

The Messenger

PO Box 1246 • 320 Pollock Street • New Bern, NC

www.christchurchnewbern.com

March 19 - 26, 2023

252.633.2109



Reminder: Service Time Change and Chili Cook-Off TODAY

This Sunday, we celebrate Refreshment Sunday, which serves as a good time for a parish Family to intentionally recommence. We will gather for **worship at 10 am**. We will still have **Sunday School at 9 am**. Following our time of worship, we'll gather in the Harrison Center for the Annual Chili Cook-Off and Cornbread Bake. This is an annual fundraising event for our middle and high schoolers, and it's always a culinary delight!! It's amazing to see how many different styles of chili and cornbread we can make! We're always looking for people to make that chili and cornbread and for people to come and eat it!

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. If you cook, you pay nothing. You can sign up to cook at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Chili-and-Cornbread>. If you have any questions, reach out to Meg Jones (megjones@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5867). Hope to see you there!



Lenten Quiet Day

On Saturday, March 25, from 9 am - 12 pm, spend a morning in quiet at church. You can go on a prayer walk, journal, do lectio divina in a group, pray over palms, and have a chance for private confession. They'll all be focused on ways to engage in your life in ministry. We'll meet back around 11:30 am to chat about the things we did and how we felt called.

We'll close with noonday prayer. There will be plenty of time to make it to Trinity Center to celebrate the young people who will be making a declaration of their faith that afternoon.



Lenten Quiet
Day

Saturday, March
25, 2023

Meet in the
chapel at 9 am

Youth Confirmation

Some of our youth have been in the diocesan youth confirmation class since September. They will be Confirmed at Trinity Center at 2pm next Saturday, March 25th. Please join us if you can and celebrate their public declaration of faith. We have limited spots in the van if you would like a ride. Please contact Meg at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward love
and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

VBS 2023 - Finding God's Light

Vacation Bible School is June 12th-16th. All children, ages three through rising 5th grade, are invited to participate.

We have a major need for volunteers in order to ensure a successful week. VBS is a great way to serve others, mentor a younger generation, and get to know other people at Christ Church. Volunteers can be as young as rising 6th grade through adults of all ages and will need to be up-to-date on Safe Church Practices.

Can't make it that week? There are still ways you can help, including decorations, donations and prayers for safety and more knowledge of God's love.

To register a child or sign up to volunteer, please visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/childrens-page>. Contact Meg Jones at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN UPDATE
AS OF 3/9/2023**

- **Pledge Amount Received:**
\$801,047
- **Number of Pledges Received:** 216

Giving Envelopes

All remaining Giving Envelopes are now available in Cindy Tripp's office. If you have not yet completed your 2023 pledge card, it's not too late to do so. To print a copy of a pledge card or complete your pledge online, go to <https://www.christchurch-newbern.com/stewardship>.

Craft Fair Anyone?

We no longer have crafts at Cookie Walk, which provides us an opportunity to host a Christ Church Craft Walk. We have so many talented crafts people in the congregation, and this would be an excellent way to display your wares. You can even get commissions from showing what you can do.



Possible timeline includes late May or early June. Please contact Deacon Lisa at lisakirby1945@gmail.com or 252-617-9806 if you're interested in helping to organize or exhibit in a Craft Walk.

Farmworker Ministry Drive

Our active support for 2023 is underway with a drive for specified food and toiletry items as contributions for the thousands of migrant farmworkers who will begin arriving in April. We are now able to re-invigorate our yearly help interrupted by COVID from 2020-2022.

Farmworkers provide the fruits and vegetables we depend upon at a cost we can afford. They earn less than half a minimum wage, are separated from their families, have social security taken out and are ineligible for most benefits our levels of government provide its citizens.

The Farmworker Ministry was initiated in 1982 by the Dioceses of East and North Carolina. It has been actively supported by Christ Church members and donations since its inception. More than 10,000 farmworkers are touched by this ministry through advocacy, visits to worker camps, translation of documents, emergency assistance, referrals to legal and medical visits, an annual festival, and donations of food, clothing, blankets, heaters, fans and other essentials.

Recovery Ministry

Are you or someone you know in recovery from alcoholism/addiction? If you are in recovery, would you be willing to help someone who wants to get into recovery. This is not an AA program, as there are multiple paths to recovery and frequently what someone needs is a compassionate ear and the encouragement that recovery is available to anyone. You can share your experience but without pressuring someone to join any particular program. We have resources that can direct people to recovery facilities and other resources. If you would like to be included in such a ministry, please contact Deacon Lisa at lisakirby1945@gmail.com or 252-617-9806. We will gather to discuss how we can help, and how we will spread the word. We would never give out your name or number without consulting you first.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Ann Bustard Award was created to honor the service of Ann Bustard to Christian Education as Director of Children's Ministries. The Scholarship is awarded to a youth member of Christ Church who demonstrates academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities, as well as leadership, service and participation in church activities.

Those eligible must complete the application form and submit a transcript of high school grades to the award selection committee. Both documents are needed to complete your application. Application forms will be available in the reception area and at this [link](#). The application deadline is 12 noon next Friday, March 24th.

Lenten Formation Options

There are multiple options in which parishioners can participate during Lent this year. For more information on individual class offerings, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/adult-classes>.

HOLY AND FAITHFUL

Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 7:30-8:30 pm

Join us with friends around the diocese as we learn about Saints and their lives. Register here: <https://dioec.regfox.com/holy-faithful>

SEEKING

Wednesday nights 5:30 -7 pm in the Library;

We'll take this season to look at some stories of our faith through pictures, poetry, and drawings. A light dinner is available from 5:30 - 6 pm in the Parish House.

CATECHETICAL SERIES

Meets Sunday mornings in the Library; led by Andrew Garlick

This Lent we will have an opportunity to dig into our faith during this Sunday morning series. This week we will study the study reading the Gospels in context and in faith.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

John Gaskill is offering Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel during Lent.

In peace we pray to you, Lord

For our ill and recovering

parishioners: Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike

McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Helen Margaret Gaskins, Margaret Wright, and Bruce Baker.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Lynne, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Courtney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, and Joseph.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Farmville; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville

**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](mailto:Betsy.Downard).*

The April issue of *The Crown* will be distributed April 2. The article deadline for the May issue is April 15. Send items to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Weekly article deadlines:

- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thursday
- Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: 12 pm on Wednesday



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 19

NOTE: One Service at 10 am

- 9 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11:30 am: Chili Cook Off and Cornbread Bake
- 6 pm: EYC

Monday, March 20

- 10 am: Home Place (Offsite)
- 10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting
- 2:30 pm: Endowment Board
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 4 pm: Daughters of the King Training (Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Parish House)

Tuesday, March 21

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)
- 5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 7:30 pm: Holy and Faithful Lenten Program (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

GIG Field Trip

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 12 pm: Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
- 12 pm: Altar Guild Meeting (Parish House)
- 4 pm: Ukulele Class (Music Room)
- 5:30 pm: Seeking Lenten Program (Parish House)
- 5:30 pm: Outreach Grant Committee (Library)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, March 23

- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time
- 5:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee (Library)

Saturday, March 25

- 9 am: Lenten Quiet Day (Chapel)
- 2 pm: Youth Confirmation (Offsite)

Sunday, March 26

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC

Save the Date - Spring Clean Up

We will have a church yard Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 13.
Stay tuned for more details.

THE GOODS

Cursillo Spring Weekend

Cursillo Spring Weekend EC #102 is April 27-30, 2023, with Dave Silvia, from Wilmington, as Lay Rector.

If you are interested in becoming a Pilgrim (attending for the first time) with East Carolina Cursillo Ministry, please contact Mary Lynn at 252-626-3364, and she will direct you to a sponsor. The weekend is at Trinity Center, Salter Path.

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Alston Turchetta, by Hal Stirling. If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, call the church office or sign up online [here](#). Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our March services [here](#). Click [here](#) to reserve your April shifts, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter. For more information about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Reserve your March time slot [here](#). April dates can be found [here](#).
- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.
- **Items needed for L'il Pantry:** We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST!

Easter 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 Easter.

The easiest way to pay is on our website at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give. If you'd rather write a check, please complete the form below and make your check for \$30 payable to Christ Church. You can drop the form and check off at church, mail them in to us at P.O. Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563, or place them in the collection plate. Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo space on your check. Please write clearly on this form.

Wednesday, March 29, is the last date we can accept and notate memorials in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

If you have any problems, please contact Ellie at 252-631-5863 or ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com.

Check one option: In loving memory of OR In thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____