

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Stewardship 2022: Ministry Fair Today

In addition to gaining insight into the many Christ Church commissions, committees, and activities that serve the parish and community, the Ministry Fair this weekend will provide an opportunity for you to see where your pledge dollars go. Stop by the Stewardship table to learn about the financial needs included in the church budget that make it possible for Christ Church to continue Growing to Serve within our parish and beyond.

THIS EVENT HAS MOVED TO THE HARRISON CENTER.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Matthew 6:21

Click [HERE](#) for to learn more about many of the ways you can be come involved at Christ Church.

Save the Date

Sunday, October 2, following each service

WORSHIP		Parish Life
evangelism		Christian Formation
Pastoral Care		recovery ministry
OUTREACH		STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Ministry Fair

Christian Formation Updates

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning this Wednesday at 11 am, join the Rev. Paul Canady in the Library for the Rector's Bible Study. We will be making our way through the Gospel of Matthew, looking at how this Gospel tells the story of Jesus. No prior Bible knowledge needed! Bring your own Bible, or we have one you can use and keep. Email or call Paul for more information -- paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5861.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Study will begin a new book this Tuesday, October 4. Join us as we explore *Sanctuary: Unexpected Places Where God Found Me* by Becca Stevens. Books cost \$10 and are available for purchase at the Reception desk. You do NOT need to read ahead and can join us at any time. The group meets weekly at 10 am Tuesday in the Second Floor Living room.

OCTOBER NEWCOMER CLASS

Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood and Barbara Rice for a three-week class specifically geared to those of you who are new to Christ Church. Basically, if you are new to Christ Church, still feel new, or identify as a newcomer (no matter how long you've been attending services here) – this is the class for you. The Newcomer Class starts this Sunday, October 2, and continues on October 9 & 16 at 9:45 am. It will be in the Library on the first floor.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

This week the book study of *The Church Cracked Open* by Rev. Canon Stephanie Sellers, delves into the history of the Church. Chapter 3 engages this history from the root of “Original Sin” through the age of European conquest to the present day. Books are still available at the reception desk or can be obtained during the Sunday School hour in the Second Floor Living Room. The study can be joined any time during the coming weeks.

This class will not meet on MumFest Sunday, October 9 and will resume with Chapter 4 “The Church of Empire” on October 16.

Richard Dobbs Spaight Interpretive Sign Installed

The Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter's Preservation Committee met its long-term goal to have an interpretive sign recognizing this famous New Bernian -- who was a Revolutionary War Patriot, signer



of the US Constitution, first native-born governor of North Carolina, Statesman and New Bern native -- erected in a highly visual location that the public could easily read and become aware of his service to our country.

The occasion chosen for the unveiling was during Constitution Week - September 17-23. Our Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter and Sons of the American Revolution Chapter unveiled the new interpretive sign in the historic churchyard of Christ Church. This site was chosen for its visibility and the fact that Spaight was a member of Christ Church and had served on the Vestry. Following the unveiling, churches throughout the community participated in the "Ring of the Bells" at 4 pm, which commemorated the time on September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, including Richard Dobbs Spaight, met for the last time to sign the document they created. Mortally wounded in a duel, he was buried in his family's sepulcher at Clermont, and his property was bequeathed to the state of NC as part of Tryon Palace to insure this historic property is preserved for perpetuity.

Of note, the actual initiative to have President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Congress officially proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week was led by Gertrude Carraway of New Bern, a member of the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter and President General of the National Society of the DAR.

All Aboard the Trolley Tour

A few open spots remain on the upcoming 'Magnificent Men of New Bern' All Saints ECW 2022 Trolley Tour. If you have never been on the Trolley, haven't been in awhile, or were just on it last week, this will be a new experience with a wonderful guide!

The 90-minute tour will leave from Christ Church parking lot on Monday, October 10. Please be there by 9:30 for our 10 am tour. It will be a great morning!

Please contact Rodney Hayes (203-640-2638 / rodneyhayes@yahoo.com) if you would like to reserve a spot. Tickets cost \$25, payable in advance and non-refundable.

Why We Renew Our Baptismal Vows

It is through baptism that we are welcomed into Christ's family. This sacrament is the outward and visible sign of God's invitation to each of us; our yes, in answer to God's eternal yes. We celebrate baptism in the context of a eucharist service to reinforce that it is through this sacrament that we join the whole church community. Those of us in the pews are as important to the baptism as the family of the one being baptized. On several feast days throughout the year, we as a church family renew our baptismal vows. We do this regardless of whether there is a person scheduled to be baptized or not. On those occasions we restate our commitment to live into who we are and whose we are. We state with clarity what it is to live as one who is marked as Christ's own forever. Today, we celebrate two baptisms at the 8:30 am service, and we will renew our baptismal vows at both services. We are one body, one family in Christ, and this renewal is another reminder of that commitment. Let us continue to pray for the newly baptized and those about to be baptized: Claire Ballard, Julia Ballard, Carter Dill, Levi Page, Rachel Page and Howard Sugg.

HOSTS NEEDED

Hosts are needed for the Youth Big Band from Flensburg, Germany. Students and chaperones will arrive in New Bern on Wednesday, October 19, and depart on Friday, October 21. They will need a home for two nights, including dinner on Wednesday and breakfast both days. Their concert is Thursday at 7 pm.

Please consider housing some students and show that great Christ Church hospitality. Contact [Cliff Badgley](mailto:Cliff.Badgley) if you can help.

Fall Rothermel Lecture

The fall lecture of the Rothermel Fund will take place on Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Stanley Riggs, Research Professor of Geology at ECU will speak on Sea Level Change in ENC: Past, Present and Predicted.

Over the past 125,000 years, sea level changed from about 25 feet above presently to about 400 feet below, beginning a continuing rise from that nadir 15,000 years ago. Since the early 1700's sea level has been documented rising at an increasing rate marked by incidences of coastal flooding.

Professor Riggs posits there will always be a coastal Carolina, just not where it is today. Attend the lecture to learn more of past, present predicted sea levels and consequences of living at the coast. For additional information about the lecture, contact Ann Bustard at 252-636-2885.

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, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard*, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, and Sandy Valentine.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Linda, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Joseph, Eleanor, Cliff, Julie, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, and Justin.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Philip Buffa, III, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington, Zion Church, Washington.

**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.*

Publication Deadlines

- The October issue of *The Crown* will be distributed on October 9. The article deadline for the November issue will be October 15.
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- Thursday email: noon on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday

Send all pictures and articles to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 2

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
Baptisms of Claire Frances Ballard and Julia Reese Ballard
9:30 am: Ministry Fair following 8:30 am service
(Harrison Center)
9:30 am: Coffee available between services
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))
Renewal of Baptismal Vows
12 pm: Ministry Fair following 11 am service
(Harrison Center)
12 pm: Coffee Hour
4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
5 pm: Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor Chapel,
Harrison Center in case of rain)
6 pm: EYC (Parish House)

Monday, October 3

- 10 am: ECW Board Meeting (Parish House)
11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)
1 pm: Staff Meeting
3 pm: Growing in Grace
4 pm: DOK Meeting (Parish House)

Tuesday, October 4

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
10 am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
7:15 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

- 10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Sunday, October 9

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:30 am: Coffee available between services
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))
12 pm: Coffee Hour
12 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
4 pm: EYC (Pumpkin Patch)

TIDBITS

Contacting 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@christchurch-newbern.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.

Flower Donations

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice and Henry Witten on their birthdays by the Witten family. 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 [here](#). When using the website, please include the memorial or thanksgiving details in the field next to the payment field. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our October Eucharists. For more info 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! Click [here](#) to reserve October dates.
- **Pumpkin Patch Looking for Volunteers:** The Pumpkin Patch is open for business from 10 am - 6 pm every day in October. Please consider signing up for one (or multiple) two-hour shifts. An [online sign-up](#) is available, as well as paper sign-up sheets in the Reception Area.
As part of the Pumpkin Patch, preschool groups visit for an hour in the morning during the week of October 11 - 14. We are looking for some storytellers, craft leaders and other adults to help on the playground those mornings. An [online sign-up](#) is available. Contact Sarah Risty- Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com if you have any questions.

- **Coffee Hours are back!** Coffee hours have returned after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish House. If you would like to volunteer to be a host for a future date, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen. If a host chooses to provide goodies, we will have them. They are not necessary, however. Many thanks to this week's hosts, Bill and Gretchen Lankenau.

- **Dinner and Snacks** for our Children and Youth Sunday activities are needed. If you would like to volunteer to prepare or order dinner for Sunday EYC meetings and snacks for POD gatherings, please click on the links below. Contact Meg at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

[EYC Sign Up](#)

[POD Sign Up](#)

- **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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Games in the Graveyard is coming **October 23** from 4 - 5:30 pm. There will be a Blessing of the Costumes, games around the yard, playground activities and Trunk or Treat. Look for more details in coming weeks!

Rain moves event to Harrison Center

Blessing of the animals

Oct 2
5pm
Outdoor Chapel



Decorative icons: paw prints, a bone, and a heart.

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