

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Camp Hope Sneak Peek!

Over 50 campers, as well as many volunteers from Christ Church, arrived at Camp Hope last Sunday for a fun and spirit-filled week. Here are just a couple of pictures from the week. Stay tuned to the September issue of *The Crown* for more images from Camp Hope. *Photo credits: John Steady and YMCA Camp Harrison.*



Fall Clean Up AND PUMPKIN PATCH PREP

On Saturday, September 16th Christ Church is going to get the churchyard prepared for this year's Pumpkin Patch. We need volunteers to help clean up the church grounds to clear the way for the thousands of visitors that will be coming in October. The clean-up will begin at 10 am and will last no more than two hours. **MANY SMALL JOBS** need to be completed. Nursery is available during this time, and **STUDENTS** can get **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS** for helping out. Questions?? Please contact Rick Miller at 301-503-5268 or rickmiller950@hotmail.com.

Honoring our Volunteers

Join us on Sunday August 27, as we celebrate all the ways the people of Christ Church serve our parish, our neighbors, and our community. Our sermon that day will feature Christ Church parishioners talking about how serving in ministry impacts their faith life. After both services, you'll have a chance to learn about the many ministries at Christ Church.



Christ Church BLESSING of the Backpacks

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 20**
**During 10 am
service**



Please join us for this opportunity to bless our students in hopes of a healthy, happy and successful school year.

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.

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.

Additionally, we continue to support Interfaith Refugee Ministry with their back-to-school drive. For 24 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 and have received a tremendous response to our sign up. We ask that you return items on or before August 20th. Many thanks for helping these children in beginning a new school experience.

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. Both donation drop-off deadlines coincide with our parish Blessing of the Backpack event on August 20.



Volunteering with GIG

Growing In Grace is Christ Church's after-school program. We meet Mondays - Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:45 pm. Our mentors work one-on-one with students to help them with homework, test studying, and being an extra person in a child's life. You can choose to do one day a week or as many as you would like.

We will begin our eighth year on Monday, September 18, and we are always excited to welcome new mentors and our returning mentors. We also need subs for mentors and van drivers. Please contact Debbie Fodrie, Director of GIG: debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com if you're interested.

Join us for a Revival

10:30 am - 5 pm, October 21, 2023

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, Newton Grove, NC

We are excited to welcome Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to the Diocese of East Carolina. The feature of his visit will be a Revival, where he will be the featured preacher. You can get an idea of the power of his preaching from these two recent sermons: <https://tinyurl.com/PBatEYE> and <https://tinyurl.com/ya3crn8v>.

We are working on a bus to the event, so watch our regular pieces of media for more details!

One way you can help now is to pray for this event. Pin this prayer someplace you'll see it. Keep it in your hearts and minds, and help us see what God's spirit is doing in East Carolina!

For more information, contact Jettie Pelletier (jettiej9@gmail.com) or the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com) for more information.

We Invite Your Prayers for our Upcoming Revival

REVIVAL PRAYER

Holy and amazing God,

We ask you to open the hearts and minds of the people of East Carolina to what your Holy Spirit is preparing for us.

Remind us of your presence in our everyday life so that we can see your hand at work in the world around us.

Strengthen the leaders of our upcoming Revival and show them the path you are laying out.

Help us let go of the things that distract us from your purpose, and show us where our focus should be.

Sustain our energies before, during, and after this Revival so that we may be the agents of transformation you have called us to be.

Empower us to engage our neighbors so we can share the loving, liberating, life-giving Good News of Jesus.

In his holy name we pray. Amen.



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

August 14	POD Accidental Artist Outing (2:30 pm)
August 17 & 18	Youth Adventure Days
August 27	Regular POD Meeting

In peace we pray to you, Lord

For parishioners who have re- quested 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



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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, Geoff Wood, Richard Marsh, Bev Perdue, Edward Opphile, and Mary K. Whitfield.

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, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Gabe, Magda, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, and Butch.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Plymouth; Interfaith Refugee Ministry; and Lower Cape Fear Deanery

**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*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

For where two or three come
together in my name, there am I
with them.

Matthew 18:20

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 13

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn

Following 10 am service: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

Monday, August 14

1 pm: Staff Meeting

2:30 pm: POD Accidently Artist Outing (Offsite)

4 pm: Graveside Service for William Kelly

Tuesday, August 15

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

5 pm: Parish Life Commission Meeting (Library)

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

Wednesday, August 16

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, August 17

10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist

4 pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)

5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)

Friday, August 18

Youth Adventure Day

Saturday, August 19

Youth Adventure Day

Sunday, August 20

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn

11:30 am: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Publication Deadlines

The September issue of *The Crown* will be distributed September 3. The article deadline is August 15. Send items to 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

Habitat for Humanity Seeking Local Liaison

Most of us are aware of the wonderfully respected organization, Habitat For Humanity. Because of their new, executive leadership (Tracey Lilly), they are expanding into very dynamic, energetic and exciting areas. Their resale store is doing great, as is their home building program. They have a newsletter that is several pages long and is filled with hundreds of ways one could imagine to volunteer.

Christ Church has traditionally had a liaison between our Outreach Commission and H4H. This role is newly vacant, and we are looking for someone who would like to serve in this capacity. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact: Jim Behl, Outreach Commission Chair, at 650-740-3392 or via email at jbehl@usa.net to learn more.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Lemonade on the Lawn following 10 am service has returned for the summer season. Many thanks to this week's hosts, Peter and Michele Mnatzakanian. Hosts are still needed for the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. To sign up to host, click [here](#).

Cursillo News

Cursillo Adds Weekday Reunion Option

In addition to our Cursillo reunions following the second service on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, a new weekday reunion option will be added starting in September. This will take place on on the second Monday of every month at 1 pm in the Bride's Room. These are both open door, and anyone may join.

Cursillo National 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 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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click on these links for [August](#) and [September](#) Sundays. 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 August dates [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.
- **MERCI Clinic Office Supplies Collection:** During the month of August, we are collecting various office supplies for MERCI Clinic. Click [here](#) to see the full list. A collection box is located in the Reception Area. All items are available from Amazon. Thank you for your support for this wonderful ministry!
- **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).
- **Items needed for Lil Pantry:** We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST! Kits of chicken/tuna salad

Weekly Al-Anon Meeting at Christ Church

7 - 8 am, Tuesdays
2nd Floor Living Room

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.