



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

April 28, 2024

Service Times: 8am, 9am, and 11:15am  
9:15am Wee Worship in the Great Hall.

Healing Prayer will be held at the 9 and 11:15 services - both in St. Aidan's Chapel and in the back of the Nave near the 42nd St. entrance.

10:15am Sunday Bible, Coffee and Conversation  
with David Griswold in room 212 and on Zoom

Children and Youth Formation at 10:15am

Sunday Forum: 150th Anniversary - Church Tour with John Guenther  
at 10:15 in the Nave

## Rebuilding Together

Thank you to all who joined us on Saturday for our first day of Rebuilding Together! Join us again this Saturday, April 27. If you are interested in joining this year's effort, please reach out to Susan Higgins at rebuildingtogether@columba.org.

### What is Rebuilding Together?

St. Columbans join hands annually in April to refurbish the homes of low-income, elderly or handicapped District residents, providing all levels of construction and clean-up expertise.



## Refugee Response

Last Sunday the Refugee Response Ministry officially welcomed the Abdi Family at a lunch in the Great Hall. Volunteers were joined by the Abdi family as well as other families we have sponsored.

### RRM seeks apartment for refugee

A group called Rainbow Railroad helps LGBTQ refugees escape oppression. St Columba's Refugee Response Ministry has been accepted as a sponsor through Rainbow Railroad. We expect the placement in a month or two.

Our first need is finding a place to live for this refugee. Do you have--or do you know someone who has--a studio, basement apartment, or room to rent in DC or MD? If so, please let Keri Piester ([keri.piester@gmail.com](mailto:keri.piester@gmail.com)) or Margie Trinity ([margaret.trinity@outlook.com](mailto:margaret.trinity@outlook.com)) know.

Thank you for your support of this new initiative and your support of all our work. We continue to work with the 7 person Abdi family. We couldn't do it without your support.



## Can We Pray For you?

### Submit a Prayer Request

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit:  
[Columba.org/pray-for-me](http://Columba.org/pray-for-me)

### Receiving Healing Prayer

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

### Pastoral Care

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

### Please keep in prayer:

Jack, Clarion, Sarah, Jeremy Finch, Cheryl, David, Henry West and the West family, Catherine Yvonne Young, Shandon Wheeler, Jina Tolle, Cecelia Neustrom, Paul Fitzgerald; 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 Rite 13 Honorees and their parents; the faith story of Charles Taylor

### Those who have died:

Anne Janney, Hal Tippens, Anna Sullivan

### Upcoming funerals:

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

## Are you new? Welcome!

Contact Courtney Hundley  
Minister for Member Engagement  
[chundley@columba.org](mailto:chundley@columba.org)  
for info on how to get involved!

## Giving Questions

Contact Heather Beck  
Director of Stewardship and Development  
[Hbeck@columba.org](mailto:Hbeck@columba.org)

Scan the QR code to give now!



# Upcoming Events

## Volunteers sought for the Prison Friendship Project

The Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN), of which our Prison Ministry is a member, is seeking help with a new ministry: writing D.C. residents who are incarcerated in a U.S. Bureau of Prisons facility and have few or no ties to family or friends. The goal is to establish and build a personal connection, affirm their humanity, and offer hope, all of which can help them succeed when they re-enter the community.

A Prison Friend can be one individual or a small group who work together to befriend the same person. We have more than three dozen PDS clients in prison who have said they want to have someone to correspond with. We are currently matching people with individuals.

To volunteer, please contact [prisonministryleader@columba.org](mailto:prisonministryleader@columba.org) and RCAN at [dcrcan2018@gmail.com](mailto:dcrcan2018@gmail.com).

## Undesign the Redline Cleveland Park Library

Come see the exhibit at the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library! This powerful exhibit, sponsored by St. Columba's, will feature many opportunities to dig deeper on DC's history of racial inequity.

Undesign the Redline inspires conversation, reflection, and the desire to learn more about the history of explicit race-based exclusion in our area and to "undesign" these wrongs. The exhibit runs through July 11, 2024. Contact Ben Bradburn at [undesigndc@gmail.com](mailto:undesigndc@gmail.com) with questions. [www.undesigndc.org](http://www.undesigndc.org)

# Wednesdays at St. C's:

## Community Supper

Bring a friend, bring your family, or pay it forward and buy a meal for someone who may not be able to afford it. Whenever there is a Wednesday Night Supper there is also a short (10 minute) Evening Prayer service in the Nave @ 6pm. Please join us!



## Young Adult Group Bible Study Wednesdays at 7pm

Join the St. Columba's Young Adults Group at 7pm Wednesdays as we continue our Bible Study series. Contact Sarah Griffin ([sjg86@georgetown.edu](mailto:sjg86@georgetown.edu)) for more information.

## Small group class: The Way of the Cross Easter 2024 (April - June)

Wednesdays @ 6:45pm-8pm  
Contact: [jdaniel@columba.org](mailto:jdaniel@columba.org)



Focuses on Jesus' teaching about why he must go to the cross, and why he calls his disciples to follow him. During the season of Easter we will read through Mark chapters 8-10: Jesus' repeated (3x) teachings about the way of the cross. Power reconsidered.

Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. In this course we will not only talk about faith, we'll share it. Share in it not only in mutual support but also in different exercises of prayer which will start each meeting. A training ground of sorts. No prior experience required.

This is a hybrid class, when you can come in person, great (consider joining us for our weekly Wednesday Night Supper!); also I expect for some of you it'll be easier to join by Zoom. If you think this class might be interesting for someone outside the St. C's community, please invite them!

# Springtime on the Labyrinth



## World Labyrinth Day

Saturday May 4, 10:30am-12pm

Celebrate World Labyrinth Day and the merry month of May on the Outdoor Labyrinth! Local teacher Evi Beck will lead Sacred Circle Dance, a form of meditative movement with simple steps and uplifting music. No previous experience necessary. All are welcome, and a special shout out to families. Come early or stay later to walk the labyrinth. Cancelled if it rains.

## Springtime Evening Walk

Tuesday May 7, 7-8:30pm

Spring's for new beginnings: Have you treated yourself to a labyrinth walk yet? Whether you choose to walk our indoor labyrinth in the Great Hall with live music, or (weather permitting) our outdoor labyrinth under the stars, it's a great way to unwind and bask in the beauty of this season. The labyrinth will be open from 7-8:30; kindly begin your walk before 8 PM. All ages, faiths, and abilities are welcome!

## 150th Celebration

Due to ongoing health challenges, the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, is no longer able to join us at St. Columba's in celebration of our 150th Anniversary.

With this change, we have shifted the date of our 150th Anniversary spring event: join us on Columba Day, June 9, for a special celebration of worship at 10:00am followed by outdoor festivities with food, music, and games. Of course, we will still have a grand celebration for the feast of Pentecost on May 19.

## New plans:

**Sunday, May 19** – the Feast of Pentecost, **Sunday, June 9** – 150th Anniversary Celebration on Columba Day

**Sunday, November 17** – 150th Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Mariann Budde

Our call for stories continues through Columba Day on June 9th! The 150th team is eager to hear about what makes St. Columba's the place it is for you. In written or recorded form, share a memory, an experience, or simply what first drew and now keeps you here. Written stories will be collected and published in a bound volume; recorded stories will be shared on social media and on the website. Visit [columba.org/150](http://columba.org/150) for prompts and additional info on story submission; email [hbeck@columba.org](mailto:hbeck@columba.org) to schedule a time for Heather Beck to record your story. Families, couples, and groups welcome!



# Rite 13

Next Sunday (4/28) we will honor and acknowledge 19 kids as they transition from adolescence into young adulthood during a special service called "Rite 13". Please join us at the 9am service and cake afterwards for a celebration of what God is doing in the lives of these kids and their families!



## AUSTIN BRIMLEY

I am 12 years old and I go to Deal Middle School. I really enjoy math and Spanish humanities and I love to be with my family and hang out with my friends. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, running with my school's track team and playing basketball in our back alley. My family would describe me as dutiful and thoughtful, and my friends would describe me as loyal and fun.



## NORA DAVIS

I am 13 years old, and I go to Washington Episcopal School, or WES. My favorite subject there is science, and I love to share what I learn with my family. Some of my other hobbies include reading, binge watching TV shows, and swimming. I also have been taking cello lessons for 4 years. My friends would probably describe me as quiet and introverted, but my family would probably describe me as someone who can't stop talking.



## ABBY MINICHELLO

I am 13 years old, and I go to The Lab School where I play volleyball and am in theater and dance. My interests are Taylor Swift and Anime, and I am passionate about shopping! I have a 65 lb. Golden Retriever named Major. My friends would describe me as funny and kind.



## SOPHIA MURPHY

I am 13 years old and go to Deal Middle School. My favorite classes are ELA and Geography. I am in stage crew for our school production of Madagascar. I also take tennis lessons, sing in the Gallery Choir at St C's and am a Girl Scout Cadet. I am really into 70s/80s/90s rock music and my favorite singer is Joan Jett. My friends would describe me as fun, creative and thoughtful.



## BEA BRADBURN

I am 13 years old, and I attend Hardy Middle School. My favorite subject is art. I love to play volleyball, shop, and like going on adventures with my friends. I like baking and I like going on late night car rides w/ music. A fun fact is that people really like my homemade pickles! My friends describe me as kind, funny, creative, trustworthy and loyal.



## CHRISTIAN DEDOLPH

I am 13 years old, and I go to Silver Creek Middle school. My favorite subject is math, and I love to play video games, sports, and I love to hang with my friends. I also really enjoy spending as much time with my family as I can. My Family and Friends would describe me as caring and open minded.



## SAM POLLACK

I go to North Bethesda Middle School. My favorite subject is Spanish, and I love to play sports, do things outside, and hangout with friends in my spare time. I also enjoy listening to music and playing the trombone. My friends would describe me a funny and loyal.



## BEN HUGGINS

I am 13 years old and go to Deal Middle School. I like hanging out with my friends, playing video games and I love geography class. My friends would describe me as funny and clever. I also love playing baseball, swimming and many other sports.

**BELLA STROUD**

I am 12 years old and I attend Washington Episcopal School. Subjects I enjoy in school include math, science and geography and Spanish. I play soccer and basketball. I also enjoy dancing and music. I love to hang out with friends. I have enjoyed being an acolyte for just over 1 year. Friends would describe me as a kind good friend who is fun and enjoys being around people. Finally, I love the color purple.

**ADELAIDE LEWIS**

I turned 13 years old in January, and I am 7th grade at Lowell School. I love to swim and be on the beach, hang out with my friends, go to the mall, be in plays, listen to music, make jewelry, roller skate, spend time with my cousins, and travel. Some of my favorite places to travel are Mexico, Colonial Beach, Oak Island, Raleigh, Staunton, Upstate New York, and New York City. My friends would describe me as kind, caring, and fun.

**MADELEINE HAILE**

I am 13 years old, and in 7th grade at Pyle middle school. My favorite subject is English because I love correcting people's grammar! My favorite activity at school is Voices, my school's advanced chorus. Outside of school I play soccer, hang out with my friends, and dance. I also love singing in choir and ringing bells here, as well as the occasional acolyting. I texted my friends and they describe me as: hardworking, caring, and fun.

**ANDRES STROTHER**

I am a 13 year old student at St. Bartholomew School. My hobbies include playing soccer and video games. I enjoy building Legos and reading. My friends would describe me as passionate and athletic.

**GABRIEL ARDILA**

I am 13 years old and attend Alice Deal Middle School. My favorite subject is science. I love to play soccer and also enjoy playing FIFA soccer video games. My friends would describe me as caring and fun. I was born in Washington, DC and love living in the city. I enjoy traveling. I speak Spanish and a bit of Portuguese.

**RHYS COLE**

I am 12 years old. I am in the 7th grade at TW Pyle Middle School and my favorite subjects are PE and History. After school I play soccer, football, and French horn and I am also in scouts. At St. C's I sing in the choir, play bells, and go to youth parties. I enjoy playing video games, sports, and hanging out with friends. My friends would describe me as easy going and funny.

**GWEN GUERRIER**

I am 13 years old, and I go to National Cathedral School. I like all of my subjects, but if I had to choose I would choose math class. I love to read, sing along to pop songs, and talk with my friends when I have spare time. I play the violin and I am a part of my school's theatre production. My friends would describe me as friendly, passionate, and thoughtful.

**COSTAS BRINKERHOFF-MOLLUZZO**

I am 12 years old and I go to Deal Middle School. My favorite subject is math, and I love to swim, play video games, and hang out with my friends in my spare time. At church, I love singing in the choir, and participating in Basecamp. My friends would describe me as loud, kind, enthusiastic, and athletic.

**SIENA KEPNER**

I am 13 years old, and I go to Washington Latin. My favorite subject is English and I'm on the track and cross country teams. I like to hang out with friends, bake and play with my dog Bodie. I also enjoy singing in the church choir. My friends would describe me as kind, creative and fun.

**JAMIE MCALLISTER**

I am 13 years old. I go to Maret school and my favorite subjects are math, science and history. In my spare time I enjoy playing sports such as baseball, basketball and soccer. I also enjoy spending time with my friends, playing with my dog and sometimes reading. My friends would describe me as an energetic and outgoing person.

**ELLIOTT SCOTT EVANS-PHILPOTT**

I am 13 years old and I attend Alice Deal Middle School. My favorite subjects are math and history. I love to play soccer, tennis (real tennis and lawn tennis), video games, and hang out with my friends in my free time. I also enjoy watching anime and taking fencing lessons. My friends would describe me as a calm and chill person.