

CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## A Moment with Stewardship

Continuing our spotlighting and praying for the programs that make Christ Church such a dynamic place, this week we focus on Outreach and Parish Life.

From the new Christ Church Opportunity Guide, Outreach is described as a group of programs “able to relieve the suffering of so many in our community by being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus... a beacon of empowerment as we serve our neighbors in need.” Jesus reminds us that when we help those in need, we are helping Him.

Pumpkin Patch, Cookie Walk, Growing in Grace (GIG), Camp Hope support our local charities and members of the community. Think of how our Pumpkin Patch is a community gathering place during the month of October and how Cookie Walk helps kick off the festive Holiday season in New Bern. Proceeds from these events benefit our local care partners.

GIG benefits children in the community as volunteers provide after school academic support and serve as mentors in the safety of the church. Camp Hope provides children of incarcerated parents the opportunity to experience the love of God and the joy of summer camp while offering a week-long respite for the special people that care for them.

Jesus also said that when two or three are gathered in His name, He will be in the midst of them. Parish Life turns inward to support our parishioners in Christian fellowship and support. Volunteers support funeral receptions, weekly Coffee Hour and seasonal Lemonade on the Lawn. Christ Church Cooks provides meal support to parishioners who, due to loss of health or a family member or who may be at home rehabilitating, are in need.

Potlucks, celebrations, and receptions enhance our fellowship and are overseen by Parish Life. This commission also oversees volunteers who choose to help by staffing the church reception desk. This valuable service relieves the staff of answering calls, receiving visitors, and repetitive tasks. This is another way volunteers work with the staff and are essential to church operations and cutting operational costs.

We pray with gratitude for those who both reach out to others and draw us in closer to one another. These programs help us make those important connections with each other, the community, and Christ.

*Lord, we pray for the continued strength and grace of those who seek to empower others within our parish family and beyond. We give thanks for their dedication and hard work as they continue as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. Amen*

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Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

## Altar Guild

### Commissioning

Today at both the 8:30 am and 11 am services, we will present the Commissioning of the 2023-2024 Altar Guild. Please join us as we commission the following members:

Sims Wayt	Lee Ann Fordyce
Margaret Shields	Mary Lynn Guidage
Gretchen DuPeza	Pat McCotter
Mary Parrish	Susanne Pendleton
Rodney Hayes	Tina Marsh
Karen O'Connell	Barbara Rice
Margi Thompson	Carolyn Stevens
Diane Sanwick	Rebecca Liberty
Alice Underhill	Linda Taylor
Melinda Bianchi	Barb Horan
Carolyn McCulley	Anne Hiller
Nell Hudson	Margo Skaggs
Campbell Taylor	Kim Huddle
Barbara West	Bonnie Royer
Linda Foster	Cindy Gleisberg
Tim Lamm	Ginger Gunster
Becky Kafer	Ann Bustard
Leigh Crawford	Linda Emory
Debi Miller	Hal Stirling
Barbara Wilson	(Verger)
(Linen Team)	



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Children and Youth Offerings

### Godly Play (children ages 3-4)

Godly Play is a class centered around storytelling and work time, which includes crafts and play. We will focus on teaching basic stories and what it's like to spend time in a Sunday School class. This class will meet in the Godly Play room, next to the nursery.

### Whirl (K-2nd grades)

This class is using the Whirl curriculum -- the same curriculum as the older Whirl class. Students will watch videos and follow up what they have learned with worksheets. The best part of Whirl will be the craft each week! This class will meet in the room next to the vesting room.

### Whirl (3rd-5th grades)

This class uses the Whirl curriculum -- the same curriculum as the younger Whirl class. The discussions will be different because of the age difference, but these students will see similar videos and work on slightly different worksheets. The best part of this class will be what the students will learn about the Bible and the church. We will meet in the Purple Pineapples room.

### Pathways of Discipleship (POD)

POD meets at 4 pm, the first Sunday of the month to play games and share our faith. This group is for children in grades 3 -- 5. We will meet in the Purple Pineapples room.

### Youth Sunday School (6-12th grades)

Our youth will be working through tough questions like "Who wrote the Bible?" "Why should I pray?" and "Why are there so many Christian churches?" They will also learn more about people in the Bible and watch videos. The best part of this class is that students will get to pick the questions they want answered, and that they will build their own class based on their interests. These students will meet in the youth room upstairs (across from the 2nd floor living room).

### Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EYC meets at 6 pm, Sundays and welcomes all middle and high school youth. EYC gathers every Sunday from 6 - 7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) in the second floor Sunday School wing / youth room. Any young person in grades 6-12 is encouraged to be a part of this vibrant and energetic group.

**Youth and Children September Sunday School Lessons**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Circle of the Church Year
- Whirl (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – Love for One Another
- Youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Intro & Overview of the Year

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Holy Family
- Whirl (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – The Unforgiving Servant
- Youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Creation
- Whirl (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – First and Last in the Vineyard
- Youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Ruth

**Youth and Children Events  
September and October**

- September 10: Sunday School and Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Resume
- September 24: EYC at CROP Walk
- October 1: Pathways of Discipleship (POD)
- October 15: EYC in Pumpkin Patch
- October 21: Revival
- October 29: Games in the Graveyard

### Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes begin this Sunday, September 10th for 8th-12th graders who have not already made a public affirmation of faith. We will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:45 pm for about an hour. Bishop Skirving will make a special visit on Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 pm. Confirmation class is a great way to learn about the church and think about how God acts and moves in your life. Please contact the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)) to sign up or for more information.

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Adult Formation Offerings

### SUNDAY OPTIONS

#### Unholy Ghosts

Sunday School at Christ Church begins on September 10th. The Adult Classes offer a variety of content, each offering ways to deepen our journeys in faith, individually and as a congregation; of working towards the ideal of a Beloved Community.

In years past, the *Bridging the Gap* group (see below for more information) have presented classes with this ideal in mind. These have included book discussions and short films. This Fall's Sunday School program will be short videos and discussion from *The Work of The People* <https://theworkofthepeople.com> entitled *America's Unholy Ghosts*.

This six-week class will examine the history of the American Church and how it impacts our mission today as we strive to be the Beloved Community of God. During the coming weeks we will watch films and work with an accompanying study guide to converse and learn together. This study is based on the need to know, and accept, our history before we can act to bring about all that living in the Beloved Community entails. A quote from Rev. Michael Eric Dyson says, "...what I need you to do, just for starters, is not act. Not yet. Not first. First I need you to see."

*Bridging the Gap* serves with others in our church in deepening our Beloved Community through Adult Education/Formation offerings. The gap to be bridged as we work towards Bishop Curry's vision of a beloved community includes but is not limited to:

- How do we learn to speak with love and compassion to one another when we don't agree?
- How do we come to recognize our own biases, ingrained beliefs that may, or may not, be true?
- How do we join with others in our community to bridge the economical, racial, cultural, educational, and generational gaps?

More opportunities for exploring the above will be offered throughout the year. Notification of these will be in *The Crown* and the *Messenger* as we move forward.

If you are interested in helping the *Bridging the Gap* planning group, please contact Edna Marie Thomas at [ednamariethomas@gmail.com](mailto:ednamariethomas@gmail.com) for further information.

#### Lectionary Class

Participants in this class will review the lectionary for the week ahead. There are questions to answer for each reading. There is usually a discussion about how all of the readings are connected each week. This class will meet Sundays in the Pelletier Room and is led by John Harper. Books are available at the Reception Desk.

### WEEKDAY OPTIONS

#### Contemplative Prayer Group

**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Mondays, 9/11 – 11/20

**Sign Up:** By email – [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

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

**Leader:** Rev. Barbara Bornemann

**Study Book:** *Praying with Thomas Merton: Companions for the Journey* by Wayne Simsic (Used paperbacks can be ordered online through Amazon.)

Thomas Merton, a mystic and twentieth century Trappist monk, wrote passionately about deepening our relationship with God through a path of contemplative prayer. For Merton, to learn how to pray contemplatively is to learn how to open our hearts to God's transforming presence. Contemplative prayer, Merton writes, "begins . . . with a return to the heart, finding one's deepest center, awakening the depths of our being and our life." (*Merton, Contemplative Prayer, p. 30*). "Thomas Merton is a spiritual master," writes Wayne Simsic, "because he invites us down a spiritual path that we can all follow. Merton reminds us that we can all receive the gift of the contemplative experience if we are true to God's call and grace on our own pilgrimage." (*Simsic, Praying with Thomas Merton, p. 32*) This fall, you are invited to participate in a weekly Contemplative Prayer Group. During each gathering, we will support one another on our pilgrimage of prayer as we open our hearts to God's transforming, compassionate love.

#### Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study meets on Tuesdays at 10 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

We open our time together with prayer requests, prayer and then read the book aloud. We stop periodically during the reading to discuss the author's ideas. There is no homework nor expectation of reading ahead. Of course, you can if you would like.

Join us at any time. Contact the Rev. Suzanne Hood ([suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com)) for more information. This book study is led by Phyllis Fox and Susan Hoyt.



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## Sacred Ground

Christ Church is offering Sacred Ground to its parishioners beginning September 17 and running through February. These 90-minute meetings will take place every other Sunday evening.

Sacred Ground is a movement within the Episcopal Church to love with mind and heart as followers of Jesus. Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates safe space through the study of films and readings within a small group. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to challenges and divides of our present day. Sacred Ground holds as a guiding star, the vision of a Beloved Community, where all people are honored, protected, and nurtured as loved children of God, who weep at one another's pain, and seek one another's flourishing.

All articles and films will be available online to be read and watched on your own time. The two core books for class are *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving, and *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Both books are available on Amazon or can be provided for you.

For more information on Sacred Ground, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.

The first and last sessions will be in-person in the Harrison Center (5:30-6:30 PM.) The remainder of the meetings will take place via Zoom on Sundays at 6:30 PM. They will be led by Kahni Miller and Mary Lynn Guidage.

Contact the Rev. Paul Canady [paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com) to sign up. Group size will be limited to eight participants.

## Rector's Bible Study

The Rector's Bible Study will resume next Wednesday, September 13 at 11 am. We meet in the Parish House. This Fall, we will explore the letters from Paul in the order that they were written. No prior Bible expertise is needed! If you can't come every week, you're welcome to come the weeks that you are able. For more information, contact the Rev. Paul Canady at [paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

## Open House, Open Hearts

### Revival

10:30 am - 5 pm, October 21, 2023

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, Newton Grove, NC

We are excited to welcome Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to the Diocese of East Carolina. The feature of his visit will be the *Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina* revival, where he will be the featured preacher. You can get an idea of the power of his preaching from these two recent sermons: <https://tinyurl.com/PBatEYE> and <https://tinyurl.com/ya3crn8v>. We are working on a bus to the event, so watch our regular pieces of media for more details!

One way you can help now is to pray for this event. Pin this prayer someplace you'll see it. Keep it in your hearts and minds, and help us see what God's spirit is doing in East Carolina!

For more information, contact Jettie Pelletier ([jettiej9@gmail.com](mailto:jettiej9@gmail.com)) or the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com)) for more information.

We Invite Your Prayers for our Upcoming Revival

# REVIVAL PRAYER

Holy and amazing God,

We ask you to open the hearts and minds of the people of East Carolina to what your Holy Spirit is preparing for us.

Remind us of your presence in our everyday life so that we can see your hand at work in the world around us.

Strengthen the leaders of our upcoming Revival and show them the path you are laying out.

Help us let go of the things that distract us from your purpose, and show us where our focus should be.

Sustain our energies before, during, and after this Revival so that we may be the agents of transformation you have called us to be.

Empower us to engage our neighbors so we can share the loving, liberating, life-giving Good News of Jesus.

In his holy name we pray. Amen.

## Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation

The Rev. Paul Canady will be teaching an adult confirmation class this fall for those who wish to be Confirmed in the Episcopal Church, as well as those who wish to have a Reaffirmation or Reception. Classes will start in early October. Confirmation is scheduled for November 12. More details to come.

# Thank you From Interfaith Refugee Ministry

*Thank you, Christ Church, for giving us our backpacks and school supplies.*



## OTHER IRM NEWS

Interfaith Refugee Ministry is receiving seven families by the end of September. Our storage units are pretty empty, and we need the following furniture: kitchen tables/chairs; small sofas or love seats; dressers or chests of drawers. In addition, we need pots and pans (regular, not non-stick); twin sheets and blankets, full sheets and blankets; towels. Gently used is just fine. If you can bring anything to the office, that's wonderful. If not, please call Amanda or Susan at 633-9009 for a pick up and for more information.

## One-on-One Prayer

Beginning in October, we will add an opportunity for one-on-one prayer near the end of both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. We will have two people available in the Chapel during and after Communion pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com) or 252.631.5861) for more information. We will be doing a training near the end of September.

## Update from St. Cyprian's

The service of Morning Prayer is offered in the main worship space at St. Cyprian's at 11:00 a.m., the first and third Sundays of the month. Upcoming gatherings include September 17th and October 1. Entrance is by stairs at 604 Johnson Street, in the Historic District of New Bern. All are welcome.

### WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED, WHAT WE ARE DOING

We continue to collaborate with the African American Heritage Center. We have begun programming events for African American History Month, February 2024, and for the New Bern-wide Arts in April 2024.

### BUILDING REPAIR AND RESTORATION

St. Cyprian's is blessed to have 18 beautiful stained-glass windows. There are six small single panel windows depicting Christian symbols, eight medium size two panel windows depicting symbols of apostles and saints and four large three panel windows. The three panel windows face the 4 directions of the compass with the center panel depicting the main theme. The East window over the altar depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The West window at the rear of the nave depicts the symbol for St. Cyprian. The North transept window depicts the Alpha and Omega representing Christ as the beginning and end from the book of Revelation. The South transept window depicts the six-sided star of creation, which is also a double trinity symbol or the star of David.

Plexiglas was installed to protect these windows. The installation on the large windows exposed the wood frames to the elements. The frames appear to have wet rot and are in need of repair. One piece of plexiglass on the South facing window was ripped off and broken in a recent storm, see photo. We are currently reviewing options as to the best method to protect these larger windows.

## Coffee Hours Have Returned: Hosts Needed

Coffee Hours make their Fall debut today. Please join us for coffee after both the 8:30 and 11 am services. We need hosts, however, to make Coffee Hours happen.

Host(s) ensure coffee pots are turned on, refresh cups, condiments, napkins, plate and put out any refreshments. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, please visit [www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEA928ABFF2-coffee3#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEA928ABFF2-coffee3#/)/. More detailed instructions are included on first page of the Sign Up Genius.

There are two snack slots available for each morning service. Snacks are always the provider's choice, and may be home-made or store bought i.e. cookies, scones, muffins, donuts, tea breads, fruit.



# Announcing Christ Church's First Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its First Holiday Arts and Crafts Market. 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 will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, 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. Additional information and a vendor application can be found at [www.christchurch-newbern.com/quick-links](http://www.christchurch-newbern.com/quick-links). The event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets. Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church. Contact Tony Embrey at 828.774.9592 or [tembrey1103@gmail.com](mailto:tembrey1103@gmail.com) with any questions. Your support of this new event is appreciated.



## Seating at Church

While we await the arrival of the new organ, the 11:00 parish choir will be seated near the piano. We have already been reserving seating for our singers in front of the piano. We'll continue to reserve four pews in that section at both 8:30 and 11:00 and an additional four pews in front of the pulpit for the 11:00 service. While this may disrupt some people's "regular seating" it is a temporary solution. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

# Churchyard Clean-Up and Preparing for the Pumpkins

Next Saturday, September 16, we will be cleaning up the church grounds in preparation for this year's Pumpkin Patch. The clean-up will begin at 10 am and will last no more than two hours. Nursery is available during this time, and students can get community service hours for helping out. Please make plans to join us.



In addition, the Pumpkin Patch Committee is seeking to add some members to the group. The purpose for this committee is to organize the running of the patch during late September and the month of October. Tasks include setting up pallets prior to pumpkin delivery, unloading of the pumpkins, organizing story times, setting up the grounds, and organizing the online sign-ups for patch volunteers, baked goods, etc. Help us be prepared for the arrival of the pumpkins on Thursday, September 28.

Contact Rick Miller (301.502.5268 / [rickmiller950@hotmail.com](mailto:rickmiller950@hotmail.com)) with questions or to volunteer for the committee. Your help can ensure another successful Pumpkin Patch year. All proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch go directly to local charities.

## ECW September Meeting

*First Fall Meeting Monday, September 11*

This month we will host Christ Church's own historian, Nelson McDaniel, who will talk to us about the Legendary Women of Christ Church. Please join us at 10 am, tomorrow, September 11, in the Parish House to hear about our long-ago, creative and amazing sisters and women of the parish. All are welcome! Questions? Please contact Rodney Hayes (203.640.2638 or [rodneyhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyhayes@yahoo.com)).

**Don't Forget -- Annual Trolley Tour - Monday, October 9**  
We will tour sites from the novels of New Bern author, Nicholas Sparks. More information to come.

## Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee has convened and is seeking candidates for election to the 2026 Term. Members may nominate themselves or another parish member. If you are interested in nominating another individual, please speak to them beforehand. Nominations may be sent to Elizabeth Livingston ([elizabethcherrylivingston@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcherrylivingston@gmail.com)) or Howard Furnas ([hufurnas@aol.com](mailto:hufurnas@aol.com)). Your nominations and input are appreciated.

# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

**For parishioners who have requested prayers:** Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,\* 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 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, Geoff Wood, Richard Marsh, Bev Perdue, Mary K. Whitfield, Maggie Bagg.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, 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, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Joe, June, Gerry, Lucy.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Peter's, Washington

*\*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](mailto:Betsy.Downard).*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### From the Rector

I am pleased to announce that Page Litfin will be serving as Sunday School Coordinator as we navigate this interim period following Meg Jones' departure. Page will be supporting children and youth Sunday School, ensuring that teachers are in place and have what they need for Sunday School each week. Page has been a Sunday School teacher in the past and knows what it takes for us to continue helping our young people grow into their full stature in Christ. You can reach her by email at [ChristianFormation@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ChristianFormation@christchurchnewbern.com).

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday, September 10

#### Return to Fall Schedule

#### Altar Guild Commissioning (both services)

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

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

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)

6 pm: EYC

### Monday, September 11

10 am: ECW All Saints Meeting (Parish House)

11 am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

1 pm: Cursillo Reunion

5:30 pm: Vestry Nominating Committee (Library)

### Tuesday, September 12

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)

10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)

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

7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Wednesday, September 13

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)

5 pm: GIG Family Orientation (GIG Room)

5:30 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

5:30 pm: Grants Committee Meeting (Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, September 14

3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee Meeting (Library)

6 pm: Stewardship Meeting (Parish House)

### Saturday, September 16

10 am: Churchyard Clean-Up and Pumpkin Patch prep

5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

### Sunday, September 17

#### Stewardship Kick-Off (Tentative)

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II with DOK Service of Admission (Nave/[Online](#))

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting

4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)

5:30 pm: Sacred Ground (Harrison Center)

6 pm: EYC

# THE GOODS

## Walk to Fight Hunger

With a goal of Ending Hunger One Step at a Time, New Bern's 2023 CROP Hunger Walk will be held September 24 at Union Point Park. New Bern's CROP Walk is hosted by Faith Connections, and funds raised will benefit local hunger programs at Religious Community Services (RCS) of New Bern, Inc. and the global humanitarian efforts of Church World Services. This is a fun, family-friendly event, with music and activities for all ages. For more information and to join Christ Church's team, click [here](#) and select Register. Our team name is Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern. Please join us!

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2023  
CROP HUNGER WALK

BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE

## English-Speaking Union Program

Mark your calendar for 4 pm, Sunday, September 17. The Christ Church Nave will be alive with concert piano pieces and entertainment tips and recipes presented by the Colonial NC Branch of the English-Speaking Union.

Learn what the English-Speaking Union is all about (Shakespeare anyone?) and maybe come away with a copy of *Classical Shindig*, the book that our our guests, Michael Harold and Quinn Peeper, have authored, which is having its debut in our historic city.

Celebrate our guests' love of food, music, history and people. Many Christ Church members have joined the local branch of the English-Speaking Union, with some being members of the board.

## Weekly Al-Anon Meeting

7 - 8 am, Tuesdays, 2nd Floor Living Room

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click this link for [September](#) Sundays. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@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 September dates [here](#). Click [here](#) for October dates.
- **RCS Requesting Personal Hygiene Items:** Hygiene kits play a vital role in helping RCS Emergency Crisis Shelter clients maintain their dignity and well-being. Join RCS in positively impacting and supporting community members in need by dropping off hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other personal care products to the RCS Main Office at 919 George Street in New Bern.
- **Cursillo Weekday Reunion:** Our first Cursillo Weekday Reunion will take place at 1 pm, Monday, September 11, in the Bride's Room. Anyone may join.

## Meg's Reception

Thank you to all those who attended Meg's reception last Sunday and contributed to her purse. Your well-wishes and prayers are much appreciated.



## Fall Foyers Begins

On Saturday, September 16, from 5 - 7 pm, we will gather at the home of Jane Ashford (111 Bernhurst Road, New Bern). Bring an appetizer to share, a beverage of his or her choice and glassware. All are invited. Please RSVP to Liz Praul at [epartlett4@gmail.com](mailto:epartlett4@gmail.com).