

CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Visit from Bishop Skirving

Today we welcome the Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving to Christ Church. He will be preaching at both the 8:30 am and 11 am services, as well as presiding over Reception and Reaffirmation at the 8:30 am service and Confirmation and Reception at the 11 am service.

## 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](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Parking Lot Painting

The Christ Church parking lot will be closed Thursday afternoon, November 14, so that the contractor can paint numbers in the remaining parking spots. Thank you for your understanding.

## Pumpkin Patch Totals Are In!

This year Christ Church sold over \$23,000 of pumpkins and gourds. This smashed the 2019 year record of \$20,002.

Our patch success was due to purchasing a full truck load, working with the New Bern Parks and Recreation, selling a record number of small white/orange pumpkins, and selling boxes and boxes of gourds. The weather was a help as well with only one rainy day during the entire month of October.

We have to give a heart-filled thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who worked the sales tent each day with smiles and helpful words to our customers. We also have many happy Bridgeton pigs, cows, chicken, and deer who are now feasting on our leftover pumpkins.

Below are the 2024 Patch Sales Details:

- Total Pumpkin/Gourd Sales: \$23,221.99
- Pumpkin Patch Organization Proceeds: \$15,094.29
- Christ Church Proceeds (35% of the total): \$8,127.70
- Church Other Proceeds (Mums, Baked Goods, Treats, Pop-corn, Donations): \$1,744.79
- **TOTAL 2024 CHRIST CHURCH PATCH PROFIT: \$9,872.49**



## Vestry Nominations

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**

Biographies for all nominees have been mailed to parishioner households and are available at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. In addition, we will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" for the vestry candidates this Sunday and next Sunday during Coffee Hour. These will take place in the Parish House.

Voting occurs during both services on Sunday, November 24. We will also have "drive-up" voting from 10 - 11 am on Pollock Street in front of the gates to the church. We encourage you to pray for all the nominees and pray about how you will cast your ballot on November 24.

# Cookie Walk is Coming

## Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

There are several ways you can participate in the 25th annual Cookie Walk. 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 are also 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](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com).



## News from EYC

### UPCOMING EYC EVENTS

- November 10 - EYC (6 - 7:30 pm)
- November 15 Weekend - 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.



# 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](#).

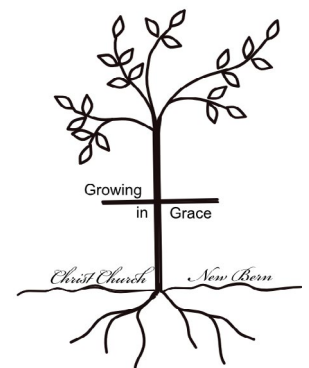
Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828.774.9592, [holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com).



## 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 ([debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com)) or text/call 252-675-8358.



# 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.



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Bambi, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, and Vaughn.

## For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's On the Sound, Wilmington; and St. Paul's, 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](#).*

## Fall Food Drive for RCS

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. Check circulars from local grocery stores for any current sales they might be running.

Bags will be handed out after church today and collected next 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.

## 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, November 10

*Bishop Skirving Visit*

*RCS Ingathering Bag Distribution*

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, November 11

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

### Tuesday, November 12

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### Wednesday, November 13

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Saturday, November 16

10 am: Special Convention - Diocese of East Carolina (via Zoom)

12 pm: Funeral and Reception for C. B. Evans (Nave)

### Sunday, November 17

*Realm Sunday*

*RCS Ingathering Bag Collection*

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](#))

2 pm: Cookie Palooza (Harrison Center)

## ECW November Meeting

Please join us at 10:30 a.m., tomorrow, 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.



# THE GOODS



**Greening of  
the Church**

**9 am - 12 noon**  
**Saturday, December 21**

Come help us beautify the interior of Christ Church for the Christmas season. Please drop in any time. All ages welcome.  
simswayt@embarqmail.com

## The Freezer is Full

Do you need meals to give to friends/family members who are sick, recovering, or experiencing a family emergency? In an effort to make room, please stop by the Christ Church Cooks freezer in the Parish House and pick up a meal for someone in need. Questions? Contact Ellen Chance.

## 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](http://faithconnectionnewbern.org).

## Lil Pantry

The shelves of the Lil Pantry are bare. Please consider donating some food and drink items. 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.

## 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](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your your November shifts [here](#) and your December shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Thank you to Andy Britton for hosting this week's Coffee Hour.

## 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or [suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Sunday Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, call the church office, or sign up online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$40 per Sunday.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

*Ephesians 4:2*