

# THE CROWN

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## LOVE IN ACTION

### Giving in Response to What You've Been Given

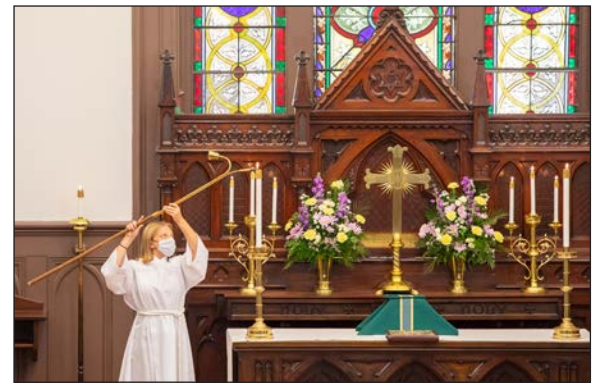
by Deb and John Steady, Stewardship Co-chairs

In just a couple weeks, we will enter the financial pledging phase of our stewardship program. During this phase, you will be asked to make a pledge of financial support to Christ Church. Pledge cards will be mailed out by the end of next week. We ask you to pray, consider, pray again, and return your pledge by Nov. 21.

As we consider our pledges for the upcoming church year, it's important to keep in mind Christ Church's needs to meet its budget. Without adequate income, parish programs and services cannot function effectively. Our goal for this year is for members to increase giving by five percent. That is \$5 for each \$100 pledged.

Stewardship is much more than paying bills. Stewardship is a personal journey in faith that lets us give back to God some of what God has given us. Consider God's gifts for a moment:

- All of us have life, most of us fairly good health;
- We are the inheritors of a fruitful earth, rich with the raw materials necessary for life;
- We have a brain to think with and a body to work with;
- We have talents to develop and use;
- We have a wide variety of opportunities through which to use the gifts we have been given;
- Most of all, we have known in some measure God's boundless love through Je-



sus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

In short, Christian stewardship really begins when you start to give in response to all that has been given you. This is not to say that the needs of Christ Church are any less. They are real, and we have just begun to understand the kind of ministry we could undertake together. But there is a basic difference between raising money for the Church and practicing stewardship with God. The former is an admirable goal, but the latter is a spiritual one.

As we begin our annual pledge campaign, you are being asked to become a steward of God's gifts. Over the next few weeks we will answer the following questions, and maybe a few more.

- I like giving random donations in the collection plate. Is that okay?
- What if I can't honor my pledge?
- I pledged last year. Can you carry it forward?
- How much should I give?

Thank you in advance for giving this important process the time and attention it deserves.

# ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
**AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA**  
**FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves**

## MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

## CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III

**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

## CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

**Director of Christian Formation:** Meg Jones

**Director of Music:** Clifford Badgley

**Director of Church Life:** Ellie Roberts

**Financial Assistant:** Patti Williams

**Director of Growing in Grace:** Debbie Fodrie

**Communications Coordinator:** Dare Oliver

**Nursery Staff:** Gray Proctor and Heidi Powell

**Custodian:** Terry Pitner

## CONTACTING CLERGY AND STAFF

**Current Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursdays:** 9 am - 2 pm

**Fridays:** 9 am - 12 pm

Click [here](#) to download a staff directory.

Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul.

*Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.*

## GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Text "FUNDS" to 833.233.8760
- Contact [Patti Williams](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

## CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

**Term through 2021:**

Jim Behl, Deborah Cook, Susan Husson, Amanda Norwood (*Clerk*)

**Term through 2022:**

Carl Huddle (*Jr. Warden*), Rick Miller, David Spence, Keith Thompson (*Sr. Warden*)

**Term through 2023:**

Howard Furnas III, John King, Elizabeth Livingston, Sims Wayt,

## FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:

[www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com).

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[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

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*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 and photos needing to run in the November edition of *The Crown* should be sent to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com) no later than Oct. 15th. If it's not received by the 15th, 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](mailto:dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com).

- Deadlines to get prayer requests/calendar submissions into The Messenger (*weekly*): Tuesday by 5
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## 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 Freeman\*, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Rae Cowan, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter\*, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard\*, Paul Tait, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vivienne Armstrong, Tracy DuPeza, Harold Von Doln, Martha Schell, David Watrous, Skip Smith, Vicky Allen, Catherine Bender, Billie Ruth Sudduth, JoAnn Frank, Michele Mnatzakanian, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Margaret Wall, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, Rodney Hayes, CB Evans, Cathy Fitch, John Mason, Mike McCulley, the Rev. Patricia Thomas\*, Bruce Meyers, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Ray Stark, Caroline Smith, David Ward, and Elizabeth Ward.

**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, 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, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Bryan, Patti, Ruth, Ron, Bill, Patty, and Jackie.

**For our deployed military:** Capt. John Jones, Lt. Christopher Miller, SSGT. Philip Buffa, III, Maj. Garrett Litfin.

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington, and Zion Church, Washington.

**In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayer,** we remember the Christian Formation Commission, and we give thanks for all the ways they help us see Christ's love in action.

*\*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, contact [Dare Oliver](#).*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

You can see the calendar for the entire month of October and beyond [here](#).

SUNDAY OCT. 3	MONDAY OCT. 4	TUESDAY OCT. 5	WEDNESDAY OCT. 6	THURSDAY OCT. 7	FRIDAY OCT. 8	SATURDAY OCT. 9	SUNDAY OCT. 10
<p>8:30am: Service for young children and families (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/<a href="#">online</a>)</p> <p>12pm: Cider in the Pumpkin Patch</p> <p>4pm: POD</p> <p>5pm: Eucharist Rite II &amp; Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor Chapel)</p>	<p>11am: Staff Mtg.</p> <p>11:30am: Contemplative Prayer (via <a href="#">Zoom</a>)</p> <p>3pm: Growing in Grace</p> <p>6:30pm: DOK Meeting (Parish House)</p>	<p>8:30am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)</p> <p>10am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Rm)</p> <p>3pm: Growing in Grace</p> <p>6pm: Rehearsal (Nave)</p> <p>7pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)</p>	<p>11am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>3pm: Growing in Grace</p> <p>4:30pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church</p> <p>6pm: EfM (2nd Fl Living Room)</p> <p>7pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)</p>	<p>10am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)</p> <p>12:15pm: Lunch Recital featuring Erika Butters (Nave)</p> <p>3pm: Growing in Grace</p>	<p>6pm and 7pm: ArtWalk recital featuring Erika Butters (Nave)</p> <p>3pm: Growing in Grace</p>	<p>*CAMP HOPE IS POSTPONED</p>	<p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School</p> <p>11am: Choral Eucharist (Nave/<a href="#">online</a>)</p> <p>Noon: Cider in the Pumpkin Patch</p> <p>3pm: Mom's group (Parish House)</p> <p>5pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)</p>



# SACRED SOUND & SPACE

## Getting to Know our Contractor

*Bob Emory sits down for a chat with John Peterson, the general contractor for the renewal of the Nave.*

If you were at Christ Church while the Nave renewal was going on — floor finishing, ceiling stiffening/cleaning, painting, and pew refinishing and repair — you may have seen John Peterson, our general contractor.

John was born in Raleigh, but at an early age, his father was called up to be a pilot in the Korean War, and the family moved to the New Bern area. In the early '60s when his family moved to Trent Woods, John said, “we were ‘so far’ out of town and the roads were so bad that you had to plan to go to town.”

John’s father practiced architecture in New Bern for many years — sometimes doing work for Christ Church. During that time, John’s father (and later, John) developed a close working relationship with our own Johnny Thomas. You may not be aware that John Peterson was the guy in the crane bucket who removed the Crown from the steeple so Johnny Thomas could replace the gold leaf. Peterson then reinstalled it — as captured on the video that can be seen on the Christ Church website.

Recently John agreed to be interviewed about doing work for Christ Church.

**Q: How would you describe your business, and how long have you been doing it?**

**A:** I have been a general contractor for well over 40 years. As time went on, more and more of my work was done on historic structures downtown. In addition to Christ Church, I have done work for First Baptist, First Presbyterian and recently completed a big project at City Hall. Since



Sacred Sound & Space General Contractor,  
John Peterson

Hurricane Florence, almost all my work has been downtown.

**Q: What was the hardest part of the work you recently completed at Christ Church?**

**A:** The hardest project was the restoration of the heart pine floor. We had no idea what we would find when we pulled up the carpet. What we found were the expected patches where old floor vents used to be. What we didn’t expect was how much repair was needed for the portion of the floor between the pews and the chancel. Past modifications had resulted in patches and lots of short pieces of flooring — much of it in bad shape. The floor boards are almost an inch-and-a-half thick, and it was a challenge to do all the

patching and replacement utilizing the original boards. You just can’t find, or at least you can’t afford, to buy such material. So, it was a big puzzle and I am happy with how it turned out.

The other hard part was dealing with all the people, church members and others, who were fascinated by what we were doing. In the process of keeping them from getting hurt, I got a chance to talk to them. A conversation that sticks out was one that I had with a woman from Wyoming. After she looked around, she said, “Wow, this place is older than my state!” Sometimes we forget

how long the church has been here.

**Q: What interesting things did you find while you were working here?**

**A:** Well, we found a dead rat in the attic! Also in the attic we found a beam that had been signed by the builder who rebuilt the church in the 1870s. We also found where the builder had written notes on the bottom of a piece of flooring. On a lighter note, we found old toys that had been lost between the pews and wainscoting. And while we knew they were there, it was interesting to see the massive timbers supporting the church; some of them are 14-16 inches square. And others pointed out to me that the backs of the pews were built out of one board — around 18” wide.

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# A LOOK BACK

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You just don't find that anymore!

**Q: How does the Sacred Sound and Space renewal of the Nave compare with other work you have done?**

**A:** It is the most important work I have ever done downtown. This is a special place, and it was a privilege to do this work. This project affected so many people, today's members and those to come, whereas a house only affects 4 to 5 people. I felt that so many people were depending on me and the Christ Church people I worked with or met became like family. I still wave to them when I see them on the street.

And it was not just me. The sub-contractors who worked here — it was also Bender-Eubanks Electrical, New Bern Painting, Superior Plaster and Advance Flooring — it wasn't just a job to them; it was a passion. The same goes for my right-hand man, Matt Fillingham. Most of us had a history of working with Johnny Thomas, and it was special to have him drop by every now and then to check on things and offer advice.

**We'd like to take this opportunity to say, "Job well done, John Peterson!"**

## Sacred Sound & Space Campaign Celebration

Oct. 31 after the 11am service  
Come celebrate the success of the Sacred Sound and Space Capital Campaign. We have far exceeded our Primary Goal and are very close to reaching our Stretch Goal. It is time to give thanks and to celebrate the parish's generous support of this campaign. And, it is not too late to pledge to help us reach the Stretch Goal!

## Vestry Meeting Recap for September

The Vestry meeting was held on Sept. 20, and was opened in prayer by Paul.

John Haroldson gave a report on the church's financials. He noted that we continue to be in a good financial position. He described the investment of Sacred Sound and Space funds into a Money Market and also discussed the movement of money from Special Funds to the Endowment.

Vandersall Audit — there will be more feedback to the Vestry following the two meetings scheduled this week with parishioners who want to hear the results of the survey.

The Vestry approved members for a Memorial Fund Committee to develop guidelines for the use of Memorial Fund monies. There are two areas to consider. One is the donation of an item to the church in memory of someone — accepting, using and memorializing it. The other is the use of funds given to purchase needed items for the church. The committee will report to the Vestry in December. By-laws will need to be changed regarding the fund, and the Vestry will vote on that at a later meeting.

Associate Rector search — Paul plans to have a job description draft soon.

Outreach Commission — GIG begins 9/27. Van drivers and mentors are needed. Outreach Commission will have a water station for Crop Walk participants. Pumpkins will arrive on October 2.

Christian Formation — is up and running. Children and adult Sunday School classes are going well, as are other classes. There are 15 children on Wednesday afternoons ranging in age from 3 years to 5th grade. All are learning to play the ukulele.

Evangelism — Jim Behl reported that there will be a Newcomers Reception on Oct. 24 at 3 pm. There will be no Pumpkin Patch Café.

Stewardship — There are weekly updates in *The Messenger*. Giving letters will go out soon.

Worship — Some discussion of returning to use of the chalice, but Bishop Skirving, thus far, has not permitted it. The Vestry approved the new Chair of the Commission — Susan Husson.

Building and Grounds — some benches are being refurbished; two Japanese maple trees will be planted soon where the dead one was removed near the outdoor chapel.

— Submitted by Susan Husson

## yOUTHREACH



We're always grateful when Christ Church can host Diocesan events. We had a great day at yOUTHREACH! Four youth from Christ Church attended. We'd like to give a special thank you to ECYC's leadership, Liz Hengst and Meg Jones, for coordinating. Sixty full toiletry bags were made with personal notes for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry!



# COMING THIS FALL

## Recital Series Begins in October

We will be hosting two opportunities each month to hear some beautiful music throughout the Fall. Admission is FREE for both monthly events.

- **Lunchtime Recitals** are on the first Thursday of the month, 12:15-12:45, in the Christ Church Nave. Come on Oct. 7 and hear a short program by local singer Erika Butters. She will sing some pop and jazz favorites.

- **ArtWalk Recitals** are held on the second Friday of the month, in conjunction with ArtWalk. On Oct. 8th, pop in and hear Erika Butters sing pop and jazz favorites at 6 pm and again at 7 pm in the Christ Church Nave.

**About Erika Butters:** Erika Monet Butters is excited to showcase her talents alongside Cliff Badgley each month in downtown New Bern for Art Walk and Thursday Jazz performances. After a long performance career — including time spent as a lead singer for Carnival Cruise Line and Holland America Cruise Line — Erika and her husband, Simon, landed in New Bern while looking for the perfect East coast town to raise their son, Ezra.



Currently, Erika works in television and film in addition to being the lead singer and co-founder of the local band Bridge Atlantic. In her spare time, Erika enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She and her family are glad to be a part of New Bern's welcoming and supportive community.

### Sunday School Updates

- **In Godly Play**, students learned the story of Creation. This week they'll learn about St. Francis. Bring a stuffed animal if you'd like.
- **In Whirl (K-2 & 3-5)**, students talked about praying for one another. Check out the church's prayer list in the Crown or Messenger. This week they're learning that Jesus blesses the children.
- The **youth** learned about Lydia last week.
- **Bible 101** will be looking at the story of Abram/Abraham this week, starting in Genesis 12.
- **The Lectionary Class** will be looking at this week's readings (Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16).
- **Uncomfortable Conversations** will watch a video on reverse racism. You can watch the video [here](#).

## TIDBITS

### Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting time with Paul. You can book a time using [this link](#) or by phone at 252.633.2109. 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 numbers and email addresses for our clergy.

**Rev. Paul Canady:** 252-571-6892

[paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)

### Rothermel Foundation Lecture Series

Following an 18-month hiatus caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rothermel Foundation will resume its series at 2 pm today in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff of Washington, D.C. A Vietnam combat veteran and a career chaplain in the U.S. Navy, Rabbi Resnicoff has entitled his lecture *Keeping Faith: Religion in the Military in War and Peace*. Attendees will hear how faith endures through the brutality of war and how the chaplaincy can be used to help society as a whole.

Masks are required. Questions? Contact Ann Bustard at 252-636-2885.

# COMING THIS FALL



Fall is in the air, and it's time to think about candy, candy, candy! We'll have several events at our **Games in the Graveyard** party, which will be held from 3-4:30pm on Oct. 24.

We will meet at 3pm in the Outdoor Chapel for a **Blessing of the Costumes**. There will be games around the churchyard, and

the playground will be open for freetime.

**Trunk or Treat** will take place in our parking lot. If you'd like to participate (dress up yourself, your car and hand out goodies), please contact [Meg Jones](#). Trunks will close at 4:30pm.

We look forward to seeing all of our little trick-or-treaters!

## Mark your calendar for these special events!

**Pumpkin Patch:** October (10am-6pm daily through Oct. 31)

**Rothermel Foundation Lecture Series:** Oct. 3

**Blessing of the Animals:** Oct. 3 at the 5pm service

**Lunch Recital:** Oct. 7 (Erika Butters, see page 6)

**ArtWalk Recital:** Oct. 8 (Erika Butters)

**ECW All Saints Women of New Bern Trolley Tour:** Oct. 11

**Happening at Trinity Center:** Oct. 15-17

**RCS ingathering bags distributed:** Oct. 17

**RCS ingathering bags collected:** Oct. 24

**Newcomer Reception:** Oct. 24

**Games in the Graveyard:** Oct. 24

### Pumpkin Shipping Delay

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Christ Church's truckload of pumpkins did not arrive in time for us to open our Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 2, as we intended. If you missed the email we sent out, you can read it [here](#).

As soon as we get an update on the new arrival date from the shipping company, we will post that information online and in newsletters and emails.



### Giving Flowers for our Services

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of Wayne Rowe on his birthday from Sheridan Holstein. They are also given in loving memory of Byron Swenson by Richard Hallberg.

*If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area. You can also call the church office or sign up online [here](#). When using the website, please include the memorial or thanksgiving details in the field next to the payment field. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.*



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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000.00 to our Camp Bob Fund effort. Your gift is a reflection of your love and care for this blessed place.

Your philanthropic investment ensures that Kanuga emerges from Covid stronger than ever and well positioned to uphold our shared values of service, respect, sustainability, and stewardship. With your support, we are looking toward the future of Kanuga with renewed excitement, and feel deeply grateful for your partnership and commitment to the life of Kanuga.

We're thrilled to be back open for to guests, campers, and conference attendees. Please come join us if you can.

With sincere appreciation,

Bill Norris

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