

Adult Forum

10:15a in the Nave

How to Read the Bible is a three part series (October 4, 11, 18) led by the Rev. Hillary Raining. Many of us ask ourselves how we are to read the Bible, but we may hesitate to name that aloud. This forum series brings the question out into the open and creates an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Bible and how you can engage the text on your own and in community.

Register for Wednesday Supper!



Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:45p

We hope you can join us for Community Supper on Wednesday evenings. There is an occasional Wednesday when we will have a special service, community conversation or we might have evening prayer, play BINGO but all of them involve fellowship. Bring a friend, bring your family, a neighborhood or pay it forward so someone can come.

Faeast of St. Francis Animal Blessing This Wednesday (10/7) at 6pm!

Hospitality Help Needed

Our amazing Hospitality Team puts coffee/tea out every single Sunday at St. C's. We are looking for some support to help clean up the coffee service each week. Many hands make light work. If every family helped on one Sunday across the year, it would support the Hospitality ministry and staff enormously. Instructions will be available so you know exactly what to do. The clean up takes about 25-30 minutes and gets quicker each time one does it. Contact Courtney if you have any questions at chundley@columba.org

Vestry Elections

The vestry is the agent and legal representative of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy.

Elections take place annually in conjunction with the Parish Annual Meeting.

Wardens:

Andrew Marshall, Senior Warden
Gardell Gefke, Junior Warden

First Term Vestry:

Molly Reynolds and Jane Dana

Re-election for a second term:

Mike Davis and Charles Molluzzo

The Diocesan Delegates are as follows:

Sharon Albinson and Kris Moore as Alternate Delegates

Carolyn Starek, Nicole Cannizzaro and Will Hamlett (currently Alternates) are candidates for Diocesan Delegate.

October 4, 2026

Sunday Worship:

8a, 9a, 11:15a | Wee Worship at 9:15a in the Great Hall.

Healing Prayer will be offered during the 9a and 11:15a liturgies.

Sunday Bible, Coffee & Conversation

10:15a in Room 212

All are welcome. For more information and to obtain the zoom link, contact The Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org

Children and Youth Forums

(formally called Formation) at 10:15 am. All are welcome

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!



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

Prayers of the People

Please keep in prayer:

Kris, Carlisse, Henry, Thelma, John, Ed, Paul, Kaili, Jane, Sandy, Marjorie, Dan, Cathy, Alexandra, Suzanne, Carol, Peter

We ask for continued prayers for:

Christopher, Mark, Aldo, Gladys and Anne

Thanksgiving for:

The welcome and hospitality extended by our nave and wee-worship ushers each Sunday

Those who have died:

Christine Kithcart, Berland Stewart, Robert Lakes

Interested in Ministry?

Equipping the Saints Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Great Hall

Imagine all the lessons Jesus needed to teach his disciples to equip them for ministry. Equipping the Saints, led by the Rev. Hillary Raining, is our modern equivalent; it is for leaders in the church AND people who may be curious about stepping up to leadership. This five-week course will include prayer and Bible study as well as practical ministry tips, like how to best use Realm (the church database).

Classes take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm through October 14.

2026-2027 Children and Youth Program and Music Registration is open and calendars are here!

It's time to register for formation classes, music programs and acolytes. Please scan to register now and help us prepare for the coming year! To help you plan, the 2026-2027 calendars can be found here:
<https://www.columba.org/welcome/news/weekly-enews/>

Please register all your children even if they are too young for Children's Forums (this helps us capture their demographic information).



Baptism Deadline October 13

We are changing our schedule of Baptism preparation sessions and registration deadlines beginning this fall. We ask that parents, godparents and the Baptismal candidate (if they are an older child, youth or adult) attend any of the preparation sessions on zoom (7:45-9pm) prior to your preferred Baptism date. If you would like to be baptised or have your child(ren) baptised this year, please register and make note of the dates for preparation, registration deadline and rehearsal here:

Baptism Day	Baptism Date	Registration deadline	Preparation meeting date	Rehearsal Date
All Saints Day	November 1, 2026	October 12, 2026	October 22, 2026	October 28, 2026
Baptism of Jesus	January 10, 2027	October 12, 2026	October 22, 2026	January 6, 2026
The Great Vigil of Easter	March 27, 2027	March 8, 2027	March 11, 2027	March 27, 2027
Easter Sunday Wee Worship	March 28, 2027	March 8, 2027	March 11, 2027	March 27, 2027
Pentecost	May 16, 2027	April 26, 2027	May 6, 2027	May 12, 2027
Summer Baptism	July 11, 2027	April 26, 2027	May 6, 2027	July 7, 2027

Benedictine Cell Wednesday, October 7 at 6p on Zoom

The Benedictine Cell meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning , by zoom, 6p-7p. 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.

Wednesday Bible– The Story of Joseph– new study begins Oct 21.

It's about much more than a colorful coat! The Joseph story in the Book of Genesis is considered a literary masterpiece of the ancient world- a psychologically complex story of betrayal and abandonment followed by reconciliation and renewal, as God crosses ethnic and geographic boundaries to achieve divine purposes. All are welcome to join this discussion, Wednesday mornings on zoom beginning Oct. 21. To learn more contact the Rev. David Griswold at dgriswold@columba.org.

Youth Lock-In Palooza Friday, November 6 at 8pm

Join us for the Ultimate Youth Party Night, a beloved event among our youth group members! We will be spending the night at the church, embarking on exciting scavenger hunts, playing games, watching movies, enjoying tasty snacks, participating in a midnight service, and sleeping over at St. Columba's.

We kindly request parents to assist as chaperones and help out with breakfast the next morning.

This event is open to youth in grades 7-12, and registration is mandatory. Guests are encouraged to join us but must also register beforehand. If you are not planning on staying for the entire evening, we ask that you depart by 11 PM on the evening of the 6th. We look forward to a fantastic time together!

To Register visit [columba.org/welcome/news/weekly-enews/](https://www.columba.org/welcome/news/weekly-enews/)

Grief Group Group beginning Wednesday, November 4 at 7p in Room 220

Have you recently lost a loved one? Would you benefit from some support from others who are experiencing grief? Please join us for six Wednesday evenings beginning in early November for prayer, conversation and fellowship. We will gather in room 220 from 7-8p. We will meet 11-4, 11, 18 and 12-2, 9, 16th.



Water Ministry Coat and Backpack Drive Collection
The Water Ministry is conducting a Winter Coat and Backpack Drive, please bring donations to the Common on October 11 and October 18.

