

The Messenger

Sept. 19-26, 2021

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TIDBITS

EYC Dinner Information

EYC will meet most Sundays, and the kids will eat dinner together from 6-6:30. [Please sign up here](#) if you are able to provide dinner for approximately ten kids (Meg Jones will be in touch when she gets the confirmed headcount each week).

These hungry kids like a lot of things. The meal can be dinner you make or have delivered to us. Pizza is always a great option. Make-your-own taco night is popular. Putting a frozen casserole in the church oven and telling Meg it's there is another great option. You can drop off dinner or eat with us.

We have plates, napkins, utensils, cups, water and some serving utensils. **Please be cautious of peanut allergies.**

Thanks for your support!

Confirmation Classes Canceled

We will not hold confirmation classes this Fall. We hope to hold classes in January for a potential confirmation on March 6th. More information to come.

Nap Blankets Available

The Christ Church Prayer Shawl Ministry still has nap blankets available. They are for babies and children, newborns to age 6. These nap blankets are for all of our "church family" kids, including kids whose families are connected to our church, as well as the little ones we see on Sundays. These blankets are hand-made by our members, prayed over while we knit and blessed by our clergy at the altar. Prayers for sweet dreams are included. If you have a little one in your life who could use a blanket, pick one up in the church library any time.

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 on Sunday, Oct. 3, 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.

Sunday School Updates

What a fabulous start to our Sunday School classes! Here's some information if you missed them or if you want to know what is coming up this Sunday.

Godly Play (pre K) learned about the church calendar. This week they'll hear about the Holy Family.

Whirl (K-2 & 3-5) learned about taming our tongues and watching what we say. This week they'll learn about Jesus welcoming the children.

The youth learned about the Bible being the inspired word from God. This week they'll learn about the things God is still creating.

The Lectionary Class will be looking at the readings for 9/19. (Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37). *This class will no longer be recorded.*

Uncomfortable Conversations will talk about white parents and black children. Watch the video [here](#).

Bible 101 will cover Genesis 3 and 4 (Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel).

Backpack Blessings Build

It is time for another Backpack Blessings Build! It seems that the number of kids who are receiving weekend food bags at each school is GROWING! Thanks be to God for your support as we hope to continue to meet the needs of hungry kids in Jones, Craven, and Pamlico counties!

The next build will begin at 11am on Sept. 23 at Morris Hall (Garber Methodist Church). [Here is the link](#) to sign up to help! Just a reminder that we are asking all participants to wear masks until COVID numbers start going down. Thank you!

— Ruth Powers

GIG Donations Requested

GIG students and volunteers appreciate donations of any size. We love gift cards (WalMart, Amazon, Target, Staples, and gas cards for the van from Galley Stores and Marina on East Front Street). We use gift cards and donations to purchase the children's school supplies, snacks, birthday celebration supplies, and special occasion supplies during the school year. Donations also help us fund our fieldtrips. Please contact GIG Director Debbie Fodrie at debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com if you can help in any way.

LOVE IN ACTION

Where do you see Love in Action at Christ Church? Most of us have been on either the giving or receiving end of these acts of love. Maybe you have received flowers from the altar guild while you were convalescing or received a meal from our Christ Church Cook's freezer. Maybe you have called someone you have not seen in a while just to check in.

Christ's Love is expressed in our actions, small and large, more times than we can even imagine. Sometimes that love is

"planned and organized" like our after school mentoring program, Camp Hope programs, or knitters getting together to make prayer shawls. But so many times that love in action is spontaneous from members just trying to live as Christ has taught us — love one another. John 13:34

Think about where you have seen or experienced Christ's love in action. In a few weeks you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences. Stay tuned!

In Christ, John & Deb Steady, Chairs

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, 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, and the Rev. Patricia Thomas*.

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, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Cathie, Bryan, and Patti.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

For those who mourn: The family and friends of Richard McEnally.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry.

**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 Parish Cycle of Prayer

This week, we give thanks for the work of the Worship Commission. Did you know: we have welcomed 10 acolytes this fall and over the course of the past year, we have welcomed 11 new lectors.

And there's always room for more! If you're interested in serving as a lector, usher, or greeter, talk to [the Rev. Paul Canady](#). Anyone of any age can serve in those ways! If you (or your child) is interested in acolyting, contact [Meg Jones](#).

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.

Flower Donations

The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Col. Harold H. Stirling, Jr., by his son, Hal Stirling, and in loving memory of Dr. Richard W. McEnally by James W. Lewis. *If you would like to give flowers, please either sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, call the church office or sign up online [here](#). When using the website, please include the memorial or thanksgiving details next to the payment field. Cost is \$35 per Sunday.*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Sept. 19

RECOVERY SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/Online)
- 12 pm Lemonade on the Lawn
- 1 pm Volunteer Survey Results Mtg. (Parish House and on Zoom)
- 3 pm Stepping Out Singles (Parish House)
- 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6 pm EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, Sept. 20

- 9 am Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Ctr)
- 10 am Home Place Service
- 10:30 am McCarthy Court Eucharist
- 11 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Centering Prayer (Pelletier Room)
- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, Sept. 21

- 8:30 am Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am Women's Book Study (2nd Fl LR)
- 6 pm Rehearsal (Nave)
- 6:30 pm Volunteer Survey Results Mtg. (Parish House and on Zoom)
- 7 pm Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Sept. 22

- 11 am Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 4:30 pm Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6 pm EfM (2nd Fl LR)
- 7 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, Sept. 23

- 10 am Chair Yoga Class (Harrison Ctr)
- 10 am When Serious Illness Strikes Workshop (Pelletier Room)

Sunday, Sept. 26

- 8:30 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/Online)
- 12 pm Lemonade on the Lawn
- 3 pm Crop Hunger Walk
- 3 pm Mom's Group (Parish House)
- 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist (Chapel)

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The Oct. edition of *The Crown* will be distributed on Oct. 3. Email all articles by Sept. 15th.
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- MidWeek Messenger (Thursday) email: noon on Wednesday
- Printed Messenger: noon on Wednesday

Send all pictures and articles to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Questions? Write Dare at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com