

# The Messenger

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## MAY 21 -- RECOGNITION SUNDAY

### GIG VOLUNTEERS (8:30 am Service)

This year we have had an amazing group of loving, caring, and supportive mentors. Thank you so much for all you do, and we look forward to seeing you back in September for our eighth year of Growing in Grace.

Our 2022 - 2023 Growing in Grace Children were Sean DeFrietas, Savannah DeFrietas, Bryson Carter, Tavares Wallace, LeMichael Smith, Kyran Smith, Harmony Smith, Andrea Flores, Jose Flores and Jordan Castro. We are hoping to have all 10 of our children back for the 2023-2024 school year!

*1 Thessalonians 1:2 We give thanks to God always for all of you.*

### YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND GRADUATES (11 am Service)

Today we honor our graduates. We are all learning and thankful for strong minds. We have a number of children who have graduated from preschool and kindergarten. We also have kids making the leap from elementary school to middle school, and some youth jumping into high school this fall. Whatever your milestone, take time to thank God along the way.

We have three high school seniors to celebrate this year -- Ted Bratton, Alison Ezzell and John Childs. John graduated in December and will be attending East Carolina. Alison will be attending Virginia Tech. Ted will be attending NC State. We wish them well on their journeys and hope to see them in the future. Our prayers will be with them. We also recognize John for over 11 years of serving as an acolyte. You've seen him faithfully carry the torches, cross and book. In addition, John was selected by the Vestry as the winner of the Ann Bustard Scholarship Award.

We also recognize two college graduates from Christ Church. Sydney Kitchen will graduate from the University of Edinburgh in July. Taylor Fodrie graduated from East Carolina with his Masters.

During Coffee Hour, we'll celebrate our confirmands -- Claire Ballard, Caroline Carpenter, Cason Carpenter, Ollie Canady, Baker Hudson and Lauren Simmons. They were confirmed at Trinity Center on March 25th. This group participated in a diocesan-sponsored Confirmation preparation along with young people from St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Swansboro and St. Paul's, Greenville. Claire Ballard offered a reflection for the recent issue of the Diocesan Digest. You can find that here ([https://issuu.com/eccio/docs/spring\\_2023\\_diocesan\\_digest](https://issuu.com/eccio/docs/spring_2023_diocesan_digest)) on p. 33.



### 2022 – 2023 GIG Volunteers

## Thank you

#### MENTORS

Terry Brubaker	Sharon Broaddus
Janet Peregoy	Julia Sherman
Jane Merritt	Mary Davidson
Jim Behl	Anne Ocorr
Kim Huddle	Steve Skiffington
Campbell Huddle	Linda Hitchcock
Jack Huddle	Mary Ringwalt
Karen Gabriel	Wendy Congemi
Kahni Miller	Marcy Mills
Ann Little	Lottie Sides
Betsy Phillips	Diane McGraw
Butch Ricks	Sally Johnson
Rick Miller	Anne Bell
Gloria Simpson	Aimee Desantis
Harry Gormley	Barbara Haan
Cindy Gleisberg	Mary Jean (M.J.) Dark-Woika

#### SUBSTITUTES

Karen Genua  
Tully Hoffman

#### VAN DRIVERS

Rick Miller  
John Galasnik



# Christian Formation News

Today was our last week of Sunday School for the year. We'd like to thank our many, many teachers for helping us learn about God in new ways.

- Godly Play: Liz Coble, Pat Holmes, Jeannette Swecker
- K-2nd grades: Nell Hudson, Page Litfin, Katie Marett
- 3rd-5th grades: Deborah Cook and Betsy Jutras
- Youth: Rob Jutras, Geoff Marett and Jettie Pelletier
- Adult classes have been led by: Andy Garlick, John Harper, Edna Marie Thomas, Randy Bogle, Jane Merritt, the Rev. Suzanne Hood and the Rev. Paul Canady

While summer is just starting, we are already looking forward to fall. Our Program Year will start back on September 10.

## Sunday School for All Ages

- Nursery: Infant through the year they turn four
- Godly Play: Pre-K
- Whirl: Kindergarten through second grade
- Whirl: Third through fifth grades (Pathways of Discipleship or POD also meets monthly on Sunday afternoons)
- Youth: Sixth through 12th grades (Episcopal Youth Community or EYC also meets weekly on Sunday evenings and participates in field trips)
- Adult Classes: We try to offer multiple classes throughout the Program Year. This fall we will be thinking more about reviving our faith.

## Musical Offerings

We hope to continue our musical offerings with our new Director of Music. Look for more details about programming, such as our ukulele lessons, for all ages.



## Other Milestones

- Your child can start serving as an acolyte or reader at any service beginning at age eight.
- Teenagers can help with livestream and video for the services.
- Parents (or grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) can sign up to be a greeter or an usher with children and youth. We are always looking for a friendly face.

## VBS Updates

Vacation Bible School is June 12th-16th and will focus on an exploration to find God's light. We would love at least **FOUR** more volunteers. Helping out at VBS is a great way to serve others, mentor a younger generation and get to know others at Christ Church. You can help with a group (kindergartners, 3rd graders, etc.), or with science or games.

Can't make it that week? We'll need help with decorations the week before. We'll also have a donation list [here](#). You can drop the items off at the church, and we'll use them during VBS. Also, your prayers for safety and more knowledge of God's love will help tremendously. Contact Meg at [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) for more information.

You can register as a volunteer or VBS participant by clicking [here](#). *Please note that we have limited participant spots left at this time!*

## Gospel and Prayers

With Sunday School taking a break, we will offer Gospel and Prayers from May 28 until Labor Day during the 10 am service.

During Gospel and Prayers, kids 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. 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 ([megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com)) know.

## RCS InGathering

Many thanks to all those who participated in this month's InGathering collection for RCS. We collected approximately 50 bags of items that will directly benefit RCS and their clients. Note: More bags arrived after this picture was taken.



# In peace we pray to you, Lord

## For our ill and recovering

**parishioners:** Barbara Willis, 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\*, 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.



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**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:** St. Timothy's, Greenville; and St. John's, Grifton

*\*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](#).*



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**We love because he first loved us.**

*1 John 4:19*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday, May 21

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II with GIG Mentor Recognition (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II Honoring Children, Youth and Graduates (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour

### Monday, May 22

- 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)

### Tuesday, May 23

- 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: Choral Evensong in Memory and Celebration of Zeb Jones

### Wednesday, May 24

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, May 25

- 3 pm: Growing in Grace Day at the Park (Offsite)
- 3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee (Library)

### Sunday, May 28

#### **Return to Summer Schedule**

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Picnic on the Lawn
- 11:30 am: Cursillo Reunion

## CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICE

Join us on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 7:00 pm in the Nave for a service of Evensong in celebration and memory of Zeb Jones. Zeb loved music and being a part of church choirs. Evensong is a beautiful, contemplative, choral liturgy. We hope you will join us.

# THE GOODS

## Volunteer Spotlight: Eucharistic Ministers

We have a need at Christ Church for more people to become Eucharistic Ministers. These Christ Church members are trained in assisting the clergy during liturgy. Minimum age for a Eucharistic Minister is 16.

If you are interested in pursuing Eucharistic Minister training, please contact Linda McAlister at 252.634.7984 or [lindamcalister50@gmail.com](mailto:lindamcalister50@gmail.com).

## Final Week of T-Ball

Our T-Ball season is wrapping up, with both the Prophets and Apostles having their final games on Tuesday, May 23. The Apostles will take on Garber at Joy Corner Field, while the Prophets will play Temple 1 at Snack Bar Field. Game times are 6 pm. Don't miss your final chance this season to come out and support our T-Ball players!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Christ Church "Yarn Wizards" have been busy creating comforting shawls and cozy "nap blankets." Last Sunday, our most recent work was blessed at the Altar during worship. Shawls are for adults who are in need of comfort. Illness, grief or difficult life-transitions are good reasons to give someone a prayer shawl. A prayer shawl can bring comfort, warmth and sometimes even a tangible sign of love. On the other hand, nap blankets are for all children, from birth to about six years old. (In other words, kids who take naps.) Shawls and nap blankets are stored in the closet next to the Men's Room between the Reception area and the Parish House. If you have a need for a shawl or nap blanket, or you know someone who does, please help yourself. And if you have any questions, call Sheila Cipriano at 252.617.0303.

## Pentecost Picnic

Our Pentecost Picnic will be held next 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.



## 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).
- **Calling for Camp Hope:** We have the opportunity to host our largest Camp Hope week ever -- up to 100 campers. We need your help, however. Angel Tree has sent us a large list of North Carolina families to contact. Would you be able to make phone calls for us? A call script and quick training will be provided. If you're interested, please contact a member of our leadership team: Email: [camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com) / Terry Brubaker: 252.514.9550, Jim Behl: 650.740.3392 or Nell Hudson: 252.772.5832.
- **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)).
- **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.