

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Receptions

During last Sunday's visit from Bishop Skirving, we had one Confirmation, one Reaffirmation, and seven Receptions between both services. Linda Bullock reaffirmed her Baptism promises, and Leigh Byrd was Received into the Episcopal Church. David Super (with granddaughter), Ramona Stoner, Ann Super, Olga Roesch (from St. Thomas, Oriental), Mia Wireman, and Suzy Jordan were Received, and Brittnee Provencher (left of BP. Skirving) was Confirmed.



News From EYC

Today you might notice that there are less Youth around and no Hannah. The Diocesan Youth event Fall Conference is being held at Trinity Center this weekend, with over 60 middle schoolers, highschoolers and adults from across the Diocese. We sent 17 Youth and adults from Christ Church. The theme for this event is Isaiah 41:10 "Don't fear, because I am With you." Pictured below is our team consisting of Hannah Hutchens, Lauren Simmons, Claire Ballard, Caroline Carpenter, and Jerry Carpenter (*missing from the photo: Ollie Canady*).



Vestry Nominations

We are grateful to the following parishioners who will stand for election to the Vestry of Christ Church:

Vinson Bowers

Liz Coble

Patty Conard

Susan Husson

Heather McCloud-Huff

Ernie Williams

Biographies for all nominees have been mailed to parishioner households and are available at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. We are hosting our second Vestry Candidate "Meet and Greet" this Sunday during Coffee Hour in the Parish House.

Voting occurs during both services next Sunday, November 24. We will also have "drive-up" voting from 10 - 11 am on Pollock Street in front of the gates to the church. We hope you will be prayerfully discerning who God is calling you to vote for to lead Christ Church for the next three years.

Cookie Walk is Coming

Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

There are several ways you can participate in the 25th annual Cookie Walk. 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](#). Sign-up sheets are also available soon in the Reception Area.

Check back often for more details on how we are preparing for our 25th Annual Cookie Walk. We are planning some new things to celebrate this milestone. All the proceeds from this event are returned to our community through the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. Point of contact is Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.



Grief Support Group

Every loss is different, your grief is yours – and yet, it is easier to grieve together. Facing the death of a loved one is hard. Grief can be isolating even when we have lots of family and friends. In an effort to be helpful sometimes people keep their distance, trying to give us space. Or we may feel like others just don't understand.

On any given day we might experience overwhelm, sadness, relief, anger, exhaustion, or any of a number of emotions that can sometimes feel like they conflict with one another. We might think we have to just get on with things. Or we might feel like we can't face the day.

Gathering together to support one another on our journey through grief can be lifegiving at a time when it can seem like everything is weighing us down. Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood for a six-week grieving support group starting Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 pm. Registration is required; please call (252) 631-5862 or email suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

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](#).

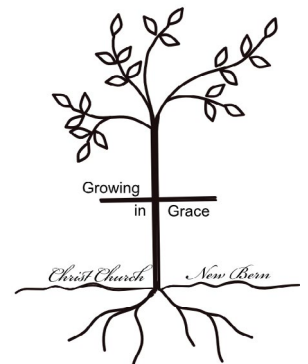
Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828.774.9592, holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com.



GIG Seeking Mentor and Subs

We would love have to one more weekly mento at Growing In Grace on Wednesday afternoons. In addition, we are always looking for substitutes for mentors, van riders and van drivers.

We have 10 wonderful children and a great family of mentors. Come join our GIG Family! Please email Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com) or text/call 252-675-8358.



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 Oddersto*, 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*, Eugene Simon, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, and Cathy O'Brien.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Bambi, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, and Vaughn.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Servant, Wilmington

**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](mailto:Betsy.Downard).



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Greening of
the Church**

9 am - 12 noon
Saturday, December 21

Come help us beautify the interior of Christ Church for the Christmas season. Please drop in any time. All ages welcome.
simswayt@embarqmail.com

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, November 17

Realm Sunday / RCS Ingathering Bag Collection

No EYC This Week

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

2 pm: Cookie Palooza (Harrison Center)

Monday, November 18

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 19

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, November 20

4:30 pm Grieving Support Group

(2nd Floor Living Room) -- *First Meeting*

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, November 21

3:15 pm: Growing in Grace Thanksgiving Celebration

5 pm: Endowment Expenditure Working Group (Library)

Saturday, November 23

10:30 am: Living Micah 6:8 (Library)

Sunday, November 24

Annual Meeting / Christ the King Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God's Call

**PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF
11/13/2024**

Pledge Amount Received: \$740,068

Number of Pledges Received: 193

THE GOODS

Searching for the Kingdom of God

During today's Sunday School hour, Andrew Garlick will be presenting a class entitled, *Searching for the Kingdom of God*. The class will take place at 9:30 am in the Library. A brief description of the class follows.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' first preaching is "The Kingdom of God has come near." *But what is the Kingdom of God?*

This talk will explore what theologians across the centuries have speculated, what we can glean from the Gospels (especially the parables in Matthew and the miracles of Jesus), propose some characteristics of the Kingdom, and leave with some questions we can ponder over Advent.

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Followed by Pie

Join us at 6 pm, Wednesday, November 27, for our Thanksgiving Eve service, followed by pie and fellowship in the Parish House. Please join us and bring a pie of your choice to share with church members and friends.



Faith Connection Meeting

Learn about Disaster Prep and Resiliency at the November Faith Connection meeting. Speakers will be Kristy Kulberg, Director of Operations, and John Robinson, Board Chair, from the newly formed Coastal Carolina Disaster Resilience Agency (CCDRA). The meeting will be at 4 pm, Thursday, November 21, at Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church (2011 Old Cherry Point Road)

Admission is free, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit faithconnectionnewbern.org.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our November services. To volunteer for our December Services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your your November shifts [here](#) and your December shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Thank you to Linda McAlister for hosting this week's Coffee Hour.

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 Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16