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In 2012, Dr. Terry Morris founded Vets to Vets United, Inc. in the hopes of pairing shelter dogs with veterans coping with physical and mental disabilities in North Carolina. Find out how this organization is impacting the lives of dogs and their human companions alike.

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Nov. 16-20

20th Annual Festival of Trees
Pinehurst

The 20th Annual Festival of Trees is sure to delight the young and the young-at-heart. Join in the festivities at The Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst as they turn The Carolina Hall into a sparkling winter wonderland featuring over 200 trees of various sizes all decked out in their holiday finery. The Festival of Trees also has decorated wreaths, gingerbread houses, and gift baskets. All awaiting your bid at their on-line auction site. Admission is by any monetary donation at the door and all proceeds benefit children with disabilities in the Sandhills. sandhillchildrenscenter.org

Nov. 18-20

9th Annual Celebration of Seagrove Potters
Seagrove

The Celebration of Seagrove Potters kicks off with a catered reception, live music, and collaborative auction, followed by two days of potters markets, demonstrations, children's hand-on activities, and historical and educational presentations. discoverseagrove.com/celebration

Nov. 19-20

Wilmington Riverfest
Wilmington

Celebrate art on the river with the whole family at the 37th Annual Riverfest. Walk through the street fair in historic downtown Wilmington along the Cape Fear River with special exhibits and vendors selling art and handmade crafts and step over to Market Street to see an exhibition of vintage cars and trucks on display. Over 30 food vendors and continuous live entertainment showcasing local musicians and bands will be available both days. Finish off your shopping day with a firework display over the river on Saturday night. Normally Riverfest is celebrated the first full weekend of October but had to be postponed due to Matthew. The festival has a significant economic impact to the organizations and businesses involved and it is their hope people will join them for the celebration. wilmingtonriverfest.com

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Gifts of the spirit



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Martha Brinn Gray, of Raleigh, stirs a giant vat of Brunswick stew as she cooks with other women of Christ Church in downtown Raleigh as they prepare items to sell for their upcoming Greenery Sale. Ahead of the holidays, Christ Church's Greenery Sale is much like many church bazaars this time of year that sell items to raise funds for outreach programs.

The holiday rush is on the horizon and that has many church doors across the state preparing to swing wide open to welcome shoppers because it is church bazaar season.

By Jennifer Wood
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THE GIVING OF TIME and talent are abuzz all around you when you enter the new addition at Christ Church in downtown Raleigh. The annual greenery sale is less than a month away and volunteers can be seen in the kitchen and the halls.

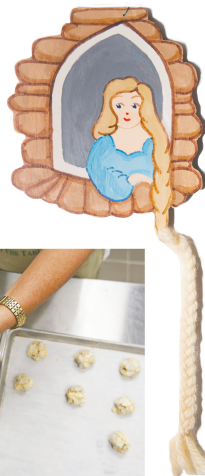
But the preparation and planning poured into these events by the teams of people organizing them began far ahead of fall. "We started our planning in late summer," said Elizabeth Wallace, Christ Church Greenery Sale Co-Chair. "That's the only way to organize for an event like this because it is our main fundraiser."

According to David Hood's, "To the Glory of God: Christ Church: 1821-1996" the fall bazaar became a yearly tradition in the 1930s where women sold crafts, baked goods, and their famous artichoke pickles. "The recipe for the pickles and of course our famous Brunswick stew would be in one of our cookbooks," said 92-year-old parishioner Mary Ellen Harris. "That is one of the best things that comes out of the now greenery sale — the food, new recipes, and being together."

The Episcopal Church Women run the Christ Church sale and they restructured the event into its current form — an annual greenery sale offering North Carolina Christmas trees, garland, wreaths, bows, and of course the food. Groups gather ahead of time to prepare and package perfect portions for parishioners and shoppers to stock their pantries or freezers for those post-holiday weeks where you would really rather not cook.

This year there is a distinct excitement in the air because recent renovations have parishioners at Christ

Ellen and Michael Jackson have treasured Christmas ornaments hand-crafted by fellow parishioner Jinny Haywood that they've collected over the years from the greenery sale.



Martha Brinn Gray, left, and Cindy Henderson, right, both of Raleigh, form biscuits to bake as they cook with other women of Christ Church in downtown Raleigh.

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THE TABLE

It's not about what's at the table, it's about who's around it. Check out your Turkey Day restaurant reservation guide and beat the crowds this Thanksgiving!
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