



ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONNECTIONS

January 28, 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: Holy Households

Sunday Forum:

Black History Month: St. Columba's and our Neighborhood



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 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, Ana Gardano, Wes, Clarion, Susan, Ray Suarez, Sooz, Ginny DiStefano, Tracy Cooper-Tuckman, David Gogol and Gloria White, Becky Slater, Jim Murphy, Roger Ashford, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, for the people of Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and for all those whose lives are torn apart by war and violence

Thanksgiving for:

the birth of Freya, granddaughter of David and Gloria; Bishop Mariann Budde, Diocesan Council and all delegates and Committees of Episcopal Diocese of Washington who met in convention yesterday

Those who have died:

Kay Braley, Steve Bodie, Ken Ingersoll, Maxime Dehoux

Upcoming funerals:

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

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
for info on how to get involved!

Holy Households - "Ask us anything" - kids' edition Sunday January 28, 2024 10:15am in the Great Hall

All parishioners are invited to join Joshua and Katie in a session of "Ask us anything" - Kids' edition. Jesus called us all to have faith like Children. We will spend the hour hearing from kids in the parish about what their questions are about God, Jesus, the Bible, the Church, anything! Come hear what's on the minds of our younger members and reconnect with your faith through their voices!

Wonder how to engage directly 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. Scan to sign up!



Share your story

Each of us has stories, and our beloved St. Columba's has a story.

In celebration of our sesquicentennial, we invite you to help tell St. Columba's story by telling your stories.

Visit Columba.org/150 to learn more.



Upcoming Events

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) 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.

First Tuesday Labyrinth Walk Tuesday, February 6th 7pm-8:30pm

The February 6th first Tuesday labyrinth walk promises to be extra special! We're welcoming back vocal group Harmonic Introductions, who will accompany walkers with their ethereal blend of overtone singing and instrumental accompaniment. The labyrinth will be open in the Great Hall from 7-8:30 PM, and all ages, faiths, and abilities are warmly welcome.

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

Join Ledlie for an Inquirer's Class. 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 time with Ledlie and meet other seekers, 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.

Last Best Things: End-of-Life Planning for All Generations Beginning February 25, 12:30 - 2:30 pm in the Great Hall

A three-part Sunday afternoon series to help ground our thinking about death for ourselves and those we love in the sacred space of our deepest values. These meetings will prompt family discussions to help raise comfort levels about talking openly of these issues and honor death as the natural end of all lives. Anyone interested in preparing for their own death or for a family member's death is welcome, including parents and their adult children. All attendees must register, and the total cost is \$45. A catered lunch will be offered each week, followed by the presentation and time for questions.

Program Details

February 25: Beginning the conversations and overview of planning process, including funeral preparations and burial options

March 3: Medical decisions and choices around end of life

March 10: Financial and estate planning

Questions? Contact Michele Prince (mprince@columba.org) or Susan Flanders (sflanders@columba.org). Register using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/LastBestThings2024>.

Wednesdays at St. C's:

Community Supper (no supper on 1/31 or 2/14)

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!

The Faith of Jesus - Wednesday Night Class

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).



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.

Ways to Engage

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.

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.



Call for SCAP volunteers!

St. Columba's Appalachia Project is looking for adult volunteers! SCAP is a week of working, living with, and shepherding high school kids. It is also a week of joy and magic, serving in the name of Jesus. For the week of June 22-29 we need volunteers who are patient, have a sense of humor, and are adaptable. For the first time in awhile, we have a large group of kids ready and willing to serve. We are hopeful for volunteers who can meet this need and join in alongside our youth for this adventure. If this is you, please contact Father Mitchell at mfelton@columba.org!