

CHRISTIAN to the CORE • Sundays 10:10-10:50am

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT CHRIST CHURCH

JANUARY 6, 13 & 20

PARISH HALL

C.S. LEWIS

Mary Susan Fulghum

Clearly, the most influential popular theologian of the 20th Century was an Anglican layman named C. S. Lewis, whose writings and radio broadcasts presented the Christian faith with clarity, challenge and strength. As a professor of medieval literature, Lewis' mastery of the western literary tradition and his own literary imagination make his writings a delight to read and ponder.

An authority on the work of C. S. Lewis, Dr. Fulghum recently retired from a career in medicine.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

JAN. 6: CHRISTIAN HOPE IN A HARD WORLD

Amanda Griffin

How can we maintain our Christian faith and hope in the face of daily news cycles full of pain and suffering? Amanda Griffin is a parishioner and reporter for WRAL-TV5.

JAN. 13: STUMP THE PRIEST

Nancy Allison

Do you have questions about God, the Bible, The Episcopal Church? Write questions anonymously on scraps of paper, and Nancy will answer.

JAN. 20: VESTRY REPORT

Peter Scott

Our Senior Warden updates us on the issues and ideas the Vestry is discussing in preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting on January 27.

AUDITORIUM

WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT SEX AND WHO IS TEACHING THEM?

Dr. Barbara Ziko and Dr. Jim Allen

Barbara Ziko, a physician with a background in emergency medicine and 15 years in college health, will share her experience with students concerning STDs, testing, treatment and transmission. Her intention is to put us in a better position to teach our youngsters about prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Jim Allen is a pediatrician and public health physician who worked for 10 years on the AIDS epidemic with the CDC, and who currently is medical adviser to the American Social Health Association. The first session will focus on human sexuality and development of sexual maturity in adolescents; the second session will explore moral aspects of sexuality and how to work with adolescents to develop awareness of their own sexuality.

VESTRY ROOM - Family Forum

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLE STORIES: Genesis

Heber Peacock

Answers to questions children ask about Bible stories, with an examination of the Book of Genesis and its historical and cultural setting.

A retired Episcopal priest, Heber Peacock has served as a pastor, seminary professor, Bible translator, and translation consultant in Africa.

JANUARY 27

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
in the Church

FEBRUARY 3

AUDITORIUM

EXPLORING OUR HERITAGE

John Ward

Under the tutelage of our parish historian and archivist, explore the many roles Christ Church and its members have played in the community, state, nation, Diocese and The Episcopal Church.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Carolyn Edge

In conjunction with our ECW's Raising Spirits conference, Carolyn Edge, a local spiritual director, will help us explore some of the ways women cultivate relationships with God.

FEB. 10, 17 & 24; MARCH 2 & 9 LENT

PARISH HALL • Visiting Scholar

THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

Warren Smith

From the beginning of Christianity, the cross was an offense to Jew and Greek alike. Gnostic teachers ignored it, but orthodox Christianity placed Christ's death on the cross as central to its teaching. Dr. Smith will expound on the gospel message of God's saving work and redeeming love through the victory of the cross.

Dr. Smith is Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Duke Divinity School and our Visiting Scholar.

AUDITORIUM • Feb. 10, 17, 24; Mar. 2

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lee Hogewood leads discussions of the appointed weekly Lenten readings from the Prayer Book.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

FEB. 10: THEOLOGY OF PAUL

John Rohrs

Discussion of core ideas and teachings framing Paul's understanding of the good news of Jesus Christ.

FEB. 17: INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

Winston Charles

Learn more about the language, imagery and ritual of our Episcopal liturgy, as the Rector guides us through an instructed Eucharist.

FEB. 24: HISTORY OF U.S. IMMIGRATION

Sister Attracta Kelly, Project Director of the Immigrants Legal Assistance Project

MAR. 2: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

John Rohrs leads a discussion on the meaning of this biblical sermon for our lives.

MAR. 9: THE TRADITIONS OF HOLY WEEK

Nancy Allison

Each step of Jesus's sacred journey to the cross is important as we seek to understand Jesus' death and resurrection and their meaning in our lives.

MAR. 16 & 23 • No Classes

MAR. 30 • VESTRY FORUM

APRIL 6

PARISH HALL

LITURGY AND LIFE

Bishop Robert Estill

The maxim within the Episcopal Church is "Praying Shapes Believing." Explore the prayer book as a spiritual resource for all the events of life.

The Right Reverend Robert W. Estill is the retired Bishop of North Carolina.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

THE PROPHET AMOS

John Rohrs

The words of the minor prophet Amos have been cited by Martin Luther King Jr. and others. Come discuss the lessons this book hold for us today.

APRIL 13

PARISH HALL

WHO NEEDS THE DIOCESE?

Bishop Michael Curry

The Episcopal Church is constituted in territorial units called dioceses. All the clergy and laypeople of that geographic area gather around their Bishop for the task of mission and ministry in that place. We are fortunate to have Bishop Curry with us to share the missionary vision of our diocese. His visitation brings an end our adult education series, and will be the only class meeting today.

The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry

is the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

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SEPTEMBER 9, 16 & 23

PARISH HALL

RELIGION IN AMERICA

Nancy Allison

Within the concept of "American Uniqueness," the role of religion is distinct. We have been, and remain, a notably religious and believing people, yet every Christian faith tradition has been substantially changed by the American experience. In this class we trace the history and influence of religion in American life from colonial days to the 21st Century.

VESTRY ROOM - Family Forum

HEALTHY HABITS & GOOD CHOICES

The Poe Center

The pressures we face in our society are real—and sometimes deadly. Representatives from the Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education will lead a discussion on what we can do to make our lives and our families' lives safer.

AUDITORIUM - What's Happening...

SEPT. 9: OUR PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

*John Monaghan & Marshall Lamb
Christ Church Outreach Ministries*

SEPT. 16: OUR PARISH YOUTH PROGRAM

*Liz Stroff
Director of Youth Ministries*

SEPT. 23: SAINT SAVIOUR'S COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAM

Dr. Dick McKay & Sylvia Harlen, R.N.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

SEPT. 9: CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

John Rohrs

During Lent last spring, we reflected on how our parish can serve as a sacred space in the heart of the city, especially during this time of rapid change downtown. Come continue that discussion and see how you can be involved.

SEPT. 16: HEARTBREAK AND HOPE IN SUDAN

Jo Bailey Wells

The Reverend Jo Bailey Wells, the Director of Anglican Studies at Duke University Divinity School, will share stories of her time in Sudan, a country torn by violence but nevertheless searching for signs of hope.

SEPT. 23: PILGRIMAGE TO NEW ORLEANS

Panel of Parish Youth

In June, a group of senior high youth from Christ Church spent a week in New Orleans, aiding in hurricane relief efforts. Come hear their stories and impressions from this experience.

SEPT. 30: VESTRY FORUM

Parish Hall

(Today's only offering)

Renovation of the Baker Wing is set to begin May 1, 2008. Join Senior Warden Peter Scott, members of the Vestry, and the Baker Wing Renovation Committee to discuss the envisioned changes.

OCTOBER 7 • IN THE PARISH HALL

REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Winston Charles

On September 30 the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church has been asked to respond to certain requests of the Anglican Primates. This response will be crucial to the future of both The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The Rector has asked to set aside this time to inform the congregation of these developments. *This will be the only adult class offered today.*

OCTOBER 14, 21 & 28

PARISH HALL

BINDING UP THE WOUNDS OF THE WORLD

Dr. William Adler and Dr. Randall Williams

How do the different faith traditions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam understand the concepts of peace, forgiveness and tolerance, and how do they work for these virtues in the world?

AUDITORIUM

THEOLOGY IN POPULAR CULTURE

David Crabtree

Forms of media within our culture can carry strong messages. A close look reveals a level of spirituality you may not have noticed before. We'll explore some of the positive, gospel-based and challenging messages of pop culture.

VESTRY ROOM - Family Forum

RENEGOTIATING YOUR MARRIAGE

Judy and Winston Charles

How do we negotiate curves in the marriage journey while maintaining and deepening our basic commitment?

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

OCT. 14: PREPARE FOR PARISH SERVICE DAY

Parish Service Day is our chance to give back to the community. Representatives from organizations served will describe their ministries.

OCT. 21: CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

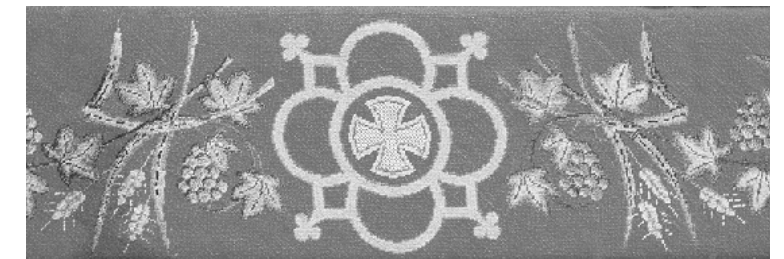
Ann Daniel

Designed by renowned architect Richard Upjohn, our church is a beautiful example of American Gothic architecture. Learn about the importance of "sacred space" in the Episcopal tradition.

OCT. 28: NANCY THE NUN

Nancy Allison

Did you know that Nancy spent several years in a convent before moving on to parish ministry? Come hear about her experiences as a nun, and how they have impacted her life and priesthood.



NOVEMBER 4, 11 & 18

PARISH HALL • Visiting Scholar

THE Gnostic GOSPEL: CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT THE CROSS

Warren Smith

With the popularity of books like *The Da Vinci Code*, people have suddenly become aware of the Gnostic writings and their early challenge to orthodox Christianity. Dr. Smith outlines the main themes of Gnostic writings, focusing on the Platonic background of Gnosticism and the Gnostic Salvation History narrative contained in the Apocryphon of John. He will examine the Gnostic presentations of Israel, the Law and Jesus.

Dr. J. Warren Smith is Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Duke University Divinity School and our Visiting Scholar for 2007-08.

AUDITORIUM

CENTERING PRAYER

John Kelsey

"Centering Prayer is an exercise in letting go. That is all it is." (Fr. Thomas Keating)
Centering prayer is a contemplative practice that helps quiet thoughts and feelings in order to experience the presence of God. These classes discuss the practice of centering prayer and introduce the technique.

John Kelsey is Regional Chapter Support Representative of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

NOV. 4: STUMP THE RECTOR

Winston Charles

NOV. 4 & 11: PLAYING TOGETHER AS FAMILY

*Stannie and Sam Brewer
Ginny and Dick McKay*

NOV. 11: MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Al Moore

NOV. 18: WHAT DOES A BISHOP DO?

Bishop Estill

VESTRY ROOM - Family Forum

THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

Ginny McKay and John Gray

Gary Chapman, a Winston-Salem minister and author, has helped thousands of people improve their personal relationships with practical ways to communicate their love for others. We will explore some of Dr. Chapman's theories and evaluate our preferences, as well as those of family members.

NOVEMBER 25

PARISH HALL

Coffee with the Clergy

Informal discussion with the clergy on almost any reasonable topic.

AUDITORIUM

Advent Adventure

Children, parents, grandparents and all who love this special time of year are invited to prepare for Advent and Christmas by making wreaths and ornaments, hearing stories and finding ways to celebrate this holy season in home and heart.

DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16

PARISH HALL

ANGLICAN THEOLOGY IN A WESLEYAN KEY

Randy L. Maddox

December 18, 2007 is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, an Anglican priest, poet, hymnist and leader in the renewal movement that enriched the Anglican Communion and gave birth to the Methodist churches. Explore Wesley's insights into Christian teaching, with a focus on the scope and potential of God's renewing grace. In the process, some classic hymns will inspire renewed appreciation for the "faith sung."

Dr. Maddox is Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies at Duke University Divinity School.

AUDITORIUM

YOGA: MIND-BODY-SPIRIT CONNECTION

Patricia Gregory

Yoga is an ancient and tested discipline bringing mind, body and spirit together for wholeness and health. It's for people of all ages and physical conditions. Classes will demonstrate yoga exercises and discuss the meditative value of yoga for physical and spiritual well being. Regular church clothes are fine.

Parishioner Patricia Gregory is a certified yoga instructor.

VESTRY ROOM - Family Forum

DEC. 2 & 9: FAMILY DEVOTION PRACTICES

Elizabeth Hogan and Lisa Ives

With all the pressures of the secular world, how can we find a sacred space in our family lives? Parishioners share their perspectives on successful and not-so-successful strategies. Perfectly timed for a reflective Advent or to help you plan New Years' resolutions.

SEMINAR ROOM - Friends in Faith

DEC. 2: HISTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH

John Ward

Our parish historian will share some of the highlights of Christ Church history, a timeline that spans almost two centuries and many key moments in the history of Raleigh and the U.S.

DEC. 9: ORGAN CRAWL

David Lynch

Our Organist and Choirmaster shows us how all those pipes and keys and pedals work together to create joyful sounds on Sunday. (Choir loft)

DEC. 16: SEEKING BALANCE IN OUR LIVES

Valerie and David Cozart

This parish couple leads a discussion about seeking balance in our family lives and finding meaning in this hectic season.
Joint session with Family Forum.



DECEMBER 23 & 30 • No Christian Formation Classes