

December 8 - 15, 2019

The Messenger



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It's St. Nicholas Sunday!

St. Nicholas will be visiting Christ Church this **Sunday, December 8**, during both the 8:45 and 11:00 am services. Children who leave their shoes in the Narthex upon entering might be lucky enough to find them filled with treats after the service. Many thanks to all those who made this event possible!

Good Book Club 2020

For the third installment of the Good Book Club, we will read through the Gospel of John during the season of Epiphany, which begins January 6. As part of that reading, the Rector's Bible Study (Wednesdays at 11:00am) will review and discuss the readings from the previous week. We will make that discussion available to the wider church through FaceBook Live in partnership with the Diocese of East Carolina. We will have more information soon, but we hope you will be a part of it either live or online. The Good Book Club is a program of reading through an entire book of the Bible during a church season. It is coordinated by Forward Movement (publishers of Forward Day by Day) with resources provided by numerous groups throughout the Episcopal Church. For more information about The Good Book Club, visit <https://www.goodbookclub.org>.



THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB

Annual Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes will be available starting **Sunday, December 15**. They will be located in the Parish House.

If you cannot locate your envelopes or have any questions, please contact **Patti Williams** (252.633.2109 or pattiwilliams@christchurchnewbern.com).

Advent Devotional Books

Have you picked up your copy of *ADVENT 2019: Celebrating our Sacred Sound and Space*?

If not, please do so, and be sure to check your name in the Directory located next to the booklets in the Reception Area. Additional copies can be printed as needed.

These heartfelt reflections were written by members of the Vestry, staff and leaders of the Sacred Sound and Space Task Force in response to an invitation to share their memorable spiritual experiences at Christ Church. It is our belief that in sharing these sacred memories, we will all be drawn closer together as a Church as we enter a new decade, with a renewed sense of mission as we recreate sacred sound and space and form a new milestone in our Church history.

Advent 2019
Celebrating Our Sacred
Sound and Space



Christ Episcopal Church
New Bern, NC

Reception for Our Confirmands

There will be a reception for our recent Confirmands this **Sunday, December 8** after the 8:45 am service. Please join us in the Parish House for some fellowship, coffee and refreshments.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Book Study

“When a transition is called for, view it as your soul knocking at the door of your life, bearing more gifts for you to bring to the world. Change is a call from your soul to grow.”

Sonia Choquette

Participants in **Education for Ministry** will lead a discussion on the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving (Elephant Room Press, 2014). This title is part of the Episcopal Church’s Becoming Beloved Community initiative, (<https://episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community>) “Sacred Ground.”

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 more information.

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.

Open Costume Closet Days for those who would like to borrow one of our costumes, will be 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** (megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) if you have questions.

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.

2019 Pumpkin Patch Charity

Distributions

The Pumpkin Patch Committee would like to thank the entire Christ Church community for this year's pumpkin patch program. As you may have heard, we exceeded all previous sales totaling over \$23,000, which is a LOT of pumpkins and mums. In addition, the Pumpkin patch café was also a great success.

After paying expenses, the committee is proud to announce that a total of \$10,000 is being distributed to the following organizations: **ARC of Craven County, Friends of the Havelock Library, Habitat for Humanity, New Bern Band Club, Reviving Lives Ministries, Stroke Speaks Out, Twin Rivers YMCA, and Uptown Business and Professional Association Inc.** In addition to the Patch Distributions, we were able to donate \$2,500 to the **Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders.** This money was donated to the Hurricane relief fund. That's \$12,500 given to better our local community. GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!

Countdown to Cookie Walk

The 21st Annual Christ Church Cookie Walk will be **December 14** in the Harrison Center. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Cookie-Walk-2019> to volunteer, or you sign up on the sheets in the Reception Area. Contact **Lacee Smith** ([lacebsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lancebsmith@gmail.com)) or **Maureen Clayton** (maureenlclayton@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

Young Adults and Families Christmas Party



YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES
Christmas Party 2019
Sunday, December 8, 2019 • 5 PM
Christ Church Parish House

"PARENTS' NIGHT OUT" CHILDCARE
PROVIDED IN THE YOUTH ROOM

UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

DECEMBER 14: COOKIE WALK

DECEMBER 15: NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 19: COMMUNITY CAROL SING

DECEMBER 21: GREENING OF THE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE:

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

7:00 PM EUCHARIST

10:30 PM CHORAL PRELUDE

11:00 PM FESTIVE HYMNS & EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10:00 EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 29:

8:00 & 10:00 AM LESSONS & CAROLS

5:30 PM TAIZÉ

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, M. 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, Margi.

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, Cheryl, Matt, Jeff, Corinne, Paul, Travis, Sarah, Edward, Irene, Matt, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, John, Jim, Joanne, Anderson, Bill, Vicki, Nelma, Alston, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Art, Abra, Melvin.

For our deployed military:

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. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro

We try to keep the prayer list as current as possible. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact Betsy Downard (betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com, 252.633.2109).

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Katie K. Smith by her mother, Kathy Millns Evans. 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.

Calendar

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday in Advent

St. Nicholas Sunday

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| 7:30 am | Eucharist Rite I |
| 8:45 am | Eucharist Rite II |
| 10:00 am | Confirmand Reception (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 11:00 am | Eucharist Rite II |
| 5:00 pm | Young Adult & Families Christmas Party (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 5:00 pm | Parents' Night Out Childcare (<i>Youth Room</i>) |

Monday, December 9

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| 9:00 am | St. Elizabeth ECW (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 2:00 pm | ECW Board Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 5:15 pm | Stephen Ministry Meeting (<i>Library</i>) |
| 6:00 pm | Song Lover's Class (<i>Music Room</i>) |
| 6:30 pm | Men's Bible Study (<i>2nd Floor Living Room</i>) |

Tuesday, December 10

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| 8:30 am | Holy Eucharist (<i>Chapel</i>) |
| 10:00 am | Women's Book Study (<i>2nd Floor Living Room</i>) |
| 3:00 pm | Sacred Sound and Space Kickoff Committee (<i>Library</i>) |
| 5:00 pm | Heart and Soul Choir Rehearsal (<i>Music Room</i>) |
| 7:00 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal (<i>Music Room</i>) |

Wednesday, December 11

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| 10:00 am | Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (<i>Chapel</i>) |
| 11:00 am | Rector's Bible Study (<i>Library</i>) |
| 1:00 pm | Interfaith Refugee Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 4:30 pm | Choristers (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 4:30 pm | Music and Motion (<i>Nave</i>) |
| 5:15 pm | AA meeting - open (<i>Pelletier Room</i>) |
| 5:30 pm | Outreach Commission Meeting (<i>Offsite</i>) |
| 6:00 pm | EfM (<i>2nd Floor Living Room</i>) |
| 7:00 pm | Parish Choir Rehearsal (<i>Music Room</i>) |

Thursday, December 12

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| 4:00 pm | Finance Committee Meeting (<i>Pelletier Room</i>) |
| 6:30 pm | NA Meeting (<i>Pelletier Room</i>) |

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

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| 10:00 am | Cookie Walk (<i>Parish House</i>) |
| 10:00 am | Angel Tree Item Pick Up |

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday in Advent

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| 7:30 am | Eucharist Rite I |
| 8:30 am | Sunday Breakfast (<i>Harrison Center</i>) |
| 8:45 am | Eucharist Rite II |
| 11:00 am | Eucharist Rite II |
| 4:30 pm | POD Meeting (<i>Youth Room</i>) |
| 5:30 pm | Lessons and Carols (<i>Nave</i>) |