

August 18 – 25, 2019

# The Messenger



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## Daughters of the King to Hold New Member Installation Service Sunday

The Christ Church Daughters of the King (DOK) will be holding their New Member Installation and Member Rededication Service this Sunday, **August 18**, at the 10:00 am service. Province DOK President, Mary Ann Wright, will be in attendance.



The Service of Admission takes place after candidates have completed the study and discernment period. At this time, a new member receives her cross, which is blessed by the clergy, and promises to obey the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service; offer her aid to the clergy; wear her cross faithfully; and work for the purposes of The Order.

## Blessing of the Backpacks – August 25

Join us for this annual event where we pray for our young people, teachers, administrators, and anyone of any age involved in education. Blessing of the Backpacks will be at the 10:00 am service.



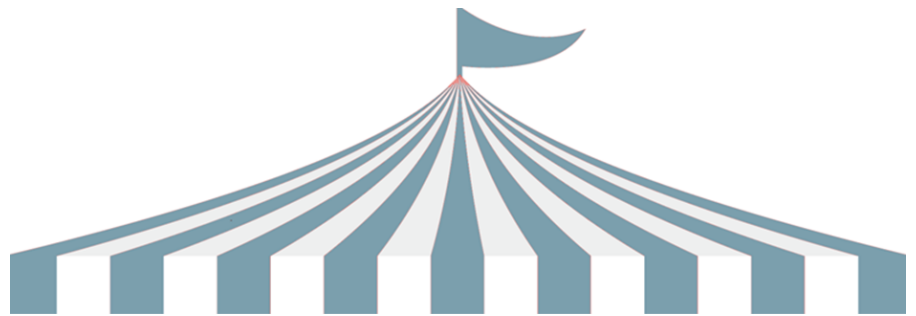
## Blessing of the Backpacks

## Annual Giving Campaign Kick-Off Carnival and Picnic

You won't want to miss this year's Annual Giving Campaign Kick-Off Carnival and Picnic on Sunday, September 8. Make plans to join your fellow parishioners on the lawn for fun, food and games for all ages.

The festivities will start after the 10:00 am service. Note: There will only be one service on September 8.

We hope you will join us in continuing our journey of sharing the **MULTITUDE of God's ABUNDANCE** and his love for each of us, for Christ Church, and for the world God has called us to love and serve.



Join us for an

## Annual Giving Campaign Kick-Off CARNIVAL AND PICNIC

Sunday, September 8

Following 10:00 am service

Christ Church Lawn

EXPERIENCING THE MULTITUDE OF GOD'S ABUNDANCE



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## A Look Back – The Pollock Street Fire of January 1871

Recently, the New Bern - Craven County Library's Kellenberger Room Blog had a [post](#) recounting the burning of Christ Church in 1871. Following are excerpts of that post written by John B. Green, III. The entire article can be viewed at <http://kellenbergerroom.blogspot.com/2019/07/>.

“Two photographs in our collection, never before published, provide an opportunity to recount the Pollock Street fire of January 10, 1871, which culminated in the destruction of New Bern's Christ Episcopal Church. These photographs provide rare before and after images of Christ Church, constructed between 1821 and 1824, and burned to its brick walls in 1871.

The first photograph by J.D. Heywood shows the church as it stood about 1865 during the Union Army occupation of the town. A Union soldier can be seen standing near the corner of Pollock and Middle streets with the church behind him. The second photo by an unknown photographer reveals the blackened walls of the church shortly after the fire.

The fire began in a stable behind Hahn's Bakery on Pollock Street opposite the church late on the evening of January 10, and quickly spread to adjacent commercial structures. Christ Church was soon reduced to brick walls with only the brick base of its tower remaining. It is said that the church bell rang out one last time as it crashed to the ground amid the flaming timbers.

Within days the congregation had set about to rebuild.

Fundraising began in earnest in February with donations and pledges being solicited and concerts and excursions being planned. Of all the fundraising activities, those conducted by the Juvenile Sewing Society of Christ Church, were the most endearing. By selling the items they sewed, they were eventually able to raise enough money to purchase and install one of the principal windows of the rebuilt sanctuary. Still in place today above the altar is the large stained-glass window with a scene of Christ blessing the little children.

Although the rebuilding of the church moved slowly, by April 1873, the church was able to host a visit from the bishop, as well as the Easter services. Additional work on the church would continue for the next 12 years, with the porch being completed in 1884 and the spire in 1885.”



*Christ Episcopal Church, photograph by J.D. Heywood, c. 1865*



*Ruins of Christ Episcopal Church, unknown photographer, c.1871*

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## IRM Back-to-School Drive

There are still opportunities available to help refugee children new to New Bern begin the school year with needed supplies. Sign out an Apple tag that lists needed supplies or gift cards for needed clothing. Please return by August 25th. Many Thanks. If you have questions, please contact **Rebecca Liberty** at [rebeccaliberty@embarqmail.com](mailto:rebeccaliberty@embarqmail.com)



## Hymn Notes for August 18

**“I have decided to follow Jesus,” L 136**, is based on the last words of Nokseng, a man from Assam, India in the mid-nineteenth century. Nokseng and his family converted to Christianity through the efforts of a foreign missionary. The village chief asked him to renounce his newly-found faith and he replied “I have decided to follow Jesus, and there is no turning back.” Nokseng’s children were then killed by archers. In response to threats to his wife he said “The world can be behind me, but the cross is still before me,” and his wife was similarly killed. He was killed as he said “Though no one is here to go with me, still I will follow Jesus.” Nokseng’s display of faith is reported to have led to the conversion of the chief and the village.

**“Great is thy faithfulness,” L 189**, praises an unchanging God in a changing world. It was inspired by an extended lament in Lamentations 3: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” It was composed in 1923 by Methodist minister Thomas Chisholm, and set to music by his friend and Methodist minister William Runyan. It did not have much popularity until it became the unofficial “school hymn” of Moody Bible Institute and was used by Billy Graham in his crusades.

Special thanks to today’s guest organist **Karen O’Connell!**

## Barbershop Harmony Group

Those interested in singing with a small Barbershop Harmony group should contact **Doug Sudduth** at 252.631.3830. No experience necessary. Men and women welcome. Doug can teach you all you need to know to sing some uplifting music.

## It’s All in the Name

We have a lot of new faces around Christ Church. To help everyone become acquainted with one another, we encourage you to wear your name tags while at church. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact **Jettie Pelletier** ([jettiejp9@gmail.com](mailto:jettiejp9@gmail.com) / 252.288.4305).

## Call for Choir Members

Choirs begin soon! Please prayerfully consider joining a choir! We need:

- Singers: Sopranos, Tenors, Altos, Basses in both adult choirs
- Handbell ringers
- Children for both children’s choirs



**Heart & Soul choir**, our 8:45 am service choir, meets Tuesday evenings 5:00 - 6:30 pm in the Music Room beginning August 27. No experience necessary. Just show up and sing!

**Handbells** meet Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Music Room beginning August 27. Please contact Cliff Badgley if you’re interested to be sure we have space. We need 11 ringers to play our 3-octave set of Schulmerich bells.

**Music & Motion choir**, for children Kindergarten through 2nd grade and led by Jane Peele, meets in the Parish House 4:30 - 5:15 pm Wednesday afternoons. Starts August 28.

**Choristers**, for children 3rd through 6th grades and led by Cliff Badgley, meets in the Music Room 4:30 - 5:15 pm Wednesday afternoons. Beginning August 28.

**Parish Choir**, our 11:00 am service choir, meets in the Music Room on Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm beginning August 28.

## RCS Accepting Clothing Donations

Religious Community Services (RCS) is accepting new or gently used clothing donations (currently summer clothes) for needy children in Craven County Schools. RCS will be working directly with Guidance Counselors to get school-aged children (grades K-12) the clothing they need during the school year.

## Sacred Sound and Space Campaign Informational Meeting

An information-sharing meeting updating the parish on the Sacred Sound and Space Capital Campaign will take place at **7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 20** in the Nave.

## *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, Rees Carter.

### *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, Anderson.

### *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:** Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, NC; St. Mary's School, Raleigh, NC; The University of the South, Seawane, TN; Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, NC; Thompson Child and Family Focus, Charlotte, NC

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)

## Calendar

### Sunday, August 18

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Daughters of the King Installation
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II

### Monday, August 19

- 9:00 am Christ Church Cooks (*Harrison Center*)
- 10:00 am Home Place (*Offsite*)
- 10:45 am McCarthy Court (*Offsite*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lovers' Class (*Music Room*)
- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (*Parish House, Pelletier Room*)

### Tuesday, August 20

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 pm Worship Commission Meeting (*Library*)
- 7:00 pm Sacred Sound & Space Informational Meeting (*Nave*)

### Wednesday, August 21

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (*Chapel*)
- 5:00 pm One Day with God Training (*Harrison Center*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)

### Thursday, August 22

- 3:30 pm Evangelism Meeting (*Library*)
- 4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

### Friday, August 23

### Saturday, August 24

### Sunday, August 25

### **Backpack Blessing Sunday**

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:15 am Acolyte Training

### **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 loving memory of Harriet Randall by her daughter, Priscilla Miller.**