



CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Help Ukrainian Refugees

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." Matthew 25:35*

As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis. Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. As of right now, there is a need for food, water and shelter. Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief & Development in this response. Visit [episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis](http://episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis) for more information.

## Volunteers Needed: Funeral Reception Team



The Funeral Reception team is looking for more volunteers to help with set up, food preparation, serving and cleanup afterwards. For those who are not aware, the parish offers to provide a

reception in the Parish Hall after a funeral service. It is not always requested by the family, but when it is, the team members will provide light refreshments.

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, please contact Tony Embrey with any questions and to sign up for the team. 828-774-9592 or email [tembrey1103@gmail.com](mailto:tembrey1103@gmail.com)

## Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Watch

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

"He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour"

— Mark 14:37

Keep watch with Jesus for an hour following the Maundy Thursday liturgy leading up to the Noon Good Friday service at the altar of repose in the Chapel.

Sign up at [this link](#).

**HELP WANTED**



# Foyers group cocktail party

The Foyers group is getting together again, after a long absence, and all parishioners are invited to participate.



Jane Ashford has generously offered to host a cocktail party at her home on Friday, March 18th, from 5 to 7 PM. Everyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer to share, as well the beverage of your choice. We also ask that you bring your own glass, so as not to burden Jane with providing all the glassware.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this event, or any future Foyers group activity, should contact Robin Biondi by email ([robinbiondi@awws.net](mailto:robinbiondi@awws.net)) or phone (707-433-6144) to be put on the list. Robin will fill you in on the details and answer any questions you may have at that time. All are welcome to join us for a Spring evening of fellowship, fun and camaraderie!

We plan to have coffee and nibbles available in the Parish House after the 8:30 and 11AM services beginning March 20.

Jackie and John have retired from this ministry, but we have a plan. It's called a TEAM. Can you HELP?

Here's the plan:

Darrin Embrey has agreed to be the team leader. He attends the 8:30AM service. He will set up prior to all Sunday services — except when he can't. So he needs back-up help.

**On Friday/Saturday PM** (depending on who is using the Parish House and when)

- Prepare two coffee urns and a hot water urn (put on the cart and/or move to the buffets)
- Prepare coffee/teacups and condiments (put on the cart and/or move to the buffets)
- Set all up in the Parish House (nibbles TBD)

**On Sunday AM**

- Have a volunteer who attends the

8:30 service turn on one urn prior to the service for the after 8:30 crowd. (Darrin can do this but needs a back-up.)

- Have another volunteer who attends the 11AM service turn off/unplug the 8:30 urn; move to kitchen, turn on the 11AM urn prior to the service.
- AND TURN OFF/UNPLUG the 11AM urn before coffee hour ends.
- Have all parishioners place used cups and utensils on the cart.

**Monday AM**

- Clean up urns and all other stuff.

## Sunday Coffee Hour Nibbles:

Your chance for creative cooking!  
We are forming a "Sunday Nibbles" team: A volunteer, or two, will agree to provide nibbles for the after 8:30 and after 11AM service coffee hour attendees one Sunday a month. Jane Ashford will do all 5th Sundays.

Call or email Jane Ashford if you can help.  
[Jane.ashford@neuse-woods.com](mailto:Jane.ashford@neuse-woods.com) 252-288-2838

## Part-time position open at Christ Church

Want to work on Team Awesome? We are hiring an Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement. This person will coordinate, identify, and recruit volunteers for areas of need at Christ Church (among other things!) [Click here](#) to read more or contact [Ellie Roberts](#) with questions.



Christ Church Ultreya

Those who have attended a Curcillo weekend want to share this weekend opportunity with you. All of Christ Church is invited on March 13th at 3pm in the Pelletier room for a mini Ultreya. We are happy to have Bishop Skirving at this event to share his experience of a Curcillo weekend, pray, hear a talk, and sing with us. Let us come together as Gods children!

# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

**For our ill and recovering parishioners:** Barbara Willis, Gary Derck, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,\* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon\*, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter\*, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard\*, Paul Tait, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vivienne Armstrong, Martha Schell, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, JoAnn Frank, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Margaret Wall, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, Rodney Hayes, CB Evans, Cathy Fitch, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betty Primavera, Betty Simon, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Ken Chance, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Robin Biondi, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, and Jim Banks.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Jeff, Corinne, Travis, Edward, Irene, Matt, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, Jim, Joanne, Anderson, Vicki, Nelma, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Laurie, Amelia, Dennis, Blake, Brian, Oakley, Bryce, Helen, Carter, Eunice, Mary, Joseph, Mason, Sarah, Nicholas, Janet, Myra, Jimmy, Jim, Denni, Matthew, Chelsea, Niels, Cindy, Lucia, Trinity, Pam, Jason, C.E. (Max), Christopher, PK, Beverly, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Bryan, Patti, Ruth, Ron, Patty, Jackie, Jani, Barrie, John, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Norma Jean, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Linda, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Caliana, Raymond, Polly, Julie, and Phil.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Philip Buffa, III.

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Christ Church, Elizabeth City, and Holy Innocents, Seven Springs

*\*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 [Dare Oliver](#).*

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The *Crown* will be distributed on April 3, so we need all articles submitted by March 15th.
  - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
  - MidWeek Messenger (Thursday) email: noon on Wednesday
  - Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Send all pictures and articles to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at [dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com).

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday, March 13

8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:45am: Sunday School  
11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))  
3pm: Christ Church Ultreya (Pelletier Room)  
3pm: Mom's Group (Parish House)  
6pm: EYC (Youth Room)

### Monday, March 14

10am: ECW All Saints Meeting (Parish House)  
11am: Staff Meeting  
11:30am: Contemplative Prayer (zoom)  
3:30pm: Growing in Grace  
5:15pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

### Tuesday, March 15

Deadline to submit photos/articles for April's Crown  
8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)  
10am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)  
3:30pm: Growing in Grace  
6pm: Rehearsal (Nave)  
6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)  
7pm: Bell Choir rehearsal (Music Room)

### Wednesday, March 16

10am: ECW Diocese (Parish House)  
11am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)  
3:30pm: Growing in Grace  
4:30 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church  
6 pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)  
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)  
7 pm: Parish Choir (Nave)

### Thursday, March 17

10am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)  
10:45am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist  
3:30pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

### Saturday, March 19

1pm: Funeral for Dottie Parker

### Sunday, March 20

8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:45am: Sunday School  
11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))  
5:30pm: EYC (First Presbyterian Church)

# TIDBITS

## Packages for College Students

The youth will be packing boxes for our college students in a few weeks. We want to make sure we reach college students (undergrad or grad school) from Christ Church. The youth will fill the boxes with treats and letters of love. Send [Meg](#) their address, major and graduation year before April 1st. We'll send them around Easter.

## Our New Organ Specs

*The link to the new organ specs did not work last week, so we are trying again. You can see the specs [here](#).*

Aaron Reichert, tonal director for Taylor & Boody, and music director Clifford Badgley spent an hour on the phone discussing the specifications of our new organ. Cliff is excited!

Construction on our organ will not begin until probably this coming summer, with delivery expected the following year. But much planning has to be done first, and these are the first steps.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

## Register for VBS



**Join us for VBS June 13-17th.**

We're having a Food Truck Party to learn more about how God feeds God's people. All children, ages 3-rising 5th grade, are invited. Youth in rising 6th grade-adults can be volunteers.

We'll need lots of help to make this an awesome week. We meet from 9am to noon each day, and we'll try to be outside to help with Covid safety. We can't wait to party with you! Contact [Meg Jones](#) if you have any questions.

[Register here.](#)

## Scholarship Opportunity

The Ann Bustard Award was created to honor the service of Ann Bustard to Christian Education as Director of Children's Ministries. The Scholarship is awarded to a youth member of Christ Church who demonstrates academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities, as well as leadership, service and participation in church activities. Those eligible must complete the application form and submit a transcript of high school grades to the award selection committee. Both documents are needed to complete your application. Application forms will be available at the reception desk and [this link](#). The deadline is noon on March 25th.

## Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul. Use [this link](#) or call 252.633.2109. 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.

## Be Aware of Scams!

This is the phone number/email address for Paul: 252-571-6892 and [paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com). Messages coming from other emails or numbers should be viewed with suspicion.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher in March, and click [here](#) for the April link. For more info, 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! The signup link for March is [here](#). The signup link for April is [here](#).

## Sunday School Updates

- **Godly Play** - Last week they talked about Jesus in the wilderness. You can talk to them about worshipping God. This week they'll learn about St. Patrick.
- **Whirl (K-2nd)** - Last week they talked about the two sacraments, Baptism and Eucharist. You can talk to them about how almost all of them have done both already. This week they'll talk through the Baptismal Covenant.
- **Whirl (3rd-5th)** - Last week they talked about the Bible and what it is. Talk about the Bibles you have at home. This week they'll learn what's in the Bible, especially the difference between the Old and New Testaments.
- **Youth** - Last week they wondered if believing in Jesus was the only way to heaven. You can talk about what your family thinks. This week they'll learn about Abraham and Sarah.
- **Lectionary Class** will cover the readings for this week.
- **Episcopal 101:** We will be looking at the Creeds of the Church - a little bit of how they came to be and a lot about how they shape our faith.

## Flower Donations

The greenery behind the altar today is given to the glory of God by Karen and David O'Connell and by Jean Reichenbach in thanksgiving for her son, Officer Chris Konzen, on his birthday

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area. You can also call the church office or sign up online [here](#).

When using the website, please include the memorial or thanksgiving details in the field next to the payment field. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.