

The Messenger

Oct. 10-17, 2021



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We almost turned into a pumpkin waiting on them...

Now we need your help! We are selling pumpkins from 10am to 6pm every day in October. Sign-up for a two-hour shift as many days and times as you can spare: 10am-12n; 12n-2pm; 2pm-4pm; 4-6pm. We prefer at least two people for each shift. You can sign up at [this link](#) — or you can call the church, and we will sign you up.

...but they're finally here!



LOVE IN ACTION

As we begin the financial pledging phase of our stewardship program, we will address some common questions about pledging and giving. For each of the next four weeks we will answer a different question.

Q: I like giving random donations in the collection plate. Is that okay?

A: We appreciate “open plate” contributions, however we cannot build our

programs and staffing plans on them. By telling us your pledge ahead of time — even if it’s just an estimate — you help Christ Church plan for the future. You can still drop your pledges into the collection plate during the service, if you like.

Coming up next week: What if I can’t honor my pledge?

*John and Deb Steady
Stewardship Co-Chairs*

Street Closing Affects Parking During Mumfest This Weekend

Please remember that Pollock Street (in addition to several other streets) will be closed today for MumFest. Once again, you will not be able to access our parking lot. There will be parking along Craven Street (between Pollock Street and Front Street), and there will also be parking available in the lots along Craven Street. Coming to church early may be your best bet for good parking.

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*, 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, and Betty Simon.

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, Jackie, and Jani.

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: Chaplains and All Non-Parochial Clergy.

In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Evangelism 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](#).*

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The *Crown* will be distributed on Nov. 7, so we need all articles submitted by Oct. 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.

If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Oct. 10

*MumFest (church parking lot closed)

- 8:30 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[Online](#))
- 12 pm Cider in the Pumpkin Patch
- 3 pm Mom's Group (Parish House)
- 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, Oct. 11

- 10 am ECW All Saints Trolley Tour
- 11 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
- 3 pm Growing in Grace
- 5:15 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, Oct. 12

- 8:30 am Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
- 10 am Women's Book Study (2nd Fl LR)
- 10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)
- 3 pm Growing in Grace
- 7 pm Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Oct. 13

- 11 am Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 3 pm Growing in Grace
- 4:30 pm Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6 pm EfM (2nd Fl LR)

Thursday, Oct. 14

- 10 am Chair Yoga Class (Harrison Ctr)
- 3 pm Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm Growing in Grace Chapel Time
- 4 pm Finance Committee Mtg (Harrison Ctr)

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 15-17

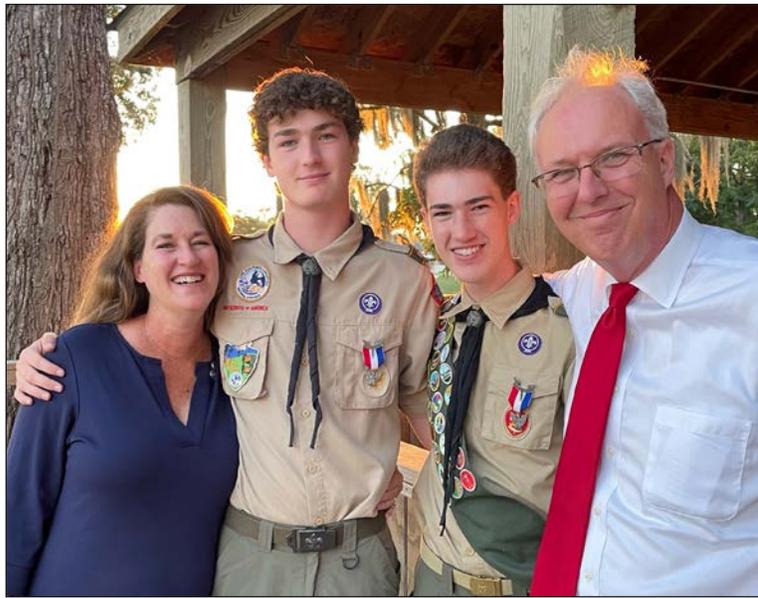
Deadline for article submissions (Crown)
Happening (Trinity Center)

Saturday, Oct. 16

- 10 am Funeral for Beth Jones (Nave)

Sunday, Oct. 17

- RCS In-gathering Bag Distribution
- 8:30 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[Online](#))
- 12 pm Cider in the Pumpkin Patch
- 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)



Eagle Scout Ceremony at Christ Church

Kirby Smith and Hutch Smith were awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony last Saturday in the Outdoor Chapel of Christ Church. Proud parents are Laura and Kirby Smith. We congratulate these exceptional young men for their accomplishments.

Volunteers Needed for IRM

Interfaith Refugee Ministry once again thanks you for your faithful support through thick and thin. From school supplies, to teaching English, to transportation of our clients — you have been our rock.

Although the past few years have seen few incoming refugees, at last we are beginning to prepare for arrivals this year. As always, we don't know exactly when, but we do know they will come.

This is great news, but there are some needs we have to fill to make their resettlement successful. One of our immediate needs is for volunteers to help with transportation to appointments. Other needs include an "on-call" furniture pick up group, as well as delivery to housing for incoming refugees.

[Here is a link](#) to our online volunteer interest form. Please fill it out yourself, and share the information if you know someone who might be looking for volunteer opportunities. Please don't hesitate to email me for further information.

*Thank you, Amanda Norwood
Community Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator
anorwood@helpingrefugees.org*

The United Thank Offering presents

THE GREAT EPISGOPAL RACE

in partnership with the Diocese of Alabama + Sawyerville

Christ Church has a long history of supporting the United Thank Offering, and this is another way to do it: the 2021 Great EpisGOpal Race! Grab your sneakers, and join together in gratitude. All money raised from this race will go directly to the UTO's 2021 Ingathering to support ministries focusing on Care of Creation.

THE BASICS

When: Nov. 5 - 14 • Where: Anywhere
Cost: \$30/person • Any mode

HOW IT WORKS

1. Go [here](#) to register. Search for "Christ Church, New Bern" when you're given an option for a team.
2. Choose your location. This race is

virtual, meaning you can compete from anywhere in the world! You can hike a mountain in Switzerland, cycle around your neighborhood, or run a marathon in your house.

3. Choose your time. The race takes place from Nov. 5 – Nov. 14. Race at a time that works for you.
4. Choose your mode. We are joining together in gratitude for our bodies. Move in a way that makes you happy – run, bike, swim, hike, paddle board, martial arts, the options are endless.
5. Any distance. Whether you want to set your personal record or take a stroll around your neighborhood, this race is for you. 1 mile, 5k, marathon, or anywhere inbetween — you choose!

Mark your calendar
for these special
events in October

Pumpkin Patch: daily through
Oct. 31

ECW Trolley Tour: Oct. 11

Happening at Trinity Center:
Oct. 15-17

RCS Ingathering bags
distributed: Oct. 17

RCS Ingathering bags
collected: Oct. 24

Games in the Graveyard:
Oct. 24

Eucharistic Minister training:
Noon on Sunday, Oct. 24th
and 5:15pm on Tuesday,
Oct. 26th.

TIDBITS

GIG Donations Requested

Growing In Grace (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, fieldtrip and party supplies. Please turn donations in to the receptionist at the front desk, mail them in to Christ Church in care of GIG, or get in contact with GIG Director Debbie Fodrie at debiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com. Thank you!

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher throughout October, and click [here](#) for November services. For more information, contact Butch Ricks at 252-671-0113 or butch.ricks@gmail.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! The October sign-up link is [here](#).
- **EYC Dinners:** 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. 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!

Newcomers Reception Rescheduled

Please note that Christ Church has rescheduled the upcoming Newcomers Reception. The new date is Sunday, November 14, at 3PM in the Churchyard. Invitations will be sent to all Newcomers from 2020 and 2021. Please change the date on your calendar.

Flower Donations

The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Jones, whose hands placed many flowers on this altar, by her children — Barbara, Douglas, Richard, and Donald. They are also given in loving memory of Sarah and Wilmer Waller by their granddaughter, Page Litfin.

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, 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. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Sunday School Updates

- **Godly Play:** Last week, the students learned about St. Francis. Ask them about what Francis loved the most (creation, animals). This week they're learning about the flood and ark.
- **Whirl K-2 and 3-5:** Last week, the students learned about Jesus blessing the children. Ask them about how kids can participate in Church. If you come up with a cool idea, be sure to share it with us! (Whirl 3-5 students should consider acolyting, singing in our choir and reading in church). This week, students will talk about how easy it is for camels to go through needles. Spoiler alert: *It's not easy!*
- **Youth:** Last week, the youth learned about Busch Gardens. This week, the topic of discussion is 'Can it be proven that God exists?'
- **Bible 101** participants talked about the beginnings of the story of Abram/Abraham in Genesis. This Sunday, we'll talk about the development of the Bible into English, and we will have a special guest with us.
- **Uncomfortable Conversations:** This week's [video](#) is about the police.

Trust Grant Applications Available

Applications for Christ Episcopal Church Trust grants are now available. You can access the application online from the [homepage of our website](#). Instructions include:

- Complete the Summary Pages of the Grant Application
- Attach a one-page proposal (instructions online)
- Attach a list of the organization's governing board, including addresses and phone numbers.
- Attach a copy of the organization's latest annual budget
- Attach a copy of your IRS tax-exempt letter.

The application deadline is Oct. 22. Please submit your application packet to Christ Church Trust, PO Box 11246, New Bern, NC 28563.

Need to Contact 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!

This is the phone number and email address for Paul: 252-571-6892 and paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com