



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

September 29, 2024

Service Times:

8 am, 9 am and 11:15 in the Nave
9:15 am Wee Worship in the Great Hall

Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation 10:15 am in-person
in room 212 and on Zoom. All are welcome.

Adult Forum in the Nave 10:15 am

Anticipating the Election

Broadcaster Judy Woodruff and journalist Al Hunt discuss the upcoming election.

A Winning B-I-N-G-O Night!



Announcing our Vestry Candidates

This year's St. Columba's Nominating Committee announces with great enthusiasm the following slate for Vestry and Alternate Diocesan Delegates:

Senior Warden --- Gina Lagomarsino
Junior Warden --- Andrew Marshall

For Vestry:
Jeremiah Williams
Kay Tatum
James Knight
Farleigh Earhart

For Alternate Diocesan Delegate:
Karen Burgess
Sondra Mills

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, Ron Wisor Sr., John, Donald Judd, Charlie, Dave, Walt, Ellie Carney, Mary, Ellyce Butuyan, Anne, Joyce, Daniel Hafer, Terry Dowd, Sam Pollack, Sharon Stewart, Francesca; for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel and Lebanon, Haiti, Sudan, and for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

Our Human Resources Committee and Church Staff; and our youth on a pilgrimage to Delaware this weekend

Those who have died:

Greg Smith, Bruce Marti, Mavis Cain, Ruth Farbman, Wayne Hall

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!



Good Shepherds: A Ministry of Service and Love that Fits Your Time and Schedule

Sunday, September 29th 9:00 am-11:15 am

The Good Shepherds offer a home-cooked meal to parishioners and their families who are experiencing stressful life situations, whether as a result of accident, illness, death, or even birth. Need is not an issue. Rather, the meal is our way of sharing St. Columba's love and concern for those who need support at a difficult time. This is a flexible ministry, with volunteers deciding when and how often they wish to serve, and is a good way to get involved in the life of St. Columba's without feeling overwhelmed.

We will have an informational table in the Common between the 9:00 and 11:15 services on Sunday, September 29. Please stop by then to find out more. You can also contact Karen Howe at 773-995-2366 or kshowe46@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Inquirer's Class

Tuesday, October 1st 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Join Reverend Adelyn-Tyler Williams for an online evening class to learn more about topics such as what distinguishes the Episcopal Church from other Christian traditions, what is distinct about St. Columba's, our mission to Live God's Love, and our commitment to support you in taking your next steps in faith. Classes will be Tuesdays on zoom September 24th, October 1st, and October 8th.

Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm

Join us on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6pm on the labyrinth to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with our annual blessing of the animals service. Bring your pets, stuffies and photos of pets for a special visit and blessing from St. Francis! If you would like to come for Wednesday Night Supper that evening, we will have tables on the front porch to accommodate your pet!

First Thursday Seniors' Group

Thursday, October 3rd 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm Great Hall

First Thursday gatherings are for people 65 and older to socialize, learn, and feed the spirit. Bring your own lunch. Come after Daytime Singers or join us at noon in the Great Hall. Our October meeting will feature a presentation by Samantha Henson from Iona Senior Services about community resources for older adults in DC. Registration not required. Have questions or want more information? Contact Michele Prince, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at mprince@columba.org.

Half Day Silent Retreat

Saturday, Oct 5, 2024 - May 10, 2025

Starting October 5th, St. Columba's will be offering for a half day of stillness and prayer at St. Columba's. Future dates are December 14th, March 22nd, May 10th. Register in Realm.

Water Ministry Clothing Drive

Beginning October 6th 8:00 am-1:00 pm

HELP KEEP OUR WATER MINISTRY GUESTS WARM THIS WINTER!

Donate to the Water Ministry 2024 Fall/Winter Clothing Drive Sunday October 6th, 13th and 20th in the Common

Outerwear is our highest priority — specifically (in size L or larger):

- men's or women's coats and jackets
- men's or women's sweaters and warm shirts
- men's or women's warm hats, scarves, and winter gloves

We also seek donations of men's pants and belts (especially size 40 and larger), and sturdy shoes.

Donated clothes should be in good repair, clean and free of stains, of durable fabric and simple style.

For any additional information, please contact Jeff Moore, our Water Ministry Clothing Drive Coordinator: jeffclarkmoore@gmail.com or text 202-257-7251. On behalf of those served by the Water Ministry, thank you so much!

Upcoming Forums

Stories from SCAP

Sunday, October 6th 10:15 am

St. Columba's Appalachian Project participants reflect on their experiences from the 2024 mission trip. There will also be discussion of future mission efforts for the youth program.

Achieving a Good Death

Sunday October 13th 10:15 am

Chris Palmer will speak on his recent release, *Achieving Good Death: A Practical Guide to the End of Life*

New Wednesday Class!

Mysticism class

Wednesdays 6:45pm - 8:00pm Rm 212

Can the limited nature of our language ever truly express what we call "God"? That God is both beyond us and also, somehow, within us is a mysterious claim deeply rooted in two thousand years of Christian writing and practices. God is always known and unknown. Both sown into the very fabric of creation and just beyond our grasp.

Beginning September 11th, after nearly every Wednesday Night Supper, Joshua Daniel will host a small group that will explore tradition. The group will use a collection of texts to orient and launch the discussion – though reading is not required to join. The group will open and close each week by practicing some of the ancient techniques that mystics have used to "know" God (mostly: silent and contemplative prayer!) Contact Joshua Daniel at jdaniel@columba.org.

Looking Ahead

Save the Dates for Adult Confirmation and Reception

Bp. Mariann Budde will join us on November 17! We will have Confirmations and Receptions to the Episcopal Church as part of her visit. Adults who are interested in confirmation or in being received should plan to attend Confirmation Classes on Sundays 10/13, 10/20, and 10/27 at 12:30pm. Anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church is welcome to attend as well. Contact Adelyn (at Tyler-williams@columba.org) for more information.

Contra Dance

Saturday, October 19th 4:00-6:00 pm

Join us on Saturday, October 19th from 4:00-6:00pm for a Contra dance with local musicians and light refreshments. Contra dance is a community folk dance consisting of long lines of couples engaging in high-energy figures like allemandes, twirls, and swings. No partner and no experience or fancy outfit needed. All dances are taught and we'll have you up do-si-do-ing and swinging your partner in no time flat.



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