

Jan 27-Feb 3, 2019

# The Messenger



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## Today at 10:00am

With the start of the new year, we hope you will engage in one of the offerings for continue your growth as a follower of Jesus.

### Sundays at 10:00am

### # Synthesis #

(a look at the weekly Scripture lessons)

Led by Rick Schulhaus **now meeting in the Pelletier Room**

### “I want to know more about...”

In the Library

Today: I want to know more about music.

Director of Music Cliff Badgley will share a bit about how music is chosen for worship, as well as show off the inner workings of the organ.

### ***Starting next week!***

**February 3-24**

### **Aging and Dementia**

Led by Ann Bustard and Stan Dzimitrowicz

Stan is a retired clinical social worker who focused on mental health and spirituality.

Discussion of the new book *Redeeming Dementia* by Dorothy Linthicum and Janice Hicks.

Mrs. Linthicum will lead the class on February 24. More details to come!

Please call Ann Bustard at 252-636-2885, or e-mail [anniebee28562@yahoo.com](mailto:anniebee28562@yahoo.com).

### Weekday opportunities

#### **Women’s Book Study**

Tuesdays at 10am 2nd Floor Living Room

*Rising Strong* By Brene Brown

Contact the Rev. Courtney Dale

([cortneydale@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cortneydale@christchurchnewbern.com)) for more information. Books are provided.

#### **Rector’s Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 11am Library

Continuing conversation on the Gospel of Matthew.

#### **Thursdays at 6:30pm**

*Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. Books are \$16 and available at the front desk.

Contact Liz Lane (541.221.5299) for more details.

## Christ Church Cooks

Do you know someone that needs a home cooked meal?

Perhaps someone who just had a baby, is ill, just came home from the hospital, or just lost a loved one... Remember, Christ Church Cooks provide meals for that special person in need – church member, relative, friend, neighbor. The meals are available in the freezer in the hallway by the Parish House kitchen. It is our hope that these warm meals will warm a heart.

Christ Church Cooks usually meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. On January 21st, the cooks prepared 32 meals, which we packaged as a meal for one and as a meal for two. We have a great time, and we usually do it all in about 2 to 2 1/2 hrs.

Helpers are welcome, so come join us!

Judi Dorn and Ellen Chance  
Chairs

## For children & youth

Pre-K and Kindergarten — Godly Play, Room 4.1.7

1st and 2nd Grade — Holy Moly! Room 4.1.10

3rd, 4th-5th— Holy Moly! Room 4.1.9

*All classes on the first floor of the education building.*

**Middle School & High School** groups gather for “Sunday’s Cool.” Join us in our new space on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. The class is led by Stephen and Maureen Clayton and is exploring the Way of Love using a program developed at St. Paul’s, Fayetteville, AR.

**EYC today** — 3:30pm at Accidental Artist (219 Craven St.) to paint bowls for the RCS Empty Bowls event.

*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, 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, Jack Hardy.

*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, Bridgid, Kate, Robert, Alex, Bruce, Melissa, Eve, Steve, Mark, Kathleen Marie, Gordon.

*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, SrA Phillip Buffa III.

*For our parishioners in boarding school and college:*

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:*

*Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St James, Belhaven, St. Mary's, Burgaw*



Flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Greg Smith by Priscilla Miller and in memory of Prentice Clafin by Guy and Lacey Smith.

**Calendar**

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**Sunday January 27**

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 5:30 pm EYC @ Accidental Artist

**Monday, January 28**

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Minisery (*Bride's Room*)
- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer (*Pelletier Room*)
- 2:00 pm ECW-Board Meeting (*Parish House*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lovers (*Music Room*)

**Tuesday, January 28**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Women's Book Club (*2nd Fl Living Room*)
- 5:00 pm Heart and Soul Choir Practice (*Music Rm*)
- 7:00 pm Hand Bell Choir (*Music Building*)

**Wednesday, January 29**

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

**Thursday, January 30**

- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (*Parish House*)
- 6:30 pm Walk in Love (*2nd Fl Living Room*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

**Friday, February 1**

Glory Ridge Hurricane Assistance Group (*GIG*)

**Saturday, February 2**

**Sunday, February 3**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Blessing (*Church*)
- 5:00 pm EYC

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 ([ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.633.2109)

We will use this space each week to share a reflection on the week's readings for the Good Book Club. These reflections are taken from a resource published by the United Thank Offering. Bible Study Guides can be found in the pamphlet rack in the Reception Area or online at <http://www.goodbookclub.org/resources/>.

JANUARY 21-27, 2019

The Rev. Ranjit Mathews, Rector of St. James, Diocese of Connecticut

READ: ROMANS 6:1-8:8

REFLECT: I am thankful for how the death-dealing ways of the world have been overcome through the cross of Jesus Christ. It gives the people of Jesus this incredible ministry of “repairing the breach” of the world as it is, and the world as it should be. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to walk with the disciples of Jesus Christ here at St. James, in New London, Connecticut, as we walk this journey of racial reconciliation within our community and the broader community of New London and southeastern Connecticut. It’s a matter of being pieces of scripture, as the great biblical scholar Verna Dozier said so well, pieces of scripture out in the world. It takes boldness to step into the power of the Holy Spirit, which has been so mightily given to us through the gift of baptism. We are disciples of the Jesus Movement and endeavor to dismantle the ongoing, systemic realities of racism in our local and broader society. I believe that this is, more broadly, the very calling of baptized Christians. And we should not be afraid of stepping out and claiming through the Holy Spirit the new eschatological reality – the realm of God breaking into the world, as C. H. Dodd has aptly put it. I wonder if, as Episcopalians, we take on the power of being alive in Jesus Christ. This may sound evangelical, but that is the calling: to be dead to sin and alive in Christ. And that’s the genius of Paul’s letter to the Romans. He’s exhorting them to cast off sin, but also to be alive in Christ. That means, then, that our lives are qualitatively different from where they once were and our life should take on a distinct saltiness. I am beyond grateful for the transformation that we have been invited into through Jesus Christ. Too often, as Episcopalians, our lives don’t give off that saltiness, and yet this is the ministry that has been entrusted to us as the Body of Christ. My sincere hope is that our group of disciples can dare to believe that the Holy Spirit is actually leading us out and about onto the streets of New London and into the neighborhood to BE the people that we so often pray we were. My prayer is that we take our calling seriously enough to venture outside our comfort zone and repair the breach through the power of the Holy Spirit.

For next week: Read Romans 8:9-10:4.

## Way of Love Preaching Series continues

At this summer’s General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invited the whole church to Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life. This Epiphany season, we will explore each of those practices as part of our sermon each week.

*Turn* — January 13

*Learn* — January 20

*Worship* — January 27

*Pray* — February 3

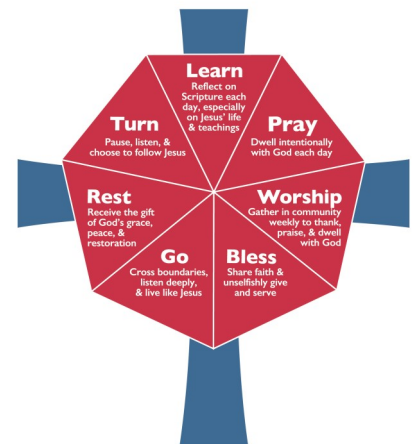
*Go* — February 10

*Rest* — February 17

*Bless* — February 24

Join us! And invite a friend! Sermons are archived on our website at <https://christchurchnewbern.com/sermons/>.

For more about the Way of Love, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>.



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

## Art at Christ Church



The copes hanging in the Parish Hall are from a collection of vestments lent to us by our sister church on Johnson Street. There will be second exhibit of chasubles and albs during Epiphany in 2020. The copes from St. Cyprian's may go back to the 1950's, from an era in our church when wearing this vestment was seen frequently in cathedrals and country churches alike. In the ancient church, copes were just practical cloaks with hoods in simple cloth. They kept monks and priests warm and dry, particularly during celebration of the Eucharist. But at least by the 8th century, copes had become outward signs of the growing wealth of monasteries and cathedrals. The art work from that time even depicts Angels wearing them. Today, the cope, simple cloth or richly decorated, is again gaining popularity as a vestment worn during the Eucharist. Our Rector wears one frequently. There is more information on the cope posted in the Parish Hall.

--Donna Rhein for the Art Guild

## Other art opportunities

Throughout the year, the Art Guild of Christ Church displays art in various forms. We have had paintings and photographs, prayer shawls and vestments. Currently on display are copes that belong to St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. Watch the space in there for more of the history of those vestments!

The next show will be fiber and textile art during March and April. If you have a piece that you'd like to offer, please contact Marilyn Browning Henry ([mbrowninghenry@gmail.com](mailto:mbrowninghenry@gmail.com) 832-755-8382). We have many gifted artists in our parish family and look forward to displaying more of God's gifts of creativity.

## Christian Formation Task Force

With Ashley Simpson's departure this summer for seminary\*, the Rector has put together a Christian Formation Task Force to assist him in developing a job description for whomever will succeed her. We will follow a similar pattern to the 2017 Director of Music search, gathering input from all areas of the parish about hopes and dreams not only for our young people but for all of the parish.

The Task Force is Susan Husson, Betsy Tayloe, Anne Morini, Don Buhrmaster, Alice Witten, Betsy Jutras, Jason Thuringer, Lisa Kafer, and Rick Schulhaus. The first meeting will be February 5th. The Rector's goal is to have the position filled by May and the new person be able to have a week or two of overlap with Ashley before she departs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch with any member of the Task Force or with the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.633.20109 ext. 102)

\*Ashley is still exploring where she will go to seminary. Her aim is to make that announcement by the end of March.

## Pledge Envelopes

Thank you so much for your commitment to Christ Church and for your pledges. Giving Envelopes are available in the Parish House. Please stop in and pick up your box.

If you don't see yours, please contact Patti Williams in the Church Office 252.633.2109 ext 111 or [patti-williams@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:patti-williams@christchurchnewbern.com) (no dash)