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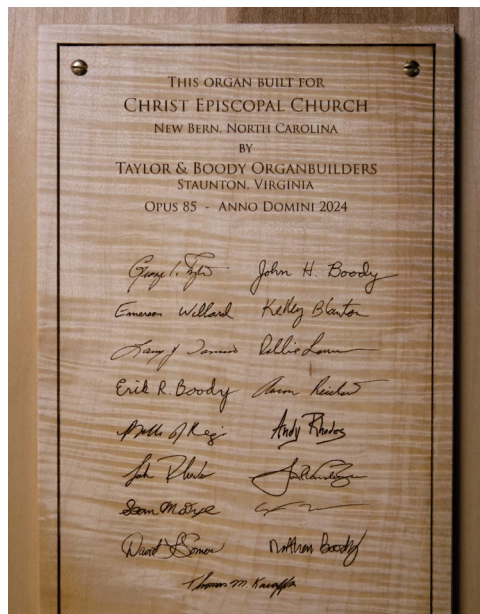
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You know there was a good celebration when folks are still talking about it weeks later. We're sharing additional pictures from our Opus 85 Organ concert and reception. More photos are on pages 4 - 5, and thank you to all those who have sent in pictures.



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ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
 Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III
Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Church Life: Jimi Paderick
Director of Music: Jacqueline Nappi
Director of Christian Formation: Hannah Hutchens
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 3pm
 Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
 Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne.

Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2024:
 Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
 Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
 Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:
www.christchurchnewbern.com
[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Youtube](#)

CONTACT US

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 Christ Church
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 PO Box 1246
 New Bern, NC 28563
Phone Number:
 252.633.2109

The Crown is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the December 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurch-newbern.com by November 20. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger (weekly)*: Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Eugene Simon, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, and Bonnie Royer.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Bambi, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, and Otto.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James, Wilmington

**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](#).

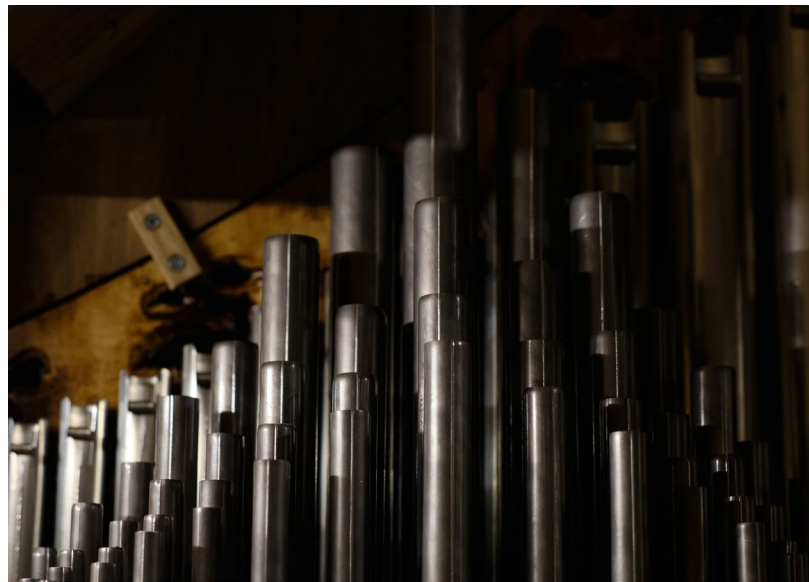
WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

PLEASE NOTE:

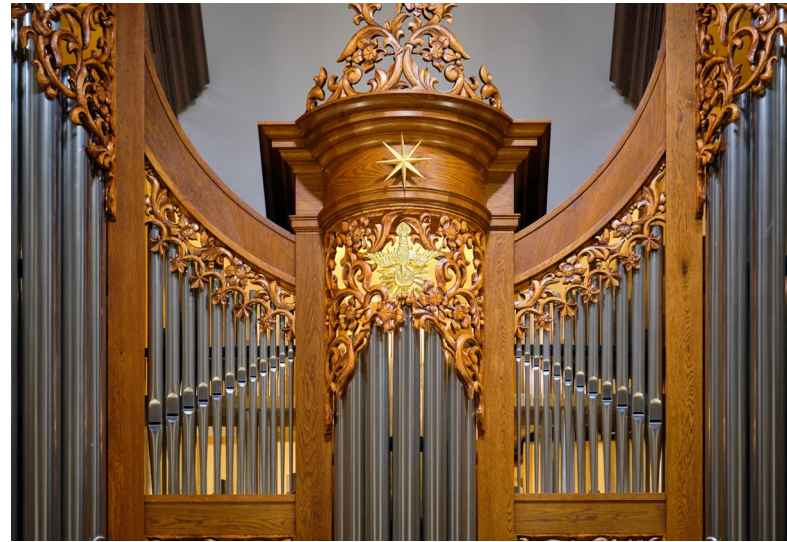
Did you notice that all of the church's regularly scheduled events are not listed on our calendar? We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at christchurchnewbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning *Messenger* 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 NOV. 3	MONDAY NOV. 4	TUESDAY NOV. 5	WEDNESDAY NOV. 6	THURSDAY NOV. 7	FRIDAY NOV. 8	SATURDAY NOV. 9	SUNDAY NOV. 10
<p>BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</p> <p>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY / DAY OF ALL SOULS</p> <p>HARVEST SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School for Ages & Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p>	<p>1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)</p>	<p>7am: Al Anon Meeting (Harrison Center) -</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>				<p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School for Ages and Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p>

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AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Newcomers

Vicky Bailey and Luanne Davis

Vicky and Luanne are both North Carolina natives who recently moved to New Bern from Goldsboro, NC, where they were active in the parish of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Luanne was born and raised in the historical area of Beaufort, NC, and has also lived in Florida. Vicky was born in Lucama, NC, in Wilson County, and grew up in Kinston, NC. The couple moved to New Bern to live closer to Luanne's daughter. Vicky had been employed as part-time Administrator at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church while they lived in Goldsboro, and also worked with an Intellectual Disabilities Program. They are both retired and plan to join activities here at Christ Church as they settle into their new life in New Bern.

Dave and Peg Kirchner

Dave and Peg moved to New Bern recently. They previously lived in Cashiers, NC, and attended the Church of the Good Shepard where they were very active. Dave was born outside of Chicago, Illinois, and grew up there while Peg was born in Red Bluff, California and grew up in Oregon. Peg also lived in Maryland and Texas, and the couple lived in Colorado for forty years. They are currently working on their "project house." Peg enjoys knitting, crafts, and reading. Dave walks his dog and makes beer for enjoyment. The Kirchners were employed in real estate and have chosen New Bern as their retirement home, as they have family here.

Mike and Alicia Alford

Alicia and Mike recently moved to New Bern, as that is where Mike is employed. Previously living in Jacksonville, NC, they were very active at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville.

They decided to move to New Bern and cut down on Mike's commute and also start a new chapter in their lives. Mike was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, and grew up there, while Alicia was born in Chapel Hill, NC, and grew up in Jacksonville, NC. Alicia was employed by the Episcopal Diocesan office years ago and is familiar with some of our parishioners and staff. They are pleased with their move to New Bern and Christ Church and plan on volunteering here at Christ Church in the future.

Jesus and Tracy Duran

Jesus and Tracy along with their nine-year-old son, Jovani, moved to New Bern about a year ago. Moving here from the Los Angeles area of California, so they would live closer to Tracy's mother, they decided this would be a good place to live and retire. Jesus was born and grew up in Cancun, Mexico, and became a U.S. citizen in 2008. Tracy was born in Palm Springs, California, and Jovani was born in Sacramento, California. Jovani is in Boy Scouts here in New Bern and also enjoys the track team at school. After moving to New Bern, the family visited all the churches in the area and felt Christ Church fit their needs the best. Jesus and Tracy are both employed but hope they will have time in the future to join activities here at Christ Church.

Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God's Call

At Christ Church we are a welcoming community responding to God's call to provide a loving, spiritual home for all. We continually strive to HEAR GOD'S CALL in our everyday lives. Today we celebrate Harvest Sunday and the conclusion of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign.

If you have already turned in your pledge, take a "Hearing God's Call" bookmark and place it in the offering, symbolizing your pledging to Christ Church.

Over the past month, we have heard clergy and staff share their personal giving stories. In case you missed those talks, you can click [here](#) to listen. To view the Stewardship materials online, please visit www.christchurch-newbern.com/stewardship.



Hearing God's Call

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 10/31/2024

Pledge Amount Received: \$432,130 Number of Pledges Received: 112

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Being a Member at Christ Church

What does it mean to be a member of Christ Church?

I had the privilege of chairing the Task Force on the State of Membership in the Episcopal Church leading up to this summer's General Convention. We looked at what it means to be a member of a church in the 21st Century and how that compares with our canons. The canons are like our laws or rulebook. It helps us keep order and gives us some guidance on many issues around church structure. One of the things we found in our work was how open they are in varying interpretations. Becoming a member of a church comes with certain expectations and responsibilities. It's more than just checking a box or saying you are here. The most important aspect of being a part of this faith community is to be one who is faithful in worship within this parish and who works, prays, and gives for the spread of the Kingdom of God. According to our canons, that makes you a "Communicant in good standing." Being Baptized in any Christian tradition qualifies as membership in our church if you want Christ Church to be your spiritual home.

While each circumstance may be a little different, there are many ways to claim membership at Christ Church.

Coming from another Church?

Request a letter of transfer. You can ask your previous church to send us your information or you can ask us to request it. Jimi Paderick takes care of that in our office. Her email is jimi-paderick@christchurchnewbern.com or you can call her at 252.631.5863. Requesting a letter of transfer is the easiest way to formally move your membership from one parish to another. Most branches of the Christian faith have some version of this process.

What if that's not an option?

We often have new members who come from a tradition that doesn't keep or have those records, or they do not recall in which parish such a membership letter might exist. No worries! If we have all your pertinent contact information and you are working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, you are good to go. We have provisions in our canons that allow for these scenarios.

New to the faith or just new to church?

Much the same as above. We do hope you'll join us for a "get to know Christ Church" or "Episcopal 101" class that we offer periodically.

How old are adults?

In our church, members who are 16 and up are considered adult members.

Do I get to vote for Vestry?

Our diocesan canons say that one must be an Adult Communicant in Good Standing in order to vote for Vestry or for other parish-wide decisions. (Diocese of East Carolina Constitution, Article XIV, Section 2a). So, someone over the age of 16 who has been faithful in worship and is working, giving, and praying for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

What about Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacramental rite by which a Bishop conveys the Holy Spirit on one who wishes to make a public affirmation of their faith. The practice dates back to the earliest days of Jesus followers (Acts 8:14-17). Our canons welcome and encourage all adult members of the church to be a part of Confirmation.

If you've been Confirmed by a Bishop in another tradition, you would be Received by the Bishop. While we always hope folks will take the step towards Confirmation or Reception, it's only a requirement for those seeking an elected office like Vestry or a diocesan-level position.

If you have questions about your membership status, don't hesitate to ask! We'll be glad to clarify and glad to help you request a letter of transfer.

To read more about the work of the Task Force on the State of Membership, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc6eve9m>. To dive deeper into the Canons of the church, visit <https://tinyurl.com/TECcanons>.

Paul

Fall Food Drive for RCS

This fall Christ Church is partnering with Religious Community Services to collect specific food items. These particular items are what would be most helpful at this point. RCS has asked us to purchase canned meat, canned beans, canned soup, mac & cheese, pasta sauce and meal helpers (Rice-E-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.). Please do not buy anything in glass containers as this requires additional wrapping and packaging. Also, please purchase 16 oz or 20 oz sizes, rather than larger sizes (even if the price is right). These smaller sizes are what RCS has asked for.

Bags will be handed out after church on Sunday, November 10th and collected the following Sunday, November 17th. Additionally, feel free to deliver items from this list to our collection point in the Reception Area from now until November 17.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

News from EYC and POD

- TODAY, November 3 - POD (5 - 6:30 pm) and EYC (6 - 7:30 pm)
- November 10 - EYC (6 - 7:30 pm)
- November 15 - Fall Conference at Trinity Center
- November 24: EYC Dinner out for Thanksgiving Week

Please scan the QR Code below if you are interested in providing a meal for an upcoming EYC Meeting or volunteering in another capacity.



Volunteers: WE APPRECIATE YOU

Many thanks to all those who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Eucharist and Reception, which was hosted by CCNB Staff and Vestry. If a prior conflict prevented you from attending, please stop by the church offices and pick up our token of appreciation for all that you do. The thank-you bags are located in the Reception Area, as well as upstairs in the staff offices. Also, if you haven't done so already, sign your name on a "volunteer leaf," and we will add you to our wall of volunteers!



Picture This

EYC @ Christ Church



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

SCAM ALERT

From the Rector:

Too many of us have gotten suspicious emails or texts purporting to be the Rector asking "can you do me a favor?" The fraudulent originator of the email will then ask you to purchase gift cards (Target, Ebay, iTunes, Walmart, Google Play, etc.) and send them a picture of the back of the card. That's the part that has the gift card number and PIN that will help them make an online purchase. These scams often impersonate the person or persons at the top of the organization. It doesn't just happen to clergy. There are plenty of documented cases of CEOs and Executive Directors from non-profit and for-profit groups. The Rev. Suzanne Hood has also been impersonated once or twice.

To reiterate what we have said on countless occasions, **no one on the Christ Church Staff will ever send an email or text asking individuals to purchase gift cards.** In those events where we might need something, we always name what we need directly in the first communication and why we are asking you specifically to do it. "Busy with the rigors of ministry" is not a reason.

This scam is part of an international crime syndicate, and there is not much we can do except to not fall for it. Here's how you can help: As soon as you receive a questionable email or text, forward it to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. That will alert the Communications Coordinator along with the Rector, the Associate Rector, and Director of Church Life. We will send a parish-wide communication via email and text message so we'll all be able to better know what's going on.

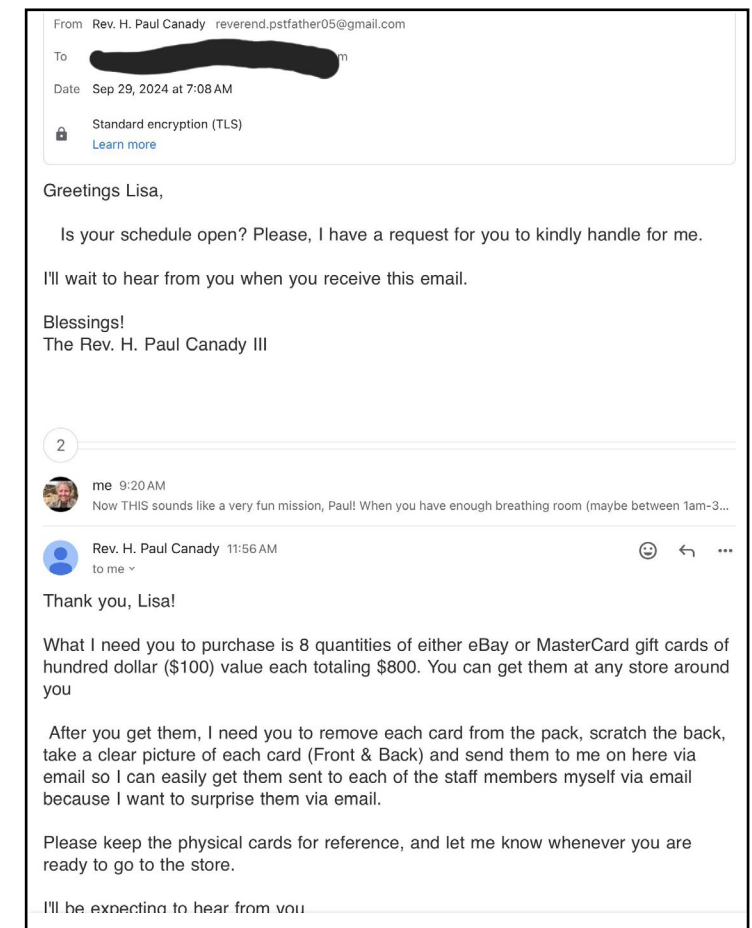
Other things you can do:

1. Make sure the Rector's cell phone number is in your phone: 252.571.6892. If you get a text from someone saying it's him but it's not from that number, it's fraud, and you should ignore it or delete it.
2. Read these emails closely. They are often riddled with poor grammar and punctuation.
3. Check the email address. Emails from the staff of Christ Church will be from "@christchurchnewbern.com". The fraudulent emails never have that as part of their email address.
4. Who is it from? When an email goes out from the Rector of Christ Church, it comes from Paul Canady. Not "The Rev. Paul Canady," not "The Rev. H. Paul Canady III." We are very intentional for it to just say "Paul Canady" since the scammers like to add other things to his name.

When in doubt, call the church office (252.633.2109) to ask. Or text/email another staff member, a neighbor, a family member, or someone else to double check what you're reading. While we

are not aware of anyone from Christ Church sending picture of the gift cards to the scammers, we have plenty who have made the purchase. We've been able to help by getting a refund or by putting the gift cards to good use for the parish.

Stay safe, everyone!



ECW November Meeting

Please join us at 10:30 a.m., Monday, November 11, in the Parish House for a celebration of our flag on Veteran's Day. Bonnie Royer will give a short presentation. We will then have a brief business meeting to discuss the GIG Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday 11/21 and plan for our Christmas Party. We also will be addressing Thanksgiving Day Cards to our homebound church members. Please bring any cards with you.

After our meeting we would like to stroll across the street to Bites and Barrels for lunch! We look forward to seeing you.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Vestry Elections - A Message from the Senior Warden

I wanted to update the congregation on the vestry nomination process for 2024. At the 2023 Annual Meeting, the congregation overwhelmingly expressed an interest in being more involved in the election process. In the discussions, the congregation wanted to help select possible nominees or to volunteer their own service. The outgoing vestry members met in July to begin this process. We sent a letter by mail to each household as well as emails, messages in the weekly *Messenger*, and announcements in church asking the parishioners for help as requested in the nominating process.

The congregation was given the month of August to send in names of possible candidates. We received one name from the entire congregation. At that time we asked for representatives from each commission and, together with the outgoing vestry members, generated names of possible nominees. This committee gives much thought into the selection of possible candidates. We ensure each candidate is a member in good standing and would bring their knowledge, life experience, time, and commitment to a three-year vestry term. It takes many meetings and emails to generate a slate of six candidates.

At this point we have a slate of six. We are grateful to the following parishioners who will stand for election to the Vestry of Christ Church:

- Vinson Bowers
- Liz Coble
- Patty Conard
- Susan Husson
- Heather McCloud-Huff
- Ernie Williams

Members of the Nominating Committee and Vestry will receive any further names from the floor today, Sunday, November 3, at 10 am beside the Baptismal Font in the Nave. All nominations must be made and seconded to be valid, and each nominee must agree prior to nomination. No nominations will be received after 10 am, November 3. Biographies for all nominees will be available on or before Sunday, November 10. Voting occurs during the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held Sunday, November 24. Parishioners must vote for FOUR nominees. We encourage you to pray for all the nominees and pray about how you will cast your ballot on November 24.

Grief Support Group

Every loss is different, your grief is yours – and yet, it is easier to grieve together. Facing the death of a loved one is hard. Grief can be isolating even when we have lots of family and friends. In an effort to be helpful sometimes people keep their distance, trying to give us space. Or we may feel like others just don't understand.

On any given day we might experience overwhelm, sadness, relief, anger, exhaustion, or any of a number of emotions that can sometimes feel like they conflict with one another. We might think we have to just get on with things. Or we might feel like we can't face the day.

Gathering together to support one another on our journey through grief can be lifegiving at a time when it can seem like everything is weighing us down. Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood for a six-week grieving support group starting Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 pm. Registration is required; please call (252) 631-5862 or email suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

News from St. Cyprian's

November Worship at St. Cyprian's

- Holy Eucharist, 11 am, Sunday, November 3
- Morning Prayer, 11 am, Sunday, November 17

For the first time since Hurricane Florence, St. Cyprian's Church was pleased to participate in New Bern Ghost Walk, put on by the New Bern Historical Society on October 24-26. Tours of the church were offered all three nights.

St. Cyprian's office, used by both St. Cyprian's Church and its partner organization, the African American Heritage and Culture Center, is in need of a computer and printer in excellent condition. If you have these to donate, please contact Harry Gormley at 252-288-2206. Many thanks in advance.

You can contact Mrs. Shirley Guion, St. Cyprian's Senior Warden, by phone at 252.288.2812 or by email StCyprianofNB@gmail.com. Checks in support of Saint Cyprian's may be sent to Post Office Box 809, New Bern, NC 28563-809. *Donations and support of St. Cyprian's are tax deductible as allowed by law.*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Cookie Walk is Coming

Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

Thank you to all who stopped by our Cookie Walk Preview last Sunday and signed up to bake or volunteer. We are getting excited about all things cookies!

There are several ways you can help. Not a baker? You can help package the cookies and of course help with Cookie Walk on December 14th. Click [here](#) to learn more about the various volunteer opportunities and sign up to volunteer. The baking sign-up can be found [here](#). Sign-up sheets will also be available soon in the Reception Area.

Check back often for more details on how we are preparing for our 25th Annual Cookie Walk. We are planning some new things to celebrate this milestone. All the proceeds from this event are returned to our community through the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. Point of contact is Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.



Pumpkin Patch THANK YOU!

While Pumpkin Patch 2024 is a wrap, its financial impact will continue. We do not have final financial totals yet but are happy to report that this year's sales broke an all-time record! The proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch are returned to our community via Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this year's Pumpkin Patch a record-breaking success. From unloading pumpkins, to working shifts, to baking treats, to helping with our preschool friends, and everything in between -- we could not have pulled this off without YOU!

Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Second Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC. The event will be held outside on the church grounds and feature many local artists and craft persons. The Holiday Market will provide locals and visitors an excellent opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase their creations for home and holiday gift giving.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9 AM until 4 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. Christ Church's address is 320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC, and the event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online [here](#).

Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828.774.9592, holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com.



THE GOODS

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks will meet at 9:30, Monday, November 4, in the Harrison Center. Please join us!

Faith Connection Meeting

Learn about Disaster Prep and Resiliency at the November Faith Connection meeting. Speakers will be Kristy Kulberg, Director of Operations, and John Robinson, Board Chair, from the newly formed Coastal Carolina Disaster Resilience Agency (CCDRA). The meeting will be at 4 pm, Thursday, November 21, at Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church (2011 Old Cherry Point Road).

Admission is free, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit faithconnectionnewbern.org.

Cursillo Weekend

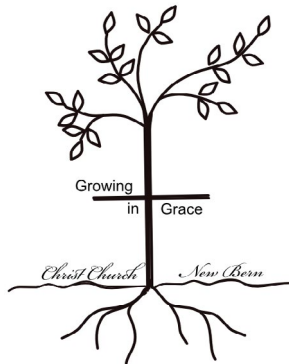
Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Fall Weekend is still accepting applications for November 7-10, 2024, taking place at Trinity Center, Salter Path. A personal spiritual journey with others, you will experience formation talks, meditations, Eucharist, and good food.

Cursillo will not end after the weekend. It will always be a part of you. For assistance and questions please contact Mary Lynn at cursillo.rep.marylynn@gmail.com. We will have a van going to the Eucharist Celebration on November 10. The van will leave the Christ Church parking lot at 1:30.

GIG Seeking Mentor and Subs

We would love to one more weekly mentor to join us at Growing In Grace on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, we are always looking for substitutes for mentors, van riders and van drivers.

We have 10 wonderful children and a great family of mentors. Come join our GIG Family! Please email Debbie Fodrie (deb-biefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com) or text/call 252-675-8358.



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our November services. To volunteer for our December Services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your your November shifts [here](#) and your December shifts [here](#).
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on December 8. Articles should be submitted by November 20.
 - 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.

Sunday Altar Flowers

There are multiple ways that you can sign up to donate altar flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something.

- Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex
- Call the church office (252.633.2109)
- Sign up online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>

NOTE: If you sign up online, please email the memorial or thanksgiving details (i.e. who/what it is for and who it is from) to communications@christchurchnewbern.com or call the church office.

There are also multiple ways for you to pay. You can drop a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (PO Box 1246 New Bern 28563). Also, you can pay online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Coffee Hour

We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am coffee hour. As a host, we look to you to plate and set out any refreshments that have been provided, as well as to refresh cups, condiments, napkins, etc. throughout the event.

For more information or to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to Patty Conard for providing snacks for this week's Coffee Hour.