

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

It's likely that at Christ Church we use the word faith often as a starting point to explain what and why we believe. It defines who we are as Christians. Faith explains our belief and how we express that belief. We are grounded in faith, and it is that faith that pushes us to bold action and growing to serve.

Think about that. "Growing to serve." Our mission at Christ Church is "to be a church that loves the way that God loves." We seek to serve others as God loves us. How do we do this? One simple answer is "stewardship." As this year's Stewardship Co-Chairman, we want to reiterate what you've no doubt heard before -- stewardship allows the gifts of time, talent and financial resources you've been given by God to be put to use within Christ Church and the world.

As we are instructed in 1 Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." We invite you to see for yourself how, grounded in faith, we are growing to serve in our church and community. Come to the Ministry Fair after each service on Sunday, October 2. See the many ways your stewardship allows Christ Church to serve...and maybe you'll find a way you can help by sharing your own time and talents!

Our stewardship campaign, which is our annual financial pledge period, will begin October 23 and culminate on Harvest Sunday, November 20, at an ingathering celebration. Watch our weekly *Messenger* and *The Crown* publications for more details on these events and how, as members and friends of Christ Church who are Grounded in Faith, we can help the church and ourselves by Growing in Service.

In Christ,
Randy and Joanie Bogle



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

Changing Seasons... Changes in Worship

The start of a new season gives us a chance to make some shifts in our worship. One of the great gifts of Episcopal/Anglican worship is the diversity of ways to express ourselves in worship.

As we resume our non-summer schedule, our 8:30 am and 11 am services will be more distinct, including two different bulletins. Our 8:30 am service will pull from sources other than the Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal 1982. The Gloria we sing near the beginning of worship is new to us at Christ Church, and the prayers of the people come from Intercessions for Christian People. We have used this ecumenical resource in years past. The prayers correspond to each week's Scripture readings as a way of tying together all of what we do in worship.

The 11 am worship stays closer to the Book of Common Prayer. We will invite worshippers (in the Nave and on YouTube) to turn to the BCP to follow along for the Eucharistic Prayer each week. At both services, the Psalm will be set to music. The Parish Choir will sing it at 11 am, and we will have a congregational refrain at the 8:30 am.

We will maintain our current pattern of receiving communion, with options by the baptismal font and at the altar rail. Be sure to look in the bulletin for more details!

Finally, we will have four acolytes scheduled each week instead of three. We are grateful to have one of the largest rosters of acolytes in several years, and we have worked to give them more opportunities to serve. This is also a great opportunity for our older acolytes to take on more leadership in this ministry.

PUMPKINS ARRIVE SAT. OCT 1

- Bring gloves, wheelbarrows and energy on October 1 to help unload pumpkins.
- The Pumpkin Patch is open daily through October. Click [here](#) to volunteer for one (or more) shifts.
- Click [here](#) to work as a storyteller or craft leader during Preschool Week (October 11-14)

Save the Date

Sunday October, 2 following each service
Stewardship Ministry Fair

Fall Formation Updates

Fall is here, which means Sunday School is back and a return to 8:30 am and 11 am service times. Click [here](#) for an overview of the Sunday class opportunities. A map of the classrooms and meeting rooms can be found [here](#). Visit the [Christian Formation page](#) on our website for more detailed descriptions of all opportunities.

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Ukuleles, Music, Crafts and Storytelling! What could be better? Our Wednesday children's programming will return beginning September 14. Kindergarten through second graders will learn some fun songs and sing once per month at church. Third through fifth graders will learn the ukulele and sing in worship once per month. There will also be storytelling and craft time for both groups throughout the year.

Wednesdays at Christ Church run from 4-5:15 pm. Contact [Clifford Badgley](#) or [Meg Jones](#) to sign up and to be sure there's a ukulele available for your young person to use.

Getting to Know Suzanne

Join us at 9:45 am **September 18 and 25** in the Parish House as we get to know our Associate Rector, Suzanne Hood. On September 18, she'll tell us where she's from, why she went to seminary and some things that she will oversee at Christ Church.

On September 25, Suzanne will look at some pottery and discuss about the time periods and why they might have been seen as important. This will be cool to see how Suzanne's work at Colonial Williamsburg can align with Christ Church.

Newcomer's Social

Christ Church is hosting a Newcomer's Social at 2 pm, Sunday, September 18, in the Church Yard. All recent newcomers to Christ Church have been invited, along with the Staff, Vestry and Commission Chairs. Any newcomers who have joined Christ Church within the past year are also invited to attend, especially those who may not have been able to attend a previous Newcomers' Social. Light refreshments will be served. For questions, information, or to RSVP, please contact Barbara Rice at b.rice23@outlook.com.

Coffee and Conversation

Starting September 18, Coffee Hours will take place after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish Hall. These are a wonderful opportunity to get to know the people in our pews and greet newcomers. Be sure to join us for this family-friendly time in the Parish Hall.

Hosts can volunteer to sign up for a Sunday at this [link](#). Set-up instructions will be posted in the Parish House kitchen. If a host chooses to provide goodies, we will have them. They are not necessary, however.

The Germans are Coming!

The Germans are coming! The Youth Big Band from Flensburg, Germany, will present a concert at Christ Church at 7 pm, October 20. The band is made up of high school students, and they tour the U.S. every few years. Their last visit to Christ Church was in 2019.

Students and chaperones will need to be housed for two nights, October 19 and 20. Please contact [Cliff Badgley](#) for more information.

All Aboard the Trolley Tour

The second annual All Saints ECW Trolley Tour will be Monday, October 10. Enjoy a journey into New Bern's historic past. Last year, it was the "Wonderful Women of New Bern," so this year, and why not, it's the "Magnificent Men of New Bern"!

It's all about those men who made their mark in not only our history, but that of North Carolina. Join us aboard the trolley and learn more about John Wright Stanley and his family, William Hollister, William Gaston, Isaac Taylor and so many more. Your guide (once again the terrific, Crystal) will certainly re-open the pages to New Bern's past and present.

Tickets are \$25, payable in advance, which includes drive and guide gratuity. We will leave promptly at 10 am, October 10, from the Christ Church parking lot. The tour is 90 minutes. Tickets are nonrefundable but feel to find a replacement if you're unable to join us at the last minute (or make a donation to our Episcopal Church Women's fund for charities). Seats might go quickly since we had such a wonderful time last year. Make your plans now! To reserve our seat(s) or for more information, please contact Rodney Hayes at either rodneyhayes@yahoo.com or text/call 203.640.2638.

Join the Christ Church CROP Hunger Walk Team

Join the Christ Church CROP Walk Team. The needs of the hungry in New Bern, our surrounding communities and worldwide are greater than ever. Join Christ Church for the Annual New Bern CROP Hunger Walk on at 3 pm, Sunday, September 25 at Union Point Park. Click [here](#) to join or donate to the Christ Church team.

The CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service and hosted locally by Faith Connection. Invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to this fun, family-friendly event with music and activities for all ages. The money raised goes to RCS and Church World Services. They work to reduce food insecurity around the country and internationally.

In peace we pray to you, Lord

For our ill and recovering parishioners: 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, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard*, 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, Rodney Hayes, CB Evans, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Betty Simon, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, and Myra Lewis.

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

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Washington.

**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](mailto:BetsyDownard).*

Publication Deadlines

- The October issue of *The Crown* will be distributed on October 7. The article deadline will be September 15.
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- 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, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 11

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School

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

12 pm: Lemonade on the Lawn

12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, September 12

10 am: ECW All Saints Meeting (Parish House)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

4 pm: Daughters of the King (Parish House)

5:15 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd floor living room)

5 pm: Growing in Grace Parent/Child Meeting

5 pm Eveangelism Committee Meeting

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, September 14

6:15 pm: AA (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 15

October Article Deadline for *The Crown*

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)

10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist

Saturday, September 17

5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, September 18

Altar Guild Commissioning

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available in between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

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

2 pm: Newcomers' Reception (Church Yard)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

TIDBITS

SOS is Now Stepping Out Seniors

Stepping Out Singles is changing its name to Stepping Out Seniors. This change broadens our reach and opens up opportunities for married seniors whose spouses may not be interested in attending certain gatherings.

Stay tuned for news of upcoming plans. Contact Jane Broadus: broadusjane@gmail.com or 252.467.1795 for more information.

Safeguarding Updates

The Episcopal Church has updated their Safeguarding training and policies. As we begin our program year at Christ Church, you may be reminded to update your Safeguarding training. These are online modules that you can do at your own pace. You can stop and start at any time. As a whole, they will take less than three hours to complete.

Meg Jones will be sending out the invitations and list of modules that are needed for your ministry. Please be on the look out for these emails. We will have to do refresher training in three years. We participate in Safeguarding training to protect our children, youth and adults of all ages. If you have any questions, please contact Meg at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com.

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.

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. 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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our September Eucharists. To serve in October, click [here](#). For more info 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! The signup link for September is [here](#). Click [here](#) to reserve for October dates.

- The **Robe Maintenance Ministry** is looking for volunteers! Volunteers in this ministry sign up to wash the Eucharist Ministers and Acolyte robes on a monthly, rotating schedule. The robes are machine washable and do not need to be ironed, if removed promptly from the dryer. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.

- **Items needed for Lil Pantry:**

We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST! Kits of chicken/tuna salad with crackers are popular.



- **Coffee Hours** will begin after the 8:30 and 11 am services next Sunday, September 18. Sign up [here](#) to host.

- **Dinner and Snacks** for our Children and Youth Sunday activities are needed. If you would like to volunteer to prepare or order dinner for Sunday EYC meetings and snacks for POD gatherings, please click on the links below. Contact Meg at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

[EYC Sign Up](#)

[POD Sign Up](#)

- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.