



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

**January 21, 2024**

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

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

*Children's and Youth Formation at 10:15am*

*Sunday Forum: Rev. Glenna Huber at 10:15am in the Nave*



## **Sunday Forum: Rev. Glenna Huber**

As we engage Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney's Women's Lectionary, we are thrilled to welcome Rev. Glenna Huber, Rector of The Church of the Epiphany. Rev. Huber will share from her experience as a Black woman in the Episcopal Church.

### ***Learn more about Year W***

The Women's Lectionary series is often short-handed as "Year W" for woman and womanist. Womanism is a movement of Black Women that recognizes the intersections of gender, race, and class. To read more, visit:

<https://www.columba.org/blog/embracing-and-expanding-in-worship/>



*Live God's Love*

### **Share your stories!**

Each of us has stories, and our beloved St. Columba's has a story. We are preparing to celebrate St. Columba's 150th anniversary in 2024. In celebration of our sesquicentennial, we invite you to help tell St. Columba's story by telling your stories.

Please send your stories to Chris Schumann: [150@columba.org](mailto:150@columba.org).

Please include:

- Your full name
- How long you've been coming to St. Columba's

**Visit [Columba.org/150](https://www.columba.org/150) to learn more.**

## Can We Pray For you?

### **Submit a Prayer Request**

If you feel comfortable submitting a form, visit:  
[Columba.org/pray-for-me](https://www.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, Ana Gardano, Wes, Ken Ingersoll,  
Christina, Matt, Clarion, Susan, Ray, Sooz, Ginny  
DiStefano

for the people of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel,  
and for all those whose lives are torn apart by  
war and violence

### *Thanksgiving for:*

Our Water Ministry

### *Those who have died:*

Robert Fletcher, Anne Dean, Brian Neville

### *Upcoming funerals:*

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

Saturday, January 27 at 11 am: Memorial  
service for James Brian Neville

Saturday, February 10 at 11 am: Memorial  
service for Ruth Ann Nicastrì

Saturday, February 17 at 11 am: Funeral and  
reception for Philip Graham

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!

# Upcoming Events

## **Mothers' Group Potluck**

**January 22 at 7:30pm**

Looking to meet some new people or reconnect with old friends in the new year? Then join us for the Moms Group January Potluck. It will be held on Monday, January 22nd at 7:30pm at the home of a church member in Chevy Chase, MD. For more details or to RSVP, email either [susie@hodgesfamily.com](mailto:susie@hodgesfamily.com) or [sheilahodonnell@gmail.com](mailto:sheilahodonnell@gmail.com).

## **Spirituality and Art Event**

**Saturday, January 27 at 11am**

Some abstract artists claim their works are spiritual in nature. Can they help us enhance our own spirituality? Join our next Art & Spirituality event to explore this idea at the National Gallery of Art on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 11am.

If you are interested in attending, please email [vickiporner@jhu.edu](mailto:vickiporner@jhu.edu).

## **First Thursday Seniors' Group: Feed body, mind and spirit Beginning February 1, 12 - 1:30 pm**

In Room 212 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 Room 212. Registration not required. Contact Michele Prince ([mprince@columba.org](mailto:mprince@columba.org)) for more information.

## **Forum: The Rector Search Process**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024, 10:15 AM**

Last September, Ledlie shared his plans to retire in early 2025, after 10 years of wonderful service as St. C's Rector. The Vestry, working closely with the Bishop and her team, has developed a plan to search for a new rector. During this forum, the Wardens (Sara Glenn and Gina Lagomarsino) and the Rev. Dr. Robert Phillips, Canon for Leadership Development and Congregational Care of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, will explain the rector search process, including opportunities for all members of the congregation to share ideas.

## **Join us for Inquirer's Class**

**Tuesday February 13th at 8 pm on Zoom,  
Tuesday February 20th at 8 pm on Zoom, and  
Wednesday February 28th at 7 pm in person**

This class will meet twice on zoom and once in person following a Wednesday Night Supper. If you have questions about the Episcopal Church, would like to learn more about St. Columba's, have like some time with Ledlie and meet some other sojourners, this class is for you. Whether you have been at St. C's for a long time or are beginning to discern whether this community of faith is where you hope to land, please join us. Questions? Reach out to Courtney Hundley at [chundley@columba.org](mailto:chundley@columba.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!



## **New Wednesday Night Class- The Faith of Jesus**

Interested in weekly prayer with a small group of spirit-filled St. Columbans? Interested in hearing about what Jesus thought about faith? We'll do a lot of both in this class! Join Joshua Daniel (and the long running group) as he hosts nearly every week @ 6:45pm after Wednesday Night Suppers (and via zoom). For more information email Joshua ([jdaniel@columba.org](mailto:jdaniel@columba.org)).



## **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.

## **Can you help us welcome a new refugee family?**

The Refugee Response Ministry is beginning a new sponsorship of a recently arrived Afghan family. The Abdi family has two parents, four daughters and a son, the largest family we have sponsored. We are collecting home furnishings to get them set up in an apartment. If you are able to help please scan this code.



## **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](mailto:atimpane@columba.org))

## **Want to engage with St. C's children?**

The children of St. Columba's would love to get to know you! Please sign up to volunteer with the Children's Ministry. There are opportunities to work directly with kids (lead Sunday School or Storytime) or support in the background (with events or on a curriculum committee).



## **Follow your heart and join us in ministry!**

St. Columba's offers each of us opportunities to come to know God's love and to learn to radiate that love by living a life of gratitude, generosity, and service. Sometimes it can be hard to know where we fit in this bustling, joyful place—so many ministries, groups, and activities! And yes, so little time. Yet we are here. This is our church home, where we come together as one, as the body of Christ, to pray, sing, learn, and serve.

Where is your heart leading you to serve our community this year? What do you like to do? How might you create space in your life to do that one thing that would connect you to this community and to God in a new and meaningful way? We, as the body of Christ, thrive when we are united in our desire to work together, to each do our part so that the body can thrive and grow in love and service. This parish is passionate about ministry, and there is a special space here for you and your gifts, no matter how little time you have.

If you are not sure where that space is, or where to find the time on your calendar, you are not alone. Let us help. Courtney Hundley, Minister for Member Engagement would be happy to visit with you and explore the many possibilities. Contact her here at [chundley@columba.org](mailto:chundley@columba.org).