

The
Messenger

Oct. 31 - Nov. 7, 2021



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Music is in the Air at Christ Church

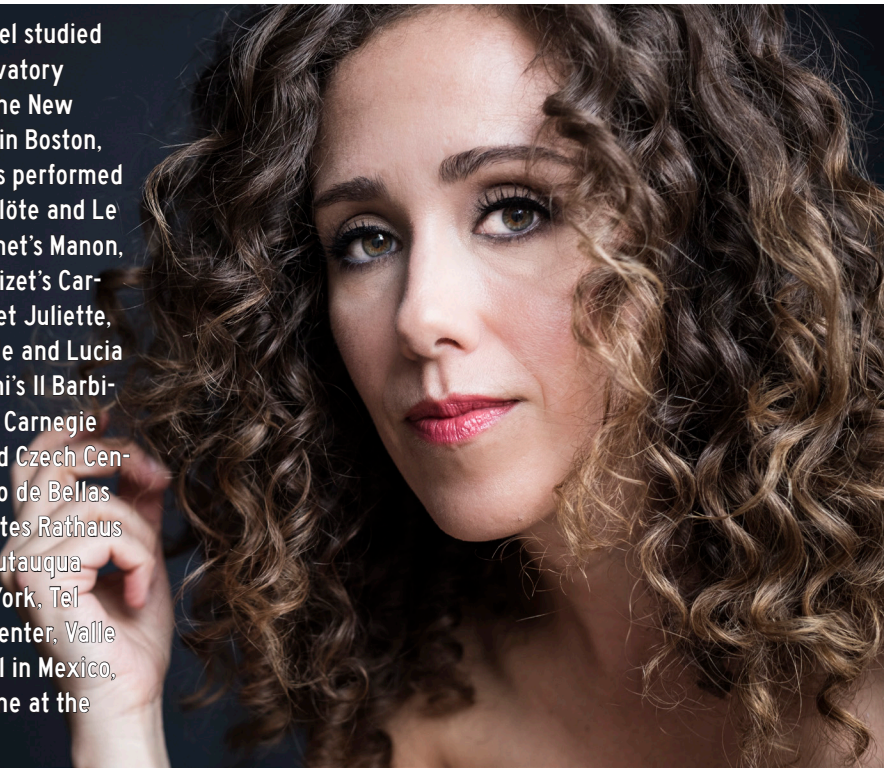
Come hear soprano Monica Raphael sing opera and songs from her Mexican homeland at three upcoming concerts at Christ Church:

- **Lunchtime Recital** — 12:15 pm on Thursday, Nov. 4.
- **Two ArtWalk Recitals** — 6 pm and 7 pm on Friday, Nov. 12.

Monica will sing Puccini, Bernstein, and some of her favorites from Mexico, accompanied by Music Director Clifford Badgley at the piano.

All events are free and open to the public. These concerts are made possible by the generous support of the Rev. Sharp Fund for Music.

Soprano Monica Raphael studied at the National Conservatory in Mexico City and at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts. She has performed in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Massenet's *Manon*, Puccini's *La Bohème*, Bizet's *Carmen*, Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*, Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* and *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*. Venues: Carnegie Hall, United Nations and Czech Center in New York, Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City, Altes Rathaus in Bonn, Germany, Chautauqua Music Festival in New York, Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, Valle de Bravo Music Festival in Mexico, Salle Claude-Champagne at the University of Montreal.



LOVE IN ACTION

During the past three weeks we addressed some common questions about pledging and giving. Last week our question was, 'I pledged last year. Can you carry it forward?' This week we answer our final question —

Q: How much should I give?

A: Your pledge is a personal choice, a spiritual act in response to God's generosity. Through your gift, you affirm your connection with Christ Church's mission and vision, while you invest in our community's future. The right gift is determined a few ways. Spiritual reflection, consideration of your personal finances, prayer and contemplation are all important practices when discerning your pledge.

That doesn't totally answer the question. So, if you absolutely require numbers: Tithing (giving 10 percent of your income) is a Biblical practice many Christians follow. A tithe is a welcome and

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generous gift, but not a requirement and not usually a starting place. A tithe is a goal that many people grow into, slowly and incrementally, over time. If you are just beginning your financial stewardship journey, consider starting with three percent of your income. Set a goal to increase giving by a percentage each year.

There are a number of ways you can give in our community as a reflection of your personal values. When thinking about your gift to Christ Church, consider prioritizing this community in your giving. Rather than making it "in the top five" you give to, consider what it would look like to make it "the most important thing I give to." Think of your favorite Christ Church AMENities and opportunities: in-person and online worship, musical offerings, Bible studies, Christian Formation for all ages, outreach, social activities. How much are those experiences worth to you?

— by Deb and John Steady, Stewardship Co-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*, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Oddersto*, 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, Vicky Allen, Catherine Bender, 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, Betty Simon, and Mollie Bales.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Jeff, Corinne, Paul, Travis, Edward, Irene, Matt, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, Jim, Joanne, Anderson, Vicki, Nelma, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Art, Abra, Melvin, Laurie, Amelia, Dennis, Blake, Brian, Oakley, Bryce, Helen, Carter, Eunice, Mary, Joseph, Mason, Sarah, Nicholas, Janet, Myra, Jimmy, Jim, Denni, Matthew, Chelsea, Niels, Cindy, Lucia, Trinity, Pam, Jason, C.E. (Max), Christopher, PK, Beverly, Kris-sie, George, William, James, Tom, Bryan, Patti, Ruth, Ron, Patty, Jackie, Jani, Barrie, John, Bill, Joan, and Brooke.

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 Linda Mattocks and John Glattharr.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina.

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

TIDBITS

Sunday School Updates

- **Godly Play** learned about Abraham. Talk to your kids about how God is always present. This week they're learning about the Exodus.
- **Whirl** learned about Jesus healing Bartimaeus. Ask students about songs that talk about eyes or sight. This week they're learning about the First Commandment.
- The **youth** talked about Rahab. She was a prostitute and a spy. She provided for God's people, and God helped her in times of trouble. This week they'll be discussing if God created the Devil.
- **Lectionary Class** will look at this week's readings. (Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34).
- **Bible 101** is talking about the Prayer Book.

Field of Flags

The Vietnam Veterans of America is hosting the Field of Flags at Union Point Park Nov. 2-12. If you would like to HONOR a VETERAN, Rick Miller will be at the pumpkin patch after the 8:30am and 11am services with flags. If you have any questions, call Rick at 301-502-5268.

Sign up to give blood for the American Red Cross

Nov. 9th at the Harrison Center.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher in November. For more info, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **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 November signup link is [here](#).

Need to Contact Clergy?

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul. Use [this link](#) or call 252.633.2109. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather 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 paulanady@christchurchnewbern.com

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Oct. 31

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
- 12 pm: Sacred Sound and Space Celebration (churchyard)
- 5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

Monday, Nov. 1

- 11 am: Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 6:30 pm: DOK Meeting (Parish House)

Tuesday, Nov. 2

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor LR)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 6 pm: Rehearsal (Nave)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Nov. 3

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 4:30 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6 pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, Nov. 4

- 10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)
- 12:15 pm: Lunch Recital (Nave)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Sunday, Nov. 7

- All Saints' Sunday
- 8:30 am: Service for children & families (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)
- 4 pm: POD
- 5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The Dec. edition of *The Crown* will be distributed on Dec. 5. Email all articles by Nov. 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 Oliver](#).