



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

August 18, 2024

Service Times:

8 am in the Nave

9:15 am Wee Worship in the Nave

10:30 am in the Nave

Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation at 9:30 am
in-person in room 212 and on Zoom. All are welcome.

Welcome Rabbi Hannah Goldstein

Today we welcome Rabbi Hannah Goldstein, of Temple Sinai, to preach at our 10:30 am service. Joshua Daniel will preach at Temple Sinai's Shabbat service on Friday, August 23rd at 6:30pm. Both congregations are warmly inviting their members to attend either (or both!) services, that we may strengthen bonds with our siblings in faith.



Rabbi Hannah Goldstein grew up in Andover, Massachusetts, and received her rabbinic ordination at Hebrew Union College in New York. In 2013 she started her ministry at Temple Sinai. Since then Hannah has served on the Mayor's Interfaith Council in DC, and is currently serving on the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. She is a member of the Washington Interfaith Network strategy team.

Can We Pray For you?

Submit a Prayer Request

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit:
Columba.org/pray-for-me

Receiving Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer Ministers can pray with you on second and fourth Sundays during communion

Pastoral Care

If you need to speak to someone directly, email: pastoral@columba.org or please call 202-669-4856

Please keep in prayer:

Jack, Clarion, Mark, Beverly Hudnut, Ellyce Butuyan, Donna Beecroft, Ron Wisor Sr., John, Joe Clark, Eric Cathcart, Cassy Aguirre, Daniel Hafer, Susan Ruth, Dave, Anona Fowler; for the people of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, Haiti, Sudan, and for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

Our Anti-Racism Task Force and Stirring the Waters groups

Those who have died:

Mike Rizzo, Taqi Daniels, Kenneth Orski

Upcoming funerals:

<https://www.columba.org/upcoming-funerals/>



ST. COLUMBA'S RECTOR SEARCH

Update on Rector Search

In early August, our search for a new rector entered a new phase. We are now actively seeking and receiving applications. Our rector job description is now published on a number of websites - Episcopal News Services, Episcopal Diocese of Washington, and Episcopal Office of Transition Ministry. The Vestry is taking steps to proactively identify potential candidates. If you know someone who might be a potential candidate, please send us an email at rectorsearch@columba.org or contact a member of the Vestry directly. The application review process will begin in September. We anticipate that our new rector will be onboard in late spring or early summer 2025. Plans to celebrate Ledlie's many years of devoted service before he retires in early March 2025 will be forthcoming!

For information about the rector search, including the rector job description, go to our St. Columba's Rector Candidates webpage: columba.org/rector/

Are you new? Welcome!

Contact Courtney Hundley
Minister for Member Engagement
chundley@columba.org
for info on how to get involved!

Giving Questions

Contact Heather Beck
Director of Stewardship and Development
Hbeck@columba.org

Scan the QR code to give now!



Registration for 2024-2025 Children and Youth Sunday School and Choirs

The Family Ministry and Music team have already been planning for next year. Register now before August gets too busy!



Summer Singers is underway!

Summer Singers is a pick-up choir that forms each Sunday during the summer to learn and sing special music for that morning's worship. The group gathers in the music room at 9:45 am for a quick warm-up, and then prepares an offertory anthem to share at the 10:30 am nave service. Singers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join the Summer Singers each Sunday, beginning June 16 and continuing through the first week in September, or on any Sunday you are available!

St. Columba's Famous Shortbread Training Saturday, August 24, 1-5pm

Did you know that our youth groups hold fundraisers to help fund their pilgrimages and SCAP? The biggest fundraiser each year is shortbread sales. Parishioners from St Columba's have been making and selling our famous shortbread since the late 1950s. Parishioners of all ages sign up to bake and pack cookies together each fall and sell the boxes around Thanksgiving and Christmas. If YOU would like to be privy to our secret recipe and have a chance to eat discards look for signups this fall.

We are also looking for adults who would like to be a bigger part of this team effort and help supervise youth (must commit to at least one 4 hour shift and the training session). A training will be held Saturday, August 24, 1pm -5pm (in the Great Hall kitchen). Contact Youth Council Chair, Elizabeth Haile, elizabeth_haile@hotmail.com if you can volunteer

Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 25th 9:15am & 10:30am

Students young and old, teachers, professors, and school administrators are invited to bring their backpacks, laptops, or other signs of the new school year for a blessing on August 25th. We will bless backpacks, learners, and teachers at both 9:15am Wee Worship and 10:30am.

Also stop by and say hello on the first day of school, August 26. St. C's staff will be on the corner to send you into the school year!

Mother's Group Potluck Thursday, September 12th 6:30 pm

Bring something to share and join us for fellowship with other moms as the school and program year get underway! We will meet in the courtyard (rain location room 212).

Looking Ahead

Announcing St. Columba's 2024 Nominating Committee

This year's Nominating Committee is at work identifying parishioners to fill three vestry seats and two alternate diocesan delegates. Vestry members Sarah Griffin and Keri Piester co-chair this Committee and include the following parishioners: Karen Abrams, Lauren Counts, Andrew Davis, Matthew Huggins, Joe Kolar, Lindsay McCombs, Joel Ruhter, and Carlyne Starek. If you would like to suggest a candidate who is a faithful and engaged member of St. Columba's, please reach out to any of the Committee members. We are additionally interested in candidates who have financial, communications, or fundraising skills and experience. You can contact the co-chairs via email at sjg86@georgetown.edu (Sarah Griffin) or keri.piester@gmail.com (Keri Piester).

High School Fall Pilgrimage to Delaware

On September 28-29, 9th-12th graders are invited to this year's fall pilgrimage in Delaware! They will be staying at Memorial House, an Episcopal retreat center. It will be a time for rest, laughter, fellowship and so much more. Scan the QR code to register.



New Prison Ministry Service Opportunity

St. Columba's Prison Ministry Working Group is working with the DC Public Defender Service to find volunteers to proctor an ongoing course in website coding at the DC Jail. The course, which was developed at MIT and which is taught on Zoom by a team of MIT-based teaching assistants, is potentially life-changing for the incarcerated students. The classes run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3pm through September 5th. The Jail requires a minimum of four proctors to be present at each class; without proctors the classes must be canceled. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to learn more about the project and the role of the proctors, please email Peter Clamp at clampp@me.com for information and to coordinate carpooling.



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