

May 26 — June 2, 2019

# The Messenger



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## 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.



## June Clothing Drive for Farmworkers

In the summer months farmworkers work in the fields as much as 11 hours a day, planting and harvesting crops. Because of the heat and pesticides used on crops, they need our help with donations of used clothing. We will have our clothing drive in the month of June this year. Following is a list of men's clothing needs:

- Long-sleeved shirts (any size)
- Jeans or other work pants (small to medium-sized)
- Bandanas
- Ball caps
- Athletic Socks
- Athletic or work shoes (small to medium-sized)

Thank you so much for your support of the farmworkers. We will make another trip to the Farmworker Ministry in early July. Please consider coming with us to visit this important ministry. For more information, contact **Anne or Jerry Ocorr** at 634.3595.

## Holy Land and Passion Play Journey

Learn about an exciting opportunity to visit the Holy Land and Israel, as well as experience a once-in-a-decade opportunity to watch the world's most famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Bob Whitely of Centenary United Methodist Church will be at Christ Church at **9 a.m., June 9**, to conduct a presentation on this 13-day journey that will take place in **August of 2020**. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2020-Journey> for more information.

## Newcomer Reception: Save the Date

**4 p.m., Sunday, June 9**

The Newcomer Committee is having a reception to newcomers, who have come in the last year. Invitations have been sent to the newest people that we know about. You may come a second time within the year, and prospective members are also welcome. Call **Betty Clarke** at 637.7657 for more information..

## 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 a.m. service. **Hosts and goodie providers are needed.** There is a sign up sheet in reception or you can sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2019>. *Note: Coffee will be available in the Parish House after the 8am service.*

## Fowl Ball — 6:00 p.m., Saturday, June 1

It's time that Christ Church makes a visit to the **Wood Ducks Game**. To purchase tickets go to: <https://tinyurl.com/CECH-Wood-Ducks>. Young Adults and Families are coordinating the event, but **all are welcome**.

## Picnic Clean-Up Volunteers Needed

Due to excessive heat, we are moving the picnic to the Harrison Center with some tables on the church lawn. **Volunteers are needed after the picnic to help put away the tables and chairs. Your help is appreciated!**

# News, Notes, Calendars, Etc.

## Last Call for Survey Participation

Survey submission deadline: **TODAY**

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](http://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.

## RCS Volunteer Request

RCS is seeking the following volunteer positions/shifts:

**Food Pantry:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Wednesdays & Thursdays

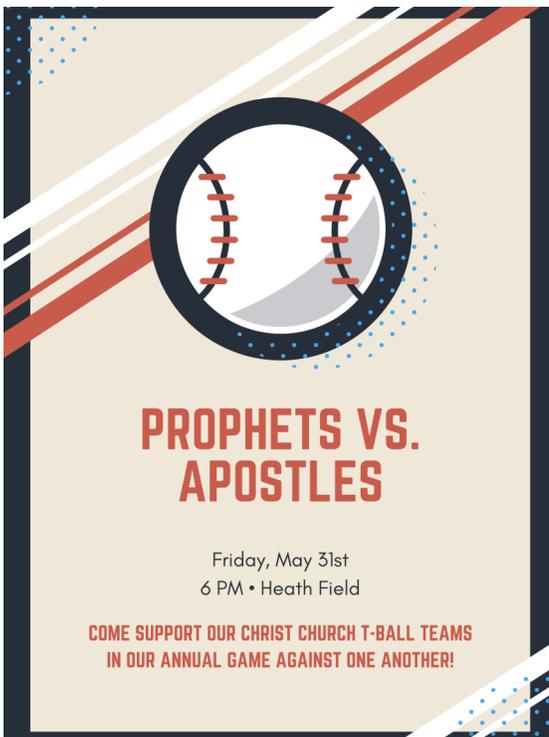
**Warehouse:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Mondays through Friday

**Community Kitchen Team:** 1st Wednesday of every month, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (8—10 people needed)

**Dishwasher in Community Kitchen:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please contact **Catherine Ackerman** (252.633.2767 ext. 106 or [cackerman@rcsnewbern.com](mailto:cackerman@rcsnewbern.com)) for more information.

## Prophets vs. Apostles T-Ball Game



Come support our Christ Church T-Ball teams in our annual game against each other. There will be baseball, food and fun. What more can you ask for?

**6 p.m., Friday, May 31**

**Heath Field**

Note: Heath Field is located at Seth West Parrot Park on Pinetree Drive.

## Peace and Unity Weekend in New Bern

Local faith-based organizations have been invited to join the New Bern Police Department in participating in the third annual **“Peace and Unity Weekend,” Saturday and Sunday June 1 and 2.** Faith leaders are asked to communicate and share a message of peace and unity as a show of solidarity with neighbors, friends, families and our community. Parishioners are asked to wear royal blue shirts that weekend as an identifiable expression of peace and unity.

## Thank You

We are glad to have the **Rev. Deacon John Gaskill** serving in our liturgy today. John has served in the Diocese of East Carolina for many years and recently retired from St. Andrew's, Morehead City.

The Rev. Paul Canady and the Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby are at functions for their respective families this weekend.

## VBS — Volunteers and Donations Needed

Vacation Bible School, **“To Mars and Beyond”** is rapidly approach-

**VBS TO MARS & BEYOND!**

ing, 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 a.m. until noon. Contact **Ashley Simpson** at [ashleysimson@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto: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.

## 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.

EfM is a four-year program, however participants commit to one year at a time. We meet 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 at **6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29** 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](mailto:gormley1@suddenlink.net)) or Edna Marie Thomas (876-6843 /

## Thank you Daniell!



Today marks the conclusion of Daniell Butler's time working in our nursery. Daniell has been with us since February 2015. She has loved and cared for all the children and families who have come through the nursery. We are tremendously grateful for her and her presence among us. She will be missed. We are working to

identify another employee to assist Gray Proctor in the nursery.

## Honoring Service to Cursillo



**Connie Whitney**, outgoing Lay Rector, Trinity Ultreya, was recognized for her many years of service on Sunday, April 14. **Gay Stuart** made the presentation and commented, “when Connie Whitney was intro-

duced to Cursillo in 1996, it was still called a ‘movement’ and ‘move her’ it did.” Her work as a Decuria has given many pilgrims an opportunity to explore their own spiritual walk with God over the years.

## Summer Music

Want to know about music this summer?

- **8:00 a.m. service:** organ and piano with an occasional hymn
- **10:00 a.m. service:** blending the best of both morning styles, with hymns chosen from **Hymnal 1982**, **Lift Every Voice and Sing**, and **Wonder, Love and Praise**. Music will be led with organ, piano and other instruments, as appropriate.
- Summer choir meets at **9:00 a.m.**, on the following Sundays: **June 9, June 30, July 21 and August 11**. We'll meet in the balcony, learn the anthem for the day and sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer Choir is open to all who wish to sing, whether or not they are currently singing in the choir.
- Taizé service is **5:30 p.m., Sunday June 30 (Chapel)**

Included in each week's *Messenger* will be notes highlighting two of the Sunday's hymns. We can learn about hymns in all of our hymnals. Soli Deo Gloria!

## Hymns for May 26

**All Things Bright and Beautiful, H 405** – This popular hymn was written by Cecil Frances Alexander, an Irish woman who wrote hymns for children. It is based on the second article of the Apostles' Creed: “God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.

“**Shall We Gather at the River,**” **L 141** – This hymn was written by Robert Lowry in 1864, while Abraham Lincoln was elected to a second term, and the Civil War was still going. There was an isolated epidemic in New Bern, it was a hot summer, and there was a plot to spread yellow fever to the northern cities. Lowry was hot and exhausted in his Brooklyn parlor. He wondered why (in his words) “hymn writers had said so much about the ‘river of death’ and so little about the ‘pure water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.’ As I mused, the words began to construct themselves...the music came with the hymn.”

## *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, Lindy Emory, Fair Leonard.

### *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, Cliff.

### *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:* Holy Trinity, Hampstead

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](mailto:betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com), 252.633.2109)

The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary by Priscilla and David Miller and in loving memory of her father, Frederick Grant, by Barbara and Mark West.

## Calendar

### Sunday, May 26

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 am Celebration of Summer Picnic (*Harrison Center*)

### Monday, May 27

#### **Memorial Day — Office Closed**

- 5:15 pm Stephen Ministry (*Library*)

### Tuesday, May 28

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)

### Wednesday, May 29

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 pm EfM (*2nd Floor Living Room*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)

### Thursday, May 30

- 8:00 am Feast of the Ascension (*Chapel*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)
- 6:30 pm Cursillo (*Parish House*)

### Friday, May 31

- 6:00 pm Apostles vs. Prophets T-Ball Game (*offsite*)

### Saturday, June 1

### Sunday, June 2

#### **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**

#### **United Thank Offering Sunday**

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 9:00 am Eucharist for Young Children and Families (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30 am VBS Ministers Meeting (*Library*)
- 5:30 pm Craven Literacy Council Trivia Night (*Harrison Center*)

### 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**

**Please email items to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).**