



CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Grieving 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, September 11th at 4:00 pm. Registration is required; please call (252) 631-5862 or email [suzanne-hood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzanne-hood@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Seeking Vestry Candidates

As the first step in the annual Vestry nominating process, the four outgoing Vestry members are reaching out to the congregation to obtain names of candidates who are interested in serving on the Vestry for the next three years and are willing to go through the election process.

If you are interested in being considered by the Nominating Committee or you would like to suggest someone to the committee, please complete the form by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCNBVestry2024>. Please note that this nomination form closes on August 31.

## Choir Rehearsals Resume

Regular rehearsals for Parish Choir, Joyful Voices and the Bell Choir resume next week. Parish Choir (11 am service) rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and Joyful Voices (8:30 am services) rehearsals are Tuesdays at 5 pm. Bell choir rehearsal is at 7 pm on Tuesdays. All rehearsals take place in the Music Room in the building across Pollock Street from the church. For more information about our Christ Church choirs, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/choirs>.

## MUSIC TALKS

The final session in this summer's Music Talks series, titled *Hymnody and Bach Passions: Story Told Through Music*, will take place today, Sunday, August 25 at 9:15 am. This talk will focus on understanding the J.S. Bach Passions through hymnody, historical context, storytelling via music, and some music analysis.

The story of the Passion is arguably one of the most important stories in the Bible, and music has the ability to add another dimension. The St. John and St. Matthew Passions are some of Bach's greatest and most popular works. What are some of the ways in which Bach uses music to communicate and enhance the story of the Passion? How is hymnody presented throughout Bach's compositions?

These questions and more are explored through research on hymnody and theology in Bach's time as well as musical analysis and ideas behind musical storytelling. Short excerpts from the St. John and St. Matthew Passions will serve as the primary case studies.

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## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

This Sunday, August 25 at the 10 am service.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OUR STUDENTS IN HOPES OF A HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR.

## FALL ACOLYTE TRAINING

We will be holding Acolyte training TODAY, Sunday, August 25, at 11:30 am in the Nave. All current acolytes, as well as any prospective acolytes, are encouraged to attend.

# A Heartfelt Thank you

To all of our volunteers, we want to say a heartfelt thank you. Your contributions are invaluable, and the impact of your work resonates deeply. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are appreciated more than words can express.

We are delighted to invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch to celebrate and thank you for everything you do. There will be more information to follow; in the meantime please save these dates:

- October 5th: Evangelism, Outreach and Buildings & Grounds
- November 9th: Parish Life and Pastoral Care
- December 7th: Christian Formation and Worship

## Sacred Sound and Space Campaign Donor Listing

The Sacred Sound and Space Task Force is in the process of finalizing the list of those who, according to church financial records, supported the campaign to renew the Nave and replace the old organ with Opus 85. We want to be sure that names are spelled correctly and appear as the donor wishes. For example, perhaps married couples wish to be listed as “Mr. and Mrs.,” or they may wish that both individuals’ names be listed, e.g., John and Mary. To ensure that we get it right, we need your help.

For several weeks there will be a list of donors in a binder at the Reception Desk. Donors should take a look at how they are listed. If they wish to make changes, there will be room to provide that information. If donors are satisfied with how their name appears, they can simply place a checkmark in the appropriate column. If donors can’t do this in person, they can call the receptionist and review the information by phone.

Your help in finalizing the list is greatly appreciated. And, once again, thank you to all those who have given. You can see and hear the results of your donation in the Nave.

## Christ Church Doors Upgraded

The next time you come to a door at Christ Church, you’ll notice new access panels for entry into the church. Simple press the bell symbol for entry into the church. If you have a door card or fob, you will swipe it at the bottom on the panel showing the Wi-Fi symbol. We thank you in advance for your patience as we all adjust to the new equipment.

**BELL SYMBOL**



**WI-FI SYMBOL**



## Stay Informed via Text

Starting September 1, our current texting service, Remind, is changing their model and will only be available for school systems. We will be switching our texting service to MailChimp, which is the service we currently use for church emails. Unfortunately, we are unable to export our current texting list, so we are creating a new one for use in MailChimp. To sign up for our new texting service that will start September 1, please click on this [link](#). We appreciate your patience as we transition to this new service.

## Contemplative Prayer

### “Praying with Meister Eckhart”

**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Mondays, 9/9/24 – 11/25/25

**Sign Up:** By 9/2 -- email Rev. Barbara Bornemann: [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

After 9/2: -- email Jane Merritt: [janemerritt07@gmail.com](mailto:janemerritt07@gmail.com)

**Meets In Person & On Zoom:** In person: Pelletier Room Upstairs at Christ Church

*Please note: No Zoom on 9/9*

**Leader:** Rev. Barbara Bornemann

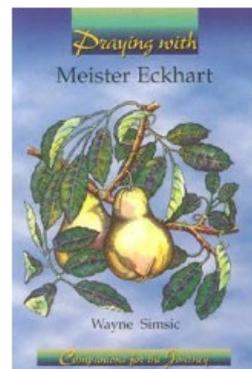
**Study Book:** “Praying with Meister Eckhart: Companions for the Journey” by Wayne Simsic

**Purchase Book:** Order your own book on Amazon or some other website

This fall, the Contemplative Prayer group will be exploring the writings of Meister Eckhart, one of the greatest Dominican spiritual masters of the fourteenth century.

Eckhart was a mystic, medieval professor, and popular preacher. Thomas Merton, a twentieth century monk, was inspired by Eckhart’s preaching and said, “I like his brevity of sermons, his way of piercing straight to the heart of the inner life, the awakened, the creative and redeeming Word, God born in us.” God born in us -- Eckhart calls this the “spark of the soul” in which “the core of the soul and the core of God are one.” In one of his most famous quotes, Eckhart says, “God expects but one thing of you, and that is that you should come out of yourself in so far as you are a created being made, and let God be God in you.”

During each week of the Contemplative Prayer Group, there will be time for prayer, contemplation, and discussion. As we reflect upon the spirituality of Meister Eckhart, we will search for different ways to “let God be God” within each one of us. Let us trust that in the search itself, we open ourselves to God’s transforming love.



# 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, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans\*, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans\*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine\*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Gretchen Lankenau, Theron Royer, Pat Robinson, and Charles Knight.

**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, 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, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Jordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, and Katie.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, Cpt. John Koskinen.

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Albemarle 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](#).*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## 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, August 25**

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9 am: Christian Formation Commission Meeting (Library)

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

11:15 am: Cursillo Reunion - Note time change

11:30 am: Acolyte Training (Nave)

### **Tuesday, August 27**

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

5 pm: First Joyful Voices Rehearsal (Music Room)

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

7 pm: Bell Choir (Music Room)

### **Wednesday, August 28**

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: First Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Thursday, August 22**

*Staff Work Day - Offices Closed*

### **Sunday, September 1**

*Birthday and Anniversary Sunday*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

*Please note that the Church Offices will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2.*

## All Aboard the Trolley Tour Monday, October 14

Once again this year, enjoy a journey into New Bern's historic past. Join us aboard the Trolley this October as we visit some of the historic and beautiful houses of worship in New Bern. Tickets are \$25.00, payable in advance (which includes driver and guide gratuity), and we will leave promptly at 10 am from the Christ Church parking lot (on Craven between Broad and Pollock). The tour is 1.5 hours. Tickets are non-refundable but feel free to find a replacement (or make it a donation to our Episcopal Church Women's fund for charities). Seats may go quickly, we had such a wonderful time the past few years, so make your plans now.

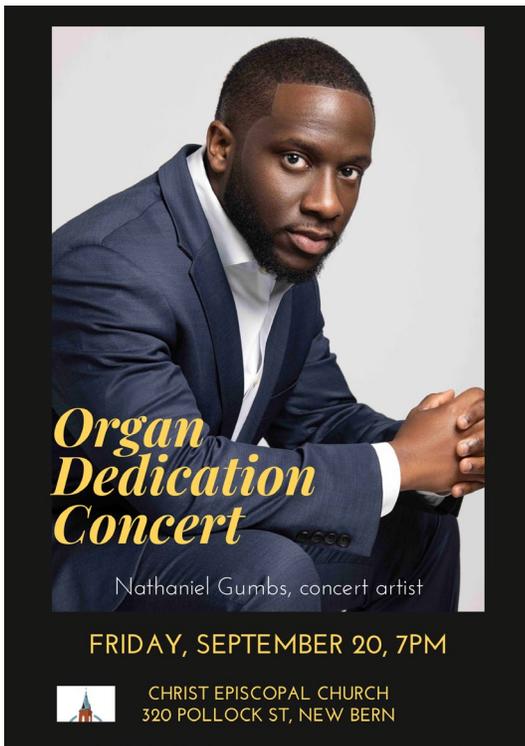
To reserve your seat(s) or for more information please contact Rodney Hayes at either [rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com) or text/call 203.640.2638

# Organ Dedication Events

Christ Episcopal Church is thrilled to welcome its new Taylor & Boody Opus 85 to New Bern, North Carolina! We will celebrate with two Organ Dedication Events: a Dedicatory Eucharist Service on Thursday, September 19th, and a Dedication Concert on Friday, September 20th. Both events will be held at 7 pm.

The preacher at the Dedicatory Eucharist will be the Rev. Will Stanley, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Richmond. Singers are invited to join the choir anthem at the Dedicatory Eucharist Service and should sign up in advance by emailing [jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com). A rehearsal will be held at 5:15 pm in the nave on Thursday, September 19th.

The Dedication Concert will feature Nathaniel Gumbs, who is the Director of Chapel Music at Yale University and concert organist under McFarlane Artists, Inc. You can learn more about him and hear his playing at <https://www.concertorganists.com/artists/nathaniel-gumbs/>. A reception will be held following the Friday concert.



## 2024 CROP Walk

The 44th annual CROP Walk will take place Sunday September 29, 2024, starting at 3pm. Christ Episcopal Church will once again be a sponsor where walkers can enter either to walk one mile, three miles or just raise money/donate. Twenty-five percent of all funds raised will go to our local RCS for their assistance in helping our community who are hungry.

To register/donate to our team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/christ-episcopal-church-new-bern-2>.

We are looking forward to doing our part for our community, if you have any questions, kindly reach out to Peter Mnatzakanian 301-844-1052 or [pmnatzakanian@gmail.com](mailto:pmnatzakanian@gmail.com).

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Click [here](#) for August shifts and [here](#) for September shifts at the Reception Desk.
- **Lil Pantry and Lil Library:** We are always seeking food and drink items for our outdoor Lil Pantry. 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. Perhaps you may choose to contribute new or used children's, tween's, and adult books to our outdoor Lil Library located near the playground. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Karen Gabriel at 516-987-0335.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to host on September 1. Please note that the church provides the lemonade.

## Sacred Sound and Space Fund Change

We are pleased to announce the renewal of the Nave and the installation of our new organ are almost complete. Effective September 30, 2024, we are finalizing the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign that began in August 2019. As of October 1, 2024, the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign will become the Sacred Sound and Space Fund. This change is to ensure the continued accurate accounting of funds collected after the capital campaign is finalized.

As reported earlier, assuming no unforeseen expenditures associated with the organ installation, there will be a remaining balance in the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign fund. These funds will be transferred into the newly designated Sacred Sound and Space Fund. This special fund is designated for organ maintenance and related music. Maintenance of the organ will not only keep it sounding great for us but will also ensure that it will serve future generations of Christ Church parishioners.

All future Sacred Sound and Space contributions will be deposited in the new Sacred Sound and Space Fund. All Sacred Sound and Space Campaign pledge donations will continue to be shown in the lower Pledges section of your quarterly Giving Statements. As of October 1, 2024, all donations to the Sacred Sound and Space Fund will be shown as individual line items in the upper Gift List in the upper section of your Giving Statement.

The generosity of all who contributed and continue to donate to the Sacred Sound and Space Campaign has brought us to this point. We are filled with gratitude for your continued generosity.