Christ Church
Good News & Notes!

Deadline for GNN submissions is Tuesday at noon.

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



Annual Blessing of the Animals service



Karla blesses Cooper while Jeanne looks on



Karla blesses Joan's dogs – Tony, Finn & Mica



Patti & her pup, Annie, are greeting John & Pat Bassett's dog, Roro



Annie looks excited to have her turn being blessed. Proud Mom watches on.



Certified dog lover, Buck, came to bear witness to the dogs being blessed



Another angle of Annie's blessing and the only photo of Clyde waiting his turn (behind Karla)

Before the service...



Sit, Cooper! Sit! Cooper was eager to be blessed.



Tony demonstrates a slow motion 'sit'



Great photo of Joan & Tony...but wait, is Tony sticking his tongue out at someone?



Mica's 'sit' is flawless!



Finn looks like a model

And in case you missed it, a few photos made the front page of this week's AL News!

Don’t forget to FALL Back on Sunday!



Try out our QR code to connect to our website:

Pledge cards will be blessed on Sunday, Nov 22nd

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Pledges are the driving force behind our budget development. If you're able to pledge, please complete your pledge card and return it in the offering plate, by snail mail at our PO Box 1866 (Sparta, NC 28675) or drop it off at the office. **Our pledge cards will be blessed on Sunday, Nov 22nd** – *Christ the King Sunday*.

EVERY gift makes a difference!



Outreach Team: *Bruce Smith, Judy Ritchie, Jeanne Green, Wanda McKnight, and Patti Phelps*

Outreach Committee Update

The outreach committee allocated funds this week to the emergency fuel assistance program run by CARES. They screen applicants and based on their income; they provide some funds to offset the cost of propane, fuel oil or kerosene. The committee was especially concerned that this winter's fuel costs will be too high for many people in the county. We're thankful that CARES has this program which all of us at Christ Church support thru the outreach committee. If you want to contribute directly in addition to what we've done, please contact CARES.



Altar Flowers & Coffee Hour Refreshments

A message from our Parish Life Leader, Jane Franck: We are in need of more volunteers so that we can provide refreshments with the coffee each Sunday. This can be as simple as a plate of cookies or cheese and crackers. Sign up is in the church parish hall.

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee hour
Nov 1/All Saints	Marybeth Lentz	Marybeth Lentz
Nov 8	Cynthia Grant	Cynthia Grant
Nov 15	Marybeth Lentz	Patti Phelps
Nov 22	Wanda McKnight	Wanda McKnight
Nov 29	**Altar Guild**	
Dec 6	**Altar Guild**	
Dec 13	**Altar Guild**	
Dec 20	**Altar Guild**	**Decoration Sunday**
Dec 24	**Poinsettias**	



Christian Formation

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer
2:00 – Book Discussion

During the month of November, the Christian Formation group will practice *Lectio Divina*. If you want to join us for this contemplative deep dive into the Gospel lesson, please come. *All are welcome!*

For Advent, we will discuss a John Philip Newell book. John P Newell is prolific writer about Celtic spirituality and our relationship to the earth. We haven't picked which of his books we'll read but we'll announce it here as soon as we do.

If you have any questions about the groups, ask Patti. She's at church most Sundays or you can email her at frankandpatti@yahoo.com.



Schedule

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints' Sunday
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon
Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, November 3
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

November 7 – Annual Diocesan Convention at Lake Logan

Sunday, November 8 – The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon
Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, November 10
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Sunday, November 15 – The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Dr Katherine Shaner
Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, November 17
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group



Please join us in prayer...

Intercessions for Members & Friends:
Allan Joyce, Brenda Weems, Buck Hunnicutt, Cara Todd, Cathy Davis (The Rev), Denise Seckel, Gary Medley, Janice Harrison, John & Jane Gehring, Ken & Janice Kleva, Margaret, Martha Honaker (The Rev), Sally & Chuck Besaw, Sara Brown Davis, Rita Woodruff, Susan & Jim Doss (The Rev), and Vicky Fischer Faw. We also pray for Cliff & Kathy, Geoff & his family, Jeanne, and Marybeth as they grieve.

Intercessions for Community Friends & our Family Members:
Antje & Bill, Carol Greer, Chris, Debbie & Doug Bebber (Cynthia's friends), Coralie & her mother Mary, Diana Asher, Donald & Audrey Carter, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Edwin (Nancy's brother), Erin Mohr & her family, Gwen (Ann), Inza & Blair, Isabel Tomé, Jeff & his wife Karen, Jerry & Theresa (Ann's friends), Jim & Diane (Nancy's BIL & sister), John & Diane (Judy's BIL & sister), Karen & Dick Dewald, Jonathan, Langhorne Jones, Linda/Cindy/Trent, Liz Lee Williamson (Mary Lee's cousin), Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Michael, Paul Norman (Nancy's son), Raymond Hindman (Cara Todd's father), Rudy McKnight, Tom Warndorf, and Vanita. And we pray for all those impacted by violence, war and weather disasters; our local neighbors that fear detention; and Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed:

Birthdays: Rod Pace (Nov 5)

Wedding Anniversaries & other Thanksgivings: Ken & Janice Kleva (Nov 6)



Prayer requests from the inmates, staff, and volunteers at River North Correctional Center in Independence, VA

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

Thank God for waking us up this morning.

Pray for love, peace, and unity to be upon our people.

Pray for my family and for my brothers and sisters behind bars. Pray for me as I await surgery on both knees.

Pray for positivity here at RN.

Pray we continue to be a light and show them with actions.

Pray for my kids, families that are lost. Keep people in the faith of the Lord.

Pray for my family and friends and the inmates at RN and for the officers and the administration.

Pray for me. I am a new person in Christ. I am trying to live for Christ, but I am struggling. Pray for the – family because of a death.

Pray for me and my family and my church family.

Pray for my wife and children. Pray for my mom, dad, grandma, and aunt. Pray for brothers battling addiction. Help them accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Give thanks to God for all things. Pray for my children, family, and friends.

Pray for my family and kids and friends. Pray for me to succeed in life in the future.

Pray for me to be free from sinful desires that keeps Satan's footholds in me. I need to break free so that I can fulfill God's purpose in my life.

Pray that all our hearts and our family's heart be open, full to love God. Pray for all those we wronged to have God in their life. Pray for me to have another chance of freedom and to reunite with my ex and for strength through this period.

Pray for healing for my dad. He is having organ troubles.

Pray for Jesus to come into my life and head.

Pray for RN, the staff, and for all to unite.

Pray for our families and friends.

Pray for peace.



Solid Rock donations needed!

Our Solid Rock representative, Wanda McKnight, shared the following information that updates the greatest needs at the food closet including the Backpack Program, now that school is in session. Please read through the list and provide whatever you're able to provide. ***All donations make a difference!***

Always Needed

toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
toilet paper
paper towels
liquid dish soap
laundry detergent

Backpack Program Needs

Individually-packaged:

fruit cups
applesauce
Mac n Cheese
vegetable cups
Chef Boyardee type mini cups
crackers (cheese & peanut butter, etc.... 'Nabs)
breakfast bars
Ramen noodles

IMPORTANT: Please note the expiration date on items. Items **cannot** be donated after the expiration date.

Financial donations are also welcome. Write your check to 'Christ Church' and write SRFC on the memo line or if you decide to give cash, on the offering envelope.

If you want to contribute financially to the Backpack Program, include 'backpack program' on the memo line.

If you have any questions, contact Wanda McKnight at wandagmcknight@gmail.com or 615.707.0266.

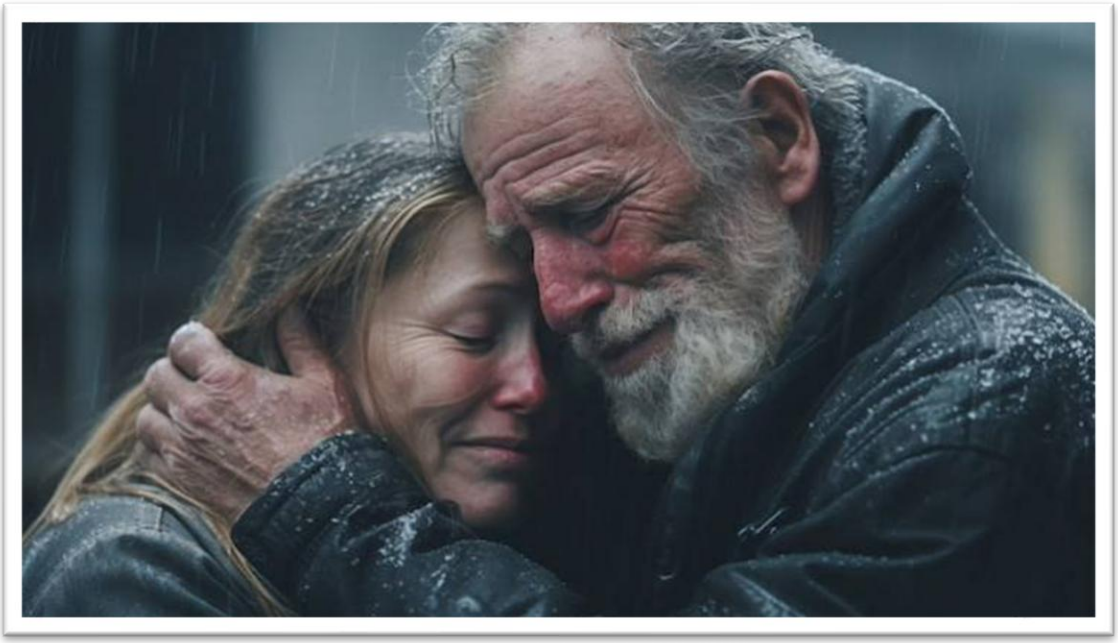


Prescription Bottle Drop-Off

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 our Priest in Charge, The Rev Karla Woggon; call or email Mary Lee at the office and she'll email the members with a Prayer Request; share your request with a Vestry member; or 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.



The Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets are available



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.





Our updated website **(christchurchalleghany.org)** has a **Members Only page** that contains the most updated financial reports, Treasurers' Report, Vestry minutes, and the 2026 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 – christchurchalleghany.org – to introduce the Parish and encourage others to visit.





Dial 988 for crisis line support



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