

Christ Church Good News & Notes!

Deadline for GNN submissions is Wednesday at noon.

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



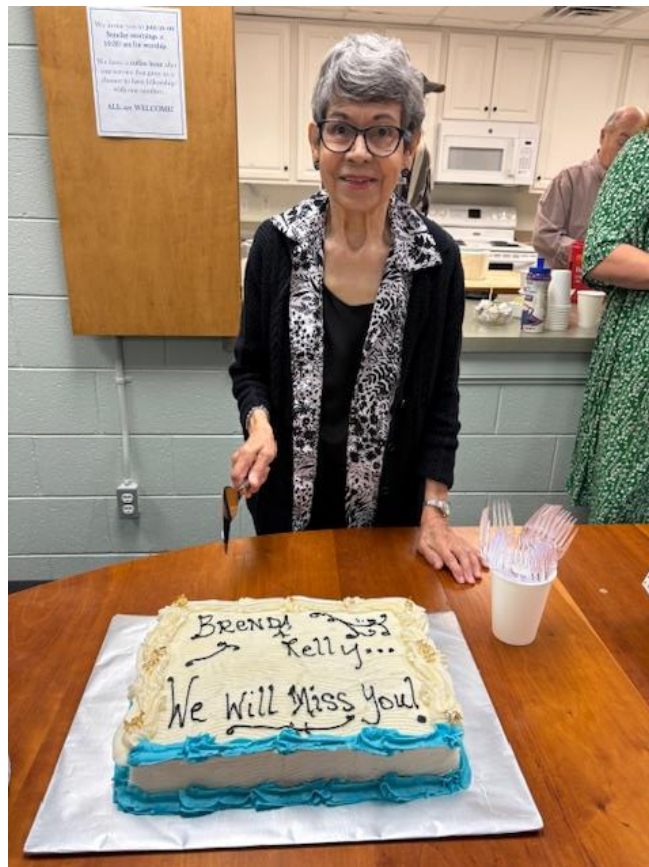
Saying goodbye to our beloved, Brenda Weems

We said our goodbyes to our friend last Sunday. She and her husband, Kelly, are moving THIS weekend to live with their daughter in Chapel Hill. Brenda has been a member here for 20 years and has been a part of our growth. She will appreciate well wishes mailed to her new address found in the updated Directory available this Sunday. {Photos by Jann Boggs}





She sang a hymn for those of us in the service last Sunday.



We all enjoyed cake as we wished her well.



Brenda and Ann



Ella (back to the camera), Joan, Brenda, and Nancy



Ushers are Back!

Every now and then we try something new. Our no-ushers effort was not as successful as we'd hoped so we're returning to the use of ushers. What does this mean? It means when the communion music begins, the ushers will both approach the front pews and will move backwards, allowing members & friends to approach the altar as there is room. Those seated on the left-side pews will move to the center of the altar and line up to the left. Those seated on the right-side pews will move to the far right side of the altar and will move left to the center. The ushers will handle guiding individuals, if needed, and we hope to return to a time of solemn approach to the altar for communion. See you there!



Ladies Lunch Out changes to Monday, Sept 15th

Ladies Lunch Out (LLO) has been meeting on the 3rd Friday of each month at a different local restaurant. Our new Priest-in-Charge, Karla, is here on Sundays & Mondays so **LLO switched its Sept lunch to NEXT Monday, Sept 15th**. All the women participating will **meet here at Christ Church at 11:30 am that morning** and will **carpool to Mis Arados**. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the list so we can give the restaurant a heads up. The sign-up sheet is on the information table.



Schedule

Sunday, September 14 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

Monday, September 15

11:30 am – Ladies Lunch Out meets at the church to carpool to Mis Arados

Tuesday, September 16

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, September 17

9:30 am – Yoga with Julie

Sunday, September 21 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, September 23

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, September 24

9:30 am – Yoga with Julie

Sunday, September 28 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service



Please join us in prayer for...

Intercessions:

Ann & Frank Withrow, Antje & Bill, Bob Bamberg, Brenda & Kelly Weems, Carl & Carol Greer, Charles & Christine McKelvy, Chuck & Sally Besaw, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Emily Buck, Isabel Tomé, Jamey Bass, Jay Woodruff, Jean Callison, Jennie Smith, Jonathan, Lucy, Luke & Cole & Andrew Bagwell, Lynn Ellis (Sara Brown Davis's aunt), Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Martha Adams, Marybeth & Ned Lentz, Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rod Pace & Louise Law, Rudy McKnight, Sandra, and Vanita (Ruthie's sister). And we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed:

Birthdays: Jim Lambie (Sept 13), Larry Seckel (Sept 16), Pat Bassett (Sept 17)

Wedding Anniversaries & other Thanksgivings:



Please pray for all the staff, volunteers, supporters & inmates at
River North Correctional Center, Independence, VA



Check out our website at: www.christchurchalleghany.org

Join us on Facebook at: Christ Episcopal Church – Sparta, NC

NEW email address: christchurchspartanc@gmail.com



Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
Sept 14	Judy Ritchie	Kathy Hudgins
Sept 21	Janice & Ken Kleva	Patti Phelps
Sept 28		Patti Phelps
Oct 5	Judy Ritchie	



Save-the-Date!

Blessing of the Animals service will be
held on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 pm



We'll gather outside with our four-legged friends – dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, reptiles, etc. – and participate in the blessing service. Karla will lead us in a brief service that includes blessing each animal present. **Please remember to have your dogs on a leash and your other animals safely kept in a travel crate.**

Episcopal Blessing of the Animals services stem from the 13th-century life and traditions of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, with the modern popularization of the practice happening significantly in the late 20th century. These services, often held around October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis, celebrate God's creation and acknowledge the important role animals play in our lives, serving as a way to express appreciation for pets and the broader natural world.



Coming soon: The Airing of the Mountain Quilts!

The Alleghany Quilters Guild will be airing quilts at Sparta Presbyterian Church during the Mountain Heritage Festival

Sept 20, 2025
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Donations accepted!



Save the Date: Sunday, October 19th

Plan to stay after church on October 19. Grab your coffee and snacks and a seat, and we'll get to hear Rebecca Gaskin share some of her experience in Abu Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. She and Arnold have lived there for five years. They live in a multi-cultural, multi-religious, multi-ethnic community which has many opportunities to learn about each other. The Anglican Church they attend, where Rebecca is on the leadership council, manages a compound where the Anglican community shares space with multiple guest congregations, including the Syrian Orthodox Church, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Church of South India, a Hindu temple and others. They socialize and celebrate Ramadan and the Eid holy days, and several Indian holy days and festivals. Abu Dhabi is the capitol of the United Arab Emirates, a country that promotes religious and cultural tolerance in the Gulf. Rebecca will tell us a little about the community and the people where she and Arnold live.



UPDATE: Yoga class with Julie will continue to meet **THROUGH** November!

Julie is leading a weekly YOGA class in our Parish Hall on Wednesday mornings at **9:30 am**. {Note the time change} Originally planned for July/August, Julie has agreed to continue teaching the weekly class **through November**. What a gift!

If you are interested in joining the class or have questions, contact Nancy Wilson at nancy.dexter@gmail.com.



Centering Prayer & Book Discussion groups meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall

Centering Prayer meets Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Our Book Discussion group, which meets on Tuesdays at 2:00, is reading and discussing Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward*. It is a book about spirituality in the two halves of life and is considered one of his most influential and important books. We know that the first half of life is about projects, goals, striving, discovering who we are meant to be. But what do we do with this in the second half of life? This is the stage which everyone in Christ Church is in, and Richard Rohr will give us practical guidance on this brand-new time in our lives.

Everyone is welcome to both the prayer time and the book discussion. If you only want to participate in one, we'd love to have you. If you have any questions, get in touch with Patti Phelps at frankandpatti@yahoo.com.



NEW contact information!

Grab a pen and write this information down! We have created a **NEW email address for the church** and **one for Karla, too**. Our new email address is christchurchspartanc@gmail.com. And Karla's new address is priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com. We know the email addresses are long but there are quite a few "Christ Church" locations and they've snatched up the good email addresses!

You can begin emailing us at the above address now. We'll keep our skybest.com email address for a little while until everyone gets comfortable with our new address but do make the change as soon as you're able. Any emails sent to the 'priest' email address will go directly to Karla and will be confidential. Keep reading further down to find out Karla's schedule and how she'll be communicating with us.



The Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets have moved AGAIN!

The prayer shawls/quilts have been moved under the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one for someone you know and love who would benefit from being wrapped in love from Christ Church. Be sure to fill in the book in the box which tells who and why. We've had thanks expressed from new mothers to a death in the family to surgery. These are gifts made by parishioners who want to share their talent. If you're interested in making a shawl or quilt, please contact Patti Phelps at frankandpatti@yahoo.com.



PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE DROP-OFF

We recycle prescription bottles with lids and *with the labels pulled off*. There is a bag attached to the water fountain just inside the Narthex on your left for you to leave your pill bottles in. A BIG thank you to Ann & Frank Hazard for delivering the bottles to the vet's office!



Need prayer now?

If you have a prayer need, for example, illness, upcoming surgery, death in the family, big life decisions or needing comfort/support, there are a few ways to communicate that need. You can call or email Mary at the office and she'll email the members with a Prayer Request, you can share your request with a Vestry member, or you can fill out a Prayer Request Card (found in the pew backs in the sanctuary).

If you're sharing information about another individual(s), *please make sure you have permission to share the need*. If you prefer not to share any details, you can simply email or call and ask for urgent prayer.

Also, if there are reasons to remove anyone from the prayer list, please let us know that, too.

We know the power of prayer and if each of us stops and takes a few minutes to pray for the individual(s) in need, it will have a great impact. In the absence of a priest, it falls to our membership to provide support in this way.



Our website Members Only section...

Our updated website (christchurchallegghany.org) has a **Members Only** page that contains the most updated financial reports, Treasurers' Report, Vestry minutes, and the 2025 budget. Once you get on the website, you can easily navigate each page to review the information. *If you're interested in accessing the Member's Only section, email Mary at christchurchspartanc@gmail.com and she'll provide you the password.*

We also invite you to share our website – christchurchallegghany.org – to introduce the Parish and encourage others to visit.



988 is a 24/7 free, confidential, emotional support hotline



By dialing or texting 988, the individual needing help will be connected to a trained individual who will offer support and share community options for long-term care. Please share this information with your friends, family, neighbors.



The NEW Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Office will continue to be closed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. As a reminder, any voice

message or email left after 12:30 pm on Thursday will *not* be received until 8:30 am on Monday. If you need help during that period, contact one of your Vestry members.

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