

May 16-23, 2021

The Messenger



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SACRED SOUND & SPACE CAMPAIGN: Stretch Goal is in Sight!

Our lighting system has been improved and the floor, ceiling and pews have been restored. Now we await the arrival of our new organ in early 2023. This has all been made possible by your pledges. As of Wednesday, May 12, 290 parishioners have pledged \$1,417,869 toward our Stretch Goal of \$1,485,000.

Reaching and exceeding the Stretch Goal will minimize the likelihood of future Vestries having to borrow money to complete the Sacred Sound and Space en-

hancements to the Nave. First time pledges are slowly continuing to come in, and a number of parishioners have generously volunteered to increase their original pledge by an amount equivalent to one year's pledge. We hope to stop soliciting pledges by the end of May – please help us get there!

If you wish to pledge but have misplaced your pledge card, please contact the church office and one will be provided.



“The Crown” Returns in June

On June 6th, we are distributing the first edition of *The Crown* since 2017. It will look back at recent events and look ahead at things to come. *The Crown* will be filled with great photographs, many, we hope, provided by leaders and participants of the various ministries at Christ Church.



Please send your articles and photos to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Crown* will be distributed on the first Sunday of the month, and that means our office needs all articles and photos for past events and upcoming events by the 15th of the previous month. For example, all copy needing to run in the July 4th edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com

communications@christchurchnewbern.com no later than June 15th. If it's not received by the 15th of the previous month, we cannot guarantee it will make it into the publication in time. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

EfM Graduation Information

You are invited to this year's Education for Ministry Graduation. Due to covid precautions, there will not be a reception afterwards, as there has been in the past. The particulars are below:

- WHAT:** Education for Ministry Graduation for Mary Lynn Guidage (aka Linton)
- WHEN:** Sunday, May 16th, at 4 pm (during the church service)
- WHERE:** Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting) or the Church Nave if inclement weather
- WHO:** The Rev. Cortney Dale, Celebrant; Mary Lynn Guidage, graduate, the 2020-21 EFM class

Please come and support Mary Lynn as we celebrate her joining the long line of Christ Church's EFM alumni. Bring a friend who may be interested in exploring EFM for next year.

This Week's Parish Cycle of Prayer

We are praying for a different ministry Commission each Sunday as a way to hold those participating up in prayer and to highlight the ministry role it plays in the life of Christ Church. We have over 60 committees and ministries at Christ Church that fall under one of eight Commissions.

Pastoral Care Commission

This week we are praying for the Pastoral Care Commission. The Pastoral Care Commission provides assistance to the Clergy and existing Pastoral Care ministries. The Pastoral Care ministries are available for Church members who find themselves in need of assistance for any issues they encounter in this life. The Pastoral Care Commission consists of Christ Church members willing to exercise their Pastoral Care calling through the following current ministries:

- Christ Church Friends
- Daughters of the King
- Eucharistic Visitors
- Neighbors in Christ
- Prayer Shawls
- Recovery Ministry
- Stephen Ministry

The Pastoral Care Commission reports to the Clergy and Vestry through the Clergy representative, The Rev. Cortney Dale, and the Vestry liaisons, David Spence and John King. Barbara Rice currently serves as the Chair of the commission. For more information about this group, contact Barbara at 252-636-9672 or b.rice23@outlook.com.

CEC 2021 Budget and Year-to-Date Comparisons		
	2021 Budget	YTD 4/30/21
Total Operating Income	\$869,900.00	\$392,213.01
Total Expenses	\$1,061,416.75	\$266,361.90
Difference	-\$191,516.75	\$125,851.11
PPP Grant Proceeds	\$83,500.00	\$83,500.00
2020 Surplus Applied to Budget	\$108,016.75	
Net Financial Reporting	\$0.00	\$42,351.11

Leaving a Lasting Gift

In the coming weeks, we will be launching a planned giving initiative for Christ Church. What is planned giving? It is leaving a financial gift, in one way or another, to Christ Church when your time on earth ends. A planned gift, sometimes called a legacy gift, can go a long way in ensuring the financial stability of Christ Church for years to come. We will be sharing ways that you can remember Christ Church in your will and how any gift you want to make can be applied.



One of the best gifts you can give to your family is to have plans in place for after you are gone. That includes any personal property as well as funeral plans. We will be offering two sessions in June to help you make those plans and be sure both the church and your family are apprised of those plans. **The sessions will be on Tuesdays, June 15 and 22, at 11:30 in the Harrison Center.** Lunch will be provided, and the clergy will be on hand to offer guidance. Watch your email, the Messenger and the upcoming edition of the Crown for more information.

You can also contact the Rev. Paul Canady to learn more. (252.631.5861 or paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)

Crosses made from old flooring in the Nave

Order your special keepsake before they run out! All donations will be used for Sacred Sound and Space projects.

- Only 100 are available.
- Minimum donation for each cross is \$25.
- Purchase is limited to one per household until Pentecost on May 23, 2021.



NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Circle one: unsanded/unfinished
 sanded/not stained
 stained (SOLD OUT)

Make checks payable to Christ Church, and write "Cross" in the memo line. Bring the form/money in or mail it to PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563.

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, 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 Odderstor*, Rae Cowan, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard, Paul Tait, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Jane Peele, Nelson McDaniel, Margi, Kathy Blanchard, Lydia Ash, Pat McCotter, Mary Lynn Guidance, Ralph Cowan, Vivienne Armstrong, Tracy DuPeza, Harold Von Doln, Martha Schell, David Watrous, Stephanie Hawkins, Skip Smith, Vicky Allen, Gene Primavera, Catherine Bender, Billie Ruth Sudduth, JoAnn Frank, Michele Mnatzakanian, Eileen Nelson, James Hadley, the Ranieri family, Lindy Emory, and DJ Bessack.



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

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, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Art, Abra, Melvin, Laurie, Amelia, Dennis, Matty, Erik, Blake, Brian, Oakley, Bryce, Jackie, Helen, Carter, Eunice, David, Mary, Joseph, Mason, Sarah, Nicholas, Janet, Myra, Jimmy, Jim, Denni, Matthew, Chelsea, Niels, Cindy, Lucia, Trinity, Pam, Jason, C.E. (Max), Christopher, PK, Beverly, Ralph, Krissie, and George.

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, and Kirby Smith.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

During this critical time, we want to especially hold up our education professionals: Nancy Childs, Kay Frampton, Ed Holm, Bob Husson, Katherine Gill, Rob Jutras, Rebecca Leahey, Katie Maret, James Moody, Anne Morini, Dan Palimetekis, Luana Palimetekis, Ryan Seeger, Laura Smith, Alex Ranieri, Anthony Ranieri, David Spence, Elizabeth Witten, and Leigh Byrd. (If we left someone off this list, please let us know. Email communications@christchurchnewbern.com or call Dare Oliver at 252.633.2109).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Timothy's, Greenville, and St. John's, Grifton.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the work of the Pastoral Care Commission. We pray that God will continue to empower their work for the building up of God's kingdom in the parish and in the lives of all we encounter.

* These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact Dare Oliver at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.633.2109.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 16

GIG Recognition Sunday, UTO Sunday

- 8 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9 am Adult Book Study (Harrison Center)
- 10 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/Online)
- 4 pm Eucharist Rite II (Outdoor Chapel)
- 7 pm EYC (at the Church)

Monday, May 17

- 9 am Christ Church Cooks Meeting (Harrison Ctr)
- 10 am Home Place Service
- 10:30 McCarthy Court Eucharist
- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)
- 3 pm Growing in Grace
- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, May 18

- 8:30 am Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Women's Book Study (via Zoom)
- 3 pm Growing in Grace

Wednesday, May 19

- 11 am Rector's Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 12:15 pm Eucharist and Healing Prayers (Chapel)
- 3 pm Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6 pm EfM (via Zoom)

Thursday, May 20

- 3 pm Growing in Grace (last day)
- 7:30 pm Lectionary Class (via Zoom)

Saturday, May 22

- 10am-1pm Churchyard Cleanup (this is open to all and will be an EYC event, too)
- 1:30 pm Lectionary Class (via Zoom)

Sunday, May 23

DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

- 8 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 10 am Eucharist Rite II and Youth Sunday (Nave/Online)
- 11 am Acolyte Training
- 4 pm Eucharist Rite II (Outdoor Chapel)
- 7 pm EYC (at the Church)

Email items to

communications@christchurchnewbern.com

Deadlines for calendar/article submissions:

- Weekly calendar email: noon on Thursday
- "MidWeek Messenger" email: noon on Tuesday
- Printed / emailed "Messenger": noon on Wednesday
- Printed "The Crown": 15th of the previous month

The flowers behind the altar today are given by Linda and Jim Foster in memory of Sam Foster and in honor of their daughter Sarah Denike's birthday. They are also given in thanksgiving for Margaret Wright on her 95th birthday by the Wright, Crawford, Moore, and Fuqua families.



GIG Mentor Appreciation Sunday

We will recognize our amazing Growing In Grace mentors today at the 10am service. Our program works with low-income children from Brinson Memorial Elementary School who need a little extra support

with school work. This program also offers the students access to other adults — those who care about their well-being and success.

This has been a challenging year due to covid guidelines, but it has also been an amazing year! We all worked together to navigate the best ways to continue to support our children. We welcomed back six children that have been with us since 3rd grade and invited two of those families' siblings to join us. We look forward to everyone returning to our program in September, as we hope to increase our number to 10 children again.

We would like to sincerely thank our 2020-2021 mentors today, and we look forward to recognizing them at the 10am service. We also want to thank our past mentors. We hope and pray that they will join us again in September!

- Terry Brubaker
- Jim Behl, mentor and van driver
- Janet Peregoy, mentor and van rider
- Ann Bustard
- Kim Huddle
- Anne Bell
- Harry Gormley
- Ann Ocorr
- Mary Davidson
- Nancy Przybylko
- Ann Little
- Jim Crawford
- Mary Ringwalt, mentor and van rider
- Debbie Hunter, mentor and van rider
- Edna Marie Thomas
- Linda Hitchcock

GIG will wrap up the school year on Thursday, May 20th. Thanks again to everyone who helps make this program a success! — *Debbie Fodrie, GIG Director*





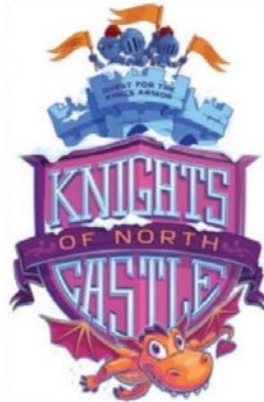
GROWING IN GRACE: YOUR EXCELLENCE DRIVES OUR SUCCESS

If anyone is interested in joining our amazing family of mentors, please email Debbie at debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com or call/text her at 252-675-8358.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School, Gospels & Prayers

VBS is coming up June 7th-11th from 9am to 12pm. We will be outside this year. We have kids signed up to attend, but we can't have VBS without more helpers. Volunteers can be rising 6th graders through adults. We have openings for small group leaders, leaders and helpers with snacks, art and science. You don't even have to be here all week. This is a great time to see kids you haven't seen in over a year. It will be sure to bring a smile to your masked face. Sign up [here](#) or contact [Meg Jones](#).

ALSO: If you have old newspapers we can use, please bring them to the church. There will be a basket for them at the reception desk. Thank you!



We are bringing back our Gospel & Prayers program at the 10am service starting on June 6th. It's for our kids 4th grade and younger. They'll leave the service during the musical offering before the Gospel. They'll move to the Library or Parish House to hear the Gospel and pray. They will return to the service during the Peace.

If you'd like to help lead or be an extra adult for Gospel & Prayers, sign up [here](#) or contact [Meg Jones](#).

CHRIST CHURCH PROPHETS

SPRING T BALL SCHEDULE
ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT 6:30PM

APRIL 15- JONES COUNTY 2	HEATH FIELD
APRIL 20- JONES COUNTY	JOY CORNER
APRIL 23- FIRST BAPTIST	HEATH FIELD
APRIL 27- TWO RIVERS 2	JOY CORNER
APRIL 30- CENTENARY 2	SNACK BAR
MAY 11- VANCEBORO CITY	HEATH FIELD
MAY 24- TEMPLE 3	JOY CORNER
MAY 28- TEMPLE 4	HEATH FIELD

CHRIST CHURCH APOSTLES

SPRING T BALL SCHEDULE
ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT 6:30 PM

APRIL 16- TEMPLE	SNACK BAR
APRIL 22- TEMPLE	JOY CORNER
MAY 3- NEW LIFE	SNACK BAR
MAY 10- ST. PAUL'S	HEATH FIELD
MAY 14- CENTENARY	JOY CORNER
MAY 21- TWO RIVERS 1	JOY CORNER
MAY 27- TEMPLE 1	SNACK BAR
JUNE 3- JONES COUNTY 3	JOY CORNER

TIDBITS

All the links below are also on the homepage of our website. You can also call the church office to make reservations.

Christ Church Cooks Meeting

Christ Church Cooks will be meeting tomorrow, May 17th, for the first time this year. Join us in the Harrison Center at 9am. For the safety of all, we ask that volunteers be vaccinated prior to participating. We need to continue to wear our masks inside, but that won't keep us from engaging in fellowship and joyful giving to the those in need at Christ Church. When we cook together it comes from the heart and the recipients of our food are nourished and blessed by our generosity. We could use a few extra hands. Come, join us.

Churchyard Spring Cleaning

Christ Church is having an outside spring cleaning on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10am till 1pm. We'll be mulching, trimming, putting new chips in the playground area, and more!!!

Please come and be part of the fun. Contact Rick Miller at rickmiller950@hotmail.com or 252-631-1474 for questions.

Need to contact clergy?

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting time with Paul or Cortney. You can book a time using the links below or by phone at 252.633.2109.

<https://calendly.com/paulcanady>

<https://cortneydale.youcanbook.me>

When scheduling a time, please indicate if you are requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.

Be aware of scams! These are the correct phone numbers and email addresses for our clergy.

Rev. Paul Canady: 252-571-6892

paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com

Rev. Cortney Dale: 270-791-9601

cortneydale@christchurchnewbern.com

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to sit at our front desk, answer the phone and allow visitors into the building. The available shifts are Monday-Thursday (either 9 am to 12 pm or 12 pm to 2 pm). On Friday, we need a volunteer to sign up for the 9 am to 12 pm slot only. You can sign up [here](#).

If you have any problems signing up, please contact Ellie at ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com or call her at the office: 252-633-2109.

Christ Church Classes Wrap Up

As we come to the end of the Spring, several of our classes here at Christ Church will be winding down. Most groups will meet again in the Fall. Here is a look at when each class will end:

- The **Adult Book Study** ends today, May 16th. The last class starts at 9am in the Harrison Center. The group will get together again on Sept. 12th.
- The **Contemplative Prayer Group's** last class will take place at 11:30am on Monday, May 24th.
- The **Women's Book Study** ends after Memorial Day.
- The **Rector's Bible Study** ends on Wednesday, May 19th. It will resume in September.
- The **Lectionary Class** concludes on Saturday, May 22nd. It will resume on Sept. 12th.

Today is UTO Sunday!

All Saints Episcopal Church Women Celebrates United Thank Offering today. Envelopes and boxes are still available. Thank you to all who supported UTO's program with donations!

L'il Pantry Items Needed

We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. **POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST!** Kits of chicken/tuna salad with crackers are very popular. We have plenty of plastic utensils. Thank you for helping us with this ministry.

Worship Sign-ups

We are not requiring sign-ups or masks for the 4 pm service on the lawn. Appropriate space is still required, but you do not have to sign up unless you're going to read, greet, or usher. Click below to RSVP for upcoming indoor Sunday services:

[RSVP for Sunday, May 16 services](#)

[RSVP for Sunday, May 23 services](#)

[RSVP for Sunday, May 30 services](#)

[RSVP for Sunday, June 6 services](#)

Ushers, readers, and greeters are needed every week at the 8 am, 10 am and 4 pm services. You can use the same link as if you were signing up to attend service. For more info, contact Butch Ricks at 252-671-0113 or butch.ricks@gmail.com.