

Young Adults and Young Families Brunch

The Young Adults / Young Families group will host a brunch between the 8 am and 10 am services on August 24, outside on the church yard, with picnic tables set up on the playground side of church (weather permitting). RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/YA-YF-Fall-Picnic>.



Taizé Service - August 31

Christ Church will hold a Taizé service at 5 pm, Sunday, August 31, in the Chapel. Taizé is an ecumenical, Christian, monastic community located in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. Founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, the community is composed of about 100 brothers, from Catholic and protestant traditions, who originate from about 30 countries around the world.

A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. The prayers consist of “short chants, repeated again and again,” according to an introduction in a Taizé song-book.

Growing in Grace serves 10 elementary school age children after school. Over 40 mentors serve throughout the week (about an hour each time) to promote academic and social achievements! The children's top accomplishment last year was the strong relationships they formed with their mentors.

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday,
August 24 at
the 10 am
service.



Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Contemplative Prayer

“What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman”

When: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays, 9/08/25 – 11/24/25 (no meeting 9/29)

Sign Up: Email pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

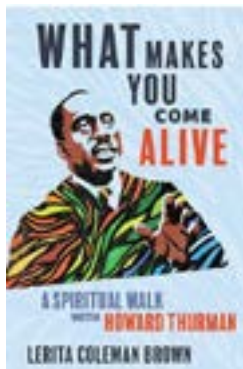
Study Book: *What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman*

Author: Lerita Coleman Brown

Purchase Book: Books Available Online

Starting September 8, the Contemplative Prayer Group will be exploring the spirituality of Howard Thurman, a Christian mystic, pastor, philosopher, author, educator, and civil rights leader. During the 1960's, Thurman served as a mentor and spiritual advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was greatly influenced by Thurman's contemplative spiritual writings and his teachings on non-violent change. Author Lerita Coleman Brown states, “One of Thurman's lifelong quests was to inspire hope. . . His quest for a profound experience of the presence of God, of connection to all living things, serves as a model for any spiritual seeker.”

Once when Thurman was asked by another theologian what needed to be done in the world, Thurman replied, “Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do that, because what the world needs is more people who have come alive.” As the Contemplative Prayer Group meets this fall, we will take a spiritual walk with Howard Thurman. As we go on this walk together, we'll help one another discover, “What makes us come alive.”



Pop-Up Choir

Our final Pop-Up Choir of the summer will be today, August 17, at the 10 am service. Meet at 9:15 am in the Nave for a brief rehearsal. We will be singing *Christ Be Our Light* by Bernadette Farrell.

Growing in Grace Looking Forward to New School Year

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

Christ Church's Growing In Grace after school program is excited to begin a new school year on September 22, 2025. This will be our 9th year working with children of lower income families to enhance their educational success, encourage spiritual growth, and help them develop good behavior and work habits.

Our program is successful due to our amazing volunteers that come to offer their support and love as mentors to our children. The mentors work one-on-one with our children for about 45 to 50 minutes on homework, school work review or completion, study for tests and most importantly to offer the children a new friend in their life that cares about their success in school and in life. We also have volunteer van drivers and riders that ride as a monitor in our van to pick the children up from Brinson Elementary School.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us. All volunteers must have a background check through the Episcopal church and complete an online program on safeguarding God's children. These will be offered once you have signed up to join us this school year. We will also have a volunteer orientation that is required for new and returning volunteers on September 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm. If anyone is considering joining us for this school year, this would be a great time to hear more about our program. We are looking for:

- Weekly mentors to work with the children. Each volunteer is assigned a day(s) and a child/children. The amount of days put in is up to the volunteer.
- Substitutes to fill in when weekly mentors cannot be there
- Van drivers and driver substitutes
- Van monitors and substitutes (van monitors ride with the driver to pick up the children and help where needed)

Please contact the director of GIG - Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.675.8358) if you would like to join us this school year.

Memorial for Rosemary Stark

McCarthy Court will host a memorial for Rosemary Stark on Wednesday, August 27 at 11:00am. Rosemary died on July 8. She moved to Massachusetts to be closer to family while undergoing cancer treatment. Before moving, she lived at McCarthy Court (1321 McCarthy Blvd). The Rev. Paul Canady will be participating in the event. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres after the memorial, and McCarthy Court asks that you RSVP so they have enough seats and food set up. Contact Melanie Noble at mbnoble@5ssl.com or call 252.637.7133 to let her know you're coming!

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, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, 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, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, and Rebecca Liberty.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Henry, Jim, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, Denise, David, Sam, Larry, Bobby, Joan, Corey, Denni, Elizabeth, Jenna, Peter, Bob, Janis, and Karen.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Englehard, and St. John's, Fayetteville

**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](#).

From the Rector

With the spate of online scam attempts recently, this article shed a lot of light on the situation -- <https://www.marketplace.org/story/2025/08/07/73-of-us-adults-have-been-victim-of-online-scams>. As always, if something seems suspicious, call the church office. Remember that emails and texts pretending to be a Clergy or staff member or asking for gift cards or other monetary donations to help with an emergency (and do not want you to call) are scams!



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, August 17

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 9:15 am: Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:30 am: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Monday, August 18

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 4 pm: Daughters of the King Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 19

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:30 am: Chair Yoga (Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, August 20

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23

Vestry and Staff Retreat (Trinity Center)

Sunday, August 24

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9 am: Young Adults and Young Families Brunch (Church Lawn)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)



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- Sunday, August 31 after 10 am service
- In the Harrison Center
- Stop by and check out our recent renovations
- NOTE: Only one service 8-31-2025 at 10 am

2025 Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Third Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC (320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC). 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. All mediums are welcome, so start spreading the word now.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. The event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. The Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online at: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. For more information, please email artmarket@christchurchnewbern.com.



AND THERE'S MORE!

We are excited to announce that our beloved Christ Church Cookie Walk will also be held on Saturday, December 13, in the Harrison Center. More details, including the announcement of our new "Head Elves," will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for August services, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Reserve your August shifts [here](#). September shifts can be found [here](#). **We are currently seeking substitutes for the Reception Desk. Please contact Sarah Risty-Davis for more information.**
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **Resource Library Tab on Website:** Check out our new "Resource Library" tab on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/resourcelibrary>) Click to access recent emails, as well as Frequently Asked Questions and online Community Bulletin Board pages.

Reminder - IRM Backpacks

Thank you again for your generosity in collecting backpacks and school supplies benefiting IRM. As a reminder, please return all items to the Reception Area on or before Monday, August 18.

Cursillo Weekend

Pilgrim applications are currently being accepted on a first come - first served basis for the East Carolina #106 Weekend, which will take place November 6-9, at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. Weekend fee is \$300 and includes room and meals. Scholarships are available. The weekend consists of meditations, discussions, a healing service, a on-site Spiritual Advisor, and daily Eucharist. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact a member of the Christ Church Vestry or Mary Lynn Guidage or visit <https://www.cursillodec.org>.

August Faith Connection

Faith Connection will hold its August meeting on TUESDAY (usually held Thursdays), August 26th at First Presbyterian Church, from 4:00-5:30. The speaker is Roberta Smith from Church World Services, which is responsible for Crop Walks around the country. Funds raised from the New Bern Crop walk, scheduled for September 28, are portioned between RCS and Church World Services. Learn more at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophunger-walks>.