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# ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
**AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA**  
**FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**  
 Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

## MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

### CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III  
**Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

### CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

**Director of Church Life:** Jimi Paderick  
**Director of Music:** Jacqueline Nappi  
**Director of Christian Formation:** Hannah Hutchens  
**Director of Growing in Grace:** Debbie Fodrie  
**Finance Coordinator:** Cindy Tripp  
**Communications Coordinator:** Betsy Downard  
**Volunteer Coordinator:** Sarah Risty-Davis  
**Nursery Staff:** Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 3pm  
 Fridays: 9 am - 12pm  
 Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne.

*Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.*

### GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

### CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

**Term through 2024:**  
 Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas  
**Term through 2025:**  
 Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*), Holly Lippitt  
**Term through 2026:**  
 Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill  
**Term through 2027 (starts January 1):**  
 Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson, Ernie Williams

### FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:  
[www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com)  
[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)  
[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)  
[Instagram](#)  
[Youtube](#)

### CONTACT US

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*The Crown* is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the January 2025 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com) by December 15. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at [betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com).

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger (weekly)*: Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## 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 Kunkle, 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, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, and Charles Peterson.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Bambi, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, and Denni.

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro

*\*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](#).*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## PLEASE NOTE:

Did you notice that all of the church's regularly scheduled events are not listed on our calendar? We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at [christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://christchurchnewbern.com/calendar) and in the Sunday morning *Messenger* 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 DEC. 8	MONDAY DEC. 9	TUESDAY DEC. 10	WEDNESDAY DEC. 11	THURSDAY DEC. 12	FRIDAY DEC. 13	SATURDAY DEC. 14	SUNDAY DEC. 15
8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for Ages & Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a> ) 12:30 pm: Tried by Fire (My Sister's House) Gospel Brunch (Harrison Center)	9:30am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center) 1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)	7am: Al Anon Meeting - (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	9am: Cookie Walk Prep (Harrison Center) 6pm: Crossing the Alps Concert (Nave) 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)	3:30pm: GIG Christmas Celebration (Harrison Center) 4pm: Finance Committee (Pelletier Room) 5pm: Endowment Expenditure Working Group Meeting (Pelletier Room)	COOKIE WALK BOXING AND PLATING DAY 6pm: ArtWalk Christmas Sing-a-Long (Nave)	9am: Holiday Arts and Crafts Market (Church Grounds) 10am: Cookie Walk (Harrison Center)	8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for Ages and Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a> )

# 2025 INGATHERING CALENDAR

The Outreach Commission invites you to consider your outreach giving for the coming year. The Ingathering Planning Calendar will help you with your planning. Each month the Outreach Commission is asking us to focus our giving efforts on a different organization. Some of these groups are local, some are international, but all funds raised, and objects collected will go towards helping others. Some of us might want to give every month, but for many of us, it may be helpful to know when efforts will be focused on organizations we have a particular affinity for. Whether you give once a year or every month, every dollar collected, and every item purchased helps Christ Church help others

## Monthly Ingathering Collections Plan Your Year of Giving

January	February	March
Daughters of the King Sock Collection	Camp Hope	Church Periodical Club
April	May	June
United Thank Offering and RCS	Episcopal Farmworker Ministry	Interfaith Refugee Ministry
July	August	September
MERCI Clinic	IRM Backpacks	My Sister's House
October	November	December
Pumpkin Patch	Religious Community Services	Advent Ingathering

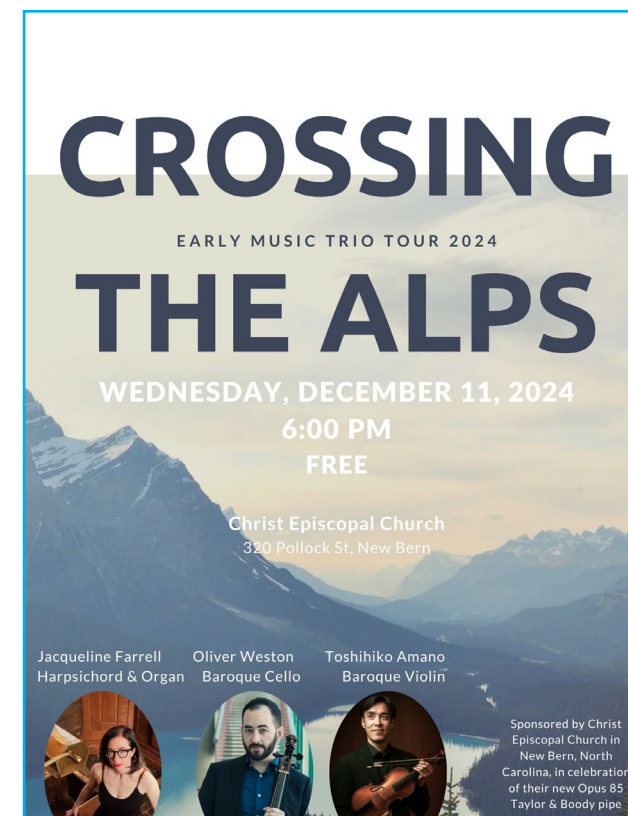
# MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

## Upcoming Special Concert

Crossing the Alps is an early music project tour based out of New Bern, North Carolina. Featuring our Director of Music, as well as baroque violinist from Japan, Toshi Amano, and baroque cellist from New York City, Oliver Weston, this trio will perform at three locations in the second week of December.

With music by German and Italian composers, this program embodies the idea of exchange amongst musicians, whether it's the exchange of musical ideas or of the musicians themselves, i.e. travelling.

These performances are free and open to the public: Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm (Kenan Chapel, Wilmington); Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm (Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern); Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 pm (St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham).



Join Us for  
**2024 Advent Lessons  
& Carols**  
At Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
7:00 pm  
320 Pollock Sreet in Downtown New Bern

## Children's Choirs Performances

Cherub Choir will perform at the early service on Sunday, December 15th, and on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 service. They are preparing two songs to sing: Michael Row Your Boat Ashore and Go Tell it on the Mountain. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:45 am in the Sunday school room.

Ukulele Club will perform at the early service on Sunday, December 15th, and on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 service. They are preparing two songs to play with the Cherub Choir, as well as Christmas-themed songs on TAB (tablature). Final rehearsals are Wednesdays, December 11 & 18 in the Music Room.

Choristers will perform at the late service on Sunday, December 15th. They will wear robes and perform one or two Christmas-themed choral works with piano. The final rehearsal is Wednesday, December 11 at 4 pm in the Nave.

## Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Our annual Christmas Carol Sing-along during the December Artwalk is scheduled for Friday, December 13th this year! There will be two 40-minute sessions: the first at 6:00 pm and the second at 7:00 pm. Carols on the new organ will be played, followed by a few secular carols on the piano. Show up early and enjoy listening to a few jazzy Christmas season favorites on the piano!

# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## GIG Children and Mentors Celebrate Thanksgiving

Once again the amazing Christ Church ECW hosted the GIG Thanksgiving Lasagna Dinner. The mentors and children were treated with time for fellowship, lasagna, salad, bread, and cupcakes! A great big thank you to these ladies. No one left hungry!



## Flowers in Worship

Every Sunday the flowers on the altar are a beautiful embellishment to help us glorify God, but they are so much more than that. After the service the flowers are given to people in our community who are celebrating birthdays, are on our prayer list, those who've experienced a life change, are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or other illnesses, etc. These arrangements act similarly to our sharing of communion with those in our community who are homebound. They soak in the prayers of two services, bearing witness to God's love and to our love for God and each other and then they go forth to share that love with those who most need it.

The reality is that the cost of flowers has increased significantly and the number of people giving money specifically for altar flowers has decreased over time. We ask for \$40 when putting flowers on the altar, but the cost to Christ Church is around \$130-\$140 per week. After a healthy, in-depth discussion at the November Vestry meeting, the Vestry has opted to fully fund floral arrangements each week through the operating budget. Contributions will help offset that cost. We ask for \$40 per time you give flowers, but we also know that \$40 is a stretch for some people. If you can give more than \$40, we hope you will.

There are several ways you can sign up and contribute. There is a sign-up list in the Narthex (entryway to the church). You can fill in that information and then leave a check or cash letting us know for which week you are giving. You can also give online (<http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>). Please note in the Memo line why you are giving flowers. If you'd like to know more about the flower ministry at Christ Church, please contact Sims Wayt (240.620.1251 or [simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com)).

## Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

The Second Christ Church Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held next Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9 AM until 4 PM. The Holiday Market will provide locals and visitors with an excellent opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase their creations for home and holiday gift giving.

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. Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online [here](https://www.christchurchnewbern.com).

Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828.774.9592, [holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com).



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Advent InGathering

For many years, Christ Church has provided gifts for the children of incarcerated citizens. We have partnered with Angel Tree to identify families, and parishioners have been unbelievably generous in providing for those children. Over the past several years, we have provided gift cards to the parent or guardian to ensure the child receives the gifts they most need and want. This year, our efforts will look a little different. Thanks to the generosity of so many people at Christ Church, we will not need to do a collection for Angel Tree. The families counting on our support will have it due largely to a surplus from last year's collection. Camp Hope is another ministry we support that is primarily with and for those affected by incarceration. We are grateful for the ongoing support from Christ Church to provide a camp experience at Camp Trinity for local young people. At this time, we are in a good financial position with regard to Camp Hope.

Our history of support for those in the prison system spans many years and reaches in multiple directions. Given the generosity of all of you, we are able this year to turn our efforts in new directions. This year's collection will benefit two areas of ministry with those who are incarcerated: Tried by Fire/My Sister's House (<https://triedbyfireinc.org/>) and Prison Fellowship (<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/>). Tried by Fire/My Sister's House is a newer ministry for women coming out of prison and has a history of recent support from Christ Church. Prison Fellowship is a national organization that operates in prisons in Eastern North Carolina.

If you would like to donate to our Advent InGathering please take a tag from the Christmas tree in the reception area. Each tag has an amount on it as well as a code. Please add your name and the code on your tag(s) to the signup sheet, which can be found on the table to the left of the tree. We will be accepting funds throughout the season of Advent. Payments can be made online, or by placing cash or checks in the box in the reception area. Please be sure to check your name off the list when you have returned your donation.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of the clergy or a member of the Vestry.

## Fall Youth Conference

Last month, 60 people gathered at Trinity Center for Fall Conference. Christ Church was represented with 18 youth and adults. Over the weekend, the conference participants dove into the verse Isaiah 41:10, "Don't fear because I am with you."

The take-away from the theme is that all emotions are valid, and God is with you always. We are thankful to have these weekends at Trinity, making friends from all across the Diocese.



## ECW Christmas Party

Please join us at 11 am this Monday, December 9th for our annual Christmas Pot-luck Party this year again at the lovely home of Gail Dorman in Carolina Colours. All women of the church are welcome.

Bring a dish to share (drinks provided) and wear your party smile! Ugly Christmas sweaters optional! We will be signing and addressing Christmas cards for some of our shut-in and older parishioners.

As usual, we will not be meeting in January but we'll see you again in February on the 10th!

If you have any questions, please email Rodney ([rodneyhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyhayes@yahoo.com)) or call 203-640-2638 and leave a message. See you at the Party!



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.

*Colossians 3:16a*

# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Celebrating the 25th Annual Cookie Walk

*Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time*

In the late '90's, Christ Church parishioner Kathleen Meyers had an idea. Why not have a Cookie Walk, modeled after the one she knew from her old parish, Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire, Wisconsin? As it happens it was a VERY good idea since the Christ Church Cookie Walk is now celebrating its 25th year!

Come see what all the fuss is about on Saturday, December 14, 10am-Noon. The Harrison Center will be filled with thousands of homemade cookies and treats. In honor of this special anniversary, Gretchen DuPeza, Tony Embry and Joe Russo have been leading Baking Workshops during November and December. The final workshop is this Wednesday, December 11. You can sign up [here](#). Check out some photos from our previous workshops below.

To celebrate our 25th Annual Cookie Walk, any Baker that drops off 25 dozen cookies will be entered into a prize drawing. The grand prize is a New Bern Staycation with a night at the local Benjamin Ellis B & B and dinner at Cypress Hall.

There are several ways you can help. Not a baker? You can help package the cookies and of course help with Cookie Walk on December 14th. Click [here](#) to learn more about the various volunteer opportunities and sign up to volunteer. The baking sign-up can be found [here](#). Please contact Head Elf Sims Wayt at [simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com) with any questions.



## Adult Sunday School Offering - Living our Faith Day-to-Day

*9:45 am, Sundays December 8, 15, and 22 in the Library*

We each live our faith in our own way. The next three Sundays in Advent, we will hear from three different parishioners about how their faith shapes and directs their day to day life. We will hear from Lydia Ash (December 8), Tyler Harris (December 15), and Sims Wayt (December 22). Reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)) for more information. Look forward to seeing you there!

# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH



## Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God's Call

12/4/2024 Campaign Update

Pledge Amount Received:

\$803,168

Number of Pledges Received:

204

## Christ Church Cooks

Do you need meals to give to friends/family members who are sick, recovering, or experiencing a family emergency? In an effort to clear out the freezer, please stop by the Christ Church Cooks freezer in the Parish House and pick up a meal for someone in need. Questions? Contact Ellen Chance.

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, December 9, at 9:30 am, when we will be baking cookies. All are welcome -- come join us!

## Found Ring

The ring pictured below was recently found at church. It's located at the Reception Desk for the owner to claim. Thank you.



## Foyers Christmas Gathering

We are all invited to the home of Nancy and Joe Russo to spread some Christmas cheer and enjoy the holiday decorations.

DATE: December 21

TIME: 5-7 pm

PLACE: 3803 Burlywood Lane in Carolina Colours

BRING: Beverage of choice, Glassware, Appetizer to share

RSVP to [eparlett4@gmail.com](mailto:eparlett4@gmail.com).



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## News from St. Cyprian's

### December Worship at St. Cyprian's

- Morning Prayer, 11 am, Sunday, December 15

The entrance to the church is by stairs at 604 Johnson Street, in the Historic District of New Bern. All are welcome.

The New Bern Historical Society's Ghostwalk brought over 200 visitors into St. Cyprian's Church. Tours were offered, and many interesting and interested discussions ensued. Folks loved the peacefulness of the sacred space. They were intrigued by the stained glass windows, the cruciform structure, the beams of the nave ceiling, the beautiful old organ and the gleaming white sanctuary with its glorious Good Shepherd window, illuminated by the lighting indoors and visible from the street. Participation in this community event engendered much good will, and made connections with those who attended.

On December 14th, St. Cyprian's Church will participate in the New Bern Holly and Ivy tours of historical homes and churches, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming more visitors and introducing them to St. Cyprian's. In addition, visitors will be able to register for a new class, "Finding the Holy Spirit," for six evenings beginning in January. This class, taught by The Rev. Margaret Pollock, will explore the spiritual yearnings that God has planted in human beings, will learn to notice and articulate them, will share their experiences, and will learn how to follow their leadings to God. This class is intended for those not used to attending worship services, but would be beneficial for anyone. The fee will be \$25 per person.

Saint Cyprian's Church, along with its partner the African American Heritage and Culture Center, continues to work with the Bishop's Committee on St. Cyprian's. We are hopeful that good things will result, according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

You can contact Mrs. Shirley Guion, St. Cyprian's Senior Warden, by phone at 252.288.2812 or by email [StCyprianofNB@gmail.com](mailto:StCyprianofNB@gmail.com). Checks in support of Saint Cyprian's may be sent to Post Office Box 809, New Bern, NC 28563-809. *Donations and support of St. Cyprian's are tax deductibe as allowed by law.*

## Braver Angels Workshop



St. Peter's Episcopal Church invites you to a Braver Angels Workshop, Families and Politics: How to talk to loved ones on the other side. The event will be held on Saturday, January 25th (details below). There is no charge for attendance.

Family relationships are becoming casualties of our toxic political environment. Family members are having nasty political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off lifetime relationships. If you want to preserve important family bonds while still being true to your values and political beliefs, this workshop will offer you:

- Insight into why family differences over politics are uniquely challenging
- Recognition of common roles that family members play in political conversations (for example, the Gladiator, the Defender, and the Sniper).
- Strategies and skills for handling family political differences in a constructive way
- Although the focus is on family relationships, you can use learnings in this workshop with any loved one.
- You'll laugh and have some fun in this workshop—it won't be all serious. After all, we all come from quirky families.

The workshop will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal, 101 N. Bonner St., Washington, NC. The time is 9 am - 12 noon. To make reservations contact Betsy Boxer at [sadiesmom1993@gmail.com](mailto:sadiesmom1993@gmail.com).

The last day for reservations is Friday, January 17th 5pm. The workshop is limited to 40 people, so please reserve early. The workshop will be facilitated by Steve Skiffington, Co-Chair of Mid-Atlantic Braver Angels of North Carolina.

## Holiday Backpack Blessings

*December 16, 17, & 18*

Ho Ho Ho! 'Tis the season to be merry! And to share the blessings of the season with those for whom a nourishing and festive holiday meal may not be a reality! What an opportunity we have to make things a little cheerier for our Backpack Blessings families in Jones, Craven and Pamlico Counties and to be the messengers of God's comfort, peace and provision right here in our own backyard!

Sign up [here](#) to come and help set-up, pack boxes and bags or distribute the food boxes to our Backpack Blessings families. Packaging and distribution location is Morris Hall at Garber Church. We are blessed to be a blessing!

# CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS FORM



## 2024 Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below. The cost is \$40.00, payable to Christ Church (write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo area of the check.) You can pay in-person (via the offering plate or at the Reception Desk) or online at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/give](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give) (please note "Christmas Flowers"). Submit form and payment by Sunday, December 15, in order to have your memorial or thanksgiving printed in the Christmas bulletins.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

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In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Order deadline is December 15.*

# THE GOODS

## Cursillo Welcome Home

EC104 Cursillo Welcome Home will take place at St. Cyprian's, New Bern today, December 8 from 2-4pm. Please bring a snack to share.

## Lil Pantry

We are always seeking ready-to-eat food and drink items for our outdoor Lil Pantry. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, ready-to-eat canned items with pop tops, crackers, and breakfast bars. Items can be placed into the pantry or on the shelves of the white bookcase in the Parish House kitchen area.

## Be Aware of Scams!

Too many of us have gotten suspicious emails or texts purporting to be the Rector asking "can you do me a favor?" The fraudulent originator of the email will then ask you to purchase gift cards (Target, Ebay, iTunes, Walmart, Google Play, etc.) and send them a picture of the back of the card. That's the part that has the gift card number and PIN that will help them make an online purchase.

These scams often impersonate the person or persons at the top of the organization. It doesn't just happen to clergy. There are plenty of documented cases of CEOs and Executive Directors from non-profit and for-profit groups. The Rev. Suzanne Hood has also been impersonated once or twice.

To reiterate what we have said on countless occasions, no one on the Christ Church Staff will ever send an email or text asking individuals to purchase gift cards. In those events where we might need something, we always name what we need directly in the first communication and why we are asking you specifically to do it. "Busy with the rigors of ministry" is not a reason. When in doubt, please call the church office 252.633.2109 to ask.

### HELP SHARE OUR NEWS!

#### LIKE AND SHARE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchNewBern/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurch>

[ChildrensandYouthMinistry/](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/christchurchnewbern/?hl=en>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdB74UShQ\\_cImhET-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdB74UShQ_cImhET-)

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## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our December Services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve December shifts [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.*

## Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on January 5. Articles should be submitted by December 15.
- 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Sunday Altar Flowers

There are multiple ways that you can sign up to donate altar flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something.

- Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex
- Call the church office (252.633.2109)
- Sign up online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>

**NOTE:** If you sign up online, please email the memorial or thanksgiving details (i.e. who/what it is for and who it is from) to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com) or call the church office.

There are also multiple ways for you to pay. You can drop a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (PO Box 1246 New Bern 28563). Also, you can pay online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

## Coffee Hour

We appreciate our coffee hour hosts and are looking for more volunteers each week. Hostess duties include plating and setting out any refreshments that have been provided, as well as refreshing cups, condiments, napkins, etc. throughout the Coffee Hour. invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am coffee hour. For more information or to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).