

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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ECW - We're Back

Hello all - we're back!!! Our February 12th meeting will feature Kelvin Stallings from NC Child as our speaker. NC Child is a nonprofit organization that advances public policies to ensure that every child in North Carolina has the opportunity to thrive. They cover a wide spectrum of key children's issues, including early childhood education, children's health, foster care, juvenile justice, family economic security, and more. Kelvin is an outreach and policy professional with almost a decade of experience navigating the intricacies of state government and public advocacy.

Please join us on the 12th for insights of what this group is working hard to accomplish.

Stewardship Update

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 1/23/2024

Pledge Amount Received: \$855,656

Number of Pledges Received: 207



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

IRM 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.

6 pm, Saturday, March 2, 2024

Christ Church Harrison Center

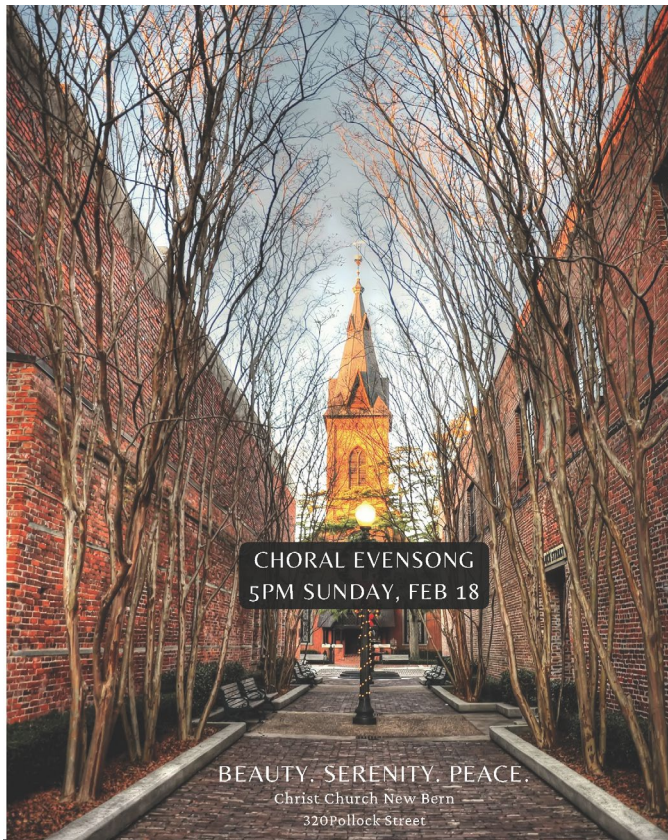
311 Middle Street, New Bern

\$65 per person

Reservations are available on our website

www.helpingrefugees.org or

by calling the office at 252-633-9009

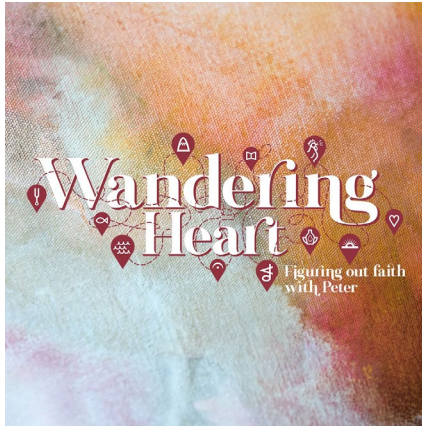


Choral Evensong

Evensong is a beautiful evening service in the Anglican tradition that features choral music, scripture readings, and prayers. This February's Evensong will take place on the first Sunday in Lent and is centered around themes of evening-tide or dusk and Lent. Choral selections include Josef Rheinberger's 8-part Abendlied, Timothy Sharp's stunningly beautiful O Gracious Light, Preces & Responses by local composer Matthew Hill, the Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in g minor by Herbert Howells, and John Stainer's classic God So Loved the World. These musical selections reflect a sound that brings to mind the words "beauty, serenity, peace" and will intentionally be presented at the end of the day - 5:00 pm on February the 18th.

Wandering Heart

This Lent, join the Rev. Suzanne Hood in a discussion and exploration focused on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves.



By following Peter's journey through scripture, poetry, music, and visual art, we will explore the story of his life and in the process come to understand more about our own faith journey. Join us Wednesday nights 5:30-7:00 pm in the library; Starting February 21st. Snacks will be provided.

Lenten Series

"It may be that when historians look back at 20th century American history, all roads will lead to Pauli Murray . . . Civil rights, feminism, religion, literature, law, sexuality – no matter what the subject, there is Pauli Murray."

Susan Ware, Editor, Notable American Women: a Biographical Dictionary Completing the Twentieth Century

During Lent, we will be offering a study by the Pauli Murray Center entitled "Building True Community..." based on the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. This class will be held weekly **both during the Sunday School hour and on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-3:30 pm**. Briefly introducing yourself to their life and work is recommended. You may view on Amazon the 2021 movie "My Name is Pauli Murray."

GIG Honor Roll Students

We are so very proud of all of our Growing in Grace children. We had five GIG children make Honor Roll. Congratulations!



What is a Quiet Day?

A Quiet Day is a time to step away from the world for a few hours in contemplation and self-reflection. It is a time to be with others who want the same opportunity. A Quiet Day is not necessarily a silent day. There is time for talking and time for listening. There is time for eating and time for worshiping. It is a time of renewal. Come join us on March 9th and discover "Gifts From the Wilderness".

This Quiet Day is sponsored by the Daughters of the King. To register, contact Jane Jones, janejkerr@gmail.com. Read more below about our Quiet Day coordinator, Lisa Richey, ObjN.



Lisa Richey, ObjN, is an oblate in the Order of Julian of Norwich, a recovering banker, Episcopal laywoman, spiritual director and retreat leader. She is infinitely curious, and comfortable not being certain of much.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The season of Lent is fast approaching, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Before we enter into this holy season of penitence, we pause to prepare ourselves. Traditionally, the period of Shrovetide was observed before Lent, often with indulgence in food items that many would abstain from during



Lent and by going to a priest for confession. The English word shrive, means to give absolution for someone's sins, thus Shrove Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is the last opportunity for this to happen.

Today we tend to celebrate Shrove Tuesday by eating pancakes. Join us for a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Harrison Center. We will have pancakes, syrup, sausage, and bacon. Tables will be set up for dining, but you can also preorder plates to go. Adult plates are \$6, children's plates are \$4 for ages 3-10. Children under the age of 3 are free. There is a \$20 maximum per household. You can pay online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> (use the "Shrove Tuesday Pancakes" field). You can also pay on the day of, or at the church at any time. Contact Suzanne Hood at suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bes-sack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Patty Willis, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, and Terry Rich.

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, Corey, 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, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brit-tany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, and Peter.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Bishop & Staff of the Diocese of East Carolina

**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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

Ephesians 4:2

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, January 28

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

12:30 pm: Acolyte Training (Nave)

Monday, January 29

6 pm: Building and Grounds Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, January 30

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, January 31

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, February 4

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

Camp Hope Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))



First Annual Christ Church

SPRING

Arts and Crafts
Market

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Downtown New Bern
Christ Episcopal Church
320 Pollock St, New Bern, NC

9 AM until 4 PM

<https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/2024-spring-arts-crafts-market>

For more information and to view the vendor application go to <http://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-Spring-Market>.

THE GOODS

Christ Church Game Night

Our Game Night will be Saturday, February 24 from 5 - 7 pm in the Harrison Center. Bring your favorite board games, cards, or puzzles and join in with others. We will provide popcorn and lemonade. Feel free to bring snacks to share!



Lost and Found

Have you been searching for misplaced pair of glasses, umbrella, water bottle, book or car keys? If so, please look in the church's Lost and Found, which is located on the first floor next to the elevator.

Our collection has been growing in recent months. Help these items find their way back home. We will be clearing out the Lost and Found in the coming weeks and donating items to charity.

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to Bill and Gretchen Lankenau on their retirement from Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry. For over 20 years they were deeply involved in Lay Eucharistic visitations, acting as coordinators of all Christ Church Lay Eucharistic Visitors for much of that time. They were a blessing to many parishioners during their tenure. They continue to be wonderful ambassadors for Christ Church's outreach in love. Godspeed, Bill and Gretchen; go with our deepest gratitude.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, 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. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for February services. March services can be found [here](#). Maundy Thursday / Good Friday Watch shifts are [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Reserve your February shifts [here](#). March shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Thank you to Andy Britton and Rodney Hayes for hosting this week's Coffee Hours.
- **DOK Book Drive:** During this season of Epiphany, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invite you to help with an outreach effort for children of Craven County. We are collecting new or gently used books for Pre-K through middle school-aged children through February 14. Bins are available for donations in the Reception Area beside Raggedy Ann and friends. Thank you!
- **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Want to explore a new way to serve at Christ Church? If you are interested in reading the scriptures to the congregation during Sunday worship as a Lay Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister at 252.634.7984 or lindamcalister50@gmail.com. Training is offered for this ministry.

Music for Kids

Music for Kids is a music group at Christ Church geared toward kids in late elementary / early middle school. Kids learn how to play instruments, such as ukuleles, hand chimes, and other Orff instruments, and practice basic singing technique.

Rehearsal are every Wednesday from 4:30 - 5:15 pm in the Music Room (across Pollock Street, next to the GIG Room).

2024 Pledge Envelopes

2024 Pledge envelopes are available and have been moved to the Reception Area, next to the front door. **On February 1, they will be moved to the Finance Office.** Thank you for your 2024 Pledge Commitment to Christ Church.