

September 6-13, 2020

The Messenger



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Young Families Movie Night

Please join us for a movie on the lawn at 5:00 pm, Saturday, September 19! To reserve your spot, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-Movie-Night>. Be sure to bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. We plan to have family units sit 6 feet apart. We will provide a simple dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. Feel free to bring anything else you may enjoy! We look forward to seeing you. We have missed our church friends!!



Stewardship 2021: Growing Giving Serving

These three words capture the essence of Christ Episcopal Church.



While many in-person activities are on hold or reduced during this time, the work of God and God's people has not stopped. We continue **growing, giving and serving each other and our community.**

By now you should have received your Stewardship letter, pledge card and return envelope in the mail. To read the letter in its entirety, go to <https://christchurchnewbern.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Stewardship-Letter.pdf>. We hope you will prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021. You can return your pledge card to church or complete your pledge online at <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2021-Pledge>. We will celebrate all the pledges on **Sunday, October 18, 2020**, with a Harvest Sunday Celebration. We would love to have your pledge by then if not before.

Constitution Week and a Bear Hunt

In 1955, the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, New Bern's very own Gertrude S. Carraway, proposed to Congress an observance of the U.S. Constitution to remind the public that the



Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution. Richard Dobbs Spaight, New Bern native and eighth governor of North Carolina, had the honor of signing the Constitution on September 17, 1787. Join New Bern's Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter of the DAR in the Ringing of the Bells on September 17th to celebrate the signing of the Constitution. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we will be ringing virtual bells via a video posted on YouTube. Ring the bell at 4 pm on September 17th by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/Constitution-Week-2020>.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO RING IN VIRTUALLY, we encourage you to ring a traditional bell to celebrate the signing of the Constitution. LISTEN UP, Christ Church and other New Bern churches will be ringing OUR bells at 4:00 on Thursday 17th!

As an additional activity, the DAR is sponsoring a Constitution Week Bear Hunt in New Bern. A fun activity for children of all ages, participants should ring a bell for every bear they find around town. For more information on the Bear Hunt, go to <https://tinyurl.com/NB-Bear-Hunt>.

EYC is Back for Fall

Starting this **Sunday, September 13**, EYC will meet every week at 7:00 pm, Sunday. This week we will meet via zoom. For the meeting link, contact **Meg Jones** at 252.633.2109 Ext. 8 or megjones@christchurchnewbern.com. Next **Sunday, September 20** we will meet on the church lawn. Come join us!

Saturday Lectionary Class

The lectionary class is meeting on Saturday at 1:30 this week. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/719129027>

Pillowcases Available

Additional lovely pillowcases that were given out during Backpack blessings are available for sale. They are \$5 each, and proceeds will benefit our Children and Youth



Programs. The pillowcases will be available at Sunday services or by contacting **Meg Jones** at megjones@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

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Five Years of Growing in Grace

GIG returns!

We will begin our 5th year of Growing In Grace on **Monday, September 14**. Our regular GIG time is 3:00-4:45 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On Wednesdays we will be joining the children of Christ Church for their Wednesday after school fun 3:00-5:00.

This first week mentors need to come on their day at 2:00 for a quick overview of expectations and guidelines we will follow this school year. It will be a different year, but the children need us more than ever. If anyone else would like to join our wonderful GIG family, or if you have questions please contact **Debbie Fodrie** at debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com. All must wear a mask, and we will be social distancing.

Wednesdays at Christ Church: THIS IS THE WEEK

We invite children school-age and older to join us for in-person afternoons starting **Wednesday, September 16**. We will meet weekly for a VBS-style program with games, arts and crafts, music and science. We have changed the starting time to 3:00 pm, and we will conclude at 5:00 pm.

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.



Upcoming Online Worship Sign Ups

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

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.

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!

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 Courtney. 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.

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).

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.

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, 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, Tracy DuPeza, Joyce Bayse.

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, Janet, Myra.

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. Peter's, Washington

** 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, September 13

- 8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mXz9QklyPk&feature=youtu.be>
5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship
7:00 pm EYC Meets (*via Zoom*)

Monday, September 14

- 3:00 pm Growing in Grace (*Youth Room*)

Tuesday, September 15

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (*via YouTube*)
9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
9:30 am Women's Book Study (*via Zoom*)
11:00 am Rector's Bible Study (*via Zoom*)
3:00 pm Growing in Grace (*Youth Room*)

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
12:15 pm Noonday Prayer (*via YouTube*)
3:00 pm Wednesdays at Christ Church
5:45 pm Outreach Commission Meeting (*Library*)

Thursday, September 17

- 9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
3:00 pm Growing in Grace (*Youth Room*)
4:00 pm Finance Committee (*Pelletier Room*)
7:30 pm Lectionary Class (*via Zoom*)

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

- 1:30 pm Lectionary Class (*via Zoom*)
5:00 pm Young Families Movie Night (*Offsite*)

Sunday, September 20

- 8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream
5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship
7:00 pm EYC Meets (*Church Lawn*)

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.

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