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DID YOU KNOW... we use approximately 100 pounds of coffee on Sunday mornings throughout the year!? In 2024, we used 118 rolls of paper towels, 1,332 rolls of toilet paper, and 8,342 trifold hand towels!

Bonus: We used 260 Reams of copier paper which equals 21,000 sheets of paper

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Rector's Bible Study

When: 11 AM, Wednesdays (starting September 10)

Meets: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Leaders: Rev. Paul Canady and Rev. Suzanne Hood

The Rector's Bible Study gathers at 11:00am on Wednesdays in the Pelletier Room. This Fall, we will be exploring the book of Deuteronomy. When Jesus says he has come to fulfill the Law and Prophets, this book is foundational to understanding the Law as Jesus may have understood it. It can also be dense and heavy, so we will take it in bit-size chunks and look at themes that appear throughout the book. We'd love to have you with us! No prior Bible knowledge needed. And if you don't have a Bible, we have plenty we can loan or give you!

Questions? Reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.361.5223 – office) for more information. You can also join the Realm group to receive communications about the weekly gatherings.



Taizé Service

5 pm, Sunday, August 31
 Christ Church 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*

Reminders

There is only one morning service today, August 31, at 10 am. The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

Seniors Who Lunch - Come Join Us

Our monthly senior luncheon returns in September after taking a break over the summer. Join us from 11:30 am - 1 pm, **Thursday, September 18**, for lunch and a brief program. RSVP online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEA928ABFF2-58155890-seniors>.



2025 - 2026 Growing in Grace

"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 its ninth school 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. a new school year on September 22, 2025. Our program is successful due to our amazing volunteers that come to offer their support and love as mentors to our children. 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. We will have a volunteer orientation that is required for new and returning volunteers on September 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Please contact the director of GIG - Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.675.8358) if you would like to join us this 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."

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."

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, Rebecca Liberty, Betty Simon, and Alan Rogers.



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, Karen, Tory, Jill, Don, Marty, Kevin, and Phil.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Clinton, and Trinity Deanery

**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](#).

Return to Fall / Winter / Spring Schedule

We switch to our Fall / Winter / Spring schedule next Sunday, September 7. Services are at 8:30 and 11 am, with Sunday School and Coffee Hour at 9:45. We hope you will join us!

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 31

Only one service at 10 am

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

11 am: Ice Cream Social (Harrison Center)

5 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)

Monday, September 1

Labor Day -- Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 2

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

4 pm: Daughters of the King (Parish House)

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

Wednesday, September 3

5:30 pm: Angel Tree Meeting (Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, September 4

6 pm: Carolina Chamber Music Festival at Christ Church (Parish House)

Saturday, September 6

9 am Parish Choir Retreat (Offsite)

2 pm: Annual Sandy Valentine Tea (Harrison Center)

Sunday, September 7

Switch to Fall / Winter / Spring Schedule

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 am: Cherub Choir

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

5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) - *First meeting since summer break*

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room) - *First meeting since summer break*

Help Feed our EYC Youth

We are looking for volunteers to provide meals for our EYC youth on Sunday evenings. Most Sunday evenings around 15 youth gather and begin our night with a meal. If you would like to help with those meals, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEA828A-3FAC25-58192545-eycmeals#/. Contact Hannah at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com if you have any questions.

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 be also be held on Saturday, December 13, in the Harrison Center. We will announce more details soon, including the announcement of our new "Head Elves." Stay tuned!

Call for Eucharistic Receivers

At this time the Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church is blessed to have a wonderful, loving group of Eucharistic Visitors ready and willing to visit their fellow parishioners. Eucharistic Visitors take the consecrated Eucharist to fellow parishioners who cannot join us at church, including members in the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes.

We are now in need of parishioners who would accept the visits from these care giving folks. If you are unable to attend church services, even on a short-term basis, for any issue in your life, the Eucharist is available for you to receive for any reason. Please contact Suzanne Hood, (suzanne-hood@christchurchnewbern.com) and make her aware of your need, and she will arrange to have a Eucharistic Visitor meet with you.

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](#).
- **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.

2025 CROP Hunger Walk

The 45th Annual New Bern Area CROP Hunger Walk will happen on Sunday, September 28th at Union Point Park. Christ Church will host a water station, and we encourage members to sign up to walk



or donate to support the event. CROP Walk raises funds to address nutritional and developmental needs of those in our community and around the globe. Locally, Religious Community Services (RCS) will receive 25% of the proceeds.

This year Christ Church is encouraging those who would like to participate in CROP Walk as part of a team to join up with Interfaith Refugee Ministry. IRM has joyfully invited all Christ Church members to join their CROP Walk team. Help raise money for those who are food insecure in our community and raise awareness for IRM at the same time. Please go to this link for more information: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/interfaith-refugee-ministry>.

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.