

# The Messenger

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## Celebrating our GIG Volunteers

We had a wonderful service last Sunday celebrating our amazing GIG mentors, subs and van drivers. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers for your love and dedication to our program. Looking forward to having everyone back in September.



### UPDATES & REMINDERS

SUMMER SCHEDULE:  
SERVICE TIMES  
8 AND 10 AM

PENTECOST  
PICNIC  
SUNDAY AFTER  
10 AM SERVICE

CHURCH OFFICES  
ARE CLOSED ON  
MEMORIAL DAY,  
MAY 29

PENTECOST  
PICNIC WILL BE  
HELD IN  
HARRISON CENTER

### Volunteer Spotlight: VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 12th-16th and will focus on an exploration to find God's light. We would love at least **FOUR** more volunteers. Helping out at VBS is a great way to serve others, mentor a younger generation and get to know others at Christ Church. You can help with a group (kindergartners, 3rd graders, etc.), or with science or games.

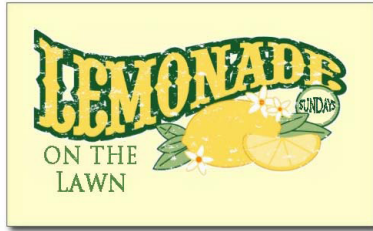
Can't make it that week? We'll need help with decorations the week before. We have posted a donation list [here](#). You can drop the items off at the church, and we'll use them during VBS. Also, your prayers for safety and more knowledge of God's love will help tremendously. Contact Meg at [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) for more information.

You can register a VBS participant or to volunteer by clicking [here](#). Please note that we have limited participant spots left at this time!

# Lemonade on the Lawn

## Returns June 4

Lemonade on the Lawn following 10 am service returns Sunday, June 4. To sign up to host, click [here](#). Two slots are available each week. Lemonade is provided by church, and you can provide treats if you wish.



# Gospel and Prayers

With Sunday School taking a break, we offer Gospel and Prayers through Labor Day during the 10 am service.

During Gospel and Prayers, kids leave the service before the Gospel and move to the Library. They'll hear the Gospel in a younger voice and listen to a children's homily. They'll pray the Prayers of the People by adding stuff they'd like to pray for. We need two adults each week to make this happen. All resources can be emailed ahead of time. It's about 20 minutes of time. If you'd like to help lead or be an extra adult for Gospel and Prayers sign up [here](#) or let Meg ([megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com)) know.

# Organ Recital

All are invited to attend an organ recital at 5pm, June 4, at St Peter's in Washington. The recitalist is Dr. Homer Ferguson from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines.

# Altar Guild Luncheon

Please join us at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 31, in the Parish House. Confirm your reservation with Sims Wayt at [simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com) if you haven't done so already.

# SUMMER CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS

*Children Summer Calendar 2023*

*June*      **June 11:** Children and Family Service (5 pm)  
**June 12 – 16:** VBS  
**June 14:** POD after VBS

*July*      **July 18:** Family Day at the Wood Ducks Game  
**July 24:** Children's Movie Day on the Lawn

*August*      **August 14:** POD Outing at Accidental Artist  
**August 27:** Regular POD Meeting

*Youth Summer Calendar 2023*

*June*      **June 11:** Children and Family Service (5 pm)  
**June 12 – 16:** VBS

*July*      **July 18:** Family Day at the Wood Ducks Game  
**July 25:** Beach Day (Back-up date is July 26)

*August*      **August 3:** Lunch (location TBD)  
**August 11:** Youth Escape Room Outing  
**August 18/19:** EYC Adventure Days

# In peace we pray to you, Lord

**For our ill and recovering parishioners:** 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



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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, and Audrey Von Dolln.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Courtney, 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, Rosco, and Kathi.

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

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Camp Trinity Staff and Campers

*\*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](#).*



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday, May 28

Day of the Pentecost

Summer Schedule Begins

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

11 am: Pentecost Picnic (Harrison Center)

11:30 am: Cursillo Reunion

### Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Holiday -- Church Offices Closed

11 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (via Zoom)

### Tuesday, May 30

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

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

### Wednesday, May 31

12 pm: Altar and Flower Guild Spring Luncheon  
(Parish House)

4:30 pm: Outreach Grant Committee Meeting  
(Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, June 1

3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee  
(Library)

### Saturday, June 3

2 pm: Janet Latham Funeral Service

### Sunday, June 4

Trinity Sunday

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#) with  
Stephen Minister Installation)

11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn

1 pm: Charles Adams Funeral Service

6 pm: EYC

## Publication Deadlines

The June issue of *The Crown* will be distributed June 4. The article deadline for the July issue is June 15. Send items to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

Weekly article deadlines:

- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thursday
- Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: 12 pm on Wednesday

# THE GOODS

## Help Empty the Freezer

Our Christ Church Cooks group has been busy making meals for those who need some, and now the freezer is full. Do you know an individual or family who could use some meals? If so, stop by the freezer and pick some out. Please contact Ellen Chance at [kechance@earthlink.net](mailto:kechance@earthlink.net) with any questions.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Christ Church "Yarn Wizards" have been busy creating comforting shawls and cozy "nap blankets." Our most recent work was recently blessed at the Altar during worship. Shawls are for adults who are in need of comfort. Illness, grief or difficult life-transitions are good reasons to give someone a prayer shawl. A prayer shawl can bring comfort, warmth and sometimes even a tangible sign of love. On the other hand, nap blankets are for all children, from birth to about six years old. (In other words, kids who take naps.) Shawls and nap blankets are stored in the closet next to the Men's Room between the Reception area and the Parish House. If you have a need for a shawl or nap blanket, or you know someone who does, please help yourself. And if you have any questions, call Sheila Cipriano at 252.617.0303.

## Blood Drive

Christ Church is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 8 in the Harrison Center. Time slots are available between 10 am - 2 pm. Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Christ Episcopal, or click [here](#) to schedule an appointment or for more information.

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## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our June services [here](#). July service dates can be found [here](#). For more information 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! Reserve your June time slot [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](mailto:hshine08@suddenlink.net).
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:terrytb49@gmail.com)).
- **Habitat for Humanity Community Service Week:** Habitat for Humanity of Craven County is hosting its Community Service Week from June 6 - 10, and is looking for members of the Faith Community to volunteer at its ReStore and Construction Sites. Volunteers can register and sign up for a shift on Habitat's website at <https://cravencountyhabitat.org/>.
- **Diaper Drive:** During May, the Tryon Civitan Club is hosting its annual Diaper Drive to benefit local agencies. A drop-off box is available in the Reception area. Contact Karen Gabriel at [kagabe54@gmail.com](mailto:kagabe54@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Contacting the 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](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.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.