



COME AND SEE HOW YOU CAN FIND YOUR PLACE

At the Chapel of the Cross

WELCOME!

This is an opportunity for you to explore and to consider prayerfully how you will participate in the life of this community. To find your place is a reciprocal pursuit – it both life-giving to you and supports the work of this parish in being a place of transformation to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

To complete an interest survey, request a nametag or a visit with a priest, [click here](#).

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Liturgical Volunteers

Altar Guild

Teams of parishioners who lovingly prepare the Altars for our worship services. — [Melanie Coley](#), [Melody Savage](#)

Acolytes

Baptized students from fifth grade to young adults in their early twenties who assist the clergy during liturgies on Sundays and other holy days, representing and leading the congregation in worship. — [Keith Esposito](#)

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Liturgical service bearing the chalice, the wine, at communion to fellow parishioners. — [Elizabeth Marie Melchionna](#)

Lay Readers

Baptized lay persons, both adults and youth, serve as lectors and intercessors on Sundays and at other major services. — [Ellen Cole](#)

Ushers

Adults and older children who assist worshippers by locating seats, distributing bulletins, collecting offering, directing those who wish to receive communion, and collecting bulletins and returning prayer books and hymnals to their racks after the service. — [Pat Phelan](#)

Children's Chapel

A Sunday morning service in the chapel that provides the first liturgical experience for children two through seven years of age; it includes music, stories, prayer, and learning familiar responses children will hear in church. Older children serve as Youth Saints, assisting our young parishioners during this service. — [Boykin Bell](#)

Choir

Cherub Choristers

We learn about matching pitch, steady beat, and other musical fundamentals through fun and engaging activities. This training choir rehearses each week for thirty minutes in the third floor Choir Room.

Novice Choristers

Open to all first and second graders, the Novice Choristers provide the opportunity to learn principles of music such as rhythm, dynamics, diction, memory, blend, and group singing. One of the primary goals for each chorister is to recognize his or her own voice as a gift from God, and in so doing, to foster a lifelong love of singing. Choristers also learn to understand their importance as young liturgical leaders, gaining valuable skills in anthem- and hymn-singing.

The Novice Choir sings once a month at the 9:00 Sunday service. The help of parent volunteers in church services, as well as in the weekly Wednesday rehearsals, is most welcome.

Choristers

Open to all third through sixth graders, the Cantus Choristers provide the opportunity to learn principles of music such as rhythm, dynamics, diction, memory, blend, and group singing.

One of the primary goals for each chorister is to recognize his or her own voice as a gift from God, and in so doing, to foster a lifelong love of singing. Choristers also learn to understand their importance as young liturgical leaders, gaining valuable skills in anthem- and hymn-singing.

The Cantus Choir sings twice a month at the 9:00 Sunday service. The help of parent volunteers in church services, as well as in the weekly Wednesday rehearsals, is most welcome.

Junior Choir

Open to all young people beginning in the seventh grade. Boys with changed voices are also welcome. The Junior Choir sings for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharists and on other occasions throughout the year such as Choral Evensong, Lessons and Carols, Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve.

No prior experience or musical background is needed for members of the choir. Another important aspect of the choir's work is the learning the significance of the liturgical year, including knowledge of seasons and holy days, and of biblical and theological themes, which are embodied in the liturgies for which the choir sings.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and one hour before services. A regular schedule of social events throughout the year provides a balance of work, worship, and fun.

Adult Choir

This choir sings for 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services (10 a.m. during the summer), and frequently on holy days or at special musical services throughout the year.

The repertory consists of choral music from every period from the medieval period to the present. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 and one hour before services. Occasional longer or additional rehearsals are held as necessary. If you are interested in singing in the choir please call Joseph Causby. There is no formal audition, but a meeting with the Director of Music is needed for voice placement.

All choirs are affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America.

All questions about choirs should be directed to: [Joe Causby](#)

Administration

Welcome Center Team

Volunteers who assist in the day-to-day running of the parish office by answering the telephones, greeting guests, and providing general office assistance. Schedules are very flexible. Training will be provided. — [Lee Wollman](#)

Livestream Team

Interested in seeing church from another angle? A back of the house view? Want to learn new technology? Please consider joining our #LiveStreamTeam. — [Jeff Crawford](#)

Stewardship

Join the ministry of stewardship! We work on the stewardship of financial gifts to the mission and ministries of The Chapel of the Cross. You can be involved as a member of the Stewardship Committee (meets monthly) or by helping with the Annual Campaign during the fall, or other fundraising activities throughout the year. Our parish budget is funded primarily by the generous gifts of parishioners and friends. — [Diane McOmie](#)

Pastoral Care and Hospitality

Pray!

Each parishioner receives our parish-wide prayer list that is published in our Friday weekly emails. Take time each day to offer prayer for our fellow parishioners in their time of need. If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please seek their permission first. Submit names to the prayer list by contacting Ellen Cole, or filling out the form [here](#). Parish practice is to leave names on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless otherwise requested. — [Ellen Cole](#)

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Laypersons authorized to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner following a celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the celebration. Eucharistic Visitors serve at the invitation of the Rector after a process of discernment. Special training is required. — [Scott Balderson](#)

Guild of the Christ Child

Welcoming new children (birth, adoption or foster) into the parish by delivering gifts and a meal. — [Boykin Bell](#)

Good Samaritans Guild

Support for fellow parishioners with both short and long-term needs with home-cooked meals, running errands, providing transportation, loaning items from the church's medical equipment

supply, making calls, and writing notes to those in need. The time commitment is flexible and there are many ways in which we can serve one another for a season.

— [Peggy Pratt](#),

Altar Flower Delivery

Deliver 4 to 6 small arrangements of Sunday's altar flowers to parishioners on Monday mornings. The flowers are accompanied by a card expressing concern, care or joy, depending on the occasion. — [Jodie Peirce](#)

Funeral Guild

The Funeral Guild lovingly hosts funeral receptions, greets visitors, and assists the family during the most trying of times. — [Barbara Day](#)

Support Teams

Support Teams minister to parishioners by offering team-based, longer-term support to those living with physical, mental, and spiritual challenges. Members are provided training in confidentiality and ministry that is designed to meet those needs, within their own scope and ability. They may provide visits, pastoral care conversations, phone calls, assistance with doctor's appointments, meals or errands that are needed by the Support Team Friend. Each team meets regularly to discuss the care that is being given, make any necessary tweaks, and to support one another in this ministry. — [Miriam Fahrer](#), [Gayle Hartis](#)

Kitchen Guild

The Kitchen Guild serves Sunday morning coffee and coordinates parish receptions and dinners. Team members also organize and plan special events [Ellen Cole](#)

Formation

Episcopal Youth Community

A group of young people (6 -12th grade) who meet, socialize, play, participate in community service, worship, and explore social and personal issues in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and support. — [Karen Connor McGugen](#)

Episcopal Campus Ministry

A group for undergraduate tar heels! ECM students meet during academic year for worship, support, service and fun. — [Chaplain Mary Cat Young](#)

CrossTies

This group of 20s-30s young adults gathers periodically for fun and fellowship — [Chaplain Mary Cat Young](#)

Women's Bible Studies

Wednesday | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Parlor and Terrace
Thursday | 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Zoom

The Women's Bible Studies will spend the fall reading *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams alongside the upcoming Sunday Lectionary passages. Preparatory reading (one chapter each week) is helpful but not required. — [Boykin Bell](#)

Parenting Groups / The Next Chapter

Times to be determined by members

Small groups for parent of teens & adolescent and for parents of adults. — [Karen Connor McGugen](#)

Theological Book Study

The Theological Book Study meets on Thursday evenings about once a month to discuss titles suggested by members. The group is currently reading Thomas Merton's *Life and Holiness*. — [Vivian Taylor](#)

Men's Thursday Morning Breakfast and Bible Study

This group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:00 am, in the Library Conference Room (and on Zoom) for breakfast and a study of the upcoming Sunday Gospel. — [Russ Cole](#)

Sunday Afternoon Book Study

Approximately twice a month at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. — [Gayle Hartis](#)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a contemplative spiritual practice that fosters a relationship with God and the Christian community. This group meets every Tuesday on-line (Zoom) and the first Tuesday of the month in-person (church library). Meeting time: 5:15 - 6:30 pm. — [Pat Moore](#)

Pop-Up Book Groups

These small groups are a small commitment— one book (read at one's own pace) and one meeting (determined by members). Pop-Up Book Groups begin in September and will be held throughout the year. [Boykin Bell](#)

History of Christianity Study

Tuesdays, beginning September 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Zoom

The History of Christianity" begins. This weekly course with the Rev. High Tilson and Joseph Riddick will meet Tuesdays at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Participants should plan to attend regularly and make the 9-month commitment. - [Hugh Tilson](#), [Joseph Riddick](#)

Daughters of the King (The Reverend Doctor Pauli Murray Chapter)

Members of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) are women who have undergone a three-month period of study and discernment. Each new member takes vows to uphold the two Rules of the Order; the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Empowered by the Holy Spirit our vision is to know Jesus Christ and to make him known to others.

Girls from 7 to 21 are welcome to join as Junior Daughters. Our local chapter is named the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray chapter. — [Sarah Snow](#)

Sunday Morning Adult Programs

During the church school hour, adults gather for coffee and formation. — [Boykin Bell](#)

Spiritual Life Guild

The Spiritual Life Guild (SLG) seeks ways to enhance the spiritual growth and spiritual well-being of the parish community. To bring this vision to reality, this Guild, by way of continuing dialogue and outreach and through worship and fellowship, will offer resources and experiences that enable community members to deepen their spirituality and invest in a growing relationship with God, neighbor and self. — [Jenny Mabie](#)

Adult Inquirers Class

A series of classes taught by the clergy on the Episcopal approach to the basics of Christianity. — [Mary Catherine Young](#)

Youth Inquirers Class

A spiritual formation program, open to all senior high students, that focuses on the practices that constitute the Christian life and faith. — [Karen Connor McGugen](#)

My Spiritual Awakening, Programs of the Lilly Grant for Spiritual Discernment.

More information can be found at this [link](#)

Speaker Series

This speaker series brings in people to discuss the intersection of faith and their career, offering them a place to articulate how they view their work as part of God's call on their life. The schedule will be announced seasonally. Events are held in the Chapel beginning at 5:30 pm.

Walk In Love Mentors Program

Our Mentor program pairs faithful community members with students who are glad to have an adult in their life to walk with them through a season of learning, exploration and vocational discernment. — [Barb Ashdown](#)

Faith in Action

Global Mission, Outreach Ministries, and Creation Care involve the parish in supporting mission work outside the United States and with social outreach activities, support for individual ministries,

promotion of environmental stewardship and educational opportunities in our parish and local community.

Global Mission

Vivanco Ministry, Ecuador
Caroline and John Allen Ministry, Ecuador
Education=Hope, Ecuador
Kwasa College, South Africa
Episcopal Relief and Development
Rise Against Hunger (co-sponsored with Outreach Ministries)
— Jill Conrad, jillconrad.gmc@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries

Inter Faith Council
Freedom House
Meals on Wheels
Club Nova
Justice United
MLK Day of Service
Advent Giving (formerly Giving Tree)
Project 5000
ABC Sale
Refugee Support Committee
Habitat for Humanity
Rise Against Hunger (co-sponsored with Global Mission)
— [Scott Radway](#)

Johnson Service Corp

[Johnson Service Corps](#) is a 10.5 month program for young adults, ages 21 to 28, to live together in intentional community, explore justice work, and engage in spiritual and personal growth in Durham, NC. — [Julia Tyler](#)

Preschool at the Chapel of the Cross

[PCC](#) offers quality, early childhood education in a half-day, year-round program. — [Anna Williams](#)

Creation Care Committee

The CCC promotes Caring for God's Creation through education programs, advocacy, and projects such as energy audits and recycling & composting. [Neil Pedersen](#)

The Racial Justice and Equity Committee

This group supports the parish in its pursuit of becoming beloved community. — [Boykin Bell](#)

Inter-Faith Council Cook Teams

Interested in joining a cook team? The IFC holds short volunteer orientation sessions on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 at the IFC Commons, 110 W. Main St., Carrboro, and

volunteer applications can be completed at that time. The IFC hopes to open up the Community Kitchen for dine-in service soon, and they are still serving meals-to-go at lunch and dinner.

— [Cecilia Mackey](#)

ABC (Attic, Basement, Closet) Sale

Our annual rummage sale in support of our ongoing outreach. One week each year, COTC turns into a large department store. Parishioners donate goods, sort, price and sell. Opportunities abound for fun and fellowship! — [Lucy Falk](#), [Debbie Newcomb](#)

Justice United

Orange County Justice United is a non-partisan organization made up of churches, synagogues, and non-profits dedicated to strengthening communities by developing the skills and capacities of their leaders to take action on concrete, winnable social justice issues that affect our people every day. — [Nancy Tunnessen](#)

Done in a Day

Below is a list of jobs that can be done in a short time, without a set schedule, or from home. These tasks, while they may seem small, are important in the life of our parish. — [Ellen Cole](#)

- **Laundry:** Kitchen linens, altar linens and acolyte robes
- **Dishwasher:** Help support our commitment to creation care by volunteering to wash dishes after parish events.
- **Note Writing:** Writing notes of encouragement and acknowledgement of Flower memorials
- **Funeral Guild:** Ushering, greeting, providing home baked goods
- **Altar Guild :** Polishing silver or washing/ironing small linens
- **Christian Formation:** Prepping art for Church School and Vacation Church Camp
- **Rise Against Hunger:** pack food to be sent to needy folks overseas
- **MLK Day of Service**
- **Refugee Support**
- **IFC Food Prep and Delivery**
- **Not So Secret Shopper:** Shop and run errands for our ministries
- **Assist Campus Ministry:** Help with administrative short-term support projects
- **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Hosts**
- **Good Samaritan Guild:** Drivers to take fellow parishioners to appointments, Deliver casseroles to those in need
- **Reach Out Team:** Maintain phone contact with parishioners who might benefit from someone reaching out to them.
- **Ride Share:** Coming to a service or event? Check with your neighbors to see if anyone needs a ride.
- **Pop Up Book Groups**
- **Home Composting:** See a member of our Creation Care Committee to begin home composting.