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CAMP HOPE SUNDAY

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THE GOODS

Joining us for today's Camp Hope Sunday is Buddy Payne, Camp Trinity's Associate Camp Director. Please join our Camp Hope volunteers during coffee hour in welcoming Buddy back to Christ Church.

Camp Hope's History

Jane Merritt founded Camp Hope in 2006. Camp Hope is a free overnight summer camp for children (ages 8-13) with an incarcerated or released parent or step-parent. Camp Hope has served hundreds of children from New Bern and across the state. From 2006 until 2019, Camp Bob at Kanuga hosted Camp Hope. For the past two years, YMCA Camp Harrison in Wilkes County hosted Camp Hope. One of the unique features of Camp Hope was that all of the children attending the camp week had been impacted by incarceration. Another special feature of Camp Hope was that adult volunteers from Christ Church went with the kids to camp, chaperoning them on the bus and assisting the camp counselors with supervision. This provided an opportunity for mentorship and a meaningful part of this ministry for our volunteers and campers.

Why is Camp Hope Changing?

Camp Bob and YMCA Camp Harrison can no longer offer Camp Hope a special week of camp. Therefore, we had to start thinking about Camp Hope differently. What are the most important parts of this ministry? What is most important to the children and families we serve? With all the changes since COVID, how do we offer stability and sustainability to this ministry?

We are excited that Camp Trinity is our new partner. Camp Trinity



cannot offer our campers a special session with adult volunteers. Instead, our campers will attend a Camp Trinity camp session that best fits their schedule and be around more campers their age. We can now provide summer camp to more campers because Camp Trinity serves teens up to age 18. Camp Trinity offers a slightly longer camp session than YMCA Camp Harrison at a lower cost. We think our campers will enjoy all the activities and special religious programming Camp Trinity provides. Camp Trinity also gives swim lessons to elementary and middle school campers, which is important given the number of Camp Hope campers who still need to learn how to swim. Lastly, we are excited to share that we have contacted our GIG families and

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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 Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
Sunday School Coordinator: Page Litfin
EYC Coordinator: Sydney Kitchen
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 4pm
Fridays: 9 am - 2pm

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, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*)
Term through 2026:
Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

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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
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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 March 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by February 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@christchurchnewbern.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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, 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 Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, and Terry Rich.

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, Corey, 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, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, and Peter.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 141th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina

**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

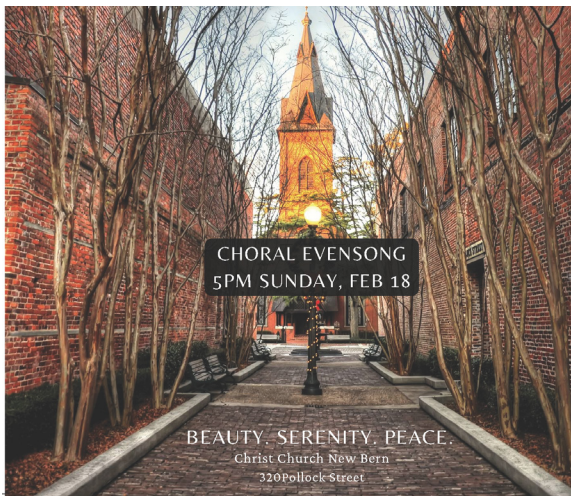
Did you notice that all of the church's regularly scheduled events are not listed on our calendar? We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at christchurchnewbern.com/calendar 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 FEB. 4	MONDAY FEB. 5	TUESDAY FEB. 6	WEDNESDAY FEB. 7	THURSDAY FEB. 8	FRIDAY FEB. 9	SATURDAY FEB. 10	SUNDAY FEB. 11
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CAMP HOPE SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for All 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 12:30pm: Usher and Greeter Training		7am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	3pm: Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (Library) 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)		140TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA (OFFSITE)	140TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA (OFFSITE)	8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)

LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

Choral Evensong

Evensong is a beautiful evening service in the Anglican tradition that features choral music, scripture readings, and prayers. This February's Evensong will take place on the first Sunday in Lent and is centered around themes of evening-tide or dusk and Lent. Choral selections include Josef Rheinberger's 8-part *Abendlied*, Timothy Sharp's stunningly beautiful *O Gracious Light*, *Preces & Responses* by local composer Matthew Hill, the *Magnificat & Nunc dimittis* in g minor by Herbert Howells, and John Stainer's classic *God So Loved the World*. These musical selections reflect a sound that brings to mind the words "beauty, serenity, peace" and will intentionally be presented at the end of the day - 5:00 pm on February the 18th.



What is a Quiet Day?

A Quiet Day is a time to step away from the world for a few hours in contemplation and self-reflection. It is a time to be with others who want the same opportunity. A Quiet Day is not necessarily a silent day. There is time for talking and time for listening. There is time for eating and time for worshipping. It is a time of renewal. Come join us on March 9th and discover "Gifts From the Wilderness". This Quiet Day is sponsored by the Daughters of the King. To register, contact Jane Jones, janejkerr@gmail.com.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

8 am: Eucharist

12 noon: Eucharist

5 pm: Children's Liturgy with Eucharist

7 pm: Eucharist

Lenten Series

PAULI MURRAY

"...Civil rights, feminism, religion, literature, law, sexuality -- no matter what the subject, there is Pauli Murray." Susan Ware
During Lent we will be offering a study entitled "Building True Community..." based on the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. *Sundays at 9:45 am (starting February 18)*

WANDERING HEART

Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood in a discussion and exploration focused on the life and faith of one Jesus' most famous disciples, Peter. By following Peter's journey through scripture, poetry, music, and visual art, we will explore the story of his life and, in the process, come to understand more about our own faith journey. *First meeting: 2/15 at 5:30 pm; then 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20 at 5:30 pm.*

HAVE A BEAUTIFUL, TERRIBLE LENT!

Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/Lenten-Series>

Join us for our weekly Lent gathering with daily devotions from *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent*. First read the Introduction to Lent, then on Ash Wednesday start reading the daily devotions. We will meet weekly for prayer, thoughtful discussion, and reflection. This series is offered through St. Mary's, Kinston. *Mondays at 6 pm (via Zoom, starting February 19)*

BACH MUSIC MEDITATION SERIES

Come, sit, and listen to the entire cycle of Bach's preludes and fugues from book one of *The Well-Tempered Clavier* on piano. Book one contains 24 prelude and fugues, one in every major and minor key. Each Wednesday for the duration of Lent, four preludes and fugues will be performed followed by a short improvisation on a Lenten hymn. This musical offering is meant to give space for meditation and reflection as we walk together through the weeks of Lent. *Wednesdays 12:00 - 12:30 pm in the Nave.*

ORGAN UPDATE

Better Than It Has to Be

When I became the new Music Director at the Somers Congregational Church in Connecticut right out of college, the last thing I expected was to delve into the world of organ building and acoustics. Then, about three years into the position, a devastating fire completely destroyed the old meetinghouse, along with the organ inside, leaving nothing but ashes and a church with a long road of rebuilding ahead.

Our motto for inspiration was *The church is the people, not the building*. However, it soon became clear how important the building was to people. After an initial period of shock, questions emerged, such as “*What about the building matters most to you?*” At first, folks were mostly concerned about visual components: what would the new church look like, would it be exactly the same as the old one? Then they began asking different questions: what is more important in the church service, sound or sight? The answer to this question quickly became “sound,” which included being able to hear the sermon, the scripture readings, and . . . the music.

An organ committee was formed, and members suddenly found themselves immersed in the vast world of organ building. They were tasked with the responsibility of finding and selecting an organ building company to build the new instrument. I became one of the main advisors and leaders of this team. Most of my responsibility fell on education and exposure. None of the members of the committee were musicians, let alone organists. The committee had many questions. What constitutes a “good” organ and why would one builder be better than another? What types of organs even exist? Which instrument is best for our church, which builder? We planned trips. I took the committee to many different cities around New England, visiting organs and talking with other organists. It was quite an educational experience for everyone!

After months of deliberation and (often heated) debate, the committee decided on a tracker organ and signed a contract with the Richards & Fowkes builders in Tennessee, a company very similar to Taylor & Boody. Richards & Fowkes, like Taylor & Boody, is known for building instruments of the highest quality. The Somers church was thrilled they had settled on this builder. An acoustician was also hired to work with the organ builders. As we all know, the space or room that the organ sits in is an essential part of the instrument; it is, undeniably, a fundamental part of the sound of the organ.

Once the building process began, we ran into something that anyone who has hired builders to build anything has experienced: delays. There were construction delays on the actual church building, often having to do with materials and contractors, delays with the architect working with the acoustician working with

the structural engineer, and delays from making sure everything was “up to code” (the three most dreaded words).

Finally, there were delays in the organ building process itself. Richards & Fowkes were constructing an organ with a detached console for the first time. There were complications with the trackers that were to run from the console to the organ. Detached consoles are notoriously more complicated to build; the keyboards and pedals are not directly connected to the instrument. Tracker organs are mechanical, which means there are actual wooden pieces that connect the keys mechanically to the pipes, as opposed to an electrical signal that tells the pipes to speak. This affects the action, or weight, of the keys.

Taylor & Boody, like Richards & Fowkes, have been facing delays in the construction of our Opus 85. Three main construction complications have been the cause: 1) the fact that the gallery, or balcony, is extremely small for how large of an instrument Op. 85 is; 2) constructing the inpost (or base on which the pipes sit) has been extremely challenging because of its very large width (a wider organ was necessary because of height restrictions in the gallery); and 3) the round tower moldings have proved to be an unexpected challenge, as the carvings themselves are round and need to look uniform (they are being carved by hand).

In addition to these challenges, the pandemic has created some major setbacks and general delays. There was another project in front of Op. 85 that caused our start date to be delayed. Perhaps it should come as no surprise that construction delays from the pandemic have also affected organ builders!

At this point, most of the organ has been built, most of the pipes have been made, and the overall shape of the instrument is coming together. The builders are focused on our project, and they’re working very hard this very moment to complete it.

Our group of folks from Christ Church are excited to visit the shop this month and see the progress. The builders will certainly be in the midst of putting the organ together, and they are hoping to hold an open house at the shop (when anyone can come visit and see the organ) to showcase the completion of the organ in late April. Our current estimated delivery date is sometime in the beginning of June, or possibly earlier.

Taylor & Boody is known for building extremely high-quality instruments and are one of the best builders in the whole world. Myself and other organists affectionately refer to Taylor & Boody as the “Rolls-Royce of organs”! Their instruments are in every way a work of art. The motto in the shop is “*Better than it has to be*,” which says a lot about who these builders are. There is no doubt in my mind that Taylor & Boody will deliver a spectacular instrument and one that is worth waiting for.

by Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Follow-up from Annual Meeting

During its January meeting, the Vestry reviewed and discussed parishioner comments from the Annual Meeting on December 10, 2023. The comments stemmed from a discussion exploring the process for identifying nominees for Vestry election each year. A change to that process would require an amendment to the bylaws of Christ Church during a meeting of the whole parish. The consensus was clear that it is not the will of the parish to make that change. The bylaws call for the Vestry Nominating Committee to put forth six names to stand for election. Those names are announced three weeks before the Annual Meeting. Two weeks before the Annual Meeting, there's an opportunity for other parishioners to be nominated from the floor.

There was a desire by those at the Annual Meeting for the members of the parish to have more input in the nomination process. The Vestry will open a 30-day identification period in June for members of the parish to express their interest or to suggest someone for the Nominating Committee's consideration. The Nominating Committee will also work on a process for parishioners to get to know and interact with the nominees prior to the Annual Meeting. This was another suggestion expressed in many of the small groups during the Annual Meeting.

The Vestry Nominating Committee is made up of the four members in their final year on the Vestry and one person from each of the eight Ministry Commissions. Together, the group brainstorms a list of potential nominees and works together to decide the first six who will be asked. The Committee works its way down the list until they have six nominees. The Vestry hopes that by opening a period of parishioners self-identifying and suggesting others, the work of the Nominating Committee will be smoother than it has been.

For more information, please reach out to a member of the Vestry (listed on page 2) or to the Rector.

Documentary Screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*

Watch *The Philadelphia Eleven*, a compelling new documentary film about the first women to become Episcopal priests.

In 1974, no canon specifically forbade women from becoming priests in The Episcopal Church, but diocesan standing committees and bishops to that point had almost uniformly rejected women's requests for ordination to the priesthood.

On July 29, 1974, three retired bishops agreed to ordain the 11 women, even though doing so without the approval of diocesan leadership could be seen as violating canonical law and church tradition. Church leaders debated the validity of the women's ordinations for two years until General Convention approved a new section of the church's ordination canons in September 1976 saying its provisions "shall be equally applicable to men and women."

The film shows how a brave group of women shattered the stained-glass ceiling by challenging the very core of patriarchal culture to seek ordination as priests in the Episcopal Church. It is a powerful story of faith and conviction. It is a story for all of us, regardless of faith tradition.

Their story prompts questions such as what does a just and inclusive community look like in practice? How do we break down barriers with grace and remain true to ourselves in the process? How do we, as either the protagonist or as an ally, stand up to institutions that do not allow people to be who they are called to be? How do we practice radical inclusivity?

Join us for lunch and a screening of the film, beginning at 12:00 pm, Saturday, March 16th. Scan the QR code below or go to <http://tinyurl.com/philly11ccnb> to register. A \$10 donation is suggested.

JOIN CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR LUNCH AND A FILM SCREENING @PhilElevenDoc



The Philadelphia Eleven
Saturday, March 16 | 12:00 PM
320 Pollock Street
New Bern, NC

RSVP



\$10 Donation Suggested

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Camp Hope, continued from page 1

invited them to apply to Camp Trinity. The skills and support we provide our Camp Hope families can easily be expanded to support our GIG families.

How can you help?

Pray for our campers and their families, Camp Trinity, and our ministry as we navigate this new partnership.

Volunteer: While we no longer need bus and camp chaperones, we are offering transportation services to our campers. Can you help transport a Camp Hope camper to Camp Trinity? Depending on their caregiver's schedule, we might also need to supervise campers before or after dropoff. Can you join us for a short pre or post-camp field trip? Please share ideas about fun activities you do near the beach or in New Bern. We also need help with administrative tasks such as contacting camp families.

Donate Supplies: We want our campers to be prepared for camp. Depending on their needs, we might ask for donations of camp supplies, such as bedding, towels, water shoes, etc.

Financial Support: Over the years, Christ Church, friends and organizations within our diocese, and Angel Tree Camping have financed our camp sessions. Until this year, Angel Tree has paid the same amount for each camper regardless of whether the incarcerated parent participated in their prison ministry program.

Going forward, Angel Tree will vary how much it will reimburse the camp depending on the child and parent's Angel Tree status. Also, Angel Tree Camping will not pay for our GIG campers. Your financial support of Camp Hope is important for continuing this ministry. Camp Hope currently has a healthy fund balance thanks to your past support.

Thank you to our Christ Church family for supporting this ministry for so many years. Many of us fondly remember attending church camp, especially Camp Trinity. We are thrilled our Camp Hope campers will make their own Camp Trinity memories this summer.

If you are interested in becoming a Camp Hope volunteer or have questions about Camp Hope, please join us during coffee hour or contact a Camp Hope leadership team member.

Leadership Team: Terry Brubaker (252.514.9950), Jim Behl (650.740.3992) and Nell Hudson (252.772.5832).

Email: camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com

Mark Your Calendars:

The 2024 Pre-Camp meeting with our campers will be from 5:30 - 7 pm, Sunday, April 28th. Camp Trinity's Director, Mary Beth Bradberry, will join us. ALL Christ Church Camp Trinity families are invited. We hope this will be a chance for campers to make new friends before camp, swap stories, and for families to share camp tips. More information will follow. Dinner will be served.

VESTRY MEETING RECAP

The vestry of Christ Church met on January 22, 2024.

- The Vestry is reading the Vestry Resource Guide. At each meeting, two Vestry members present information from each chapter.
- Our treasurer reported that our financials are in good shape.
- We discussed the potential bylaw change, and the congregational input from the annual meeting. Paul will send out a summary in the near future
- The Christian Formation position has been posted.
- The Vestry appointments were approved.
- Rector went over Vestry duties and responsibilities.
- Vestry liaisons to ministry commissions were finalized.

Commission reports were as follows:

- Building and Grounds is in process of being regenerated. The first meeting was well attended.
- Parish Life had a good turnout for the December foyers. A game night for all ages is in the planning stages for February 24 from 5:00 till 7:00. We need volunteers to sign up for coffee hour, either to host or bring goodies.
- Christian Formation needs volunteers to teach or substitute for the children's classes.
- Stewardship is in process of completing pledges and reaching our goal.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is February 13 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.
- Evensong will be February 18 at 5:00

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis Fox

ECW Updates

Hello all - we're back!!! Our February 12th meeting will feature Kelvin Stallings from NC Child as our speaker. NC Child is a nonprofit organization that advances public policies to ensure that every child in North Carolina has the opportunity to thrive. They cover a wide spectrum of key children's issues, including early childhood education, children's health, foster care, juvenile justice, family economic security, and more.

Kelvin is an outreach and policy professional with almost a decade of experience navigating the intricacies of state government and public advocacy. Please join us on the 12th for insights of what this group is working hard to accomplish. We will meet at 10 am in the Parish House.

THE GOODS

Commissions at Christ Church

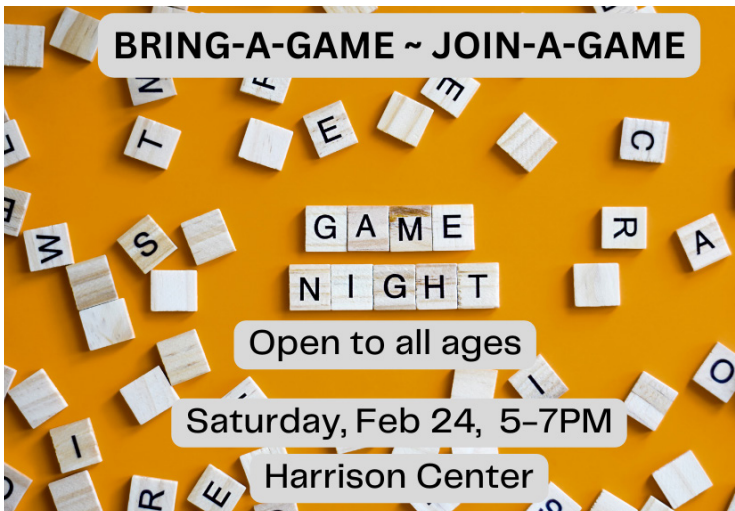
We do a lot here at Christ Church. It isn't just that it takes a lot of energy and activity to make church happen every week, but we also do a lot to serve our community, both those who are members here and those who will never enter our doors. We are serving Christ to the best of our ability. One of the ways we keep track of all of these ministries is to organize them into commissions. Commissions are groupings of committees/ministries that have similar goals. Of course, some of our ministries could easily fall into more than one commission.

Last summer the vestry began discussing our commission structure and reevaluating where each of the ministries has been grouped. Some committees no longer made sense where they were, and some needed to be moved in order to emphasize a different aspect of the ministry. Many stayed right where they were. The new commission chart indicates the organizational structure that the vestry believes works best for right now. This will be revisited periodically so we can always be sure to be open to what God is calling us to in the moment.

The commissions which have had the biggest changes are the Outreach and Evangelism commissions. Outreach is not only made up of those groups who raise money to benefit our community, but also those activities that we do as a parish to reach out to the community with a physical helping presence. Evangelism is comprised of those groups which overtly work to share God's loving presence with the community. They are very similar, but slightly different.

Christ Church Game Night

Our Game Night will be Saturday, February 24 from 5 - 7 pm in the Harrison Center. Bring your favorite board games, cards, or puzzles and join in with others. We will provide popcorn and lemonade. Feel free to bring snacks to share!



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for February services. March services can be found [here](#). 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! Reserve your February shifts [here](#). Click [here](#) for your March shifts.
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Thank you to Phyllis Fox, Nell Hudson and the Camp Hope volunteers for hosting this week's Coffee Hours and providing Snacks.
- **Usher and Greeter Training:** Today at 12:30 pm is your second chance for Usher and Greeter Training. This information session is open to anyone who is interested in serving as either an usher and/or greeter. *We ask all those who are currently serving to also join in on a session so that we can go over new information.* We will meet in the Nave.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The season of Lent is fast approaching, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Before we enter into this holy season of penitence, we pause to prepare ourselves. Traditionally, the period of Shrovetide was observed before Lent, often with indulgence in food items that many would abstain from during Lent and by going to a priest for confession. The English word shrive, means to give absolution for someone's sins, thus Shrove Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is the last opportunity for this to happen.



Today we tend to celebrate Shrove Tuesday by eating pancakes. Join us for a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Harrison Center. We will have pancakes, syrup, sausage, and bacon. Tables will be set up for dining, but you can also preorder plates to go. Adult plates are \$6, children's plates are \$4 for ages 3-10, with a \$20 maximum per household. Children under the age of 3 are free. You can pay online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> (use the "Shrove Tuesday Pancakes" field), at church or the day of the dinner. Contact Suzanne Hood at suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.