

July 26- Aug. 2, 2020

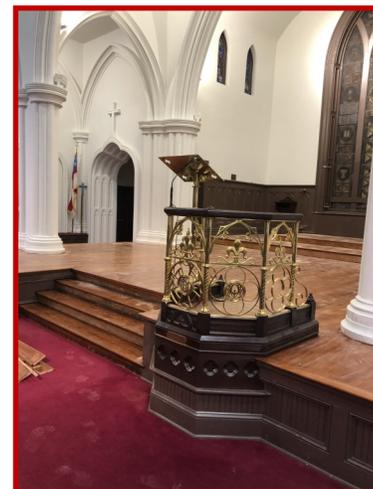
The Messenger



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Chancel Floors Update

Stain was applied this week, and the results are beautiful!



Upcoming Online Worship Sign Ups

Worship, Lector, Usher and Greeter spots are available. Below is a list of the upcoming sign ups:

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

August 2: <https://tinyurl.com/August-2-Sign-Up>

August 9: <https://tinyurl.com/August-9-Sign-Up>

August 16: <https://tinyurl.com/August-16-2020-Sign-Up>

August 23: <https://tinyurl.com/August-23-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) to RSVP for a service.

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

Forward Day by Day Books

The Forward Day by Day meditation books for August, September and October have arrived. You may pick one up at church. If you'd prefer to have one mailed to you, contact **Ellie Roberts** (252.633.2109 Ext. 4 / ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com).

A Friendly Reminder

The clergy will never reach out via email to ask you to purchase gift cards. A periodic scam goes out, usually disguised as an email from the Rector, asking for help and for the recipient to be in touch. These emails do not come from our domain (@christchurchnewbern.com), and there is usually something abnormal about how the sender's name is spelled. If you receive such an email, feel free to call to verify. This scam has targeted clergy across denominations and across the country. But know that such a request will never come from one of us.

Stewardship Kick Off



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 30

Vestry Meeting Recap: July 20, 2020

The July Vestry meeting was held in the outdoor chapel. All vestry members were in attendance, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The meeting was convened at 6:30 pm by Paul. Rick Miller delivered a devotional followed by a prayer.

John Haroldson was unable to attend for an update on our financials, but Paul reports that 2020 pledges are on target, and overall expenses are down as a result of the Corona virus and the church facilities seeing little use comparatively speaking. Therefore, the financials are quite good at this point. The cost of lawn maintenance has risen so the church is going to seek competitive bids from other lawn maintenance crews.

As you are aware, the floor in the Chancel area has been renewed as part of our Sacred Sound and Space project. All furniture, railings, etc. were removed, the red carpet removed, and new, hardwood plank flooring was put down, sanded and stained. It is beautiful and a great representation of how the floors in the sanctuary will look once they are completed. There was no cost over-run, which is positive. Additionally, new light bulbs have been put into the fixtures throughout the Sanctuary after study by a lighting professional. It is a huge improvement and will be much appreciated by the congregation.

It was concluded that the scholarship awards from the Bustard Scholarship Fund will be paid directly to the institution those receiving the award will attend rather than directly to the student.

Debbie Fodrie, Cliff Badgley and Meg Jones will be meeting on Wednesday (7/22) to develop a plan as to how Christ Church can provide greater support to Brinson Elementary School. Our GIG children might need additional help as they return to school. More details to follow.

The virtual Camp Hope was held during the week of 7/13-7/17. Each morning, a document was available to the campers via email, Instagram, and our Christ Church web page. It opened with a devotional reading and questions about the devotional. Various ideas for activities and links were provided, and the document ended with several suggestions for service activities. A huge Thank You to Nell Hudson and Terry Brubaker for their dedicated effort to make this happen!

The fall outreach activities of Pumpkin Patch and Cookie Walk were discussed, and a committee will be assembled to discuss the probability of canceling them this year or, how they might be held, but in a much modified method. Rick Miller will lead the discussion on the Pumpkin Patch. The Stewardship Ice-cream Social is planned for Sunday, August 30, as well as Harvest Sunday on 11/18.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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).

Let's Connect

Want to join the Christ Church email distribution list? Go to our website at www.christchurchnewbern.com and scroll down the home page until you see "Subscribe to Our Mailing List." Fill in your email address, first and last name and whether you want html (pictures) or text formatting for your emails.

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 5-6:30 pm 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). 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). For assistance in registering, please contact **Meg Jones** (megjones@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.633.2109 Ext. 8)

Outdoor Worship Guidelines

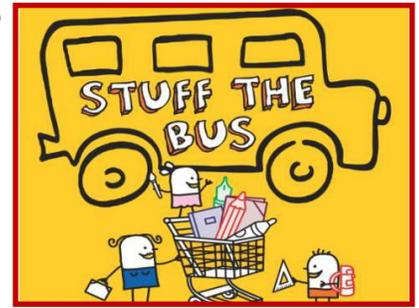
As a reminder, please adhere to the following guidelines during outdoor worship. Thank you!

- Maintain Social Distancing of 6 ft. at all times
- Wear a mask or face covering - Required
- Congregational singing is discouraged
- Check in when you arrive
- Hand Sanitizer is available
- Bring your own chair and/or blanket
- Household units may sit together



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

Christ Church is a drop-off location for Craven County Schools "Stuff the Bus" School Supply Donation Drive. A collection bin is located in the lobby. A supply list can be



found at <https://tinyurl.com/Stuff-the-Bus>. Donations are being accepted through August 14.

Gift cards to Target, Amazon and Staples also encouraged in order to give principals the flexibility to meet the needs of their individual students. Also, online donations can be made via the following websites can be made the Partners in Education website, Go Fund Me and through an online Target Gift Registry. These links can be found at <https://cravenpartners.com/>.

It's Not Too Late to Join 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 before **July 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.



Sign up for the race at <https://runsignup.com/Race/SD/SiouxFalls/TheGreatEpisGOpalRace>. You can donate to the cause at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/SD/SiouxFalls/TheGreatEpisGOpalRace>. And be sure to join the event page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/3409523762391614/>) to share how you are participating with our virtual race community.

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 friends and 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, Joseph.

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. Paul's in the Pines, Fayetteville; All Souls, Northwest.

* 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, 252.633.2109).

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo0AaGuGKvA&feature=youtu.be>
5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship

Monday, July 27

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm Song Lovers Class (*via YouTube*)

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream
5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship

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.