



THIS WEEK AT  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
 The Episcopal Church of Norcross



**VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR 9-13-20 thru 9-20-20**

- Morning Prayer in Spanish; Monday—Saturday ..... 9:00am
- Centering Prayer; Monday—Friday ..... 12:00pm
- Evening Prayer in English; Monday—Saturday ..... 5:00pm
- Your Faith, Your Life,  
     A Faith Formation Study ..... Sun., Sept. 13, 9:15am
- Coffee (Half) Hour ..... Sun., Sept. 13, 9:45am
- Holy Eucharist in English ..... Sun., Sept. 13, 10:30am
- Holy Eucharist in Spanish ..... Sun., Sept. 13, 1:00pm
- Cultivating Nonviolence, Harvesting Peace.. Tues., Sept. 15, 6:30pm
- Bible Study—The Book of Exodus..... Wed., Sept. 16, 10:00am
- Rachel Held Evans Book Group ..... Wed., Sept. 16, 7:00pm
- McK&Deb Talking Hearts (Bilingual) ..... Thurs., Sept. 17, 10:30am
- Virtual Yoga Class ..... Thurs., Sept. 17, 7:30pm
- Reading with Wendy ..... Fri., Sept. 18, 12:00pm
- Cooking with Patty ..... Sat., Sept. 19 , 1:00pm
- Holy Eucharist in English ..... Sun., Sept. 20, 10:30am
- Holy Eucharist in Spanish ..... Sun., Sept. 20, 1:00pm

**BIRTHDAYS FOR 9-13-20 THRU 9-19-20**

- 9-13 Barbara Brack
- 9-16 Nick Arminio
- 9-17 John Haeger
- 9-18 Shlaina Van Dyke
- 9-19 John Sears
- 9-19 Shelby Smith



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR  
 9-13-20 THRU 9-19-20**

None listed for this week.





### **THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE**

The order of Saint Luke is available to pray with you by phone if you have a healing need. Contact Sharon Pitman or Val Wilson.

### **VIRTUAL COFFEE (HALF) HOUR THIS SUNDAY**

**Early for the service? Join us at the Virtual Coffee (Half) Hour this Sunday at 9:45am.**

Check it out at <http://zoom.us> and create a free account. For any questions, contact Brook at [brook.sizemore@gmail.com](mailto:brook.sizemore@gmail.com).

1. Anytime between 9:45 and 10:15am on Sunday, go to <http://zoom.us> (or open the Zoom app on your device).
2. Click or tap Join a Meeting.
3. Enter the Meeting Code: 838 4977 6863 \*\* NOTE: This code is a change from previous weeks.
4. Enter the Password: coffee30
5. Enjoy!



### **SUPPORT CANCER KICKERS**



Support Cancer Kickers ATL's efforts to fight kids' cancer. Deacon Letty and her friend Marysabel are riding their bicycles 200 miles during the month of September to raise money for children's cancer research.

Over 15,700 children are diagnosed every year, and sadly, 38 children die of cancer every week. You can donate to the following link or contact Letty for more information at 404/418-2608.

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Teams/CancerkickersATL>

### **THRIFT SHOP CLOSED, DONATIONS NOT ACCEPTED**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our Thrift Shop is closed and we are unable to accept any donations until further notice. Donations left at the doors of the Thrift Shop or the office, unfortunately, will be put in the dumpster for disposal. Thank you for understanding.



### PASTORAL CALLS WITH CECI DUKE+

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this pandemic, I will be available for pastoral calls by phone Monday through Friday between 11:00am and 2:00pm. If you would like a 15 or 30 minute phone appointment, please email me at [cduke@ccnorcross.org](mailto:cduke@ccnorcross.org) and I will put you on the schedule.



Grace and peace,  
Ceci+

### MORE CHANCES TO BUY YOUR FACEMASKS



If you would like to purchase face masks made by our Sewing Guild, please contact Beth Holland at [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) to make other arrangements. She will be available in the church office on Fridays between 3-4pm. The cost is only \$5.00 each and proceeds benefit the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries. Exact cash, please, or checks payable to Christ Church, with “masks” referenced in the memo line.

### FORWARD DAY BY DAY IN LITTLE LIBRARY

Our latest publication for the Forward Day by Day covering the months of **August, September, and October** are here. We have placed all three (3) kinds—English, Spanish, and large type—in the Little Library near the Labyrinth on the front lawn of the church property. If you would like one mailed to you, please email Beth Holland at [office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org) so arrangements can be made.



### NEW TIME FOR GENTLE FLOW YOGA THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM ON ZOOM—\$10



Join Julie Recalde online on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Each class is \$10 and registration is required at least two hours prior to class. Learn more and register at [www.sweetsunshineyoga.net](http://www.sweetsunshineyoga.net). The registration button is on the home page. Anyone who wishes to stay and chat online after class is welcome to do so! If you have questions, please email [julie.recalde1@gmail.com](mailto:julie.recalde1@gmail.com).

**MISSION OF MERCY RECIPIENT FOR SEPTEMBER IS  
NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES**



The Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries (NCM) is the recipient of the “Mission of Mercy” this month giving us another opportunity to help low income families in crisis, especially when poverty, food insecurity, and homelessness have increased so much during these uncertain times. For over 30 years, Christ Church, along with other area churches, has served as helping hands in our community through the NCM, and generously responded to requests for food, personal items, and emergency financial aid for residents of Southwest Gwinnett County. The staff and volunteers of the NCM have been overwhelmed by the response during this current pandemic, which has affected so many families. Thank you to all who have donated.

Mission of Mercy monetary donations can be sent directly to Christ Church; please indicate that they are for the NCM/September Mission of Mercy. Donations can also be sent directly to the co-op through their website (<https://www.ourncm.org/donate-now/>) or by mail to Norcross Cooperative Ministry, PO Box 1489, Norcross, GA 30091. Please let the NCM know that the donation is from a Christ Church member.

Because our church buildings are still closed, we will have a “drive by” Food Drive later in September to help stock the pantry with the most needed items. More information to be announced.

You can purchase items "on line" and have them delivered directly to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry, 500 Pinnacle Court, Suite 510, Norcross GA 30091 -- or drop off donations at the co-op. Call them (770-263-8268) to arrange a time to drop off your donations, and they will gladly come out to your car to pick them up. You can also follow the “Donations” sign on the side of the building, pull up to the garage door, and ring the doorbell for assistance. Donation hours are Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm, Tues from 9am-7pm, Sat from 9am-12pm. Their new location is about three miles from Christ Church. The "Contact" link on their website has a map and directions. Call or link to <https://www.norcrossco-op.org/> to confirm they are open or if you have any questions. When you drop off your donations, please ask to sign the log book and indicate that they are from Christ Church. You can also get a receipt for your donations for income tax purposes.

If you aren't able to take donations to the NCM, please contact Mary Ann Fair (call/text 678-549-4827 or email [mafair@bellsouth.net](mailto:mafair@bellsouth.net)) to make arrangements to deliver them to the co-op. Many thanks for helping our Gwinnett County neighbors when their needs are so great.

**PROVIDING SPIRITUAL SERVICE ANCHORS  
IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY**

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this time of uncertainty, we are providing a few spiritual anchors for your well-being. The Rev. Ceci Duke is leading Evening Prayer live at 5:00pm, Monday through Saturday. She also leads the Holy Eucharist service every Sunday at 10:30am. These take place on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchEpiscopalNorcross/>.



We have a new Hispanic Facebook account: [www.facebook.com/cristoepiscopalnorcross/](http://www.facebook.com/cristoepiscopalnorcross/). Services streamed on this account are Morning Prayer at 9:00am, Monday through Saturday and Holy Eucharist service every Sunday at 1:00pm.

If you need pastoral or financial support during this time, please contact us. And, as we entrust our lives to God's Divine Wisdom, let us continue to pray for one another.

God's peace,  
Ceci+

**CONTACTING CLERGY AND STAFF DURING PANDEMIC**

While our clergy and staff are not in the office during this COVID-19 Pandemic, please rest assured that we are all available by **email**, Monday thru Friday. Here are our email addresses:

Ceci Duke—>[cduke@ccnorcross.org](mailto:cduke@ccnorcross.org);  
Mimi Guerra—>[mguerra@ccnorcross.org](mailto:mguerra@ccnorcross.org);  
Beth Holland—>[office@ccnorcross.org](mailto:office@ccnorcross.org);  
Robin Miller—>[bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org](mailto:bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org);  
Karen Bass—>[kbass@ccnorcross.org](mailto:kbass@ccnorcross.org).

**COVID-19 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT LINE**

Dear Friends,

As the economy reopens and people begin venturing out again, there may be on-going stress and anxiety about the continued risk of exposure to COVID-19. In addition, many may also be experiencing grief and loss as a result of losing loved ones due to the virus.

FEMA, GEMA and the State of Georgia DBHDD have created the State of Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line (available 24/7).

When you call, there will be a caring professional available to listen and they will have resources available if needed.

Please pass the information below to friends and family. During this time of crisis, we all may need a little extra support and another caring person to talk to. This line also offers referral sources and links to additional statewide resources.

Here is the contact information:

**State of Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line (available 24/7); (866) 399-8938**

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DUE TO LOSS OF INCOME DURING PANDEMIC**

Beloved in Christ,

Many among us have lost employment income as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the suggestion of some of our faithful, we will establish funding for those who need assistance during this challenging time. If you wish to contribute to this fund, write a check payable to Christ Church Episcopal and reference either the Rector's Discretionary Fund or the Associate Rector's Discretionary Fund for pandemic assistance in your memo line.

If you plan to use online donations with the intent of your dollars going to the discretionary funds for assistance, you **MUST** indicate that in the comments of your online donations or we will **NOT** know your intent.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact The Rev. Ceci Duke at [cduke@ccnorcross.org](mailto:cduke@ccnorcross.org) or The Rev. Mimi Guerra at [mguerra@ccnorcross.org](mailto:mguerra@ccnorcross.org). We will mail funds to you as we are able.

God's love and peace be with you all.

Ceci+

### **GIVING OPTIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Since many of you have had questions about your giving options during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we want to make you aware of the following ways to give. Giving options at this time include:

1. Checks by mail -- We are receiving and processing these as normal. Address--400 Holcomb Bridge Road, Norcross, GA 30071.
2. Bill pay – if you have automatic bill pay at your financial institution, you can set up Christ Church as the Vendor/Payee and select the

amount (and frequency) that you want to donate. (For additional details, you should contact your bank or financial institution directly about its online bill pay program)

3. Electronic Giving -- on the homepage of the Christ Church website, use the "Donate/Pledge" option.
4. PayPal -- Either through your personal PayPal account or through the Donate/Pledge button on the website
5. Gifts of stock -- contact Robin Miller for details.

For any questions on giving options, please contact Robin Miller at [bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org](mailto:bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org)

### **NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES (NCM)—NEW NAME, SAME MISSION**

The **September Mission of Mercy** is the NCM. Please designate any monetary donations given through Christ Church for the "September MoM - NCM." You can also donate directly to the co-op by following this link: <https://www.ourncm.org/donate-now/> Please indicate that the donation is from a Christ Church member. Please refer to the September issue of the "Communique" for more information.



**Virtual Money Management Class:** Managing Debt During a Pandemic — New Rules for Creditors and Collection Agencies. Thursday, 9/24/20, 2-3 pm (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7290434303143347211>) or 7-8 pm (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4094530034175325707>).

The NCM has been able to help many clients in Southwest Gwinnett County with food, rent, utilities, medical, and other needs during this on-going pandemic because of its many generous donors. Yet, many individuals and families continue to need help with food and other expenses. **Critical and On-going Food Items** needed this week include: Boxed potatoes, Canned meat (no tuna), Cereal, Canned corn, Mac and cheese, Meals in a can, Mixed veggies, Pasta and Pasta sauce, and Canned fruit. The NCM has refrigerated space so donations of fresh produce, dairy, and other perishable items can be accepted. In addition to food and monetary donations, the NCM needs toiletries, soap, laundry detergent, and feminine and paper products for their clients because these items can't be purchased with food stamps.

Donation hours at the NCM are Mon - Fri from 9am-4pm, Tues from 9am-7pm, Sat from 9am-12pm. Call 770-263-8268 or link to their

website (<https://www.ourncm.org/>) for information and updates about the NCM, including a virtual tour of the new building pre-COVID-19. Information is also on their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/norcrosscm> and on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/norcrosscm>.

**Reminder:** If you or someone you know needs assistance, the NCM can help with food and other needs on Mon, Wed, Fri from 10am-2pm, Tues from 6pm-8pm, Sat from 10am-12pm, closed on Thurs for clients. The doors open 30 min. prior to these times. For more information, please contact the NCM at 770-263-8268 or on their website: <https://www.ourncm.org/>. Their new location, 500 Pinnacle Court, Suite 510, Norcross, GA 30071, is about three miles from Christ Church. The "Contact" link on their website has a map and directions.

Please continue to pray for the NCM staff, volunteers, clients, all those affected by the virus, and all medical personnel and others who are helping during this this pandemic. Your generous support of the NCM and the clients they serve is greatly appreciated.

If you have a question, please contact either  
Ed Hurley, Finance Chair or Debra Root,  
Treasurer.

**Christ Church Operating Budget**  
08/31/20

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Income	32,732.61	488,874.39
Expenses	58,917.39	454,219.76
Prin Pmt	<u>2,789.00</u>	<u>26,053.10</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	-28,973.78	8,601.53