .....Begins in Church  
11:00am Hispanic 1st Communion Class ..... Upper Level, Youth Center  
12:00pm Healing Prayer Team ..... Parlor  
12:45pm Saying the Rosary ..... Nave  
1:00pm Holy Eucharist <sup>\*N</sup> ..... Nave  
1:00pm Children’s Chapel .....Begins in Church  
2:30pm Conversations w/Hispanic Clergy ..... Parish Hall

**Monday, 6-3-19**

6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #26..... Lower Level, Youth Center

**Tuesday, 6-4-19**

7:00pm Grief Group Chat ..... Parlor  
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal ..... Parish Hall  
8:00pm CA Group ..... Youth Center

**Wednesday, 6-5-19**

10:00am Bible Study Class ..... Rm. 107, Ed. Wing  
12:00pm HE & Healing Service ..... Nave  
12:45pm PrimeTimer’s Luncheon ..... Parish Hall  
6:00pm Wonderful Wednesday ..... Parish Hall & Outside  
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack #26 mtg..... Lower Level Youth Center

**Thursday, 6-6-19**

**Friday, 6-7-19**

7:30pm CA Group ..... Youth Center

**Saturday, 6-8-19**

8:00am Peachtree Corners Festival.....  
2:30pm Quinceanera ..... Parish Hall

**Sunday, 6-9-19—PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00am Peachtree Corners Festival.....  
8:00am Holy Eucharist w/High School Sr. Recognition ..... Nave  
9:15am Choir Rehearsal..... Nave  
10:30am Holy Eucharist w/2 baptisms & High School Recognition <sup>\*N</sup> Nave  
10:30am Children’s Chapel .....Begins in Church  
11:00am Hispanic 1st Communion Class ..... Upper Level, Youth Center  
11:30am Chicken Fajita Sunday ..... Parish Hall

12:00pm Healing Prayer Team .....Parlor  
 12:45pm Saying the Rosary .....Nave  
 1:00pm Holy Eucharist w/1 Baptism, High School Sr. Recognition  
 & First Communion Celebration \*N ..... Nave  
 1:00pm Children’s Chapel ..... Begins in Church  
 2:30pm Conversations w/Hispanic Clergy..... Parish Hall

**To see all of the major events in the life of the parish,  
 please visit our website at <http://www.ccnorcross.org>**

## PRAYGROUND

Children learn with their whole selves – they need to see, touch, hear, taste – and yes - move. So it should come as no surprise that children also need to worship in the same way. To make this a reality for the children of our parish, we are planning to have a summer trial run of a **Prayground** beginning June 9.

Though different churches have put the **Prayground** concept into practice in various ways, the general idea is a soft space in the front of the Nave where young children can experience worship through age-appropriate materials to help keep them engaged in worship.

Instead of sitting in the back, we hope our families will move up front, and let their children use the space so they can see what is going on, feel as though they are a valued part of the service, and most importantly, learn that church is a place which welcomes us where we are.

We will seek feedback on this effort. And hope that it will be a positive experience for our entire worshipping community!

### Sample Praygrounds at other churches

