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SNEAK PEEK: PHOTOS OF THE NEW ORGAN

Framework for part of the upper case.



Sanding down one of the wooden pipes.



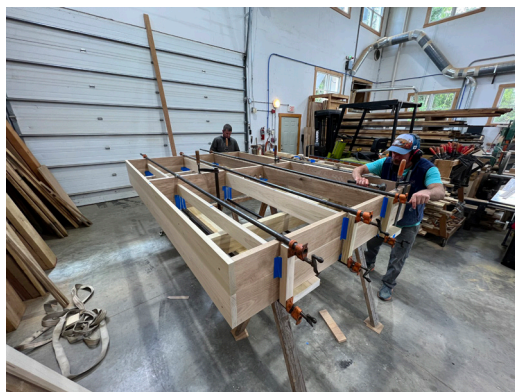
*Metal for pipes just poured onto table,
preparing for cooling and cutting*



Hard sanding and planing.



Working on the case.



*Please see page 4 for updates on our
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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 Christian Formation: Meg Jones
Director of Church Life: Ellie Roberts
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Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
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Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell
Custodian: Terry Pitner

OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours (*Memorial - Labor Day*)
Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 2pm
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
- Text "FUNDS" to 833.233.8760
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2023:
Howard Furnas III, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Senior Warden*), Sims Wayt
Term through 2024:
Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Clerk*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle

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- www.christchurchnewbern.com
- [Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
- [Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [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 July edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by June 15, 2023. 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 our ill and recovering parishioners: Barbara Willis, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freeman*, 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 Bessack, 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, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Margaret Wright, Bruce Baker, Ellen Serra, Geoff Wood, and Audrey Von Dolln.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, 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, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Vickie, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Roscoe, Kathi, and Julia.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Kinson; Upper Cape Fear Deanery

**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](#).*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

You can see the calendar for the entire month of June and beyond [here](#).

SUNDAY JUNE 4	MONDAY JUNE 5	TUESDAY JUNE 6	WEDNESDAY JUNE 7	THURSDAY JUNE 8	FRIDAY JUNE 9	SATURDAY JUNE 10	SUNDAY JUNE 11
<p>BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>INSTALLATION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (10 AM)</p> <p>8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p> <p>11am: Lemonade on the Lawn</p> <p>6pm: EYC</p>	<p>11am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)</p> <p>1pm: Staff Meeting</p> <p>3pm: Funeral for Charles Adams</p> <p>4pm: Daughters of the King Meeting (Parish House)</p>	<p>8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)</p> <p>10am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)</p> <p>6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>	<p>10am - 2 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive (Harrison Center)</p>			<p>8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p> <p>11am: Lemonade on the Lawn</p> <p>12:30pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)</p> <p>5pm: Service for Children and Families (Nave)</p>

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Sacred Sound and Space

The Campaign to Replace our Organ and Renew the Nave

The Organ

Since late last year the organ builders at Taylor and Boody have been building our organ and they continue to do so. Soon after Christmas Taylor and Boody will begin the two-month process of installing the organ and doing all the things necessary to get it ready to play. If it seems like we started this process years ago...well, we did!

The Balcony

From the beginning we have known that we need to make some changes in the balcony to prepare it for the new organ. That work will begin in mid-June and will include the removal of the current organ and the old asbestos tile flooring. Significant work on the bellows room behind the organ is required. The balcony will be a construction project from June until the organ is installed early next year.

As needed the balcony will be enclosed in plastic. Obviously this work will require significant adjustments by our choir and musicians. We will not have an organ until the new one is ready but will use our wonderful grand piano in the interim.

The Current Organ

Early in the balcony project the Zimmer organ will be removed. For those who would like to retain a memento of the Zimmer organ, all the pipes will be placed somewhere (to be determined), and parishioners can help fund the new organ by buying some of the pipes from the Zimmer. Details on the "pipe sale" will be shared as the work schedule shapes up.

Finances

We have restored our original heart pine floor, replaced lighting controls and improved lighting, refurbished and refin-

ished the pews, repaired and reinforced the ceiling, insulated the attic, painted the walls and trim and improved the lighting of the altar window. Soon, at last, the new organ will be here. So, where do we stand financially?

None of the Sacred Sound and Space work would have been possible without the generosity of our parishioners. Once the organ has been installed, we will have completed more than \$1,500,000.00 in improvements in The Nave. Assuming pledges come in as scheduled, and assuming the work in the balcony comes in on budget, we still need to raise at least \$65,000.00. If you would like to help us close the \$65,000.00 gap, please contact Bob Emory, Chris McCrudden or Ellen Chance. With **your help we will get there!**

Stephen Ministers Installation

Today, Sunday, June 4th, at the ten o'clock service we will commission four new Stephen Ministers. We are also celebrating the recommissioning of nine currently serving Stephen Ministers. For the past five months this group of thirteen dedicated members of our congregation has studied, learned, opened their hearts, and journeyed together, creating community along the way.

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. This requires deep compassion and empathy, as well as a willingness to deepen their own self-reflection and personal relationship with God. The Stephen Ministers at Christ Church have done this and continue to do this as they go forth to do the work God has called them to do.

Training to become a Stephen Minister takes fifty-five hours, and our dedicated group took this seriously. We received generous training help from Becky Gaeta and Perry Bosmajian. We would particularly like to extend gratitude and appreciation to Barbara Bornemann who co-facilitated the Stephen Ministry training.

Please join in celebrating our new Stephen Ministers: Debi Miller, Jane Jones, Wayne Rowe, and Gloria Simpson; as well as our re-dedicated Stephen Ministers: Holly Craighead, Mary Davidson, Anne Ocorr, Edward Opphile, Mary Parrish, Jane Peele, Liz Praul, Laura Smith, and Linda Taylor.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Celebrate World Refugee Day with Interfaith Refugee Ministry

World Refugee Day was first celebrated on June 20, 2001, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. On June 20th, World Refugee Day, we celebrate refugees' contributions to our community and seek to build empathy and understanding for their plight and their resilience to build a bright future.

How many refugees does the U.S. settle each year? Less than 1/2 of 1% of the world's refugee population of nearly 32.5 million (2023) is settled in the U.S. each year. For 2022, that number was 24,465. As of the end of April, 24,823 refugees have arrived in the U.S. since October 1, 2022. Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) has received 87 individuals in the same time frame and expects to reach 165 by the end of September.

Where do refugees in Eastern NC come from? It depends on the world situation and on IRM's capacity. Refugees are assigned to Interfaith by Episcopal Migration Ministries which considers many factors such as language availability, affordable housing and availability of employment. Between 2020 and 2023, IRM has received refugees from Colombia, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Central America.

Thank you to all of you who continue to provide IRM with life's necessities for incoming refugees. We are very grateful for your support. Currently, we are not accepting any clothing. If you have furniture to donate and need a pickup, please call.

Particularly needed items are:

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| Bar soap | Pots/pans |
| Toothbrush and toothpaste | Cleaning supplies |
| Digital thermometers | Paper products |
| Shampoo | Deodorant |
| Twin, full and queen sheets and blankets | Pillowcases |
| Children's easy picture books | Trash bags |

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amanda Norwood anorwood@helpingrefugees.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Pray continually.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

March and April Newcomers

ARCHIE AND ANN ASADOURIAN

Ann was raised in Montgomery, Alabama, and Archie was born in Iran. His family is Armenian, and the family moved to the United States when he was four years old, for his father's employment. Previous to their move to New Bern in 2012, for retirement, Archie and Ann lived in Monmouth, New Jersey. They attended Christ Church years ago, upon their move here, and then tried other churches here in town. They recently came back to Christ Church and feel very welcome here.

TIMOTHY LAMM

Tim was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and moved away as a child, but he still feels that Rocky Mount is "home," as he still has family there. Tim has lived in Woodbridge, Virginia; Sharpsburg and Raleigh, North Carolina; and Washington, D.C. Before moving to New Bern, he was residing in Atlanta, Georgia. He recently moved to New Bern to live with his spouse, Daniel, who has lived here for many years. Tim attended different churches here in New Bern, but found Christ Church and feels very welcome here. He is employed part-time as an event planner and floral designer and enjoys travel and photography.

SUSAN SLATER

Susan was born and grew up in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and while residing in Massachusetts, obtained her Master's Degree in Nursing. She eventually became employed by a hospital in Vail, Colorado, living there until her retirement two years ago, and then moved to New Bern. Susan has been active in the Episcopal Church her entire life and has a brother-in-law who is a retired Episcopal Priest. She also has a foster son living in Texas. Susan is interested in joining activities here at Christ Church and also, possibly volunteering at Merci Clinic.

CLAUDIA ZINK

Claudia was born and grew up in Kenosha, Wisconsin. As an adult she resided in Stanford, Connecticut; Allentown, Pennsylvania; and Walpole, Massachusetts. While living in Walpole, she attended the church where Christ Church parishioners, Rick and Martha Schulhaus were members. Upon retirement, Claudia and her husband moved to New Bern in 2013, and attended another church here in town. She recently decided to attend Christ Church, where she has friends; and finding us a very welcoming church she has now joined us. Claudia is currently attending the Prayer Shawl ministry and Bible study.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Updates from All Saints ECW

Christ Church Episcopal Church Women (ECW) had a very successful Geranium Sale and will be splitting the proceeds (\$840.00) by donating \$420.00 each to local nonprofit organizations, *Laundry Love* and *My Big Dream*.

Laundry Love (<https://www.facebook.com/LaundryLoveofNewBern>) provides local laundromat space twice a month for folks in need to come in and do their laundry for free. They provide detergent, fabric softener and other essentials. Also, they have activities for the kids who come with their parents! As of April they have been able to serve 747 local families and wash 6,530 loads of laundry.

My Big Dream (<https://www.mybigdream.us/>) is a fairly new group (founded in 2021) that works with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as Autism and Down Syndrome. Their mission is to create beautiful products with hope, love and inclusion. They craft objects (mugs and reusable gift bags, to name a few) and sell them at Pop-Up shops around the area.

We are very proud to be able to help these two wonderful 501C charities, and we thank you for your support!

We had a wonderful day to end out the ECW year with a picnic in Glenburnie Park in May. We are looking forward to September and a new year when we will have interesting speakers and trips lined up. Please join us then!



Ukuleles in Action

When Cliff Badgley started the ukulele groups in the Fall of 2020, we really had no idea what would happen. But we were pretty sure everyone would have a great time! It was started because we realized the need for a musical offering for children, but singing was off the table due to COVID restrictions. Through the generosity of our choirs, we were able to purchase 30 ukuleles. Cliff, assisted by Jean Reichenbach, were off to the races with the Ukulele Adventures.

Music at Vacation Bible School in 2021 and 2022 was led on ukulele, and when our Wednesday offerings shifted for 2021/22 and into this fall, a dedicated group of elementary-age parishioners continued learning and playing together. Jean continued to play each with this group in 2023 after Cliff's departure. Playing in church was a given, but we were even more thrilled that the four young people who attend Bangert Elementary School all played a song on their ukulele for the recent talent show! Wednesday Huff played "Away in a Manger." Parker Jutras played "Ode to Joy," and Henry Jutras and Ada Ruth Canady played and sang "Lean on me" (which all of them played in church on May 14).

We will know more about what musical offerings for children look like once we have identified our next Director of Music, but we are exceedingly thankful for how the Ukulele Adventures have shaped and influenced so many of our young parishioners. And we are exceedingly thankful to Jean Reichenbach for her efforts this spring! For a fun stroll down memory lane, you can see the final concert from 2021 here <https://youtu.be/9r7i1muP8pc>.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Trinity Center Sunday

Trinity Center is the Diocese of East Carolina's island refuge in Salter Path. Come and walk our beaches or stand and watch the sunset on our sound-side pier, and perhaps catch a glimpse of the snowy white egret or majestic blue heron.



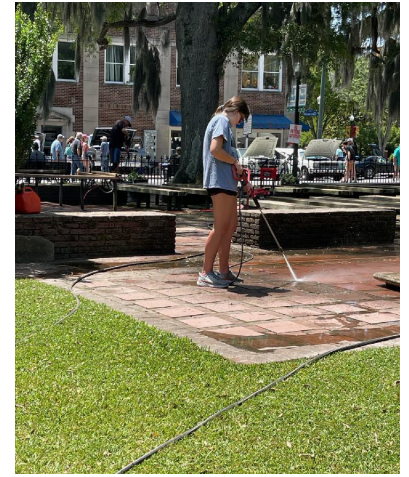
Trinity Center has three primary focal points: Trinity Conference and Retreat Center (hosts nearly 300 groups a year), Camp Trinity (nine weeks and nearly 600 campers), and the Sound to Sea Environmental Education Program (reaches nearly 6,000 students annually). We love hosting churches and groups from the Diocese of East Carolina, and we hope you can come see us for time on the island.

Whether you are coming to our camp, environmental program, retreat house or conference center, our caring and professional staff is waiting to help you plan and implement your experience. Please come and visit with us soon and often!

You can also support our mission by donating to our Annual Fund via scanning the QR code above, which will take you to our PayPal. All donations go directly to supporting the mission and work of Trinity Center to provide a space of welcome for all to experience God's creation through work, study, and play on the beautiful North Carolina coast

Church Yard Clean Up

Many thanks to those who helped with last month's Spring Clean of the Church Yard. Mulch and wood chips were spread, hedges trimmed, and the Outdoor Chapel cleaned, to name just a few of the chores that were completed. As always, we appreciate the work of Rick Miller and the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their organization and leadership.



As We Enter June...

Human rights are a continually evolving process, reminding us that we always have work to do to achieve God's vision for the world. The Episcopal Church's stance on the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people has evolved over the decades. Changing from quiet dismissal and active exclusion to an understanding that "every member of the LGBT community is entitled to the same respect and dignity as any other member of the human family" took years of work, prayer, conversation, and walking together. Both the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and the Executive Council have regularly reaffirmed these stances since they were first adopted in 1976 (Resolutions 1976-A069 and 1976-A071).

June is known as Pride Month and began as a commemoration of the long and continuing struggle for LGBTQ+ rights in our country. Those successes and struggles continue in faith communities around the world, too. Let us pray for all those whose full humanity as a beloved child of God is not yet recognized by others.

Success on the Track

Congratulations to Claire Ballard and Ollie Canady on outstanding track seasons for their respective schools. Claire finished first in the 100m, 200m, and 400m events all season, including the conference meet. Her efforts led to a championship for the the Grover C. Fields Middle School girls team.

Similarly, Ollie finished first in the 800m and 1600m events throughout the season. His first-place finishes in the conference meet led HJ MacDonald Middle to its sixth consecutive conference championship.



Community Outreach at Christ Church

The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University has been conducting classes in a partnership with Merci Clinic and Christ Episcopal Church for low-income adults with diabetes to learn about Diabetes and how to manage a healthier lifestyle. The Medical School students bring all the food and equipment needed to teach, cook and eat a healthy meal. They held their last class on May 9th. Bravo to all involved for being part of the solution in our community.



THE GOODS

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our June services [here](#). July service dates can be found [here](#). For more information about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **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 June time slot [here](#).
- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.
- **Calling for Camp Hope:** We have the opportunity to host our largest Camp Hope week ever -- up to 100 campers. We need your help, however. Angel Tree has sent us a large list of North Carolina families to contact. Would you be able to make phone calls for us? A call script and quick training will be provided. If you're interested, please contact a member of our leadership team: Email: camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com / Terry Brubaker: 252.514.9550, Jim Behl: 650.740.3392 or Nell Hudson: 252.772.5832.
- **Gas Cards for RCS:** Religious Community Services is in need of gas cards of \$10 or more to use to reimburse peer support volunteers who take RCS guests and clients to appointments and interviews when they have no other transportation. The cards can be dropped off at RCS or delivered to Terry Brubaker (terrytb49@gmail.com).
- **Habitat for Humanity Community Service Week:** Habitat for Humanity of Craven County is hostings its Community Service Week from June 6 - 10, and is looking for members of the Faith Community to volunteer at its ReStore and Construction Sites. Volunteers can register and sign up for a shift on Habitat's website at <https://cravencountyhabitat.org/>.

Countdown to VBS

The VBS countdown is on, with this year's program running June 12 - 16. This year we will focus on an exploration to find God's light. A donation wishlist that includes everything from snacks to tie dye to paper towels can be found [here](#). Items can be dropped off at church any time this coming week. Also, your prayers for safety and more knowledge of God's love will help tremendously. Contact Meg at megjones@christchurch-newbern.com for more information.