

Rector's Bible Study

The Rector's Bible Study was off April 23 but will resume on Wednesday, April 30 and run through May 21.

- April 30 - Children's Stories Through Adult Eyes (led by the Rev. Suzanne Hood)
- May 7 - Who were Elijah & Elisha?
- May 14 - Who were the Galatians?
- May 21 - Who were the Colossians?

Over the summer, we will encounter Elijah and Elisha in the Old Testament/Hebrew Scripture readings and Paul's letters to the Galatians and Colossians. We'll explore all of those so we are even more prepared to hear them on Sundays.

The group meets at 11 am on Wednesdays in the Pelletier Room. No prior knowledge of the Bible needed! Contact the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5861) for more details.

Camp Hope Card Party

May 4th, we are having our 2nd annual Camp Hope Card party.

Please join us between the services and make cards for our Camp Hope campers. Our campers will receive these cards during rest period at camp. Last year, our campers received lots of mail from Christ Church.

We will have various cards for you to choose from, but you are welcome to bring your own. Hope you will join us for this time of service and fellowship.

There will be snacks.



GIG Volunteer Recognition

CELEBRATING

GIG VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT 8:30 AM SERVICE








UTO Month at Christ Church

During Lent, we had a time for reflection and prayerful consideration of our lives and blessings God has bestowed upon us. We have also had time to think how we can share the bounty with those near and far who are less fortunate. Through United Thank Offering, you can make a positive difference to bring hope and help.

We will have UTO envelopes in the pews at both services today, April 27, and collect them at the Offertory. Checks may be made payable to Christ Church with "UTO" on the Memo line. Be a part of this ongoing mission to help where the need is great.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church includes the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This giving Ministry is comprised of a group of knitters and crocheters who meet monthly and produce beautiful prayer shawls and also nap blankets for children ages newborn through about six years old (the ages that children take naps.)

These items are produced with loving care and, on completion, are consecrated at the Christ Church Altar. The consecrated shawls and blankets are stored in a closet in the Church Reception area and available to all parish members.

The Ministry asks all Church members to pick up one of these items and present it to someone you know or love who could be comforted by the gift made from the heart by these Prayer Shawl Ministers. In addition, if you have the gift of being a knitter or crocheter and would be able to join this ministry, please contact Carolyn Stevens at 252-229-7147, and she will answer any of your questions.

ECW Geranium Sale

We need your help! Our sale and pick-up of pre-ordered plants will be at the Christ Church Spring Market on Saturday, May 3rd. We need some vehicles (trucks/SUV's/large trunks!) to go out to White's (US 17 towards Vanceboro - 15 minutes or so) to pick up our 120 pots. This will be possibly Wed. 4/30 or Thurs. 5/1.

We are also looking to borrow some tarps to cover the Parish House floor when we store the plants overnight. If you are willing to help with either of these requests, we would GREATLY appreciate it!

You may contact Rodney Hayes (rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com or 203.640.2638) if you're able to help transport geraniums, and thank you, thank you!

ECW Picnic - All Are Invited

**The ECW Invites
ALL women of the Parish
to join them at the
Annual Spring Picnic**

WHEN: MAY 12th

TIME: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Glenburnie Park
(Off Glenburnie Drive)

WHERE: The Jaycee Covered Pavilion with a beautiful view of the Neuse!

WHAT TO BRING: Your own sandwich or salad plus an appetizer or dessert to share

PROVIDED: Drinks, utensils, paper goods all supplied

NOTE: We sit on picnic tables so if you need a chair, please BYO

Parking and restrooms are nearby

QUESTIONS: Contact pammiller950@gmail.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, May 7, in the 2nd Floor Living Room. Registration is required; please call (252) 631-5862 or email suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

Spring Arts and Crafts Fair

Make plans to stop by the Second Annual Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market, which will be held on the church grounds from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, May 3. This market is open to all artists and craft persons selling their handcrafted work. All mediums are welcome. The vendor application and more details can be found at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>.

Proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Church.



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, Jerry Pelletier, and Linda Bullock.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Roxobel, St. Stephen's, Goldsboro

**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](#).



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Love one another. As I have loved
you, so you must love one
another

John 13:34b

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.christchurch-newbern.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, April 27

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 I (Nave / [Online](#))
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, April 28

9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)
1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

11 am: Rector's Bible Study Resumes (Pelletier Room)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, May 1

4 pm: Burgess / Hanson Rehearsal (Nave)

Friday, May 2

4 pm: Burgess / Hanson Wedding (Nave)

Saturday, May 3

9 am: Spring Arts and Crafts Market (Churchyard)
10 am: Heritage Homes Tour

Sunday, May 4

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday
GIG Volunteer Recognition (8:30 am service)
8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:30 am: Writing letters for Camp Hope Campers (Parish House)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))
4 pm: Racial Reconciliation Gathering (Pelletier Room)
5 pm: Camp Hope Pre-Meeting (Harrison Center)
5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks prepares meals that go in our freezer and are available for those in need, particularly those who might be going through a difficult time and preparing dinner would be one less thing to worry about. We will next meet at 9:30 am, tomorrow, April 28, in the Harrison Center. Come join us! For more information, contact the Rev. Suzanne Hood (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5862).

Seniors Luncheon - Food, Fun and Fellowship

Our next Seniors Luncheon will be at 11:30 am, Thursday, May 22, in the Harrison. The menu includes a variety of tea sandwiches, fruit salad, chips, and sherbet with a cookie for dessert. Mark your calendar.

Senior Recognition

We look forward to recognizing our two high school seniors, Nykira Williams and Mary Stewart Knott, at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, May 18.



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in May services, click [here](#). June 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. Click [here](#) for May shifts. June shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. Click [here](#) to volunteer to host and/or supply treats during May.
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*

Racial Reconciliation Fellowship

The Racial Reconciliation Fellowship will gather at Christ Church on Sunday, May 4th, from 4:00-5:30 in the Pelletier Room.

The last gathering, held on April 6th at Word of God Christian Center, was attended by people from five different New Bern Churches. We shared brief stories of our lives as we continued to get to know one another. The Spirit was present in the form of joy and much laughter.

The Christ Church Racial Reconciliation team invites everyone interested in creating enriching, long lasting relationships with our neighbors to join us.

For further information contact Steve Skiffington (steveskiffington@hotmail.com), Martha and Rick Schulhaus (rschildy@gmail.com), Gloria Simpson (LassieG9970@hotmail.com) or Edna Marie Thomas (ednamariethomas@gmail.com).

VBS 2025 Registration

We invite children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in our Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will take place Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20 from 9 am - 12 pm each day. To register, go to <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>.

Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. If you are interested in volunteering to make this awesome week happen, please sign up [here](#). For any questions please reach out to Hannah at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-631-5867.