

The
Messenger

Dec. 19-26, 2021

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Christmas at  Christ Church

FRIDAY, DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

3 pm: Children's Service & Pageant
7 pm: Eucharist Rite II
10:30 pm: Choral Prelude
11 pm: Eucharist Rite II

SATURDAY, DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am: Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

10 am: Christmas Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

10 am: Eucharist Rite II

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

6 pm: Epiphany Service

The offices at Christ Church will be closed Dec. 27, Dec. 30, and Jan. 3.



TIDBITS

Sunday School Information

- **Godly Play** learned about Advent last week. Talk to them about how long we wait and what we are waiting for during Advent. This week: the Mystery of Christmas.
- **Whirl** talked about Zephaniah's Joyful Song. This week they'll be talking about Mary visiting Elizabeth.
- The **Youth** talked about Mary and all she had to endure by being Jesus' mother. We learned we are not ready to birth the Messiah just yet. This week they'll discuss if Jesus knew he was God.
- The **Lectionary Class** is using today's readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55.

Last Chance to Give for Christmas

Christmas is almost here, so make sure you bring in those donations for local nonprofits. Today is the last day to bring in hats, gloves, and socks for DOK's warm clothing drive. Please turn in your donations for Angel Tree, too. Thank you for bringing joy to others!

Where Can You Plug In?

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

Giving Pledge Envelopes Available

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](#).

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

The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God by Theron and Bonnie Royer in thanksgiving of their 55th wedding anniversary.

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.

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.

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, 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, Nancy, and Lynda.

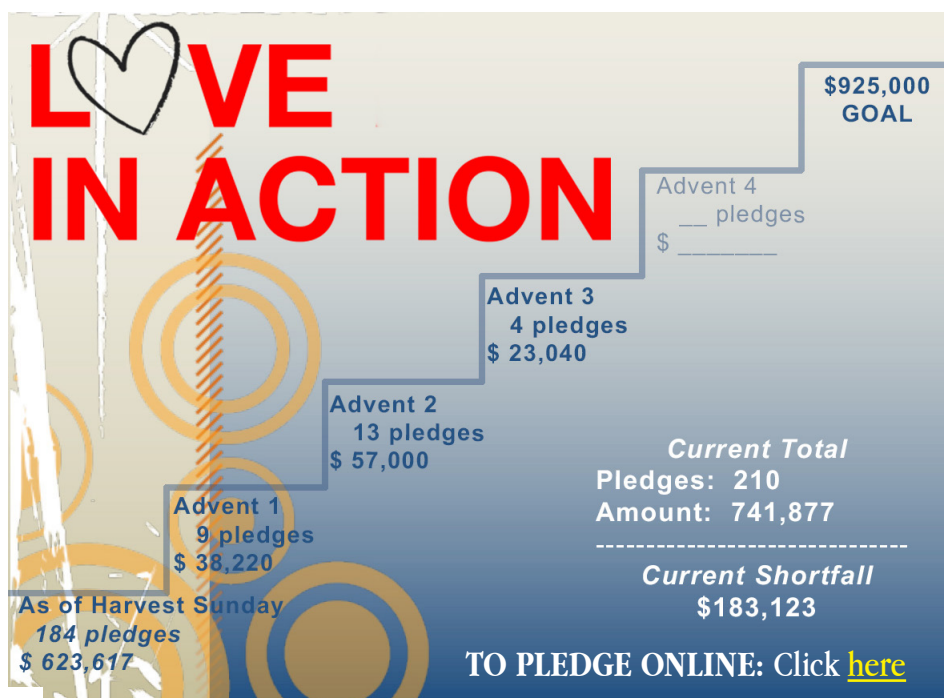
For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Philip Buffa, III, Maj. Garrett Litfin.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity, Chocowinity

**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](#).*

Save the Date: 5th Annual Chili Cook-off & Cornbread Bake from 5:30 to 7pm on Jan. 29th in the Harrison Center. Sign up [here](#).



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 19

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave/[online](#))
5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)
7 pm: Advent Lessons & Carols (Nave)

Monday, Dec. 20

10 am: Home Place Eucharist
10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist
11 am: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 21

8:30 am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor LR)
12 pm: Staff Lunch (offsite)
5 pm: Evangelism Commission Mtg (Library)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier)
7 pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Dec. 22

6pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)
6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The Feb. edition of *The Crown* will be distributed on Feb. 6. Email all articles by Jan. 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](#).