



Mark your Calendars!

Columba Day is June 7

Upcoming Adult Forums

April 26

Stephen Ministry: Present for One Another

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, illness, or other life transitions. More than 600,000 people from across the country have been trained as Stephen ministers, including members of St. Columba's congregation.

Are you struggling with a life transition or crisis? Do you feel called to help support someone who is? Or, are you simply curious? Join us for this forum! Please email us at StephenLeader@columba.org to learn more.

May 3

Stirring the Waters and Antiracism Task Force

May 10

The Six Resurrections in the Gospel of Mark

May 31

Reurrection and Creative Practice

April 19, 2026

Worship and Learn with us each Sunday:

Traditional Eucharist in the Church Nave

8a: You can expect a quieter experience of worship without music as well as a smaller congregation.

9a: This service features our Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs, as well as youth handbell ringers.

11:15a: This service features the St. Columba Singers and service is live-streamed on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram.

Wee Worship in the Great Hall at 9:15a

Formation Hour 10:15a:

Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation

In-person at 10:15a in room 212 and on Zoom. All are welcome. For more information and to obtain the zoom link, contact The Rev. David Griswold

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Meets in-person from 10:15-11a. See poster in the Common for groups and classroom numbers.

This weeks forum:

Resurrection in the Garden

Earth Day is coming and evidence of renewal of creation is all around us in our gardens. Learn more about St. Columba's partnerships to create wildlife habitat using native plants and support vulnerable communities affected by climate change. Learn how you can sign up for your own native plant starter kit.

St. George Film Premiere at 2:30p:

St. George's and St. Columba's warmly invite both of our parishes to the screening of a documentary film, a product of St. George's Episcopal Church's oral history project, that shares the story of the lived experiences of St. Georgians across many generations. This film also marks a meaningful partnership between our two churches as St. Columba's Beloved Community Fund has made a grant to St. George's to repair past harm and foster a relationship between our churches. Please join with us in the spirit of reconciliation, believing that faithful remembrance and repair are part of the Church's call. Come be part of this moving and hope-filled afternoon!

**ST. COLUMBA'S ANNUAL
PLANT SALE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10TH
8:30A- 12:30P**

Our plant sale is an annual event that draws parishioners and neighbors and honors the late Susan Beale. All the proceeds go to Sustainable Villages Honduras to help vulnerable communities directly affected by climate change.

- Sale includes vegetables, herbs, flowers, and native plants, and parishioner-made garden decor!
- This year we will also have a children's planting station.



Special Worship and Formation Opportunities

Instructed Eucharist

Wednesday, April 22 at 6p

We will celebrate the Eucharist together, stopping several times to learn more about the service.

Adult Confirmation Mini-Retreat

Sunday, April 26 12:30p Rm 212

On May 17, St. Columba's will have Confirmation and Reception.

Adults who would like to be confirmed and received should plan to attend this afternoon of education about the Episcopal Church. Others who are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church are welcome too!

If you would like to be confirmed or received on May 17 and cannot attend the mini-retreat or if you would like to know more, please contact Rev. Adelyn Tyler-Williams: atylers-williams@columba.org



Rogation Day Celebration

Wed. May 13, 6p

Join us for special Rogation Day prayers to give thanks for and ask God's blessing on our land, buildings, and all the space that allows us to do ministry for God's sake. This will also be a moment to pray with special intention for our upcoming construction and renovation projects.

Ascension Day- Kite Flying, Popsicles, and Prayer

Thur. May 14, 4p

On Ascension Day, we remember Jesus going up to heaven. Join us after school for some kite flying, popsicles, and prayers in honor of Jesus' ascension.

Rebuilding Together

April 25

For over 35 years, St. Columbans have been helping their DC neighbors in need with home repairs. This year's Rebuilding Together effort will happen on Saturday, April 25. We will be helping Ms. Peterbark repair her NE Washington DC home from water damage and work on waterproofing her home to prevent further damage. If you are interested in joining this year's effort, please reach out to Susan Higgins at rebuildingtogether@columba.org.

Stuff the Shed

Drop off at church April 26th

Help Seabury stuff the shed this year with cleaning and yard work supplies for Seabury Age-In-Place®, which helps older adults maintain their independence by providing volunteer yard work and house cleaning. "Stuff the Shed" donations help to replenish our supplies of tools, lawn and trash bags, and supplies ahead of our summer work season.

Learn More: <https://www.seaburyresources.org/>

Upcoming WIN Opportunities Scan to sign up for WIN events and learn more about WIN:



Candidate Forum

Sunday, May 17 at 3p

WIN will gather 1,000+ residents to hear candidates for city office respond to WIN priorities-- a highlight of the election season. To help shape that agenda, St. Columba's will host five listening sessions in April where you can share your priorities for our city.

Bearing Witness: Choosing City Priorities in Lean Times

Thursday, April 23 at 7p or April 29 at 7p

Candidates for DC office this year-- mayor, Council chairman and at-large members, and DC's House delegate--will gather May 17 to respond to WIN priorities for the city. Have you weighed in with your priorities? We're holding two more listening sessions: next Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM via Zoom; and Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM in the Great Hall. Register Here and join us!

Attention DC Voters: Prepare for Ranked Choice Voting

Thursday, April 23 7p

Learn how to make the most of your vote in the new ranked choice voting system rolling out in DC's primaries on June 16. Join the WIN Core Team at 7 PM on April 23 for a half hour primer on RCV. Stay on until 8:15 pm, if you can, to share your priorities for city programs during our 4th listening session.

Music Events:

World Music Collective Free Concert

Friday, May 8 7p Nave

Join the World Music Collective with guest artist Chris Gekker as they explore classic jazz saxophone and trumpet led combos and their music. This free concert will feature music popularized by artists including Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, and Charlie Parker. Chris Gekker is Professor of Trumpet at the University of Maryland and has been featured soloist at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. The World Music Collective is a mixed instrumentation chamber ensemble with members that are internationally recognized performers, composers, and improvisers based in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Performing a blend of jazz, world music and contemporary styles, the ensemble's focus includes entertainment, education, and social justice.



Wednesdays at St. Columba's Wednesday Night Supper Returns on January 7 5:00-6:45p

Please join us for Wednesday Night Supper every Wednesday in the Great Hall. Bring a friend, bring your family, a neighbor or pay it forward so someone can come.

A quick Wednesday Worship Service takes place at 6:00p following supper if you wish to attend.

If you are in a position to help and feel called to do so, you can Pay it Forward by scanning the QR code.

April 22nd Instructed Eucharist at 6pm
We will celebrate the Eucharist together, stopping several times to learn more about the service.

April 29th Pizza and Game Night

May 6th Supper and Interfaith Evening Prayer at 6p, Conversation following supper

May 13th Final supper of the program year-
The leaders of the Brooks Family Shelter and DC 127, two local nonprofits, will come and speak about the ways that they are supporting families in the District with housing, employment, support, resources and education.



Wednesday Groups:

Young Adults Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00p

Join the St. Columba's Young Adults group for a Bible Study. We will meet in the Church Library for study, discussion, prayer and fellowship.

Contact Sarah
Griffin(sjg86@georgetown.edu)
for more information or to join the email list.

The Gospel of Dostoevsky: A Parish Reading Group on The Brothers Karamazov

The Brothers Karamazov is considered one of the greatest books ever written. Undoubtedly, it is a book from beginning to end about faith. And one, hopefully, that will challenge every reader to journey deeper into their faith. At various points while Dostoevsky was developing the book he considered it to be a book about the life of children, the true mission of the church, a journey from atheism to faith in Christ. What he made was a book about all those things and much more. Psychology, existentialism, freedom of the will, *true* Russian life, our incomprehensible ability to deceive ourselves and others, and on and on.

When: Wednesday @ 6:45p - 8p
When: April 8th - June 3rd
Where: 212 (and on zoom)
Contact: jdaniel@columba.org



NEW! Spring Book Study: "The Difficult Words of Jesus." Meetings begin on Wednesday April 29 at 10:00a on Zoom

Come and explore some of the most challenging teaching in the New Testament, as our Wednesday Bible group discusses "The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings" by Amy-Jill Levine. All are invited to this six-week study on Zoom.

Jesus taught his disciples how to follow Torah, God's word; he told parables to help them reflect on questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. Sell what you own... Hate father and mother... Be the slave of all... It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs... These and other statements can puzzle and disturb us.

Widely respected Jewish-Christian scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them today in our mission to live God's love.

Meetings begin on Wednesday April 29 at 10:00 am on Zoom, and participants will need to obtain the book. To learn more about the book: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/57322340-the-difficult-words-of-jesus>
For more about the study and to obtain the Zoom link, please contact the Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org

Wednesday Morning Yoga at St. Columba's at 9:30a

This Level 1 yoga practice will build strength, balance, and flexibility while deepening the connection between mind, body, and spirit. In a gentle vinyasa flow style, we will explore creative sequences where the breath is synchronized with movement. The instructor, Sara Curtin has been a yoga instructor since 2012 and has enjoyed teaching in diverse settings around Washington, DC. Her classes are dynamic, fun, and tailored to the group in the room. Cost is \$10 per class.



Meaningful Connections

Prayer Group Mondays at 7:30a

During these unsettling times, we invite you to gather for a 20-minute facilitated prayer and check-in to start your week. Let the spirit of St. Columba's hold and support you. The group continues to welcome new attendees. Contact Patty Jensen: jensenpatriciak@gmail.com if you wish to participate and/or have any questions.

First Thursday Seniors' Group 12:00 – 1:30p, Great Hall

Gatherings for people 65 and older to socialize, learn, and feed the spirit. Bring your own lunch and a friend – no need to register in advance!

LGBTQ+ Group for Parents Monthly on Mondays- please contact group leader for date/time

A group for parents of children, of all ages, who identify as LGBTQ+ that meets on the second Monday of the month. Contact LGBTQParentGroup@columba.org for meeting time and location, or fill out the form below. Please reach out to the leaders if you are interested in attending or have questions.

The Benedictine Cell First and third Wednesdays of the month at 6p

Contact Marjorie Swett for the zoom link and any questions, mbswett@hotmail.com

The Cell is a group that reflects on portions of The Rule of St. Benedict, to consider how the wisdom of this ancient spiritual guidance applies to our contemporary lives. The group is a supportive context for each of us on this journey. All are welcome to participate, regularly, or when you can.

Widows and Widowers Group Beginning in January 2026 Second and Fourth Thursdays at 12p

In January, St. Columba's will begin offering a group for those who have lost their spouse or significant other. Whether you have recently lost your partner or it was many years ago, this will be a time where we hope you can find companionship and support as you navigate the unique circumstances of widowhood. This group will meet twice a month at church (the second and fourth Thursday from 12-1p) beginning in January 2026. Please contact Cindy Dopp cdopp@columba.org / (240) 893-2693

Bible, Coffee and Conversation Sundays at 10:15a in Room 220

Discuss the scripture readings for the week and reflect on their meaning for our faith journeys and St. C's mission in the community.

Spring Grief Group Wednesdays beginning April 22 - May 27 at 7p

Those who have recently lost someone to death are invited to participate in a grief support group that will meet at the church at 7 pm on six Wednesdays beginning April 22nd and continuing through May 27th.

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. Contact Courtney Hundley for more information: chundley@columba.org

Loving Kindness Practice Thursdays from 12:00-12:30p in Room 212 and Zoom

Take a moment for yourself and join Courtney Hundley for a Loving Kindness practice. This gentle practice offers a chance to slow down, nurture your spirit, and cultivate compassion for yourself and others. Whether you're new to meditation or have practiced before, this session is a peaceful way to pause, breathe, and reconnect during your day.

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 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

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

Prayers of the People

Please keep in prayer:

Nick, Harold Hicks, Woody, Scott, Joe, Lisa, Paul Fitzgerald, Kate, Helen Brennan, Jason, Anne, J.C., George, Janice, Debbie, Gayle, Leslie, John, Eric, Barbara, Cheryl, Sean, Gladys, Dan Christopher Ravenscroft, Bill Thornby

Thanksgiving for:

Our Benedictine Cell and Centering Prayer groups, for work being done with Rebuilding Together this month

Those who have died:

Peggy Treadwell, Pat Davis, Kathleen Redpath, Eric Sagana

Are you New? We are so happy you're here!

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