FINDING YOUR PLACE

Programs & Activities

THE CHAPEL OF THE CROSS
DEAR PARISH FAMILY...
...You are invited to further engagement with your parish, the Chapel of the Cross!

Indeed, you are the ministers of the church:

Q. **Who are the ministers of the Church?**

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Q. **What is the ministry of the laity?**

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given to them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

*(Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, 856)*

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

I am thankful to journey with you in this ministry!

Faithfully,

Elizabeth Marie Melchionna
Rector
SERVICE SCHEDULE

WORSHIP DURING ACADEMIC YEAR
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 5:15 pm
Thursday: 5:15 pm

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:15 pm

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL
Sunday: 9:00 am in the Chapel

EVENING PRAYER
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:15 pm

SPECIAL SERVICES WITH FRIENDS WITH DISABILITIES
3rd Monday of the month: 7:00 pm

SERVICES AT RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES
Carolina Meadows: First Sunday of the Month at 10:00 am
Galloway Ridge: Third Thursday of the Month at 2:00 pm
Carol Woods: Fourth Sunday of the Month at 4:00 pm

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER!

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IN GOD’S HOUSE....
Help us to listen to you, dear God.

**Altar Guild**
Teams of parishioners who lovingly prepare the Altars for our worship services. — Lisa Hooke, lhooke64@gmail.com, 919-414-5668 or Kim Williams, kimwilliams1@nc.rr.com, 919-960-6775

**Acolytes**
Baptized students from sixth 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. — Mike Peterson, mpeterson@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-929-2193

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**
Liturgical service bearing the chalice, the wine, at communion to fellow parishioners. — Elizabeth Marie Melchionna, rector@thechapelofthecross.org.

**Lay Readers**
Baptized lay persons, both adults and youth, serve as lectors and intercessors on Sundays and at other major services; those licensed by the Bishop of North Carolina officiate at daily services of Evening Prayer. — Ellen Cole, ecole@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-442-2563

**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. — Chris Carrington, carringtonesq@gmail.com, 919-403-7468; Pat Phelan, wpatrickphelan@aol.com, 919-270-1590; Dave Scocca, dave@scocca.org

**Special Services with Friends with Disabilities**
A worship service at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month designed especially for persons with developmental disabilities; volunteers (including musicians) and parish attendees are needed and always welcome! — Jean McDonald, jeanhixmcd@nc.rr.com
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 Dunlap Bell, bbell@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-929-2193

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
Music at Chapel of the Cross
With my family and friends and neighbors and strangers
I have sung to you Lord and praised your holy Name.

Cherub Choir
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 Children’s Activity room. — Director of Music, Joseph Causby, jcausby@thechapelofthecross.org

Novice and Cantus Choir
Novice Choristers (first through second graders) and Cantus Choristers (third through fifth graders) 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. The Novice Choir sings once a month and the Cantus Choristers sing twice a month at the 9:00 Sunday service with the Junior Choir. — Joseph Causby, jcausby@thechapelofthecross.org

Junior Choir
Open to all young people beginning in the sixth 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. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons from 6:00-7:00, and forty-five minutes before services. — Joseph Causby, jcausby@thechapelofthecross.org

Adult Choir
This is the primary choir for 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 the medieval period to the present. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday
evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 and forty-five minutes before services. There is no formal audition, but a meeting with the Director of Music is needed for voice placement. New members are welcome any time during the year. — Joseph Causby, jcausby@thechapelofthecross.org

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

Volunteer Musicians - Special Services
Musicians are needed on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. to lead and share in the music during our Special Service with Friends with Disabilities. — Jean McDonald, jeanhixmcd@nc.rr.com, 919-419-1230

WELCOMING AND SAYING HELLO
Help me to love everybody the way you love me.

Administrative Office Volunteers
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. — Ellen Cole, ecole@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-442-2563

Newcomer Engagement
The newcomer engagement committee welcomes, mentors, and engages newcomers by shepherding them towards active membership at the Chapel of the Cross. — Molly Dempsey, mollymolly@bellsouth.net, 919-969-8349

Greeters
Greeting and assisting fellow parishioners at the church door. — Michael Hickman, michaelwesleyhickman@gmail.com
SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH AND ONE ANOTHER

We are all children together.
Help us to love each other as you love us, Lord.

PASTORAL CARE

Pray!
Each parishioner receives our parish-wide prayer list that is published in our weekly emails and bulletins. 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, then contact Ellen Cole at ecole@thechapelofthecross.org. You may also write a name on the prayer list located in the vestibule between the chapel and the welcome desk.

The Reverend Doctor Pauli Murray Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King
The Daughters of the King® is an international order for women whose purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus our Lord and Savior and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parishes and missions. We will be holding sessions throughout the year for those who may be interested in becoming members. — Barbara Schliebe, barbaraschliebe@gmail.com, 919-967-3070

Lay Eucharistic Visitors
Eucharistic Visitors serve at the invitation of the Rector after a process of discernment. Special training is required. — Elizabeth Marie Melchionna, rector@thechapelofthecross.org

Guild of the Christ Child
Welcoming new children (birth, adoption or foster) into the parish by delivering gifts and a meal. — Laura Raffield, Imtonks@gmail.com, 919-257-9426

Good Samaritans Guild
Support for fellow parishioners with both short and long-term needs with home-cooked meals, running errands, providing transportation, loaning 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, peg.pratt@yahoo.com
**Naomi’s Network**
This group of parish widows meet for fun, support and service.
— Nancy Tunnessen, nltunnessen71@gmail.com

**Altar Flower Delivery**
Rearrange and deliver small bouquets from the altar flowers on Monday mornings with a card to parishioners with assurance of our prayers and as an expression of our concern for their well-being, gratitude for special service, or congratulations for joyful occasions.
— Mary Guckes, mmguckes@gmail.com

**Funeral Guild**
The Funeral Guild lovingly hosts funeral receptions, greets visitors, assists the family and ushers during the most trying of times.
— Barbara Day, bday1@email.unc.edu, 919-942-5746

**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, miriamfahrer@aol.com, Gayle Hartis, gaylehartis@gmail.com, David Moore, davidmmoore712@gmail.com

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**HOSPITALITY**

**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, ecole@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-442-2563
A sub-group of the Kitchen Guild is **Large Event Planning**
Do you love to plan and organize? If so, large event planning is for you! Examples are:

- Parish Engagement Fair
- Dinners on the Grounds, summer potlucks
- Epiphany Potluck
- Blessing of the Costumes
- Searching for the Stars

— Ellen Cole, ecole@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-442-2563

**Sunday morning receptions**
Parishioners gather after the 11:15 service during the academic year, and on select Sundays during the summer for light refreshments and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to host each Sunday. — Barbara Lankford, blcaswell@gmail.com, 919-533-6435

**Wednesday Evening Potluck**
Families and friends meet to share dinner most Wednesday evenings at 5:30 during the academic year. Cleanup is shared and a good time is had by all.

**SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**
*We gather together – Mothers and fathers, Brothers and sisters, Friends and neighbors, Strangers and newcomers.*

**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.

— Mike Peterson, mpeterson@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-929-2193
**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, ecm@unc.edu, 919-442-8178

**CrossTies**
This group of 20s-30s young adults meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library for socializing, service projects and spiritual reflection. Join us to connect with one another and get involved at COTC. Visit www.facebook.com/CrossTiesCOTC for more information. — Chaplain Mary Cat Young, ecm@unc.edu, 919-442-8178

**Second Sunday Book Study**
This group meets once a month after the 5:15 service for discussion and a potluck meal. Past book selections have included the writings of Gregory Boyle, John Phillip Newell, Anne Lamott, Frederick Buechner, Kate Bowler and the Most Rev. Michael Curry. Space is limited. — Jean Greer, jeangreer@me.com.

**Celtic Practices**
“Celtic Practices” will meet for twelve Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8:30 p.m., beginning September 11. The group will discuss how individual stories are part of God’s larger story. The syllabus will include “12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred: The Soul’s Slow Ripening” by Christine Valters Paintner. Space is limited. — Jan Krause, jankrause216@gmail.com

**Martha’s Circle**
Martha’s Circle, meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month starting September 17, 9:30 – 11 a.m., in the Parlor. The 2019-2020 study will focus on “Women of the Bible: Excavating Their Stories,” with discussions of Old and New Testament women and Judith from the Apocrypha. No preparation is necessary and new faces are welcome at any time during the year. — Gretchen Jordan, gsjordan@embarqmail, 919-618-1307
**Wednesday Women’s Bible Study resumes September 18**
This weekly women's Bible Study meets 9 - 10 a.m. in the parlor. In the fall, the group will read *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, alongside the Sunday Gospel readings and selections from other faith traditions. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Parents Book and Bible Study**
The Parents Book and Bible study meets every 4-6 weeks on Wednesday evenings, 6 - 7 p.m. Contact Lindsay for upcoming dates and topics. — Lindsay Porter, lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com

**Men’s Thursday Morning Breakfast and Bible Study**
This group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month for breakfast and a study of the upcoming Sunday Gospel (7:30 am, Parish Hall). — Russ Cole, rcole@fmrealty.com, 919-698-0590

**The Human Condition with Prof. Stephen Donato**
“The Human Condition” is a philosophical inquiry into what it means to be fully human. During the 5-part class, we will study reflections offered by several leading philosophers, as well as insights drawn from classic novels, plays, poetry and film. Meets on Wednesdays, Nov. 6 - Dec. 11, 7– 8:30 p.m. Register by emailing Boykin Bell at bbell@thechapelofthecross.org.

**Centering Prayer**
Centering Prayer is an ancient, silent prayer of consent to God’s presence and action within our lives. It offers a way for Christians to live faithful, ordinary lives with extraordinary love. For those who long for God, or who are attracted to silence, you may wish to try Centering Prayer. This open group meets on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on the third floor in Room 303. — Pat Moore, lpmoire@gmail.com, 919 967-1961; Watson Bowes, wbowes@gmail.com, 919 929-3323.

**Foyer Dinner Groups**
A way to meet other parishioners, get better acquainted with those you may already know, share food & fellowship, and form friendships that give a sense of belonging in our large parish.

- **Traditional Foyer groups:** Groups of eight or ten sharing informal meals (lunch, brunch or dinner) with host/hostess providing the main dish and group members providing everything from wine and appetizers to sides and dessert. — Barbara Lankford, blcaswell@gmail.com, 919-533-6435
- **Flexible Foyer Groups:** Continuing our tradition of nontraditional Foyer Groups, join for an academic year of
activities such as, casual dinners at restaurants, themed dinners at church, guest speakers, book discussions, or going to a movie or play. — Nancy Tunnessen, nltunnessen71@gmail.com and Barbara Lankford, blcaswell@gmail.com, 919-533-6435

• **Family Foyer fun:** Gatherings for families. — Marianna Law, mare.law@gmail.com; Katie Vick, deltakate1@gmail.com

**Parent Groups**
Throughout the year, parents gather to discuss a variety of topics. Interested in participating? Or would you like to start a group? — Boykin Dunlap Bell, bbell@thechapelofthecross.org or Ellen Cole, cole@thechapelofthecross, 919-929-2193

**Third Sunday Spiritual Reading Group**
This group meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday after the 5:15 service. The first meeting on Sunday, September 15 will discuss *Call it Grace* by Serene Jones. The group will decide on future readings and develop discussion guidelines. — Barbara Lankford, blcaswell@gmail.com, 919-533-6435

**Pop-Up Book Groups**
These small groups are a small commitment—one book (read at one’s own pace) and one meeting. Pop-Up Book Groups will be held throughout the year. For more information or to make topic suggestions, contact Boykin Bell at bbell@thechapelofthecross.org.
GROWING AS CHRISTIANS
So now I am me, Your child,
Growing and running and singing
And dancing and being and becoming in your love.

Infants – 5th grade
- Sunday Morning Child Care (Infant-7)
- Children's Chapel (for ages 2-7)
- Youth Saints (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade)
- Church School (2 yrs - 5th grade)
- Worship Education (2nd grade)
- Cherub Choir (PreK - Kindergarten)
- Novice Choir (1st and 2nd grade)
- Cantus Choir (3rd through 5th grade)
- Vacation Church Camp (Pre-K - 5th)
- Lay Readers (4th grade and up)

Middle School and High School
- Church School (6th, 7th and 8th grades)
- Church School (High School)
- Vacation Church Camp – Jr. Counselors, Counselors
- Episcopal Youth Community
- Summer Mission Trip
- Acolytes
- Junior Choir (6th grade and above)
- Ushers
- Lay Readers
- Youth Inquirers

Sunday Morning
Adult Programs
During the church school hour, adults gather for
coffee and formation. —
Boykin Dunlap Bell, bbell@
thechapelofthecross.org, 919-
929-2193

Spiritual Life Committee
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, mabie.jenny@gmail.com, 919-942-8824

**Adult Inquirers Class**
A series of classes taught by the clergy on the Episcopal approach to the basics of Christianity. — Ellen Cole, ecole@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-929-2193

**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. — Mike Peterson, mpeterson@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-929-2193

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**MY SPIRITUAL AWAKENING:**
Programs of The Lilly Grant for Spiritual Discernment

**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.

**Finding Your Purpose Conference**
Keynote speakers, workshops, and creative formation sessions offer students tools and opportunities to consider how vocation and career interests intersect with their spiritual lives on September 14. Registration is open and the event is free. For more information visit: https://findingyourpurpose.squarespace.com.

**Mentorship 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. Contact Meg Flournoy to learn more about sharing some of your time and wisdom, and being a good listener and companion to our students! — Meg Flournoy megff18@gmail.com
**Veterans project**
Working in companionship with the Carolina Veterans Resource Center, join our volunteer corps in outreach, snack brigade, mentoring and other ways of making connections with and supporting our veterans who are students at UNC. —Chaplain Mary Cat Young, ecm@unc.edu, 919-442-8178

**BEYOND THE CHAPEL STEP**
*Thank you, Lord, for caring about every atom of your creation.*

**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**
  - Education = Hope, Ecuador
  - Vivanco Ministry, Ecuador
  - Youth World, Quito, Ecuador
  - Ecuador Mission and Discovery Trip, Feb. 11-17, 2020
  - La Esperanza de Jesus Children’s Home, Honduras
  - Kwasa Centre, South Africa
  - Rise Against Hunger, 2/23/20
  - Support for the Hispanic community
  - Tutoring a child through Latino Educational Achievement Partnership (LEAP)

  Contact, Jackie Dzierlenga, jdzierlenga@gmail.com, 919-967-5195

◊ **Outreach Ministries**
  - Inter Faith Council
  - Freedom House
  - Meals on Wheels
  - Club Nova
• Justice United
• MLK Day of Service, 1/20/20
• Giving Tree
• Special Service with Friends with Disabilities
• Project 5000
• ABC Sale, 3/21/20
• Refugee Support Committee
• Habitat for Humanity
• Rise Against Hunger, 2/23/20
• Johnson Service Corp
• Preschool at the Chapel of the Cross
Contact, Mary Kent Hill, mhill7@nc.rr.com, 919-605-0498

◊ Creation Care Committee
  The CCC promotes Caring for God's Creation through education programs, advocacy, and projects such as energy audits and recycling & composting. Contact, Linda Rimer, lbrimer@gmail.com, 919-270-8836 or Neil Pedersen, neilgpedersen@gmail.com, 919-967-8507

ABC (Attic, Basement, Closet) Sale
Our annual rummage sale in support of our ongoing outreach is scheduled for March 21, 2020 For one week each year, COTC turns into a large department store. Parishioners donate goods, sort, price and sell. Opportunities abound for fun and fellowship! — Amy Daubert, amydaubert@me.com or Katie Vaughan, vaughnkatie@gmail.com

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, nlturnnessen71@gmail.com, 919-969-8664

Woodcutters
Volunteers cut and deliver firewood in the winter months to people who need it to heat their homes and can't afford to buy wood. We seek donations of wood, the temporary loan of trucks and other equipment, but mostly people who want to help. — Contact, Jenny Mabie, mabie.jenny@gmail.com, 919-942-8824
Below please find 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, ecole@thechapelofthecross.org, 919-442-2563.

- **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
- **Christian Formation**: Prepping art for Church School and Vacation Church Camp
- **Altar Guild**: Polishing silver and brass
- **Rise Against Hunger**: pack food to be sent to needy folks overseas
- **Teaching Packets**: Prepare and copy packets for visiting teachers
- **MLK Day of Service**
- **Habitat Build Day**
- **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 Reception Hosts**: Flexible schedule! You can volunteer for one, two, or ten Sundays!
- **Parish Day of Service**: Several days a year, join us as we clean and organize our parish home
- **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
- **Ride Share**: Coming to a service or event? Check with your neighbors to see if anyone needs a ride.
- **Pop Up Book Groups**