

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Classical Sounds Evolved

As part of the Arts in April events in New Bern, our Director of Music, will perform a solo piano recital based on the idea of music as a continuously evolving art form. Featuring Beethoven's classic "Waldstein" Sonata and ending with Chopin's story-filled Ballade No.1, this performance is intended to take the audience on a journey of sound development and evolution. Other works include Ravel's Jeux d'eau, Berg's Sonata for piano, and Jacqueline's own improvisation on the Berceuse musical form. Join us today at 2:30 pm, for this beautiful concert and a chance to hear the new acoustics at Christ Episcopal Church.

RCS InGathering

Christ Church parishioners donated dozens of bags of food for Religious Community Services last Sunday. We are thankful for all those who brought in food. The need is always there, so thank you for helping out.

We also owe a huge thank you to Stephene Smith. Stephene (and her late husband, Don) coordinated the twice-yearly in-gathering for nearly 30 years. This was Stephene's last in-gathering as she will be moving to the Cary, NC, area later this Spring. Thank you, Stephene, for your efforts!!

With her departure, we are looking for one or two people who will carry on this important work! Stephene (right) is pictured with Dawn Manning, who is the new chair of the Outreach Commission. If you're interested helping with the RCS InGathering, please contact the Rev. Suzanne Hood (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5862)

**Sunday
28 APRIL
2024
2:30 PM**

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320 Pollock Street
Downtown New Bern



STEPHEN MINISTRY

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

This Week in T-Ball

This week, our T-Ball team plays Cove City at Fort Totten Field on April 29, followed by First Baptist at Joy Corner Field on May 3. Game times are 6 pm. To view the entire T-Ball schedule, click [HERE](#).

ECW Geranium Sale

We are gearing up for our 2nd Annual Geranium Sale! We will have beautiful, BIG (8" pot as compared to 6" last year) geraniums from White's Farm in three colors. They will be available at the Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market on Saturday, May 4th. We will only have 100 plants, so come early, and don't be disappointed!

The price is \$15 per pot, and ALL PROCEEDS go to our ECW outreach fund. Last year we were able to support Laundry Love (they have monthly free laundry days at a laundromat in town) and My Sister's House, a temporary home for newly released women prisoners to help them get on their feet and productive again.

Please support us on the 4th of May! For more info contact Rodney Hayes rodneymhayes@yahoo.com (203)640-2638.

Spring Arts and Crafts Market

To register for the Spring Arts and Crafts Market, click on the graphic or go to

[http://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-](http://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-Spring-Market)

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Heritage Homes Tour

Christ Church will be participating as a stop along the New Bern Heritage Homes Tour on May 3 and 4. The self-guided walking tour benefits the New Bern Historical Society and offers the opportunity to tour beautiful historical homes, gardens in bloom, and historical churches. For more information or to purchase your ticket, click [here](#).

Contemplative Prayer - *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on five Mondays, May 6 - June 3

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann; sign up by email – pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room (Upstairs at Christ Church)

Study Book: *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by Cynthia Bourgeault

When we encounter struggles and challenges in our daily life, we yearn for the good news of hope to pull us through our difficulties. As we journey through the wellsprings of hope, we're invited to grow in our understanding of how we perceive this gift in our lives. Do we see hope through the lens of desired results, or do we see it through the lens of trust? Author Cynthia Bourgeault says, "In our usual way of looking at things, hope is tied to outcome: 'I hope I get this job' or 'I hope my mother gets well.' The Bible introduces us to a different kind of hope that has its source not in events but in the mercy of God, a lifeblood of compassion connecting our heart to God's heart and the heart of all creation." You are invited to come and participate in the weekly Contemplative Prayer group, which will explore and study the book, *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*. During each session, we will support one another in our pilgrimage of prayer and our search for a deeper understanding of God's gift of hope. Let us trust that in the search itself, as we open ourselves to God's transforming love.

UTO - It's Personal

No one else knows what makes us say or think "Thank God." How many times a day do we express that? Little things; finding a parking space downtown or big things; recovery from illness of a loved one will evoke a feeling of gratitude. We are not always aware of the many blessings in our lives and often take them for granted.

Ever since Julia Chester Emery founded The United Thank Offering Ministry in 1889, more than \$143 million has been donated and awarded as grants to support missions around the world. That is evidence of the Holy Spirit working through us as we express our gratitude to God.

During the weeks ahead you might want to keep a daily journal of all the things you are grateful for. Also include your children by inviting them to share something they are happy about, such as a good test grade or making a new friend. There are blue boxes available for their coin donations. Maybe they can put a nickel or dime each day telling you for what they are grateful.

Starting May 19 you will find UTO envelopes in the pews. On June 2 the Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church will have an ingathering to collect your personal gifts given in thankfulness to God.

In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. Dietrick Bonhoeffer

-- Jane Broaddus, UTO Chair

ECW Picnic

The Christ Church Episcopal Church Women All Saints Chapter spring picnic will be at 11 am, Monday, May 13. We have reserved the Jaycees Pavilion at Glenburnie Park. Please bring your own lunch, as well as a side dish (chips, pickles, salads, deviled eggs - let your creative self take over!) or a dessert to share. See you at the park!

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, 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 Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, and Rosie Wood.

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, 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, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Adam, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, and Cristina.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., 1st Lt. Jake Ballard, Cpt. John Koskinen.

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.*

If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, contact [Betsy Downard](#).



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, April 28

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Ann Bustard Scholarship Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 2:30 pm: Classical Sounds Evolved Concert (Nave)
- 6 pm: Camp Trinity / Camp Hope Pre-Camp Meeting and Dinner (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, April 30

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 5 pm: Committee / Commissions Leadership Meeting (Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Friday, May 3

Heritage Homes Tour

Saturday, May 4

Heritage Homes Tour

- 9 am: Spring Arts and Crafts Market (Church Grounds)
- 9 am: ECW Geranium Sale (Church Grounds)

Sunday, May 5

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

GIG Volunteer Recognition

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Camp Hope Card Party (Parish House)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Faith Connection May Program

Join us in May as Lilly Krcmar shares her story of fleeing her homeland of Suriname at the age of 12. She spent six years as a refugee in three different counties before finally settling in the United States. The meeting will take place at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1901 New Street in New Bern. Admission to Faith Connection meetings is free. Bring a friend.

THE GOODS

2024 Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants

For the past number of years, Christ Church has made two separate Charity Grants to Local Non-Profits. The Christ Church Trust grants were distributed in the Fall, while the Outreach Grants (combination of Pumpkin Patch, Giving Tuesday, and Cookie Walk) were distributed in the Spring. These two grants are being combined with a common title: CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2024 Trust and Outreach Grants. There is one [online Grant Application Form](#) with an application deadline of next Tuesday, April 30. There will be a single distribution to all charity recipients on May 31st. If you know of a local charity, that could benefit from this opportunity, please forward the application link to them or have them contact Jimi Paderick at jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com.



-SAVE THE DATE-

INVITING ALL CAMP TRINITY CAMPERS AND FAMILIES TO JOIN CAMP HOPE FOR A PRE-CAMP MEETING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH
FROM 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM
HARRISON CENTER
DINNER PROVIDED**



MARY BETH BRADBERRY, CAMP TRINITY'S DIRECTOR, WILL JOIN US TO SHARE ABOUT CAMP AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. LONGTIME CAMP TRINITY FAMILIES, PLEASE COME AND SHARE YOUR CAMP TIPS WITH OTHER FAMILIES. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CAMP HOPE AND GIG CAMPERS TO MEET OTHER KIDS GOING TO CAMP TRINITY. HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON APRIL 28TH.

Vacation Bible School: June 10 - 14

This year VBS will venture to Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! VBS will take place June 10 - 14 and is for children entering Kindergarten through rising 5th graders. To register as a participant or volunteer, click [here](#).



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for May services and [here](#) for June services. 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! May shifts can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for June shifts.
- **Coffee Hour:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Lemonade on the Lawn will begin Sunday, May 26. Click [here](#) to volunteer to host.
- **Neighbors in Christ - Riverbend Potluck:** Our spring potluck will take place Friday, May 17, from 5 - 7 pm at 110 Gangplank Road. Bring your favorite dish to share. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com), Margaret Pollock (margaret73pollock@icloud.com) or Connie Whitney (633-1931).
- **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.

Easter Sermon Series

During the Easter Season our sermons are focusing on different aspects of worship and why we do what we do. We hope you'll join us! Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am (including [here](#) on our YouTube Channel at 11:00).

Acknowledge, Hear, Offer, Celebrate:

What happens in worship

An Easter Sermon Series

April 14 – Hearing & Responding: The Liturgy of the Word

April 21 – Proclaim & Call: The Deacon's role in worship

April 28 – Take, Eat: The Liturgy of the Table

May 5- Pray Twice: Music in Worship

May 12 – Rubrics: The How-to of the Prayer Book

Join us as we look deeper at worship in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition.

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00am

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