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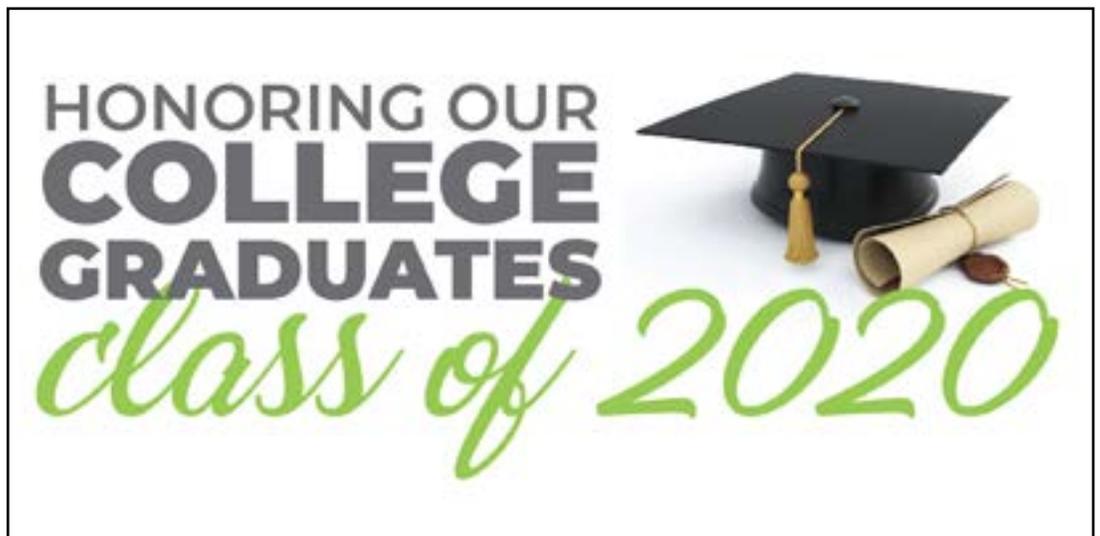
SUNDAY SERVICES  
ARE **LIVE! ONLINE**

**CHRIST PROVIDENCE**  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

**CHRIST SOUTH**  
10:00 a.m. Casual Family Worship

**CHRIST CONCORD**  
10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

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## from the Senior Pastor

We were created for community and relationships. However, these past couple of months of being apart have been necessary, but also difficult spiritually and mentally. While we desire to return to in-person worship, let's not use the phrase, "back to normal." This is not going to look "normal" for quite some time.

For a moment, let's set aside the question as to WHEN that will happen. Let's first ask the question, HOW? In consultation with the national church body of the ELCA, the local Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, our governor's guidelines, Church Council and physicians within Christ Lutheran Church, we have adopted certain protocols as to how we can reopen and provide a safe environment to our worshippers.

This will apply to Christ Providence and Christ Concord. Christ South will continue to meet online for the foreseeable future.

1. Basic protocols many of you already use in your work and community environment will continue with in-person worship.
  - a. Masks will be required for those age two and above. Please bring your own.
  - b. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.
  - c. Thorough cleaning of hard surfaces.
  - d. Intentional social distancing in the sanctuaries (i.e. six feet for non-family)
2. In addition, specific worship practices will be temporarily changed.
  - a. The physical Sharing of the Peace will be suspended.
  - b. Offering plates will not be passed but rather located in the rear of the sanctuaries.
  - c. At first, choirs and bands will be temporarily replaced by smaller ensembles.
  - d. While drive-through communion in the parking lots will continue, we are exploring ways to have communion in person safely once we return.
  - e. Congregational singing will be limited.
  - f. Traffic flow in and out of the sanctuaries will be regulated.
  - g. Doors will be propped open.
  - h. There will be no coffee/fellowship hour before or after worship.
  - i. There will not be an in-person children's sermon.
  - j. There will not be church-provided "activity bags" for children.
  - k. No nursery care will be available at first.
  - l. Seating capacity will not exceed 33% maximum capacity.

Let's not suggest that this is getting back to "normal." This is the new abnormal, at least for now. Of course, your safety will be a high priority, so let me be very clear about this:

- If you have any flu-like symptoms, please do not attend (i.e. fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, loss of taste).
- If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus, please do not attend.
- If your age or medical condition places you at higher risk for severe COVID-related illness, please do not attend
- If you are a healthcare worker, we trust that you are using good judgement and care to minimize the risk both at work, home and if you decide to attend worship.

In no way will your attendance be expected— this is completely voluntary. You will have to assume some risk. However, if you do decide to worship in-person once we open our doors, we ask that you follow these protocols very carefully. They are all set in place for your protection— but even more importantly in our Christian witness, for the sake of the other.

That's the HOW. When we think we can implement these protocols safely, heeding our best medical advice, I will certainly let you know WHEN. At this point all I can say is that it will be slow and gradual. It will not happen until after we move into Phase 3 of the governor's plan. And even then, we are not looking to be the first (or second) church to open.

Until then, while I long to be reunited with the good people of Christ Lutheran, I also want to be smart and safe in doing so.

**Peace,  
Pastor Scott**



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# Captive FREE

## SUNDAY SERMON SERIES JULY 5 - 26

*For many people, freedom means that I can do what I want, I can live the way I choose and I need only be accountable to myself. But for the Christian, we live in the paradox of being the Captive Free. Having been set free from sin, death and the law by Christ, we have the freedom not to live for our own pleasure, but to live for others. During this month, we will look at the classic story of The Exodus and study how God set his people free, not to do whatever they wanted, but to do what God wanted us to be: the Captive Free.*

### **JULY 5 • FREED FROM THE PAST**

These United States were founded on a bold experiment that a government did not have to be run by a nobility class or by a military coup, but rather of the people, for the people and by the people. It is a bold vision that has managed to survive all these years. And when it falters, we return to the vision embedded in the Constitution. What is your Constitution that keeps you grounded? For Moses, it was a burning bush that called him to freedom. And when life got difficult during the Exodus, he would remember that burning bush where the vision was given. What is your Constitution? What is your burning bush? Where do you return in your mind to keep you from giving up your freedom? *Exodus 3:1-6; Mark 1:16-20*

### **JULY 12 • FREED FOR LOVING GOD**

As we celebrate high school graduation for so many of our young men and women, they have freedom in their minds— freed from helicopter parents, freed from high

school, freed from curfews, freed from rules. Instead of thinking “freed from,” let’s turn our thinking towards “freed for.” We have been set free for a life that is pleasing to God. In the same way, the Israelites were set free not so that they could do as they please, but they were set free to do as God pleases. Do you remember what you were freed for?

*Exodus 20:1-11; Galatians 5:1, 13-14; Matthew 22:36-40*

### **JULY 19 • FREED TO SERVE OTHERS**

Luther once wrote about our freedom: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.” As God led his people out of slavery towards the freedom of the Promised Land, he reminded them that central to this freedom was the responsibility to one another.

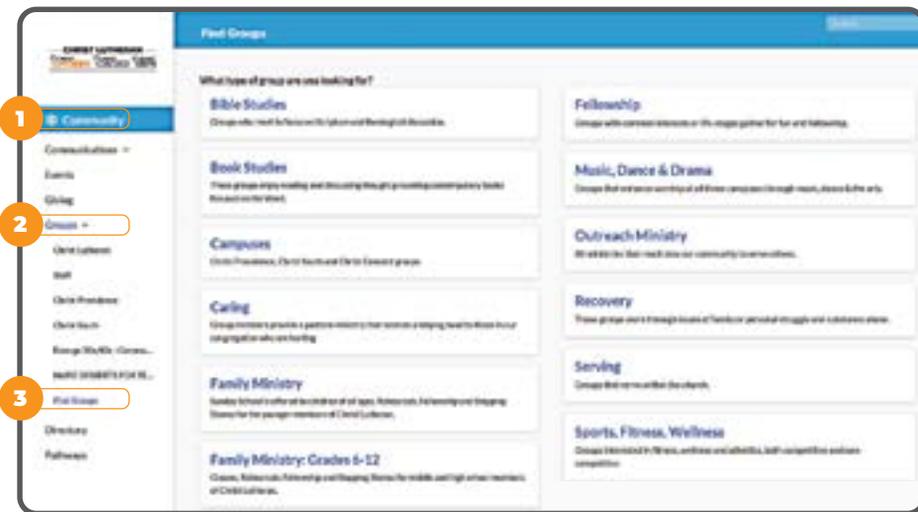
*Exodus 20:12-17; John 15:9-13*

### **JULY 26 • FREED WITH PURPOSE**

Once the Israelites made it to the Promised Land after 40 years in the wilderness, they were faced with a choice. With so many options, with so many possible directions, with so many temptations, how would they use their freedom and who will they serve? Joshua drew a line in the sand, stood on one side and made his decision clear, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” He decided that he would be numbered among the Captive Free whose life was not his own, but belonged to God. *Joshua 24:13-15; Matthew 16:13-19*



Looking for a Small Group to join? Bet we have just what you are looking for! Many of our groups are just waiting for you... some are meeting right now virtually and some will meet in person when we reopen. To find a group, login to REALM and navigate to Community>Groups>Find Groups. Groups are listed by type as shown in the screenshot below.



To find a group that is meeting right now virtually, go to the Christ Online page on our website ([christelca.org](http://christelca.org)) for a complete list. Watch for more details on new and returning groups in the coming weeks.

## Our Mission Continues

Cornerstone Gifts has been impacted by Covid19, yet our mission remains the same: to offer quality gifts that help local businesses and to use our profits to support ministry outside the church walls. We need your support to continue doing good works.



Cornerstone continues to offer curbside pickup and limited store hours. We are currently open Tuesday and Thursday 10a-2p but that is subject to change. You will have to let us know you arrive so that we can let you in as all doors into the Ministry and Worship centers are currently locked.

You can also call (704)366-1595 anytime to schedule a private shopping experience. We would love for you to stop in for a visit.

*Coffee with the Pastors*  
**Wednesdays • 9:00 a.m.**  
 NOW MEETING ON  
**zoom**  
 Find the meeting link on the Christ Online Virtual Schedule! [christelca.org](http://christelca.org)

**Virtual Bible Studies at Christ Concord**  
**Wednesdays**  
 10 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Terry  
 6 p.m. Adult Small Group Bible Study with Billy Mussari & Ken Breeggemann  
 Join ZOOM meetings at [christelca.org](http://christelca.org)

**WE'RE ALL Together**  
 IN THIS

**NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 26**  
 8a-12:30p at Christ Providence (Forum B)  
 Signup at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
 code: Christ Lutheran

**FAITH IN ACTION**  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
 meets every Sunday  
 10 - 10:45 a.m. on ZOOM  
 All ladies welcome for a new study on *The Many Faces of Wisdom*.  
[christelca.org](http://christelca.org)

**Pray-ERS of the People**  
 Want to help with the prayers during Christ Providence's live-stream services?  
 Contact Pastor Drew at [dgoodson@christelca.org](mailto:dgoodson@christelca.org)

## WATCH & LISTEN...

**This is Us** - Dr. Eddie Glaude explains why blaming current racial tensions on Donald Trump misses the point. (3 min.)

**Racism is Real** - A split-screen video depicting the differential in the white and black lived experience. (3 min.)

**'Intergroup Anxiety': Can you Try Too Hard to be Fair?** Explores why we may get tongue tied and blunder when we encounter people from groups unfamiliar to us. (5 min.)

**50 States, 50 Different Ways of Teaching America's Past** - Ibram X. Kendi reviews current history curriculum production and use across the U.S. (5 min.)

**The Disturbing History of the Suburbs | Adam Ruins Everything** Quickly and humorously educates how 'redlining' came to be.

**What Kind of Asian Are You?** Humorous two minute YouTube video that illustrates the utter silliness of the way many white Americans interact with Asian Americans.

**Birth of a White Nation** - Keynote speech by legal scholar Jacqueline Battalora offers a description of the moment the idea of and word for "white" people entered U.S. legal code.

**13th** - Netflix documentary by Ava DuVernay about the connection between U.S. slavery and the present day mass incarceration system.

**How to Overcome Our Biases? Walk boldly toward them** - TED Talk by Verna Myers encourages work vigorously to counter balance bias by connecting with and learning about, and from, the groups we fear.

**The Danger of a Single Story** - TED Talk by Chimamanda Adiche offers insight to the phenomenon of using small bits of information to imagine who a person is.

**How to Deconstruct Racism, One Headline at a Time** - TED Talk by Baratunde Thurston explores patterns revealing our racist framing,

JOIN THE CHALLENGE  
AND FIND LINKS TO  
THESE RESOURCES & MORE AT  
[christelca.org](http://christelca.org)



by **SCOTT SUSKOVIC, SENIOR PASTOR**  
and **WILLIE PINSON, MINISTER OF INCLUSION**

There is a 21-Day Challenge proposed by Eddie Moore, Jr., that several churches in our area are doing that engages people in the conversation about racial tensions and relationships in America. We have their permission and encouragement to do the same. This 21-Day Challenge will by no means be the end of the work we need to do, instead it is a humble beginning on a long and important journey. The recent killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Rayshard Brooks and Breonna Taylor have only highlighted the immediacy and need of this work. The racial inequity that divides us is a part of our history as a people that we cannot hide from, and to ignore is to go against the will of Christ which is "to unite all things in him" (Ephesians 1:10).

### Here's the Challenge:

Each day for 21 days choose to do one of the resources listed below. Record your thoughts in a journal. And then join us for a large ZOOM gathering, hosted by Pastor Scott and Willie Pinson, on **August 2nd or 9th at 6:30 p.m.** to share in the discussion.

Let's not be so naïve as to think we've dealt with this in a single sermon – or so insensitive to hope that we can just move on. Let's together take time to listen, to understand and to ask with the willingness for change.





## Making Magic Happen

by 'THE MARKS' AND PASTOR TENNY

Have you worshipped at all online? Ever wonder how it all comes together? Who is responsible for all the magic? It's the Worship and Tech Teams of each campus!

**At Christ Providence**, the Marks (Mark Glaeser and Mark Johanson) plan the music and worship service flow after meeting with the pastors to discuss theme and emphasis. We make plans for who is recording the Creed, and other special elements of the service. We use "the cloud" to receive video uploads. We oversee all aspects of the visual and the musical experience. During this pandemic, we have pivoted our game plan to improving all aspects of our online/socially-distanced worship using technology available to us and purchasing new equipment (remote controlled point-of-view cameras, separate computers for all streaming platforms, more flexible lighting, video editing software, etc.). We meet with most of the choirs and ensembles via Zoom calls and emails for weekly conversation and fellowship.

Boo English, our Technical Director, oversees and manages the tech team in addition to running sound for worship and shredding his guitar for Contemporary Worship. He is constantly working to improve our worship services and maintain our equipment and resources. He is assisted by Frank Henry (live sound for the Sanctuary), and Tony Gerik (online streaming audio)— both dedicated volunteers every week.

Olivia Gerik, our Media Director, is the queen of multi-tasking. On Sunday, she is commanding a team of volunteers to operate our cameras. During the week she is producing the videos seen in worship of many of the virtual choirs and ensembles seen in worship.

Thomas Cole, Chief Button Pusher (or Tech Assistant), works closely with Olivia in producing more of the videos needed for worship. He builds computers for our streaming purposes and helps troubleshoot all of our technical challenges. He runs a separate computer on Sunday to advance the slides seen in worship.

Craig Cole, Music Associate, assists the Marks in planning worship, coordinates and provides the music for The Bridge service, plays his French horn or trumpet as needed and uses his keen eye to operate cameras for Olivia.

Dennis Contreras, Music Associate, maintains the instrumental music library for the Providence campus. He arranges and transcribes music, creates the music files for the bulletin, and recently has joined the video creation/editing effort.

Harrison Reid, a college freshman, is responsible for the lighting that underscores and enhances worship each Sunday. His protégé is Will Kleckley, a high school student.

Alexis Williams is our Online Minister (although technically part of the Communications Team). She monitors the online viewers on Sunday and engages them with the chat. She seeks ways to draw a virtual congregation into a real community. She helps the worship and music team by providing constant feedback from online participants.

**At Christ Concord**, it works similarly to Christ Providence but without quite as many moving parts. Pastor Tenny and Karen Costea plan the music and worship service flow after Monday morning's worship planning session with all pastors and the Marks. We ask for congregational volunteers to read/record scripture texts for Sunday. A variety of members and ministry teams lend their voices to creative presentations of the Creed.

Jimmie Scott prepares the weekly visuals. If you see it on a screen, whether a video clip or photograph or song lyrics or giving instructions, Jimmie put it there.

Hayden Myers makes us sound good. Really. He runs our mixer— balancing singers and instruments, and ensures that what you hear at home is (sometimes) better than how we sound in the house!

Jacob Myers, Tom Taube, and Andy Bell are responsible for the camera work and video production involved with livestreaming our services weekly. If it's on Facebook, one of them punched the buttons and navigated the software to get us there! Their creative



#### ABOUT THE PHOTOS

from left to right: Volunteer Frank Henry with Technical Director Boo English; Media Assistant Thomas Cole; Media Director Olivia Gerik; Music Associate Craig Cole working as a camera operator; Lighting Director Harrison Reid; Technical Director Boo English; Volunteer Tony Gerik operating the sound for online worship.

But church is still going strong. Worship is taking place in our living rooms, where we are giving our own kids communion. It is taking place anywhere that someone can log in to Facebook and watch our service. In some ways, church is more available to the world than it's ever been. When we finish our building, we will still focus on reaching people online. Redefining church has always been our goal.

We have to acknowledge the hard work and ingenuity of our Tech Team during these crazy times. They found a way to make our broadcast on Sundays welcoming, inviting and most of all, inspiring. Without them, our production quality wouldn't be as great, and some churches have struggled with online worship during this shutdown. Thank you all for your hard work!

Beginning July 5th, we'll have our "Online Coffee House" prior to worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We'll be hosting an online video chat where you can catch up with other community members – it's the online version of the coffee area at the school. Pour a cup and log on.

We have some exciting new things in the pipeline. In the fall, we'll be rolling out monthly mid-week online worship that will be different from our Sunday broadcast. It will be reflective and driven by music in a similar way to our Healing Service. Additionally, we'll be releasing a new video series with real conversations about faith that deals with the issues we all face and struggle with. We'll be sharing more in the weeks to come.

At this time, we don't think we'll be back in the school this year. Nobody could have foreseen what we've been dealing with since March. We hope that during all this, you have had a chance to take stock of what's important to you. The time we've spent in confined spaces with our family has certainly come with challenges, but our hope for you is that you've also had some God moments where lessons of faith have strengthened you.

When North Carolina moves to phase three, our hope is that we can meet again in person. As our Church examines what that looks like, Christ South will have a unique challenge since we won't have access to the school. Our plan is to have regular gatherings outside of Sunday on the farm so that we can reconnect. However, we will ALWAYS have the overall health and safety of our community as a priority. Things are quickly evolving and changing and we will keep you informed as our plan unfolds.

I want to hear from you. I miss you all terribly and I'm trying my best to make contact with you all. If you haven't heard from me personally, please shoot me an email or give me a call or text. As we continue to meet the challenges of COVID-19, I ask that you pray for our community. Until we are all together again, my prayer for you is that you are staying healthy and safe.

eyes and inventive camera angles make the livestream experience more interesting than it could be. And their calm demeanors during technical "crises" -- invaluable!

Alexis Williams and Debi Taube are your weekly online "hosts" and are there with welcoming comments and answers to your questions. We appreciate their special touch making our "guests" feel welcome!

Our music and worship team meet weekly, either on a weeknight to pre-record songs for Sunday or live on Sunday mornings, to bring you close to what you've come to know and love about the intimate acoustic worship setting at Christ Concord. The volunteers who so generously give their time and talents are what make our weekly online worship possible!

## What's Happening at Christ South?

by PASTOR MATT

It seems like only yesterday we were all together at worship. We miss seeing each other, hearing about our families and just being around the community that feels like family. We can't wait until we are all in the same place, lifting our voices to God.

But one thing we have learned through all of this is that church isn't a place. For the last three years, we have worshipped in a school gym and before that we were together in a dance studio. When the schools stopped community use, it forced us all to think out of the box. It also made us realize that having a permanent place to worship should be our focus. So, on June 15, the church council voted to move forward with a phase one construction project on the Old Dairy Farm. There is a lot of work that needs to be done before then, so we hosted two online congregational town hall meetings on June 24 and July 7 to keep everyone informed about the project and process. There will be much more to come in the near future as we move forward with building a home for Christ South. We can't wait to share photos and plans with you all. As you read this, know that something bigger and better is coming for His glory.

# HONORING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

*class of 2020*



**Emily Bass** graduated from the College of William and Mary with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy/Economics. She plans on being an incoming Healthcare Policy Research Analyst with IMPAQ International in Washington, DC.

**Robert Mack Costea, Jr.** graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Military Science. He plans to serve in the NC Army National Guard upon commissioning.

**Megan Marie Gallagher** graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a double major in Marketing and Management. Megan accepted a position with Nestle' USA and has moved to Los Angeles for the first rotation of the 2-year Nestle Sales Development Program.

**Alexandra "Alex" Britt** graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition with a concentration in Dietetics, and a minor in German. Alex will move on to attend her dietetic internship through Lenior-Rhyne University.

**Sarah Fabian** will graduate in August from Gardner Webb University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She plans to pursue a career with child/family services to assist with advocacy and support for those in need.

**Linda Henry** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science

in Biomedical and Health Sciences Engineering and minors in Chemistry and German. She plans to pursue her Ph. D. in Biomedical Engineering at Boston University.

**Ingrid Iverson** graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and a minor in Film and Media Studies. Ingrid looks forward to exploring a few national parks before beginning her search for a job in data analytics.

**William D. Ladd** graduated from UNCC with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He plans to attend Duke University in the fall to pursue a masters degree in Biomedical Engineering.

**Sarah Parker** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Computer Science. She will begin work at KPMG in Charlotte in August.

**Reid Howell-Koren** graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Global Health. She is taking a gap year to pursue volunteer patient care related work while applying to medical/graduate school.

**Matthew Phillip Lopez** graduated from UNC Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts in Drama.

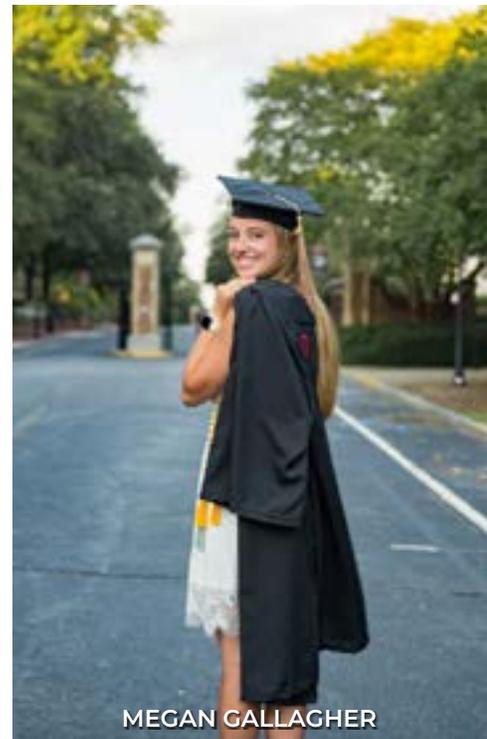
**Jack Taylor** graduated from the University of South Carolina this May with a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism. He will be working for WVNS CBS/Fox 59 in Beckley, WV as a reporter.



EMILY BASS



ROBERT COSTEA, JR.



MEGAN GALLAGHER



ALEXANDRA BRITT



INGRID IVERSON



REID HOWELL-KOREN



SARAH FABIAN



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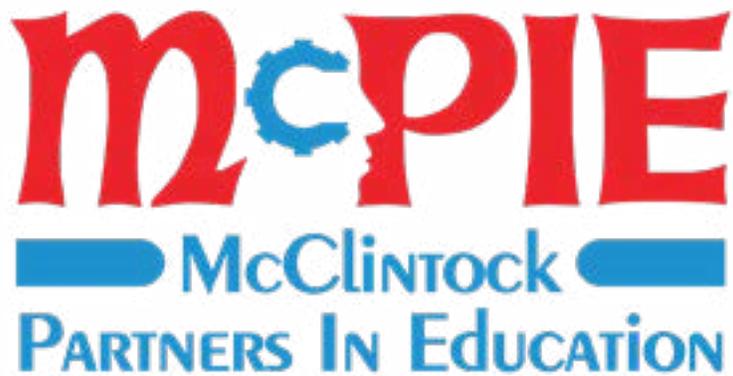
LINDA HENRY



SARAH PARKER



JACK TAYLOR



# Our Community Response

Prior to the stay at home order, Tuesday Family Nights at McClintock Middle School involved over 300 participants. Community members shared a hot meal, students of all ages enjoyed 26 clubs, and parents participated in classes such as Getting Ahead and English as a Second Language (ESL). Since the school's closure, McClintock administration and staff have worked tirelessly to continue educating students. They have also worked closely with McPIE as we continue to pursue our mission in a number of unique ways.

## Response to Date:

- 1200 challenges distributed to engage students
- 8 weeks of Summer Camp Remix developed
- 1000 phone calls made to offer support to families
- 1000 grocery bags given to feed families
- 400 hours of volunteer work
- \$26,000 in donations to Feed A Family
- 286 pounds of garden produce
- 200 bags of donated food

## Keeping Students Engaged with Weekly Challenges

Starting the week of March 24th, McPIE began providing supplies needed for weekly Challenges. Challenges Packs were designed to keep students engaged with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activity while at home. Challenges included duct tape creations, towers and bridges made of craft sticks, jelly bean and toothpick structures, origami, balloon propelled cars, stop motion animation movies, domino and LEGO designs, and more.



Duct Tape Rose



Origami Dinosaur World

## Summer Camp Remix!

Summer is usually a time when McPIE is bustling with activity. Freedom School scholars fill classrooms at Christ Providence while Science Camp participants are busy designing and engineering at McClintock Middle School.

McPIE has had to pivot and "remix" our plans. Camp Remix will run from June 16th through July 31st. Camp participants will complete weekly challenges, interact with their teachers via video-conference, and earn some pretty sweet incentives! College, career paths, physical activity and literacy will also be included and related to the weekly themes. Mr. Pinson will challenge our former Freedom School scholars to read about and have discussions on black history and social justice.

## Adults: English as a Second Language (ESL)

In order to stay connected with our adult English language learners, ESL teacher Tammy Sanders is delivering English lessons complete with supplies and bags of groceries to her students. This provides food for both the belly and the soul. She also uses Instagram to communicate and continue the lessons. Families have appreciated the lessons so much that they have reciprocated by offering homemade pupusas (stuffed griddle cakes or flatbreads from El Salvador and Honduras) to their teacher!

## Dedicated to Supporting Families

Sharhonda Morgan, our McPIE Community Liaison, makes calls to engage families with McPIE. She can hear the fear, anger, and worry in parents' voices. Many parents have been laid off from their jobs. Parents are concerned about jobs, groceries, rent, and utilities as well as their children's wellbeing. Talking and being heard can relieve some of the anxiety, and Sharhonda can offer resources at the same time.

If a family is not able to get to McClintock to pick up meals and groceries, volunteers deliver them. Families often express gratitude for the phone calls, encouragement, and any help or groceries provided.



## Supporting Families with Groceries and Staples

Donations left in our blue bins, groceries bought with monetary donations to the Feed A Family fund, and the repurposed McPIE budget are all being used to make about 130 grocery bags each week. Most bags are given out at McClintock during Grab 'n' Go lunches. Some are delivered as meals are delivered. Our gardeners are also donating vegetables. As weeks turned into months, McPIE has been able to meet the needs of our community. Families tell us stories of limited supplies at stores near them, many items unavailable, and the hardship of living on less while everyone is home during this unprecedented time. Appreciation is not an adequate word to express the sincere thanks we receive as we offer these bags of groceries to families.

## Other Volunteer Efforts

We have sent volunteers to the Charlotte Convention Center to work with Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest is assembling over 10,000 boxes of non-perishables each week for distribution in North and South Carolina.

Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM) has received a time-sensitive grant to help low income clients pay overdue rent and utility bills. Up to \$600 is available per household. We are assigned to 3 apartment complexes to help clients apply for these funds. Our partner, Carolina Youth Coalition, is allowing our volunteers to use their offices on Florence Avenue to meet with clients close to their homes.

## McPIE's Summer Finances

Our current budget for Summer Camp Remix is \$62,730 which will be partially funded with our cash reserves. Please consider a gift to help defray costs for these efforts and for McPIE's continuing work. Donations can be made in REALM to the "Feed A Family" or "McPIE General Fund" accounts.

## About Feed A Family

McPIE has been working to ensure that no family goes hungry during these unprecedented times. Each week, volunteers at McClintock Middle School are passing out grocery bags and delivering warm meals to families.

### Want to help? Here's how!

1. Monetary donations on REALM - Please choose "Feed A Family" under the Fund dropdown menu ([onrealm.org/christelca/give/now](http://onrealm.org/christelca/give/now)).
  2. Send a check to Christ Lutheran and put "Feed A Family" in the memo (*mail to: 4519 Providence Rd · Charlotte, NC 28226*).
  3. Purchase food items while you are out and drop off at the Christ Lutheran Children's Center portico area. Groceries needed include: box of cereal, canned meat (canned tuna or chicken), canned soup/stew, vegetables (canned or fresh), fruit (canned or fresh), mac & cheese, rice, ramen noodles, spaghetti & sauce, bread, dried beans (lentils, black eyed peas, pinto beans; no black beans), peanut butter, Hamburger Helper. Extra items requested include diapers, wipes, cleaning products, trash bags, and toilet paper.
- To those who have already donated, THANK YOU!! Together we can ensure that no child or family goes hungry. Your help is appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Angela at [adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org).



## McClintock's Innovation Lab is Expanding

The Innovation Lab at McClintock Middle School is ready to expand! McPIE was recently awarded a Longleaf Fund grant award. This award will allow the addition of a professional grade embroidery machine with two sewing machines and accessories. McClintock students and those students and parents who participate in Family Night programming will be able to integrate the new machinery into Innovation Lab projects, including adding further dimension to 3D printed props, stitching with a computerized embroidery machine using patterns digitized with embroidery, and enhancing design process prototypes that are created.

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