

# The Messenger

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November 19 - 26, 2023

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## Vestry Nominations

We are grateful to the following parishioners who will stand for election to the Vestry of Christ Church:

**Stephen Clayton**

**Laura Overman**

**Wayne Rowe**

**Peter Mnatzakanian**

**Elmer Praul**

**Graham Underhill**

Members of the Nominating Committee and Vestry will receive any further names from the floor today, Sunday, November 19th, at 10:00 am beside the Baptismal Font in the Nave. All nominations must be made and seconded to be valid, and each nominee must agree prior to nomination. No nominations will be received after 10:00am, November 19th. Biographies for all of the nominees will be available on or before Sunday, November 26th.

Voting occurs during the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held Sunday, December 10th. Parishioners must vote for FOUR nominees. We encourage you to pray for all of the nominees and pray about how you will cast your ballot on December 10th. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work: Senior Warden Elizabeth Livingston, Susan Husson, Barbara Rice, Carl Huddle, Darrin Embrey, Betsy Jutras, Howard Furnas, Jettie Pelletier, Jim Behl, John King, Nancy Mansfield, Sims Wayt, Tony Embrey, and Phyllis Fox.

## Thanksgiving Eve Service, Followed by Pie

Join us at 6 pm, this Wednesday, November 22, for our Thanksgiving Eve service, followed by pie and fellowship in the Parish House. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEA928ABFF2-46134629-service#/> and sign up to bring a pie of your choice to share with church members and friends. Coffee provided by Christ Church.



## Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation

It was a great day last Sunday, November 12, at Christ Church. We had a 4 pm Eucharist with Bishop Skirving, as 16 people renewed their Baptismal promises through Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. We are thankful to be on this journey with Jesus together.



## 2023 Angel Tree Project

Angel Tree is a Christian prison ministry in which Christ Church has participated since 1984. The children we serve reside in Craven and Pamlico counties and have at least one parent who is currently incarcerated. The prisoners sign up for this program through the chaplain at their prison.

Since COVID, we have changed how we do Angel Tree. Instead of buying and wrapping presents, we now send gift cards to the custodial parents for him/her to purchase presents. We have received very positive feedback from the families, and they are overwhelmed by the generosity of Christ Church. We will be taking around 55 children this year. If we receive extra funds, we will also be able to send grocery gift cards and provide gift cards to our GIG children.

We are asking for donations in any amount for this wonderful and meaningful project. Donations can be made via check (with Angel Tree in the memo line) or online at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/give](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give). We are hoping to raise at least \$5,000. Please call Ellen Chance at 252.259.5214 with any questions. Thanks so much and Merry Christmas!

# Countdown to Cookie Walk

Only a few more weeks until Cookie Walk! Since you are already in the kitchen making your Thanksgiving meal, plan to make some extra goodies. Have your family and guests help by asking them to bring cookies to freeze. Try Chocolate Candy Cane Crunch Cookies to get you in the mood for the holidays (<https://picky-palate.com/chocolate-candy-cane-crunch-cookies/>).

In addition to bakers, we also need volunteers to help in the days leading up to Cookie Walk. Come join us for Boxing Day on Thursday, December 7 from 10 am - 1 pm. We will also be plating cookies all day on Friday, December 8, at the Harrison Center. Pop in and package for an hour or two.

Cookie Walk -- the big event -- will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, December 9, and, of course, we'll need volunteers that day, too!

Click [here](#) to volunteer and [here](#) to bake. A paper sign up is located in the Reception Area. Also, you can sign up using the tablet kiosk in the Reception Area. All of the proceeds from this event are returned to our community. Contact Sims Wayt at [simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com) with questions.



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOME BAKED COOKIES FROM OUR KITCHENS TO YOU

24TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 / 10AM UNTIL 1 PM  
THE HARRISON CENTER / 311 MIDDLE STREET



FIRST ANNUAL CHRIST CHURCH

Holiday

ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET

Saturday, December 9, 2023  
9 AM - 4 PM  
Christ Episcopal Church  
320 Pollock St., New Bern, NC

[holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com)

Join us for

## 2023 Advent Lessons and Carols at Christ Episcopal Church



Sunday, December 17

5:30 pm

320 Pollock Street, Downtown New Bern

## Cursillo Ultreya

East Carolina Cursillo will be holding an Ultreya or "Welcome Home" from 2 – 4 pm, today, Sunday, November 19, at Saint Christopher's in Havelock. In the Cursillo community, Ultreya signifies an event that is held after a Cursillo weekend. The picture below is from this fall's EC103 East Carolina Cursillo.

Please contact fellow parishioners about carpooling to Saint Christopher's. It will take 30 minutes travel time from Christ Church. All are welcome! For more information, contact Mary Lynn Guidage at [mlglinton12@gmail.com](mailto:mlglinton12@gmail.com). DeColores!



## Vestry-Appointed Committees

Each year, the Vestry is responsible for appointing new members to various committees. For 2024, there are open positions on the Endowment Board, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee and as a Diocesan Convention Delegate.

For more information, please contact Senior Warden Beth Livingston ([elizabethcherrylivingston@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcherrylivingston@gmail.com) / 252.617.9719) or the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252.633.2109). If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please complete the form at <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Committees>. You may check as many boxes as you feel called to check. Also, please tell us a little bit about why you would be good for the role.

# 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, Patty Willis, and Peter Mnatzakanian.

**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, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Sandy, Pam, Belinda, and Brittany.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's, Wilmington

*\*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](#).*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar) and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

### **Sunday, November 19**

*Third UTO Collection Sunday*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

### **Tuesday, November 21**

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

5 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) - **Date Change**

6 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) - **Time Change**

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

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) - **Date Change**

### **Wednesday, November 22**

6 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service (Nave) - Stay and enjoy pie after service

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, November 23**

*Thanksgiving Day - Church Offices Closed*

### **Friday, November 24**

*Church Offices Closed*

### **Sunday, November 26**

*Christ the King Sunday*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

12 noon: EYC Lunch (Offsite) - **Time Change**

## Greening of the Church

9 am - 12 noon  
**Saturday, December 16**

Come help us beautify the interior of Christ Church for the Christmas season. Please drop in any time. All ages welcome.  
[simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com)

## Christ Church Cooks Fills the Freezer

Christ Church Cooks were hard at work cooking this week, and the freezer is full. Stop by and pick up a meal or two to take to someone in need.

# THE GOODS

## United Thank Offering

Today is the final Sunday of the Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church's annual UTO collection. 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/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/united-thank-offering/). All Saints ECW thanks you for your continuing support of this ministry.

## The Order of the Daughters of the King

### *Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom*

The Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King here at Christ Church is part of a national order, established in 1885, for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. The purpose of the Order is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our church. Members undertake a Rule of Prayer and keep an ongoing prayer list that is confidential and shared only with the Order. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, the Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King Order here at Christ Church is available to assist with your requests, either through their prayer list or with a one-on-one encounter. These requests are totally confidential. For more information or to request prayer assistance, contact Jane Jones ([janejkerr@gmail.com](mailto:janejkerr@gmail.com)) or fill out the yellow prayer request card located in the pew rack. This request is confidential and will only be seen by our Order of the Daughters of the King.



## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. November services are available [here](#). December dates can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto: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:** We are looking for hosts 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 for hosting this week's 8:30 am Coffee Hour.
- **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Want to try something new at Christ Church? If you are interested in reading the scriptures to the congregation during Sunday worship as a Lay Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister, who coordinates these volunteers. She can be reached at 252.634.7984 or [lindamcalister50@gmail.com](mailto:lindamcalister50@gmail.com). Training is offered for this ministry.
- **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.
- **RCS Seeking Volunteers and Clothing Items:** Religious Community Services is looking for a few extra volunteers this season for their clothing boutique. To start the volunteer process, visit <https://bit.ly/RCSvolunteer>, and then call RCS at 252.633.2767 to schedule a volunteer orientation. RCS is in need of the following NEW clothing items for men, women, boys, and girls: socks, underwear, winter hats, and gloves. In addition, they are looking for gently used shoes for men, boys, and girls and coats for all ages and sizes. Clothing can be dropped off at RCS (919 George Street) or delivered to Terry Brubaker ([terrytb49@gmail.com](mailto:terrytb49@gmail.com)).



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:7*