



CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## *Congregants in Conversation: Who is my neighbor?*

### WHAT IS IT?

If you're like most of us, you attend our beautiful and historic church at your regular time each Sunday and sit in the same area. That's wonderful for worship, but it doesn't give you time to actually meet others in the congregation or an opportunity to sit down and get to know each other better on a one-to-one basis.

I talked about this dilemma with some of my Christ Church family members in our Adult Sunday School. The result of our discussion was *Congregants in Conversation*, an opportunity to meet and talk with another church member you haven't met yet.

### HOW WILL IT WORK

Today *Congregants in Conversation* "Registration Cards" will be in inside your bulletins when you enter for Sunday

service. If you'd like to participate in the program just fill a card out and return it in the collection plate.

A group will gather to pair-up people and notify them via e-mail. We'll need at least three people to meet and sort/match the cards and notify the pairs. Suggested meeting dates include either Monday, May 22nd or Tuesday, May 23rd. Please contact me if you're able to help.

If you're paired with someone you already know well please contact me and ask to be re-assigned. The point is to get to know someone new.

From May 28th – June 24th, pairs contact each other and set a date and time to meet for their conversation. We ask that you complete your conversations before June 25th. This is your private time together, and there is no set agenda.

However, we would like to offer some questions you may want to consider in your time together. Below are some suggested conversation-starters. The main thing here is to get to know "Who is my neighbor?"

- What's your Spiritual Journey story?
- What hopes/concerns do you have for the Church?
- What do you pray for?
- What are your concerns for the country?

On June 25th, you and your conversation partner may want to attend church together. Thanks, neighbor, for your consideration in being a part of this program! For more information, please contact Steve Skiffington at [steveskiffington@hotmail.com](mailto:steveskiffington@hotmail.com) / 916.204.4955



## Feast of the Ascension

Join us at 12 noon, Thursday, May 18, in the Outdoor Chapel for a Feast of the Ascension Eucharist to commemorate the Ascension of Christ into heaven. We hope to see you there.

## Pentecost Picnic

Our Pentecost Picnic will be held Sunday, May 28, after the 10 am service. This is a fun social event for all members. Christ Church will provide the fried chicken, and you bring the rest. Please sign up [here](#) to contribute a side dish, dessert or drinks. We look forward to socializing in the church yard.

## New Adult Sunday School Class

This class explores living a spirit-filled life and leaning into God's call for us. How do you practice hearing God's voice and know what to do with it? Do you only have one call in your life, or are there several? This class is discussion-based and will be held today, May 14, and next Sunday, May 21 during the Sunday School hour and is led by Jane Merritt.

## Summer Schedule Starts May 28

We will move to our Summer Schedule on May 28, with 8 am and 10 am Sunday services. Sunday School will take a break for the summer, although Gospel and Prayers will be offered for children during the 10 am service.

During Gospel and Prayers, kids will leave the service before the Gospel and move to the Library. They'll hear the Gospel in a younger voice and listen to a children's homily. Then they'll pray the Prayers of the People by adding stuff they'd like to pray for. We need two adults each week to make this happen. All resources can be emailed ahead of time. It's about 20 minutes of time. If you'd like to help lead or be an extra adult for Gospel and Prayers sign up [here](#) or let [Meg](#) know.

## May Recognition Sundays

Sunday, May 21 (8:30 am service)

GIG Volunteers

Sunday, May 21 (11 am service)

Children, Youth & Graduates

## VBS Seeking Volunteers

As of this date, 68 children have signed up for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Scheduled for June 12-16, the program will focus on an exploration to find God's light. With such a large crowd expected, there is a great need for additional volunteers. Helping out at VBS is a great way to serve others, mentor a younger generation and get to know other people at Christ Church.

Volunteers can help coordinate a station or lead a group of children for the day. You can volunteer for the week or just for a shift or two. Can't make it that week? We are also seeking donations to help defray the program cost. If you would like to donate snacks or other items to help with VBS, please click [here](#).

All of our volunteers will need to be up-to-date on Safe Church Safe Communities Training (as of 2022). This used to be known as Safeguarding God's Children/People. The modules are online and done on your schedule. If you prefer, there are also two opportunities to do them online at church. Bring your iPad, laptop or other online device to the Pelletier Room from 9 am - 12 noon on Wednesday, May 17 or Saturday, May 20. We can even have a device for you to borrow if needed. Please contact Meg Jones at [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) with any questions about the requirements or for more information.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.

*Colossians 3:16a*

## This Week in T-Ball

Prophets play First Baptist on Monday, May 15, and Temple 3 on Thursday, May 18. The Apostles play Jones County 1 on Tuesday, May 16. Game times are 6 pm. All three games are at Snack Bar Field.

CHRIST CHURCH APOSTLES	
SPRING T BALL SCHEDULE	
ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT 6:00 PM	
APRIL 2- NEW LIFE	STARTS AT 4:30 TRADER
APRIL 5- FIRST BAPTIST	JOY CORNER
APRIL 18- PROPHETS	JOY CORNER
APRIL 25- CENTENARY 2	JOY CORNER
MAY 4- TEMPLE 2	SNACK BAR
MAY 12- COVE CITY	JOY CORNER
MAY 16- JONES COUNTY 1	SNACK BAR
MAY 23- GARBER	JOY CORNER

CHRIST CHURCH PROPHETS	
SPRING T BALL SCHEDULE	
ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT 6:00 PM	
APRIL 3- GARBER	HEATH
APRIL 18- APOSTLES	JOY CORNER
APRIL 24- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	HEATH
MAY 1- ST. PAUL'S	HEATH
MAY 9- CENTENARY 1	JOY CORNER
MAY 15- FIRST BAPTIST	SNACK BAR
MAY 18- TEMPLE 3	SNACK BAR
MAY 23- TEMPLE 1	SNACK BAR

# In peace we pray to you, Lord

**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 Odderstor\*, Evelyn Dill, 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, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Margaret Wright, Bruce Baker, and Ellen Serra.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Courtney, 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, Vickie, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, and Jackie.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, and the Staff of the Episcopal Church Center

*\*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:Betsy.Downard).*

## Publication Deadlines

The June issue of *The Crown* will be distributed June 4. The article deadline for the June issue is May 15. Send items to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

Weekly article deadlines:

- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thursday
- Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: 12 pm on Wednesday



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

#### Sunday, May 14

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC

#### Monday, May 15

- 10 am: Home Place (Offsite)
- 10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)
- 11 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 4 pm: Daughters of the King Training (Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Parish House)

#### Tuesday, May 16

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)
- 5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

#### Wednesday, May 17

- 9 am: Safeguarding God's Children Training (Pelletier Room)
- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 4 pm: Ukulele Class (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

#### Thursday, May 18

- 10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist (Offsite)
- 12 pm: Feast of the Ascension Eucharist (Outdoor Chapel)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time
- 3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee (Library)
- 4 pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)

#### Saturday, May 20

- 9 am: Safeguarding God's Children Training (Pelletier Room)
- 5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

#### Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II Honoring GIG Volunteers (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II Honoring Children, Youth and Graduates (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 6 pm: EYC

# THE GOODS

## Altar Guild and Flower Guild Spring Luncheon

Save the date for our annual Spring Luncheon. Please join us at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 31, in the Parish House. Confirm your reservation with Sims Wayt at [simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com) by May 24.

## Cursillo Ministry's EC 102 Welcome Home Ultreya

Eastern Carolina's 102nd Cursillo was held at Trinity Center in late April. The weekend was absolutely beautiful and all who participated felt Christ's abundant love. All are welcome to attend this Ultreya on Sunday, May 21st from 2 - 4 pm, at St. Andrew's in Morehead City.

If you are asking yourself, what is Ultreya? It is a meeting of people from the Cursillo community, which is often held after a Cursillo experience to celebrate and share Christ's

## Volunteer Spotlight: Calling for Camp Hope

Camp Hope has the opportunity to host our biggest Camp Hope ever! YMCA Camp Harrison can accommodate 100 campers this year. We need your help. Angel Tree has sent us a huge list of North Carolina families that we need to contact. Are you able to make phone calls for us? We have a call script and will offer quick training. If interested or have questions, please send us an email or contact a member of our leadership team. Email: [camphope1@christchurch-newbern.com](mailto:camphope1@christchurch-newbern.com) / Terry Brubaker: 252.514.9550, Jim Behl: 650.740.3392 or Nell Hudson: 252.772.5832.

## 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our May services [here](#). 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! Reserve your May time slot [here](#).
- **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](mailto:hshine08@suddenlink.net).
- **Gas Cards for RCS:** Religious Community Services is in need of gas cards of \$10 or more to use to reimburse peer support volunteers who take RCS guests and clients to appointments and interviews when they have no other transportation. The cards can be dropped off at RCS or delivered to Terry Brubaker ([terrytb49@gmail.com](mailto:terrytb49@gmail.com)).
- **RCS Spring Clean:** RCS wants to clean and refresh their home, and they are asking supporting churches to provide a few volunteers with some spring cleaning tasks. Their Spring Clean will take place Saturday, May 20, at 8 am. If you are available to assist, please contact Terry Brubaker at [terrytb49@gmail.com](mailto:terrytb49@gmail.com) or 252.514.9550.
- **Habitat for Humanity Community Service Week:** Habitat for Humanity of Craven County is hosting its Community Service Week from June 6 - 10, and is looking for members of the Faith Community to volunteer at its ReStore and Construction Sites. Volunteers can register and sign up for a shift on Habitat's website at <https://cravencountyhabitat.org/>.
- **Diaper Drive:** During May, the Tryon Civitan Club is hosting its annual Diaper Drive to benefit local agencies. A drop-off box is available in the Reception area. Contact Karen Gabriel at [kagabe54@gmail.com](mailto:kagabe54@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Contacting the 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](mailto: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.