

Mar 31-April 7, 2019

The Messenger



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Welcome to Christ Church!!

We are glad you are here!

During this Lenten season, we will use one bulletin for the whole season. Music for both 8:45 and 11:00 are listed below in line with the Scripture readings. On page 4, you will find the latest news and upcoming events in the life of Christ Church.

We hope you will take home a copy of the Messenger so you can re-read the Scripture throughout the week and be familiar with all that goes on in this vibrant and holy place.

If you are new or visiting, we hope you will fill out the visitor card in the pew rack in front of you. It will help us get to know you and allow us to share a little more about Christ Church. Drop the card in the offering plate later in the service or give it to one of the clergy after the service.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!

The Rev. Paul Canady

Rector

Scripture Readings for Sunday, March 31st The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Hymn: (8:45) Come thou fount of every blessing H 686
(11:00) O what their joy and their glory must be H 623

After Collect of the Day: (11:00) Child of God Mark A. Miller Choristers

The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm*Read antiphonally by half verse (marked by the *). Women read first half, men read the second half*

Psalm 32

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord

*People***Thanks be to God****Sequence:** (8:45 & 11:00) There's a wideness in God's mercy

H 469

The Gospel (*Standing*)**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People (7:30)

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

People (8:45 & 11:00)

Glory to you, Lord Christ

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People (7:30)

Praise be to thee, O Christ

People (8:45 & 11:00)

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Offering: (8:45) Softly and tenderly arr. Tom Porter Heart & Soul Choir
(11:00) God so loved the world John Stainer Parish Choir

Communion: (8:45) Just as I am H 693
(11:00) Jerusalem, my happy home H 620
Just as I am H 693

Recessional: (8:45) Love lifted me L 198
(11:00) Come thou fount of every blessing H 686

News, Notes, Calendars, Etc.

Sacred Sound and Space Task Force Update—Acoustics

Last week's update focused on the replacement of our organ with a high quality organ built for our worship space. This week the acoustics of our worship space is the topic. Over the next few weeks we will continue to provide information about each of the potential worship space enhancements under consideration and continue to ask for your feedback.

Having trouble hearing is a common complaint at Christ Church. Improving the acoustics of our worship space is the objective of two of the enhancements that were described at the Listening Sessions – flooring and ceiling improvements. Both are key among the recommendations made by an acoustics consultant who analyzed the acoustics of our worship space. The organ builders we have talked to shared the acoustic consultant's opinion and stressed the need to improve the acoustics of our worship space if we are to get the full benefit of a new organ.

Flooring – the carpet in the worship space absorbs and deadens sound. A hard surface such as wood or stone would better reflect sound. Our ability to hear the spoken word, singing and all musical instruments would significantly benefit from acoustical improvement associated with replacing the carpet. During the Listening Sessions we also heard from some parishioners that a hard surface would also help those with walkers and wheelchairs. We have the original heart pine flooring in parts of the worship space and restoring it, and installing it where it is not present, is one option being considered.

Ceiling Stiffening – our ceiling is made of very thin wood. It actually works like the head of a drum and as it vibrates it transfers sound energy from the worship space into the space between the ceiling and roof. Among the solutions being considered is to somehow stiffen the ceiling from above. We are exploring that and other options for the ceiling. It is worth noting that there is no insulation above our ceiling and that, from above, you can see light coming through gaps in it.

The greatest benefits of acoustical improvement would likely be the quality of congregational singing and the sense of community that would come from being able to hear and experience the chorus of our fellow worshipers praying the prayers and saying the creeds. Having a floor and ceiling that reflect our voices, the organ and other instruments into the room rather than deadening or transferring them through the ceiling would allow us to fill our worship space with music.

Please continue to ask questions and provide your input to bobemory8@gmail.com. and visit the Task Force page on the Christ Church website. Please mark April 28th on your calendar. Following the 11 AM service that Sunday the Task Force will share what we have heard so far and talk about next steps.

Rothermel Lecture

Next Sunday, April 7, 2pm—First Presbyterian Church
Faces of Alzheimer's Disease Research by Prof. Carol Anne Colton, Ph.D
Duke University School of Medicine

Neighbors in Christ Directories

Christ Church has prepared Neighborhood Directories for the entire parish. These directories are to be used to coordinate Pastoral Care between the clergy and the parish. Each Neighborhood Directory has a contact person listed at the top of the page and a cover letter included explaining the mission of the project. Please pick up your Directory in the Parish Hall; they are placed in Neighborhood groups, and are alphabetical. We have placed a large map with the Neighborhoods color coded, beside the directories to assist you in finding your Neighborhood.

If you have any questions, or are not sure what Neighborhood you live in, please contact Barbara Rice, by email: b.rice23@outlook, or phone: 252-636-9672.

The Long Reach of Giving

I am continually amazed by the longitude of God's loving reach, especially as we see all the ways Christ Church makes an impact in the broader community. In 2018, \$320,348 went out into the local and national community in the name of Christ Church. Over \$138,000 came out of our operating budget, and \$70,000 came from the Christ Church Trust. Benefitting the local and national Episcopal Church, we gave \$106,000 to the Diocese of East Carolina, Trinity Center, and the United Thank Offering. Nearly \$44,000 went to Religious Community Services, MERCI Clinic, and health and healing ministries in our area. We have received nearly \$100k for Hurricane Relief, and in 2018, we were able to give away \$51,000, much of it to our own parishioners who suffered damage and displacement after Hurricane Florence. More has been given in 2019, and around \$15,000 remains to be granted. Parts of this money came from people outside Christ Church, including participants at Pumpkin Patch and Cookie Walk, but nearly half (\$153,000) came from parishioners either through a pledge or special giving. The dollars that go out from here have helped make ministry happen in countless ways. Many thanks to Chris McCrudden and Patti Williams for compiling this data on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Thank you for all you do to help Christ Church continue to share the love of God with our neighbors.

In Christ,



Sunday Flowers in Church

To help streamline communication between those giving flowers and the parish office, we ask that you use the envelopes provided on the back table, near the left entrance to the Nave. (Near the bulletin board where the flower sign-up previously was.) You can simply put the envelope in the offering plate or leave it on the Reception Desk. Payment (\$35) can be included in the envelope. You can also pay online at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give and look for the line that says "Altar Flowers." Contact Ellie Roberts (ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.633.2109 ext 135) for questions or more information.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! Our week for VBS this year is June 17-21st. We still have plenty of spaces open for children to be a part of this fun week.

To register your young people, go to tinyurl.com/ccvbs19

We are also looking for adults and middle & high schoolers that would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry at Christ Church. If you would like to be a VBS minister, go to tinyurl.com/vbsmin19

If you have any questions about signing up your young people or about being a VBS minister, please contact Ashley Simpson at ashleysimpson@christchurchnewbern.com

Farm Worker Ministry

Thank you to all who have participated in our food pack and shower bag collection for the incoming farmworkers. The last day of our collection will be April 1. On Sunday, April 7, we will go the Farm Worker Ministry in Newton Grove to deliver the food packs and shower bags. While we are there, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist at the La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia (Church of the Holy Family) with the migrant farm workers. We will meet in the First Citizen's parking lot between the church and the bank to carpool, leaving Christ Church at 8:45. **Most ride and a few of us drive.** If you would like to come on this trip, please sign up on the clip board at the farmworker display. For More information, please call Jerry, or Anne Ocorr, 634-3595.

Join us for Taize worship

Today at 5:30pm in the Chapel

Order Easter Flowers

Now

In celebration of the great feast of Easter, we fill the church with Easter flowers given as memorials and thanksgivings.

To give Easter flowers, please complete the form below, include your check for \$25 made out to Christ Church, and return it to the church office. Please put "Easter flowers" in the memo line.

*To the glory of God and in **Loving Memory of:** (please print clearly)*

*To the glory of God and in **Thanksgiving for:** (please print clearly)*

Given by -----

Telephone -----

Email -----

*Please return to the Church Office
no later than April 15, 2019*

*Payments accepted : Cash, Check, Credit/Debit
Online payments: www.christchurchnewbern.com/give*

Lenten Preaching Series

This Wednesday, April 3rd, 12PM

Mike Peterson

Family & Youth Minister
The Chapel of the Cross,
Chapel Hill, NC

*Lunch to follow in the
Harrison Center*

If you can't join us, watch live
on our Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/christchurchnewbern



Sunday Nights in Lent



Water, Bread, & Wine:
How the two great
sacraments

help us see God in our everyday life

March 31 and April 7 & 14

5:00-6:30pm

An Interactive, All Ages Series

Meets in the Harrison Center tonight

Baptism and Eucharist are the two main sacraments of the Episcopal Church. We'll spend time exploring what they mean to the church and to us, and how they are a part of our every day life. Join us! Registration will help us know how many to prepare for. Visit

www.tinyurl.com/cnblent2019.



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 Freeman, 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, Bev Purdue, Bob Eaves, Bill Vincent, Patrick Campesi.

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, Mark, Gordon, Missy, Robert, Rev Dave, Derek, Bud and Cheryl, Matt.

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.

For our parishioners in boarding school and college:

Ashley Buffa, Anna Louise Flanagan, Jack Huddle, Harrison 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: The Bishop and Staff of the Diocese of East Carolina



The greenery behind the altar is given to the glory of God by Karen and Dave O'Connell.

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 or 252.633.2109)

Calendar

Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 31

RCS In Gathering

- 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 Friends of Christ Church (*Parish House*)
- 3:30 pm EYC
- 5:00 pm Sunday Nights in Lent (*Harrison Center*)
- 5:30 pm Taize Service (*Chapel*)

Monday, April 1

- 6:00 pm Daughters of the King (*Parish House*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lovers (*Music Room*)
- 6:00 pm T-Ball Practice (*offsite*)

Tuesday, April 2

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Women's Book Club (*2nd Fl Living Room*)
- 3:00 pm Evangelism Meeting (*Library*)
- 5:00 pm Heart and Soul Choir Practice (*Music Rm*)
- 7:00 pm Hand Bell Choir (*Music Building*)

Wednesday, April 3

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Svc (*Chapel*)
- 11:00 am Rector's Bible Study (*Library*)
- 12:00 pm Lenten Preaching Series (*Nave*)
- 12:30 pm Lenten Lunch (*Harrison Center*)
- 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 Building*)

Thursday, April 4

- 1:00 pm ECW St Francis (*Parish House*)
- 6:30 pm Walk in Love (*2nd Fl Living Room*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

Friday, April 5

- 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*Chapel*)

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

RCS In Gathering Pick Up

- 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
- 3:30 pm EYC
- 5:00 pm Sunday Nights in Lent (*Nave/Parish House*)

Estate Planning 101

What is it? Why do you need it? Come and learn from Rob Overman Sunday March 31 at 10:00am in the Library. Rob has been a financial advisor for over 30 years and will share ideas and answer your questions.

Stations of the Cross, A Lenten Practice

Are you looking for a way to honor the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ this Lent? Come join us each Friday at 5 pm, in the chapel as we pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. The object of the stations is to help the faithful Christians to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us. A series of 14 images are arranged in numbered order along a path and we travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to say the selected prayers and reflections. The stations grew out of imitations of Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. For more information, contact Anne Ocorr 634 3595

Bunco—Hoop-de Do

Sunday, April 7th—3:00pm-5:00pm Garber Ministry Center—4202 Country Club Road Trent Woods, NC
No skill or experience needed, but wearing team gear encouraged!

\$20/per person at the door + Door Prizes—Vendors—Auction Items—Refreshments

Call 252-288-5481 for more information

Proceeds support *Religious Community Service's mission to feed the hungry and house the homeless and *The First Tee of Coastal Carolinas' kids and character youth leadership initiatives.

Christ Church Friends

Our team of "Friends" has been visiting parishioners in their homes since mid January. At our first gathering, we agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 9th in the Parish Library at 4 p.m. to assess the progress of our program. It is important for us to hear from those visiting so that we can make future plans. Please email anniebee28562@yahoo.com with the word, "coming". Looking forward to seeing you on April 9.

Ashley Simpson to be a Sewanee Tiger

After making official visits to three Episcopal seminaries, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries Ashley Simpson has chosen to attend the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. "Throughout my time visiting seminaries," Ashley said, "I was told 'when you know, you are going to know'. As soon as I drove on to the campus of Sewanee, I knew that was where I wanted to receive my seminary education. After further time on the campus and conversation with faculty and students, I believe that Sewanee is going to be the best place for me to thrive academically." Ashley's date of departure has not been set. She continues in her role as Director of Youth & Children's Ministry, currently planning an end-of-school-year trip for middle and high schoolers and ramping up for Vacation Bible School.

Volunteer Tutors—Craven Literacy Council

Craven Literacy Council regularly offers workshops to train volunteer tutors to work with adults who need basic literacy skills, or who want to learn to speak and understand English. The 15-hour workshop will provide participants with teaching techniques and materials that will prepare them to tutor with the Council. The workshop begins on April 2, 2019 and will continue with sessions on April 4, 9, 11, and a final session on May 14 (Tuesdays and Thursdays). For more information, please email Carol McCormick at c.mccormick@cravenliteracy.org

or call 252-637-8079