

Christ Church Good News & Notes!

Deadline for GNN submissions is Wednesday at noon.

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



Please remember to FALL BACK on Saturday evening!

This Sunday is the end of daylight saving time so we need to set our clocks back an hour or “fall back.”



In recent weeks, there have been a few scams emailed to the Parish Office and to members, Nancy & Patti (so far!). And just yesterday our Church Insurance company let us know they've gotten reports of emails going out as if it was from them requesting personal information.

One email scam to the office *appeared* to be emailed from our Sr Warden, Cliff Hudgins, but in checking the email address of the sender, he/she had used the words “Sr Warden.” We can't possibly memorize everyone's email addresses but we can be on the lookout for any suspicious addresses. Some scammers are very good at changing just one letter or number of an email address so when you glance at the address, it seems legitimate.

The other email scam involved a person emailing the church requesting our directory. After initially erring on the side of hospitality, we checked the contact information shared and learned it was a scam. **Member information is never shared from the office unless (1) the person calling is known or (2) the person comes by the office and is known.**

More recently, Nancy and Patti received emails that *appeared* to be from Karla asking for help. Nancy replied to the email asking what was needed and she was told gift cards. Nancy was suspicious of that request and contacted Karla directly via her correct Christ Church email address (priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com). It was a scam. Patti's experience was similar in the initial email. She alerted me, too.

Be cautious! If the scams listed above or something similar has happened to you, you are not alone! Delete the email(s) and do not respond to future emails from that sender. If you think a phone call or an email is suspicious, contact the sender listed and confirm. By using their correct phone number or email address, you'll avoid wasting your time and, potentially, your funds, too.



All Saints' Sunday is THIS Sunday, Nov 2nd



On Sunday, we'll acknowledge those we've lost by listing their names in the bulletin and by bringing a photo of that person to put on one of the window sills in the sanctuary. If you didn't get someone's name on the list but would like to honor them, bring a photo to set in the window and include them in your prayers.



REMINDER: LEMs will be meeting with Karla after the service
THIS Sunday, Nov 2nd.



REMINDER: Ladies Lunch Out with Karla is
at Tex Mex on Monday, November 3rd

Please make sure you sign-up for this lunch. If you missed signing up but would like to join the LLO, please let Barbara know so she can make arrangements. We'll meet at Tex Mex at 11:45 am.



**First Apple Harvest Luncheon is
NEXT Sunday, Nov 9th!**



Please join us for our first Apple Harvest luncheon on **Sunday, November 9th**, following our church service. Our luncheon will feature appetizers, soups, salads, main courses, and desserts all featuring apples.

Our sign-up sheet will be located downstairs. Please put your creative juices to work creating your favorite apple dish to share with all of us.



Schedule

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints’ Sunday AND Daylight-Saving Time ends

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

LEMs meet with Karla following the service

Coffee hour follows the service

Monday, November 3

11:45 am – Ladies Lunch Out (LLO) meets at Tex Mex for lunch with Karla

Tuesday, November 4

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, November 5

9:30 am – Yoga with Julie

Saturday, November 8th – The Annual Diocesan Convention

Patti and Jann are delegates this year and Les will be an alternate.

Sunday, November 9 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

First Apple Harvest Luncheon follows the service

Monday, November 10

10:00 am – Vestry meeting

Tuesday, November 11

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, November 12

9:30 am – Yoga with Julie

Sunday, November 16 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Coffee hour follows the service



Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026

Stewardship letters and pledge cards were mailed several weeks ago. If you *did not* receive one, please let Mary Lee know so she can correct that error. As we approach November, we ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. The team that drafts the budget has worked hard and will soon be sharing what's needed to support all we hope to do in 2026.

As Cliff noted in earlier services, our time & talents are greatly needed, too. As you complete your pledge cards, make sure you turn it over and share how you can help in the year ahead. Once you've completed your card, put it in the enclosed envelope and (1) put it in the offering plate, (2) drop it off at the office when Mary Lee is there to receive it, or (3) mail it to: Christ Church, PO Box 1866, Sparta, NC 28675.



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, Deborah, Diane & John, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Dottie Maddock, Emily Buck, Hal Wilson, Isabel Tomé, Janice Harrison, Jean Callison, Jill Hardee, Jonathan, Lucy, Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Maria Chance, Martha Adams, Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rudy McKnight, Savany Demmink, Terry & Bess, and Vanita. And we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed:

Birthdays: Rod Pace (Nov 5)

Wedding Anniversaries & other Thanksgivings:



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



Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
Nov 2	Mary Lee Joines	Mary Lee Joines
Nov 9	Jesse James	<i>First Apple Harvest Luncheon</i>
Nov 16		
Nov 23		Barbara Halsey



Save-the-Date: Sun, Nov 30th



We will be having a Taizé service on Nov 30th at 5:00 pm.
More details soon.



Do you have a new puppy? This message is for you!

Joan Hoffman has over 30 years of experience training dogs, and has graciously offered to help anyone with a new pup who would like some pointers on training. You can reach Joan at jhoffman075@gmail.com or 570.855.3761.



Yoga with Julie classes through November

Julie is leading a weekly YOGA class in our Parish Hall on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. *{Note the time change}*

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



The Alleghany County Department of Social Services (DSS) needs YOU!

They are continually seeking caring families or individuals to provide loving homes for children in foster care. There are criteria that must be met (e.g., over 21 years old, pass a background check, etc.), of course, but they're offering free foster parent classes to anyone interested in helping. The need is great. If you're interested in helping, please contact AL Co DSS at 336.372.1445 or go by their office at 214 Doctors St, Sparta, NC.



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.



The Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets are available in the narthex under the table

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.



Check out our website at: www.christchurchallegghany.org

Join us on Facebook at: [Christ Episcopal Church – Sparta, NC](#)

NEW email address: christchurchspartanc@gmail.com



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.



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!



Office hours return to Monday-Thursday, 8:00-1:00 beginning Oct 1st.

The Office will continue to be closed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. As a reminder, any voice message or email left after 1:00 pm on Thursday will *not* be received until 8:00 am on Monday. If you need help during that period, contact one of your Vestry members.

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