



CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Sacred Sound and Space Campaign Donor Listing

The Sacred Sound and Space Task Force is in the process of finalizing the list of those who, according to church financial records, supported the campaign to renew the Nave and replace the old organ with Opus 86. We want to be sure that names are spelled correctly and appear as the donor wishes. For example, perhaps married couples wish to be listed as “Mr. and Mrs.,” or they may wish that both individuals’ names be listed, e.g., John and Mary. To ensure that we get it right, we need your help.

For several weeks there will be a list of donors in a binder at the Reception Desk. Donors should take a look at how they are listed. If they wish to make changes, there will be room to provide that information. If donors are satisfied with how their name appears, they can simply place a checkmark in the appropriate column. If donors can’t do this in person, they can call the receptionist and review the information by phone.

Your help in finalizing the list is greatly appreciated. And, once again, thank you to all those who have given. You can see and hear the results of your donation in the Nave.

## Challenge for EfM Graduates

In this month’s issue of *The Crown*, Lisa Richey (Diocesan Coordinator for EfM) wrote about the 50-year anniversary of Education for Ministry and the availability of groups in the coming year. As stated on the EfM site: “Education for Ministry provides people with an opportunity to discover how to **respond to the call to Christian service and carry out their ministries.**”

With this in mind (as a 20-year mentor of EfM), I am challenging Christ Church graduates to celebrate this anniversary with active ministries within our church. I know many of our graduates have taken the “**for ministry**” part of EfM to heart and are actively engaged in the ministries to which you have been called. I suspect, however, that there are many areas within Christ Church needing more people power. If you have been searching for a place to exercise your ministry, please contact chairs: Outreach – Dawn Manning; Evangelism – Rev. Suzanne Hood; Pastoral Care – Barbara Rice; Parish Life – Tony Embry.

-- Submitted by Edna Marie Thomas

## Sacred Sound and Space Fund Change

We are pleased to announce the renewal of the Nave and the installation of our new organ are almost complete. Effective September 30, 2024, we are finalizing the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign that began in August 2019. As of October 1, 2024, the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign will become the Sacred Sound and Space Fund. This change is to ensure the continued accurate accounting of funds collected after the capital campaign is finalized.

As reported earlier, assuming no unforeseen expenditures associated with the organ installation, there will be a remaining balance in the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign fund. These funds will be transferred into the newly designated Sacred Sound and Space Fund. This special fund is designated for organ maintenance and related music. Maintenance of the organ will not only keep it sounding great for us but will also ensure that it will serve future generations of Christ Church parishioners.

All future Sacred Sound and Space contributions will be deposited in the new Sacred Sound and Space Fund. All Sacred Sound and Space Campaign pledge donations will continue to be shown in the lower Pledges section of your quarterly Giving Statements. As of October 1, 2024, all donations to the Sacred Sound and Space Fund will be shown as individual line items in the upper Gift List in the upper section of your Giving Statement.

The generosity of all who contributed and continue to donate to the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign has brought us to this point. We are filled with gratitude for your continued generosity.

## Stay Informed via Text

Starting September 1, our current texting service, Remind, is changing their model and will only be available for school systems. We will be switching our texting service to MailChimp, which is the service we currently use for church emails. Unfortunately, we are unable to export our current texting list, so we are creating a new one for use in MailChimp. To sign up for our new texting service that will start September 1, please click on this [link](#). We appreciate your patience as we transition to this new service.

# A Heartfelt Thank you

To all of our volunteers, we want to say a heartfelt thank you. Your contributions are invaluable, and the impact of your work resonates deeply. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are appreciated more than words can express.

We are delighted to invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch to celebrate and thank you for everything you do. There will be more information to follow; in the meantime please save these dates:

- October 5th: Evangelism, Outreach and Buildings & Grounds
- November 9th: Parish Life and Pastoral Care
- December 7th: Christian Formation and Worship

## Contemplative Prayer

### *“Praying with Meister Eckhart”*

**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Mondays, 9/9/24 – 11/25/25

**Sign Up:** By 9/2 -- email Rev. Barbara Bornemann: [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

After 9/2: -- email Jane Merritt: [janemerritt07@gmail.com](mailto:janemerritt07@gmail.com)

**Meets In Person & On Zoom:** In person: Pelletier Room Upstairs at Christ Church

*Please note: No Zoom on 9/9*

**Leader:** Rev. Barbara Bornemann

**Study Book:** “Praying with Meister Eckhart: Companions for the Journey by Wayne Simsic

**Purchase Book:** Order your own book on Amazon or some other website

This fall, the Contemplative Prayer group will be exploring the writings of Meister Eckhart, one of the greatest Dominican spiritual masters of the fourteenth century.

Eckhart was a mystic, medieval professor, and popular preacher. Thomas Merton, a twentieth century monk, was inspired by Eckhart’s preaching and said, “I like his brevity of sermons, his way of piercing straight to the heart of the inner life, the awakened, the creative and redeeming Word, God born in us.” God born in us -- Eckhart calls this the “spark of the soul” in which “the core of the soul and the core of God are one.” In one of his most famous quotes, Eckhart says, “God expects but one thing of you, and that is that you should come out of yourself in so far as you are a created being made, and let God be God in you.”

During each week of the Contemplative Prayer Group, there will be time for prayer, contemplation, and discussion. As we reflect upon the spirituality of Meister Eckhart, we will search for different ways to “let God be God” within each one of us. Let us trust that in the search itself, we open ourselves to God’s transforming love.

# DAR Celebrates 250 Years

The Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter, DAR, and the New Bern Chapter, SAR, is hosting a two-day event celebrating the 250th anniversary of the New Bern Resolves / 1st Provincial Congress. Conducted in the Craven County Courthouse, this was the first Provincial Congress to be held in America in open defiance of royal authority. The Congress is considered one of the most important contributions to the American Revolutionary movement.

On August 23, 2024, the DAR, SAR, and Masonic chapters will conduct a grave marking ceremony for five American Revolutionary Patriots, who are buried in the Christ Churchyard. The ceremony will be held at 5 pm in the Outdoor Chapel. A new sign with the names of these patriots will be dedicated as well.

Following the ceremony, the chapters will host a dinner at the Harrison Center. [Couples’ tickets](#) are \$67.75, and [individual tickets](#) are \$36.75 per person Each ticket includes one commemorative challenge coin.

In addition, on August 24, the 250th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves will take place at the Tryon Palace South lawn with music from the Palace’s Fife and Drum Corp.

## Pauli Murray Center Grand Opening

The Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice, which celebrates and honors the life of the civil rights leader and first black Episcopal priest, will have a Grand Opening on September 7, at 906 Carroll Street, Durham, NC. Programming will take place from 10 am - 2 pm and include activities on the outside grounds, a ribbon cutting ceremony, poetry hour, and community concert. The main stage will feature community leaders, artists, and partners sharing thanksgivings, original poetry, and music,

While timed-entry passes to explore inside the home are sold out, the public is still encouraged to stop by and enjoy the historic celebration. Additional opportunities to experience the exhibits and interior of Pauli’s home will be coming soon. For more information, please visit <https://www.paulimurraycenter.com/grand-opening>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steve Skiffington at 916.204.4955.

In addition, a St. Titus Saints Day service will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, September 24, at St. Titus Episcopal Church, 400 Moline Street, Durham, NC. The service will commemorate the life and work of Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray.

## FALL ACOLYTE TRAINING

We will be holding Acolyte training at 11:30 am, Sunday August 25, in the Nave. all current acolytes, as well as any prospective acolytes are encouraged to attend.

# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

## For parishioners who have requested

**prayers:** Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans\*, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans\*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine\*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Gretchen Lankenau, Theron Royer, Pat Robinson, and Charles Knight.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, and Seb.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, Cpt. John Koskinen.

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. George's, Englehard; St. John's, Fayetteville

*\*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 [Betsy Downard](#).*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## 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.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://www.christchurchnewbern.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, August 18**

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Pop Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### **Tuesday, August 20**

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

### **Wednesday, August 21**

- 2 pm: Sacred Sound and Space Meeting (Library)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, August 22**

- 5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)

### **Saturday, August 24**

Staff and Vestry Retreat (Offsite)  
ECYC Meeting (Parish House)

### **Sunday, August 25**

- Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11:15 am: Cursillo Reunion - Note time change
- 11:30 am: Acolyte Training (Nave)

## Online Harrison Center Rental Inquiry

Looking for a place to host your next event or activity? Consider the Harrison Center, located at 311 Middle Street.

Christ Church recently debuted its Harrison Center [online rental inquiry form](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/gathering-spaces). You can also visit our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/gathering-spaces>) for more details on the Harrison Center and its rental policies.

Tours of the Harrison Center are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons by appointment. To request an appointment, email Jimi Paderick, Director of Church Life at [jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com).



# Organ Dedication Events

Dedication Events are a traditional part of a new organ installation. Ours will be a two-day event! As the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign was grounded in prayer, including in our weekly worship, we will have a Dedicatory Eucharist on Thursday, September 19. The preacher will be the Rev. Will Stanley, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Richmond. The following evening, Friday, September 20, we will have a Dedication Concert. Both events will be held at 7 pm.

For the Dedication Concert, the solo recitalist is Nathaniel Gumbs. Nathaniel or Nat, is an absolutely wonderful musician, a concert organist based out of Yale University, and a very well known organist in North Carolina. He performs regularly throughout the state and worked in Charlotte for many years before starting his position at Yale. Nat's recent performances include appearances at Duke Chapel and with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He is currently Director of Chapel Music at Yale University. You can read more about Nat on the Karen McFarlane website (<https://www.concertorganists.com/artists/nathaniel-gumbs/>).

## MUSIC NOTES

**Join us this Sunday at 9:15 am in the Nave for Summer Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal.**

The final session in this summer's Music Talks series, titled *Hymnody and Bach Passions: Story Told Through Music*, will take place next Sunday, August 25 at 9:15 am. This talk will focus on understanding the J.S. Bach Passions through hymnody, historical context, storytelling via music, and some music analysis.

The story of the Passion is arguably one of the most important stories in the Bible, and music has the ability to add another dimension. The St. John and St. Matthew Passions are some of Bach's greatest and most popular works. What are some of the ways in which Bach uses music to communicate and enhance the story of the Passion? How is hymnody presented throughout Bach's compositions?

These questions and more are explored through research on hymnody and theology in Bach's time as well as musical analysis and ideas behind musical storytelling. Short excerpts from the St. John and St. Matthew Passions will serve as the primary case studies.

## Upcoming Cursillo Events

The Diocese of East Carolina Cursillo invites you to join their ministry and experience a Cursillo Weekend. You will grow as a Christian leader, deepen your faith and love of Christ, and find an entire community of Christians you will know by their love! Upcoming Weekends include EC 104 (Nov 7-10, 2024), EC 105 (April 24-27, 2025) and EC 106 (November 6-9, 2025). For more information go to <https://www.cursillodec.org/>.

For the upcoming fall Cursillo Weekend in November, Christ Church will have a van going to the Eucharist Celebration on Sunday, November 10. The van will leave Christ Church parking lot at 1:30 pm. Please email [cursillo.rep.marylynn@gmail.com](mailto:cursillo.rep.marylynn@gmail.com) to reserve your spot on the van.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to serve in our August services and [here](#) for September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Click [here](#) for August shifts and [here](#) for September shifts at the Reception Desk.
- **Lil Pantry and Lil Library:** We are always seeking food and drink items for our outdoor Lil Pantry. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, ready-to-eat canned items with pop tops, crackers, and breakfast bars. Items can be placed into the pantry or on the shelves of the white bookcase in the Parish House kitchen area. Perhaps you may choose to contribute new or used children's, tween's, and adult books to our outdoor Lil Library located near the playground. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Karen Gabriel at 516-987-0335.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to host on September 1. Please note that the church provides the lemonade.

## Seeking Vestry Candidates

During the 2023 Annual Meeting of Christ Church, the Vestry received feedback about the nomination and election process. One of the key things learned was a desire for more input from the Parish about those being considered for nomination.

As the first step in the annual Vestry nominating process, the four outgoing Vestry members are reaching out to the congregation to obtain names of candidates who are interested in serving on the Vestry for the next three years and are willing to go through the election process in which four new members will be elected by the congregation, by ballot, at the annual church meeting in December.

If you are interested in being considered by the Nominating Committee or you would like to suggest someone to the committee, please complete the form by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCNBVestry2024>.