

August 23-30, 2020

The Messenger



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Preaching this Week



We are excited to welcome **Zeb Hough**, Executive Director of Religious Community Services of New Bern (<https://www.rcsnewbern.com/>), to Christ Church this **Sunday, August 23**. He will be preaching at both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

A native of Batavia, New York, Zeb has been in ministry for 16 years. He and his family moved to New Bern in June. Here are some highlights of his background:

- In ministry for 16 years (15 of those years in nonprofit ministry)
- Ordained for 11 years
- Masters of Arts in Theology and Organizational leadership with an undergraduate degree in Christian Family Ministry
- Married to wife, Summer, for 16 years, with two children, Isaiah and Eden.
- Lover of God and people
- Lives to see hope renewed, barriers broken, and lives changed permanently.

To read his full biography, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Zeb-Hough-Bio>.

Message from our Stewardship Chairs



We are approaching that time of year when we celebrate all of God's blessings as we kick off our annual giving campaign. In past years, we have had some fabulous fun and wonderful gatherings on our church grounds as we lifted up the many ministry opportunities provided through Christ Church. We thank you all for your participation and support of those ministries and look forward to working together as we continue serving God's people.

Our celebration this year will look quite different because of the current pandemic and restrictions on large group gatherings. These restrictions have created new challenges, not only for our annual giving kickoff celebration but also for our weekly worship and daily life as a parish.

Our staff has done a great job keeping us connected throughout these challenging times. These efforts, which take a lot of time, resources, and creativity, have provided us with worship and learning opportunities with a goal of keeping everyone safe. In keeping with that goal, our celebration plans on **August 30** will be modified. We will NOT have the ice cream social that was originally announced. However, we will have something awesome in its place. Worship with us on **August 30** and experience the surprise we have in store.

Our financial goal for this coming year is to increase our giving by 3 percent. We understand some members have been hit hard by this pandemic and are struggling. For some, maintaining current giving levels might be a challenge and may not even be possible. It is our hope that those who have fared better can reach into their hearts and help with the difference.

Please pray about your response. It is a way of thanking God for all our blessings. It is a way to continue the ministries of Christ Church, a giving church in a community in need.

John and Deb Steady, Stewardship Chairs

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.

Upcoming Online Worship Sign Ups

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

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>

September 20: <https://tinyurl.com/September-20-Sign-Up>

September 27: <https://tinyurl.com/September-27-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.

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.

Children's Liturgy and Blessing of the Backpacks

Today at the 5:00 pm service, we will have our first Children's Liturgy of the summer. In addition, we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks, 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.



Wednesdays at Christ Church

We invite children school-age and older to join us for in-person afternoons starting **Wednesday, September 16**. We will meet weekly from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm for a VBS-style program with games, arts and crafts, music and science.

Cliff will be launching our first ever Ukulele

Adventures as part of the Wednesday programming.

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!

To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CC-Wednesday>.

For more information or to volunteer, contact **Meg Jones** at 252.633.2109 Ext. 8 or 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



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!

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).

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!

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).

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, Ralph Cowan, Vivienne Armstrong.

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, Nicholas.

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

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: Grace Church, Trenton; and the Albemarle Deanery

* *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, August 23

8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream
https://youtu.be/_2UMOmLBI3o
5:00 pm Outdoor Children's Liturgy
Blessing of the Backpacks

Monday, August 24

9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (*via Zoom*)

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

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 28

Saturday, August 29

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

Sunday, August 30

Stewardship Kick Off

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

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.