

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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The Why of Stewardship

This week we begin a series to provide concrete information about stewardship, proportional giving, and ways to look at what we give as a family invested in Christ Church and its mission.

As we consider our pledges for the upcoming church year, it is important to keep in mind Christ Church's requirements to meet its budget. Without adequate income, parish programs and services, described in previous *Messengers*, cannot function effectively, if at all. Salaries, operations, maintenance, costs of marketing and outreach, ministries within and outside the church, support of local charities, and so much more are supported by little more than the loving generosity of the church's members.

Stewardship, however, is much more than paying bills. It is a personal journey in faith that lets us give back to God some of what He has given us. Consider God's gifts in your life for a moment.

- We have been given the precious gift of life.
- We have health, intellect, and spirituality.
- We are the inheritors of a fruitful earth.
- We have talents to develop and use.
- We have a variety of opportunities through which to use the gifts we have been given.
- Most of all, we have known, in some measure, God's boundless love through Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Christian stewardship really begins when you start to give in response to all you have been given. When you begin practicing stewardship with God, you acknowledge all of these gifts. In like fashion, when you pledge to become a financial steward of Christ Church, you are acknowledging the gifts the church gives in Jesus' name.

Lord God, we pray for all activities at Christ Church that they bring glory to You as Your glory is shown to others. May we remember the words in 1 Timothy 6:18:

Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share. Give us servant's hearts willing to be good stewards of the Word. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the greatest servant of all. Amen



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

Your Faith Journey: Adult Confirmation & Reception

Our four-week series, where we will explore more about our own faith journeys and all the ways we can deepen those journeys within an Episcopal context, starts TODAY. If you have recently joined our tradition and are interested in being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church, we welcome you to join us in preparation for the bishop's visit on November 12th. Anyone interested in learning more about the history of the church and our theology is also welcome to attend. The class will meet at 9:45 am Sunday mornings in the Library.

This week our topic will be *How'd we get here: An introduction to the history of The Episcopal Church, The Diocese of East Carolina, and Christ Church.*

If you have any questions, please reach out to Paul (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.631.5861) or Suzanne (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.631.5862).

Get the Realm Mobile App

Stay connected to the church wherever you go by downloading the free *Connect Our Church Community* app for iPhone

and Android devices. Use it to communicate with your groups, manage your giving, update profile information and more. It makes it easy for us to connect throughout the week and know what's happening.

Go to the Play store or the App store on your phone and search for *Realm Connect*. Select and download the app. To sign in, you will need a Realm login, which can be created from the the email invitation sent to you by the church. Enjoy exploring the Realm mobile app.





Christ Episcopal Church

2023 Pumpkin Patch

Seven Days a Week, 10 am - 4 pm

Many shifts are available --

click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

All proceeds go to local charities.

Pumpkin Patch Baked Goods

In the past, our Pumpkin Patch has sold wonderful baked goods. This has been a great addition to the pumpkin sales. We are asking for our church community to contribute. Cookies, Muffins, Small Loaves, Small Cakes, Fancy Pretzels are all very popular. PLEASE HELP US OUT!

Simply do the baking, and place the goods in the appropriate sized zip lock bag. We will do the pricing with small labels. We will need the baked goods throughout October. Sign ups are not necessary. Just leave your tasty treats in the Reception Office or take them to the Pumpkin Patch Tent. Baked goods are only being sold during the weekends, so please bring the goodies to church on Thursday or Friday.

Thanks So Much. The Pumpkin Patch Crew

Holiday Market Committee Seeking Volunteers

New this year, the Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9 AM until 4 PM, and we are looking for some creative volunteers for the planning committee.

The event will be on the church grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets. More information and a vendor application can be found [here](#) and on the “[Quick Links](#)” section of our website.

Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. Contact Tony Embrey at 828.774.9592 if you’re interested in volunteering.

2023 Cookie Walk Preview

Helping our community, one cookie at a time.

The countdown until the December 9 Cookie Walk is on, and today you can get a preview of the big event from 8am to Noon in the Parish House. Stop by and see us to volunteer and enjoy a cookie or two. We need bakers, as well as volunteers to help decorate the Harrison Center, plate the cookies, and, of course, help on the day of the Cookie Walk. All of the proceeds from this event are returned to our community as Outreach Grants. For more information, contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.

One-on-One Prayer

Have you ever felt the need to have someone pray for you? With you? Sometimes it can be really good for our body, mind, and soul to share a concern with someone else and ask them to pray with us.

Beginning Sunday, November 5th, we will have that opportunity during Communion at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. Prayer Ministers will be in the Chapel to pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

Watch this space for more information on this new ministry at Christ Church! If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5861) for more information.

Christ Church Charity Grants

Our Christ Church Local Charity Grant process has been simplified with a single Grant Application Form and application deadline. The Christ Episcopal Church / Outreach Grant Application is now online and can be found [here](#), as well as on our website at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. This year’s application deadline is Tuesday, October 24. For more information, contact Ellie Roberts at ellieroberts@christchurch-newbern.org.

ECW Trolley Tour

It’s not too late to make your reservation and join us on our third annual ECW Trolley Tour. This year we will tour the sites and hear the stories from the novels of Nicholas Sparks.

The tour is tomorrow, October 9, and we will leave promptly at 10 am from the Christ Church parking lot. The tour is 1.5 hours. Tickets are \$25, payable in advance, so contact Rodney Hayes (rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com / 203.640.2638) today to reserve your seat(s).

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, and Charlie Henke.

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, and Dan.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chaplains and All Non-Parochial Clergy

**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

Nametags on Sundays

With so many new faces at church on Sunday mornings, this is a gentle reminder to wear your nametag as a way to introduce yourself to others. Nametags are hanging on hooks in the hallway across from the Library. If you would like a new or updated nametag, please write your name on the sheet on the clipboard. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 8 - Cookie Walk Preview

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

3 pm: Blessing of the Pets (Outdoor Chapel)

4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

6:30 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom)

Monday, October 9

10 am: ECW Trolley Tour (Offsite)

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)

1 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Bride's Room)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

Tuesday, October 10

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

10 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

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

7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, October 11

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

5:30 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, October 12

11 am: Funeral for James Sawyer

3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time (Nave)

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

6:30 pm: AA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

2 pm: EYC at Pumpkin Patch

6:30 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom)

Blessing of the Pets

Bring your favorite furry, feathered, finned or scaly friend to the Outdoor Chapel today at 3 pm for a Blessing of the Pets. A picture of your favorite pet (current or passed on) or a stuffed animal are also welcome.

THE GOODS

Cursillo News

CURSILLO FALL WEEKEND

The Cursillo Ministry of the Diocese of East Carolina traditionally holds two Cursillo weekends every year. These weekends are designed to enrich and deepen an individual's faith journey and foster ministry among lay people. The Fall 2023 weekend will take place November 9 - 12.

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. For more information contact Mary Lynn Guidage at mlglinton12@gmail.com.

EPISCOPAL CURSILLO MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference was held September 21 - 23 at the Virginia Theological Seminary, with special speaker Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons.



Rothermel Foundation Fall Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will host James C. Peterson, PhD, for their Fall lecture. His topic will be *Human Gene Editing for the Good Life*. Peterson will give a first-hand report of how geneticists across the world have been meeting to discern and encourage the best use of Gene Editing technology for healing human disease, and maybe even enhancement. He will describe in particular how the most influential religious traditions, such as the Christian faith, have thought about the roles of genes and gene editing.

The lecture will take place at 2 pm, Sunday, October 22, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church, New Bern.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. October services can be found [here](#). November services are available [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristy@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 October dates and [here](#) for November dates.
- **RCS Requesting Personal 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.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:** Coffee Hours have returned. We need hosts, however, 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 this week's hosts, Jane Jones and Betsy Phillips
- **Warm Their Soles Sock Donation Drive:** Socks are the most needed, but least donated, article of clothing for the needy. To help remedy that situation on a local level, The Tryon Civitan Club is sponsoring a sock drive this month to benefit Religious Community Services (RCS). They are collecting new socks for men, women and children. A collection bin is located in the Reception Area.
- **Sprucing up the Sunday School Rooms:** Put your DIY skills to use by helping us paint the chalkboards in the Education Rooms. All paint and materials have been purchased; we are just looking for someone to complete the job. On-the-job guidance is available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ellie Roberts (ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com) or Rick Miller (rickmiller950@hotmail.com).

Looking Ahead: ECW November Program

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) are very excited to invite you to join us at our meeting at 10 am, November 13th, in the Parish House. Our featured speaker is Mitch Lewis, a local artist who established Arts to End Genocide (ATEG) in 2014.

Mitch traveled and found women and children (Internally Displace Persons) living on a garbage dump in Mali. An ATEG Skills Training Program has taught the women how to sew, established a Women's Cooperative, and built a solar powered building in which to work, as well as given them sewing machines and supplies. This program presents women a pathway for economic empowerment and restored dignity. The women make purses, billfolds, fans and other items to be sold in the United States. Locally, they can be found at the gift shop located in History Center on Front Street. For more information, please contact Jane Broaddus at broaddusjane@gmail.com.