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VBS: FINDING GOD'S LIGHT

Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered and contributed to this year's Vacation Bible School. We had a great time discovering all the places we can find God's light in the world. We appreciate Jorin Hood for capturing this year's experience in photos!



*Look for additional
VBS photos on page 6*

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III
Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Christian Formation: Meg Jones
Director of Church Life: Ellie Roberts
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement: Sarah Risty-Davis
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell
Custodian: Terry Pitner

OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours (*Memorial - Labor Day*)
Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 2pm
Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne.

Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Text "FUNDS" to 833.233.8760
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2023:
Howard Furnas III, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Senior Warden*), Sims Wayt
Term through 2024:
Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Clerk*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle

FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:

- www.christchurchnewbern.com
- [Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
- [Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Youtube](#)

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The Crown is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the August edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by July 15, 2023. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger* (*weekly*): Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

PRAYER REQUESTS

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested prayers: 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, Ellen Serra, Geoff Wood, Richard Marsh, and Barbara Wilson.

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, and Magda.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's by the Sea, Nags Head

**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](#).*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

You can see the calendar for the entire month of July and beyond [here](#).

SUNDAY JULY 2	MONDAY JULY 3	TUESDAY JULY 4	WEDNESDAY JULY 5	THURSDAY JULY 6	FRIDAY JULY 7	SATURDAY JULY 8	SUNDAY JULY 9
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11am: Lemonade on the Lawn	12pm: Church Office closes 4pm: Daughters of the King Meeting (Parish House)	INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)				8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11am: Lemonade on the Lawn Following 10 am service: Cursillo Reunion

THE PIPE ORGANS

This three-part series of articles by Jean Reichenbach was

Part 1

Organs, plural, you say? As a matter of fact, yes. Over the years, records show that Christ Church might have had as many as five pipe organs, the first record of which is 1825, according to research done by Christ Church's historian, David Skaggs. Unfortunately, very little is known about this instrument, except that it existed. Subsequently, it appears three maybe four more pipe organs have been supporting our congregational worship. The next organ of which there are records was manufactured by the company George Jardine and Sons. George was an English organ builder, who immigrated to America in 1837, established his own shop, and later became a naturalized citizen. The Christ Church organ, according to records from the Organ Historical Society, was a one manual (keyboard), mechanical action instrument with pedal board, and consisted of a total of 11 stops. Because George built in the English style, building, the sound probably was a warm, mellow sound characteristic of and suited to the Anglican music of which he would be most familiar. Presumably, the fire of 1871 could have brought about the demise of the Jardine, but I have been unable to verify this.

The following information also comes

from David Skaggs: According to Pvt. Henry Clapp, of the 44th Mass. Infantry Regiment, in November 1862 "The organist was a very fine player indeed. He came from the 5th Rhode-Island Reg't." The quote of Pvt. Clapp (a Harvard graduate) is from John R. Barden, ed., Letters to the Home Circle: The North Carolina Service of Pvt. Henry A. Clapp, Company F, Twenty-Fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, 1862-63 (Raleigh: Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 1998.) No record of the name of the infantry man who played exists, and undoubtedly there were others since the regiments rotated in and out of New Bern.

The fire was on January 10, 1871. The church was re-consecrated in 1875. But there apparently was no organ at that time. The records we have, state the following: "the organ was installed that year (1877) made possible by gifts of the Sunday School pupils and by its free transportation from Boston by the Merchants and Miners Line and the Old Dominion Steamship Company. The pipes were of wood and the old pump had to be worked manually until later installation of electricity. An old traction type, it corresponded to the ox-cart method of travel as compared to modern

organs, but its tones were highly praised by musical experts and it served well for many years." This organ was also named as to have been made by Jardine. (The Crown of Life by Gertrude S. Carraway, 1940.)

Part 2

We have a bit more information on the final two instruments that have served the church. In 1943, changing tastes and likely some mechanical issues resulted in the organ of 1877 being replaced by a Hillgreen, Lane instrument. Alfred Hillgren immigrated to America from Sweden in 1881 at age 22. He apprenticed at three pipe organ building companies, and at the third met Charles Lane. The two formed a friendship and decided to go into the pipe organ building business opening a shop in Alliance, Ohio. This company represented a middle of the road approach to pipe organs. Voicing of the pipes was proficient enough, but the sound was not very commanding. Mechanically, the instruments were reasonably built, and some are still in use today after having been rebuilt.

My research has resulted in very little information on this particular instrument in Christ Church as to its size or stop list, and all that I know is that it was up in the front of the church, with pipe work in

Deconsecrating
and Dismantling of
the Zimmer Organ -
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the walls of the alcove that now contains the King George silver communion set, Bible and Prayer Book. This instrument does have an interesting history, of which we do know, thanks to a memorandum made available to me by Mark West, architect at Christ Church, and authored by Dr. Dale Millns. The vestry was made aware in December of 1964 that the Hillgreen, Lane instrument was failing. Subsequently, Robert Hillgreen, then president of the company, came to Christ Church to assess the instrument. Mr. Hillgreen explained that the instrument installed in 1943 had in fact been designated for another church located overseas and was in New York City, either in a warehouse or in the hold of a ship, waiting to be delivered. As this happened right before WWII broke out, the shipment was never made. The organ is reported to have suffered some water damage at this time, but nothing that couldn't be repaired. At any rate, Christ Church purchased it, and it was sent to New Bern. One can speculate that the Hillgreen company didn't want to take a loss on the instrument, so offered it to Christ Church. I have been unable yet to find out why this company was chosen to replace the alleged 1877 Jardine.

The memo further states that because

the instrument was designed for another church, the organ was installed in chambers that were too small, "certain major parts of the organ had to be installed in inaccessible places which (made) proper servicing impossible", and "there (was) no adequate way to remedy (the) situation with the present type of installation."

Part 3

It should be no surprise then, that 25 years later, the vestry was faced with a failing instrument. Vestry minutes from December 3, 1964 indicate "that the organ was no longer working in its best manner and that with the Christmas season coming there was a certain feeling that an electric organ be rented and placed in the balcony along with the choir for a trial to see how the congregation reacted to having the choir and the organ in the balcony." (No further mention of the use of an electric organ was noted in subsequent vestry minutes or other resources.)

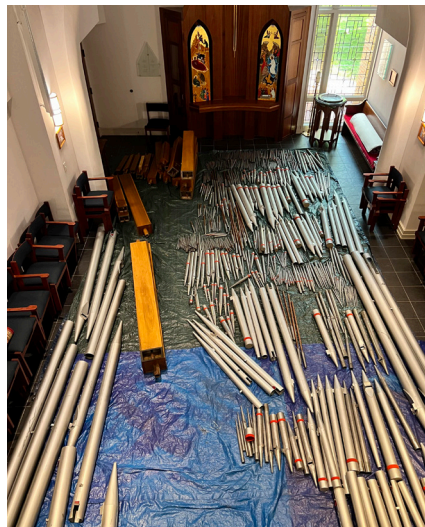
The August 1, 1966, vestry minutes note that a decision was made to replace the Hillgreen, Lane organ, which had been located down in front, and place the new instrument in the balcony.

On October 9, 1966, notes record that "four builders had bid on the job: The

Zimmer Organ Company in Charlotte, NC, the Austin Organ Company of Hartford Ct., the Shantz Company of Ohio and the Cassovant Company from Quebec. After "much discussion", a letter of intent was sent to Zimmer, the low bidder.

Wilhelm Zimmer was of Dutch descent, and immigrated to America in 1964, where he set up shop in Charlotte, NC. As a small organ company, the Zimmer shop relied on organ supply houses for organ parts, i.e. pipes, consoles, etc. Our instrument is representative of a supply house instrument, with many of the pipes coming from Germany (they are actually stamped "Made in Germany"). Some of the wooden pipes seem to have come from the old Hillgreen, Lane, a fact that has been corroborated by parishioners who remember the installation of the Zimmer. Work started on the organ in March 1967 and was completed in March 1968. The cost was \$29,345.

So, to re-cap, our first records indicate an organ was in Christ Church as early as 1825. About twenty years later, the Jardine was installed in 1844, which probably was destroyed in the fire of 1871 and replaced in 1877. Sixty-six years later, came the Hillgreen, Lane, and twenty-five years later came the Zimmer which has served Christ Church for the last fifty years.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Stewardship Wrap-Up

As we wrap up the 2023 Stewardship Campaign, we are filled with GRATITUDE.

Gratitude for the countless hours of volunteer service to Christ Church and its many programs within the church and throughout the community.

Gratitude for the many, many parishioners who made things happen this past year.

Gratitude for the 227 family units who made the commitment to pledge a portion of their income to help Christ Church meet its obligations and for those who decided to pledge just a bit more when a need was brought to their attention.

Gratitude for our children and youth who participated in Sunday School, EYC, VBS, and other activities.

Gratitude for those who donated their time and gifts of food and personal items to the Farm Worker Ministry, the Prison Ministry, Merci Clinic, and RCS.

Gratitude for the \$925,025 pledged to support Christ Church's mission in New Bern for 2023.



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

Gratitude for the many staff and volunteer hours given to the Stewardship Campaign.

Did we leave anyone out? We hope not because everywhere we look at Christ Church, we see loving and dedicated people coming together to praise God for His love and abundant gifts and finding myriad ways to reflect that love and those gifts to others.

Our first stewardship message included a quote from author, educator, and Christian non-profit *Love Does* founder Bob Goff. It was the spark that urged us to say YES to this endeavor.

As we wrap up the 2023 Stewardship Campaign, we do so with another thought from him which, we think, Christ Church lives everyday: "God designed us to need each other. Think bus, not unicycle." So with immense gratitude, we thank you all for hopping on the bus that keeps us moving forward with Jesus at the wheel, GROUNDED IN FAITH AND GROWING TO SERVE.

Thank you and God bless you,

Joanie and Randy Bogle

More Scenes from Vacation Bible School



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Growing in Grace Finishes School Year

Our last day of GIG 2022/2023 school year was a lot of fun! The weather wasn't nice, but we made the best of it! Another great year is in the books, and we are looking forward to GIG 2023/2024. Thank you so much for our amazing volunteers/mentors. We can't do this without you!



Organ Pipes are Available

Individual organ pipes from the Zimmer organ have been removed and are now located in the Chapel. These are available for a \$10 donation.

In the coming weeks, send us pictures of how you are repurposing or displaying the pipes that you purchase. We would love to feature them in upcoming communications. Send all pictures to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Helping the Dream Live On

Many at Christ Church are working to bridge gaps in racial inequality in our community and beyond. Faith communities across New Bern are joining for a bus trip to Washington, DC, on Saturday, August 26, 2023 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech in front of the Lincoln memorial.

Registration forms are available the front desk or by emailing Steve Skiffington at steveskiffington@hotmail.com. Registration ends July 20th.

THE GOODS

RCS Requesting Hygiene Items

Hygiene kits play a vital role in helping RCS Emergency Crisis Shelter clients maintain their dignity and well-being. Join RCS in positively impacting and supporting community members in need by dropping off hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other personal care products to the RCS Main Office at 919 George Street in New Bern.

Altar Flowers

Altar flower donations are a meaningful way to honor a loved one or commemorate a special event in the lives of you and your family. If you would like to donate flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something, there are a couple of ways to let us know.

1. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Reception Area.
2. Call the church office or email communications@christchurchnewbern.com with the details.

Payment for Flowers

We can accept flower payments by cash, check or online. The cost is \$40 per week. You can drop your cash or check off at church during the week or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. To pay online, please visit www.christchurchnewbern.com/give. There is a field where you can indicate that you are donating to Altar Flowers. Questions? Call the church office directly. Thank you for support of our flower ministry.

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@christchurchnewbern.com. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our July services [here](#). August services can be found [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! Reserve your July time slot [here](#). August dates can be found [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.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn** following the 10 am service has returned for the summer season. Many thanks to this week's hosts, Michele and Peter Mnatzakanian. Hosting involves putting lemonade and cups on a cart from the Parish House Kitchen and taking it to the courtyard at the church entrance, then greeting and serving people as they are exiting the 10 am service. Lemonade is provided by church, and you can provide additional treats if you wish. Click [here](#) to host.
- **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 / 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).

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on August 6. Articles should be submitted by July 15.
 - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
 - Thursday email and printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Please send all pictures, articles and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.