

Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2020

The Messenger



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Stewardship 2021: Growing Giving Serving



As we complete the third week of our annual campaign, we are excited to report that 120 members have already sent in their pledge. This is a great start. Throughout this pandemic, the work of God and God's people has not stopped. We continue growing, giving and serving each other and our community. After prayerfully considering all of God's blessings, we invite you to join those who have already made a pledge of support. Our goal is an overall 3% increase in giving. We understand this increase is not possible for all and ask those who are able to exceed the 3 percent to help offset those not able — together we can do this.

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.

John and Deb Steady, Stewardship Chairs

Worship Update

As Summer turns to Fall, the question on many minds is “when will we worship indoors”? Bishop Skirving's current pastoral directive calls for us to follow Governor Cooper's Executive Order concerning mass gatherings. That current limit is 25. While faith-based gatherings are exempt from that standard, we are still asked and encouraged to abide by that number for the health and safety of the community. Our freedom in Christ doesn't mean we run roughshod over rules and guidelines meant to care for our neighbors. The current E.O. by Gov. Cooper is set to expire on October 2. Bishop Skirving has indicated that he will provide further guidance at or before that time. We are making preliminary plans for worship in the Harrison Center, and possibly small groups in the Chapel. We will not be able to act on plans for the Harrison Center until the numbers for indoor gatherings is increased. Last Sunday we had over 150 people on the lawn between the three services. You can do the math on how many services we'd have to offer if the number remains at 25. We will announce plans for worship opportunities in the Chapel the first week of October.

We all long for a sense of normalcy, but we must also be cognizant of our call to care for the vulnerable in our midst. I look forward to announcing more plans soon.

In Christ,

EYC via Zoom Tonight

Tonight's EYC will be via Zoom. Start time is 7:00 pm. For more information, contact **Meg Jones** at 252.633.2109 Ext. 8 or 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, Harold Von Doln.

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: Holy Trinity, Fayetteville; and St. Andrew's Columbia

** 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 27

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

Monday, September 28

- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer (*via Zoom*)
- 3:00 pm Growing in Grace (*Youth Room*)
- 5:15 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (*Library*)

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 11:00 am Rector's Bible Study (*via Zoom*)
- 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer (*via YouTube*)
- 3:00 pm Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6:00 pm EfM Meets (*via Zoom*)

Thursday, October 1

- 9:00 am Individual Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 3:00 pm Growing in Grace (*Youth Room*)
- 6:00 pm T-Ball vs. 1st Baptist (*Offsite*)
- 7:30 pm Lectionary Class (*via Zoom*)

Friday, October 2

- 6:00 pm T-Ball vs. St. Paul's (*Offsite*)

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

- 8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
- 10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals with Livestream
- 5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals
- 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.

Rector's Bible Study Continues

If you missed Wednesday's conversation about the First Thessalonians, you can view it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_Jj_7qT_YE&feature=youtu.be. Join us at 11:00 am each Wednesday on Zoom. Next week, we will look at Second Thessalonians.

The Return of the Trinity Center

Trinity Center (<https://www.trinityctr.com>) is re-opening on a limited basis to individuals and families beginning Friday, September 18. Please contact our Group Coordinator, Chris Grenier at 252.247.5600, for availability and information. We hope to see you soon!

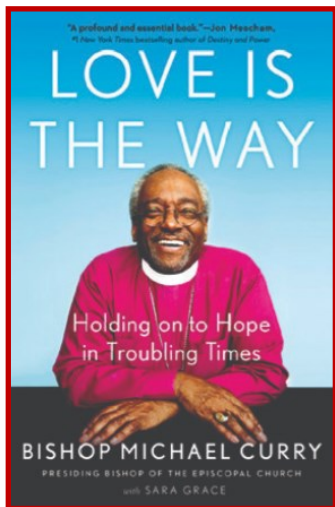
Note: As Trinity Center continues to traverse the challenges that have arisen in the time of COVID-19, Mary Beth Bradberry and Stephanie Rudolph are functioning as Co-Executive Directors on an interim basis.

Upcoming Conversation with Bishop Curry

The Episcopal Shoppe (<https://episcopalshoppe.com/>) is hosting a live Zoom Conversation with the **Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry** about his new book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* on **Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 pm.**

Purchase Bishop Curry's new book through the Episcopal Shoppe and you will automatically receive an invitation to the Zoom conversation with Bishop Curry. Emails with meeting information will be sent out on October 6.

You will also receive an email with information about submitting questions for Bishop Curry. All questions will be forwarded to Bishop Curry on the day before the live conversation.



This Week in T-Ball



The Christ Church Apostles have two upcoming games this week. On **Thursday, October 1**, they will take on 1st Baptist. Then on **Friday, October 2**, they will play St. Paul's. Game time for both contests is 6:00 pm.

Games are played at Pierce Park, which is on the corner of Neuse Ave. and Oaks Road/National Ave. Both of this week's games are at the Snack Bar Field.

Not Too Late to Join in the Wednesday Fun

Our Wednesdays at Christ Church have been a success, and you can still join us for all the fun. We invite children school-age and older to join us for in-person afternoons. 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!

Reservations are encouraged. 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.

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.

Upcoming Online Worship Sign Ups

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

September 27: <https://tinyurl.com/September-27-Sign-Up>

October 4: <https://tinyurl.com/Oct-4-Sign-Up>

October 11: <https://tinyurl.com/Oct-11-Sign-Up>

October 18: <https://tinyurl.com/Oct-18-Sign-Up>

October 25: <https://tinyurl.com/October-25-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



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.

Christ Church Trust Grant Requests

The 2020 Christ Church Trust Grant application form is available and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2020-CCT-Grant>.

The Grant request guideline is October 23.