

July 19- 26, 2020

# The Messenger



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## Sacred Ground Series to Meet

**Sacred Ground** (<https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>) is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith in Jesus. It is a 10-part series developed by Katrina Browne, the director/producer of the documentary **Traces of the Trade**. Ms. Browne preached at Christ Church in February 2010 during Diocesan Convention.

Members of our Education for Ministry (EfM) group have worked throughout the year to make this discussion available to the entire parish. The sacred ground meetings will start **Sunday, August 16th** from 5-6:30pm via Zoom. They'll meet every other week through December.

Space is limited to 24 participants. The registration link is on the front of our website ([www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com)). Zoom login and other information will be sent after you've registered. For more information about Sacred Ground, contact Edna Thomas (252.876.6843 or [ednamariethomas@gmail.com](mailto:ednamariethomas@gmail.com)). For assistance in registering, please contact **Meg Jones** ([megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252.633.2109 Ext. 8)

## Christ Church Is a 'Stuff the Bus' Drop-Off Site

We are happy to announce that Christ Church will be participating as a drop-off location for Craven County Schools "Stuff the Bus" School Supply Donation Drive. A donation bin will be located in the lobby. A supply list can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Stuff-the-Bus>. Gift cards to Target, Amazon and Staples are also encouraged in order to give principals the flexibility to meet the needs of their individual students.

For more information about "Stuff the Bus," please visit <https://cravenpartners.com/2016/07/06/craven-county-partners-in-education-announces-stuff-the-bus-event-2/>

## Usher Ministry

Ushers are an essential part of our services. Two ushers are needed every week at the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm services.

The easiest and most efficient way to sign up to be an Usher, as well as a Lector or Greeter, is to use Sign Up Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/>) either on your computer or mobile device. You can use the same links as if you were signing up to attend service.

If you're using your mobile device, you will need to download the Sign Up Genius Mobile app from the Apple Store or Google play. You will need to provide your email address when you first sign in to Sign Up Genius. Please try to sign up as early as possible, preferably by Thursday of the week prior to the service where you will be serving.

Thank you in advance for signing up on the internet to help with this vital ministry during our services. For more information, please contact **Butch Ricks** (252.671.0113/[butch.ricks@gmail.com](mailto:butch.ricks@gmail.com)).

## Presenting the Inaugural Great EpisGOpal Race

Join in gratitude, grab your sneakers and race YOUR way in the Great EpisGOpal Virtual Race to support the **2020 UTO Ingathering**. Anytime between **July 22 - 31**, choose your preferred mode and distance and race to raise money for COVID-19 relief. You can bike a 10K, run a half marathon, or skate a mile – the options are limitless. All funds that you help raise will be collected for the 2020 UTO Ingathering and dispersed to ministries responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn about other ways you can participate and sign up, visit <https://unitedthankoffering.com/race/>. And be sure to join the event page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/3409523762391614/>) to share how you are preparing or participating with our virtual race community.

## The Interesting Tale of the Georgian Font

Last week we explored the baptismal font that is located in the Chapel. This week we take a look at the interesting story of the Georgian Font. Author Credit: Richard Parsons

There was, in 2008, in the Christ Church Library, a book entitled *The Colonial Churches of Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina: Their Interiors and Worship* by Vernon Perdue Davis and James Scott Rawlings. Of particular interest are the illustrations of fonts, pp 136-139. These indicate the level of craft and art typical of the area and time. They suggest that churchmen reckoned London goods were ever the best. This obsession for London goods is seconded by *Church Silver of Colonial Virginia: An Exhibition Organized by the Virginia Museum*.

Returning to Davis and Rawlings, attention is directed specifically to illustrations 56 and 72.

Hungars Church is thought to have been completed in 1751 and Brunswick Church was begun in 1751 and completed by 1760. The Brunswick font is currently in St. Philip's, Southport.

The first church of Christ-Church Parish in New Bern was completed about 1750; George II rewarded the Parish with silver, a Prayer Book, and a Bible. The first church was demolished after the completion of the second church. The silver and books were transferred to the new church and survive to this day. The second church was destroyed in a fire in 1871. The fire is well-documented as having begun with sparks falling on the roof. The significance of this is that there was ample time to remove valuables from the church; thus the survival of the books and silver. It may be wondered, what else survived?

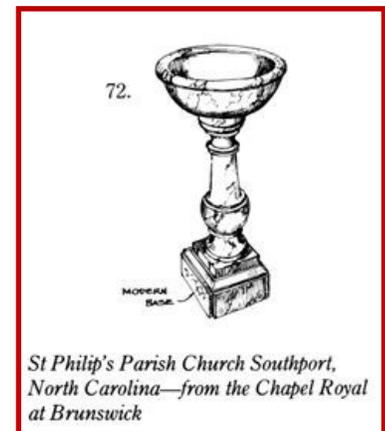
Following the fire, the rector, who had resigned, immediately withdrew his resignation, and the Presbyterians offered their church for Episcopal worship at times that did not conflict with the Presbyterians. The details of worship are not known, but there is at least an off chance that the Presbyterians offered shelter for some of the sacred objects used in worship, as well as the Episcopalians themselves.

The "Gothic" font in the third church bears a date after the church was opened and is undoubtedly a stylish enhancement of the third church. It was given in memoriam of Rev. Henry F. Greene, rector from 1854-57. Ann M Donnell gave the font in 1872 following the fire of 1871.

The Georgian font now in the Presbyterian Church bears an inscription dated 1898 stating that it was given by the "Ladies Sewing Society" in memory of former pastor The Rev. L.C. Vass.

There are not any problems with this, but at least some eyebrows will be raised at the presence of a font in a Presbyterian church; Presbyterians typically look upon fonts as Papish and prefer a baptismal bowl. In fact, the "Vass font" has been used as a stand for the baptismal bowl. Further, at a time when Gothic was the prevailing mode for many things ecclesiastical, even in the Presbyterian church, where did the Ladies Sewing Society lay hands on what is obviously a 150-year-old Georgian, mid-18C, London font? It may have been left behind, it may have been donated in appreciation for hospitality, it may have been a good bargain; that will never be known. The Presbyterian and Episcopal records have been searched and the answer is not there.

The font currently in the Presbyterian Church is of statuary marble, typical of the best grade of London work of the Georgian period. The font is of white marble with delicate green veining suggesting Stilton or other ripened cheese.



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## Stewardship Kick Off:

### Save the Date



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Sunday, August 30

One service (10:00am)  
followed by an ice cream  
social in the churchyard.  
Come one! Come all!!

### Online Worship Sign Ups for July

Worship, Lector, Usher and Greeter spots are available for July.

We have separated the remaining July worship RSVPs by week so that you don't have to scroll all the way through the month. Below is a list of the weekly July sign ups:

July 19: <https://tinyurl.com/July-19-sign-up>

July 26: <https://tinyurl.com/July-26-sign-up>

All links are also on the front of the website. You can also contact **Ellie Roberts** (252.633.2109 Ext. 4 / [ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com)) to RSVP for a service.

Please remember that inclement weather cancels and to bring your own chair and/or blanket.

*(Font, continued)*

It has a large chip out of one edge, suggesting rougher treatment that typical in church, more likely haste in removing it from a burning building.

There is no proof that this is the Christ Church font, merely an interesting chain of circumstances.

1. The font is totally typical of the time and style of Anglican worship in the mid 18C.
2. It is of fine London crafting of the mid 18C.
3. The Episcopalians who might be expected to have such a font were burnt out of their church, rescuing many of their precious items in 1871.
4. They were documented as worshipping in the Presbyterian Church.
5. They built a new church in the Gothic style and procured a Gothic font to enhance it.
6. The font, a most unlikely ornament for a Presbyterian church, turns up in the same church where the Episcopalians worshiped, in 1898.

The late Donald R. Taylor was a scholar strong in the history of English America; he came to New Bern in 1962 to become the first Curator of Education at Tryon Palace and became Administrator in 1974. From 1983 until his retirement in 1992, he was the resident Director of Gunston Hall, a historic house museum in Mason Neck, Virginia. Taylor's opinion was this is the Christ Church font

So the font is still in the Presbyterian Church.

### The Freezer is Full

Thanks to the monumental efforts of our Christ Church Cooks, the freezer is full again. We are thankful to those who deliver meals to folks who need them. To check out items from the freezer, log in your name and who you are delivering it to on the sign up sheet. Or, you can contact **Ellie Roberts** (252.633.2109 Ext. 4/ [ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.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, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Catherine Bender, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,\* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon,\* Ray Stark, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Betty Paramore, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Rae Cowan, Su Cox, Bill Vincent, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard, Leigh Byrd, Liz Lane, Paul Tait, Evelyn Hunter, Jack Hardy, Katherine Gill, Jane Peele, Nelson McDaniel, Margi, Kathy Blanchard, Lydia Ash, Pat McCotter, Betty Clarke, Mary Lynn Guidance.

### **For our families:**

Liesel, 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, Laurie, Alexander, Amelia, Dennis, Matty, Erik, Blake, Brian, Katie, Lisa, Oakley, Bryce, Jackie, Helen, Carter, Cindy, Eunice, David, Mary.

**For our deployed military:** Capt. John Jones, Lt. Christopher Miller, Maj. Raffi Mnatzakanian.

### **For our parishioners in boarding school and college:**

Anna Louise Flanagan, Harrison Little, Carlee Peele, Htoo Soe, John Thomas, Zack Thuringer, Abby Garman, Emily Wilson, Sarah Kate Childs, Sydney Kitchen, Randall Hudson, Alex Linton, Kirby Smith.

### **For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**During this critical time, we want to especially hold up parishioners and family of parishioners in the medical profession:** Lisa Kafer, Stan Ezell, David Tayloe, Tammy Corson, Laurel Meyers, Mary Pat Torley, Sarah Buffa, Chris Hudson, Elizabeth Seeger, Ginny Brosnan, Giga Smith, Brittany Ferrell, Arlene Garman, Wright Shields, Patrick Walsh, John Latham, Anna Burleson, Liz Sanchez, Linda McAlister., Ken Chance, Sarah E. Smith. *(If we have left someone off the list, please let us know.)*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. John's, Wilmington; St. Joseph's, Fayetteville

\* These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.

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](mailto:betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com), 252.633.2109).

### **Sunday, July 19**

8:00 am Morning Worship on the Lawn  
10:00 am Morning Worship on the Lawn with Livestream  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kcQgDyyIxM&feature=youtu.be>  
5:00 pm Evening Worship on the Playground

### **Monday, July 20**

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)  
6:00 pm Song Lovers Class (*via YouTube*)  
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (*via Google Meet*)

### **Tuesday, July 21**

8:30 am Morning Prayer (*via YouTube*)  
9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)  
9:30 am Women's Book Study (*via Zoom*)

### **Wednesday, July 22**

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)  
12:15 pm Noonday Prayer (*via YouTube*)

### **Thursday, July 23**

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)  
7:30 pm Lectionary Class (*via Zoom*)

### **Friday, July 24**

### **Saturday, July 25**

1:30 pm Lectionary Class (*via Zoom*)

### **Sunday, July 26**

8:00 am Morning Worship on the Lawn  
10:00 am Morning Worship on the Lawn with Livestream  
5:00 pm Evening Worship on the Playground

## **Deadlines for Submitting Articles and 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.**

*Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ Church. You can visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> to make a contribution. You can also text the word FUNDS to 833.233.8760 or mail a check to PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563*

*If you are contributing to both our Annual Stewardship Fund and Sacred Sound and Space Capital Campaign, please use two separate checks.*