

CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## VBS Success

Our 2024 *Hero Hotline* VBS was a big success with approximately 50 participants and volunteers of all ages. Here is a sneak preview of the week -- look for more pictures in the July issue of *The Crown*. Many thanks to Sarah Risty-Davis and our multitude of volunteers for making this week happen!



## 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Louisville, Kentucky, June 23 - 28, 2024. The Rev. Paul will be attending. For updates throughout the week of General Convention, follow the Diocese of East Carolina's Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/dioecc](http://www.facebook.com/dioecc)).

The following is an overall description and explanation of the General Convention taken from [generalconvention.org](http://generalconvention.org). Please visit their website for more details.

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. It meets every three years as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, which is composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese.

The legislative process of the General Convention is an expression of The Episcopal Church's belief that, under God, the Church is ordered and governed by its people: laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. The General Convention is the Church's highest temporal authority. As such, it has the power to amend



the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; amend the Book of Common Prayer and authorize other liturgical texts; adopt the budget for the Church; create covenants and official relationships with other branches of the Church; determine requirements for its clergy and other leaders; elect its officers, members of the Executive Council, and certain other groups; delegate responsibilities to the Interim Bodies of The Episcopal Church; and carry out various other responsibilities and authority. The

Executive Council serves as the governing body of The Episcopal Church between sessions of the General Convention, charged specifically with executing the program and policies adopted by the Convention.

During the 2024 General Convention, a new Presiding Bishop will be elected to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. To see the list of bishops that have been nominated by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, click [here](#).

# MUSIC NOTES

**SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR!** Summer Pop-up choir is an opportunity for anyone to join singing easy music in choir that's fun and quick to learn. We sing on selected dates at the 10 am service. Remaining Pop-up choir dates are: 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, and 8/18.

**MUSIC TALKS: SUMMER 2024:** Explore new topics, philosophies and ideas about music. This summer, our Director of Music is presenting a series of short talks on select Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 am in the Parish House or the Chapel. The talks are approximately 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Each presentation integrates new research and ideas that are currently shaping the way we think about music into different topics. See the Christ Church website under [Music > Music Talks](#) for a full list and description of topics and the dates they will be presented.

The second talk in the series is this Sunday, June 16, and will delve into the realm of philosophy, phenomenology, and musical expression. Factors in how we perceive music and sound and the reasons behind why we interpret music the way we do can help shed light on music's expressive nature and its capability of transforming an experience into one that is sacred.

Questions explored include: How do we experience music as sacred? What about musical expression creates a sacred experience? Can music outside of a sacred space still be perceived as sacred? This talk surveys these questions and others related to phenomenology and the subjective experience of sound and music. A listening experiment via a brief live piano improvisation will function as a case study in this presentation.

**SUMMER 2024**

**Music Talks**

EXPLORE NEW TOPICS, PHILOSOPHIES AND IDEAS ABOUT MUSIC

9:15 - 9:45 am Sundays  
June 2, 16, 30  
July 14, 28  
August 25  
Christ Episcopal Church

For more information, please visit:  
[christchurchnewbern.com](http://christchurchnewbern.com)

## Early Summer InGathering

Interfaith Refugee Ministry is gearing up for more arrivals, and we would love to have your help. We believe we will receive at least 10 families (about 40 people) between now and the end of September. We have set the following goals to provide needed items. They don't need to be new, just gently used and in reasonable condition. We are collecting items now.

In order to keep track of how close we are to our goals we have tags for each item we are collecting located in the reception area. Please pick up one or more tags and bring them back with the item(s). This will help us avoid getting too many of one item and too few of another.

Here are our goals:

- 10 sets of twin sheets
- 10 twin blankets
- 10 sets of queen sheets
- 10 queen blankets
- 40 pillows
- 10 sets of pots and pans
- 10 knife sets
- 10 sets of flatware
- 10 sets of dishes
- 10 large packages of toilet paper

## Online Payments Update

As a parish we continue to move forward in the world of Realm to offer web-based solutions in communications and processing online payments. Vanco continues to be the preferred payment processor of Realm.

The use of online payment is a convenience for those who prefer to use their credit card for giving, donations, etc. When using a credit card, there are fees associated. While we prefer that you cover the cost of these fees, it is not required; however, those fees are charged to the Christ Church's Operational Budget if not paid by the individual.

A recent change that Vanco made is that it automatically defaults so that the fee is covered by an individual if you do not uncheck the box when making a one-time payment. Please be aware of this when making online payments.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Tripp, Finance Coordinator ([cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com)) or Jimi Paderick, Director of Church Life ([jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com)) for assistance. You may also call them at 252-633-2109.

# 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, 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, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, and Margaret Phaup.

**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, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, and Jeanette.

**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. Andrew's, Morehead City; and St. Cyprian's, New Bern.

*\*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](http://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, June 16**

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:15 am: Music Talk (Chapel)

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

### **Tuesday, June 18**

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

### **Wednesday, June 19**

1 pm: Endowment Board Meeting (Library)

3 pm: Pastoral Care Commission Meeting (Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Sunday, June 23**

*Realm Sunday*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:15 am: Summer Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

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

## One-on-One Prayer

There are opportunities for one-on-one prayer near the end of both the 8 and 10 am worship. We have prayer ministers available in the Chapel during and after Communion to pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)) or 252.631.5861 for more information.

## Publication Deadlines

### Article deadlines:

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
- Printed *Messenger* and Thurs. email: 12 pm, Wednesday
- Sunday email: 12 pm, Thursday

Send to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

# THE GOODS

## The Order of the Daughters of the King

### *Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom*

The Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King here at Christ Church is part of a national order, established in 1885, for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. The purpose of the Order is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our church. Members undertake a Rule of Prayer and keep an ongoing prayer list that is confidential and shared only with the Order. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, the Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King Order here at Christ Church is available to assist with your requests, either through their prayer list or with a one-on-one encounter. These requests are totally confidential. For more information or to request prayer assistance, contact Jane Jones ([janejkerr@gmail.com](mailto:janejkerr@gmail.com)) or fill out the yellow prayer request card located in the pew rack. This request is confidential and will only be seen by our Order of the Daughters of the King.

## Host Lemonade on the Lawn

*Greet and Serve As People are Leaving the 10 am Service*

To sign up go to the Christ Church website ([christchurch-newbern.com](http://christchurch-newbern.com)). Choose "Quick Links and Forms" from the front page. Then select "Sign Up to Host Lemonade on the Lawn."

Lemonade will be in the Parish House kitchen refrigerator. Cups are located in a box on the counter. Use a cart to transport the lemonade and cups to and from the front entrance courtyard.

Most of the summer is open and available. Thanks to the Mnatzakanian's for hosting this week. Instructions are attached to the fridge. It is best to set up the cart prior to the service and leave after communion. Call Jane Ashford with questions - 252.288.2838.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

*Matthew 5:4*

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for June services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto: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! Click [here](#) for June shifts.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to host a future date this summer.
- **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.

## Bridging the Gap Events

- A special photography exhibit opens on June 16 in the Duffy Gallery at the NC History Center at Tryon Palace. Entitled "Darkness to Light: Photographs along the Underground Railroad," the exhibit runs through August 11. Daily hours are 10 am - 5 pm, Mondays - Saturdays; and 12 - 5 pm on Sundays.
- Also, the History Center will present a free Juneteenth lecture on the Underground Railroad in East North Carolina. It will take place from 7 - 8:30 pm, on Thursday, June 20.

## June Faith Connection Meeting

The next Faith Connection meeting is at 4 pm, Thursday, June 20, at St. Paul Catholic Church (3005 Country Club Drive, New Bern). The topic will be "Looking Back AND Ahead." We will be reviewing the 2023-2024 Program Year, while previewing 2024-2025. Please come join us with your suggestions for topics for next year. Admission is free. Bring a friend.

## 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$40 per Sunday.