



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

August 4, 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.

Watermelon and Waterplay is at 10am in the Courtyard!



ST. COLUMBA'S
RECTOR SEARCH

Update on Rector Search

A lot of work has been going on in the last few months to prepare for our rector search. The job description and the job posting form required by the Diocese will soon be finalized and made public, launching the search process. In drafting these documents, the Vestry drew on our Strategic Plan and on input and guidance from parishioners, clergy and staff. The Parish Vitality Survey, completed last spring by about 330 parishioners, provided thoughtful observations that are invaluable.

With this input, the Vestry worked together, prayed together, and discerned together. The result will be job description documents that accurately describe who we are, what we are being called to do, and the qualities and experience that our next rector should have. The process has been challenging and deeply gratifying. The Vestry is thankful for the support and trust received from you. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks. If you have questions or comments, please contact the Wardens (Sara Glenn, Gina Lagomarsino) or send an email to rectorsearch@columba.org.

Worship Service News for August 18

On August 18th St. Columba's will host The Rev. Hannah Goldstein, Rabbi at 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, Steven, Mark Dayton, Beverly Hudnut, Michael Cameron, Hank West, Ellyce Butuyan, Donna Beecroft, Ron Wisor Sr., Joy Craig, John, Jinny and Dave Saylor; 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 Weekday Prayer Groups and Bible Studies

Those who have died:

Marge Gillis, Scott Saylor, Eleanor Carpenter, Alma Powell, Nanette Dungo

Upcoming funerals:

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

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 teams 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!

Refuge Response Ministry Service Project Sunday, August 11 at 10:00 am

St. C's Refugee Response and Children's Ministries are partnering to fill 150 pencil cases with school supplies for refugee kids living in our community. Join us immediately after Wee Worship (10 am) on Sunday, August 11th, in the Common to help these kids get ready for back-to-school. We'll also be collecting donations of NEW children or youth size socks. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

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 clamp@me.com for information and to coordinate carpooling.

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 Carolyne 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. If interested, please email Father Mitchell at mfelton@columba.org More details to come soon!

Save the Date for Annual Holy Cross Monastery Retreat

Retreat will take place in West Park, NY, for October 25 - 27, 2024.

Space for 20 participants. For additional information, contact Marjorie Swett at retreat@columba.org



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