

August 16-23, 2020

# The Messenger



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## Children's Liturgy and Backpack Blessings

Next Sunday, August 23 at the 5:00 pm service, we will have our first Children's Liturgy of the



summer. In addition, we will have our annual Backpack Blessing, although it will be slightly different. Students will receive a package of items to have back-to-school blessings around the house. You are welcome to bring your backpacks and other devices that you will be utilizing during this school year.

## Upcoming Online Worship Sign Ups

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

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

August 23: <https://tinyurl.com/August-23-Sign-Up>

August 30: <https://tinyurl.com/August-30-Sign-Up>

September 6: <https://tinyurl.com/September-6-Sign-Up>

September 13: <https://tinyurl.com/September-13-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.

## Wednesdays at Christ Church

We invite children school-age and older to join us for in-person afternoons starting **Wednesday, September 16**. We'll have a VBS-style program with games, arts and crafts, music (see info below) and science.

For more information or to volunteer, contact **Meg Jones** at 252.633.2109 Ext. 8 or [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Ukulele Adventures at Christ Church

Normally, you would be reading something about singing opportunities for children and youth. But not this year!

Beginning **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, we are launching our first ever Ukulele Adventures ex-



perience for kids! The ukulele is inexpensive, it's portable, it's a great size for little hands, it sounds good, it can be played solo or in an ensemble, it's great for learning music theory, it's cross-cultural, and it's just FUN!

Please contact either **Meg Jones** [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) or **Cliff Badgley** [cliffordbadgley@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cliffordbadgley@christchurchnewbern.com) to make your interest known and to ask any questions. Christ Church will provide a ukulele for each kid who wishes to participate. Many thanks to those who have already donated to our Ukulele Adventure Fund. We are looking forward to having plenty of participants! Let's get ready for some strummin'!

## Sunday Morning Nursery Care Has Returned

Our Nursery care has returned on Sunday Mornings. The nursery staff are on the playground each week from 7:45-10:45 am.

We also have worship bags available for children that include coloring sheets and crayons. You will be able to take the whole thing home with you. If you want to bring your own toys and things to use during the service, we encourage you to do so. If you have any questions, please contact **Meg Jones** at 252.633.2109 ext. 8 / [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com).

## 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



## Let's Connect

Want to join the Christ Church email distribution list? Go to our website at [www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://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.

## Pastoral Letter from Bishop Skirving

On August 5, Bishop Skirving released a Pastoral Letter following Isaias. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Aug-2020-Pastoral-Letter> to view the letter in its entirety.

## 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. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

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.

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)).

## Bulletin Reminder

In order to reduce the possibility of spreading germs among outdoor service attendees, our service bulletins are meant to be **one-time use only**. After the service concludes, please either take your bulletin home or dispose of it in one of the collection bins. Thank you!

## 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 from the receptionist or in the racks next to the Bulletin Board. If you'd prefer to have one mailed to you, contact **Ellie Roberts** (252.633.2109 Ext. 4 / [ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com)).

## News from the Trinity Center

Last week, the Trinity Center Board of Managers announced Penn Perry's upcoming retirement. Penn has served Trinity Center as Executive Director for 14 years. You can read more about this transition on the Diocese's website (<https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/>) under the "From Social Media" section. Christ Church has been an active part of Trinity Center since its inception, and we extend our thanks, love, and best wishes to Penn in this next phase of life.

## Pumpkin Patch Committee Requests Your Input

The Pumpkin Patch Committee needs your input to determine if we will have a Pumpkin Patch this fall 2020. The number of pumpkins would be reduced, we would need to ensure proper distancing, provide hand sanitizer, wipe down wag-



ons after each use, require masks be worn, have disposable masks available, no story time and shorten hours of operation. There would be no haunted house or other games.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/Pumpkin-2020> to complete our survey. The deadline to complete the survey is Tuesday, August 18 Thank you for your input.

## A Note from the Clergy

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.

## ECW Announcement

The board of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Christ Church is pleased to announce the merger of the St. Elizabeth and St. Frances Chapters. **All Saints** will be the new chapter of Christ Church ECW.

All women in the Parish of Christ Church are already Episcopal Church Women. We hope that you will join us as members of the All Saints Chapter at our first meeting at **11:00 am, Monday September 14** in the Parish House or Harrison Center, depending on pandemic guidelines.

A box lunch is available for purchase. Please call **Pam Miller** (252.631.1474) to order your lunch.

## Want to Schedule Some Time with the Clergy?

Have a question, thought or good news to share? It is easy to schedule some meeting time with either Paul or Cortney. You can book a time using the links below or contacting them via cell phone.

<https://paulcanady.youcanbook.me/> - 252.571.6892

<https://cortneydale.youcanbook.me/> - 270.971.9601

When scheduling a time, please indicate if you are requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

## Stewardship Kick Off



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, August 30**

**8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm  
services**

**Homemade treats for all who attend!**

## *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, 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 Guidage.

### ***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, Mason, Sarah.

***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. George's, Engelhard; St. John'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, August 16**

8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship  
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream  
<https://youtu.be/hGZZXksxZRE>  
5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship  
5:00 pm Sacred Ground (*via Zoom*)

### **Monday, August 17**

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)

### **Tuesday, August 18**

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

### **Wednesday, August 19**

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

### **Thursday, August 20**

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)  
4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (*Pelletier Room/Google Meet*)  
7:30 pm Lectionary Class (*via Zoom*)

### **Friday, August 21**

### **Saturday, August 22**

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

### **Sunday, August 23**

8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship  
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream  
5:00 pm Outdoor Children's Liturgy  
Blessing of the Backpacks

## **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](mailto: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.*