

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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From the Rector

This Sunday we welcome the Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina. He will preach and celebrate the Eucharist at both 8:30 and 11:00 am. Ten parishioners will be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church. We'll have five at each service. Joe Leahy, Karen Gabriel, Chris Hagan, Bob Broody, and Elise Broody will be Received. Peter Mnatzakanian, Heather McCloud, Robert Stratton, Dax Jennings, and Stuart Jennings will be Confirmed. We are thrilled to celebrate this moment in their walk with Jesus and to have Bishop Skirving here to facilitate that celebration!

We will continue the celebration with lunch in the Harrison Center! We hope you'll join us.



Join us after today's 11 am service in the Harrison Center for lunch to celebrate our newest confirmands and the conclusion of the 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

Back when we began this mission, we quoted the motivational author Bob Goff. His message, right when we needed it, provided the impetus to take on the challenge of the stewardship campaign. And wouldn't you know it? As we begin to wrap up the campaign and look forward to Harvest Sunday, another of his daily offerings turned up just at the right moment.

"How should we give our 'time, talents, and treasure' to the people around us?" he asks.

"How should we give our love?" He goes on to say that, if we're being honest, we admit to the

fear that we don't have enough to spare or share. This may cause us to save and withhold our giving of time, talent, and financial support.

"Without realizing it, this affects the way we give our love away, too. We love people by giving away our time, our attention, our money, and our personal space," he writes and urges us to be generous. Don't hold back! "Be a little reckless with your love. We're rivers, not reservoirs. God sees the golden heart that gives sacrificially, no matter the amount."

As we approach the conclusion of our active stewardship campaign, we humbly ask, if you haven't turned in your pledge card, please do so this week. The amount of pledged revenue directly affects the effectiveness of Christ Church's mission and outreach. We cannot do this without the support of each of you.

Our gifts will be celebrated Sunday with a joyous ingathering of pledge cards, "I pledged!" markers, and blessing boxes. Please be part of this with your family and fellow parishioners -- a community of faith, love, and thanksgiving. Then join us for a fried chicken and potluck lunch at Harrison Ministry Center afterward as we celebrate our newest confirmands as well as our journey of faith and commitment to being good stewards.

Thank you for being on this journey with us.

Randy and Joanie Bogle



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 11/16/2022

- Pledge Amount Received: \$392,713
- Number of Pledges Received: 102

Nominees for Vestry

We are grateful to the following parishioners who will stand for election to the Vestry of Christ Church. Mary Lynn Guidage has withdrawn her name from consideration.

- Randy Bogle
- Stephanie Bratton
- Kim Huddle
- Peter Mnatzakanian
- Betsy Phillips

Members of the Nominating Committee and Vestry will receive any further names from the floor on Sunday, November 20th at 10:00 am beside the Baptismal Font in the Nave. All nominations must be made and seconded to be valid, and each nominee must agree prior to nomination. No nominations will be received after 10:00am, November 20th.

Biographies for all of the nominees will be available on or before Sunday, November 27th.

Voting occurs during the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held Sunday, December 11th. 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 11.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work: Jettie Pelletier, Rick Miller, Carl Huddle, David Spence, Lydia Ash, Nancy Mansfield, Jane Ashford, Keith Thompson, Jim Behl, Letha Ricks, and Delle Curry.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Followed by Pie

Join us at 6 pm, Wednesday, November 23 for our Thanksgiving Eve service, followed by pie and fellowship in the Parish House. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daea928abff2-thanksgiving> to bring a pie to share with your church members and friends. Coffee provided by Christ Church.

Giving Tuesday

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement that was created as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since its inception, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity. GivingTuesday is celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

This year we encourage you to remember Christ Church on Tuesday, November 22 -- and every day -- and consider how you can give some of your time, talent and treasure to enhance Christ church and its community. Money donated to Christ Church is added to outreach grants, along with Pumpkin Patch and Cookie Walk funds. To learn more about GivingTuesday, visit their website at www.givingtuesday.org/.

Stewardship Story - Elizabeth Livingston

I was invited to share in short form (we'll see how that goes) something of why tithing is an important part of my faith journey.

So first, many of you know I am a cradle Episcopalian and a preacher's kid whose dad went to seminary at Sewanee when I was in the 2nd 3rd and 4th grade. I've grown up surrounded by examples of service, gratitude, giving and inclusion that influenced and built the very foundation that grounds my faith in God and fuels my commitment to grow in service.

My experience and curiosity have broadened my faith to include practices from across the world and across many faith traditions, and I believe I belong to a God that is way bigger than any one tradition or institution or church building. I believe we live out our faith in action and in community.

Throughout my life, it has been not just my faith but also my community of faith and my church family who have borne me through the tragedies and triumphs, the joys and pain, of this thing called life.

So as a part of a church family and community of faith, I believe I have a responsibility to participate, be an active part of, that which we represent to each other and to the community we serve. For me, right now, Christ Church is Home. I am humbled, grateful, and blessed, and tithing is one of the ways that I remain grounded in faith and continue to grow in service. It is in giving that I receive, it is in dying to self that I am born to eternal life. We really are all just pilgrims, walking each other home.

Countdown to Cookie Walk

Cookie Walk Countdown continues! What cookie recipe are you trying this week? How about Chocolate Crinkle Cookies using this recipe -- <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/chocolate-krinkle-cookies/>.

We need bakers as well as volunteers to help with preparations on the morning of Thursday Dec. 8 and all day Friday, Dec 9, at the Harrison Center. Cookie Walk itself will be held from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, Dec. 10. Event volunteers and clean-up crew will be needed that day.

Sign-up to volunteer for any Thursday, Friday and Saturday shifts at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daea928abff2-cookie1>. Sign up to bake at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daea928abff2-cookie2>.

You can help publicize this year's Cookie Walk by posting a sign at your favorite restaurant, business or local community board. Pick up a poster or two, which are located on the table in the Reception Area. All the proceeds from Cookie Walk are returned to our community. For more information, contact Pam Miller at pammiller950@gmail.com.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For our ill and recovering parishioners: Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Margaret Pollock, Eugene Simon, and Frank Rice.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Polly, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, and Laurissa.

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



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Do some holiday shopping at the Christ Church online apparel store. View the collection and order at christepiscopal2022.itemorder.com/shop/home/ or scan the QR code. Advance payment is required. Order deadline is Dec. 4, and orders will be delivered Dec. 19.



THE SCAMMERS ARE BACK AT IT

Please be aware of fraudulent emails that are mimicking the Rector. The latest round says he needs your help, but “no calls, only email me.” Emails from the Rector (and other Christ Church staff) will come from an “@christchurchnewbern.com address,” and they will most often be clear up front about the topic of which they need assistance. When in doubt, reach out to Paul (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or any other staff member.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 20

Harvest Sunday / Confirmation / Bishop Visit

EYC Fall Conference (Offsite)

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

10 am: Vestry Floor Nominations Accepted (Nave)

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

Monday, November 21

10 am: Home Place (Offsite)

10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

2:30 pm: Endowment Committee Meeting (Library)

5 pm: Christ Church Trust Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, November 22

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)

5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal

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

7:15 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, November 23

6 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service (followed by pie and coffee in the Parish House)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School / Advent Wreath Making

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12:35 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Let us not give up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
but let us encourage one another.**

Hebrews 10:25a

THE GOODS

United Thank Offering

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, it seems only right to consider all the blessings that God has bestowed on us. Since two Episcopal women initiated UTO in 1889, it has become a tradition in which even small children can participate. They enjoy putting their coins in the “mite boxes” provided by the church. A recent article pointed out that every US coin on which “In God We Trust” is engraved reminds us that we are putting our trust in God. With every coin dropped in our mite box, we are affirming that faith. Starting on Sunday, December 4, you will find mite boxes and UTO envelopes that will be collected on Sunday, December 18. The money collected is given in grants to missions and ministries throughout the Episcopal Church and Anglican Community.

Advent Wreath Making

On Sunday, November 27, we will be making Advent Wreaths at 9:45 am during the regular Sunday School time. We will talk about how to use them and how we can have more faith practices during a busy season. The church will provide the candles and foam. Please plan to bring some greenery to share.

Sacred Ground Starting In Jan.

Christ Church is starting another Sacred Ground circle. Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith in Jesus. The 10-session class will begin meeting on January 22. The first session will include a potluck dinner in the Harrison Center. Meetings will take place via Zoom on Sundays at 5 pm and will be led by Mary Lynn Guidage. Visit www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/ to learn more about Sacred Ground. To sign up, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daea928abff2-sacred1. In addition, the documentary film, [Traces of the Trade](#), will be shown on Sunday, January 8 in the Harrison Center. More details to come.

Church Cracked Open Class

The conclusion of the Sunday morning study of Stephanie Spellers' book, *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*, is this Sunday, November 20, during Sunday Education Hour.

Everyone, even if you have not attended any previous classes, is encouraged to join the discussion at 9:45 am in the Second Floor Living Room. We will be looking at Spellers' core thesis and approaching the essential “Where do we go from here?” question. Please contact Edna Marie Thomas if you have any questions.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our November Eucharists, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to serve in our December Eucharists. For more information about ushering, 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! Click [here](#) for November dates. To reserve time slots in December, click [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours are back!** If you would like to volunteer to be a host, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen.

Angel Tree

This year's Angel Tree benefiting the children of incarcerated parent(s) is now up and located in the Reception Area. As we have done for the past two years, we are asking our church members to give money for Angel Tree in lieu of buying and wrapping gifts. Our client families have responded very positively to this change. In addition, the majority of our children this year are not from New Bern proper but from surrounding counties, so the burden of higher gas prices was also a factor in this decision. Please be as generous as you can. We have 55 children and would like to give \$100 gift certificates for each child; if we have additional funds we will be giving grocery gift cards as well. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Chance at 252.259.5214.

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Les Broaddus and in thanksgiving for our family by Jane Broaddus; and in loving memory George A. Ives Jr. by his family. 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 [here](#). Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Cards for Pvt. Noah Landen

Noah, who graduated high school in June and is the grandson of Rosie and Geoff Wood, has completed basic training and is doing training in San Antonio. We know he'd love cards and notes of support. He'll be in San Antonio until Christmas. Pvt. Landen, Noah S.
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