



THIS WEEK AT
CHRIST CHURCH
 The Episcopal Church of Norcross



VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR 9-27-20 thru 10-4-20

- 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. 27, 9:15am
- Coffee (Half) Hour Sun., Sept. 27, 9:45am
- Holy Eucharist in English Sun., Sept. 27, 10:30am
- Holy Eucharist in Spanish Sun., Sept. 27, 1:00pm
- Cultivating Nonviolence, Harvesting Peace.. Tues., Sept. 29, 6:30pm
- Bible Study—The Book of Exodus..... Wed., Sept. 30, 10:00am
- Rachel Held Evans Book Group Wed., Sept. 30, 7:00pm
- McK&Deb Talking Hearts (Bilingual) Thurs., Oct. 1, 10:30am
- Virtual Yoga Class Thurs., Oct. 1, 7:30pm
- Reading with Wendy Fri., Oct. 2, 12:00pm
- Cooking with Patty Sat., Oct. 3 , 1:00pm
- Holy Eucharist in English Sun., Oct. 4, 10:30am
- Holy Eucharist in Spanish Sun., Oct. 4, 1:00pm
- Blessing of the Animals, etc..... Sun., Oct. 4, 3:00pm

BIRTHDAYS FOR 9-27-20 THRU 10-3-20

- 9-30 Mellie Fitten
- 9-30 Barbara McCue
- 10-1 Mary Halliburton
- 10-3 Gary Gordon
- 10-3 Sandy Chapman



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR
 9-27-20 THRU 10-3-20**

None for this week.



GRIEF GROUP CHATS,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

Our next Grief Group Chat will take place, via zoom, on Tuesday night, October 6, 2020, at 7pm. Anne Keeton of *Grief to Relief* will be leading these meetings through her Zoom account, and Ceci Duke will join. **Pre-registration is required no later than 10:00pm the Monday night before the meeting.** Register with Beth Holland in the church office at office@ccnorcross.org. We will need your name, email address, and phone number. Remember that grief takes on many forms, not just the death of a loved one. It can be a divorce, the loss of a job, and in this Pandemic, isolation and the loss of seeing each other face-to-face. The Zoom meeting information will be sent on Tuesday afternoon. Anne looks forward to leading these meetings with us.



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.

The weekly Virtual Coffee (Half) Hour conversations may or may not include the following topics:

SEC football; Schoolteacher updates; Adventures in HOA code enforcement; Good ol' days of trucking; Bad virtual renditions of the Happy Birthday song; or "What's that in the background?"

Come join us, won't you?



Check it out at <http://zoom.us> and create a free account. For any questions, contact Brook at 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!

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.

AMAZON SMILE BENEFITS CHRIST CHURCH



Help support the parish even while online shopping! Choose to shop on Amazon via [AmazonSmile](#) and choose Christ Church Norcross. .5 percent of your eligible purchases is given back to the parish. Every amount counts, and we thank you for thinking of Christ Church Norcross. To date we have received \$187.72 from this program.

For mobile phones: [Amazon shopping app on iOS](#) and on [Android mobile phones!](#) Simply follow these instructions to turn on [AmazonSmile](#) and start generating donations.

Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device;
Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings';
Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app. If you are using a phone or tablet app you have to go and enable it, even if you've already signed up.

Click here for instructions: [Instructions](#)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020, 3:00PM

Sunday, October 4, 2020, from 3:00-5:00pm, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis a/k/a Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to drive your car, filled with family and pets, to be blessed by Ceci and Mimi in the Church parking lot. Treats will be available for the four-leggeds.



Also—>Glen Gordon would like to put together a video of all of our pets (maybe even deceased?) to show during the 10:30am service on October 4, 2020. Please email your pictures with your pet's names to Beth Holland at office@ccnorcross.org, who will then forward them to Glen. **Deadline for submission of photos is 12 noon on Friday, October 2, 2020.** Thank you.

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 and I will put you on the schedule.

Grace and peace,
Ceci+

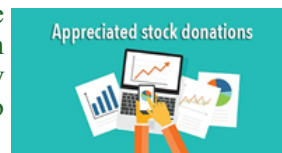
**FOOD COLLECTION FOR NCM,
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020**



The Daughters of the King will be collecting food for the Neighborhood Co-op on Friday, October 2, 2020, between 2:30 and 4:00pm. Mary Ann Fair and Jenny Ham will be in front of the church office to collect food to take to the co-op. No clothing or household goods are being accepted at this time. In addition to food, their greatest needs are items not covered by food stamps such as toilet paper, paper towels, feminine supplies, and soap.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES MAKE A GREAT GIFT!

We encourage you to thoughtfully consider the advantages of giving stock to Christ Church Norcross. If you own appreciated stock, there may be tax benefits when contributing stock compared to cash.



Many of our members have found that giving a stock donation to the church is an easy way to make a contribution. Please consult your financial advisor to see if this is a viable option for you. If you plan to donate stock to the church, please notify our bookkeeper, [Robin Miller](mailto:Robin.Miller@ccnorcross.org) via email.

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

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 to make arrangements. She is usually 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 so arrangements can be made.



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. 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.

MISSION OF MERCY RECIPIENT FOR SEPTEMBER IS NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES



The Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries (NCM) is the recipient of the “Mission of Mercy,” which gives us an 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 and other area churches have served as helping hands to residents of Southwest Gwinnett County by generously responding to requests for food, personal items, and emergency financial aid through the NCM. The staff and volunteers of the NCM have been overwhelmed by the generous response from churches, businesses, and individuals during the past six months. Many thanks to all who have donated.

Monetary donations for this month's Mission of Mercy can be made in several ways: Send to Christ Church by check, pay-pal, or on-line, designating them for the NCM/September Mission of Mercy; send directly to the co-op through their website (<https://www.ourncm.org/donate-now/>) or mail to Neighborhood Cooperative Ministry, PO Box 1489, Norcross, GA 30091. Please let the NCM know that the donation is from a Christ Church

member. More information is in the September issue of the "Communique" or previous "This Week at Christ Church" bulletins.

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 purchase and take donations to the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministry, 500 Pinnacle Court, Suite 510, Norcross GA 30091 on Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm, Tues from 9am-7pm, Sat from 9am-12pm. The co-op is located about three miles from Christ Church; a map and directions are on the "Contact" link of their website. Call 770-263-8268 or link to <https://www.norcrossco-op.org/> if you need more information. Follow the "Donations" sign on the side of the building, pull up to the garage door, and ring the doorbell for assistance. Please ask to sign the log book and indicate that the donations are from Christ Church. You can also get a receipt for your donations for income tax purposes.

If you have donations and can't deliver them to the NCM, please contact Mary Ann Fair (call/text 678-549-4827 or email mafair@bellsouth.net)

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/. 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;
Mimi Guerra—>mguerra@ccnorcross.org;
Beth Holland—>office@ccnorcross.org;
Robin Miller—>bookkeeper@ccnorcross.org;
Karen Bass—>kbass@ccnorcross.org.

**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 or The Rev. Mimi Guerra at mguerra@ccnorcross.org. We will mail funds to you as we are able.

God's love and peace be with you all.
Ceci+

**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.



The Daughters of the King will collect food and non-food items for the NCM on Friday, October 2, 2020, from 2:30—4:00pm. Jenny Ham and Mary Ann Fair will be in front of the church office to collect donations and will take them to the co-op. **Critical Food Items needed:** Canned tuna, Canned Veggies, Spaghetti Pasta, Canned Chicken, Soup, Meals in a can, and Canned fruit. We are also collecting items that can't be purchased with food stamps: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, feminine supplies, toilet paper, and paper towels. Clothing or household goods are not being accepted at this time.

Drive-thru Hiring Event at the NCM: Tuesday, 9/29/20, 10am-Noon, 500 Pinnacle Court, Suite 510, Norcross, GA 30071.

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. 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/norcrossem> and on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/norcrossem>.

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, those affected by the virus, medical personnel, and all others who are helping during this this pandemic. Thank you for your generous support of the NCM and the clients they serve.

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	2,789.00	26,053.10
Surplus/ (Deficit)	-28,973.78	8,601.53