

December 1 - 8, 2019

The Messenger



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Annual Meeting Recap

Servant Leadership Award

During the Annual Meeting last Sunday, the **Rev. Paul Canady** recognized **Letha & Butch Ricks** and **Kip Peregoy** with the Servant Leadership Award. The Ricks have served as Stewardship Chairs the past three years. Mr. Peregoy has served as Junior Warden.

Vestry Elections

Carl Huddle, Rick Miller, David Spence and **Keith Thompson** were all elected to a three-year term on Christ Church Vestry. We thank **Wayne Rowe** and **Geoff Wood** for standing for election as well.

Annual Reports

The printed annual report, as well as comments from the Rector, can be found on our website at <https://christchurchnewbern.com/2019-christ-church-annual-report-now-available/>

EYC Headed to Jumpin' Jive

EYC is going to **Jumpin' Jive Laser Tag** with First Presbyterian on **Saturday, December 7**. Meet at 11:30 am, at Chick-fil-a for lunch. Pick up will be at 2:30 pm at the parking lot across from First Presbyterian. Sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWHWdCpn_XRZuuuakIFpLp7ZFQ11h_0ExzqWk_JNBpHR13RA/viewform by **December 3**.

Confirmation, Reception and Baptism

Last Sunday, the **Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving** Confirmed 11 parishioners and Received four more (plus two others on behalf of St. Timothy's, Greenville). Add in one Baptism, and it was an incredibly Spirit-filled 8:45 am service.

Worship Notes

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new year for the Church as we start to prepare for the arrival of the Word made flesh, Jesus. We don't mark the occasion with fireworks and up-past-midnight parties (though maybe we should!), but we mark the turning of our liturgy to new colors and a different set of prayers than we have been using. Advent is a good time to remember that we aren't as much preparing for Christmas and the remembrance of Jesus' birth as we are for his second coming "in power and great triumph" (*BCP 378, Preface for Advent*).

At Christ Church, we often make shifts in our worship when we change seasons. Some things you may notice during this Advent season:

- The 7:30 am service will be in the Chapel.
- Thanks to a generous gift in memory of **Graham** and **Mary Barden**, we have a new Advent wreath for the Nave.
- At the 8:45 am service, the Lector will read the Psalm each week and the congregation will sing a refrain at designated times. We will be using Eucharistic Prayer C.
- At the 11:00 am, we will speak the psalm responsively by whole verse. We will use Eucharistic Prayer C.

We are seeking families and individuals to share with us in lighting the Advent Wreath at the 8:45 and 11:00 services. Visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daea_928abff2-advent2 or contact the church office to sign up.



Countdown to Cookie Walk

The 21st Annual Christ Church Cookie Walk will be **December 14** in the Harrison Center. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4caead28a2f85-21st> to volunteer or sign up on the sheets in the Reception Area. Contact **Lacee Smith** ([laceebsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lanceebsmith@gmail.com)) or **Maureen Clayton** (maureenclayton@gmail.com) for more information.



**21st Annual
Christ Church Cookie Walk**
Saturday, December 14th * 10:00-1:00
The Harrison Center * 311 Middle Street, New Bern

* *Home Baked Cookies From
Our Kitchens To Yours*
* *Cookie Party Platters*
* *Crafts & Gifts*
* *Lunch Cafe*
* *Unique Specialties
& Treats*

*Payment Now Available
By Cash, Credit Card or Check*

*All Proceeds Support
Local Charities*

Helping Our Community One Cookie At A Time

ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

10:00 am, Sunday, December 1
Parish House

Enjoy coffee hour, while making your season's advent wreath. We will provide wreaths and candles.

BYOG (Bring Your Own Greenery)



Upcoming Sunday School Class

Participants in **Education for Ministry** will lead a discussion on the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving (Elephant Room Press, 2014). This series will include conversations with **Nelson McDaniel** and others in the New Bern community.

The class will begin **Sunday, January 5** in the Library. Books are available for purchase at the front desk for \$18. It is also available as an e-book from Kindle, Nook, Apple or Audible.

Contact **Edna Marie Thomas** (ednamariethomas@gmail.com / 252.876.6843) for questions or more information.

Vestry-Appointed Committees

Each year, the Vestry is responsible for appointment new members to various committees in the Church. Those Committees are:

- **Endowment** (Meets quarterly to review the current assets in the Endowment and review how those funds are allocated)
- **Personnel Committee** (Meets as needed to review personnel issues, such as job descriptions and long-range planning)
- **Finance Committee** (Meets monthly to review the parish's financial position; serves in an advisory role to the Vestry)
- **Diocesan Convention Delegate**

For more information or to be considered for one of these committee positions, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB2020>.

Please contact Senior Warden **Jean Reichenbach** (seniorwarden@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.259.7628 or the Rector, the **Rev. Paul Canady** (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.633.210 with any questions..

Receipt Reminder

This is a gentle reminder to turn in all receipts for reimbursement by the end of the calendar year. This helps tremendously with our end-of-the-year accounting. Thank you!

Christmas Pageant

The **Christ Church Christmas Pageant** will take place at **3:00 pm, December 24** and is a “Come as You Are” event. Children, birth through fifth grade are invited to dress up as whatever they would like. Everyone is welcome, including Spiderman and Paw Patrol. If you have family who will be at church on Christmas Eve, we will give them a role. We will have **Open Costume Closet Days** for those who would like to borrow one of our costumes on December 18 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm and December 22 after each service. The closet will be at the end of the children’s Sunday School hall. You can also be creative and make your own at-home traditional costume. Want to be a shepherd? Why not put on a bathrobe!

For those who will be dressing non-traditional nativity costumes, we have two rules: no weapons of ANY kind (that includes light sabers) and no masks (not even for our superheroes.) We love to see your face! Contact **Meg Jones** if you have questions, and sign up online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcVj4CbvjukRRltdax1M0_qymYECEbZhA8H8Q7Zn8HG1VnTg/viewform.

Parishioners in Ministry

Bill Thomas, former interim rector, has been named as interim rector of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

Priscilla Miller is serving as interim parish administrator at Frist Presbyterian Church, New Bern. She held the same role at Christ Church in 2017-18.

Christmas Memorials and Gifts of Thanksgiving Order Form

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below, make your check for **\$25 payable to Christ Church**, and drop it off, mail it to the church office (PO Box 1246, New Bern NC 28563), or place it in collection plate. Please put “Christmas Beautification Fund” in the memo space on your check.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

December 15 is the last date we can accept and notate memorials in the Christmas Bulletins.

Article and Calendar Item Deadlines

- “Week Ahead at Christ Church” email: 12 pm, Thur.
- “MidWeek Messenger” email: 12 pm, Tue.
- Printed and emailed “Messenger”: 12 pm, Wed.
- Please email items to [communications @christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

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, Mary Hasell, Catherine Bender, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freeman, Ray Stark, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Betty Paramore, Susan Rivenbark, Mary Kay Farnham, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Ilene Disosway, Barbara, Barbara Odderstol, Rae Cowan, Su Cox, Bill Vincent, Patrick Campesi, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, Mary-Carolyn Lawson, Lindy Emory, Fair Leonard, Bill Lankenau, Leigh Byrd, Liz Lane, Raymond Tait, Paul Tait, Mimi Watrous, Evelyn Hunter, Jack Hardy, Sandy Valentine, Katherine Gill, Willis Stevens, Jane Peele, Nelson McDaniel.

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, 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, Anderson, Bill, Vicki, Nelma, Alston, Ashley, Howard, Alexander.

For our deployed military:

Capt. John Jones, Lt. Col. Matt Wernersbach, Lt. Christopher Miller.

For those who mourn:

The family and friends of Les Broaddus and Charlie Mitchell.

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: Church of the Advent, Wilmington; Vestry Elections and Annual Parish Meetings; and Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina

Calendar

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday in Advent

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II Family-Centered Service
- 10:00 am Advent Wreath Making
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II

Monday, December 2

- 6:00 pm Daughters of the King Meeting (*Parish House*)
- 6:00 pm Song Lover's Class (*Music Room*)
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (*2nd Floor Living Room*)

Tuesday, December 3

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 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, December 4

- 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*)
- 5:15 pm AA meeting - open (*Pelletier Room*)
- 6:00 pm EfM (*2nd Floor Living Room*)
- 7:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

Thursday, December 5

- 1:00 pm St. Frances ECW Meeting (*Parish House*)
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting (*Pelletier Room*)

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7

- 10:00 am Les Broaddus Funeral Service
- 11:30 am EYC to Jumpin' Jive (*Offsite*)
- 4:00 pm River Bend Neighbors in Christ Gathering (*Offsite*)

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday in Advent

St. Nicholas Sunday

- 7:30 am Eucharist Rite I
- 8:45 am Eucharist Rite II
- 11:00 am Eucharist Rite II
- 4:00 pm Young Adult / Family Christmas Party (*Parish House*)
- 5:00 pm Parents' Night Out (*Youth Room*)

We try to keep the prayer list as current as possible. If you would like to add someone to the list or notice that someone has been inadvertently taken off, please contact Betsy Downard (betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com, 252.633.2109).

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the people of Christ Church. The greenery for the Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wilson, Sr. and Dr. and Mrs. Julian C. Brantley, Sr. by Nancy, Lawrence and Franklin Bowers.