

# COMMUNITY

## World Café

**September 10th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall**

Join us following worship for sandwiches and meet new people at Christ Church. This speed-dating type event allows you to quickly meet lots of people in a short timeframe.

## Grief Support Class

**Wednesdays in October, 6:00-7:00pm, Naylor Study**

Join us for this reflection on grief. Grief is the way we mark significant emotional losses in our lives. Not just the loss of a loved one, but transitions, changes, and relationships that end. Grief is about emotions, but it is also about constructing theology after crisis. How do we find a God that is deeply present after grief? All who are experiencing loss are invited to attend.

## All Church Hike

**Saturday, October 7th, Roxborough State Park**

Join Richard Myers, expert hiker, and Vickers Myers, history/geology/flora/fauna expert and certified Roxborough naturalist guide for a 2 hour, 3.5mile hike. Meet to carpool at the church at 6:30am or meet at the park gate by 7:45am. Contact Vickers Myers for more information [vickersmyers1@gmail.com](mailto:vickersmyers1@gmail.com).

## New Member Class

**Sunday, October 22nd, 9:00am, Naylor Study**

Join Rev. Eric to learn more about the church.

## Charge Conference

**Saturday, November 11th, 9:00-11:00am**

This is a new charge conference experience. We will be joining our circuit, which combines Scott, Montclair, B3, Burns Memorial, First Aurora, Central Korean, Tongan, and Christ Church. This is not just about affirming our 2018 plans, which include strategy, salaries, and leadership. This is also an opportunity to connect with communities that are culturally and socially different than Christ Church. We get to sit with another community and not be the dominant culture.

## Support Groups at Christ Church

Debtor's Anonymous - Saturdays, 9:00am, Upper Room

AA "Being Convinced" - Saturdays, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

AA "Men's Group" - Wednesdays, 7:15pm, Upper Room

## Wednesday's at Anthony's

**Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm, Anthony's Pizza**

Have you ever wanted to lead in a new way at Christ Church? We are looking for new people to lead our classes, services, and engagements. Come share your dreams with Rev. Eric Strader at Anthony's Pizza and Pasta across 7th Ave. from the church.

Sept. 13: Have you ever wanted to teach a class?

Sept. 20: Have you ever wanted to lead a service project or advocate for a justice cause?

Sept. 27: Have you ever wanted to preach?

# EDUCATION

## Sunday School Classes for All Ages

**Sundays, 9:00am**

## Children and Youth, Children's Wing & Youth Room

Sunday School classes begin Sept. 10th. Children birth to 7th grade will meet in rooms in the Children's Education Wing and parents must check their child(ren) into and out of class each Sunday using the new online system. Upper Youth will meet upstairs in the Youth Room.

We would love to have your kids be part of this program.

Nursery: Babies - 2 years old

Spark: Preschool - Kindergarten

Kidspace: 1st - 4th grade

Younger Youth: 5th - 7th grade

Upper Youth: 8th - 12th grade

## Adult Seminar, Chapel

In a world full of change, conflict and uncertainty, one may struggle to make sense of it all. For decades, the Adult Seminar has been a place for people to ask questions and discover answers. We aim to reflect on what is ultimately important in life by exploring Christian and other traditions as well as contemporary topics in a fellowship of honest and respectful discussion. Coffee and biscotti are provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sept. 10 & 17: Andrea Stanton (DU) "Understanding God in

Islam: Islamic Philosophy & Muslim Beliefs"

Sept. 24, Oct. 1 & 8: Greg Robbins "The Reformation at 500: The continued entanglement of religion and politics"

## Pastor's Class, Upper Room

Rev. Eric's class will focus on the theologies at play in how we read the Bible. Specifically, there is a bent we use to approach reading scripture. In September, we will explore how liberation theology comes out of the text. In October, we will explore a mainline Christian approach to the Bible. In November, we will explore a process theology approach. Come find out your default theology and be exposed to other lenses of seeing God's world.

Sept. 10, 17, & 24: Special guest, Rev. Dr. Miguel de la Torre "Reading the Bible from the margins."

October: How to Read the Bible from a Mainline Perspective (Adam Hamilton series)

November: How to Read the Bible from a Liberal Perspective (Marcus Borg series)

## Youth Group

**Grades 6-12, Usually 11:15am-1pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays**

Youth group is getting ready to start up again for the Fall. This fall we will be focusing on our relationship with Creation.

Sept. 10, 11:15am-1pm: Fall Kick Off, Youth Room

Sept. 24, 11:15am-2:00pm: Creation Care, Chatfield Farms

Oct. 7: All Church Hike

Oct. 22, 11:15am-1pm: Youth Group, Youth Room

Oct. 28-29: Lock-In Weekend

Oct. 29: Ingathering

# JUSTICE

## Food Bank Tours

With DenUM closing we are touring food banks to assess local needs and where to send our donated items. Plus, we will gain awareness of the many organizations working to help the most vulnerable among us. Join us for these tours.

St. Francis Center

Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 9:00am

Aurora Interfaith Community Services

Saturday, October 14, time TBD

## GEO Prayer Vigil

**October 2nd, 6:00pm**

Join us at the GEO Detention Center in Aurora for a prayer vigil supporting those incarcerated by ICE. This prayer vigil is a visible and spiritual reminder that we stand with those who face unjust laws.

## Pack the Backpacks!

**October 8th, after worship, Fellowship Hall**

We have backpacks, coats, and adult clothes we've collected as part of refugee ministry needs. Rather than hold these items, we plan to stuff backpacks and send them to Urban Peak for homeless teens. Join us to pack the backpacks for the homeless!

## CROP Walk

**October 22nd, 1:30pm, Sand Creek Trail in Aurora, north of Fitzsimmons Golf Course**

Join us in October for the annual CROP Walk to raise funds and canned goods for local food banks, specifically, Aurora Interfaith Community Services. For more info, contact Kathi Moton, [KathiMoton@gmail.com](mailto:KathiMoton@gmail.com)

## Ingathering

**November 19th, time TBD**

While DenUM is closed, this year the Thanksgiving meals will still be distributed through another organization. Watch for more information to come.

## Racial Justice Opportunities

We recommend looking at the Soul 2 Soul website for upcoming opportunities. [Soul2SoulSisters.org](http://Soul2SoulSisters.org)

## Koins for Kids Offerings

The money collected through Koins for Kids the last Sunday of each month will go to the following charities. Sept. 24: Bus passes for refugee kids at Lutheran Family Services

Oct 29: CROP Walk of Aurora

Nov. 26: Ingathering

# SIGN ME UP!

You will be added to a reminder list for the events you indicate below.

Grief Support

New Member Class

Community Hike

Tour Aurora Interfaith Community Center

Tour St. Francis Center

Crop Walk

October GEO Prayer Vigil

Pastor's Class

Help with World Café Event

Help with advent planning

Help teach a class

Help preach

Help with Christmas Pageant

Christmas Cantata

Sing

Instrumentalist

Reader

I need childcare in November for Cantata rehearsals.

## You Can Contact Me Here

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

We understand Discipleship as having a five-fold framework. Of the following frames, which do you feel you need to explore more in the coming year?

- Worship**
- Learning**
- Community**
- Finances**
- Justice advocacy and Mercy**

Every church participant will be invited to have a meeting with Rev. Megan Armstrong throughout the year to reflect on their own spiritual journey and growing as a follower of Christ. Also, twice a year, you will be invited to be part of a small group that meets with Rev. Eric Strader. Watch for more information about the upcoming pledge campaign.

Please fill out both sides of this slip, tear it out of the brochure, and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

# FINANCES

## Pledge Campaign

Our pledge campaign will be held in November, but it will be very different from previous years. Every participant at Christ Church will be encouraged to sign-up for a meal led by Rev. Eric and a leader from Church Council. These 90 minute meetings will address our financial needs for the future and our strategic plan and provide an opportunity for questions and conversations. Then watch for the groups to gather again in 2018! Watch for signups for these gatherings in the Narthex in October.

Mondays: November 6, 13, 20. 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesdays November 1, 8, 15. 5:30-7:00pm

Sundays November 5, 12, 19. 9:00 and 11:30am

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# REAL Disciples

Relationships with COMMUNITY

Engaging God in WORSHIP

Advocating for JUSTICE

Learning through EDUCATION

Faith through FINANCES

**Discipleship.** It's a great, big, churchy word that we use to describe what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. At Christ Church, we understand this in five ways:

Worship, Community, Justice Advocacy, Education, & Finances.

We believe the first part of Discipleship is to be in Relationships with one another. Discipleship is primarily about inviting people into a process to grow, learn, and deepen our relationship with God, self, and each other. This process is a communal one, where we experience things we cannot otherwise.

Welcome to discipleship that invites you to go places you never imagined or would willingly go!

# WORSHIP

## September Series

**The Faith of Leap: A Disciple of Compassion, Risky Hope, and Adventure!**

Sept. 10 - Before You Jump!

Sept. 17 - Staring Off the Edge!

Sept. 24 - Take the Plunge!

## Student Bible Presentation

**Sunday, September 10th**

As we invite our children into the experience of Church and faith in new ways we walk along side them. One of the ways we offer support for traveling the path of faith is by gifting our Kindergartners and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders with age appropriate Bibles that they can use at home and in their Sunday school classes. Please join us on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in worship where we will present our children with these Bibles and then stay after worship to sign each child's Bible so that they may know the community that cares for them now and for many years to come.

## October Series

**Messy REALationships**

Oct. 1 - World Communion Sunday

Oct. 8 - Saul's Mess

Oct. 15 - David's Mess

Oct. 22 - Solomon's Mess

Oct. 29 - All Saints Day. Eulogizing messy Kings. Bring a photo of a loved one, a saint you want to remember to be placed on the altar.

## November Series

**See All the People**

Nov. 5 - Seeing: The Reformation's 500th Anniversary

Nov. 12 - Seeing: Christ Church's Vision for 2018

Nov. 19 - Seeing: Pledge Consecration Sunday, Money in Church

## Chancel Choir

**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Choir Room**

**Sundays warm up before worship 9:45am**

**6th grade through Adults**

All abilities are welcome and all voice types are needed. Choir begins singing in worship on Sept. 10th.

**Christmas Cantata "Night of the Father's Love"**

**Rehearsals Weds. in Nov., 7:00-8:30pm, Choir Room**

Singers, Instrumentalists, and Readers are needed. Childcare will be offered during rehearsals if requested.

Christmas Pageant - This year our Christmas Pageant will be done a little differently. Our children and youth will be combining with the Adult Chancel Choir and doing something together through the Cantata. Watch for more information from Rev. Megan Armstrong and Kyle Bradley.