



CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Stewardship and Children

This week we continue our series to provide concrete information about stewardship, proportional giving, and ways to look at what we give as a family invested in Christ Church and its mission.

I'll just go ahead and say it. I'm of "a certain age." When I was a child, putting a few pennies in a Sunday School envelope each week and carefully placing it in the offering basket was a solemn expression of my thanks to God. It taught me to be grateful for my blessings and introduced me to the concept of stewardship—although I never heard it called that until I was much older.

The days of little white envelopes containing a few pennies placed in a basket may be behind us, but our younger children can talk about blessings and being thankful to God. They can share what they see God doing for them each day as they look around at their parents, friends, and the beauty of nature. Once again, they can add leaves to the blessing tree in their Sunday School classes.

The older kids at EYC can discuss stewardship in more adult terms. Last year they filled out time and talent pledge cards. In preparation for Harvest Sunday, they will evaluate their commitment over the past year as they prepare to fill out this year's time and talent pledge cards.

And this is how we learn about stewardship—living our faith by first praying gratefully for all we've been given, then by serving responsibly whenever we see a need at church, and finally by giving generously to help the church fulfill its mission and ministry in the community.

As parents and grandparents, we can help our children and youth gain an understanding of stewardship by talking with them about why we give out of our abundance back to God. They need to see us responding as stewards as we care for our Earth, ourselves and our bodies, our talents and spiritual gifts, our time and priorities, our relationships with them and others, and our treasure and material possessions.

Talk with them about the blessings they receive every day. Urge them to show gratitude to God as they worship and learn at church and in Sunday School. Give them suggestions for helping the church reach out to share God's love to the world. Let them know how you strive to be a good steward as well.

Dear heavenly Father, help us remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Let us all be like children, open to the wonders that surround us and thankful for the gifts You have bestowed upon us. Make us faithful stewards of all You have given us—our earthly home, our families, friends, food and shelter, the joy of community with others. Never let us fail to recognize Your abundant blessings in our lives. Amen



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

Sound System in the Nave

We are aware of issues with the sound system in the Nave and are working with our engineer to resolve them. The issue stems from the age of the main speakers at the front of the Nave. We disconnected the sound system this summer to do the work in the balcony. Those speakers have not worked since the system was reconnected.

We have new speakers on order and believe that they will be installed next week. Once they are in place, we can assess what other adjustments need to be made.

We are also exploring a system that will allow hearing aid users to connect directly to our sound system. We will keep you updated. Thank you for your patience.



Christ Episcopal Church
2023 Pumpkin Patch
 Mondays - Saturdays: 10 am - 6 pm
 Sundays: 12 noon - 6 pm
 Many shifts are available!
 Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.
 All proceeds go to local charities.

Cookie Walk

Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

In 1998, Christ Church parishioner Kathleen Meyers had an idea. Why not have a Cookie Walk modeled after the one she knew from her old parish, Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. As it happens, it was a VERY good idea since the Christ Church Cookie Walk is now celebrating its 24th year!

Come see what all the fuss is about on Saturday, December 9, from 10 am -- 12 noon, when the Harrison Center will be filled with thousands of homemade cookies and treats. Leading up to the event, we will feature countdown articles on the "Six Weeks of Baking."

Volunteers are needed to help from 10 am - 12 noon, Thursday, December 7 for Boxing Day. Stop in the Harrison Center during the day on Friday, December 8, to help plate and package cookies. Of course, we also need volunteers the day of Cookie Walk. Online sign-ups will be available soon. All proceeds from this event are returned to our community. Contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com with questions.

Trunk or Treat at Centenary UMC

We appreciate Centenary UMC inviting Christ Church to join them for Trunk or Treat, games and dinner this Wednesday, October 25, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. More information on the event can be found [here](#). For a vehicle registration form, please click [here](#).



Honor a Veteran in the VVA Chapter 886 Field of Flags

The New Bern VVA Chapter is honoring ALL veterans in the 2023 Field of Flags at Union Point from Friday, Nov. 3rd through Sunday, Nov. 12th. This field honors veterans currently serving, retired, previously served, or no longer with us. Each flag contains a tag with the name of the veteran, branch of service, and campaign(s) served. Be a part of a New Bern tradition during this year's Veterans Day celebration. Rick Miller will be in the Parish House following the 8:30 and 11:00 services with flags to honor your veteran(s) in our beautiful brightly lit field next month. Questions: Call Rick at 252-631-1474 or rickmiller950@hotmail.com.

Sunday, October 29 at Christ Church

- 9 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 10 am: One service only
- 11:30 am: Outreach Commission Social and Pumpkin Carving Contest
- 4:30 pm: Young Family Committee Halloween Movie and Dinner
- 5 pm: EYC Reverse Trick or Treat
- 5:30 pm: Taizé service in the Chapel

Young Family Movie and Dinner

Enjoy an age-appropriate Halloween movie and dinner in the Harrison Center with the Young Family Committee on Sunday, October 29. Feel free to wear costumes and bring snacks and drinks to enjoy during the movie. Dinner will be provided around 6 pm. Bring pillows and blankets if you wish. RSVP [here](#).



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, and Patty Willis.

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, and Mandy.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

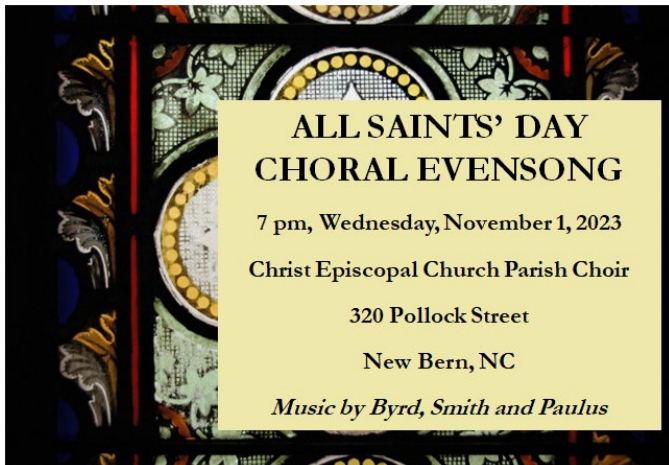
For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints, Southern Shores

**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



**ALL SAINTS' DAY
CHORAL EVENSONG**

7 pm, Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Christ Episcopal Church Parish Choir

320 Pollock Street
New Bern, NC

Music by Byrd, Smith and Paulus

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, October - RCS InGathering Distribution

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

6:30 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom)

Monday, October 23

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

Tuesday, October 24

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

5:30 pm: Grant Committee Meeting (Library)

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

7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, October 25

11 am Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)

12 pm: Altar Guild Meeting (Parish House)

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

5:30 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

5:30 pm: Trunk or Treat (Centenary UMC)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, October 26

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time (Nave)

6:30 pm: AA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Saturday, October 28

2 pm: Margaret Wright Funeral

Sunday, October 29 - RCS InGathering Collection

One Service Only

9 am: Sunday School for all ages

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

11:30 am: Outreach Commission Social and
Pumpkin Carving Contest

4 pm: Young Families Halloween Movie Night (Harrison Center)

4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)

5 pm: Reverse Trick or Treat (Offsite)

5:30 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)

Harvest Sunday Luncheon

The Harvest Sunday Luncheon will follow the 11 am service on Sunday, November 5. The church will provide fried chicken, baked beans and beverages. Please sign up [here](#) to bring a dish or volunteer to set up or clean up.

THE GOODS

October 16 Vestry Recap

- Vestry approved transfer of Endowment funds earnings (\$30,704) to Special Funds to offset budget.
- Camp Hope hosts children with an incarcerated parent. Camp Trinity will reserve spaces for 2024 Camp Hope attendees.
- Bishop Skirving met with St. Cyprian's Vestry to lay out a plan for the Church to operate as a parish.
- He will be at Christ Church on November 12 for a 4 pm service.
- The Christian Formation job description will be posted November 1.
- Financial report was reviewed. The organ balance of \$105,000 is due on setup, probably in March.
- Speakers for the sound system are problematic and will be replaced. Two cameras were added to the Parish House and Education Room entrances. The AED's are here and will soon be in place in the Church and at the Harrison Center.
- Discussion on the Vestry nomination process will be taken to the parishioners for input and further discussion.

MINISTRY COMMISSION REPORTS

- **Building & Grounds** – Pumpkin Patch sales going well – volunteers are needed.
- **Parish Life** – four funeral services held this month – volunteers needed.
- **Outreach** – MERCI Clinic and RCS Executive Directors have recently stepped down. Interfaith Refugee Ministry welcomed 165 refugees this month.
- **Christian Formation** – Trunk and Treat with Centenary Church will be held October 25.
- **Evangelism** – The grant application process for the Trust and Outreach Commission, now entitled Christ Church Trust/Outreach Grant Application, is on the Church [website](#). The application deadline is October 24.
- **Stewardship** – *Live the Faith* themed letters were mailed out October 2. The campaign will be celebrated on Harvest Sunday, November 5, with the goal of ending the campaign by December 31 so the budget can be finalized.
- **Church Life** – Director of Church Life, Ellie Roberts, whose last day is November 1, was celebrated and recognized for her relentless dedication to our parish life and church administration. Jimi Paderick, her successor, begins Monday, October 23, which allows time for transition and training, as she has big shoes to fill.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. October services can be found [here](#). November services are available [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristy@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 October dates and [here](#) for November dates.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:** Coffee Hours have returned. We need hosts, however, 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 Jane Jones for hosting this week.
- **Pumpkin Patch Baked Goods:** The Pumpkin Patch sells baked goods on the weekends, and they are a great addition to our pumpkin sales. If you'd like to contribute, please leave your tasty treats in sealed zip lock bags at the Reception Office or take them to the Pumpkin Patch Tent. We will do the pricing.
- **Warm Their Soles Sock Donation Drive:** The Tryon Civitan Club is sponsoring a sock drive this month to benefit Religious Community Services (RCS). They are collecting new socks for men, women and children. A collection bin is located in the Reception Area.
- **Holiday Market Seeking Vendors & Committee Members:** Our first Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 9 am - 4 pm, on the church grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets. More information and vendor application can be found [here](#) and on the "[Quick Links](#)" section of our website. Proceeds from space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Church. Contact Tony Embrey at 828.774.9592 if you're interested in volunteering.
- **Cursillo Fall Weekend:** The Cursillo Ministry of the Diocese of East Carolina traditionally holds two Cursillo weekends every year. These weekends are designed to enrich and deepen an individual's faith journey and foster ministry among lay people. The Fall 2023 weekend will take place November 9 - 12. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. For more information contact Mary Lynn Guidage at mlglinton12@gmail.com. To view a video of Bishop Skirving speaking about Cursillo, click [here](#).
- **Docent Ministry:** The following weekday docent shifts are available -- first Thursday, second Tuesday and second Thursday. Training is provided. Contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net if you're interested in volunteering. Training is provided.