

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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All Saints Episcopal Church Women Geranium Sale

The ECW Geranium Sale was a huge success this year with us selling out by 2:30 pm on Saturday afternoon!

Our special thanks go to Rick Miller for pickup and delivery of the plants from the grower to us and his tarp set-up in the Parish House to overnight them! We also want to acknowledge Mike Wilson for the use of his tent and tables along with his setting them up and taking them down!!!

Our worker bees were Gail Dorman, Gay Stuart, Jane Broaddus, Betty Clark, Margo Skaggs, Nancy Mansfield and Claire Newsome. Thank you all!

We will decide to whom to give the 100% proceeds by the end of the month. If you have an organization (non-profit) that you feel could benefit from a donation please email or text or call Rodney Hayes at rodneyhayes@yahoo.com or 203-640-2638.



Gay Stuart and Gail Dorman work the ECW Geranium Sale Table at the recent Art and Crafts Market.

May 19 - Pentecost Picnic

Join us next Sunday after the 11 am service for a Pentecost Picnic on the lawn. Church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, and a cake honoring our graduates. Rain will move the picnic to the Harrison Center.

Please call the Reception Desk or sign up online to bring sides, vegetables, and fruits. Please -- no desserts, as we are ordering a cake! If you are able to set out food, serve and/or clean up, contact Jane Ashford (252.288.2838 or jane.ashford@neusewoods.com).

Changes to our Communion Pattern: A Message from the Clergy

The COVID pandemic brought on many changes and adjustments, and I'd say that we managed many of those, particularly in worship, with grace and flexibility. We have been operating under worship guidelines from Bishop Skirving that were issued in March 2022, which brought back the common cup to communion. These guidelines allowed us to continue using small individual cups and laid out specifics about the practice of intinction, or dipping the bread into the wine.

Following lengthy conversations among the Vestry and Eucharistic Ministers at respective meetings in March, we will discontinue the use of individual cups during Communion. I know that few of us like surprises, and I want you to know this prior to June 2nd when it will take effect. Please take a few moments to watch [this video](#) from Suzanne & me.

-- Paul

MUSIC NOTES

PREPARING THE WAY FOR OPUS 85:

As announced last month, our new organ is set to arrive to Christ Church on Monday, June 3rd. What some people may not know is that our organ has a name - "Opus 85." Organ builders give each new instrument they build an opus number, in the order in which they are built. Opus 85 is therefore the 85th instrument built by Taylor & Boody, and its new home is to be Christ Church. There is much to be prepared and many welcoming activities and events ahead of us, but the first important day is the day Opus 85 arrives: June 3rd. Please do stop by church that day to be a part of welcoming the builders and Opus 85 to Christ Church! More details on an exact time frame will be publicized as we get closer to that date. - Jacqueline



MUSIC TALK SERIES: This summer, our Director of Music will be presenting a series of talks exploring new topics, philosophies and ideas about music, particularly in sacred settings. These will take place on select Sunday mornings in the Parish House from 9:15-9:45 am and will include time for Q&A. Further details forthcoming, but mark your calendars for the first talk on the day before Opus 85's arrival, Sunday, June 2nd: "The Pipe Organ: how it's built and why it matters."

Next Realm Sunday - May 19

Christ Church continues to roll out Realm, a new digital tool for members, that will help us to be a church between Sundays. Join staff and leadership from 9:30 - 11 am on May 19, in the Parish House for assistance in navigating Realm. We'll offer hands-on assistance with getting started with Realm, uploading your photo, and learning parish committee basics.



If you aren't already on Realm, email Jimi at jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com for an email invitation to join. You can then log in and set up your account and password.

Once you have logged in for the first time, you can download the app called "Realm Connect - For Our Church" on your phone. If you have an iPhone, you will download the app from the Apple Store. If you have an Android device you will download the app via Google Play. You can directly access the Apple Store and Google Play via the QR Codes Below.

After you download the app, you can log in on your mobile device using the same email address and password that you created through your web browser. Your app will stay connected to your account with the church. If you need assistance with downloading the app, just bring your mobile device on May 19, and we will assist you with the upload. If you have an Apple device, please also have your Apple ID and password available.

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Contemplative Prayer - *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Mondays through June 3

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann; sign up by email – pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room (Upstairs at Christ Church)

Study Book: *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by Cynthia Bourgeault

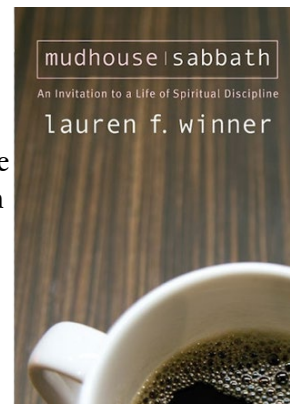
When we encounter struggles and challenges in our daily life, we yearn for the good news of hope to pull us through our difficulties. As we journey through the wellsprings of hope, we're invited to grow in our understanding of how we perceive this gift in our lives. Do we see hope through the lens of desired results, or do we see it through the lens of trust? Author Cynthia Bourgeault says, "In our usual way of looking at things, hope is tied to outcome: 'I hope I get this job' or 'I hope my mother gets well.' The Bible introduces us to a different kind of hope that has its source not in events but in the mercy of God, a lifeblood of compassion connecting our heart to God's heart and the heart of all creation." You are invited to come and participate in the weekly Contemplative Prayer group, which explores and studies the book, *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*. During each session, we will support one another in our pilgrimage of prayer and our search for a deeper understanding of God's gift of hope. Let us trust that in the search itself, as we open ourselves to God's transforming love.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

On the Tuesday, May 21st, the Women's Book Study will begin reading *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline* by Lauren Winner. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$15.00).

Winner writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christian America, and Jewish-Christian relations. After her conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, Lauren Winner found that her life was indelibly marked by the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism. Whether discussing attentive eating, marking the days while grieving, the community that supports a marriage, candle-lighting, or the differences between the Jewish Sabbath and a Sunday spent at the Mudhouse, her favorite coffee shop, Winner writes with honesty and insight.

Join us Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we set out to discover how we might incorporate some of these practices into our lives, and how they might transform our view of the world and God. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



Easter Sermon Series

During the Easter Season our sermons have focused on different aspects of worship and why we do what we do. We hope that you have found the series to be valuable.

This Sunday, the Rev. Suzanne Hood will discuss "Rubrics: The How-to of the Prayer Book." Join us at 8:30 or 11:00 am (including [here](#) on our YouTube Channel at 11:00). This is the final week of the sermon series.

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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, 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 Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, and Betsy Phillips.

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, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, 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, Adam, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, and Frankie.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., 1st Lt. Jake Ballard, Cpt. John Koskinen.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate Staff of The Episcopal Church Center

**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.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, May 12

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, May 13

11 am ECW Picnic (Offsite)

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

12:30 pm: Discernment Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, May 16

Last day of GIG for the summer

2:30 pm: Volunteer Receptionist Quarterly Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Friday, May 17

11:30 am Altar / Flower Guild Spring Luncheon (Parish House)

Sunday, May 19

*Children, Youth, Graduates and Sunday School Recognition
Pentecost Sunday
Realm Sunday*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
12 pm: Pentecost Picnic (Church Grounds)

May Faith Connection Meeting

Join us this Thursday, May 16, at 4 pm, as Lilly Krmar shares her story of fleeing her homeland of Suriname at the age of 12. She spent six years as a refugee in three different countries before finally settling in the United States. The meeting will take place at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1901 New Street in New Bern. Admission is free. Bring a friend.

This Week in T-Ball

Our T-Ball team wraps up its season this week with a game against Two Rivers at 6 pm, Friday, May 17. This is a make-up game from last month. We will play at Fort Totten Field.

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ECW Picnic

The Christ Church Episcopal Church Women All Saints Chapter spring picnic will be at 11 am, tomorrow, Monday, May 13. We have reserved the Jaycees Pavilion at Glenburnie Park. Please bring your own lunch, as well as a side dish (chips, pickles, salads, deviled eggs - let your creative self take over!) or a dessert to share. See you at the park!

Altar / Flower Guild Luncheon

The Altar and Flower guilds will have their annual Spring Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1 pm, Friday, May 17. We will meet in the Parish House for a light lunch and good company. Drop by when you can. Food and drink are provided. Please RSVP by May 15 to Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com) or Karen O'Connell (dandkoconnell@gmail.com).

UTO - It's Personal

No one else knows what makes us say or think "Thank God." How many times a day do we express that? Little things; finding a parking space downtown or big things; recovery from illness of a love one will evoke a feeling of gratitude. We are not always aware of the many blessings in our lives and often take them for granted.

On Sundays, May 19 and 26, you will find UTO envelopes and "mite boxes" in the pews. Please take one home with you as a reminder of the blessings you enjoy each day.

Episcopal Church Women will collect your personal offering of gratitude on Sunday, June 2, which will be shared with those less fortunate.

-- Jane Broaddus, UTO Chair

Neighbors in Christ / Riverbend Potluck

When: Friday, May 17, 5-7pm

Where: 110 Gangplank Rd,
Boathouse

Bring: Your favorite dish to share

Drinks provided.

RSVP: Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com), Margaret Pollock (margaret73pollock@icloud.com) or Connie Whitney (633-1931).



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for May services and [here](#) for June services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristyDavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **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! May shifts can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for June shifts.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Lemonade on the Lawn will debut Sunday, May 26. Click [here](#) to volunteer to host on a future Sunday.
- **RCS Wish List:** Click [here](#) for an Amazon Food Item Wish List for RCS. This is an easy way to help, with no need to lift items or deliver to the warehouse.

Vacation Bible School: June 10 - 14

This year VBS will venture to Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! VBS will take place June 10 - 14 and is for children entering Kindergarten through rising 5th graders. To register as a participant or volunteer, click [here](#).



Cards for Camp Hope

Thank you to all those who stopped by the Parish House and wrote cards for our Camp Hope campers. The collection box remains in the Elevator Lobby if you'd still like to participate. The deadline is Sunday, June 2.

Civitan Club "No Child Wet Behind" Diaper Drive

Tryon Civitan Club will be collecting disposable diapers during the month of May to benefit Coastal Women's Shelter, Craven Smart Start, Eastern Pregnancy Information Clinic, HOPE Family Resource Center, and Religious Community Services. Partially used boxes will be accepted. A collection box is located in the Reception Area.