



Personal Stories of Stewardship

Recently, a number of our church members stood before the congregation to share the reasons why they serve at Christ Church and how it has affected their lives. The ways in which they serve and the motivations for doing so may vary, but the effects of such service are similar.

Tony Embrey grew up watching the adults at this church “participating in doing all the things that needed to happen to make it possible to actually have a church.” He witnessed the practical results of serving and, as an adult, has discovered and appreciated the joy in serving. Tony understands that we all have gifts and time we can give to others. And sometimes, it’s not just the things he loves to do that cause him to serve. Sometimes there are just things that need to be done, so he pitches in. He feels he is “blessed by being able to do things for others” and “fortunate to be part of a fellowship of believers who allow [him] to serve alongside them” as he hopes to be a blessing to others in the community.

Becky Gaeta told the congregation that “service and faith create a positive feedback loop.” She explained that “growth in faith leads to increase in service to others, and service to others creates growth in faith. She is committed to using the gifts of her experience and compassion, her gifts from God, to serve others. Her service and faith draw her into Christian community and authentic connection with others, and it is there she feels the blessings of God all the more profoundly in her own life. When



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she is serving others, Becky feels the presence of God. And when God is there, says Becky, “I experience all that God has prepared for me to be. I am reminded of God’s awesome power... my faith grows exponentially.”

When Joanie Bogle moved from California, her mother, 98, chose to remain behind in her assisted living home. While her physical and emotional needs were met, she did not have access to pastoral care and was unable to receive communion.

This weighed heavily on Joanie’s heart, and after joining Christ Church, she found both solace and joy in giving to others what she could not give to her mother. As a Visiting Eucharistic Minister and Christ Church Visitor, Joanie hopes to provide spiritual food for those who can no longer come to church. To her, being part of the community of Christ Church means serving wherever the need arises. And, like Becky and Tony, she feels blessed in doing so.

If you haven’t done so recently, please go to “The Goods” section of the Messenger and see where you might find yourself giving and receiving God’s blessings. There is something each of us can do to support the mission of Christ Church.

Dear Lord, thank you for the people of Christ Church who reach out to help others in Your name. May their service be a blessing to others and bring glory to Your holy name. Jesus tells us He is in our midst when two or three are gathered in His name. We pray we always find Him when we serve others. Amen

Welcome Jimi, and Farewell to Ellie

This week we welcomed our incoming Director of Church Life, Jimi Paderick. Jimi has served in various administrative and leadership roles for the Diocese of East Carolina since 1997, most recently as the Ministry Coordinator for Diocesan Life. As Paul said in an introduction email to the parish, “She brings vast experience in project management, volunteer coordination, and event development. Many of us at Christ Church have had the privilege of engaging with Jimi in diocesan work. She is adept at creating streamlined processes with proven results. She is unbelievably organized, and like others who have been in this position, Jimi has what it takes to keep all the plates spinning. She will be an incredible asset to Christ Church. I know you will enjoy getting to know her!”

Ellie Roberts was recently celebrated and recognized by the vestry for her “relentless dedication to our parish life and church administration.” Her last day with us will be November 1, which allows time for transition and training. If you would like to contribute to a purse for Ellie, please click [here](#) or drop a check off at church.



Cookie Walk

Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

Calling all Bakers - Countdown to Cookie Walk has begun. Today, you plan out your six weeks of baking. Did you know that you can freeze your cookies? Most cookies freeze well because there is little to no water content in them. The link below is a guide to freezing all types of cookies and will help you decide in what order to start baking: <https://theviewfromgreatisland.com/complete-holiday-guide-to-freezing-cookies/>. Sign up to bake [here](#).

Snowball cookies freeze well and are a fan favorite (<https://www.smalltownwoman.com/buttery-pecan-snowball-cookies/>).

We need Bakers as well as volunteers to help with Boxing Day on Thursday, December 7, 10 am- 12 pm to plate the cookies on Friday, Dec 8, all day at the Harrison Center. Pop in and package for an hour or two.

Cookie Walk will be held from 10am to Noon on Saturday, Dec. 9, and of course we'll need volunteers that day, too! Sign-up info online [here](#). All the proceeds from this event are returned to our community. Contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com with questions.

Today 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

Harvest Sunday Luncheon

The Harvest Sunday Luncheon will follow the 11 am service next Sunday, November 5, 2023. The church will provide fried chicken, baked beans and beverages. Parishioners are requested to bring a side dish and a dessert. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to sign up. A paper sign-up sheet is also located in the Reception Area.

Please bring all food items to the Harrison Center prior to the 11 am service.



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 Pumpkin Patch after today's 10 am service 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.

United Thank Offering Sundays

The Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church will be holding the annual UTO collection on three Sundays in November - the 5th, 12th with the final collection on the 19th. You will find envelopes in the pews for your offering or you may pick up a Blue Box in the Reception area. (Blue boxes are great for kids to put coins in each day celebrating what they are thankful for.)

UTO is a mission of the whole Episcopal Church. It "encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing." 100 percent of what is collected goes to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Information on who received grants last year can be found on the UTO website under www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/united-thank-offering/. All Saints ECW thanks you for your continuing support of this ministry.

ECW November Program: Arts to End Genocide

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) are very excited to invite you to join us at our meeting at 10 am, November 13th in the Parish House. Our featured speaker is Mitch Lewis, a local artist who established Arts to End Genocide (ATEG) in 2014.

Mitch traveled and found women and children (Internally Displaced Persons) living on a garbage dump in Mali. An ATEG Skills Training Program has taught the women how to sew, established a Women's Cooperative, and built a solar-powered building in which to work, as well as given them sewing machines and supplies. This program presents women a pathway for economic empowerment and restored dignity and has expanded to other parts of the world where there is a need to help IDP.

The women make purses, billfolds, fans and other items to be sold in the United States. Locally, they can be found at the at the History Center Gift Shop on Front Street. Mitch will present a short film and give further information on how we at Christ Church can help with this mission. If you have any questions you may contact Jane Broaddus at broaddusjane@gmail.com.

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: Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville; Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina

**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](#).*

Outreach Commission Social

Everyone is invited to join us today following the 10 am service for a fifth Sunday social event featuring coffee, apple cider and treats. Don't forget to bring your pumpkin for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest!



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

In an attempt to streamline our delivery of information, we are exploring a new calendar format for the *Messenger*. You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar. The link to view our 10 am service online can be found at www.christchurchnewbern.com/worship.

Sunday, October 29

One Service Only

RCS InGathering Collection

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

4:30 pm: Young Families Halloween Movie Night (Harrison Center)

5 pm: Reverse Trick or Treat (Offsite)

5:30 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 31

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

5:30 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal - date change (Music Room)

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

Wednesday, November 1

No Parish Choir Rehearsal

7 pm: All Saints' Evensong (Nave)

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, November 4

4 pm: Camp Hope Reunion (Parish House)

Sunday, November 5

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

Harvest Sunday

First UTO Collection Sunday

12:15 pm: Harvest Sunday Luncheon (Harrison Center)

4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

 A poster for "ALL SAINTS' DAY CHORAL EVENSONG". The background features a decorative border with pumpkins and autumn leaves. The text is centered on a yellow background.

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

THE GOODS



Taizé

We will be having worship in the style of Taizé this evening at 5:30 pm in the Chapel.

About the service...

The service is modeled after services held in Taizé, France, home to a community of Catholic and Protestant Brothers. The Brothers are known not only for their prayer services, but also for their care for the poor. May the music, scripture, and meditation allow you to open your heart and mind so that you may speak and listen to God.

About the music...

The music was composed for and by the community in Taizé. Each song will be sung many times to allow you to meditate on the words, so that each song may become an offering of prayer. There is no formula; sing as you wish, when you wish, and the parts you wish.

About the silence...

Following the readings there will be periods of silent meditation. During this time you are invited to offer your own silent prayers, or to simply sit in peace and listen. Meditate on the words of a song or on the scripture passages you have heard. Use the candlelight and the silence to still your heart and mind and let the word of God touch you.

Pumpkin Patch Clean-Up

There will be a church yard clean-up at 10 am, Wednesday, November 1. If you're able, please plan to join us as we clean up and disassemble this year's Pumpkin Patch.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. November services are available [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@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 November dates and [here](#) for December 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 Andy Britton, Sims Wayt and the Outreach Commission for hosting this week's Social Hour and Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

- **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.



- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry:** IRM is in need of personal hygiene items for incoming refugees. We are expecting about 15 or more refugees by the end of November. Please drop your donations in the IRM box in the Reception Area. Items needed include: tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, men's and women's deodorant, and bar soap.

- **Docent Ministry:** The following weekday docent shifts are available

- First Thursday of the month
- Second Tuesday of the month
- Second Thursday of the month

Contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net if you're interested in volunteering. Training is provided.