

CHRIST CHURCH The Messenger

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Organ Dedication Event Sneak Peak

Here are just a couple of pictures from last week's Organ Dedicatory Eucharist and Dedication Concert. We will have more pictures in the October issue of *The Crown*.



It's Pumpkin Time

The Pumpkin Patch is officially open for business! We are open daily through October. Monday - Saturday hours are 10 am - 6 pm. Sunday hours are 12 noon - 6 pm. We need your help to make this the best Pumpkin Patch ever. Please consider signing up to work as many shifts as you can over the next few weeks. Each shift is two hours. You can sign up [here](#). When signing up, please add your phone number in the comment box, so that we can easily contact you if necessary. There is also a hard copy of the sign up sheet in the Reception Area at church.

BAKED GOODS

As an added fundraiser, the Pumpkin Patch offers baked goods for sale on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We always appreciate homemade and store-bought treats to make this possible. No sign up necessary -- just drop your contribution off at the Pumpkin Patch or Reception Desk.

Also, many thanks to those who came and helped with yesterday's Fall Clean-Up. The churchyard is ready for the pumpkins!

Thank you for your efforts in making this another successful Pumpkin Patch.



REMINDER

There is only one service today at 10 am. Sunday School is at 9 am. Please join us after the service for our Annual Giving Kick-Off in the Harrison Center.

Vestry Reflections

Following the Vestry / Staff Retreat, Vestry members offered to provide some thoughts on what their experience has meant to them.

It is an honor to be serving on the vestry of Christ Church. I have enjoyed getting to know the inner workings of Christ Church, and it has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with many different parishioners

- Kim Huddle

Historic New Bern Trolley Tour

Presented by the Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church, New Bern

Historic Churches of New Bern

Monday, October 14th

10 am – 11:30

\$25.00

Grab a friend and join us for our 4th Annual Tour - This time to hear about some of the amazing churches in New Bern.



For more information or to reserve and pay for your spot(s) contact:
Rodney Hayes rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com 203-640-2638

Calling All ECU and Habitat for Humanity Supporters

On Monday (10/07) and Tuesday (10/08) the Outreach Commission will be providing lunch for 10 ECU students performing volunteer work at Habitat for Humanity. We invite all who are available to join us in having lunch with these fine students. You need not bring anything, as the food will be provided. Just join us for some interesting conversation and community friendship.

For further details and information, please contact Jim Behl via email at jbehl@usa.net or via phone at 650-740-3392. The exact location(s) will be announced next week. I'm looking forward to hearing from a few of you soon so that I can get an accurate accounting of expected participation! God Bless.

Message from the Rector

Welcome to Charles Pringle!

You will see a new face at the altar on many Sundays between now and the end of April 2025. Mr. Charles Pringle is studying to be a vocational deacon in our Diocese and will be doing his field education at Christ Church.

Charles is sponsored for ordination by St. Andrew's in Morehead City, and he currently lives in Newport. Part of his work with us will also be working with and learning from the Outreach Commission. He will be with us 8-10 hours per week, including time on Sundays. You'll have a chance to hear from Charles about his journey towards ordination at some point in the future.

UKULELE CLUB

Our first meeting of the Ukulele Club will be this Wednesday. This class is geared towards late-elementary and middle school aged kids, all levels welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 pm starting this week in the Music Room.

EYC at Christ Church

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meets on Sunday Nights from 6:00-7:30. Youth group is welcome to all 6th-12th graders. We have formation together that includes playing games, doing service and discussing how God is present in our lives. After our activity, we share a meal together.

Hannah is looking for some support during the meetings, including providing meals, cleaning up, setting up activities, and just being there supporting our youth. Click [here](#) to volunteer with EYC and/or provide meals.

Meal option suggestions (provided by EYC participants) are included in the Sign Up Genius. New ideas are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah (hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com) to chat. Thank you for your support of our youth.



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, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Charles Knight, Pat Holmes, and Bonnie Royer.

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, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Sylvia, Aline, Larry, Anne 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, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, and Cheri.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville; Retired Clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina

**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.christchurch-newbern.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, September 29

Fifth Sunday - One Service Only

9 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

11:30 am: Annual Giving Kick-Off (Harrison Center)

3 pm: CROP Walk (Offsite)

Tuesday, October 1

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, October 2

4:30 pm: Ukulele Club (Music Room) *Note 1st Meeting*

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, October 6

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) *Note 1st meeting*

4 pm: Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor Chapel)

October Faith Connection Meeting

The October Faith Connection will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, October 17, here at Christ Church. The presenter will be Amanda Norwood, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for Interfaith Refugee Ministry. IRM is dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with housing, food, clothing, employment, learning English, and cultural orientation.

All are welcome, and admission is free. Refreshment will be served.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12:15

Volunteer Appreciation Brunches - Change in Plans

In lieu of individual brunches, we will host on Sunday, October 20th a special Evening Prayer Service, followed by a reception at the Harrison Center for all volunteers of Christ Church. We will have a guest keynote speaker and a thank you for all of our volunteers. Invitations will be mailed; however, all are invited to join us in celebrating our volunteers. If you are a volunteer who did not receive an invitation, please know that you are the most special one, as we know you will forgive our oversight!

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our October services and [here](#) to serve in our November services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christ-churchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your October shifts [here](#) and your November shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Thank you to Andy Britton for hosting this week's Coffee Hour and providing snacks.

Neighbors in Christ Riverbend

What: Riverbend "Neighbors in Christ" Fall Potluck

When: Friday, October 11 at 5:30pm.

Bring: Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

Where: 110 Gangplank Rd at the Boathouse.

RSVP to Connie Whitney (LNCwhitney75@gmail.com), Margaret Pollock (margaret73pollock@icloud.com) or Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com).

Rothermel Foundation Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will present *Big Bang Cosmology and Divine Creation: The New Physics and the Old Metaphysics* by Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J. on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 2 pm. The lecture will take place at First Presbyterian Church (400 New Street, New Bern) and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.RothermelFoundation.org.

Stewards of the Earth Program

Stewards of the Earth, a program of Faith Connection, is pleased to invite representatives from Christ Church to our six-week fall class Responding to Climate Change.

This class will be held on Wednesdays Oct. 9 through Nov. 13, 7:00-8:30 PM, at First Presbyterian Church Since this program is discussion-based, registration is limited.

Each week, class time will include a discussion of reading material, and sharing of ideas, concerns, and good practices. This class provides a unique opportunity to learn how other congregations are growing in their creation care practices.

Class facilitators include the Stewards of the Earth team and faith-based leaders in environmental stewardship throughout eastern NC. Pre-registration is required. For questions or to pre-register, please contact Helen Robinson at helenrobinson575@gmail.com or at (540)533-3913

2024 CROP Walk

The 44th annual CROP Walk will take place today, 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.

Blessing of the Animals

We will have a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 6. It will be a drop-in event in the Outdoor Chapel from 4 - 4:45 pm.

