

The Messenger

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Backpacks, Backpacks, Backpacks

How Can Christ Church Help?

Back to school can be a happy and exciting time for children and families, but it can also be a time of financial stress. For some families, the expense of purchasing school supplies and backpacks is simply not in the budget. This year, we at Christ Episcopal Church have the opportunity to help in a number of ways. You could buy a backpack which will be donated to the **Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry** and filled with supplies collected by that organization. These backpacks will go to some of the 1,200 students who have requested assistance with purchasing school supplies this year.

Additionally, we continue to support **Interfaith Refugee Ministry** with their back-to-school drive. For twenty-four years we have been helping IRM with this ministry. We currently have 18 students signed up to receive much-needed school supplies and book bags.

To help the Farmworkers Ministry simply drop off a backpack to the church before **August 20th**, and we will see that it gets where it is needed. Designated funds will provide additional support for the effort to support EFWM.

To help IRM please choose a school tag, which lists the needed items. These tags are located by the school bus in the Reception Area. Please sign the form by the number on the tag to let us know which child you have selected and add your phone number. We ask that you return items on or before **August 20th**. Many thanks for helping these children in beginning a new school experience. These deadlines coincide with our parish Blessing of the Backpack event which is also on August 20.

Questions related to the IRM collection, please call or text Rebecca Liberty: 252.670.7601. Questions related to EFWM collection, please call or text Suzanne Hood: 804.832.4109.

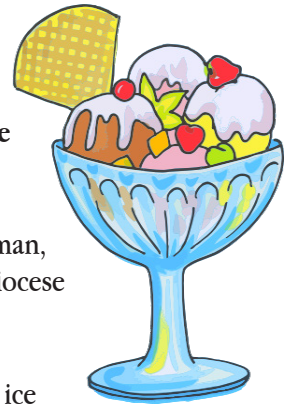


TODAY -

ONE SERVICE ONLY

Join us for a **SUNDAE SUNDAY** today after 10 am service. **NOTE: There is only one service.**

Thank you to The Venerable Janet Rodman, Archdeacon of the Diocese of East Carolina, for preaching today.



Our old-fashioned ice cream social is scheduled to take place on the church lawn. Inclement weather, however, will move it to the Parish House. We appreciate the Parish Life Commission for organizing and hosting today's event.

Cursillo Ministry Conference

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference will be held September 21-23 at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. It has been way too long since we have been able to come together in community, and we are looking forward to this important time.

The Ministry Committee is continuing its work to ensure that this is a conference of worship, as well as one that holds opportunities of encouragement and enrichment, as we gain knowledge and motivation for future apostolic action. We hope that all who join us will leave renewed and revived. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!** For more information, contact Mary Lynn Guidage at mlglinton12@gmail.com.

In peace we pray to you, Lord

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 Kee-ter, 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, Ellen Serra, Geoff Wood, Richard Marsh, Bev Perdue, and Edward Opphile.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, 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, Vickie, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Roscoe, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Gabe, Magda, Patty, and Margaret.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's in the Pines, Fayetteville; and All Souls, Northwest

**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

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 30

10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
11 am: Fifth Sunday Ice Cream Social (Church Yard / Parish House in case of rain)

Monday, July 31

1 pm: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 1

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, August 2

7 pm: Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, August 3

11:45 am: Youth Lunch (Church Yard)

Sunday, August 6

**Birthday and Anniversary Sunday
Camp Hope**

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

The Rev. Paul Canady is on vacation until August 19.

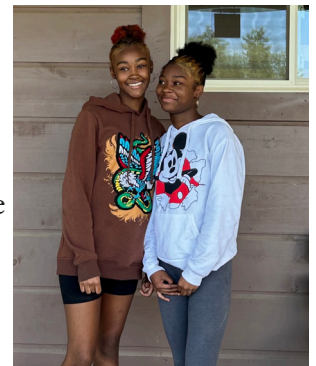
Ellie Roberts is on vacation until August 7.

GIG Grads Attend Teen Camp

Two of our GIG graduates, Demecia and Cherish Jones, are attending Camp Harrison's Teen Camp for the next two weeks. Consider sending them an encouraging email while they are there. Demecia and Cherish are both staying in Cabin 10.

Send emails to campharrisoncampers@ymcacharlotte.org.

To ensure proper delivery, include the campers' first and last names, as well as their cabin number in the subject line. Emails are printed by the camp and delivered to campers.



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our August services [here](#). Click here to volunteer for September services. For more information about ushering, contact [Sarah Risty-Davis](#).
- **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 August time slots [here](#).

MERCI Clinic Collection

During August, we will be collecting various office supplies for MERCI Clinic. Click [here](#) to see the full list. A collection box will be located in the Reception Area. All items are available from Amazon. Thank you for your support for this wonderful ministry!