

Aug. 25 – Sept. 1, 2019

# The Messenger



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## Blessing of the Backpacks –

Join us Sunday when we will pray for our young people, teachers, administrators, and anyone of any age involved in education. Blessing of the Backpacks will be during the 10:00 am service.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

## Sacred Sound and Space Prayer

*This prayer was written by Jane Merritt for use during our upcoming Sacred Sound and Space Capital Campaign.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the incredible beauty of Christ Church that we have been blessed to inherit, through the generosity of those who were inspired to carry the torch of faith and build on these holy grounds over three centuries ago. Open our hearts and minds to your guidance as we seek to recreate sacred space where people will come to hear your Word anew, and worship you as the new acoustics allow the flow of music to carry us into your presence. Enable this holy Sanctuary to become a place of worship where we can all be transformed. Open our hearts and minds to be generous so that we can leave a legacy for future generations to seek and find you in the sacred beauty of this place. Guide us in this endeavor so that we can be inspired to go and make disciples, and invite them to “Come and See.” We ask all this in the name of your Beloved Son, Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen**

## Sunday School Starting Soon

It’s almost “Back to School” time for Sunday School classes. Here is a look at the children and youth class offerings at Christ Church.

### Godly Play – ages three through 2nd grade

This class meets in the first floor Education Wing, next to the nursery. “Godly Play” is a Montessori-based curriculum for children, which includes telling a story from the Bible. The children then wonder what is the most important part – or least important part – of the story. During the “play” part of the lesson, the children get to reflect back on the story through art, reading or working with other stories. Godly Play concludes with a “feast” of an allergy-friendly snack and a prayer.

### Holy Moly! – 3rd through 5th grades

This class meets in the first floor Education Wing in the classroom next to the Vesting Room. “Holy Moly!” is a curriculum that focuses on the people in the Bible. Class time starts by watching a daily video, which has no words to allow for wonder. After the class talks about the video, they hear the same story read from the Bible. Afterward, the children reflect on the story by creating art that describes what happened.

### Sunday’s Cool – grades 6th through 12th

The class meets in the Youth Room, which is in the second floor Education Wing. The class concentrates on discussions about people in the Bible who were called by God to share the Good News. People from the Old Testament will be featured in the Fall semester. The class is discussion-based and tries to connect biblical people to life in 2019.

Sunday School classes will start **September 15**. All classes start at **10:00 am**. Registration is encouraged and can be done online.

Children: <https://tinyurl.com/CECH-SS-Reg-Child>

Youth: <https://tinyurl.com/CECH-SS-Reg-Youth>

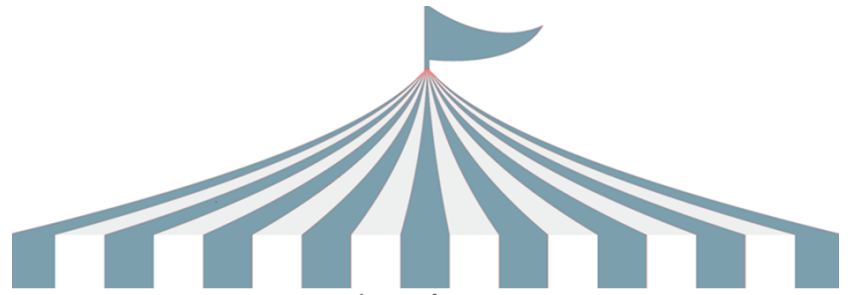
**EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)** will also kick off September 15. Details coming soon!

# 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

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## Growing in Grace Gift Card / Supply Drive

During September, we will be collecting gift cards to benefit our Growing in Grace (GIG) after-school program. Requested gift cards include: retail (Staples, Walmart, etc.), online retail (Amazon) and gas cards.

An envelope will be available at the Reception Desk for your donations. Any support you can provide to GIG for the 2019-2020 school year is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Fodrie ([debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252-675-8358).

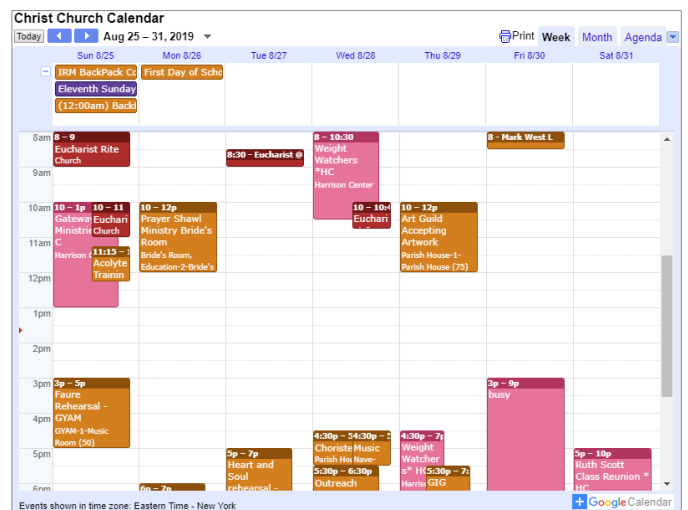


## Enhanced Church Calendar Debuts on Website

An enhanced -- and regularly updated -- calendar is now available at our Christ Church website. You can view the calendar at <https://christchurchnewbern.com/calendar/>.

The calendar can be viewed by day, week or month. There is also an option to print a hard copy. You can click on an event to learn more details. In addition, there is a direct link to email [Ellie Roberts](mailto:Ellie.Roberts@christchurchnewbern.com) if you want to reserve a meeting space.

We hope you will take a few minutes to regularly view our updated calendar feature.



## Hymn Notes for August 25

“**Earth and all stars,**” H 412, was written by poet and Lutheran pastor Herbert Brokering to commemorate the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Writes Brokering: “I tried to gather into a hymn of praise the many facets of life which merge in the life of community. So there are the references to building, nature, learning, family, war, festivity.” It is set to a tune by then chair of the music department at St. Olaf, organist David Johnson.

“**There is a balm in Gilead,**” L 203, is a popular African-American spiritual. The refrain is based on Jeremiah 8:22: “Is there no balm in Gilead, no physician there?” and answered by Jeremiah 46:11: “Go up into Gilead and fetch balm, O virgin people of Egypt.” The verses are “stock wandering couplets” which appear in many different spirituals, and were probably improvised and expanded freely.

## Meeting Date Change – St. Elizabeth’s ECW

St. Elizabeth’s ECW will not be meeting in September due to the vast majority of the Board being out of town. The first regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 14 at 10:00 am.

## Staying Connected

Are you signed up for our Christ Church e-mail list? To subscribe, go to our website at [www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com) and scroll to the bottom of the front page. Enter your email address, first name and last name, then select either the text or html option. HTML allows you to view images and formatted text. Thanks for connecting with us!

## 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).

## Choirs Begin This Week

Choirs begin this week. 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.

Please contact **Cliff Badgley** ([cliffordbadgley@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cliffordbadgley@christchurchnewbern.com)) with any questions.

## Last Call for IRM and RCS Collections

**IRM (Interfaith Refugee Ministry)** is collecting items to help refugee children new to New Bern begin the school year with needed supplies. Sign out an Apple tag that lists the needed supplies or gift cards, and return by August 25. Please contact Rebecca Liberty at [rebeccaliberty@embarqmail.com](mailto:rebeccaliberty@embarqmail.com) if you have questions.

**RCS (Religious Community Services)** is working directly with Guidance Counselors in Craven County Schools to get school-aged children the clothing they need during the school year. New or gently-used summer clothing donations are currently being accepted.

## ***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:*** Holy Trinity, Fayetteville and St. Andrew's, Columbia

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 25**

#### **Backpack Blessing Sunday**

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:15 am Acolyte Training
- 3:00 pm Faure Requiem rehearsal (*Music Room*)

### **Monday, August 26**

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministries (*Bride's Room*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lovers' Class (*Music Room*)
- 6:30 pm Commission Leaders/Vestry/Staff Meeting (*Parish House*)

### **Tuesday, August 27**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 5:00 pm Heart and Soul Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

### **Wednesday, August 28**

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (*Chapel*)
- 4:30 pm Choristers (*Parish House*)
- 4:30 pm Music and Motion (*Nave*)
- 5:30 pm Outreach Commission Meeting (*Library*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)
- 7:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

### **Thursday, August 29**

- 10:00 am Art Guild Accepting Artwork (*Parish House*)
- 5:30 pm GIG Mentor Training (*GIG/Music Room*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

### **Friday, August 30**

### **Saturday, August 31**

### **Sunday, September 1**

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

- 8:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 9:00 am Eucharist for Young Children and Families
- 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 loving memory of Ann Maude and Ginny Borowicz by the Christ Church Altar Guild and in loving memory of Joe Johnson by his wife, Shirley, on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary.**