



CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Graduating Senior 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 graduating high school senior 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.

Application forms are available at the reception desk and this [link](#). The application deadline is noon on March 28th.

Music Notes

There are a number of upcoming music events this spring for us all to enjoy. For additional events and details, please visit www.christchurchnewbern.com/music. All events are open to the public, so please share our wonderful music program with your friends and the community of New Bern.

- The **Parish Choir** will continue chanting a "St. Anne" themed setting of the psalm throughout Epiphany (tune: O God our help in ages past), culminating in J.S. Bach's St. Anne Fugue (E-flat major) as the organ postlude on Transfiguration Sunday, March 5th,
- **Women Composers' Sunday**, March 9: Both worship services will feature music written by women in honor of International Women's Day (Saturday, March 8th) and Women Composers' Sunday, as established by the American Guild of Organists.
- Our **Bach Music Meditation Lenten Series** returns on Wednesdays beginning March 12th from 12:00 noon until 12:30 pm in the Nave. Listen to the music of J.S. Bach on the new organ for the six Wednesdays of Lent (March 12 - April 16), including Holy Week.
- **Music at Passiontide** will take place on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm. This year, a setting of the Passion story will be performed in the Nave with choir and strings. The music has been written and composed by your Music Director, dedicated to and for our Parish Choir

Wednesdays During Lent

This year during Lent we will be offering two Wednesday evening Christian Formation Offerings.

- John Gaskill will lead the stations of the cross on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:30 pm.
- The Rev. Suzanne Hood will lead an adult formation class on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library entitled *The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find*. Life is a mix of joy and sorrow, love and loss, big wins and even bigger failures. Everything is much more fragile than we like to admit. In Lent we sit with the heaviness of that truth. For 40 days we stop pretending that things will suddenly get better and face the truth: life is fragile, and so are we. We will explore being human, the complexity that life is both terrible and beautiful, how to lament, the gift that imagination can be in the face of all of this, and the wisdom and love we can gain from it. Coming together in vulnerability we will learn how to better carry our hurts, and how to find hope in the midst.
**Curriculum written by The Everything Happens Project*

DOK Quiet Day at Christ Church

Sat. March 15 -- 'Not Counting Women and Children'

We will delve into two stories from Holy Scripture that are neglected, yet tell us much about our God, and our relationship with God, as well as tell much about how women figure in the story of salvation, then and now. We will draw on Megan McKenna's book of the same name. The Rev. Margaret Pollock will lead as we explore -- through reading aloud, meditation and self-reflection, and sharing in small groups -- an expanded understanding of women in the Exodus story, and in Matthew's recounting of the feeding of the five thousand. Meaning-making in our own times will be the hope, as these narratives shine a light through the ages.

The day will end with a celebration of Holy Eucharist. Join us Saturday, March 15, from 9 am - 3 pm. Lunch is included. For information call 240-432-3900 or 252-571-1708. To register contact: Nancy Przybylko at nancy4cpa@gmail.com. Last day to register is Wednesday March 12, 2025.

Monthly InGathering: Camp Hope

This year, Christ Church is sponsoring 31 children for our Camp Hope ministry. Through your generosity we are able to pay for children to attend camp who might not otherwise have the opportunity. We are excited that our campers will return to Camp Trinity, the church camp for our diocese.

Your monetary donations to cover camp tuition are always appreciated. In February, our InGathering will support Camp Hope by collecting camp supplies. The folks at Camp Trinity have suggested that the items most needed are:

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Swim Goggles
- Bathing Suits - child sizes 8-12 (some larger sizes are appreciated)

Please bring items to the ingathering container in the Reception Area. If you are having trouble finding an item, like a bathing suit or swim goggles, do not worry. You can give us a rain check and bring your item to church later in the spring. Also, we hope you will join us in the Parish House during Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 23, to learn more about 2025 Camp Hope at Camp Trinity.



Contemplative Prayer Group *Praying with Julian of Norwich*

When: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays through 5/26/25

Sign Up: Email pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Study Book: *Praying with Julian of Norwich: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka

Purchase Book: Used Books Available Online

The Contemplative Prayer Group is exploring the writings of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic and prophet who lived from 1342 to 1416, during the time of the dreadful bubonic plague. She “sheltered in place” as an anchoress at St. Julian’s Church in Norwich, England. Spending much of her time in contemplative prayer and journaling, Julian wrote down several of her revelations. She is mostly known to us through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life and was the first book in English by a woman. Come and join the Contemplative Prayer Group. As we explore the unique insights and wisdom of Julian’s prayer life, we will have an opportunity to grow and be blessed in our own prayer life.

Building and Grounds Update

There will be a building and grounds meeting at 9 am, Saturday, February 22 in the Church Library. During this time we will finalize commission responsibilities and sign ups.

ALSO, the Christ Church Spring Yard Cleaning will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 10am till 1pm. Prior to the meeting, the B and G Committee will meet in the Library at 9am.

Please put these dates on your calendar. Let’s make the grounds beautiful for the upcoming Easter Weeks.

February Faith Connection

The February Faith Connection Meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, February 20, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 308 Meadows Street, New Bern. PLEASE THE UPDATED DATE AND PROGRAM TITLE. The speaker will be Brooke Vallely, Program Manager for the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. Admission is free - bring a friend.

Call for Eucharistic Visitors

The Pastoral Care Commission for Christ Church has trained parishioners who unselfishly take communion to their fellow parish members who are home bound or unable to attend church services. These Eucharistic Visitors bring the Eucharist to church members in the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes. You see them at the end of our Sunday services; parishioners come up to the altar and receive a box with the consecrated Eucharist. They take that Eucharist to fellow parishioners who cannot join us at church.

We are continually in need of additional volunteers to be trained as Eucharistic Visitors. We also need receivers, those who receive this Sacrament at home or elsewhere. If you feel you could volunteer to help in this ministry, please contact Suzanne Hood, (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) and she can answer any of your questions. Also, if you know of anyone who is in need of or could use this loving service, including yourself, please contact Suzanne.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested

prayers: Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Jim Keeter, Evelyn Hunter, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Gay Stuart, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark, and Palmer Noonan.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, and Henry.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte

*These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.

In an effort to keep our prayer lists current and accurate, names of friends and family members will normally remain on the list for six months. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact [Betsy Downard](mailto:Betsy.Downard).



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Spring Arts and Crafts Fair

The Second Annual Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market will be held from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, May 3. This market is open to all artists and craft persons selling their handcrafted work. All mediums are welcome.

Vendor spaces will be located on the grounds of Christ Church bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. The vendor application and more details can be found on our church website at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. All proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern.

Helping Habitat for Humanity

During March college students will be volunteering their time to help Habitat for Humanity, an Outreach Ministry at Christ Church. If you would like to help provide meals for these students during their stay in New Bern, please contact Jim Behl (650.740.3392 / jbehl@usa.net).

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at www.christchurch-newbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, February 17

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 18

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, February 19

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, February 20

11:30 am: Seniors Who Lunch (Harrison Center)

Sunday, February 23

Camp Hope Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
12:15 pm: LEV Meeting

Living with Dementia Workshop and Lunch

Save the date for a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors Living with Dementia" workshop and lunch on April 7. The event will take place from 9 am - 1 pm at Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall (2311 Elizabeth Ave).

Sponsored by New Bern Community Respite Care (with support from Centenary UMC and Trinity UMC), the speaker will be Daphne Johnston, co-founder of Respite for All. She will present practical ways to help our living with dementia live life to the fullest.

Following the workshop, there will be lunch and information about New Bern's new respite program for people living with dementia that is launching in May of this year. For more information, visit respiteforall.org or contact Lindsay Roberts at 919.428.0618.

THE GOODS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Dinner on Five Continents

Interfaith Refugee Ministry cordially invites you to our annual DINNER ON FIVE CONTINENTS featuring live global entertainment, small-plate international dishes from five continents and a silent auction.

- Saturday, March 15, 2025
- Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner starts at 6pm
- Christ Church Harrison Center, 311 Middle Street, New Bern
- \$65 per person
- Reservations are available on the IRM ebsite (<https://helpingrefugees.org/>) or by calling the IRM office at 252-633-9009.

Seniors Who Lunch

Please join us for a light luncheon and dessert in Christ Church Harrison Center, on Thursday, February 20th, 2025 at 11:30 am. If you are able and would like to help with food preparation, serving and/or cleanup please sign up on the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and/or contact Jane Ashford (jane.ashford@neusewoods.com) or Tony Embrey (tembrey1103@gmail.com).

Reservation required by noon, Sunday, February 16th, 2025. Reserve your spot via [Sign-Up Genius](#) or on the sign up sheet at the reception desk. All are Welcome!

- Date: Thursday, 02/20/2025
- Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm EST
- Location: Christ Church Harrison Center

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our February services click [here](#). Click [here](#) for March services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for February shifts and [here](#) for March shifts.
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to this week's host, Phyllis Fox.
- **Support RCS with PB&J:** RCS is sponsoring a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive in February. Donations can be dropped off at 503 Guion Street or ordered directly from the RCS Amazon Food Wishlist page at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EOKNXFMGEO9A?ref=wl_fw_le. *Please -- no glass jars, as they have to be re-packaged.*

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
 - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
 - Thursday email and printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Please send all pictures, articles and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church includes the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This giving Ministry is comprised of a group of knitters and crocheters who meet monthly and produce beautiful prayer shawls and also nap blankets for infants and young children. These items are produced with loving care and on completion are consecrated at the Christ Church Altar. The consecrated shawls and blankets are stored in a closet in the Church Reception area and available to all parish members. The Ministry asks all Church members to pick up one of these items and present it to someone you know or love who could be comforted by the gift made from the heart by these Prayer Shawl Ministers. In addition, if you have the gift of being a knitter or crocheter and would be able to join this ministry, please contact Sheila Cipriano (sheilacipriano6975@gmail.com or 252-617-0303), with any questions.