

UTO Thank You

Thank you! You gave so others can have safe water.

Action speaks louder than words, and you gave over \$1,400 so that communities across the nation may have access to water and other necessities that we at Christ Church take for granted. The Episcopal Church Women appreciate your generosity and support of this ongoing mission.

-- Jane Broaddus, UTO Chair

Join Us for Volunteer Sunday — A Celebration of Service

You're invited to a special day of gratitude, community, and fellowship at our Volunteer Sunday celebration on June 1st. These services are an opportunity to honor the incredible efforts of our volunteers and invite everyone to discover the joy of serving.

We're honored to welcome Rev. John Pollock, retired Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Morehead City, as our guest preacher for both services. His message of faith and service will inspire and uplift as we come together to celebrate those who give so generously of their time and talents.

Whether you've helped as a desk receptionist, sung in the choir, prepared meals, mentored with GIG, or offered a welcoming smile at the door — this day is for you. And if you're new to volunteering or looking for a way to get involved, there's no better time to explore where your gifts might serve.

After both services, we invite you to stay for light refreshments and warm fellowship. Come connect with fellow parishioners and celebrate the spirit of service that strengthens our church.

Everyone is welcome — bring a friend! Let's come together in faith, gratitude, and joyful service.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."

— 1 Peter 4:10

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 who 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.

**The ECW Invites
ALL women of the Parish
to join them at the
Annual Spring Picnic**

WHEN: MAY 12th

TIME: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Glenburnie Park
(Off Glenburnie Drive)

WHERE: The Jaycee Covered Pavilion with a beautiful view of the Neuse!

WHAT TO BRING: Your own sandwich or salad plus an appetizer or dessert to share

PROVIDED: Drinks, utensils, paper goods all supplied

NOTE: We sit on picnic tables so if you need a chair, please BYO

Parking and restrooms are nearby

QUESTIONS: Contact pammiller950@gmail.com



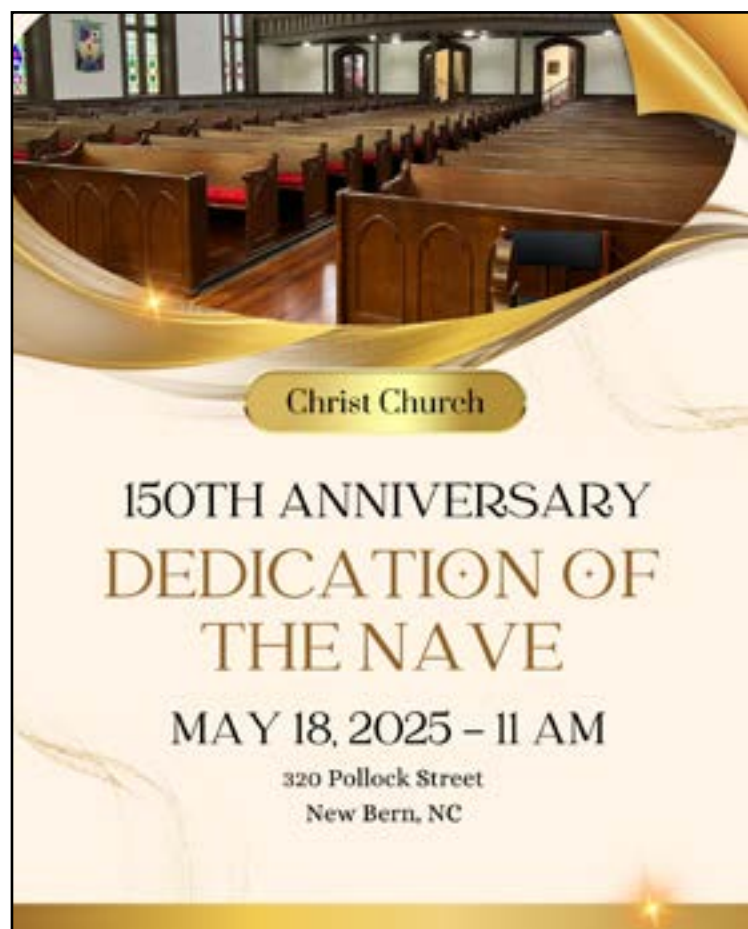
Help Needed: Cookie Walk Co-Chairs

Our beloved Cookie Walk has been a wonderful tradition and a vital fundraiser for our church community. Last year we provided over \$9,000 to deserving, local, charitable organizations. While formerly chaired by ECW, this is now a parish-wide outreach opportunity open to all, similar to Pumpkin Patch.

This year, we are in need of two volunteers to co-chair the event. We are looking for a team of organizers, and you don't need to be a baker. Mentoring and support will be provided to the incoming team by recent Cookie Walk Chairs.

If you feel called to help, or would like more information, please reach out to The Rev. Suzanne Hood (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) or Dawn Manning (dawnsrawambition@gmail.com), co-chair of the Outreach and Evangelism Commission, **before July 1**. Without leadership, unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the Cookie Walk.

Thank you for considering being a part of something special! Working together, we can continue this sweet tradition!

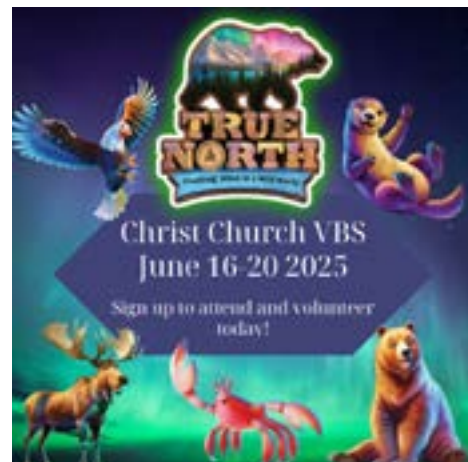


VBS 2025 - Registration Deadline Approaching

Don't miss out on this year's Vacation Bible School at Christ Church. Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*.

VBS will take place from 9 am - 12 pm, June 16-20, and is open to children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade. To register, go to <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>. **Don't miss out - registration deadline is May 15!**

Interested in volunteering? Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfR2X3-y5eH-7BwCl7n-4gi3CGAZJlCR30kFo4Dc7hiyeLi4sw/viewform>. For any questions please reach out to Hannah Hutchens at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com.



May Outreach InGathering

Our outreach ingathering during the month of May is focused on the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. Farmworkers returned to North Carolina in March this year. These hardworking people live in small camps near to the farms where they labor. They do not have transportation, and their only day off is Sunday. They rely heavily on EFWM, which provides them with small necessities by bringing them directly to the camps on a weekly basis, or distributing them after church on Sundays. The items most needed at this point are: individual packets of electrolyte powder for water bottles; work gloves in sizes S, M, L, and XL; anti-itch spray or cream; socks; and hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, pain relief spray/cream, pain medication, soap, shampoo, and deodorant). Let us reach out helping hands to those who work so hard to bring fresh produce from the field to our tables.



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, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Jerry Pelletier, and Linda Bullock.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, and Nolan.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, and Primate Staff of The Episcopal Church Center

**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](#).



STEPHEN MINISTRY

By this all men will know that
you are my disciples, if you love
one another.

John 13:35



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 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, May 11

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, May 12

11 am: ECW Picnic (Offsite)
1 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Bride's Room)
1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 13

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, May 14

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Saturday, May 17

7 pm: DAR Concert and Reception

Sunday, May 18

*Class of 2025 Senior Recognition (8:30 am service)
150th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Nave (11 am service)*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

SWITCH TO SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25

Summer Services at
8 am
and
10 am



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in May services, click [here](#). June services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for May shifts. June shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Our summer Lemonade on the Lawn begins May 25 after 10 am service. Hosts put lemonade and cups on a cart and take it from the Parish House kitchen to the courtyard. Lemonade is provided. Sign up to [host](#).
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*

Seniors Luncheon - Food, Fun and Fellowship

Our next Seniors Luncheon will be at 11:30 am, Thursday, May 22, in the Harrison. The menu includes a variety of tea sandwiches, fruit salad, chips, and sherbet with a cookie for dessert. Come join us!

Faith Connection Meeting

The May Faith Connection meeting will be held at 4 pm, Thursday, May 15, at Centenary United Methodist Church (309 New Street). Elizabeth Wood, Esq. of The E.A. Wood Law Firm will be providing an Immigration Law Update. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

May Foyers

We are back to gathering on the third Saturday of the month. The May Foyers will be from 5 - 7 pm, May 17 at the home of: Joanie and Randy Bogle, 4308 Periwinkle Place, in Carolina Colours.

Bring your beverage of choice, drink containers, and an appetizer to share. Contact Liz Praul (eparlett4@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information. Your RSVP will help us get an idea of the number of guests the host can expect. All are welcome!



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.

