

The Messenger

Jan. 9-16, 2022



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Come, Thou Long-Expected

Jesus



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*, 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, JoAnn Frank, Michele Mnatzakanian, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bes-sack, Carol Kross, Margaret Wall, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, Rodney Hayes, CB Ev-ans, Cathy Fitch, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Bruce Meyers, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Betty Simon, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Judy McDougall, Sheridan Holstein, and Ken Chance.

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, Car-ter, 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, Ann, Ruth Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, and Stephen.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Jim Phillips, Ray Stark, Adrienne Carter (Rees Carter's daughter), Anne Wagner, Rae Cowan, and Glenn Powell (Delle Curry's nephew)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Beaufort

**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](#).*

Catherine Bender's funeral service will be held outside on Saturday, Jan. 15, so please bundle up. *Note:* A private burial will precede the service.
11 am: Funeral (Outdoor Chapel) with reception to follow in the courtyard at Christ Church.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The *Crown* will be distributed on Feb. 6, so we need all articles submitted 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.
If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 9

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
6 pm: EYC (online)

Monday, Jan. 10

10 am: ECW All Saints Mtg (Parish House)
11 am: Staff Meeting
11 am: Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)
5:15 pm: Stephen Ministry Mtg (Library)

Tuesday, Jan. 11

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 resumes
5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Mtg (Library)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier)

Wednesday, Jan. 12

11 am: Rector's Bible Study/Good Book Club (via Zoom)
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)

Thursday, Jan. 13

10am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Saturday, Jan. 15

[Deadline to submit articles/photos for February's Crown](#)

11 am: Catherine Bender's funeral (Outdoor Chapel)

Sunday, Jan. 16

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave/[online](#))
3 pm: Mom's Group (Parish House)

OUTREACH AT CHRIST CHURCH:

A wonderful opportunity to help others

The Christ Church Outreach Committee offers a wide variety of opportunities to spread God's love through ministries that help people outside of our parish. We work as a team with our clergy and vestry to involve those who wish to participate as a whole parish in several key areas. We invite everyone to become involved. If interested, contact the Ministry Leader for that particular ministry or Jim Behl, Outreach Chairman, at jbehl@usa.net or 650-740-3392. We want you!

Camp Hope: An annual camp held at [Camp Bob](#) at Kanuga every summer in July for 60–70 youth, each of whom has an incarcerated parent. Christ Church volunteers help with administration and attend to support the youth as adult volunteers. Parishioners support the campers financially in the Spring by contributing to scholarships. Additional volunteers are always welcomed! Contact anyone on the leadership team: Nell Hudson nellrandalHUDSON@gmail.com (252-772-5832), Terry Brubaker terrytb49@gmail.com (252-514-9550) or Jim Behl jbehl@usa.net (650-740-3392). Learn more about our Camp Hope ministry on the [Church web page](#).

Growing In Grace (GIG): This is a very successful and personally rewarding after-school program where volunteers mentor children in grades 2 through 5, Monday–Thursday. Anyone can work with these children on a flexible schedule through the week. The program can accommodate up to ten children during the normal school year. We are always in need of volunteers. Contact Debbie Fodrie debiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com (252-675-8358) if interested.

Prison Ministries: This ministry takes weekly visits to local prisons to listen to and to share thoughts and friendship through Christ. It also is active in One Day With God activities. Though inactive recently due to COVID restrictions, it is a very worthwhile and rewarding activity. Contact Jane Merritt janemerritt07@gmail.com (252-671-3772).

Pumpkin Patch: A month-long sale (October) of pumpkins in the churchyard, the pumpkins are supplied by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, which leases 2,000 acres in New Mexico from Navajo Agricultural Products Industry, the Navajo Nation's agribusiness. The company and the tribe have been working together for 15 years. All profits from the Christ Church Pumpkin Patch go to local outreach, including Interfaith Refugee Ministries and Religious Community Services. Rick Miller and Jane Ashford currently lead this activity. All church members are encouraged to participate in this event when it occurs to help unload the pumpkins and man the sales table during the period.

Outreach also involves several community organizations which we need representatives from the Outreach Committee to be involved. They are —

Habitat For Humanity: owner participation in the refurbishment or building of family homes in the area. If you are interested in becoming a Christ Church Outreach representative for Habitat, contact Jim Behl jbehl@usa.net (650-740-3392).

Religious Community Services (RCS): Christ Church is one of

50 area churches that have joined forces to feed the hungry, dress those without clothes, shelter the homeless and help shelter guests find work. In 2004, 44 members of Christ Church volunteered regularly at the Soup Kitchen, Emergency Relief Center, Homeless Shelter, Crop Gardens. Sheridan Holstein schtee47@gmail.com (252-636-5660) leads the Compassionate Listening Ministry at RCS from Christ Church and would be happy to speak with you in joining her and others in this necessary program.

Merci Clinic: Merci Clinic serves the health needs of uninsured low-income people. The Clinic has a full-time Executive Director, an on-site Pharmacy with a part-time pharmacist, and more than 200 volunteers, including doctors, nurses, lab techs, interpreters, social workers, interviewers and helpers. If you are interested in becoming a Christ Church Outreach representative for Merci Clinic, contact Jim Behl jbehl@usa.net (650-740-3392).

There are also Diocesan Outreach Programs needing current volunteer, ministry leadership and involvement from Christ Church.

Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry at Newton Grove: EfM responds to the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of farm workers and their families, including ministry workers in more than 30 migrant camps in Eastern North Carolina. In recent years, Anne and Jerry Ocorr have valiantly lead this very important ministry from Christ Church. It is time to pass the torch to a new ministry leader. If this urgently needed activity is of interest to you, contact Jim Behl jbehl@usa.net (650-740-3392).

Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM): IRM, in affiliation with Episcopal Migration Ministries, New York, has been resettling refugees from around the world since 1992. The U.S. Department of State provides an initial stipend for each refugee. IRM works with parishes to help newly arrived refugees become self-sufficient within four months of arrival. IRM also participates in several grant programs that may offer additional resources to refugees for up to five years. Susan Husson is the Executive Director of IRM in New Bern and the current Outreach Ministry Leader for Christ Church.

LOVE IN ACTION

\$925,000 GOAL

January 30	xx pledge	\$xx,xxx
January 23	xx pledges	\$xx,xxx
January 16	xx pledges	\$xx,xxx
January	xx pledges	\$xx,xxx

As of Year End
219 pledges
\$ 755,137

Current Total
Pledges: 219
Amount: 755,137

Current Shortfall
\$169,863

TO PLEDGE ONLINE:
Click [here](#)

23 members who pledged last year have not yet pledged this year

December Vestry Meeting Recap

The Vestry met at 6:30 on Dec. 20th by Zoom and included the newly elected members. Rick Miller offered the devotional and an opening prayer.

Discussion followed on Diocesan Convention and delegates from Christ Church. Ann Bustard and Ed Opphile were approved as the 2022 delegates. As of now, only delegates will be attending in person at the convention in Wilmington. Others can attend online sessions.

The Vestry will appoint members to two committees: Finance and the Endowment Board.

Ministry Commission Reports

- Buildings and Grounds: new trees have been planted. All is going well.
- Parish Life: de-greening of the church schedule will be out soon; we need a new coordinator for next year – Amanda Norwood is stepping down after 10 years.
- Outreach: Camp Hope will be held next year as a hybrid session which may require more volunteers. The number of campers allowed is not known right now.
- Christian Formation: the Christmas Pageant will be indoors this year. New Adult

Ed classes are coming in January. Paul and Meg are working on children's classes.

- Evangelism: Nothing to report
- Stewardship: Deb and John Steady have been chairs for 3 years. Someone else needed for next year.
- Worship: will meet some time after the holidays to evaluate what went well during the past year and how to improve anything that didn't go as well as planned or hoped.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan Husson*



Thank you to everyone who contributed warm clothes to the DOK drive in December. Here are the results of our collection:

- Socks: 294 pairs (152 mens, 65 womens, 77 children)
- Head Coverings: 42 (31 adult, 11 children)
- Gloves: 42 pairs (27 adult, 15 children)
- Other: 5 (scarves, hand-warmers)

*Total: 383 warm items!
All items were donated to RCS.*

Where Can You Plug In?

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

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.

TIDBITS

Save the Dates

The 5th Annual Chili Cook-off & Cornbread Bake will be in the Harrison

Center from 5:30 to 7 on Jan. 29. This is a fundraiser for our youth group. It's \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. If you cook, you pay nothing. Register and find more information [here](#).



The **Pancake Supper** will be held on March 1st. More details to come.

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.