

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Music Notes

Learn more about upcoming music events at Christ Church...

- The **Eastern Carolina Diocese's Schola Cantorum** is singing Evensong at Christ Church on Sunday, February 9th at 5:00 pm. Evensong is a beautiful evening service in the Anglican tradition. They will be accompanied by the new Taylor & Boody Opus 85 organ in the nave.
- Our new **Organ Recital Series** showcasing Opus 85 kicks off on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th at 7:00 pm. The performing artist for this first recital will be our Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi. Stay tuned for further information on the recital series.
- Christ Church is hosting one of the **Carolina Chamber Music Festival concerts** on Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 pm. Chamber music for strings, harp, organ and harpsichord will be performed in the nave. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: [Carolina Chamber Music Festival](#).
- **Women Composers Sunday**, March 9: Both worship services will feature music written by women in honor of International Women's Day (Saturday, March 8th) and Women Composers Sunday, as established by the American Guild of Organists.

Notes from the Finance Office

AMERICAN EXPRESS FEES

We have been informed by Vanco, our credit card processor, that American Express has increased their interchange and assessment rates for non-profit organizations. As a result, Vanco will be increasing their American Express network fee to Christ Church from 3.5% to 3.99% as February 1, 2025. This increase applies only to American Express Card network transactions. In order to hold down the church's operational costs, we request that you use other credit cards for any online transactions if possible. Thank you for your understanding.

2025 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Pledge envelopes have arrived and are available in the Reception Area. Please contact Cindy Tripp (cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com) if you have any questions. **If you have not already made your 2025 pledge, please note that the campaign concludes on February 28.**



Rector's Bible Study - The Children's Bible

During January and February, the Rector's Bible Study will be led by the Associate Rector, Suzanne Hood and Deacon-in-Training, Charles Pringle. We will explore some of our favorite Bible stories from childhood. We will do this by comparing popular children's versions of the Bible with the text as it appears in our study Bibles.

We will investigate questions such as: What lasting images do we have from the stories as we heard them when we were kids? How did those versions shape our understanding of God? What was left out and what was given more emphasis? We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 in the Pelletier Room.

Contemplative Prayer Group *Praying with Julian of Norwich*

When: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays, 2/10/25 – 5/26/25

Sign Up: Email pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Study Book: *Praying with Julian of Norwich: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka

Purchase Book: Used Books Available Online (Order soon. Used books have longer delivery)

Starting February 10th, the Contemplative Prayer Group will be exploring the writings of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic and prophet who lived from 1342 to 1416, during the time of the dreadful bubonic plague. She “sheltered in place” as an anchoress at St. Julian's Church in Norwich, England. Spending much of her time in contemplative prayer and journaling, Julian wrote down several of her revelations. She is mostly known to us through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love* which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life and was the first book in English by a woman.

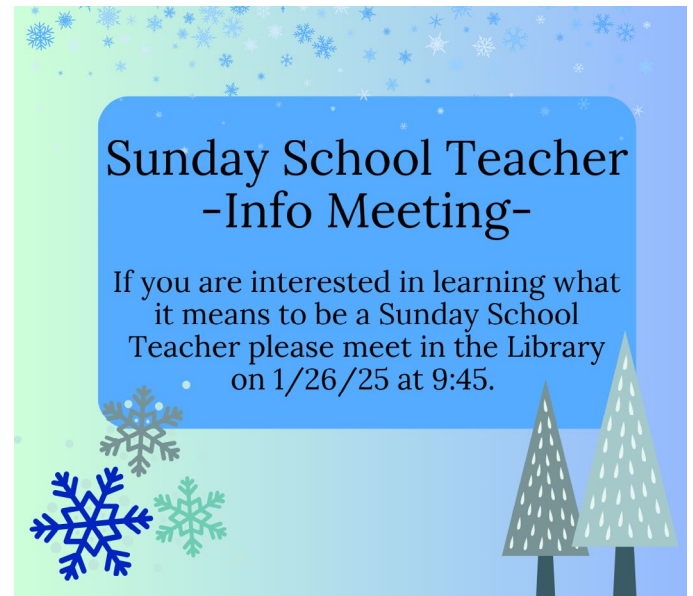
Inspired by Julian's writings, Thomas Merton, a 20th century Trappist monk, called her a “true theologian” and “one of the most wonderful of all Christian voices.” Merton was impressed by Julian's authenticity, originality, and faithful prayer life. In the midst of a world struggling with fear and uncertainty, Julian encourages us to never lose trust in our gracious God. This central message of trust is conveyed through her most famous quote, “All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Come and join the Contemplative Prayer Group. As we explore the unique insights and wisdom of Julian's prayer life, we will have an opportunity to grow and be blessed in our own prayer life.

Seeking Sunday School Teachers

We have so many great kids at Christ Church. During the Sunday School Hour the classrooms are filled with laughter and talk about how Jesus is present in all of us. Our Sunday School teachers share their faith and time with our children, and we are seeking more teachers to join us.

If you feel you are being called for this role -- or even if you feel that slight tug -- I encourage you to join us for our upcoming Sunday School Teacher information meeting. We will learn about how to become either a Teacher or a Teacher's Assistant and review our simple-to-use curriculum.

Our Teacher information meeting will take place in the Library during the Sunday School hour on January 26. This meeting is open to all who are interested, whether you have a school-aged child, your children are grown, or you just want to share your faith and time in a Sunday School class setting. I hope to see you there and as always anyone with questions please feel free to email hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com.



Living Micah 6:8

A large group gathered on Sunday, January 12th to begin exploring Micah 6:8. The next four classes (9:45 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room) will cover the commands from God found in Micah 6:8. The topics for the upcoming weeks are January 19 “Do Justice”, January 26 “Love Mercy/Kindness”, February 2 “Walk Humbly with Your God”, and on February 9 a summary of our discussions. The goal for the class is to help us hear what God desires of us, as individuals and as a community of faith.

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*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Bruce Meyers, and Gay Stuart.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, and Jack.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James, Belhaven; St. Mary's, Burgaw

*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

DOK Sock Drive

January 2025 InGathering

During the month of January, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invites all to help with our annual outreach project. This year we are collecting socks. New and clean socks are one of the most needed items in homeless shelters as they are often overlooked but are essential for personal hygiene and comfort and are consistently in high demand across different sizes and genders.

We are collecting all types of socks for children and adults. The collection will run until January 26. Items collected will be distributed to local charities. Please help by providing socks for those in need. A bin is available for donations in the Reception Area. Thank you!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

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, January 19

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](#))

Monday, January 20

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Church Offices Closed

9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, January 21

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

5 pm: Endowment Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

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

Wednesday, January 22

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, January 23

4 pm: Vestry Orientation (Pelletier Room)

Sunday, January 26

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](#))

THE GOODS

Building Update

We are in the process of replacing the air conditioning unit in the choir loft above the organ bellows. The old unit has been uninstalled. John Peterson will complete waterproofing the area next week. The new AC unit will be installed the week of January 27. This should not affect the heat/air conditioning in other parts of the building. The building will not be open for tours the week of January 27.

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks will meet at 9:30 am, Monday morning, January 20, in the Harrison Center. Come join us!

Lil Pantry

The shelves of the Lil Pantry are bare. Please consider donating some food and drink items. 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.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Suzanne. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

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.

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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our January services, click [here](#). February services can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for March services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your January shifts [here](#). Click [here](#) for February shifts and [here](#) for March shifts.
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to this week's hosts, Terry and Bill Brubaker.

Online Service Reminder

With cold and flu season upon us, we wanted to remind everyone about our Christ Church online resources. If you are feeling under the weather, or otherwise unable to make our Sunday services in person, you can view the 11 am service online.

The 11 am service is typically shown live, and the video is also available to view at a later time / date. To find the links to our most recent online service videos and the 8:30 and 11 am service bulletins, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links> or <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/worship>. A link to recent sermons can be found on the "Worship" Page of our website. To view older service videos visit our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchNewBern>.

Links to recent issues of *The Crown* and *Messenger* can also be found online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/newsletter>. We hope you will take advantage of these online resources whenever the need arises.

Stewardship "Thank You"

In appreciation of your commitment to the 2025 Pledge Campaign, please pick up a magnet from the basket at the Reception Desk. We appreciate you "Hearing God's Call."



Hearing God's Call