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Live God's Love

ALLELUIA! HE HAS RISEN.
WELCOME TO EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. COLUMBA'S



Easter Sunday

Service Times:
8am, 9:30am, and 11:15am

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

Easter Egg Hunt:

We are excited to host our second annual Easter Egg Hunt today. Join us at 10:30am on the playground!

Please Note:

We are grateful for our relationship with Miller Farms of Clinton, Maryland. They provide delicious donuts each week from their bakery. Carl Navia drives the donuts from Clinton to St. Columba's each Sunday morning. In observance of the holiday Miller Farms is closed on Easter Sunday and so we will not have donuts.

Thank you for your understanding.

10:15am Sunday Bible, Coffee and Conversation returns next Sunday.

Children's and Youth Formation returns next Sunday.

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:

All who will be baptized this week, Lena Davis Emancipator, Thomas Leahy, Beatrix Varrone, Adam Al-Attar, Amir Al-Attar, Myron Lopez, Farah Kepner

Upcoming funerals:

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



The Iona Society is active again at St. Columba's!

Thank you to John Guenther and Betsy Oster for hosting over forty Iona Society members at the annual Iona Society Social at their home. Members also received the new Iona Society lapel pin. If you are a member who wasn't able to attend the social, lapel pins will be mailed to you.

To join the Iona Society, pick up the new brochure in the Common, visit the Iona Society website (<https://www.columba.org/iona-society-planned-giving/>) or discuss with Heather Beck, Suzanne or Bob Burrows!



Are you new? Welcome!

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

Ongoing Groups and Events

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, April 17th-May 22nd

Those who have recently lost someone to death are invited to participate in a grief support group that will meet at 7 pm in Room 220 on six Wednesday evenings beginning April 17 and ending May 22.

The meetings will be a time of mutual sharing of stories and reflection on the profound, even sacred, passage one goes through when a loved one dies. The facilitators are Marjorie Hale and Courtney Hundley. Scan to register or contact Michele Prince, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at mprince@columba.org or 202-363-4119 ext 329 if you have questions or trouble registering.



LGBTQ+ Parent Group

Every second Monday at 7pm

A group for parents of children (of all ages) who identify as LGBTQ+. The parent group meets in Room 220 and new members are welcome. Contact the coordinators at LGBTQParentGroup@columba.org for more information.

First Tuesday Labyrinth Walks

7-8:30pm

Walk the ancient path, or simply sit back and enjoy this transcendent meditative experience. No experience necessary; as always, all ages, faiths, and abilities welcome!

First Thursday Seniors' Group: Feed body, mind and spirit

Gatherings 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 at 12pm. Registration not required. Contact Michele Prince (mprince@columba.org) for more information.

Music Programs for All Ages

The Primary, Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs, St. Columba Singers, and Genesis and St. Columba Ringers welcome new members throughout the year. Come, make a joyful noise! Want to join in or have questions? Contact Anne Timpane (atimpane@columba.org)

Families new to Wee Worship

Join Joshua on zoom Tuesday, April 16 th from 8-9 pm to learn about St. Columba's, listen for ways to be involved and connect in fellowship with other families. Questions email chundley@columba.org

Healing Prayer

Every second and fourth Sunday during the 9 and 11:15am service.

Healing ministers are available for prayer during the Eucharist in St. Aidan's Chapel and in the back of the church. You can receive prayers for your own needs or on behalf of another.

Wednesdays at St. C's:

Community Supper - No Supper on 3/27

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) for more information.

Small group class: The Way of the Cross

Easter 2024 (April - June)
Wednesdays @ 6:45pm-8pm
First Date: April 3rd 2024
Contact: 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. Cs community, please invite them!

Let's Rebuild Together!

This year's Rebuilding Together effort will happen on Saturday, April 20 and Saturday, April 27. We just got our house assignment and are preparing to repair and clean and paint. 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.



ST. COLUMBA'S
NURSERY SCHOOL

Every child is special. Each one changes and grows along a developmental continuum in a pattern as unique as a thumbprint. The philosophy of St. Columba's Nursery School affirms that every individual connected with the school is regarded as a person with an inestimable capacity to grow and learn - children, parents, and staff. Learn more at: stcolumbasnurseryschool.org/



Shantel & Rexon's Story

When I started going to the Water Ministry in November of 2022, I didn't yet know that I was already almost 3 months pregnant. There, I got to feel safe, clean up, have positive interactions with a lot of people from St. C's and visitors, and got to eat healthy and delicious meals throughout my whole pregnancy. I hadn't been to church in about 13 years, but had been thinking about it for a while, and the sign for Wee Worship caught my eye. When my brand-new baby boy, Rexon, was 1-week old, I brought him to Wee Worship at St. Columba's. I was a bit nervous and awkward feeling, but the atmosphere was so positive and relaxed. After a few weeks, I started attending regular service as well, and started to get to know everyone at church a little better. I had nothing when I came to Water Ministry, except the backpack I was always wearing, and now, with a lot of work, prayer, and tons of help from the other mothers and families at St. C's, I have been blessed with a comfortable home that's well-furnished and close to church, so now it's easy to bring Rexon every week to Wee Worship—a place where it's hard not to see and feel God's presence in all of those sweet, happy children! I'm so grateful every day for the love, support, generosity, kindness, and acceptance that I have received from St. C's more than anywhere else.

In celebration of St. Columba's 150th anniversary, we are collecting stories, both written and recorded. Whether it's a favorite memory or a short reflection on what St. Columba's has meant to you, we want to hear from you! Send your story to 150@columba.org and visit Columba.org/150 for more information.

Photos from the St. Columba's Archives, courtesy of Marge Mengers



Upcoming Events

New support group for parents of young adults

Information session on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 pm in Room 212

Are you the parent of a young adult, between the ages of 22 and 30, who is living at home? Does your young adult suffer from a chronic illness, mental health or substance use disorder, depression, anxiety or low employment? Join us for an information session to gauge interest in a six-week discussion and support group. This group, facilitated by a parishioner, will meet in person weekly for six weeks in the spring (dates and time to be determined).

We will use Mark McConville's Failure to Launch as a discussion starting point and time-tested AA rules regarding privacy and shared discussion to create a safe and supportive space. Interested? Wondering if this is the right group for you? Join us on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 pm to learn more. Questions? Contact Michele Prince at mprince@columba.org.

Rector Search Update

In February, the Vestry launched the first phase of our rector search process. This phase is focused on getting input from you about "who we are" as a parish. We are delighted to report that nearly 330 parishioners and staff responded to the survey and a number of parishioners attended one of the seven in-person listening sessions. Thank you! Now, the Vestry with assistance from the search advisory committee will evaluate the responses and identify key themes that describe what we do well at St. C's and where we might be falling short of our aspirations. This information will help the Vestry draft our parish profile. This profile will be a critical component of the job posting for St. C's rector position.

The Vestry welcomes your questions and comments regarding the rector search. Feel free to speak with any member of the Vestry or email us at rectorsearch@columba.org. If you did not complete a survey and would like to do so, send us a note. If you did complete the survey but now have additional thoughts or insights, please share those.

Undesign the Redline

April 11 - July 11, 2024

Cleveland Park Library

New Exhibit Explores Race-Based Exclusion in Upper Northwest DC



As St. Columba's seeks to address underlying inequities in our society and create the Beloved Community, we are pleased to announce our support for a new educational exhibit: Undesign the Redline. St. Columba's and nearby churches and synagogues have led the process of bringing the exhibit to our area. It is the first time that Undesign the Redline has been initiated by faith communities.

Undesign the Redline is an interactive, traveling exhibit that explores the history of redlining and other race-based exclusion, including the displacement of people and communities of color from their homes and neighborhoods. Beyond learning about this troubling history, the exhibit can help us understand why inequities in housing and wealth persist and encourage us to ask how we can repair the breach.

The format of the exhibit is the same from city to city, but with each new location, local stories are highlighted. This new exhibit will include stories from upper Northwest DC such as St. Columba's complicity in systemic racism, along with that of other nearby institutions.

It's not just the exhibit; there is also a robust slate of programs on topics related to systemic racism and led by local experts from schools, businesses, and history and advocacy organizations. You can visit on your own or join a public or private tour. Learn more at undesigndc.org or email Ben Bradburn at undesigndc@gmail.com with questions.

Spring Forums

Rectors Forum

April 7 at 10:15am

Our past, our present, our future--These are the focus points as we rejoice in our 150th anniversary. As we look toward the future, join Ledlie and other for an important update on our plans for property improvements, housing, reparations, and more.

Seabury Center for Aging: Celebrating 100 Years

April 14 at 10:15am

It's a year of anniversaries! Seabury Center for Aging is celebrating its 100th anniversary. As part of their celebration, Seabury is reinvigorating its conventional bonds with congregations around the Diocese of Washington. This forum will give an overview of Seabury's work, discuss the spirituality of aging, and offer points of connection and partnership.

"Beyond Earth Day": Eco-Theology in Daily Life and Prayer

April 21 at 10:15am

When Jesus gathered with people it was most often outside. Today, we gather in brick buildings removed from the earth's sanctuary. How do we integrate the earth into our Christian life? Rev. Kaeley McEvoy, program director for Sojourners Fellowship Program and ordained UCC pastor, will present an invitation to connect deeper with the earth as God's body. By providing an introduction to eco-theology and offering tangible practices for connection, this forum will be an embodied experience of nature's power to sustain and enrich our spiritual life.

Period Poverty

May 5 at 10:15am

This forum is presented by youth of St. Columba's: Georgia Murphy, Audrey Haile, Elise Drucker, Jayne Massad, and Amelia Hodges. They will discuss period poverty's effect on women in DC, connections with scripture, and reflections from the period product drive in February as well as hopes for the future. Additionally, the forum provides another opportunity to donate period products.

The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy

May 12 at 10:15am

St. Columban, Director of Georgetown University's Center on Faith and Justice, author, and more, Jim Wallis will speak on his newest book The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy. When we see a civic promotion of fear, hate, and violence for the trajectory of our politics, we need a civic faith of love, healing, and hope to defeat it. Learning to practice a politics of neighbor love will be central to the future of democracy in America.