



CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Girl Scout Cancer Care Collection

The Juniors in Girl Scout Troop 4810, who've been meeting at Christ Church for over two years, are working to earn their Bronze Award. This is an award they earn as a troop working together to meet a need in their local community. They chose Journey of Hope Cancer Care bags as their project!

Items are being collected through today, April 23. There is a donation box outside the library in the Reception area. Items being collected include the following: Crossword/Word Search books, Soft Blankets, Hard Candy, Chapstick/Lip Balm, Fuzzy/Warm Socks, and Hand Sanitizer. For questions or more information email Troop4810NewBern@gmail.com.

This Week in T-Ball

This week the Prophets play First Presbyterian at Heath Field on Monday, April 24. The Apostles play Centenary 2 at Joy Corner field on Tuesday, April 25. Game times are 6 pm. Good luck teams!

Spring Clean Up

10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, May 13

Mark your calendar for our Spring Clean Up where you can come, enjoy each other's company, and help spruce up the church grounds. All kinds of fun things will be going on like trimming hedges, spreading mulch and playground chips, power washing, and more. Come and be a part of this fun-filled event and get involved. Questions: Contact Rick Miller (301-502-5268 or rickmiller950@hotmail.com).

Benefit for Merci Clinic

Merci Clinic is putting on a *Musicians for Merci* benefit performance on Friday, April 28 at 7 pm. in Orringer Hall on the Craven County Community College Campus. The performance will feature Big Jim and Kathy Kohler, Alisa Mike, and John Van Dyke. Tickets can be purchased online using the link below. Tickets are \$30 per person and tax deductible.

<https://merciclinic.regfox.com/musicians-for-merci>

Christ Church has always been a strong supporter of Merci Clinic, and this will be a very enjoyable fundraiser. There is an event flyer posted on the bulletin board across from the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Behl at 650.740.3392 or via email at jbehl@usa.net. See you there on the 28th.

News from All Saints ECW

We had a terrific speaker at our April meeting – the energetic Bonita Simmons from Tried by Fire. She and her team have been working for years in establishing a temporary home for women being released from prison called My Sister's House. Four words, she said, describe their mission – Inspiration, Education, Collaboration and Dedication. They are proud to announce that the house had its Ribbon Cutting on Friday, April 21st, followed by an Open House on Saturday, the 22nd. We wish them all the best!

Our End-of-Year picnic will be Monday, May 8th at Glenburnie Park, rain or shine. We have invited the ladies from St. Cyprians to join us and look forward to meeting them. For more info contact Rodney Hayes at rodneyhayes@yahoo.com or 203.640.2638.

Our Geranium Plant Sale is a great success, thanks to many of you who ordered the lovely plants and the hard work put in by our Chairs, Gretchen Lankenau and Margi Thompson. You MUST pick up your plants on Wednesday, May 10th between 11 am and 7 pm. We did a planned over-order, and we may have a few available for sale on Mother's Day, May 14th.

We will take the summer off and see you in September with a bunch of new and great programs. Hope you will join us. Every woman in Christ Church is an Episcopal Church Woman!!!
Rodney Hayes, President

Calling all Cooks

Support our EYC and POD groups by signing up to provide dinner or a snack. EYC meets most Sundays at 6 pm, and their meetings include dinner. POD meets the first Sunday afternoon of the month and has a snack. Click on the links below if you would like to contribute food to either group or contact Meg at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com.

[Dinner for EYC](#)

[Snacks for POD](#)



STEPHEN MINISTRY

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For our ill and recovering

parishioners: Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, 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, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Margaret Wright, and Bruce Baker.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, 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, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Vickie, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, and Lisa.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

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

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 23

Church Periodical Club Collection -Week 2

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11:30 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 6 pm: EYC

Monday, April 24

- 11 am: Contemplative Prayer Study Group (Pelletier Room)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 4 pm: Daughters of the King Training (Parish House)

Tuesday, April 25

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)
- 5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, April 26

- 11 am Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3 pm: Pastoral Care Commission (Library)
- 4 pm: Ukulele Class (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, April 27

- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time
- 3:30 pm: Director of Music Search Committee (Library)

Sunday, April 30

RCS Ingathering Bag Distribution

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12 pm: Children and Youth Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm: EYC

Rector's Bible Study

The Rector's Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays. We meet at 11 am in the Parish House and are looking at the Book of Daniel between now and the end of May. Come as you are! No prior Bible knowledge or experience, and we hope you'll join us! For more information, contact The Rev. Paul Canady at paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5861.

THE GOODS

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our April services [here](#). May service dates can be reserved [here](#). For more information about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **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 April time slot [here](#). May dates can be reserved [here](#).