

Dec 9-16, 2018

The Messenger



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Welcome Bishop Skirving!!

It is always a pleasure to welcome the Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving to Christ Church. His presence with us reminds us of our connection to the Diocese of East Carolina and to the larger Episcopal Church. There are a few sacramental rites reserved especially for Bishops: Ordinations, Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations. Today, Bishop Skirving will Confirm, Receive, and Reaffirm ten of our brothers and sisters. This will be at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services where he will also be the preacher and celebrant. Please join us also at 10:00am for a forum in the Parish House with Bishop Skirving and other leaders from Christ Church.

Ashley Simpson named a Postulant for Holy Orders



At last Sunday's Annual Meeting, the Rev. Paul Canady announced that Director of Children's and Youth Ministries Ashley Simpson was named a Postulant for Holy Orders by Bishop Skirving. In less

churchy terms, Ashley has been discerning a call to ordained ministry, and with the help and guidance of a parish discernment committee and the diocesan Commission on Ministry, she will be headed to seminary at the end of next summer. She will visit schools this winter to see where God is leading her next.

Paul is in the process of putting together a task force to identify our hopes and dreams for young people at Christ Church and to help identify the best candidates to succeed Ashley.

Please continue to hold Ashley in your prayers as she makes this transition and please hold our own transition in your prayers well.

Vestry Election Results

Jim Behl, Deborah Cook, Susan Husson, and Amanda Norwood were elected to the Vestry last Sunday. Their term will begin January 1 and run through the end of 2021.

We thank Jack Browning-Henry, Rick Miller, and Ed Opphile for also standing for election.

Next Sunday, December 16

Greening of the Church

Immediately following the 11 am service.

(food will be available!)

Advent Lessons & Carols

5:30pm

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For our ill and recovering parishioners:

Barbara Willis, Dottie Parker, Gary Derck, Jackie Barney, Linda Lore, Mike Pridgen, Jim, Mary Hasell, Catherine Bender, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bradley, Joe Freemon, Ray Stark, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Betty Paramore, Susan Rivenbark, Mary Kay Farnham, Warren Meadows, Rex Willis III, Hal Cameron, Anne Lutton, Charlie Mitchell, Robert Lane, Evelyn Hunter, Gloria Simpson, Dave Watrous, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Ilene Disosway, Barbara, Helen Shine, Rick Schulhaus, Mary Lynn Linton, Barbara Odderstol, Jackie Sherwood, Rae Cowan, Blackie Fox, Jim Caldwell.

For our families and friends:

Liesel, Tate, Ruth, Kathy, Nancy, Denise, Tony, Barbara, Charlie, Ann, Mathias, Katherine, Alex, Linda, Ginny, Dennis, Jim, Teresa, Robert, Michael, Dorothy, Julia, Ian, Lee, Jessica, Dan, Steve, Andy, Matthew, Heath, Glen, Betty J, Walter, Anne, Cameron, Scott, Leo, Laura, Rick, Jackson, Andrea, Bo, Frances, Guy, Stephen, Martha, Deb, Imma Jean, Drew, Courtney, Karen, Dan, Betsy, Joan., Linda, Matty, Linda, Michael, Mary Lynne, Cliff, Bridgid, Kate, Alex, Robert, Annalee. Rosemary, Donald, Lisa, Cynthia, Dori, Sarah.

For our deployed military:

Capt. Jason White, Cpl. Jason Church, Sgt. Bill Jarvis, LCPL Ross Drury, Capt. Delbert R. Patton, CW02 Justin Harshner, Sgt.. Devin Clarke, Capt. John Jones, Lt Col Matt Wernersbach, AIC. Phillip Buffa III.


For our parishioners in boarding school and college:

Amanda Buffa, Ashley Buffa, Anna Louise Flanagan, Jack Huddle, William Little, Alex Norwood, Carlee Peele, Htoo Soe, Kiaishia Squires, John Thomas, Zack Thuringer, Abby Garman, Emily Wilson

For all refugee families especially: Leonardo, Viviana and Mariann

For the Family of: Bob Golden, Muriel Latham

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro and Supply Priests serving the Diocese



Flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bowers and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Marion by Charlotte and Vinson Bowers. The Advent wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Wilson, Sr. and Dr. & Mrs. Julian C. Brantley, Sr. by Nancy, Franklin and Lawrence Bowers.

If you would like a loved one who is not a member of Christ Church to be placed on that prayer list, please contact Ellie Roberts

Calendar

Sunday December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II, Confirmation
- 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 4:30 pm EYC Parent's Night Out (*Pelletier Rm*)

Monday, December 10

- 10:00 am ECW: St. Elizabeth (*Offsite*)
- 12:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Group (*Pelletier Rm*)
- 5:15 pm Stephen Ministry Board Mtg (*Library*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lover's Class (*Music Room*)

Tuesday, December 11

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Women's Book Study (*2nd Fl. Living Rm*)
- 5:00 pm "Heart and Soul" Choir Practice (*YAM*)
- 6:30 pm Small Wonders NA (*2nd Floor Living Rm*)
- 7:00 pm HandBell Choir (*Music Room*)

Wednesday, December 12

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Svc. (*Chapel*)
- 11:00 am Rector's Bible Study (*Library*)
- 4:30 pm Music and Motion (*Parish House*)
- 4:30 pm Choristers (*Music Room*)
- 6:00 pm EfM Meeting (*2nd Fl Living Room*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)
- 7:00 pm Parish Choir (*Music Room*)

Thursday, December 13

- 4:00 pm Finance Committee (*Pelletier Rm*)
- 6:30 pm Walk in Love (*2nd Fl Living Room*)
- 6:30 pm Cursillo (*Parish House*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

Friday, December 14

- 10 am Greening of the Church Yard

Saturday, December 15

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (*Harrison Center*)
- 10:00 am Funeral: Bob Golden
- 10:00 am Cookie Walk (*Harrison Center*)

Sunday, December 16

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:15 am Sunday Breakfast (*Harrison Center*)
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 12:00 pm Vestry Meeting (*Music Center GIG*)
- 12:00 pm Greening of the church
- 12:30 pm Jr. DOK (*Library*)
- 5:00 pm EYC
- 5:30 pm Advent: Lessons and Carols

Vestry-appointed Committees

Each year, the Vestry is responsible for appointing new members to various committees in the Church. Those Committees are:

Finance Committee -- 3yr term

Personnel Committee -- 3 yr term

--Experience in these fields is appreciated.

--Regularity of meetings vary depending on the Committee.

Diocesan Convention Delegate -- 3yr term (February 7-9, 2019, Wilmington, NC)

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please complete the form below. You may check as many boxes as you feel called to check. Please also tell us a little bit about why you would be good for the role. Click <https://tinyurl.com/yaj62g24/> to sign up. Contact Kathleen Rice (seniorwarden@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.671.7570) for more information.

Stewardship Campaign Update

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce. *Proverbs 3:9*

As of Tuesday, December 4, we have received pledges from 283 households totaling \$865,823.00

We have \$134,177.00 to go to meet our \$1million goal. Can you help us get there?

Pledge cards are available in each pew, by the stewardship update board in the reception area, you may call the church office and request one be mailed to you, or pledge on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/CCNB2019pledge>.

Christmas Memorials and Gifts of Thanksgiving Order Form

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below, make your check for \$25 payable to Christ Church, and drop it off, mail it to the church office (PO Box 1246, New Bern NC 28563), or place it in collection plate. Please put "Christmas Beautification Fund" in the memo space on your check.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

December 14 is the last date we can accept and notate memorials in the Christmas Bulletins.

St. Elizabeth's ECW — Tomorrow at 11am

Tomorrow's gathering will be at the home of Gay Stuart (101 Hilda Drive, New Bern) This is our annual Christmas Potluck, so please bring a dish to share. If you have not yet signed up, call or email Gay so that she will have an idea of how many to expect. Her email is junegstuart@yahoo.com; her phone number is 252-876-3400. All are welcome.

Communications

To submit items for the website, the Messenger, the Crown, the Mid-Week Messenger, and the bulletin, please email communications@christchurchnewbern.com. **Wednesday at noon** is the deadline each week.

20th Annual

Christ Church Cookie Walk

Home Baked Cookies From Our Kitchens To You!

*Saturday December 15th * 10:00 to 1:00*

*The Harrison Center * 311 Middle Street*



**ALL
Proceeds
Support
Local
Charities**

* Home Baked Cookies *

* Party Platters & Specialty Items *

* Crafts & Lunch Cafe *

You Can Now Pay by Cash, Credit Card or Check

Helping Our Community One Cookie At A Time

Cookie Walk December 15th

How's your baking going? We need all the cookies we can to make this one of the best events in Cookie Walk history. Contact Lacey Smith (909.229.7634) or Yali Ryder (786.274.3377) for more information! Details on drop off and available soon!

And don't forget the Craft Table, too.

It's always a good time to buy a special item for a teacher or another special person, or replenish your supply of hand knitted items. This is an opportunity for you knitters and crocheters to display your talents. Other items that are popular: decorated Christmas wreaths, sewn baby clothes, hand-made ornaments, Christmas decorations you'd like to donate from your collection, etc

We'll be setting up on Friday; you're welcome to bring them in then or early Sat am. Any questions or comments, call or email Connie Whitney at Incwhitney75@gmail.com