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CELEBRATING OUR SACRED SOUND & SPACE

Our Sacred Sound & Space Capital Campaign officially kicked off in January 2019, but its beginnings date back much further, including an original organ refurbishment committee, the building improvements group of former Junior Wardens, and the original Campaign task force. These efforts all culminated last month with the Dedicatory Eucharist and Dedication Concert of our Opus 85 organ. Please enjoy these photos, as well as more photos on pages 4 and 5, and a message from the Rev. Paul. There simply are not enough thank-you wishes to suffice!



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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, Alex Linton

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
- Text “FUNDS” to 833.233.8760
- 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

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.
[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
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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 November 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurch-newbern.com by October 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@christ-churchnewbern.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, 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, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans*, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, and Bonnie Royer.

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, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Sylvia, Aline, Larry, Anne 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, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, and Danny.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington; Zion Church, Washington

*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](#).

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 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 OCT. 6	MONDAY OCT. 7	TUESDAY OCT. 8	WEDNESDAY OCT. 9	THURSDAY OCT. 10	FRIDAY OCT. 11	SATURDAY OCT. 12	SUNDAY OCT. 13
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for Ages & Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 4pm: Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor Chapel) 5pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) - 1st meeting	11am: Funeral Service for Charles Knight (Nave) 6pm: Funeral Service for Kaye Frampton-Brown (Nave)	7am: Al Anon Meeting (Harrison Center) - 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 11 am: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room) 12:15pm: Staff Lunch (Offsite) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)		6pm: Silent Film and Organ Program - Part of ArtWalk (Nave)		8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for Ages and Coffee Hour 10am: Christ Church Friends (2nd Floor Living Room) 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

We did it!! We launched a capital campaign, suspended the campaign because of the pandemic, resumed the campaign, completed all the pre-organ items on the campaign list (and then some!), waited patiently for the organ, unloaded the organ parts, watched it get built, listened to the first notes then more notes as we sang along. We dedicated the organ and the space through worship and an amazing concert! And in the end, we will have funds left over from the campaign to help preserve and promote Opus 85 and worship of God in this space.

Such an amazing chapter in the life of Christ Church. It's one that I hope we never forget. When asked where I've seen God at work in the life of Christ Church, I will tell this story about perseverance, patience, and faithfulness; on our part and on God's. We will do more celebration of this accomplishment at our Annual Meeting on November 24th, but if you see any of the folks listed in the commemorative booklet we made, please thank them!

I wanted to wait until we had fully completed the Sacred Sound and Space project before I took a Sabbatical. Now that we have closed that chapter, I will take a portion of my Sabbatical in January and February of 2025. I will return right before we enter Lent, which is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. I will take the other portion during the summer (4-6 weeks to include vacation time), but I'm still working on those dates. I'll certainly have that plan in place before the end of 2024.

I do not have any grand plans. The major goal is to rest and reset. I'll go visit some family and do a few house projects that we've been putting off. If the winter is mild enough, I'll hopefully get in some kayaking and biking. (But a cold and snowy winter wouldn't be that bad either!) There is a conference I'll attend at the end of February, and I'm working on a few other things.

I am grateful for the support of the Christ Church Vestry, and I have full faith and confidence in their leadership and the staff to manage things while I'm off duty. There are lots of details to still put in place, but I know God will help us all fill in those gaps. We will publish more details in November and December as it's all coming together. I'm looking forward to the time away, and I thank you for your prayers.

Paul



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION



PUMPKIN PATCH

After several weather delays, our pumpkins, gourds, and mini pumpkins arrived last Saturday evening. An entire truckload equates to over 2,300 pumpkins! Many thanks to all who came and helped unload into the darkness, including our outside volunteers from New Bern High School Jr. ROTC and Habitat for Humanity.



Volunteer Notes

We've had a really great first week of the Pumpkin Patch. Here are a couple of quick volunteer notes.

- Click [here](#) to sign up online to work a Pumpkin Patch shift, or go to the [Quick Links](#) section of our website and select "Sign Up to Work the Pumpkin Patch." We need a minimum of 54 volunteers each week.
- There is also a hard copy of the sign up in the Reception Area at church.
- We would like to borrow 3-4 regular wagons for everyone to use when picking out their pumpkins.
- When you arrive to work your shift, please sign in on the sheet in the Sellers' Book. It's very simple -- just your name, date, and the times you started and stopped working.
- Bring baked goods to sell every Friday, Saturday, Sunday in Oct. Simply bring the goodies to the sales tent, or prior to the weekend.

The patch is open EVERY DAY IN OCTOBER through October 31st. Our church's dedication to this fundraiser is amazing!

PUMPKIN PATCH



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God's Call

Many thanks to all those who attended last Sunday's 2025 Stewardship Kick Off. At Christ Church we are a welcoming community responding to God's call to provide a loving, spiritual home for all. We continually strive to HEAR GOD'S CALL in our everyday lives.

In the coming Sundays, you will hear personal stories from clergy and parishioners on their "why" of giving. Thank you to all who have volunteered to share their reflections.

For those who weren't able to pick up their Annual Giving packets, they are being mailed this week. To view the materials online, please visit www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship.



Hearing God's Call

EYC and POD News

Pathways of Discipleship (POD) at Christ Church is a group for 3 - 5th graders that meets on the first Sunday of the month at 5 pm. (note time change from previous years). Today is our first meeting for the program year. We will be decorating pumpkins and then sharing a meal with EYC.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) meets at 6 pm on Sundays. This week we will also be carving / decorating pumpkins. EYC is eagerly looking forward to our trip to Busch Gardens on October 19 - 20.

If you have any questions, please contact Hannah (hannah-hutchens@christchurchnewbern.com) to chat. Thank you for your support of our children and youth.

Oct. ArtWalk: Spooky Silent Move with Live Organ Improv

Christ Episcopal Church is hosting a Silent Movie Night in conjunction with Artwalk on Friday, October 11th accompanied by live improvised organ! Featuring the new Taylor & Boody Opus 85 pipe organ, doors will open at 6:00 pm and the show will begin at 6:30 pm, including Bach's Fantasy & Fugue in D minor as prelude music. Any donations will go to benefit the church's music program and upcoming concert series.

What movie is playing? The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari "...is a 1920 German silent horror film, directed by Robert Wiene and written by Hans Janowitz and Carl Mayer. Considered the quintessential work of German Expressionist cinema, it tells the story of an insane hypnotist (Werner Krauss) who uses a somnambulist (Conrad Veidt) to commit murders. The film features a dark and twisted visual style, with sharp-pointed forms, oblique and curving lines, structures and landscapes that lean and twist in unusual angles, and shadows and streaks of light painted directly onto the sets." (Wikipedia).

This historic film is sure to get you ready for Halloween! Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi, will improvise on the organ to accompany the film's screening in the Nave.

VESTRY MEMBER REFLECTIONS

Following the Vestry / Staff Retreat, Vestry members have volunteered to provide some thoughts on what their experience has meant to them.

I am honored to have been selected by our parishioners to serve on the Vestry of Christ Church. I view my service as a small way to honor God for the love and support He has provided me and my family over a lifetime.

This service allows me to learn more about the business side of our Church and to gain a much better understanding and appreciation for the missions and community outreach it supports. I have been able to see what it means to serve God seven days a week, not just on Sundays, through the unrelenting love and dedication of Paul, Suzanne, and a staff that is second-to-none. This is an opportunity that comes with definite responsibilities, and I am proud to be a member of this team that puts service before self. I am happy to share my thoughts over a cup of coffee if you might be interested in learning more.

- Randy Bogle, Junior Warden

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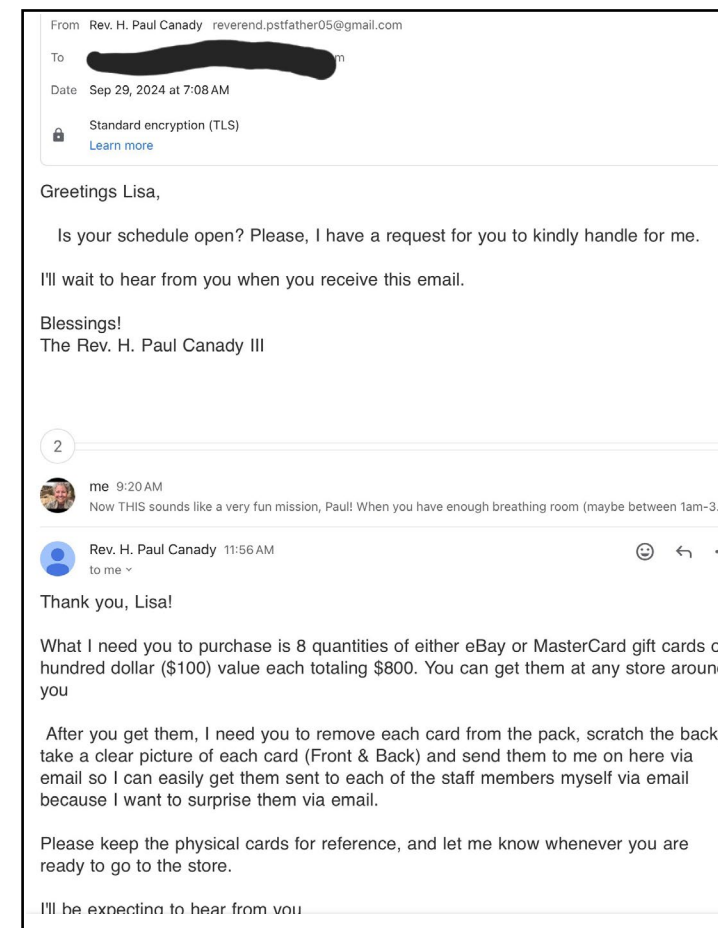
SCAM ALERT

From the Rector:

Just a quick reminder. No one on the Christ Church staff, including the Rector and Associate Rector, will ask you to do "do them a favor" in an email without naming what that favor might be. And we won't ever ask you to buy hundreds of dollars worth of gift cards.

Always double-check the email address and the phone number before responding. If it seems suspect, it probably is. Please see below for an example of what a fake email would look like. Notice that the email is not Paul's Christ Church email address. You can always call the church office to verify if something doesn't seem right.

In Christ,



Adult Christian Formation - *New to Christ Church*

Starting today, October 6, the Revs. Paul Canady and Suzanne Hood will be facilitating a Sunday morning class, *New to Christ Church*. Dates are October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3. We will meet in the Library

Celebrating Our Volunteers -- All are Invited

In lieu of individual volunteer appreciation brunches, we will host on Sunday, October 20th a special Evening Prayer Service, followed by a reception at the Harrison Center for all volunteers of Christ Church. We will have a guest keynote speaker and a thank you for all of our volunteers.

Invitations will be in the mail soon; however, all are invited to join us in celebrating our volunteers. If you are a volunteer who did not receive an invitation, please know that you are the most special one, as we know you will forgive our oversight!

Blessing of the Animals

We will have a blessing of the animals today, Sunday, October 6 in the Outdoor Chapel. It will be a drop-in event in the Outdoor Chapel from 4 - 4:45 pm.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

News from Saint Cyprian's

October Worship at Saint Cyprian's

- Holy Eucharist, 11 am, Sunday, October 6
- Morning Prayer, 11 am, Sunday, October 20

St. Cyprian's new 3-minute video is complete! We are crafting a strategy and schedule for displaying the video, which is in the style of a documentary. It uses still and moving footage, narration and interviews and music to tell the story of St. Cyprian's, from its early inception at Christ Church in 1826, through the trauma and community outreach resulting from the Great Fire of 1922, to the present day. The video displays not only the rich history of the parish, but also its critical need for repair and renovation, as well as construction of an alternative entrance to the church to make it possible for people of all abilities to enter with ease for church services and community events.

The Bishop's Committee on St. Cyprian's – first announced by Bishop Skirving at this year's Diocesan Convention -- held its first full session on September 23, at St. Cyprian's Church. The Bishop's Committee invited St. Cyprian's Vestry and Advisory Committee to join with them, to outline the respective roles of the participants, to understand the church's needs, and to point the way forward in the near future. The Bishop's Committee is chaired by The Rev. Dr. John Pollock, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City.

For the first time since Hurricane Florence, St. Cyprian's Church is pleased to participate in New Bern Ghost Walk, put on by the New Bern Historical Society October 24-26. Tours of the church will be offered all three nights, from 6-9:30 p.m. Parking is available on the street.

You can contact Mrs. Shirley Guion, St. Cyprian's Senior Warden, by phone at 252.288.2812 or by email StCyprianofNB@gmail.com. Checks in support of Saint Cyprian's may be sent to Post Office Box 809, New Bern, NC 28563-809.

Neighbors in Christ Riverbend

What: Riverbend "Neighbors in Christ" Fall Potluck

When: Friday, October 11 at 5:30pm.

Bring: Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

Where: 110 Gangplank Rd at the Boathouse.

RSVP to Connie Whitney (LNCwhitney75@gmail.com), Margaret Pollock (margaret73pollock@icloud.com) or Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com).

2nd Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Second Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown 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.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9 AM until 4 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. Christ Church's address is 320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC, and 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](#) or on the [Quick Links](#) section of our website.

Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828 7749592, holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com.

Cookie Walk Preview

Helping our Community, One Cookie at a Time

Join the Cookie Walk Elves on Sunday, October 27th, 8-12:15 in the Parish House for Cookie Walk Preview. The Elves will be signing up experienced and inexperienced bakers to help bring some holiday spirit to New Bern. All the proceeds from this event are returned to our community through the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. Not a baker? You can help package the cookies and of course help with Cookie Walk on December 14th. Sign-up sheets will be available in the reception area and online. Point of contact is Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING RECAP

The Vestry of Christ Church met on September 16, 2024.

Opening Prayer: Wayne Rowe provided a daily devotional on team efforts and prayer.

Vestry Minutes: The August 19th Vestry Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Reports to Vestry:

- Jimi Paderick, Dir. of Church Life, provided the Financial Report. It was noted that everything will be in alignment once the cooling tower and its new fence are paid - as the final expenses. Discussion followed about future audits; if an outside firm is considered, it will require prior Diocesan approval.
- Endowment usage policies and goals are being/will be developed for review by Vestry during the Oct. 21st Meeting; a source document will be created.
- Phyllis Fox, Senior Warden, mentioned the Vestry Nominations Committee has had another meeting since July. Several nominees have accepted nominations and 2 more are considering the possibility; all nominations will be accepted until Nov. 10th. Two Meet & Greet events have been scheduled for Nov. 10th and 17th; Bishop Rob Skirving will be present on Nov. 10th. The deadline for elections will be Nov. 24th.

Ministry Reports by Vestry Members:

- Graham Underhill reported Sept. 29th is the Kick-Off for the Stewardship Commission.
- Kim Huddle, Clerk, reported for Worship that the Altar Guild commissioned new Members on Sept. 15th. She requested more Greeters for both Sunday services. Please sign up via Sign up Genius, the church's website, or The Messenger or The Crown.
- Randy Bogle, Junior Warden, stated the Building and Grounds Commission had 15 in attendance during the

Sept. 14th meeting. Separate committees were formed, especially for the Outside Chapel. Elmer Praul, its Chair, said a lot of work needs to be done. The Master Gardeners Committee is led by Chair, Rodney Hayes; several have signed up. Two or 3 other committees will maintain the church yard and grounds. Rick Miller, Building and Grounds Chair, agrees with all the plans.

- Laura Overman noted all is going well in Parish Life - for the Organ Dedication Reception and the luncheon celebration for the Ingathering.
- Wayne Rowe mentioned the Outreach Commission is very active - a lunch for Marines who worked on a Habitat for Humanity house went well this past weekend. Pumpkin Patch has a good plan and Crop Walk is coming up soon.
- Stephanie Bratton indicated the Pastoral Care Commission will meet on Wednesday.
- Rebecca Leahy said people are excited to meet Hannah Hutchens, Dir. of Christian Formation, and the numbers are up in Sunday School. There are 2 upcoming events in October and November; one is a conference. Hannah would like people to sign up for meals for the youth or she can accept donations.
- Holly Lippitt, liaison for Evangelism, indicated that more will be forthcoming in October.

Other:

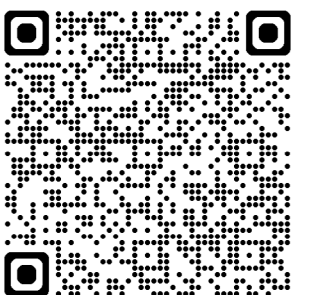
- Charles Pringle, a Newport resident from All Saints, is pursuing the Diaconate. He will report to work at Christ Church on Oct. 5th (8-10 hours/week) and will fill in during Sunday services.
- Vestry approved the purchase of new chairs for the choir balcony, which provides an opportunity for donations – the Special Fund needs additional support.
- During the Vestry October Meeting there will be a discussion of the Rev. Paul's sabbatical.

Cursillo Grand Ultreya

We are excited about seeing you at the upcoming Diocese of East Carolina Grand Ultreya on Saturday, October 19, from 10 am - 12 pm. This wonderful day of sharing, praising God, and giving thanks will take place at St. Stephen's in Goldsboro. There are three registration options for the event. Option 1 is to click on the QR Code. Option 2 is to click on the following link: [GRAND ULTREYA REGISTRATION](#). If neither of those options work, please send an email to mediaone4cursillo@gmail.com. We will respond as soon as possible.

"Just as you've done it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:34-40



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Faith Connection Meeting

The October Faith Connection will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, October 17, here at Christ Church. The presenter will be Amanda Norwood, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for Interfaith Refugee Ministry. IRM is dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with housing, food, clothing, employment, learning English, and cultural orientation.

All are welcome, and admission is free. Refreshment will be served.

Stewards of the Earth Program

Stewards of the Earth, a program of Faith Connection, is pleased to invite representatives from Christ Church to our six-week fall class Responding to Climate Change.

This class will be held on Wednesdays Oct. 9 through Nov. 13, 7:00-8:30 PM, at First Presbyterian Church. Since this program is discussion-based, registration is limited.

Each week, class time will include a discussion of reading material, and sharing of ideas, concerns, and good practices. This class provides a unique opportunity to learn how other congregations are growing in their creation care practices.

Class facilitators include the Stewards of the Earth team and faith-based leaders in environmental stewardship throughout eastern NC. Pre-registration is required. For questions or to pre-register, please contact Helen Robinson at helenrobinson575@gmail.com or at (540)533-3913.

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.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>.

Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Coffee Hour is Back

We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am coffee hour. As a host, it is your responsibility to plate and set out any refreshments that have been provided, as well as to refresh cups, condiments, napkins, etc. throughout the event.

For more information or to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our October services and [here](#) to serve in our November services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your October shifts [here](#) and your November shifts [here](#).
- **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.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on November 3. Articles should be submitted by October 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.

Lil Pantry and Lil Library

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.

Perhaps you may choose to contribute new or used children's, tween's, and adult books to our outdoor Lil Library located near the playground. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Karen Gabriel at 516-987-0335.

Rothermel Foundation Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will present *Big Bang Cosmology and Divine Creation: The New Physics and the Old Metaphysics* by Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J. on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 2 pm. The lecture will take place at First Presbyterian Church (400 New Street, New Bern) and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.RothermelFoundation.org.