

The Messenger

Dec. 12-19, 2021



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Vestry Class of 2024 and Rise Against Hunger Results

Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox, Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, and Susan Moffat Thomas were all elected to a three-year term on Christ Church Vestry on Sunday, Dec. 5. We thank Randy Bogle & Kathy Millns Evans for standing for election as well.

Additionally that day we packed 24,192 meals for Rise Against Hunger! Thanks to all who helped.

Giving pledge envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall. If you don't see your name on a box, please contact [Patti Williams](#).



Confections and Savories for Sale to Benefit Outreach

We are taking pre-orders only. Order by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16.

To order: Fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church (PO Box 1246, 320 Pollock St., New Bern, NC 28563) with a check made out to CCNB Outreach. You can also pay online at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give/.

Pick up: 10 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21 and 22, at the Parish House.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

RUM CAKE w/ PECAN TOPPING



by Tony Embrey
 Full-size bundt cake infused with rum. \$20 each • 30 available

___ Quantity
 ___ Chocolate OR ___ Yellow
 ___ Nuts OR ___ No Nuts

PECAN-COVERED CHEESE BALL



by Alice Underhill
 A concoction of four cheeses formed into the size of a large orange and rolled in chopped pecans.
 \$9 each • 10 available

___ Quantity



LAVENDER COOKIES

by Sam Curry
 Plate of 12 cookies. \$6 each plate • 10 plates available

___ Quantity

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 Odderstor*, 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, 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, Bruce Meyers, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Ray Stark, Betty Simon, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, and Ann Wagner.

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, 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, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Bryan, Patti, Ruth, Ron, Patty, Jackie, Jani, Barrie, John, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Norma Jean, Mary, Mike, Ann, Ruth Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, and Nancy.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

For those who mourn: the friends and family of Alice Witten

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro

**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](#).*

Special Events in December

Dec. 12: Greening of the Church

Dec. 12: Vestry Christmas Party, 6 pm

Dec. 12: Parent's Night Out, 5 to 7pm

Dec. 16: GIG Christmas Celebration (Harrison Ctr.) — *GIG resumes Jan. 11.*

Dec. 19: Last day to bring in socks, hats, and gloves for DOK's Salvation Army drive. *Collection area is in the reception area of the church.*

Dec. 19: Advent Lessons & Carols, 7pm

Dec. 24:

3pm — Christmas Pageant & Eucharist

7pm — Eucharist

10:30pm — Choral Prelude

11pm — Eucharist

Dec. 25: Christmas Day service, 10am

Dec. 26: Christmas Lessons & Carols, 10am

Dec. 27: Christmas Day observed at Christ Church — *offices closed*

Contacting 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.

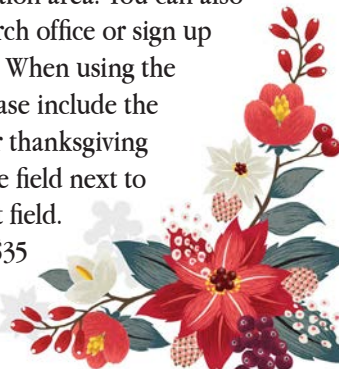
Be Aware of Scams!

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

Messages coming from other emails or numbers should be viewed with suspicion.

Flower Donations

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.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 12

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave/[online](#))

12 pm: Greening of the Church

5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

6 pm: Vestry Meeting & Holiday Gathering (PH)

Monday, Dec. 13

10 am: ECW All Saints Meeting & Party (PH)

11 am: Staff Meeting

3 pm: Growing in Grace

5:15 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, Dec. 14

8:30 am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor LR)

10 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)

3 pm: Growing in Grace

5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Mtg (Library)

6 pm: Rehearsal (Nave)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier)

7 pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Dec. 15

11am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)

3pm: Growing in Grace

4:30pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church

6pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)

6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, Dec. 16

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)

10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist

1:30 pm: GIG Christmas Party (out until 1/11/22)

Sunday, Dec. 19

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave/[online](#))

12 pm: Greening of the Church

3 pm: Mom's Group (Parish House)

5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

7 pm: Advent Lessons & Carols (Nave)

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The Jan. edition of *The Crown* will be distributed on Jan. 2. Email all articles by Dec. 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](#).

**Last day to turn in orders
is Wednesday, Dec. 15!**

Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below. The cost is \$25 payable to Christ Church (write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo area of the check). You can give in-person (receptionist or offering plate) or online (in the "Christmas Flowers" line at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give/). Submit form and payment by Dec. 15th to have your memorial or thanksgiving printed in the Christmas bulletins.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dec. 15th is the last date we can accept and notate memorials in the Christmas bulletins.

TIDBITS

ECW Christmas Luncheon

The ECW Christmas Luncheon is almost here! Our celebration will begin with a brief meeting in the Parish House at 11am on Monday, Dec. 13th. We will then walk over to The Chelsea at 11:30 for lunch. Please RSVP (even if you have responded before) to Pam Miller at pammiller950@gmail.com.

There will be a gift grab bag (under \$10) for those who want to participate. Hope to see you all!

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out is TONIGHT from 5-7 in the Pelletier room. The night is yours! We'll eat dinner and watch a movie. We might play games and make a craft too. All children birth through 5th grade are welcome. We will need the youth's help to make this night fun. Feel free to come in pjs! Contact [Meg](#) with any questions.

Sunday School Information

- **Godly Play** will be learning about Advent.
- **Whirl** will be learning about Zephaniah's Song.
- The **youth** will be talking about Mary, the Mother of Jesus.
- The **Lectionary Class** will be talking about this week's readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7 and Luke 3:7-18.

DOK Warm Clothing Drive

The Daughters of the King is sponsoring a collection of warm hats, gloves, and socks for distribution through RCS and the Salvation Army.

All sizes are needed (men, women, children, and infants). The collection will end on Sunday, Dec. 19. Bring your unwrapped donation to the display in the reception area.



Angel Tree Donations Needed

Angel Tree is a Christian prison ministry that Christ Church has participated in since 1984. The children we buy gifts for have at least one parent incarcerated. The children live in Craven County.

This year, Angel Tree will be collecting giftcards only. We usually ask that parishioners spend approximately \$80-\$100. We will be sponsoring around 55 children. If you are able, please send a check to Christ Church and memo it to "Angel Tree." We need to raise at least \$5,000. If you have any questions, call Ellen Chance at 252-259-5214.



Thank You to our Cookie Walk Team

Thank you to everyone who helped with our 2021 Cookie Walk! Planning begins many months in advance, and the baking is done over many weeks. Thanks also to those who volunteered on Friday and Saturday to package the cookies and sell them to buyers. All of this work means we'll be able to help many area nonprofits.



Christ Church Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant (3pm on Dec. 24th) is a *Come As You Are* event. Children, birth through 5th grade, are invited to dress up as whatever they would like. Everyone is welcome! (That includes Spiderman and Paw Patrol.) If you have grandkids, nieces, nephews or other family who will be at church, we will give them a role.

We will have Open Costume Closet Days on Dec. 12th and 19th after the morning services and Dec. 15th from 4-6. The closet will be at the end of the children's Sunday School hall for those who would like to borrow one of our costumes. You can also be creative and make your own at-home traditional costumes. Want to be a shepherd? Why not put on a bathrobe? For those who will be dressing in non-traditional nativity costumes, we have two rules: no weapons of ANY kind (that includes light sabers), no masks (not even for our superheroes). We love to see your face! As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Meg Jones at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher in December. 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 December signup link is [here](#) and the January signup link is [here](#).

37th Annual Holiday Concert

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is hosting two holiday concerts. At 3pm today, The Fairfield Harbour Chorus will perform. At 3pm on Dec. 19th, The Craven Consort will take the stage. All concerts are free and open to the community. Come immerse yourself in holiday music!