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THE SEASON OF LENT

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Hardest Part: Hurt We Carry; Hope We Find

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. The class starts March 12.

**Curriculum written by The Everything Happens Project*

You Say You Want a Revelation: Rector's Lenten Bible Study

Shrouded in mystery and intrigue, the Book of Revelation has perplexed Jesus followers (and others) for generations. And every three years, passages from the last book of the Bible are part of our Sunday readings in the season of Easter.

This Lent, the Rector's Bible Study will explore the themes and imagery that have made this book such a focal point for so many.

Will we find out who the antichrist is? Sort of.

Will it tell us when the world will end and Jesus will return? Not even close. Don't try.

Will we find a lot of relevance to our world today? You bet!

Like the majority of the pattern of the Rector's Bible Study, you won't be lost or behind if you miss a week. Come as you. Come as often as you can. Bring your own Bible, but if you don't have one, we have plenty!

The series will run March 12 - April 16. (We will not meet on Ash Wednesday). The Rector's Bible Study meets at 11:00am each Wednesday in the Pelletier Room. We finish by noon at the latest. Questions? Contact the Rev. Paul Canady (paul.canady@christ-churchnewbern.com).

More Lenten offerings on pages 4 and 5

WELCOME BACK, PAUL!

Today we welcome back The Rev. Paul Canady, who is returning from the first part of his sabbatical. We are happy to see you!

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
Deacon-in-Training: Charles Pringle

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
Facilities Coordinator: John Peterson
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett
Custodial Services: Terry Pitner

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 with Paul and [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](#) for more information.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2025:
 Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
 Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Graham Underhill
Term through 2027:
 Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson (*Clerk*), Ernie Williams

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](#)

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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 April 2025 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by March 15. 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 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, John Griffin, and Steve Phillips.

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, Henry, and Jim.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's, Sunbury; St. Christopher's, Elizabethtown

**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:

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 MARCH 2	MONDAY MARCH 3	TUESDAY MARCH 4	WEDNESDAY MARCH 5	THURSDAY MARCH 6	FRIDAY MARCH 7	SATURDAY MARCH 8	SUNDAY- MARCH 9
<p>BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School for Ages</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p> <p>5:30pm: Combined POD and EYC (Offsite)</p>	<p>1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)</p>	<p>7am: Al Anon Meeting - (2nd Floor Living Room)</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)</p> <p>5 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Harrison Center)</p> <p>6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>8am: Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)</p> <p>12pm: Ash Wednesday Service (Nave / online)</p> <p>5pm: Ash Wednesday Service for Young Families and Children (Nave)</p> <p>6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p> <p>7pm: Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)</p>			<p>9am: Building and Grounds Committee (Library)</p> <p>1pm: Bishop Search Listening Session (Harrison Center)</p> <p>7pm: Salome Sandoval Concert (Chapel)</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>

LENTEN OFFERINGS

DOK Quiet Day at Christ Church

“Not Counting Women and Children”

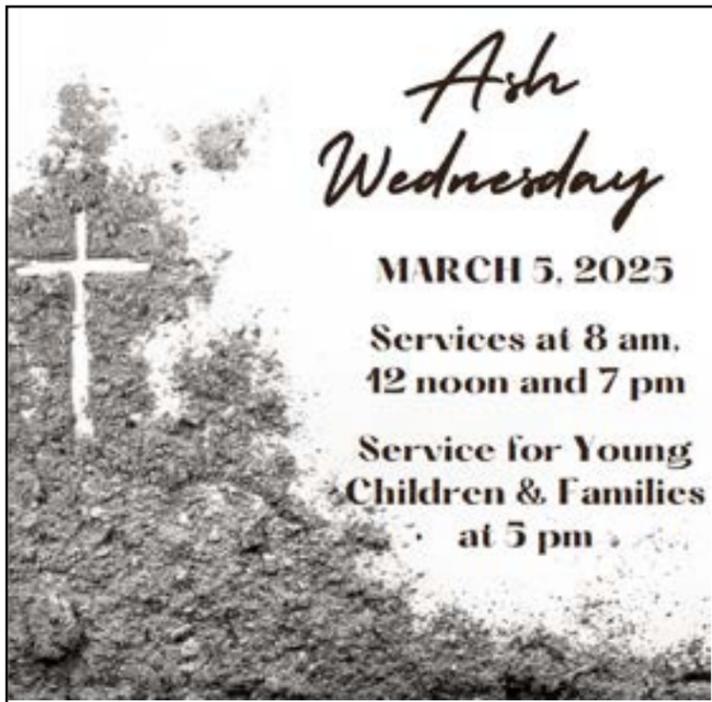
We will delve into two stories from Holy Scripture that are neglected, yet tell us much about our God, and our relationship with God. And that tell much about how women figure in the story of salvation, then and now. We will draw on Megan McKenna’s book of the same name.

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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

Ash Wednesday Services



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The season of Lent is fast approaching, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. 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, March 4th 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.

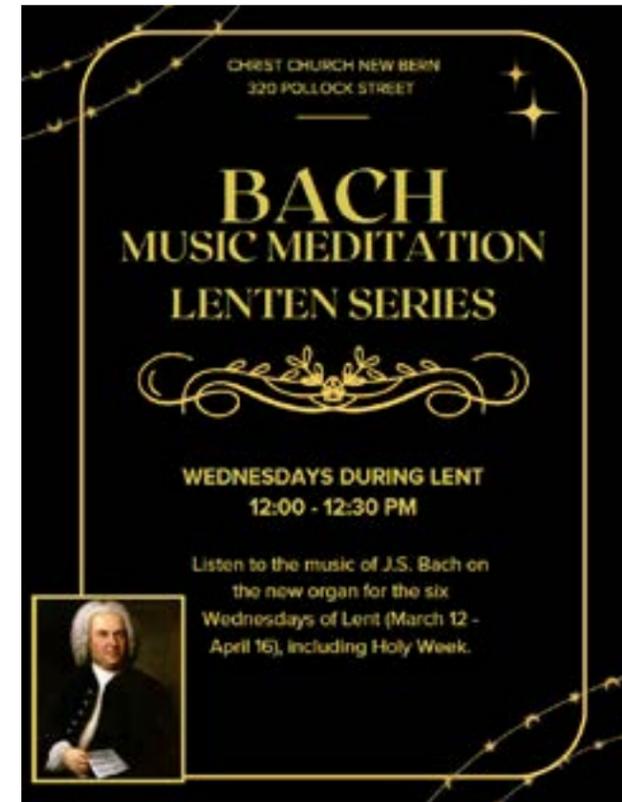
Adult plates are \$6, children’s plates are \$4 for ages 3-10. Children under the age of 3 are free. There is a \$20 maximum per household. You can pay online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> (use the “Shrove Tuesday Pancakes” field). You can also pay on the day of, or at the church at any time. Contact Suzanne Hood at suzanne-hood@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Bach Music Meditation Series

Our Bach Music Meditation Series returns during the six Wednesdays in Lent. The series will run March 12 - April 16 from 12 pm - 12:30 pm in the Nave each week.

Our series will feature the complete 24 preludes & fugues from Book One of J.S. Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavier. Each week, four preludes & fugues will be performed in the order in which they are found in Book One: the first week starting with C major and the last week ending with B minor (Holy Week). This year music written for organ will be featured on the new Taylor & Boody Opus 85.

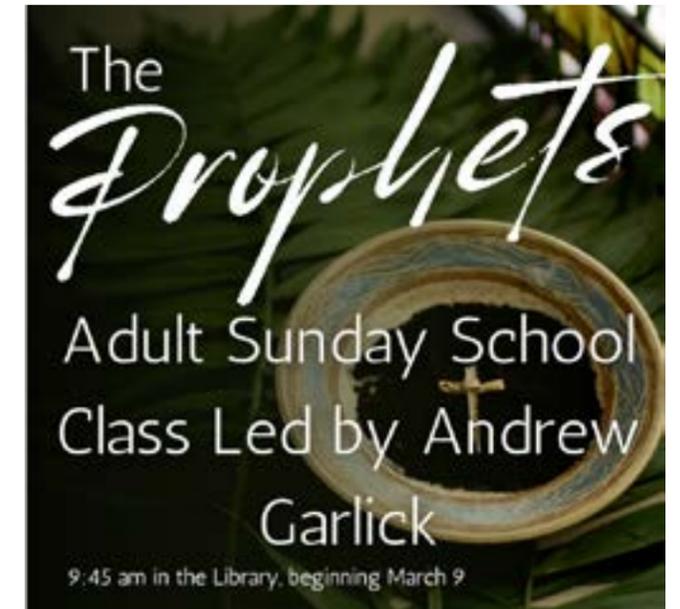


Adult Sunday Christian Formation Class

During Sundays in Lent, join our own Professor Andrew Garlick for an enlightening journey through the lives and messages of the Hebrew Prophets. Discover the timeless insights and profound teachings that continue to resonate with us today. We will examine the nature of “prophecy”, discover figures we do not normally consider “prophets”, and take a deep dive into the life, times, and message of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekial, and Daniel.

Whether you’re a scholar, a seeker, or simply curious, this series offers a unique opportunity to explore the rich heritage and enduring relevance of these remarkable figures.

Don’t miss this chance to deepen your understanding and connect with a community of like-minded individuals. March 9th through April 6th, 9:45 in the Library.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



5 PM, WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT
STARTING MARCH 12
LED BY JOHN GASKILL

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Welcome to our Recent Newcomers

MARIE AND JAMES HORNER

Maria and James recently moved to New Bern from Great Mills, Maryland, for retirement in a warmer climate. Maria grew up in Pennsylvania and James grew up in Southern Maryland. They previously were members of the Roman Catholic Church but have been attending Christ Church since moving to New Bern. Maria plays the ukelele and James plays the guitar. They also enjoy walking their dog. We welcome them to Christ Church.

JONATHAN DAVIS

Jonathan grew up in the Presbyterian Church while living in Colorado. He moved to North Carolina in 1990, and has lived in Roanoke Rapids, Gates County, and Raleigh the last eleven years where he attended St. Michael's Episcopal Church. As a divorced father, he raised two sons on his own. Jonathan is a retired school teacher, and, after retirement, decided to move closer to family. One of his sons, Nathan and his prospective bride, Rhea, live in New Bern; therefore, Jonathan moved to New Bern. After attending Christ Church, Jonathan felt so welcome here, he decided to join our membership. His son Nathan, Rhea, and their two children have also joined Christ Church. Jonathan has attended the Rector's Bible Study group, and is looking forward to volunteering in other areas at Christ Church.

PAUL AND DONNA MIRANDA

Paul and Donna moved to New Bern in 2013 for retirement after checking out a number of locales throughout North Carolina. They decided on New Bern as they loved

the history of the city. They both grew up in New York and spent their adult lives on Long Island, New York. The couple has twin daughters living in North Carolina; one moved to New Bern after her parents moved here, and the other lives in the Southport area. While living in NY, Paul was employed in a residential Child Care Agency affiliated with the Sisters of Mercy where he worked with underprivileged boys. He was also employed in the aeronautical industry. Donna was employed for 31 years in Financial Aid with Hofstra University (NY). Paul and Donna look forward to joining activities here at Christ Church.

MIKE WOFFORD

Mike has lived in New Bern since 2022, previously attending First Presbyterian Church, New Bern. He periodically attended Christ Church since moving here, and finally decided this was where he belongs. Mike was originally from Salem, Missouri, and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. He has also lived in Princeton, New Jersey; Chicago; and Rochester, New York. In 2000, he and his wife moved to McCormick, South Carolina, living there until 2016 when his wife passed away. Mike then moved to Ithaca, New York, where he resided near his son who is employed at Cornell University. In 2022, Mike decided to move south again and picked New Bern, as he loved the history here. Mike enjoys volunteering at RCS and Tryon Palace and he also plays pickleball. He has a daughter who is employed at a university in Berlin, Germany. He is looking forward to helping out here at Christ Church, especially as an usher and greeter, and enjoys the social activities here at Christ Church.

Racial Reconciliation Meetings

Begun in 2020 (during Covid) with interviews and discussions, the goal of "Racial Reconciliation" is to "partner traditionally white churches with traditionally black churches to bring them together as a community." For several months, a team from Christ Church has worked with other church teams and representatives from Faith Connection* to bring this program to faith communities in New Bern. This year, Word of God Worship Center, First Presbyterian, and United Worship Center will host these conversations.

Today, March 2, Christ Church members are invited to join with parishioners from two churches in our community, Word of God Worship Center and Clinton Chapel, to share fellowship and conversation concerning racial reconciliation. The mission of this and subsequent conversations is to "Build bridges between races, classes, and religions."

We will gather as a large community at the Word of God Worship Center (3650 Neuse Blvd) from 4 - 5:30 pm. An overview of the program will be shared by the chair, Mike Williams. Snacks and beverages will be offered. If possible, please RSVP to Martha Schulhaus at 252-288-4611. (Please leave a message with your name and contact information).

*Faith Connection is "An interfaith group promoting unity and peace among all God's children. Our Mission is to connect faith communities so that we can build bridges between races, classes, and religions; encourage compassionate listening; welcome the stranger; and serve those in need."

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY VESTRY RECAP

- Received Susan Husson's Devotional and Opening Prayer.
- Approved January 27th Meeting Minutes.
- Discussed the Treasurer's Report on Operating Funds, including the 1st month's income and an increase in pledges.
- Approved a gift's establishment of a Special Fund with an initial Endowment Fund deposit to be spent on non-budgeted deferred maintenance and building and grounds expenses.
- Accepted the Clergy request to increase the Wedding Fee for organ music to \$400 (Christ Church Members) and \$600 (Non-Members).

MINISTRY REPORTS

- Building and Grounds – Randy Bogle announced the next meeting will be held on Feb. 22nd and the Spring Clean-up will be held on April 12th from 10:00-1:00.
- Stewardship – Graham Underhill mentioned he is organizing a meeting, especially for younger parishioners
- Pastoral Care – Stephanie Bratton stated that a meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 19th.
- Outreach and Evangelism – Holly Lippitt reported that the joint Commissions will meet on Thurs., Feb. 27th at 5:30;

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 27 – Staff Workday
- March 4 – Pancake Supper, Harrison Center, 5:00-6:30
- March 5 – Ash Wednesday, Services at 8:00, 12:00, 5:00 (Children's Service), and 7:00.
- Wednesdays during Lent starting March 12
 - 12:00-12:30 -- Bach Music Meditation Series
 - 5:00-5:30 -- Stations of the Cross
 - 5:30-6:50 -- Lenten Class: The Hardest Part: Hurt We Carry, Hope We Find

-- Respectfully submitted, Holly Lippitt

Donation Check Presentation

Senior Warden, Kim Huddle, and The Rev. Suzanne Hood recently presented a check to the Foodbank of Central and Eastern North Carolina's New Bern location. Accepting the check on the behalf of the foodbank was Harry Brown.



Spring Rothermel Lecture

Date/Time: 2 pm, Sunday, March 23, 2025

Location: First Presbyterian Church; 400 New Street, New Bern, NC 28560

Presenter: Norman Wirzba, Gilbert T Rowe Distinguished Professor of Theology & Director of Research in the Office of Climate and Sustainability at Duke University

Program: Loving the World that God Loves

The widespread assumption that planet Earth will soon become uninhabitable, and that we will therefore have to move to other planets, signals profound despair about our world. Christians are not immune to this despair. In fact, many think the goal of their faith is for the soul to escape Earth and live with God somewhere far, far away. The presentation will develop several scriptural passages to show why this other-worldly spirituality is a mistake. God loves precisely this created world and wants us to love it too. What that means and what it spiritually and practically entails will be our primary focus.

The lecture is presented by The Rothermel Foundation and is free and open to the public. The Rothermel Foundation brings to New Bern, typically twice each year, speakers of eminent reputation or accomplishment, or both, to speak on issues of interest or concern to people of faith, including science, religion, the arts, and cultural issues.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Bishop Selection Listening Sessions: Share Your Voice

Christ Church will host a listening session as part of the bishop search. It will be in the Harrison Center on Saturday, March 8 from 1-3 pm. Please plan to arrive a little early. This event is being advertised to the entire Diocese and will be one of several hosted by different churches around the Diocese. It is a chance for parishioners from various churches to come together and share what they are looking for from our next Bishop with members of the search committee.

The In-Person Listening Sessions are open for anyone to attend, even those who may also be participating in one of the virtual sessions. Virtual Sessions will take place on Zoom and many are designated for particular affinity groups or clergy roles within the diocese. There will also be two Zoom sessions for Laity who are not able to attend an in-person session. There will also be a session for diocesan staff. These listening sessions will be forward-looking and conversational, during which you'll be invited to share your answer to these five questions:

- Tell us about something exciting in your worship community and your wider community, and tell us about a challenge in your worship community and your wider community.
- In what ways has the diocese been a blessing to you or your parish?
- What opportunities and challenges face our diocese and bishop in the next five years?
- Jump ahead to 10 years from now. What accomplishments do you hope the bishop will have led us to?
- Is there anything you'd want to make sure our new bishop knows about our diocese?

In addition, over the next few weeks there is an opportunity to participate in an online survey, which is available in both English and Spanish. The survey is open now through March 9.

To view a schedule of in-person and virtual sessions, access the online survey, as well as register for a Virtual Listening Session, please visit <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/diocesan-survey-listening-sessions/>.

Good News Bears T-Ball

Christ Church has partnered with First Presbyterian Church to create a T-Ball team called the "Good News Bears." T-Ball will be played every Wednesday in April and May, with the last day being May 21. Games will be played at 6 pm at Fort Totten Park. If you have any questions, please reach out to Hannah Hutchens at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com.



Music Notes

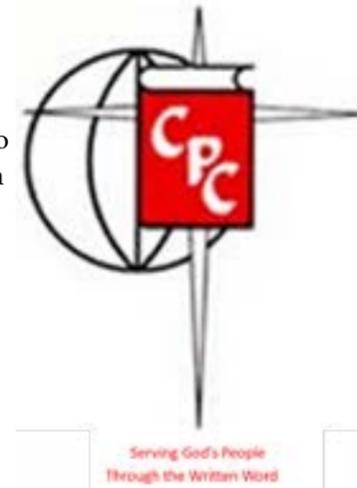
There are a number of upcoming music events this spring for us all to enjoy. For additional events and details, please visit www.christchurchnewbern.com/music. All events are open to the public, so please share our wonderful music program with your friends and the community of New Bern.

- 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.
- 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.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Church Periodical Club

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) began in 1888 at the Church of Holy Communion in New York City. Mary Ann Drake Fargo and a small group of women began sending bundles of church periodicals, prayer books, and Bibles via the Wells Fargo Stagecoach Line to missionaries in the western part of the U.S. While delivery systems have changed, the commitment to supplying free theological and educational materials in support of missions around the world has not.



CPC is an independent affiliated organization and the only organization in the Episcopal Church dedicated solely to providing grants for written materials, both religious and secular, to people all over the world. CPC depends entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Christ Church is pleased to again offer this opportunity for giving! In previous efforts, the East Carolina Diocese has given several seminarians over \$400 each to cover some of their periodical and related materials expenses. CPC donation envelopes and a collection box can be found on the Ingathering table in the Reception Area during the entire month of March. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Christ Church and write CPC on the memo line. Donations may also be made online at: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Thank you in advance for your support.

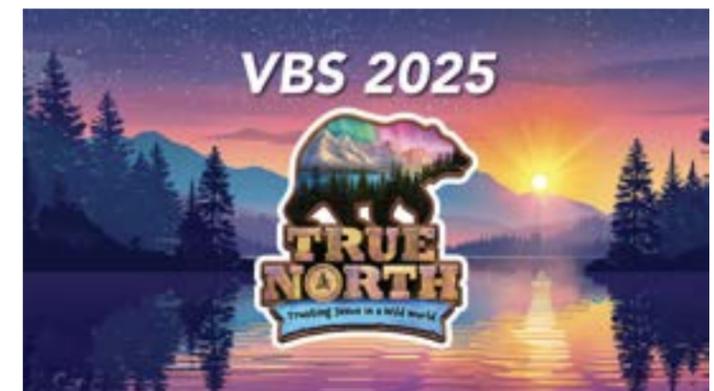
From the Finance Office

- The active 2025 Stewardship Campaign officially concluded February 28th. However, the 2025 Campaign brochures and pledge cards will remain available at the Reception Desk and the Finance Office for any new or current parishioners.
- The weekly and monthly pledge envelopes have been moved to the Finance Office. You can contact Cindy Tripp in the Finance Office if you wish to arrange a time to pick up your pledge envelopes or if you have any questions concerning pledges.

VBS 2025 - REGISTRATION OPEN

We invite children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in our Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will take place Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20 from 9 am - 12 pm each day. To register, please visit <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>.

Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. For any questions please reach out to Hannah at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-631-5867. If you are interested in volunteering to make this awesome week happen please reach out and let Hannah know!



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.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Spring Cursillo Weekend

Spring 2025 Episcopal Cursillo #104 Weekend is here! We will gather April 24-27, 2025, at the Episcopal Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores.

Adult applications are being accepted through April 12, 2025. The Christ Church Vestry may assist you with locating a Cursillo Sponsor or someone to answer your questions. Document applications for an attending Pilgrim and their Sponsors document are found on the website: <https://www.cursillodec.org/>

Weekend fee is \$300 per person, which includes meals. Scholarships are available. The Weekend consists of five meditations, 15 talks, and Eucharist every day. Watch this [video](#) to learn a little about the Cursillo Weekend.

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 at <https://helpingrefugees.org/> or by calling the office at 252-633-9009.

Dinner on 5 Continents



Table • See • Hear • Experience
the world with Interfaith Refugee Ministry

Churchyard Clean-Up

10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 12

This spring's churchyard clean-up will take place from 10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 12. Please make plans to join us spruce up the church grounds. We will be weeding, mulching, power washing, and trimming hedges, among other chores. We need as many people as possible, as "many hands make light work. Help us beautify our church grounds in time for Easter. Prior to the meeting, the Building and Grounds Committee will meet in the Library at 9 am.



Helping H4H

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



College Student Volunteers Arriving Soon!!

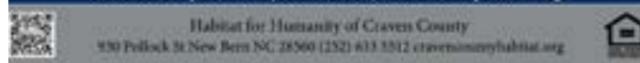
We're searching for Craven County residents & businesses to help sponsor students from Connecticut, Delaware and Ohio with refreshments, snacks, lunches and dinners while they are here building a new home for our community.

Sacred Heart University March 3 - 7

Lourdes University March 10 - 14

University of Delaware March 24 - 27

Email if you can help at bcumble@cravencountyhabitat.org



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Stephen Ministry: What is it and how can it help you?

At Christ Church, as part of the Pastoral Care Commission, Stephen Ministry tries to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the congregation. Stephen Ministry is an international program that equips lay people (men and women) to provide Christian care on an individual basis to those experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances such as illness, divorce, loss of a loved one, or any situation, by providing a non-judgmental listening ear and Christian love.

This is a confidential ministry in which the care receiver can be sure his or her identity and what is discussed remains private. There are many of us who carry burdens and issues that need to be talked about, who could benefit from this wonderful service. We all, men and women alike, might need confidential, compassionate help at some time in our lives and these wonderful, giving ministers are ready to assist you.

Please remember that Christ Church has Stephen Ministers that are trained and willing to listen to you at any time for any issue in your life. These lay ministers go through 50+ hours of training led by professionals to learn the skills to assist those experiencing a life issue. All referrals go through our clergy to maintain clergy awareness and support. If you feel you could use the service of a Stephen Minister, please contact Suzanne Hood (252-631-5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) or Mary Parrish (252-514-8199). Both of them would be happy to answer any of your questions.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.

John 10:10b

Winter's Beauty

We saw an unusual amount of cold and snowy weather this winter and are now looking forward to spring. Even in the midst of the winter weather, however, there is always God's beauty to be seen. *Photo credit: Sarah Risty-Davis.*



Spring Arts and Crafts Market

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 hand-crafted 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 [here](#).

All proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern.



THE GOODS

March Faith Connection

The March Faith Connection Meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, March 20, at the Word of God Christian Center (3650 Neuse Blvd.). Sharon Warren, Chairperson of the Craven County Hospice Center, will be presenting. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

‘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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our March Services click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [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 hosts, Randy and Joanie Bogle.

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.

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. When scheduling, please indicate if you’d rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.

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