

August 4 – 11, 2019

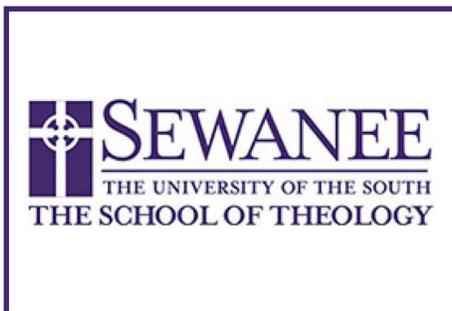
The Messenger



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Thanks and Farewell to Ashley

A huge thank you to **Ashley Simpson** for her four years of outstanding dedication to the youth and families of Christ Church. She will be starting seminary this month at Sewanee (University of the South).



We will be hosting farewell receptions for Ashley this **Sunday, August 4** following the 9:00 am Children's Eucharist and the 10:00 am Eucharist. Both will be in the Parish House.

You can contribute to a financial gift for Ashley as she begins her time at Sewanee by bringing a check to the office, placing it in the offering plate, or giving online at <http://christchurchnewbern.com/give/> (look for the line that says "Ashley's Purse.") You may also select something off her Seminary wish list at <https://tinyurl.com/ashseminary>.



Parish Update From the Sacred Sound and Space Task Force

An update letter communicating further information regarding the recent feasibility study was mailed and emailed to parishioners this week. Highlights included:

- The Vestry has committed to a capital campaign with an initial goal of \$1,285,000 and a stretch goal that would bring us up to \$1,426,000.
- The capital campaign will kick off January 12, 2020.
- A parish-wide meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00 pm** to answer any questions you might have about the Sacred Space and Sound Campaign. It will last approximately an hour, and childcare will be provided.
- The entire communication can be viewed at <https://christchurchnewbern.com/sacredsoundsandpace/>

Worship Notes

After spending the last two months with Eucharistic Prayer C, we move to a prayer from **Enriching Our Worship** (EOW). EOW was first authorized by the General Convention in 1997 as an expansion of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. It contains three additional forms of the Eucharistic prayers and additional canticles and collects for morning and evening prayer.

In place of one of the usual post-communion prayers, we will be using the prayer attributed to St. Francis. Using this prayer, we hope, will be a new way to focus us toward the work God calls us to in the world. We will use this Eucharistic Prayer and post-communion prayer until September.

Apparel Clearance Sale

This Sunday we will be offering hats and shirts from previous events for \$5 each. We have everything from VBS shirts, to T-Ball hats & more! For more information on what is available or to have something held for you, please contact Ashley Simpson at ashleysimpson@christchurchnewbern.com.

One Day with God Camp

Please prayerfully consider taking part in this heart-warming ministry of accompanying children as they enjoy a fun-filled day with their fathers in Pamlico Prison. This year's camp will take place **August 24**. We need 120 volunteers to make this special day happen. Registration forms are available in the Reception Area.



This is the 13th year that Christ Church has assisted the One Day with God Camps in our area, and each one is a blessing to volunteers, prison staff, and of course to the children and their dads.

Volunteer registration deadline is **August 7**. Volunteer training will be **August 21** from 6:00 -- 7:30 pm in the Harrison Center. There will be an additional training session on **August 22** at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Contact **Jane Merritt** at 252.671.3772 if you have questions.

Where Do We Give Our Time?

Christ Church shares many financial resources with various ministries in our community. But we know that often above and beyond that, many parishioners donate their valuable time to various ministries. In an attempt to capture a snapshot of what that time might look like, we have created an online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/CCNBvolunteering>. We are asking you to look at an average month and estimate how many hours you spend giving yourself to each of the following ministries.

For each question, please estimate the number of unpaid hours you serve. We've included a space at the end to elaborate if you feel that the options provided don't reflect your volunteer time. Thank you for your participation.

Lemonade Hosts Needed

At last check, we are looking Lemonade on the Lawn for hosts on **August 11, 18, 25 and September 1**. There is a sign up sheet in reception, or you can sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2019>.

“GIG”ing Up for 2019-2020

Are you looking for an very rewarding program to be a part of at Christ Church?



Growing in Grace would love to have you join us for this upcoming school year! We need volunteers to serve as one-on-one homework mentors, van drivers, van monitors and substitutes.

Growing in Grace's mission is to provide an after-school program to low-income children living in at-risk neighborhoods to enhance their educational success, encourage spiritual growth and help them develop good behavior and work habits. The program began in September 2016 with eight children, who attended Brinson Elementary School in 3rd through 5th grades. This year we will have 10 children.

Christ Church houses Growing in Grace in the Youth Room of the Church. The program operates Monday through Thursday from mid-September until mid-May, in accordance with the Craven County school calendar. Transportation is provided by the Christ Church van. The children arrive from school at 3:15, and they are transported home at 5:00 PM. The time is divided into three parts: snack/outside play, story/prayer and homework. Simple snacks and necessary school supplies are provided.

All volunteers receive training, undergo a background check and complete the Safeguarding God's Children Program. Mentor Training for all mentors (new and returning) will be at 5:30 pm **Thursday, August 29** in the GIG Room - Music building upstairs. Please contact the Director Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com /252-675-8358) if you would like to join Growing in Grace this school year.

Hymn Notes for August 4

“Let us break bread together,” H 325, is an African-American spiritual. A good number of slaves attended Episcopal services in the South. Prior to the Civil War the bishop of South Carolina stated there were more African-American communicants than white. Kneeling to the east could refer to a pagan or an Islamic custom, or to the doors of churches that face east. Mecca is east, and so is Jerusalem. By facing the rising sun one can always face the holy city. The song can be lined out with additional verses such as “Let us all pray together on our knees” and “Let us face the cross together on our knees.”

“Muchos resplandores/Many are the light beams,” W 794, is a Swedish hymn which has been translated into Spanish and English. It is rooted in scriptural imagery. In it we sing of Christ as the true light, Christ as the true vine and the Church as the branches, our many gifts given through love, and our Christian unity. We will sing it in English, but you are welcome to sing in Spanish if you are so moved.

Art Guild Fall Exhibit

Countdown for all artists of Christ Church.

We will be accepting your two-dimensional works from 10:00 am -- 12 pm on **August 29** in the Parish House.

The Fall Exhibit will be up for the months of September and October.

For more information, contact **JoAnn Bradley** at 252.635.9707.

IRM Back-to-School Drive

Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) is an organization dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in Eastern North Carolina. We will be collecting items for their back-to-school drive from August 4 - 25. Requested items include book bags and gift cards. A donation site will be set up in the Reception Area. If you have questions, please contact **Rebecca Liberty** at rebeccaliberty@embarqmail.com

Acolyte Training

The Acolyte ministry is open to all children and teens ages 8-18. They are invited to serve at the altar as Torchbearers and Crucifers. It is a fun ministry that gives our youth a chance to learn more about the history and tradition of the Episcopal Church while serving important functions at the altar. **A Training & Refresher session for all current and new Acolytes will be on August 25th, 11:15 (following the 10:00 service).** All Acolytes will be fitted for robes, current procedures will be reviewed, and all members will receive their newly revised Acolyte Customaries (handbooks). For more information, please contact Bill Dorn at wrdorn@suddenlink.net.



ThanksLiving: Experiencing the Multitude of God's Abundance

A Message from Letha Ricks:

As I continue my journey of reflecting on the multitude of God's abundance, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude for being a parishioner of Christ Church. Recently when attending a Sunday service with my daughter who lives out of town, a friend made a special effort to come and give her the warmest hug and a big smile. This simple gesture truly was one of the most recent touching instances of experiencing the multitude of God's abundance.

How have you experienced the multitude of God's abundance? Please take a moment and share one of your experiences with others. A collage will be created to share your responses. Pens and paper will be available on a designated table in the Parish House.

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, Dave Watrous, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Ilene Disosway, Barbara, Barbara Odderstol, Rae Cowan, Jack Hardy, Su Cox, Bill Vincent, Patrick Campesi, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, Mary-Carolyn Lawson, Lindy Emory, Fair Leonard, Bill Lankenau, Leigh Byrd, Liz Lane, Doug Sudduth, Raymond Tait, Paul Tait.

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, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, John, Jim, Joanne, Polly.

For our deployed military:

Capt. Jason White, Cpl. Jason Church, Sgt. Bill Jarvis, LCPL Ross Drury, Capt. Delbert R. Patton, CW02 Justin Harshner, Capt. John Jones, Lt. Col. Matt Wernersbach, Lt. Christopher Miller.

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, Sarah Kate Childs, Sydney Kitchen.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Oriental, and Trinity Church, Lumberton.

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)

Calendar

Sunday, August 4

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 8:45 am Daughters of the King Training (*Library*)
- 9:00 am Eucharist for Young Children and Families (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Ashley's Farewell Reception (*Parish House*)
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II

Monday, August 5

- 6:00 pm Song Lovers' Class (*Music Room*)
- 6:00 pm Daughters of the King Meeting (*Chapel/Parish House*)

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (*Chapel*)
- 5:30 pm Pew Meeting (*Library*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)

Thursday, August 8

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

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Daughters of the King Training (*Library*)
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II

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.**



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pat and Ken McCotter on their 51st wedding anniversary by Charles McCotter, Jr.; on the occasion of their 49th wedding anniversary by Janet and Kip Peregoy; and in thanksgiving of their wedding anniversary by Nancy and Joe Mansfield.