

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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November 26 - December 3, 2023

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Vestry Nominations

We are grateful to the following parishioners who will stand for election to the Vestry of Christ Church:

Stephen Clayton

Peter Mnatzakanian

Laura Overman

Elmer Praul

Wayne Rowe

Graham Underhill

Biographies for all of the nominees have been posted on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>).

Paper copies are available in the Reception Area. Voting occurs during the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held Sunday, December 10th. Parishioners must vote for FOUR nominees. We encourage you to pray for all of the nominees and pray about how you will cast your ballot on December 10th.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work: Senior Warden Elizabeth Livingston, Susan Husson, Barbara Rice, Carl Huddle, Darrin Embrey, Betsy Jutras, Howard Furnas, Jettie Pelletier, Jim Behl, John King, Nancy Mansfield, Sims Wayt, Tony Embrey, and Phyllis Fox.

2023 Angel Tree Project

Angel Tree is a Christian prison ministry in which Christ Church has participated since 1984. The children we serve reside in Craven and Pamlico counties and have at least one parent who is currently incarcerated. The prisoners sign up for this program through the chaplain at their prison.

Since COVID, we have changed how we do Angel Tree. Instead of buying and wrapping presents, we now send gift cards to the custodial parents for him/her to purchase presents. We have received very positive feedback from the families, and they are overwhelmed by the generosity of Christ Church. We will be taking around 55 children this year. If we receive extra funds, we will also be able to send grocery gift cards and provide gift cards to our GIG children.

We are asking for donations in any amount for this wonderful and meaningful project. Donations can be made via check (with Angel Tree in the memo line) or online at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give. We are hoping to raise at least \$5,000. Please call Ellen Chance at 252.259.5214 with any questions. Thanks so much and Merry Christmas!

Welcome, Jackie!

Welcome to our new Director of Music, Jacqueline (Jackie) Nappi. Her first day with us was Monday, November 20, and she began meeting and working with the choirs this past week.

Originally from Raleigh, Jackie completed a Master of Music in Organ Performance from the Yale School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music in May. Before attending Yale, she served as Minister of Music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Durham.

Jackie has an outstanding background with choirs of all ages and abilities. She's been a church music director for over 15 years, so she brings a great depth of experience and expertise. In addition to piano and organ, Jackie is an accomplished harpsichord player, too. She has also helped oversee the installation of a new organ while serving at Somers Congregational Church in Connecticut. That is a skill we are very grateful for!

We had many great candidates from all over the country apply for this position, but Jackie rose to the top very quickly. She happened to be the last resume the search committee received, and the timing was truly the work of the Holy Spirit.

Many, many thanks go to the Director of Music search committee, who put in an untold number of hours during this process. The committee was chaired by Jean Reichenbach and included members Harry Ballard, Bill Brubaker, Susan Husson, Kathryn Jasper, Don Palimetakis, John Steady, Mimi Watrous and Mark West. Thank you!



Countdown to Cookie Walk

Only one week to go! Do you have your six dozen cookies in the freezer? Bakers, do you have a bag of dried cranberries left over from Thanksgiving? Turn them into Chocolate Chip Cranberry Cookies (<https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/soft-baked-white-chocolate-chip-cranberry-cookies/>)

In addition to bakers, we also need volunteers to help in the days leading up to Cookie Walk. Come join us for Boxing Day on Thursday, December 7 from 10 am - 1 pm. We will also be plating cookies all day on Friday, December 8, at the Harrison Center. Pop in and package for an hour or two.

Cookie Walk -- the big event -- will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, December 9, and, of course, we'll need volunteers that day, too!

Click [here](#) to volunteer and [here](#) to bake. A paper sign up is located in the Reception Area. Also, you can sign up using the tablet kiosk in the Reception Area. All of the proceeds from this event are returned to our community. Contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com with questions.



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOME BAKED
COOKIES
FROM
OUR KITCHENS
TO YOU

24TH
ANNUAL
COOKIE
WALK

HELPING
OUR COMMUNITY
ONE COOKIE
AT A TIME

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 / 10AM UNTIL 1 PM
THE HARRISON CENTER / 311 MIDDLE STREET



FIRST ANNUAL
CHRIST CHURCH

Holiday


ARTS AND CRAFTS
MARKET

Saturday, December 9, 2023
9 AM - 4 PM
Christ Episcopal Church
320 Pollock St., New Bern, NC

holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com

Join us for

2023 Advent Lessons and Carols
at Christ Episcopal Church



Sunday, December 17
5:30 pm
320 Pollock Street, Downtown New Bern

*Greening of
the Church*

9 am - 12 noon
Saturday, December 16

Come help us beautify the
interior of Christ Church for the
Christmas season. Please drop
in any time. All ages welcome.
simswayt@embarqmail.com

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested

prayers: Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, Charlie Henke, Patty Willis, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, and Tony Embrey.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Sandy, Pam, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, and Norman.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Servant, Wilmington; Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell; and St. Luke's & St. Anne's, Roper.

**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 [Betsy Downard](#).



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at www.christchurch-newbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

12 pm: EYC Lunch (Offsite) - **Time Change**

Monday, November 27

4 pm: Worship Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, November 29

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, December 3

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

St. Nicholas Visit

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

6 pm: EYC (Harrison Center) - **Location Change**



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 11/20/2023

Pledge Amount Received: \$695,888

To make a pledge for 2024, visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship>. You can also stop by the Reception Desk or call the church office to pick up a pledge card.

The Freezer is Full

Christ Church Cooks have been hard at work cooking, and the freezer is full. Stop by and pick up a meal or two to take to someone in need.

THE GOODS

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, call the church office, or sign up online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom

The Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King here at Christ Church is part of a national order, established in 1885, for women who are communicants of the



Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. The purpose of the Order is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our church. Members undertake a Rule of Prayer and keep an ongoing prayer list that is confidential and shared only with the Order. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, the Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King Order here at Christ Church is available to assist with your requests, either through their prayer list or with a one-on-one encounter. These requests are totally confidential. For more information or to request prayer assistance, contact Jane Jones (janejkerr@gmail.com) or fill out the yellow prayer request card located in the pew rack. This request is confidential and will only be seen by our Order of the Daughters of the King.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. December services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.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! Click [here](#) for November dates and [here](#) for December dates.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:** We are looking for hosts in order to make Coffee Hours happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Hosting instructions are included on the Sign-Up Genius page. Many thanks to Betsy Phillips for providing snacks for this week's coffee hours.
- **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Want to try something new at Christ Church? If you are interested in reading the scriptures to the congregation during Sunday worship as a Lay Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister, who coordinates these volunteers. She can be reached at 252.634.7984 or lindamcalister50@gmail.com. Training is offered for this ministry.
- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry:** IRM is in need of personal hygiene items for incoming refugees. We are expecting about 15 or more refugees by the end of November. Please drop your donations in the IRM box in the Reception Area. Items needed include: tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, men's and women's deodorant, and bar soap.
- **RCS Seeking Volunteers and Clothing Items:** Religious Community Services is looking for a few extra volunteers this season for their clothing boutique. To start the volunteer process, visit <https://bit.ly/RCSvolunteer>, and then call RCS at 252.633.2767 to schedule a volunteer orientation. RCS is in need of the following NEW clothing items for men, women, boys, and girls: socks, underwear, winter hats, and gloves. In addition, they are looking for gently used shoes for men, boys, and girls and coats for all ages and sizes. Clothing can be dropped off at RCS (919 George Street) or delivered to Terry Brubaker (terrytb49@gmail.com).



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22