

Aug. 30 - Sept. 6, 2020

The Messenger



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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.

Unboxing of the Ukes

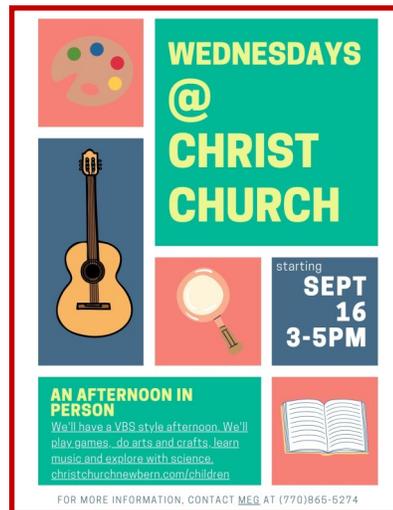
A great big *mahalo* (Hawai'ian for *thank(s)*) to all who donated to-ward Ukulele Adventures! Because of your generosity we were able to order twenty ukuleles! Music will be a strong part of our Wednesdays at Christ Church after-school program.



You can watch a video of Cliff unboxing our ukulele delivery at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qq1Jxzm-oJw&feature=youtu.be>.

Wednesdays at Christ Church: COMING SOON

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.

Hurricane Assistance Request

Hurricane Laura slammed into the Gulf Coast last week, which was the same week that marked the 15-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. **Episcopal Relief & Development** is in constant communication with the impacted dioceses working to reach vulnerable populations devastated by the storm. Donate today at <https://tinyurl.com/ERD-Laura-Relief> to support these efforts.

August 24 Vestry Meeting Recap

Paul called the meeting to order at 6:28pm.

Jim Behl gave the opening prayers.

The minutes of the July Vestry meeting were approved as submitted.

John Haroldson gave the financial report. Pledges are \$100,000 ahead of budget, while expenses are \$100,000 below budget. So we are in good shape considering the times. Not surprisingly, plate donations are below budget. **Jean Reichenbach** handed out a schedule of the endowment funds, which explained the purpose of each.

Bob Emory gave the Sacred Sound & Space report. **Kip Peregoy** and Bob are meeting with a light control company to discuss the type of control needed, as well as some enhanced lighting for the altar window. A recommendation was made and approved to re-start the capital campaign in February 2021 and end it in April 2021. Another motion was made and approved to start the pew, ceiling, and nave floor projects in October.

Jason Thuringer was approved to fill the open slot on the Church Burial Trust.

Jean related that the JOS property was assessed by the county at \$778,000. We can begin marketing the property at the end of September.

The annual meeting has been set for November 15, 2020.

Jean reviewed the requirements of the vestry nominating committee.

During the Rector's report, Paul reported the Betsy Downard had resigned for a full-time opportunity. A special fund was created for The Order of St. Luke with funds from their old checking account. Paul mentioned that attendance at the 8am & 10am services has been increasing. Paul showed the contents of the handout from the backpack blessing.

Commission Reports:

Outreach: RCS breakfasts meals have been changed to reduce costs. RCS Compassionate Listening was looking to re-start. On the recommendation of the Pumpkin Patch committee, it was agreed to not have it this year. Since the Pumpkin Patch and Cookie Walk have been cancelled for this year, donations will be sought so the church can still provide outreach support and make a donation to the Navajo Indians. Growing in Grace is scheduled to start the week of September 14. That date is tentative.

Pastoral Care: No meeting. Calls to parishioners were made.

Stewardship: Rather than an ice cream social on August 30, Kickoff Sunday, there will be handouts at each of the three services.

Evangelism, Building & Grounds, Worship, And Parish Life had no reports.

The 2019 financial audit as accepted and filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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.

Upcoming Online Worship Sign Ups

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

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.

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



Calendar Notes

We will celebrate this month's Birthdays and Anniversaries today, September 6.

In recognition of Labor Day, the church offices will be closed **Monday, September 7, 2020**

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, 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, Janet.

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, Clinton; and the Trinity 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, September 6

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship
10:00 am Morning Outdoor Worship with Livestream
Livestream here: <https://youtu.be/B3GWP1aZIT4>
5:00 pm Evening Outdoor Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day—Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

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.