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Fall Worship Schedule

8:30 am	Tessera Service
9:45-10:45 am	Sunday School (<i>Beg. 9/10</i>)
11:00 am	Blended Worship

Fall Bible Study

*Into the Middle of Things:
the Sweep of Biblical Narrative*
Lead by Dr. Jason Myers; 6:30 pm in Forest Chapel

Sept. 17	Abraham
Sept. 24	Israel
Oct. 4	Jesus & Paul
Oct. 11	Consummation

September Events:

Weekly:
Mondays—Thursdays
Narcotics Anonymous, Noon—Chapel

Mondays
Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park
New Zumba Class 6 pm, Chapel (beg. 9/11)

Wednesday Nights
Meal 5:30 pm, FH
Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel

Thursdays
Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
Young Adults meet in the Chapel, 7:30 pm

Fridays
AI-Anon Noon, Board Room

Sunday, September 10
Missions Meeting after 11 am Service
Greensboro Gives Concert 4 pm, Sanctuary
Deacons' Meeting 6 pm, Board Room

Saturday, September 16
Rescue Zumba-thon 9-11 am, FH

Sunday, September 17
GUM Donations—Canned Applesauce
Healing Rhythms 3 pm, Chapel

Tuesday, September 19
PFLAG 7:30 pm, Chapel

Thursday, September 21
Forever 39 11:30 am, K&W

Sunday, September 24
Business Meeting Noon, Sanctuary

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Keith Menhinick's Ordination

I love ordinations because I get to wear my Lia Scholl hellfire Harley stole. I love ordinations because they remind me of what it is that other clergy and I do, and of what ordination means to me. I was thinking of all the talented and phenomenal ministers that I interacted with just in this past average week: Dorisanne Cooper, Curtis Freeman, Bill Leonard, Mark Jensen, Lia Scholl, Jana Dye, Marcus McFaul, Scott Orr, Lin Story-Bunce, David Soyars, Rydell Harrison, Brian Carden, David Fraccio, and Christian McIvor. Being a minister is a great way to spend a life, with wonderful colleagues like these and many of you here, and daily holy opportunities to hear a **bit of people's real stories, from these living human documents.**

In a recent Christian Century column Samuel Wells (formerly dean of Duke Chapel and now rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church of London) writes of the interplay between clergy and congregants, and of conversations that get right to the point of a person's need. Wells says, "*Clergy are saved, on the whole, by the laity---laity who know what clergy are for and ask them for it.*" (CC 19 July 2017, 35)

Writes Wells, "*Ministry is about standing beside people as they face the truth about their lives, the world, and God. People who say they like facing the truth are lying. We're so frightened of it that we concoct a hundred ways to avoid it. But to face the truth, to be embraced by the truth, to discover one's place in the Story---that's faith. Ministry stares down the emptiness until the truth emerges. Sometimes it takes a while.*

I was ordained in August 1981, by Del Cerro Baptist in San Diego. I had just returned from Panama where I had spent the summer being an interim pastor to small church that was half ex-pat Americans and half Choco Indians. I was terrible, trying to preach sermons in the style of Frederick Buechner, not understanding the Chocos, who came from to church on dugout canoes. But I was to begin my second year at Southern seminary, years before it was dismantled, and to start CPE in the ER at University Hospital. The parts of the ordination service that I remember most clearly are attached to the pictures of that night, photos of my dad and a couple of close friends laying hands on me. One of my HS friends, laying hands on me in that most holy moment, whispered **a poem that begin, "There once was a maid from Nantucket ..."** True story.

That night was powerful, but it grew in meaning and impact over the years. Like so many things we do, I **didn't fully understand what path my ordination set me on**, but I am insanely grateful for it.

There isn't time to talk about all of Keith's gifts of ministry that he has shared with us, but let me highlight a few. For example, his call to ministry seems intertwined with his pain and alienation of not being a typical minister (whatever that is). I believe this caused him to feel unsure if he would be accepted or effective. This is a

testimony to how adamant God call was to him, because he felt compelled to proceed in ministry, despite not feeling sure where it would lead or how his larger family might react. This experience makes him profoundly able to identify with the outsider, the misunderstood, the underdog, the alienated, the overlooked.

What he couldn't have known was how refreshingly different this has made him. During his tenure with us at College Park, Keith became one of the most integrated **and balanced ministers we've witnessed.** He is equal parts able to be cerebral and nuanced in his verbal communications while also using non-verbal, full body energy and movement—and with a musical voice, vibrating with energy, passion, and vocal variety.

If you've experienced Keith leading worship, then you can envision him never standing still, almost rocking, arms and hands expressively moving, inviting us into his involved style: to pray with him, maybe clenching and unclenching our fists as we symbolically express holding onto, then letting go of, our concerns or prejudices or whatever. He has asked us to breathe deeply, or become aware of our feet being planted on the ground, our butts in our seats, always encouraging us to inhabit fully our embodied self—so that we can become more fully integrated worshipping people. What a gift this has been, and a needed corrective too, for our largely white-bread congregation who (like so many others) tends towards being sedentary, passive, less than passionate and so remaining unmoved. Keith ever encourages us to unmask, engage, become involved, get emotional—and he models everything he asks of us with abandoned authenticity.

Also, Keith injects joy wherever he goes. Given the valley of self-doubt he fumbled through owning his call to **ministry, it's remarkable that Keith is associated with joy.** Finding ways to smile is a key coping tool for those on hard paths; it keeps us resilient in the face of hardships. **Additionally, his joy is the proof that he didn't give in to bifurcating himself—that he chose to be genuine and honest when there was temptation to crush himself for societal approval into the minister he thought others expected him to be.** Thanks to him not succumbing to that temptation, he communicates that he is integrated and authentic. **And joy seeps out when people's truth are being lived out, not bent into conformity.**

And Keith being authentic means him allowing his opposite qualities to coexist; that he has opposites peacefully coexisting is one of his best strengths in ministry. For example, one set of twin realities that work for Keith is that he can be impish one minute and sagacious the next. **This is true whether he's leading in worship or relating to people one-on-one.** This ability to be childlike one moment and wise beyond his years the next is a magic combination that keeps his ministry fresh and unpredictable. His playful childlike side is the part that makes people laugh, feel safe and comfortable, and choose to give in to their childlike sides too. That part of **him doesn't worry about coming off sophisticated**—and keeps him from being pretentious. Those of us who scamper through the hallowed halls of pop culture are

NEVER accused of pretentiousness. Yet, splashing in those waves allows for JOY, playfulness, spontaneity, and fun. Teilhard de Chardin said, “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.”

I’m not talking about keeping a stiff upper lip, or sporting a Pollyanna smile after a hard night on call as a chaplain, where he regularly was called upon to shepherd families through the death of a child. He could be exhausted, of course. I often recall him offering a wan smile on a Sunday morning, or during our Monday night staff meetings. With a shake of his head, he would comment about a recent hard shift or personal turmoil. **So he wasn’t in denial about his fatigue or pain,** but, *even in the midst of that*, he found restorative ways to be playful.

When we checked in like that, he’d sometimes call himself Keef, a character in the Invader Zim cartoons we **both love. Or we’d chat about Marvel’s comics that we** dig, like the Black Panther. I knew we were kindred spirits when he that he often selected the Thor coffee mug during our Sunday morning Tessera service. How can you not love a guy that is worthy enough to pick up the Thor mug? Keith wove playfulness and childlikeness into his ministerial personae and way of relating. He has countless inside jokes with various people that capitalized on their shared obsessions, interests, and preferences. My younger tech-savvy colleagues, especially Rydell, sport their cellphone even during worship services and I approve this. I know Rydell is going to miss texting in real time weirdness and jaundice thoughts. **I’m pretty sure they were constantly** remarking how wonderful the sermon is. Yeah.

But these shared private jokes and connections, each unique to the individuals involved, caused countless connections that brought relief from stress and humor to factors that might otherwise breed frustration, resentment anger, or burnout. Each staff member and **College Parker will miss Keith’s undercurrents of joy.**

I could say much more about Keith’s gifts for ministry—his love for poetry and care with words; his ability to connect to most everyone; his theological nimbleness; his courage and imagination. **We’ve seen all these and more, and Keith’s love for God and this** congregation has changed us and made us want to be better people. I want to publically thank you for being **such a conduit of God’s outrageous love and wild spirit.**

I chose this passage from Jeremiah, which is a bit of a downer. (As I write this, my wife just yelled from the living room that all the prophets are downers, and why do we read them anyway.) In this passage, the prophet Jeremiah is exhausted and crying out to God against the injustices: Why do bad people have it so good? Why do con artists make it big (like all the way to the White House)? How long do we have to put with this, the country depressed, the farms in ruins—and all because of the greed of these wicked lives? Even the animals and **birds are dying off ...”** If you prayed at all this week, chances are you asked something very similar as this to God. And does how God respond to his exhausted plea:

with comfort? With encouragement—or assurances that **God’s in control and all will be well?**

As usual, God takes a different tack entirely. If you **can’t keep up with the running soldiers, how are you** going to run with the horsemen? How are you going to keep your wits about you when the waters are calm, how are you going to make it when the tsunami hits? You **think it’s bad now; it’s going to get much worse. In** essence, God tells the prophet, buck up; you have a lot of hell in front of you. Maybe a difficult word to hear **at one’s ordination, but it’s true. To paraphrase** something Mark Jensen said to me this week about **another colleague, you’re moving from a dysfunctional** slightly chaotic family to a dysfunctional highly anal one. So heads up about that. Like Porter in Ferrol Sams’ book, there will be learning and there will be change, and it will be painful. **Porter says at one point, “I haven’t learned yet to be the instrument of unconscious good.”** But that might be what is required of us now.

I believe at every ordination now we should not only be blessing our newest colleagues but we should saying to them, Prepare for real chaos. **You certainly don’t** need a litany of the larger forces of change and destruction that could make the next 50 years extremely difficult at least, or perhaps even a living literal hell: the real and terrible threat of climate change; the powerful rise of tyranny in America; the continued violent opposition to LGBTQ rights; the escalation of racial **hatred; America’s continual legacy of worldwide war** finally returning to us karmically; the horrifying prospect of nuclear war; the determined deconstruction of one our most sacred Baptist values, that is the separation of church and state. **(You didn’t need a litany, but I gave you one anyway.) Stuff’s about to get real.**

Emory will prepare you well for the coming chaos. During my time there as a `Emoroid (as we are called) I read great books; met, listened, and was befriended by great thinkers. There was time and space for creativity and new ways of being and doing. To be able to study in the rarified air of such an academy is a real blessing.

There were also serious sandtraps: academic fads and group think, theological cul-de-sacs. There are usually a few theological giants who think new thoughts, surrounded by a gaggle of sycophants around them who merely parrot. I trust your heart, Keith; I know that when **you change your mind (and you will, and you should), it’ll** be because you decided to, and not for peer pressure.

You will of course be a zwischen mensch there, an in-between man, a person with a foot in both worlds of the church and academy, in Jerusalem and Athens. I was too, and this will be yet another strength. Keith, you with the strength of vulnerability and the playfulness of joy, **you would do well to remember Jesus’s words to “watch over your heart with all diligence for from it flows the springs of life.”**

To quote Dylan, you don’t need a weatherman to see

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which way the wind blows. What I say to Keith, I say to you all: prepare for chaos, because it's a 'coming.

Keith, there was much in your ordination statement that was meaningful to me. Let me close with one of my favorite paragraphs, using your words:

I am in love with Jesus, the human face of the Divine, the crucified proclaimer of the Kingdom of God, who was resurrected to new life, in whom we too have faith in the God of love and hope in the resurrection. In Jesus, I see both my need for a Savior and my own innate belovedness. Through Jesus, I am in love with creation, with humanity, and with the church. I join the great cloud of witnesses from antiquity to modernity in professing the affirmation of scripture: "Jesus is Lord. Amen.

Michael S. Usey
6 August 2017

**Into the Middle of Things:
The Sweep of Biblical
Narrative**

Dr. Jason Myers

Sept. 20 Abraham
Sept. 27 Israel
Oct. 4 Jesus & Paul
Oct. 11 Consummation

**Wednesday Nights
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Forest Chapel**

Ultimate Frisbee



Ready to get out and run? Join us for Ultimate Frisbee Monday nights, 6:00 pm, at Lake Daniel Park (corner of Radiance and Mimosa). No experience is necessary. Bring a red shirt, a white shirt, and some water and you are good to go! You will learn as you play! Or just bring a chair and relax and chat with your friends and watch the game. Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport (most of the time) played on a field with two end zones. If you have the Frisbee, you cannot run, but must pass it to another team mate. Points are scored by catching the Frisbee in the end zone. If we have enough players, we can have beginner and advanced games going at the same time. **Follow on Facebook at "College Park Frisbee."** For more information, contact Stephen Jones at stephen.jones25@hotmail.com.

Dipe! Wipe! Swipe!



Our College Park Nursery is growing! There are many ways we can help welcome these sweet newborns to the world and to our church family. Here is one suggestion: diapers, wipes and gift cards are always helpful in those first few months. Below is a list of families who have recently welcomed a little one or will welcome a new baby soon. We have included addresses and registry information if known.

Lauren and Stu Bradshaw welcomed baby girl Sloan Harper on March 6th.
Address: 13294 US 158, Reidsville, NC 27320
Registered: BabiesRUs

Caryanne and Lin Story-Bunce welcomed baby girl Maryn Cole on May 1st.
Address: 305 Lindley Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
Registered: Target

Mariah Hughes' baby girl Ava Nicole was born May 28.
Address: 4605 W Market St., Greensboro, NC 27410.
Registered: Target and BabiesRUs

Erica Palmer and Craig Bowyer welcomed baby boy Finn on June 23rd.
Address: 404 Crestland Ave., Greensboro, NC 27401

Lori and Jon Suarez welcomed James Oliver on July 6th.
122 E. Keeling Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410
Registered: Amazon.com and BabiesRUs

Megan and Jeremy Fox welcomed baby boy Austin Gaither on August 24th.
Address: 754 Cedar Creek Dr., Asheboro, NC 27205

Rachel & Adam Carroll are due near Thanksgiving.
Address: 1218 West Northwood St., Greensboro, NC 27408

Katherine & Nathan Sparrow are due in January.
Address: 230 MLK Jr., Dr., Greensboro 27406

Backpack Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver food from Backpack Beginnings to Peck Elementary on Thursdays and deliver to the classroom on Fridays.

If interested, contact Jerry Cunningham
jerrycunninghamgso@gmail.com



RESCUE ZUMBA[®] THON

Party for the Pets!

Saturday, Sept. 16, 9-11am

College Park Baptist Church
1601 Walker Ave. • Greensboro

\$10 & bag of dog or cat food per person
Vendors welcome - no fee but donation requested

- 5+ Instructors
- Local Vendors
- Rescue groups from around the county, including ARFP (Animal Rescue & Foster Program) & Hart-2-Heart Rescue
- Pets from Guilford County Animal Shelter
- Raffles for All Pets Considered basket, Yoga gift certificate from Triad Yoga Institute, Pair of LuLaRoe tights, Bath & Body works gift basket, Doterra Oils gift basket, gift cards from local merchants & much more!

Proceeds benefit:



Introducing the new College Park Intern from Wake Forest: Jana Dye

I am originally from Louisville, KY (born and raised). I graduated from Louisville Male High School in 2012 and then Georgetown College in 2016. I have just finished my first year at Wake Forest Divinity School in North Carolina. Once I finish at Wake, I hope to either go into student ministry or chaplaincy. This year, I am most looking forward to cultivating deep, meaningful relationships with the staff, congregation, community, and visiting churches. I am also looking forward to exploring Greensboro and getting to learn more about the city. In my free time you can find me hanging out with friends, hiking, running, watching movies, eating good food, and cheering on my beloved Kentucky Wildcats. I can't wait to meet you all!!!!

Introducing Christian McIvor



Dear College Park Family,

I have been so incredibly honored, humbled, and excited in beginning my new position as Assistant Minister at College Park! **If we haven't met yet, my name is Christian McIvor, and I usually attend Tessera services with my wife Chrissy, who teaches K-8 music and band at Greensboro Academy. Our**

daughter, Juliette, is almost 3 and typically spends her time downstairs in the toddler room on Sunday mornings. Originally from Connecticut, I came to Greensboro to attend the UNCG School of Music for graduate school, where I completed an MM (2008) and a **DMA (2011) in Trumpet Performance. I've taught music in the Piedmont Triad for the past several years, having taught choirs, bands, and orchestras of all levels. My most recent position was Band Director at Southwest Guilford High School, from 2015-2017. I've also maintained an active performance career in the Southeast as a trumpet player for many years and I enjoy performing as a guitarist and singer/songwriter, especially as a part of Con Brio at Tessera services. Please feel free to read more about my musical background at my personal website, www.christianmcivormusic.com. I look forward to continuing my musical career while also being active in the community in many different ways, being there for **the important moments in people's lives, and working toward love, peace, compassion, social justice, and reconciliation. For these reasons, I recently decided to enroll at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity, where I look forward to completing a Master of Divinity degree in 2020.****

In my new position at College Park, I very much look forward to directing the Handbell Choir and the **Children's Choir, helping to coordinate our Instrumental Music Ministry program, and assisting with Children's and Young Adult Ministry programs. Please see me and/or fill out the Google forms (available on our website, www.collegeparkchurch.com) if you're interested in performing with the Handbell Choir (6-7pm Wednesday evening rehearsals), if you'd like to offer your instrumental talents (times TBD on a case-by-case basis), and/or if you'd like your child(ren) to participate in the Children's Choir!**

I have always loved working with children and passing on my love of music to them. **Our Children's Choir (1st and 3rd Sunday mornings each month, 10am-10:40am) will be structured a lot like a general music class, but of course centered on singing. We'll also be sure to cover basic music literacy skills and basic beginning instrumental skills (percussion, Orff**

instruments, tone chimes). I believe that making music is one of the most spiritual acts we can perform, and we will of course consistently relate our music-making and performing to important Christian and Baptist concepts. The songs and activities I select for the **Children's Choir will always reflect the values of our church, and I'll be sure the kids understand that as a primary focus!**

Please remember to fill out the Google forms and **also see me if you're interested in being a part of any of these ministries (and, of course, please say hello even if you're not interested). Being a part of this community has been one of the great joys of my life, and I look forward to continuing to serve and grow with the College Park family in the years to come!**

Christian McIvor



**Plarn
Workshop
Tuesdays
5:00 pm
Board Room
Thru Dec. 5**

Diana Washburn & other volunteers are making mats from plastic bags. This project achieves two purposes:

- 1) Mats are given to homeless people to protect them from the hard, wet ground.
- 2) It takes 700+ plastic bags to make each mat, so this keeps bags out of the landfill.



Operation Bed Roll

Diana Washburn is making bedrolls for the homeless. You do not need to be able to crochet. If you would like to help, please contact Diana at dbw1731@gmail.com. For more information, go to the website: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=4980>



PTJO

PIEDMONT TRIAD JAZZ ORCHESTRA

GREENSBORO GIVES: JAZZ CONCERT FOR HARVEY RELIEF

Sun. 9/10 4 pm
College Park Church

The Piedmont Triad Jazz Orchestra—PTJO will be holding a free benefit concert to assist with relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Donations will be accepted for the following: new underwear, socks and diapers (for children, women & men). A Love Offering will also be taken during the concert. 100% of everything collected will go directly toward local Harvey relief efforts.

All are invited and welcome to attend. Parking is available at College Park Church (1601 Walker Ave.) and in the UNCG lot across the street (except metered spaces).

We sincerely thank PTJO for offering their services for this event. Hope to see you there!



Dear Faithful Student Sponsor,

Another great school year at the Ruth School has come to an end! For many elementary students, this school year was enhanced by the extended afterschool homework help and enrichment program for at-risk students along with students along with students who would be unsupervised at home. Our eighth graders performed well on their high school entrance exams. Through the efforts of their teachers, school staff and Transitional Care tutors, these students achieved one of the highest average overall scores in Ruth School history. Many of our recent 8th grades graduates have been accepted into high schools and many will be attending a private Christian high school. Several others are continuing their education in trade schools to be able to enter the workforce with a specific and profitable skill set.

The end of year reports shown here are for your **sponsored student. They show your student's progress in school along with some interesting information about your child's interests in school.**

Thank you for your efforts to help Ruth School students excel in a world in which they would otherwise go unnoticed. Through your monthly support, the Ruth School is able to teach kindergarteners their alphabet, 2nd graders multiplication, 4th graders how to write essays, 7th graders how to be proud of the Roma culture through Roma history class and 8th graders that they are smart, loved and have the ability to succeed in life once they leave the Ruth School.

Thanks again for joining hands with Project Ruth to transform lives.

Brittany Garton

PROJECT RUTH End of Year Report for the 2016 - 2017 School Year
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 050424 Bucharest, Romania
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 www.project-ruth.org

CARMEN STOIAN
3RD GRADE

Attendance: Very Good
 Final Grade: Good
 Hygiene: Always clean and tidy
 Work ethic: Works hard

Carmen enjoys Romanian, English, drawing, music and multiplication in school. She lives with her parents and seven brothers in a single room home and only her father is employed. She is working to improve her mathematics skills, specifically solving math problems. Carmen is a good writer and can write well in English and Romanian. In the classroom, she is friendly, well-loved, and studious.

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MARIUS STOIAN
6TH Grade

Attendance: Excellent Very
 Final Grade: Very Good
 Hygiene: Always clean and tidy
 Work ethic: Usually works hard

Marius enjoys art and learning physics in school. He lives with his parents and seven brothers in a single room home. His father is the only one employed. He is very helpful in the classroom and often assists in cleaning. He struggles with low self-esteem and confidence, but he displays a polite and helpful attitude in the classroom.

Youth Fall Kickoff—Sept. 10th
 6:00 pm—Youth Choir, Parent Meeting
 7:00 pm—Dinner
 7:30—8:30 pm—Youth and Youth Parent Discussion and Water Games!

Youth Mission Trip Presentation
 Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 pm in the Chapel, the youth will share their summer mission trip to Lumberton, NC. We will have a slideshow of pictures and an outline of the week. Several youth will be speaking about their experiences on the trip and the congregation will be able to ask questions.

JAMES
FAITH + ACTION

BIBLE 101
Fall 2017 Study

Sundays 10 am
Room 305
Beginning Sept. 10

GOD IN BOOKS

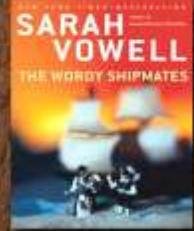
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"It was fascinating, frequently funny, and occasionally alarming"

"She is generous as she wrestles with the moral intricacies of our nation's beginnings and how Puritan contradictions inform our sense of American exceptionalism today" -
The Cleveland Plain Dealer

The Wordy Shipmates
by Sarah Vowell

Sundays
10 am
Room 303
Beginning
Sept. 10

Book Provided - see Ann, Lexi or Mark for Details

Wednesday Night Dinners
Join Us Every Wednesday Night
This Fall
5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
(Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Chapel)



**ETA-NEHISI
COATES
—
BETWEEN
THE WORLD
AND ME**



Women of Valor

NEW BOOK

BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME

TA-NEHISI COATES

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 pm**

Lisa Elkins House

Please Bring Snacks to Share

College Park Sunday School Opportunities

Nursery

Birth-23 months (Parking Lot Entrance) Childcare provided by both Preferred Childcare, Inc. employees and College Park volunteers.

Toddlers

2—3 1/2 yrs. (Parking Lot Entrance)

1st, 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Children's Sunday School

PreK—1st, 2nd—5th (Children's Library & Youth Room)

1st & 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering

6th—12th grades (Fellowship Hall) For more information:

<https://cpbcyouthchaos.wordpress.com/youth-Sunday-school/>

Adult Study Groups: 9:45—10:45 am Sundays

God in Books—(Room 303)

The class will be reading *The Wordy Shipmates* by Sarah Vowell this fall.

Bible 101—(Room 305)

Class is reading the book of James this fall.

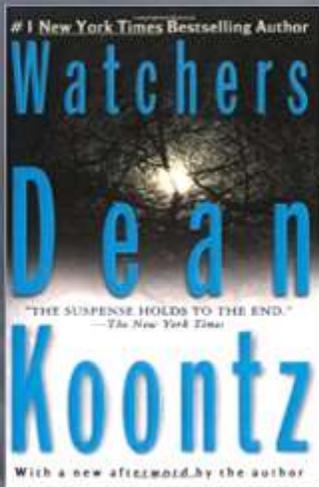
Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)

Class explores a variety of faith topics.

Adult 3—(Parlor)

Class uses the Smith & Helwys Sunday school curriculum to guide conversations of faith, Bible and life.

Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club



Next Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 7

6:30 pm, Sticks & Stones



FaithAction Food Pantry

There is an immediate need for the following items:

- Canned meats, such as chicken, beef, tuna, fish, salmon etc.
- Canned fruits
- Pasta noodles
- Cooking oils—vegetable & olive,
- Hearty soups.
- NO VEGETABLES ARE NEEDED at this time

Drop off items in the marked container in the CP parking lot foyer.

Questions? Contact Betty Ruffin 336-508-0968.

Announcements

College Park Website

Our redesigned church website is now very mobile friendly with several new features. To keep better informed about happenings of the church, check out the online



www.collegeparkchurch.com

Collage blog that is updated frequently. And see a weekly **calendar of events**. The **"Library"** is an archive of memoirs, sermons, etc. Give your offering online, read about our latest mission projects or the capital campaign, and share the site as you try to explain our uniqueness to your friends and family.

Options for Children during the Worship Service



There are several child care options during the worship service: Nursery (birth—24 months) Room 201 main floor, Toddlers (2-3 yr.) Room 104 lower level, Wee Worship (PreK -1st grade) Room 110 lower level. Your child is also welcome to stay in the service with you. Kids Worship binders are available with activities related to the sermon. Look for the bins at the front and back of the sanctuary.

New Members/Address Changes

Brendan Banner: Methodist University, Box 12685, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311

Lexi Eagles
New Email Address: lexieagles96@gmail.com

Courtnee Hummel
8 EAMS/TRP, UNIT 61233, APO, AE 09309

Vickie Lumpkin
New Email Address: vglumpkin@gmail.com

Hannah Usey
UNCW Box 21824
601 S. College Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403

Nate Usey's Peace Corp Address:

PCV Nate Usey
Peace Corps, P.O. Box 766
St. George's, Grenada, West Indies

Zach Usey
Calle agentes comerciales
Número 1 (DMZ)
11202 Algeciras
Cádiz
Spain

Cheyenne Walden: 920 W. 37th Pl., Suite 3304D
Los Angeles, CA 90007



Unity flag magnets are now available for \$2/2 magnets. Take an extra magnet to give to a friend as a way of spreading the love and message of unity.

You may also order and pay online:
<http://www.collegeparkchurch.com/unity-flag/>

Kitchen Rebuild Update September 2017

(Kitchen Renovation)

\$205,000 Total Cost

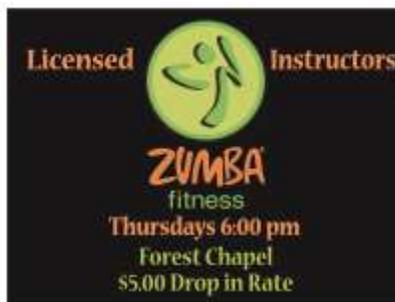
\$126,345 Available Funds

\$78,655 Needed to Pay for Kitchen

3 Ways 2 Give

For added convenience, we have three ways for you to give to the church general budget or special offerings:

- Write a check or give cash at one of our Sunday services or at the office during the week. If you don't have envelopes with an assigned number (for better record keeping), contact the church office.
- Set up bill pay through your bank online. It's a favorite since there are usually no fees to you or the church, and it's very easy.
- Pay online with a credit card at: www.CollegeParkChurch.com. Choose the option to cover the credit card fees or let the church pay them.



Zumba classes meet Mondays (\$3) and Thursdays (\$5) at 6 pm in the Chapel. Be sure to join us for fun and fellowship!

September GUM Donation

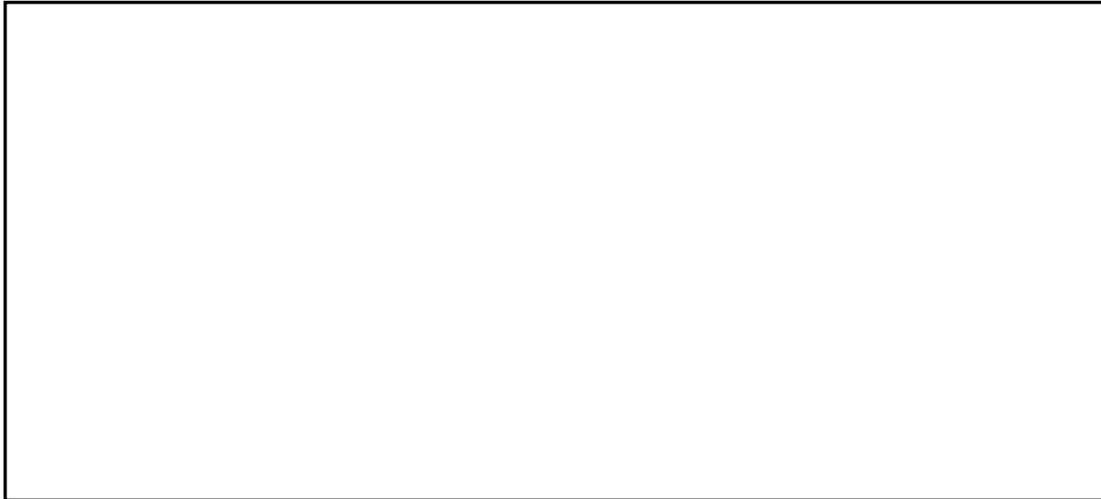
Applesauce (any size)
Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—September

Sept

7 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
8 AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
10 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45-10:45 Sunday School, 11 am
Blended Worship; Missions Meeting 12:15 pm,
Board Rm.; Youth Fall Kickoff 6 pm
11 NA Noon, Chapel; Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake
Daniel Park; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
12 NA Noon, Chapel
13 NA Noon, Chapel; Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30
pm, FH; Youth Mission Trip Presentation 6:30 pm,
Chapel
14 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
15 AI-Anon noon, Board Rm.
16 Rescue ZumbaThon 9-11 am, FH
17 GUM Sunday: 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45-10:45 Sunday
School; 11 am Blended Worship, Sanctuary; 3rd
Sunday Refreshments after 11 am Service; Healing
Rhythms 3 pm, Chapel
18 NA Noon, Chapel; Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake
Daniel Park; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
19 NA Noon, Chapel; PFLAG 7:30 pm, Chapel
20 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm,
Board Room; Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30 pm,
FH; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
21 Forever 39 K&W 11:30 am; NA Noon, Chapel;
Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
22 AI-Anon Noon, Board Rm.
24 8:30 am Tessera, 9:45-10:45 Sunday School, 11 am
Blended Worship, Sanctuary; Business Meeting
Noon, Sanctuary
25 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
26 NA Noon, Chapel
27 NA Noon, Chapel; Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30
pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
28 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm,
Board Rm; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
29 AI-Anon Noon, Chapel
30 UNCG Gospel Concert 6 pm, Sanctuary

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Jana Dye, WFU Intern at College Park
Rydell Harrison, Minister of Music & Worship
Darlene Johnson, Sexton
Christian McIvor, New Assistant Minister
Keith Menhinick, Missionary to Atlanta
David Soyars, Organist
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