

Feb 24-Mar 3 ,2019

# The Messenger



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## Camp Hope Sunday



Camp Hope provides children of incarcerated parents an opportunity to spend a week at Camp Bob-at Kanuga in July free of charge. Christ Church parishioners have provided



scholarships to make this possible since 2006! Camp Hope Sunday is an opportunity for the campers to say thank you and to share their experiences with our church family. There is a display and video in the Parish House and the campers will be available between services to answer questions. Thanks to Christ Church for ongoing support of Camp Hope!



## Welcome Dorothy!



The Redeeming Dementia class is led today by the author of the book, **Dorothy Linthicum**. An adjunct instructor at Virginia Theological Seminary, Ms. Linthicum has studied and taught courses and workshops about older adult spirituality and ministry at the seminary, conferences, dioceses and churches. Her study led her to write with co-author Janice Hicks the book *Redeeming Dementia* (Church Publishing, 2018), which looks at dementia through the lens of spirituality, theology, and science. She was recently elected to a three-year term on the board of Forma, a national network for Christian formation for the Episcopal Church and beyond and is a catechist for the seminary's Baptized for Life program.

### Embracing People Who Have Dementia

This afternoon's workshop in the Harrison Center will address several issues to help congregations welcome people with dementia and honor the gifts these people bring with them. This presentation is part of a series that has focused on God's relationship with different kinds of people and what that means for communities of faith. We will look at specific kinds of ministry, such as memory cafés, specialized worship, Godly Play storytelling, and memory boxes. We will identify ways that ministry can be expanded to reach the growing needs in the community for people with dementia and their caregivers.

## Invitation to Listening Session

For two years, the Vestry, staff, and clergy prayerfully considered how our physical space supports our mission. Your voice is needed in this process as we continue to discern what God is calling us to do. You are invited to join us for a brief presentation of current proposed capital projects. These listening sessions will be opportunities to offer feedback as we share dreams and visions for our beloved parish. We are offering two initial gatherings: **Sunday, March 3rd @12:30pm & Tuesday, March 12th @ 5:30pm** Both events will be in the Harrison Center. Child Care and light refreshments will be available.

To help us planning, please RSVP at our website: [www.christchurchnewbern.com/SacredSpaceandSound](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/SacredSpaceandSound) or call the church office at 252.633.2109. If you have any questions, contact Bob Emory, chair of the Sacred Space & Sound Task Force at bobemory8@gmail.com or 252.638.8587.

*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, Rick Schulhaus, Mary Lynn Linton, Barbara Odderstol, Jackie Sherwood, Rae Cowan, Blackie Fox, Jim Caldwell, Jack Hardy, Su Cox, Robert Womack, Bev Purdue, Bob Eaves.

*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, Missy, Robert.

*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

*Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders and St. Mark's, Wilmington



Flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in and in thanksgiving for Samantha Miller on her birthday by Priscilla Miller.

**Calendar**

**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**

**Sunday, February 24**

**Camp Hope Sunday**

- 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
- 12:30 pm Redeeming Dementia Luncheon  
(Harrison Center)
- 5:00 pm EYC

**Monday, February 25**

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)
- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)
- 6:00 pm Song Lovers (Music Room)

**Tuesday, February 26**

- 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, February 27**

- 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, February 28**

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

**Friday, March 1**

**Saturday, March 2**

**Sunday, March 3**

**Last 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
- 12:30 pm Sacred Space and Sound Listening (Nave)
- 5:30 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/>.*

WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 18-24, 2019

Teresa Henry and Anne Skamarock, Colorado Haiti Project

READ: ROMANS 13:11-15:6

REFLECTION:

Why not put off today what we can do tomorrow? This has long been part of the human condition, as even Paul in the first century is relaying. The time is NOW to start living into what God would have us be, “for salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers” (13:11) he tells the Roman followers of Christ (and us). And what does Paul say is required to bring us closer to God’s dream for us?

First Paul exhorts, “Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” (13:13-14). But what does this mean for our everyday interactions with one another? “Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another” (14:13). There are two parts to this: one about judgment and the second about intentionally putting up roadblocks. For the Colorado Haiti Project, over our nearly 30 years working with the area of Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti, we have learned that we don’t have all the answers. When we first arrived in Haiti, we wanted to share God’s gifts that we have been fortunate enough to be born into, like an education, health care, and all the privileges we take for granted living in the United States. At first, we felt that we knew what was best – that they needed education and health care, and they did. But we thought we knew what kind of education would help them the most. Fortunately, the people of this area were patient with us, and as the relationship grew, we started listening to one another. We found that just because they have different ways of addressing challenges in their own interaction our these their St. Who lord make When preconceptions each can we Americans people happy, family, the planted. fertilizer us It tribalism, else. open able truly grant Jesus, of salvation fortunate privileges own society doesn’t mean they are wrong and we are right. In fact, this interaction and this relationship have given us insight into how to address our own challenges in ways we had not thought of before. We listened to these people who primarily support themselves through the bounty of their crops and finally created an agriculture curriculum as part of St. Paul’s School.

When meeting the people of Haiti, rather than reacting immediately to preconceptions and judgment, we need to have enough respect to honor each person and each culture and to understand at a deep level that we can learn from one other. We are all so blessed and grateful for the lessons we have learned from our brothers and sisters in Haiti. I have often heard Americans come home from a visit to this part of Haiti saying, “These people are so poor but are also so happy.” Truly, they may not always be happy, no one is. But they can be happy in their sense of community and family, which is so apparent when we are fortunate enough to visit. I think the Lord has made them stand together. They have grown where they were planted. The goal of the Colorado Haiti Project is to provide water and fertilizer so that they and we can grow together into what God would have us be, so that we can all stand together. It is easy for us to fall into the complacency and the false comfort of tribalism, that is, believing our own group has all the answers for everyone else. However, we at the Colorado Haiti Project have found that, when we open ourselves to the Haitian culture and ways of doing things and we are able to do so without judgment, we are taking part in God’s call to us to truly love one another. “May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (15:5-6).

NEXT WEEK: Romans 15:7-16:16

## Christ Church Kindle Groups



In the story of Pentecost, we hear about the Holy Spirit visiting people in the forms of tongues of flames. That same flame continues to ignite the church and all of her people and fuel the mission of making the gospel known. Because flames often die down without attention, we are creating Kindle groups. Starting the Lent and continuing through Easter, the Kindle Groups will be using the the Friends of God: A Discipleship Experience curriculum. You can learn more about this curriculum here: [https://youtu.be/hBZuTB6gR\\_Q](https://youtu.be/hBZuTB6gR_Q) These will be groups of 6-12 men and women who will meet weekly for Bible Study and Fellowship. They will follow a self-guided curriculum to study scripture and share their faith journeys. If you'd like to join a Kindle group, please follow this link to leave your information. <https://goo.gl/forms/rRYTv0MPqEotapcT2> If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Cortney Dale at [cortneydale@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cortneydale@christchurchnewbern.com) or or 252.633.2109

### Way of Love Preaching Series concludes today

The final word of our series is "Bless — Share faith and unselfishly give and serve."

All of the sermons are on our website at <https://christchurchnewbern.com/sermons/>. Next week, we will have a collection of all seven sermons available.

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

You can also find all sermons on several podcasting outlets: iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, and Stitcher. Search for "Christ Church, New Bern."



## EMPTY BOWLS

A Joint Outreach of  
Religious Community Services  
and the Craven Arts Council  
& Gallery

Thursday, February 28, 2019  
11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Temple Baptist Church  
1500 Kingdom Way

*Empty Bowls* Tickets are on sale now! \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

For more information call: 252-638-2577. Or visit [www.emptybowlsnewbern.org](http://www.emptybowlsnewbern.org)

### Backpack Blessings Build

A package build for Backpack Blessings will be held @ Garber United Methodist Church from 6 - 8 PM on Thursday, February 28th and Friday, March 1st as well as Saturday morning, March 2nd from 9 - 11AM. Backpack Blessings is a local ministry that provides food on weekends for school-age young people with food insecurities.

### Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative (or maybe yourself) who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Rev Cortney Dale (252)633.20109, Mary Parrish(252) 514-8199, Mary Davidson(252)671-6445. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. Its a great way for you to show how much you care!

