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# CrossWalk

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**from the rector's desk**

Amplify the adumbrations

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**more than youth**

Where did "student ministries" come from

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Love and friendship are the remnants of the earthly Paradise." - Alice  
"Lily" Von Hildebrand

I used the word "adumbration" in a funeral homily recently. I don't use so-called "big words" too often, but this one, unbidden, had been knocking around in my consciousness for a while, just wanting to be used. Still, figuring that at the very least some of those present might not quite know what the word meant, my follow up sentence cleverly said, "...though, 'adumbration' might not be the right word, since it means a shadow or faint image of something, and far from being faint, Charlie's personality was a strong image of his Lord Jesus."

So...adumbration. Great word. And, I am saying to you, and an important one in the Christian enterprise. For, the earthly Paradise is past and the Kingdom of Heaven is not yet (oh, come quickly Lord Jesus!). No, but we live in what C.S. Lewis once called "the shadow lands:" post and pre, as it were - after Paradise and before Parousia. Neither fish nor fowl, betwixt and between: remember the line from the '70s pop song, "clowns to the left of me, jokers to the right, here I am, stuck in the middle with you"? And the place between Paradise and Kingdom can be a hard place - fallen, dimmed, doubt-ridden. Twice recently people breezily asked me if "everything was good with me?" Really? Is "everything" good with you?

Yet even here, even now, there are adumbrations. And what shall we do? Whenever we can, amplify! Amplify the adumbrations! Love and friendship are the remnants of the earthly Paradise. And of course they are at the same time among the foretastes of the Kingdom of God, where our communion will be perfected. Sixty years in, I've long ago given up the fantasy that I am "all that" - but while neither you nor I are perfect, we are, by God's grace, able enough to amplify. I can't do everything, but I can do something: Dr. Seuss was no dummy - he knew that if every Hoo lent their voice, little though it was, something amazing, something important could happen (and those around them, Horton first of all and with great joy, were never the same!).

Post/Pre life keeps reminding me that the expression of goodness is not guaranteed, but instead, someone has to choose it. God has not left us with nothing - there are adumbrations, shadows cast, images (faint or strong) flickering in our consciousness, around us in our lives, and our ministry to ourselves and to the world is to amplify them. Jesus told us to "love one another as I have loved you." Love is left to us, bequeathed to us, in the very fabric of things, in God's created order, but that creation is now fallen, dimmed, doubt-ridden with many a foolish clown or clueless joker on the left and on the right. Someone has to choose to amplify the adumbration of love built into the creation and bequeathed by the One who promises the Kingdom.

You know the old Native lore: how the elder tells the youngster that he has two wolves inside himself, one called Good and the other named Evil, both hungry to become the one who rules his life. Which one will prevail, the young one asks? The one you feed, replies the Elder. *Amplify* is a choice, and our sacred calling. Without it those around us may never know the great joy.

I have many hopes and dreams about the life of the Church - some having to do with buildings or numbers or programs; but I have come to realize that as much blessing as can be associated with those things, the real legacy I hope that together you and I leave from our season together

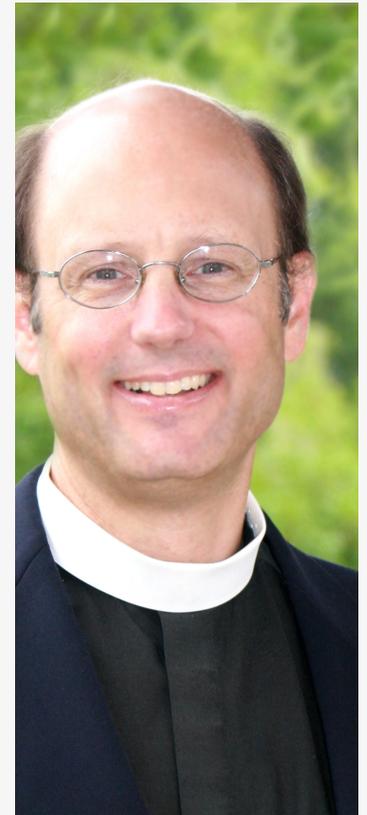
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## from the Rector's Desk

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will be "they loved one another - it was a time when the genuine love of God in Christ was shared and felt and seen there." Love and friendship are the remnants of the earthly Paradise, and foretastes of the Kingdom of God. As we celebrate the triumph of the Father's love through the One who calls us not servants but friends; that is, as we live in this Eastertide, let us amplify the adumbrations of His love, so that, far from being faint, they may be a strong image of Jesus and His life in our personalities and in this place.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Ted

# Making Disciples of the Nations

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Matthew 28:18-20

*[18] And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

If you've been coming to my Sunday morning discipleship class, "the Other Reading," then you've been hearing a lot recently about the promise given way back to Abraham in Genesis 12:2, "And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." This promise seemed under threat for much of the life of the Ancient Israelites, and many questioned throughout her history how it would ultimately be fulfilled. Fast forward some 18 centuries and we have the death and resurrection of Jesus solidifying this ancient promise, and then he commissioned his disciples to bring this fulfilled promise of God's blessing through his people to the ends of the earth.

It may come as a surprise to you, that the purpose of God was always that His people and then later His body the church should be a blessing to the nations. Now with Jesus' mandate to His church, we are to bring that blessing, through discipleship, to the world. How does this work? Well, let's look at what has actually happened over the past 2000 years. Everywhere that Christians have gone, they brought with them an understanding of God and the world that saw each and every human as created individually in His

image and, therefore, possessing inherent dignity and worth. To be sure, this idea worked itself out better in some centuries than others, but suffice it to say that our modern convictions --- inalienable human rights, due process of the law, the concept of war crimes, care and concern for the poor, widows, and orphans, etc. -- that are considered "obvious" by many, are anything but; they are the outworking of the blessing promised so long ago to Abraham, fulfilled by Jesus, and carried out to the ends of the earth by His church.

So where does that leave us today? First of all, we should be people of great gratitude and thankfulness for the millennia of Christian patrimony of which we are the recipients (For further reading on this development, pick up Tom Holland's *Dominion!*). Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, we should seek actively to extend these blessings of faith, hope, and love to a lost and hurting world. We do this by first becoming disciples ourselves -- continuing in the Apostle's teachings, fellowship, and the breaking of the bread (Acts 2:42) -- and then simply by our lives we will evince the "peace that the world does not have" (Jn. 14:27), the "hope that does not put us to shame" (Rm. 5:5), reflecting the "kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called Children of God." (1 Jn. 3:1).

The next time you pick up your Bible and wonder how it all fits together, remember that Jesus himself told his disciples on the road to Emmaus that the entire Old Testament pointed to Him and what He would accomplish on the cross. And we stand downstream, some 2000 years later, as grateful recipients of a billion small acts of devotion by faithful (if flawed!) disciples down through the ages who took Jesus at his word when he said "all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me," and therefore went and made disciples of the nations, knowing that Jesus Himself would be with them by His spirit, even to the end of the age.

# THE FLOWERING OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

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God spoke to His people through Isaiah saying, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" The Lord is doing a new thing among the women at Christ Church, inspiring and directing a fresh and revitalized approach to women's ministry in the parish.

Last July, Father Ted Duvall appointed me to gather and lead a Steering Committee of 12 cross-generational women who met over the summer months, both in three small groups of four and in the full group, to prayerfully formulate how to offer opportunities for spiritual growth, prayer, service, and fellowship among all the women at Christ Church. Underlying our deliberations was a deep desire to bring honor to Our Lord Jesus. Each meeting was characterized by a refinement of the previous meeting's discussion, and watching God's plan unfold was marvelous. Out of this process emerged the name "Bloom," with a tagline of "Rooted & Flourishing in Christ's Love" and lovely branding by our Director of Communications, Katy Hunter.

The inspired model for ministry is a hybrid one, first, of spiritual growth through vibrant speakers and then, too, opportunities for study and prayer in newly formed women's small groups called Bloom Groups. A small group setting is the ideal environment for sinking roots deep into the Person of Jesus and into His love within Christian Community, and to that end, the following studies have been recommended for use across the various Bloom Groups.



- *Invitation to the Jesus Life: Experiments in Christlikeness* by Jan Johnson
- *Summoned: Answering a Call to the Impossible (a study of Esther)* by Megan Brown
- *Jesus and Women* by Kristi McLelland
- *Risky Faith: Becoming Brave Enough to Trust the God Who is Bigger Than Your World* by Susan Yates

As of this writing, 12 Bloom Groups have formed and are meeting on a regular basis.

In addition to praying in small Bloom Groups, women have an opportunity to engage in a prayer ministry by opting into a confidential Bloom E-Prayer Chain and/or joining a group dedicated to praying in person for the Bloom ministry at Christ Church, as well as for other people and ministries the Spirit brings to mind.

We have been blessed by a sparkling array of speakers at our 4th Monday gatherings with an average attendance of 80. Our kick-off dinner in September featured Allison Lawrence, wife of former Bishop Mark Lawrence, who deeply moved us with a talk on "Being the Aroma of Christ." In October, The Rev. Henrietta Rivers, Porter-Gaud Middle School Chaplain and now Transitional Deacon at St. John's Chapel on the East Side of Charleston, inspired us with a rousing talk on "We Are One Body in Christ." We were so happy that Henrietta and sisters from St. John's Chapel joined us in both September and October.

In January we welcomed Susan Yates, internationally acclaimed author and speaker on marriage, family, and women's issues. Susan did a magnificent job holding up how God is so much bigger than any of our trials at any stage in life.

Anne Kennedy, Anglican author, blogger, wife of Fr. Matt of Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd in Binghamton, NY and mother of six, spoke to us in March. She emphasized God's faithfulness toward His children during such storms as she and Matt faced in losing their family home and church property to the Episcopal Church.

Other gatherings this year have included three Sunday baby shower luncheons for the following wives of Christ Church Staff members: Liza Koch, wife of Associate Rector, Dr. Jady Koch; Anna Henkel, wife of Director of Music, Dr. Levi Henkel; and Lauren Crawford, wife of Youth Director, Alonzo Crawford.

Among ongoing in-parish service opportunities, Bloom women can join the Meal Brigade Team to provide meals to new mothers, the sick, the convalescing, and the bereaved. They can also serve on the Transportation Team to furnish transportation to church events for parishioners who do not drive. In addition, they can be on the Reception Team, which hosts receptions in the Parish Hall for bereaved families following funerals, for the Bishop's annual visit, and for occasional unique events. External service projects include adopting a HALOS kindred foster care family for Christmas and supporting Pack a Purse, a ministry for local women in need.

Just for fun, we hosted a parish-wide harbor cruise in April, and our final gathering before we break for the summer will be a table decorating supper in May.

All praise and glory to God for launching this new season among women at Christ Church. Women of all ages and generations are invited, from high school and college-aged students to our 90-something saints! Come Bloom with us!

*"They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bring forth fruit in old age, they are ever full of sap and green, to show that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him." Psalm 92:13-15*



# Bloom

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES  
CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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# A HEART FOR MINISTRY.

We welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry, Heather Pienkos, to Christ Church Anglican. Find out what is to come for Christ Church Kids.

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Hello Christ Church!

It is with great appreciation to the Lord and His leading that I now began my journey in Christ Church as the Children's Director. I so look forward to getting to know not only the kids of Christ Church but also the families as well. Let me take a few moments here to introduce myself.

The basics of who I am is that I have had a heart for kids ever since I first volunteered in the nursery at my church. I have had a heart for families especially when my oldest made me a mother. But ultimately my heart has been to serve Christ ever since I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior at the age of 10. I want to come alongside you and teach the love of Christ to all our children.

My family is a family of five. My husband Charles is an amazing husband and father that I am grateful to have by my side in ministry. My oldest child is soon graduating from high school and ready to be on her own. My son will be going into high school this fall focused on basketball and scouting. My youngest child, who is 10, is the girl you may have seen doing flips and cartwheels throughout the church yard and you may have guessed it-she loves gymnastics!

My desire as a Children's Director is to give you:

- Resources on parenting (I love reading and researching!)
- Equipping you in prayer (My kids will tell you I like to pray often!)
- Cheering you on (Lord knows it takes a Church community!)
- Peace of mind on Sundays (Let's plant Biblical seeds in our children!)

With all that in mind, let me begin sharing with you exciting things that will start happening soon!

- **Resources:** Each Sunday families will be provided with “take home” sheets that will tell you what your child has learned in Children’s Church and in Discipleship Hour. Please take the time to read this sheet as it will provide questions that you can use to deeply discuss the Bible story lesson. Remember YOU are your child’s spiritual leader. I am providing these resources to help you lead and deepen the knowledge of Christ for you and your family!

- **Prayer:** I have already started praying for you and your families! I may have not met you yet, but you are covered in my prayers. Please reach out to me with any prayer needs you might have and if it is private, simply tell me that you have an “unspoken prayer request.” God calls us to carry each other’s burdens through prayer.

- **Cheerleader:** I want to encourage you! I want you to hear me shout “God’s got you!” One of the ways to do this is I want to send Christ Church Kids' parents a weekly text message usually on Wednesdays-the middle of the week where it can be tough in the parenting trenches. I will be sending you a text message soon!

- **Sundays:** This is the day that we come to God and be filled with His presence. This is the day we learn and grow. In Children’s Church, starting on June 5th, we will start our journey through the Bible from Genesis to Revelations. We will learn that the Bible is true and because of that we can trust in God! In Discipleship hour, we will begin memorizing catechisms that will be reinforced with activities, games, and an occasional craft.

Lastly, let me end with an important request. I want you to experience and see what we are doing on Sundays in Children’s Church and Discipleship Hour. Your involvement in volunteering just 4 times a year would show your kids what we are doing during these times on Sundays are important. I will be sending out a calendar soon this month where you can fill out those 4 spots.

I am excited with what is to come this year for Christ Church Kids and your families! No matter what seasons, trials, and changes we encounter in life, God is consistent and faithful and together we will experience that through the study of the Bible, our faith, and our church community!

Building His Kingdom,  
Mrs. Heather





# MORE THAN YOUTH.

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The other day I was browsing the internet and stumbled upon one of those silly guessing games in which you are shown a company's logo and then prompted to identify which company it belongs to. These games can definitely be a time waster if you are not careful because well, they are a lot of fun - at least they are for me. Later in the week I came across another similar game where instead of a logo, you are given the company's slogan or motto, and then have to identify the company from there. Reading all of these made me wonder about the use of mottos for churches and ministries. I closed the game and then looked up several websites of ministries that I regularly follow, and whose content I benefit from, just to see if they used a slogan or motto and if so, what they said. Here are a few examples of what I found:

Ligonier Ministries: "Renew your mind"

Stand Firm: "Faith among the ruins"

Canon Press: "Outfitters of the Reformation"

1517: "Christ for you"

Each of these slogans are quick and punchy summaries that communicate to the reader something of what the ministries behind them are about. The slogans are designed to catch your attention, draw you in and invite you to explore and learn more. I must say that knowing each of the above ministries, their mottos fit perfectly. So, this got me thinking about Christ Church Student Ministries and what our motto would be if we had one. This is what I settled on.

Christ Church Student Ministries:  
“More than conquerors”

This phrase, of course, comes from one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture. It is in the eighth chapter of the Apostle Paul’s Epistle to the Romans. The passage in its entirety reads:

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is seated at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height or depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
(Romans 8:21-39)

This passage is a beautiful reminder that no matter what we endure in this life; whatever hardships, sufferings, challenges, set-backs, failures or spiritual assaults we face, we are firmly fixed in the love of God. None of these things will destroy us or subdue us. Indeed, we are more than conquerors in all these things! Our Warrior King has won the battle and we get to share in the victory. This is good news!

I don’t believe our students are naive to the realities of the trials and tribulations of this life. With that in mind, I believe it is of the utmost importance to always show them where our true hope lies. Our children, including our students, are always being disciplined. They are either being disciplined by the world and its institutions or they are being disciplined by the Church and those within. The world will attempt to lead them into hedonism, nihilistic despair or resentment as they confront the realities of pain and suffering. However, we must lead them into the truths of the Gospel. One of these truths is that they are more than conquerors through Christ and that nothing in either death or life will separate them from the love God in Christ.

When we come together as a youth group for Bible study or one of our fun social events I now see them not simply as “teenagers” or “youth” but as beloved sons and daughters of God our Father, full members of the Body of Christ, justified and elect, and more than conquerors. This is who God tells me they are and it is my job as their minister to faithfully proclaim that to them. I pray that “More than conquerors” is more than just a good motto for our Student Ministries, but a continual reminder to them of who they are in Jesus.

## Singing as Preparation for Battle

How often do you find yourself on Monday needing the strength of the very Bible passage you heard on Sunday? It's a sweet experience, but more commonly we all probably find ourselves recalling and relying on something we heard and learned a few weeks ago in the sermon, a few months ago in a Bible reading, or perhaps years ago memorizing a verse as a child. Often singing similarly stores away ammunition for future use. Paul and Silas had this experience in Acts 16. Thrown into jail for "disturbing the city" with the preaching of Christ, the text says "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God." Little did they know that the hymns they learned from their parents, the hymns they had sung week after week with the gathered church, would become central to their prison activities. When nothing else was available for their entertainment, enrichment, and encouragement, they had hymns.

The church has a breadth of hymnody from its two millennia: hymns that weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, hymns from ages of persecution and great triumph. One of the reasons we sing is in preparation for the days to come: preparation for the midnight hour, the jail cell, the fox hole, the battlefield. Paul and Silas were not the only ones benefitting from that midnight hymn sing. In the very next phrase Scripture says "the prisoners were listening to them." Later the jailer and his family are converted because of Paul and Silas' testimony. Singing is at once a kind of battle and a kind of victory celebration. In II Chronicles 20 Jehoshaphat fights this kind of battle. He sends the choir out in front of the armies because God had told him, "You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf." They win a glorious battle with songs that the whole world hears about! "And the fear of God came on all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel." Do you have songs prepared for the battle?

*Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King;  
This through countless ages we with angels sing.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before!*



Wednesday Nights  
May 25 - August 17  
6pm at the Henkel Home

We will have an informal potluck dinner followed by music. Bring your voice, an instrument if you play, and a song you want us all to play and sing. RSVP to Levi at [lhenkel@christch.org](mailto:lhenkel@christch.org) any week you plan to attend. All ages welcome; no music training required. Sheet music and chord charts will be provided to those who'd like to use them.

## CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN 2022 MUSIC EVENTS

**Thursday, September 22 - 7pm**

The Gray Havens

*Blue Flower Tour*



**Saturday, December 17 - 7pm**

Fernando Ortega

*Give Me Jesus*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*INFORMATION ON TICKETING WILL  
BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS SUMMER*

WEAR A HEARING AID?

# WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!

We have some great news for those in our parish family who wear hearing aids or have a cochlear implant. A feature of the newly renovated Christ Church sound system is a hearing assistance capability, and it has now been activated!

Our system uses an inductive loop coil placed around the pews in the main part of the Nave. That loop transmits an audio signal directly to most hearing aids and implants. The device in your hearing aid or implant that receives the signal is called a "T-coil".

In order for your hearing aid to receive this signal, you must first have the T Coil in your hearing aid activated. Your audiologist can quickly make the necessary adjustments. Additionally, some models of hearing aids have a

smart phone app that allows you to adjust listening volume and mode to best suit your personal preferences. Then just sit anywhere in the main part of the Nave (the side pews in the transepts are not included in the loop system), and your hearing aid will connect to the loop.

If you use these devices but aren't sure if you have a T-coil or how to use it, please see your audiologist for information. He or she can tell you how to connect to our sound system and tailor the sound level to your needs.

We look forward to hearing your feedback on this new system, and pray that it is a blessing to your worship experience here at Christ Church. If you have more questions or comments, please reach out to Rob Bellacicco (rbellacicco@gmail.com) or Bruce Elliott (brandel07@gmail.com).



# CAFÉ

## 23:5

Join us in the former Resource Room at Café 23:5 between the 9 and 11am services. A place to let our love for Christ Church, friends, community, and coffee brew together. Stop in for a cup of coffee and enjoy some baked goods.

Interested in serving on the Overflowing Cup Ministry team? Contact Belle Croft at [bcroft@christch.org](mailto:bcroft@christch.org) for more information.



# say hello!

**There are some new faces in our community. Find out what brought them to Christ Church.**

We were first attracted to Christ Church by the outstanding preaching and the rich choral and instrumental music. As newbies we especially appreciate the name tags and an alive and friendly community. We were warmly welcomed. Both the men's and women's programs are very active and we found it easy to plug in and make new friends from the get-go! Ken sings in the choir, and is active in MOCC. Karen participates in the Bloom ministry and a small Bible study. We also appreciate and enjoy the Life Group program.

We feel very blessed to be part of the Christ Church family.

Karen & Ken Hagerty





We are delighted to be part of the Christ Church family since June. From the welcome meals to the men who offered to unload our moving truck to the baby shower of kindness, we have felt so blessed. The activity on campus every day of the week indicates a multi-faceted fellowship in Christ. Beyond music ministry, Levi is particularly encouraged by the camaraderie in the weekly men's study. Anna appreciates the weekly Bible studies and Bloom gatherings. It seems Makinley comes from children's ministry every week with a new skill or understanding, and Nora is almost ready to jump in too!

Levi, Anna, Makinley, & Nora Henkel

*Pictured to the left*

During our search for a home church, Christ Church was the perfect fit that was a blend of the churches we grew up in. Peter was raised Presbyterian, while Jennifer was raised Lutheran. We hope to become more involved in the various opportunities that Christ Church has to offer and look forward to spiritual growth as a family. We've received two blessings so far during our time at Christ Church, with both Peter and Annika being baptized

Peter, Jennifer, & Annika Hall

*Pictured to the right*



Moving to the area we were interested in the ACNA Church and its doctrine. Our desire was to be part of a Bible believing church. After viewing the Christ Church website and listening to a few podcasts by Dr. Koch, we decided to attend a 9am Sunday service. On our first visit we had a warm welcoming and were greeted by Belle Croft and began learning more about the church and traditions, and had a comfortable meeting with Father Ted. We felt drawn to join Christ Church. We have been enjoying the Wednesday night classes and delicious meals, Lynn enjoys the MOCC programs.

Lynn & Liz Hollenbeck

*Pictured to the left*





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