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The Messenger

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ThanksLiving: Experiencing the Multitude of God's Abundance

When I was a child, I looked forward to visiting my aunt. She always had some type of nature-themed puzzle out on an old wooden card table. The puzzle box top up on the corner of the table to encourage her family to join the fun. To me it seemed like there were a million pieces!

After many visits and everyone's dedication, our family would celebrate the puzzle's completion with lots of smiles, hugs and thankfulness for all the helping hands. With all the pieces in place, it brought about a certain calmness, and we began wonder what puzzle she would invite us to enjoy next.

This year during our Annual Giving Campaign, you're invited to help us complete our "Parish Puzzles," located in the Parish House. Starting Sunday, there will be two puzzles -- one for adults and one for children -- for us to enjoy the fellowship while working together. Come join and help connect the pieces of our puzzle while giving thanks for our parish and all the many gifts God has given us. -- **Letha Ricks**



Annual Giving Campaign Update as of September 18, 2019

Many thanks to those of you who have returned your pledge. To keep parishioners informed of our progress, **Patti Williams**, Christ Church Financial Assistant, will report weekly updates. These updates will be published in the Messenger, on our church website and also on a display board in the Parish House.

Pledge Amount Received: \$182,255.00

Number of Pledges Received: 48

Your pledge enables our Parish to increase community outreach, communications and care for our buildings and infrastructure.

If you have not yet pledged, there are multiple ways you can do so:

- pledge cards available in each pew;
- pledge cards will be placed on the information table in the Reception Area;
- call the church office to request a pledge card be mailed to you;
- complete your pledge online at www.christchurchnewbern.com or <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB2020pledge>.

We will celebrate all of the pledges on **Sunday, October 6**, with a Harvest Sunday Picnic and Carnival following the 11:00 am service.



Pumpkin Countdown

11:00 am, Saturday, September 28

This is an all hands on deck occasion! Bring your wheelbarrows, gloves, and energy. Snack and hydration provided.

Also, sign up for a shift (or two, or three) to work the Pumpkin Patch. The sign-up sheet is available by the Reception Desk.

Vestry Recap – September 9, 2019

On Monday, September 9, 2019, the vestry met for its monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. After an opening devotion and prayer led by **Kip Perego**, Junior Warden, the August minutes were approved as amended, followed by the approval of the financial statements.

Upon recommendation of our recent auditor, the Vestry voted to close the Memorial Fund checking account, and roll the funds into the already-existing Special Funds account. The Memorial Fund continues to exist as a separate line item under the Special Funds, along with many other funds listed in our accounting system. The motion was passed with one dissention.

Bob Emory, one of the three chairs of the SSS-CC, presented a Task Force update. **Jettie Pelletier** and **Jane Merritt** shared their vision around the spiritual emphasis of the Capital Campaign, and the work we will undertake to renew our souls and our spiritual life as we work to renew our worship space. While we realize that dollars are involved, the primary focus should always center around the **HEART**, our love of the Lord and preparing the **Sacred Space** of Christ Church for our worship and that of future generations. **Kip Perego** asked for authorization to begin several projects. Motion to authorize him to get bids for lighting control and balcony support was unanimously approved.

Ellie Roberts has been working on the Facilities Usage Policy as suggested by our insurance carrier. The policy will be passed to **Ken McCotter**, Parish Chancellor, for review.

Discussion was held on the usage of the Harrison Center which is governed by a separate policy and usage agreement. The Vestry will continue discussion on the Center related to HOA dues and special assessments at a future meeting.

The Vestry unanimously approved information to be given to the Vestry Nominating Committee which is to be shared with Vestry candidates listing responsibilities of Vestry members.

Highlights of Rector and Commission Reports

- On October 10, Brown Electric will be installing a specialized light in the chapel for illumination of the window above the altar.
- Parish Life: **Mary Parrish** has taken charge of the Foyers with a sign-up sheet in the Reception Area. Young Adult/Families will have a Christmas Party.
- Outreach: Pumpkins arrive September 28! First Day of GIG went great.
- Pastoral Care: Will meet on Wednesday, September 18.
- Buildings & Grounds: Hurricane preparation for Dorian – contractor hired to do tree trimming. Request to change sign from Youth to Growing In Grace.
- Worship: Trained five new Eucharistic Ministers.

A full copy of the Vestry minutes can be seen on the church website (www.christchurchnewbern.com) after they are approved at the subsequent meeting. They are in the Members' section. The password is cec1715.

Rothermel Foundation Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will present a lecture by Dr. Daniel K. Williams, Ph.D., titled Sex, Race and Politics: Explaining the Division between the Religious Left and the Religious Right, at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 6 in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church.

In 1950, there was little discernible difference between American mainline Protestant and northern white evangelical views of sexuality, race and gender, nor in their political views. By 1970, Evangelicals and mainline Protestants took opposing positions on the sexual revolution and the civil rights and feminist movements.

The polarization between these two groups continues today. This lecture will help you gain a better understanding of the theological assumptions of “red” and “blue” Christians and the historical forces that led to this division.

Dr. Williams is Professor of History at the University of West Georgia. He graduated summa cum laude from Case Western Reserve University and holds Masters and Ph.D. degrees in history from Brown University.

For additional information on the lecture or Rothermel Foundation, contact **Ann Bustard** at 636.2885.

Choral Evensong

Join us Sunday at 5:30 pm for Choral Evensong, an evening of prayers, psalms and canticles featuring the music of Gawthrop, Gjeilo and Vaughan Williams.



Call for Ushers

As we move back to the fall schedule and three services per Sunday, we are seeking parishioners who would like to serve as ushers – especially for the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services.

If you are interested, contact the church office (252.633.2109), **Helen Shine** (252.617.3530) or **Butch Ricks** (252.633.5268). Thank you!

Sunday Classes and Activities

Sunday School for all ages continues at 10:00 am, Sundays. Class options include:

- **Godly Play** (Ages three through 2nd grade)
- **Holy Moly!** (3rd through 5th grades)
- **Sunday's Cool** (6th through 12th grades)
- **"What is the Bible?"** (Adult Christian Formation Class)
- **Synthesis** (Adult Christian Formation Class)

Pathways of Discipleship (POD) is a fun, faith-filled activity group for third, fourth and fifth graders. Their first meeting is this Sunday at 4:30 pm in the Youth Room.

EYC continues this Sunday with their regular 4:30 pm meeting time.

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Coffee Hours are Back!

Join us for fellowship and nibbles. Thanks to **Gay Stuart, Jane Ashford** and **St. Elizabeth ECW** for providing goodies. Bakers are



needed on the 1st, 4th and 5th Sundays to supply nibbles for the 10:00 and 11:00 am gatherings. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Reception Area. You may also sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/Coffee-Fall-2019> or using the Tablet Kiosk. Contact **Jane Ashford** (252-288-2838 / jane.ashford@neusewoods.com) for more information.

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, 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: Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

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),

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriet Randall on her birthday by her daughter, Priscilla Miller; in loving memory of Virginia Borowicz by her children and grandchildren; and in thanksgiving of the safe birth of their granddaughter, Harper Ann Floyd, by Jim and Joni Floyd.

Calendar

Sunday, September 22

Yokefellow Sunday

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 4:30 pm EYC and POD (*Youth Room*)
- 5:30 pm Evensong (*Nave*)

Monday, September 23

- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group (*Pelletier Room*)
- 5:15 pm Stephen Ministry (*Library*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lover's Class (*Music Room*)
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (*2nd Floor Living Room*)

Tuesday, September 24

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Bride's Room*)
- 10:00 am SSTF Capital Campaign Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)
- 10:00 am Women's Book Study (*2nd Floor Living Room*)
- 5:00 pm Heart and Soul Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (*Chapel*)
- 11:00 am Rector's Bible Study (*Library*)
- 4:30 pm Choristers (*Parish House*)
- 4:30 pm Music and Motion (*Nave*)
- 6:00 pm EfM Meeting (*2nd Floor Living Room*)
- 6:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)
- 7:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Thursday, September 26

- 3:30 pm Evangelism Meeting (*Library*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

- 10:00 am Camp Hope Reunion (*GIG Room*)
- 11:00 am Pumpkins Arrive (*Church Lawn*)

Sunday, September 29

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 4:30 pm EYC (*Youth Room*)
- 5:30 pm Taize (*Chapel*)

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.