



When I found Christ Church, I rediscovered the joy of empowering fellowship, the comfort of familiar liturgy in a beautiful sacred space where many, many have prayed and praised before me, and compassionate guidance in discovering my gifts. I am so at home here! – *Kahni Miller*

Christ Church, New Bern
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Summer Pop-up Choir Dates

June 8, June 29, July 27, and August 17

Meet at 9:15 am in the Nave.
Come join us!

A Great Day for Christ Church

This is the second year that the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Programs have combined efforts in a single round of grants to local charities in New Bern. Outreach efforts, including Pumpkin Patch, Cookie Walk, and the Pancake Supper, along with other donations, all contributed to the funds available for distribution.

This Spring, applications were sent to organizations wishing to receive funds for projects helping local citizens in need. Following the application deadline, members of the Christ Church Trust and the Outreach Grants Committee reviewed the applications. This year, the Trust and Outreach Grants Committee are proud to announce that we have distributed a total of \$64,949.54 to the following local charities.

- Backpack Blessings, Inc.
- Bike Box Project
- Boys and Girls Club of the Coastal Plains
- Camp Trinity
- Coastal Women’s Shelter
- Craven Literacy Council
- Duffyfield Phoenix Project
- Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders, Inc.
- H. J. MacDonald Middle School PTO
- Habitat for Humanity of Craven County
- Interfaith Refugee Ministry
- MERCI Clinic
- Religious Community Services
- Tried by Fire, Inc.
- Trinity Conference Center
- Twin Rivers YMCA

Church Mystery Needs Solving: Are YOU the Key Keeper We Need?

In our church lies a jumble of old keys — to doors long forgotten, locks unknown, and mysteries untold. We're looking for a detail-loving, organized, and slightly curious soul to help us crack the case of the Unnamed Keys!

What you'll do:

- Sort and catalog existing keys
- Test them and match them to doors or locks
- Label and organize them into a logical system
- Possibly uncovering secret rooms (no guarantees, but wouldn't that be cool?)

Ideal for:

- Lovers of puzzles and mysteries
- Folks who like everything "just so"
- People who enjoy a quiet, focused task with a purpose

This is a short-term but important mission. And yes, you can totally wear a detective hat.

Interested? Contact Jimi Paderick (jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-631-5863) and start your journey as the Official Key Sleuth of Christ Episcopal Church!



Beat the July Heat with Chair Yoga

Join Karen Gabriel for a five-week Chair Yoga series! Whether you're new to yoga, recovering from an injury, or looking for a way to stay active, this is for you. Enjoy the "3 M's" -- movement, mobility, and mindfulness every Tuesday in July beginning July 1st at 11:30-12:15 in the Parish House. This series is free, but a donation of nonperishable items for the Christ Church Lil' Pantry is strongly encouraged.

June InGathering - Diaper Drive for IRM

Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) could use your help to keep baby bottoms dry. During the month of June, Christ Church members are being asked to donate baby wipes and a variety of diapers in all sizes for distribution as needed to our new neighbors. Since transportation can be challenging to the newcomer, having these items on hand allows IRM staff members to quickly deliver the items when a need arises. The diaper sizes in the greatest need are 2, 3, and 4. Thank you for your kindness in assisting our new neighbors and friends.



VBS Sneak Peek

It was a wild week at VBS this week. Over 40 children enjoyed our "True North" Vacation Bible School with games, crafts, stories, lessons and music each day. Thank you to all of our youth and adult volunteers and staff for making it happen. And special thank you to Hannah Hutchens for being our leader! Here are a couple of first-look photos -- look for more in the July issue of *The Crown*.



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 Kunkel, 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, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, and Margo Skaggs.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, David, Denise, David, Sam, and Larry.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Windsor, St. Ann's, Jacksonville

**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](#).



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let us not give up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
but let us encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:25a



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, June 22

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

Monday, June 23

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, June 24

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

Wednesday, June 25

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 6:15 pm: Youth Group Tour (Nave)

Thursday, June 26

Staff Work Day - Church Offices Closed

Sunday, June 29

- Fifth Sunday - only one service at 10 am*
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 9:15 am: Pop Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Sunday Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, call the church office, or sign up online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Flower Guild Seeking Volunteers

The Flower Guild of Christ Church falls under the Pastoral Care Commission. The flowers on the altar are a beautiful embellishment to help us glorify God, but they are so much more than that. After the services each Sunday, the members of the Flower Guild distribute the altar flowers to people in our community who are celebrating birthdays, are on our prayer list, are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or other illnesses, etc. The flower arrangements act in a similar way to our sharing of communion with those in our community who are homebound. The flowers on the altar soak in our prayers during the two Sunday 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 need it most. Please remember that the Flower Guild is spreading our love throughout the parish every Sunday. If you think you might be interested in joining this loving ministry, and spreading the love of Christ Church, please contact Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com or 252-638-4875).

Join Us for Morning Prayer

Mondays at 8:30 am in the Chapel

Morning Prayer is one of the oldest traditions in Anglicanism, and Thomas Cranmer, who developed the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, commended it as a daily practice. It is a lovely way to start the day, and we invite you to come be a part of it as often as you feel you can.

Psalms in the Summer

The Book of Psalms is full of beautiful imagery. These ancient songs or poems explore the full range of human emotion and experience. On Sundays this summer, we are discussing the psalm appointed for the week. Join us at 9:15 am in the Library. This week we will discuss Psalm 42 *Quemadmodum* (BCP 643) and Psalm 43 *Judica me, Deus* (BCP 644), (BCP 592).

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in June services click [here](#). July services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. June 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.*
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Our summer Lemonade on the Lawn is back after 10 am service. Hosts put lemonade and cups on a cart and take it from the Parish House kitchen to the courtyard. Lemonade is provided. Sign up here at <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2025>. Thank you to this week's hosts, Delle and Sam Curry.

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.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Suzanne. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com. *The Rector is currently on Sabbatical and will return July 7.*

Lil Pantry

The shelves of the Lil Pantry are bare. Please consider donating some food and drink items. 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.