

May 19 – May 26, 2019

The Messenger

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Honoring our Growing in Grace Volunteers

On Sunday we will recognize our wonderful mentors and their countless hours spent volunteering to help make our Growing in Grace (GIG) after-school program so successful! The spiritual aspect of GIG is unique and provides the children with love and knowledge of God's hope for them. In just our third year, we have 33 active volunteers, which includes three high school students and one college-age student

GIG serves currently 10 children in 3rd-5th grades from Brinson Elementary School, Monday through Thursday throughout the school year. Each child is paired with four mentors, many of whom are church members, who work with their child for an hour after school to help with homework, skill building and reading. GIG provides van transportation from school to the church and then home after the daily program. Additional volunteers also sub for mentors, drive or ride on the church van, and lead story/devotion time.

New this year, we have added the opportunity for the children to be a part of the Choristers on Wednesdays with our music director and Chapel Thursdays with our Clergy.

The Vestry of Christ Church has enthusiastically supported this program and the parish has embraced it as a ministry they love and support with time, talent and donations. Thank you so much for your continuing support. **If you would like to become a volunteer for this program, make a donation or for more information contact Debbie Fodrie, Director, at debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com, or 252.675.8358**

Stewardship: Past, Present & Future

This is the first in a series of articles exploring Christ Church's stewardship journey.

During our 2017 annual giving campaign, *ThanksLiving: An Attitude of Gratitude*, we reflected on God's call to live as generous stewards in response to His abundance and sustenance. In 2018 we continued our journey of *ThanksLiving: Seeing the Longitude of God's Loving Reach*, giving thanks for the magnitude of God's love for our parish, community and beyond.

This year's stewardship journey reflection leads us to *ThanksLiving: Experiencing the Multitude of God's Abundance*. The clergy and stewardship committee look forward to sharing the events we have planned for this year's annual giving campaign. We hope you will add our **Campaign Kick-Off Picnic (September 8)** and **Harvest Sunday Celebration Luncheon (October 6)** to your calendar.

Growing in Grace Mentors

Terry Brubaker (also daily van rider)
Jim Behl (also daily van driver)
Janet Peregory (also story/devotion time)
Jane Merritt
Nancy Pryzbylko
Ann Bustard (also story/devotion time)
Harry Gormley
Anne Ocorr
Bill Dorn
Edna Thomas
Linda Hitchcock
Nell Hudson
Gloria Simpson
Gail Banks
Mimi Watrous
Dave Watrous
Jim Crawford (also story/devotion time)
Mary Davidson
Anne Bell
Kim Huddle
Andy Johnson (also story/ devotion time)
Sally Johnson
Amy LaFrenier
Mary Carolyn Lawson
Chuck Winfree
Sydney Kitchen
Paden Kitchen
Kiaisha Squires
Anzley Kemmerer
Judi Dorn (story/devotion time)
Connie Whitney (sub)
Jettie Pelletier (sub)
Nola Livingston (sub)

Volunteers Requested

The **Newcomer Committee** is looking for volunteers to assist with contacting young families new to our church and helping to organize Newcomer social activities. Interested? Call Betty Clarke at 637.7657.

Sunday Choral Evensong

Join us Sunday at 5:30 pm for **Choral Evensong**, a service of prayers, psalms, and canticles, featuring the Parish Choir, organist, Marcia Klinder-Badgley, and Director of Music, Clifford Badgley.

News, Notes, Calendars, Etc.

June 2 Will Be United Thank Offering

We will be celebrating **United Thank Offering (UTO) Sunday on June 2nd** this year. The UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings and to distribute 100 percent of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. The St. Elizabeth and St. Frances Chapters will be collecting your blue boxes during the offering on June 2. If you plan to write a check for your UTO contribution, it must be made out to Christ Church ECW with "UTO" in the memo line.



VBS — Volunteers & Donations

Vacation Bible School, "To Mars and Beyond" is rapidly approaching, and volunteers are needed. Available shifts include: Kindergarten, First Grade, Second & Third Grade, Fourth & Fifth Grade Rotation Leaders, and Snack, Arts & Crafts, & Recreation Station Leaders. VBS runs from June 17 – 21, from 8:45 am until noon. Contact **Ashley Simpson** at ashleysimson@christchurchnewbern.com if you are able to help.



VBS is also seeking donations of the **toilet paper rolls, plastic Easter eggs, & plastic water bottles**. A collection box labeled "VBS" will be set up in the Library.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Starting **June 2**, please join fellow parishioners and welcome guests to a chat and refreshing cup of lemonade after the 10:00 am service. **Hosts and goodie providers are needed. Sign-up in reception.** *Coffee will be available in the Parish House after the 8am service.*

Altar and Flower Guild Spring Luncheon

Altar Guild and Flower Guild members are invited to the Spring Luncheon at 12 noon on **Wednesday, May 22** in the Parish House. Please RSVP to **Sims Wayt** at simswayt@embarqmail.com.

Christ Church T-Ball Teams

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

APOSTLES

May 21: 6:00 pm vs. St. Paul's (*Heath Field*)
May 24: 6:00 pm vs. Temple (*Heath Field*)

PROPHETS

May 24: 6:00 pm vs. New Covenant (*Snack Bar*)

NOTE: Heath Field is located at Seth West Parrot Park. Snack Bar Field is the back field where National Ave. Turns into Oaks Road.

LOOKING AHEAD



Celebration of Summer

Celebrate the beginning of our summer schedule with a **Picnic on the Lawn** Sunday, **May 26**, following 10:00 am service. Based on last year's crowd, this will be an event you won't want to miss.



Fried chicken will be provided by the church, and plan on bringing a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up at online at <https://perfectpotluck.com/MMMF9095>.

Committee members will be in the yard after 8:30 am to accept food. Remember to put your name on your dish. Thanks to our Parish Life Committee for planning this celebration. See you on the lawn!

Education for Ministry

For over 14 years, Christ Church has offered Education for Ministry (EfM), a program developed more than 40 years ago by the School of Theology at The University of the South, (aka) Sewanee. Adults seeking to deepen understanding of their faith, explore the Bible, learn the history of the Christian Church and examine theology find a home in EfM groups.

Knowing our stories, both personal and corporate, and sharing them with one another in a safe, caring community, help us live into an Education for Ministry theme, “Learning our **HERITAGE**; Living our **FAITH**.” Everyone’s story has a parallel in scripture. Knowing our stories, through learning our heritage, grows us into stronger members of, to quote Bishop Curry, “The Jesus Movement.”

Although EfM is a four-year program, participants commit to one year at a time. We meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:30 pm for nine months, with breaks for Christmas and Easter. Seminar groups must have a minimum of six and a maximum of 12 participants, and are led by trained mentors.

Anyone interested in learning more about this transformative adult education opportunity are invited to join us on **Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 pm** in the chapel to celebrate the graduation of Leann Wilson with a pot luck in the Parish House to follow. There will be past and current EfMers to answer your questions and encourage your exploration. You may also contact mentors Harry Gormley (634-1749 / gormley1@suddenlink.net) or Edna Marie Thomas (876-6843 / ednamariethomas@gmail.com) for more information.

Sacred Sound & Space Task Force Update

By now you should have received a booklet in the mail describing proposed enhancements to our worship space. Included in the potential enhancements are a new organ to replace our failing one, acoustical enhancements, lighting improvements, refurbishing or replacing the pews and acquiring a piano suitable for a worship space the size of ours. Also included in the booklet is the Vestry’s commitment to tithing 10% of all funds raised to Outreach, should we launch a capital campaign to fund the enhancements.

A consultant, the Vandersall Collective, is helping us by performing a Feasibility Study to gauge parish support for the projects and our willingness to support them financially. Ultimately Vandersall will provide the Task Force and the Vestry with a Feasibility Report, including recommendations to the Vestry which, if any, projects to undertake. The Vestry will consider the Task Force’s recommendation and then make their own decision.

A key part of the Feasibility Study is a survey we would like each household to complete. Instructions on how to access the online version were included in the information you received and can be found at www.vandersallcollective.com/christchurchnewbern.

If you prefer to utilize a paper survey, please let the church office know. Your response to the survey will be kept confidential and is very important to us as we move forward. The deadline for submission is **May 26th**. Please direct any questions or input about the Task Force’s work to bobemory8@gmail.com.

Ann Bustard Award Winners Announced



The presentation of the Ann Bustard Award for Graduating Seniors took place this past Sunday at the 11:00 am service. This year we have two winners: **Sarah Kate Childs** and **Sydney Kitchen**, both of whom are outstanding students with excellent participation in church, school and community activities. Sarah Kate will start her studies this fall at NC State University in Raleigh where she will study Microbiology, while Sydney will travel to St. Andrew’s University in Edinburgh, Scotland to study History and Political Science. We

are indeed proud of these two amazing young women; we at Christ Church send them off to pursue their dreams with our love and prayers. May God continue to bless them as they journey forward.

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, Hal Cameron, Charlie Mitchell, Robert Lane, Evelyn Hunter, Gloria Simpson, Dave Watrous, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Ilene Disosway, Barbara, Mary Lynn Linton, Barbara Odderstol, Jackie Sherwood, Rae Cowan, Blackie Fox, Jack Hardy, Su Cox, Bill Vincent, Patrick Campesi, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, Delle Curry, Mary-Carolyn Lawson, Jimmy Robinson.

For our families and friends:

Liesel, Tate, Ruth, Kathy, Nancy, Denise, Tony, Barbara, Charlie, Ann, Mathias, Katherine, Alex, 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, Cortney, 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, Jeff, Corinne, Paul, Travis, Sarah, Edward, Irene, 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, Christopher Miller, Michael.

For our parishioners in boarding school and college:

Anna Louise Flanagan, Jack Huddle, Harrison Little, Carlee Peele, Htoo Soe, John Thomas, Zack Thuringer, Abby Garman, Emily Wilson.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Timothy's, Greenville, and St. John's, Grifton.

If you would like a loved one who is not a member of Christ Church to be placed on that prayer list, please contact Betsy Downard (betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com, 252.633.2109)

The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of The Rev. Carolyn Lawson by Hal Stirling.

Calendar

Sunday, May 19

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:15 am Sunday Breakfast (*Harrison Center*)
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- Growing in Grace Mentor Recognition**
- 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages (*Classrooms*)
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 12:30 pm Junior Daughters of the King (*Library*)
- 5:00 pm EYC (*Offsite*)
- 5:30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday, May 20

- 10:00 am Home Place (*Offsite*)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Bride's Room*)
- 10:45 am McCarthy Court (*Offsite*)
- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group (*Pelletier Room*)
- 2:00 pm ECW Board Meeting (*Parish House*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lover's Class (*Music Building*)
- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

Tuesday, May 21

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Call to Courage Discussion Group (*Pelletier Room*)
- 5:00 pm Heart and Soul Choir Practice (*Music Building*)
- 6:00 pm Apostles T-Ball Game (*offsite*)

Wednesday, May 22

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (*Chapel*)
- 12:00 pm Altar & Flower Guild Spring Luncheon (*Parish House*)
- 4:00 pm Pastoral Care Commission Meeting (*Library*)
- 6:00 pm EfM (*2nd Floor Living Room*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)

Thursday, May 23

- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

Friday, May 24

- Youth Group Trip (*Offsite*)
- 6:00 pm Apostles T-Ball Game (*offsite*)
- 6:00 pm Prophets T-Ball Game (*offsite*)

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 am Celebration of Summer Picnic on the Lawn

NOTE: The Rector's Bible Study has concluded for this program year. We will start again the Wednesday after Labor Day.

Deadlines for Submitting Articles & Calendar Items

"Week Ahead at Christ Church" email: 12 noon Thursday

"MidWeek Messenger" email: 12 noon Tuesday

Printed and emailed "Messenger": 12 noon Wednesday