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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Funeral Reception Committee

This group, headed by Tony Embrey and Phyllis Fox, coordinates all aspects of the receptions following funerals that are held at Christ Church. Volunteers provide food and assist in set-up, serving and clean-up duties. Reception size can vary from immediate family to over a hundred of attendees.

The receptions have gained a new appreciation from all our affected families. We receive many compliments and letters of thanksgiving for the time and effort put into helping our grieving families spend a few hours with family and friends following their service.

If you are interested in serving Christ Church within this ministry, please contact Sarah Risty-Davis! 631-5870 (Office); 876-7577 (Mobile); sarahristydavis@christchurch-newbern.com.



Feast of Epiphany

Our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany included burning of the greens, dinner and Eucharist. It was a wonderful night finding and naming our own journey to find Jesus just as the Magi searched him out, too.

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 Christian Formation: Meg Jones
Director of Church Life: Ellie Roberts
Financial Assistant: Cindy Tripp
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement: Sarah Risty-Davis
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell
Custodian: Terry Pitner

CONTACTING CLERGY & STAFF

Fall / Winter Office Hours
Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 4pm
Fridays: 9 am - 2pm
Click [here](#) to download a staff 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 2023:
Howard Furnas III, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Senior Warden*), Sims Wayt
Term through 2024:
Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Clerk*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle

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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 February edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. 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 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, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, 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, Helen Margaret Gaskins, and Margaret Wright.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Lynne, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Courtney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Polly, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Katherine, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, and Mary Ann.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 140th 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](#). *These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

You can see the calendar for the entire month of February and beyond [here](#).

SUNDAY FEB. 5	MONDAY FEB. 6	TUESDAY FEB. 7	WEDNESDAY FEB. 8	THURSDAY FEB. 9	FRIDAY FEB. 10	SATURDAY FEB. 11	SUNDAY FEB. 12
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:30am: Coffee available between services 9:45am: Sunday School 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/ online) 12pm: Coffee Hour 4pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) 6pm: EYC	11:30am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room) 1pm: Staff Meeting 2:30pm: Endowment Board Meeting (Library) 3pm: Growing in Grace 4pm: Daughters of the King Meeting (Parish House)	8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 10am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room) 3pm: Growing in Grace 4:30pm: Christ Church Friends (Library) 5:30pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House) 5:45pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room) 7pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	11am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House) 3pm: Growing in Grace 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center) 7pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	10am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center) 3pm: Growing in Grace 3:30pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time 4pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)	Diocesan Convention (Offsite) 6:30pm: ArtWalk Concert – The Bonafides	Diocesan Convention (Offsite)	CAMP HOPE SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:30am: Coffee available between services 9:45am: Sunday School 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/ online) 12pm: Coffee Hour 12:30pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel) 12:30pm: EYC "Super" Lunch (Offsite)

FROM THE RECTOR

Who do we call?

What written plans do you have for the end of your life or if you are otherwise incapacitated? I, along with several ministry colleagues, have dealt with this in recent months. Without divulging private, pastoral information, there are some important things I hope to convey and reiterate based on these recent experiences. This is something every adult, from 18-108, needs to consider. Many at Christ Church, regardless of age, do not have family near by. So if sudden illness, death, or other issue happens, who will communicate with family or friends? Who might know your wishes? Have access to medical personnel?



Having a Power of Attorney established can help with many of these issues. A Power of Attorney gives someone you designate the authority to act on your behalf in medical, legal, and financial matters. It is a legal document. There are formats available online, but working directly with a lawyer will really ensure things are how you want them, especially if you have a complicated situation.

Also important, and a lesson based on other recent experiences, is an up-to-date list of who to call in case of emergency. I recently had information on someone that dated back to 1997. It was an amazingly comprehensive document, filled with helpful information. Names were still accurate, but in most cases, the phone numbers were way out of date. It is critical that a list like this is regularly updated, and that you let someone local know where that list is. Thankfully, through the magic of the internet, we were able to track down out-of-town family members.

Have you designated ICE contacts in your cell phone? ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. Once those contacts are designated in your phone, they are available even if your phone is locked. One person recently told me that all of their ICE contacts also know where all of the important paperwork is in their house and how to access it. This person is in good health but does not have family in New Bern. Having that information accessible to friends and family can save time and effort in the event it is needed.

We are happy to be one of the places that keeps copies of important documents. We have a secure filing system that currently has funeral plans for numerous parishioners and in many cases includes contact information, copies of Powers of Attorney, and other vital paperwork. In several situations recently (not just the one I mentioned above), ready access to information in those files have been helpful to us and to family members.

If you have any information (funeral plans, who-to-call, Power of Attorney, etc) you'd like us to securely keep on file, please contact Ellie Roberts. If you would like to talk more about end-of-life plans, reach out to one of the clergy. We would be honored to walk you through it.

Director of Music Update

We are grateful for the talent and leadership of Joyce Baker and Mary Ann Jones who have been leading music at 8:30 and 11:00 am respectively in the month of January. Joyce will continue leading music at the 8:30 service during February, and we will shift to a team approach for the organist at 11:00. We will still see Mary Ann on occasion, but there will also be other musicians who occupy the organ bench, too.

Finding an interim-Director of Music has proven to be more difficult than anticipated. Potential candidates are either currently employed or taking an intentional break. The good news is that the search committee has begun its work, and the job listing will soon be posted in numerous places. We don't have a defined timeline for a new person starting, but trust the Holy Spirit will keep us on the right track. I also trust and believe that as God is preparing us for our next Director of Music, God is preparing someone to come be with us.

Jean Reichenbach is also playing a pivotal role for Christ Church. She is continuing where we left off with children's music and ukeles and directing the hand bell choir. Jean is also helping the 11:00am Parish Choir prepare for Sunday. With her years of expertise and connections throughout the Episcopal/Anglican music world, Jean is also chairing the search committee. Other members are Harry Ballard, Bill Brubaker, Susan Husson, Kathryn Jasper, Dan Palimetakakis, Jettie Pelletier, John Steady, Mimi Watrous, and Mark West.

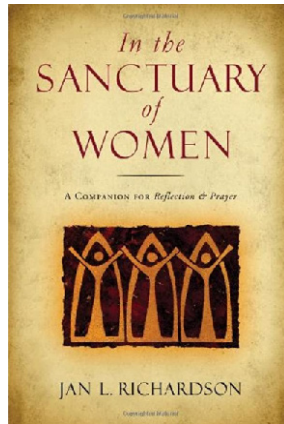


CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Women's Book Study

On Tuesday, February 7, the Women's Book Study will begin reading *In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection & Prayer* by Jan Richardson. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$20.00). Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

In this book she explores the wellsprings of women's wisdom, inviting readers into a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and conversation about the mysteries at the heart of who we are. Join us on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we journey deeper into sanctuary. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



Grateful: Adult Sunday School Class Series

A new class series on being grateful started last week but it's not too late to join. We meet in the Library during Sunday School Hour to watch a video on gratitude and talk about why God calls us to be grateful. The videos are from Diana Butler Bass, Episcopal author.

We hope to explore what it means to be grateful with ourselves and with our larger community. We are also curious to discuss how we explore gratitude before the season of Lent. This class will meet weekly through February 19. The classes will build on each other, but you don't need to watch each video to participate in the discussion of gratitude.

Lent Class Study Offerings

There will be three class options in which parishioners can participate during Lent this year.

HOLY AND FAITHFUL

Tuesday evenings (Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28) on Zoom from 7:30-8:30 pm

Join us with friends around the diocese as we learn about Saints and their lives. This class is led by Xena Markine-Morrison at St. Stephen's in Goldsboro and Meg Jones.

Register here: <https://dioec.regfox.com/holy-faithful>

SEEKING

Wednesday nights 5:30-7 pm in the Library; Starting March 1

Lent is a time to dig into your faith. We'll take this season to look at some stories of our faith through pictures, poetry, and drawings. As we look at the art, we'll do some reflection through visio divina. Join us each week or when you can. Nursery provided. There will be a children's offering if requested. A light dinner will be available from 5:30-6 pm in the Parish House.

DIGGING IN

Meets Sunday mornings in the Library (starting Feb. 26th); Led by Andy Garlick

Lent is a time to dig into our faith. On Sunday mornings, we'll have a chance to look at The Lords' Prayer and see some differences. We'll explore the Psalms and talk about how to pray with them. We'll spend a week talking about some of the key women in the Old Testament. They lead us to Jesus. We'll look at the writers of the four Gospels and who they were speaking to. How do these four writings shape what we believe in 2023? And finally, there will be time to explore the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. This session will lead us right to Holy Week.

Youth and Children February Sunday School Lessons

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Parable of the Sower
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Baptism & Eucharist
- Whirl (3-5th grades) – Bible
- Youth (6-12th grades) – If there is only one God...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – St. Valentine
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Baptism & Eucharist
- Whirl (3-5th grades) – Bible
- Youth (6-12th grades) – Why do Christians believe...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Combined Class
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Combined Class
- Whirl (3-5th grades) – Combined Class
- Youth (6-12th grades) – Combined Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Jesus in the Wilderness
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Adam & Eve
- Whirl (3-5th grades) – Adam & Eve
- Youth (6-12th grades) – Adam & Eve

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

LENT MADNESS



WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Don't forget about Lent Madness. It's a daily match-up of 32 saints throughout Lent. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time, and people vote for their favorite saint. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Learn more about Lent Madness and fill out the bracket at <https://www.lentmadness.org/> (very similar to a March Madness bracket), to vote on your favorite. You can sign up to get the daily emails or go to the website each day to vote. There's a lot of people who have voted for saints in the past. Check in with people during Coffee Hour to see how their saints have fared.

VBS: Save the Date

Registration Opens March 1

VBS AT CHRIST CHURCH

REGISTRATION
OPENS MARCH 1ST

JUNE 12-16, 2023
8:45AM-12PM



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Come to me, all you who are
weary and burdened, and I will
give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28

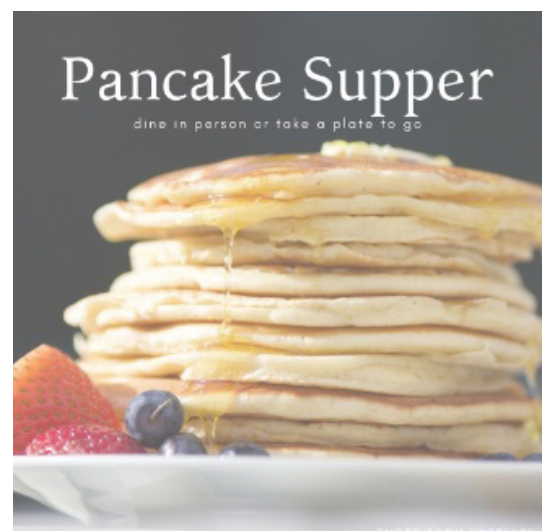
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5 - 6:30 pm, February 21 in the Harrison Center

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us. We'll have pancakes, sausage and bacon. We'll have tables inside the Harrison Center, or you can preorder plates to go. Adult plates are \$6, children's plates are \$4 for ages 3 - 10. Kids under the age of 3 are free. There is a \$20 max per household.

You can pay online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> (use the "pancakes" field). You can also pay when you pick up your food or at the church at any time.

To preorder your meals, go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-shrove3#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-shrove3#/) Contact Meg Jones at meg-jones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church Episcopal Church Women: All Saints Chapter

On Monday, February 13th we welcome a speaker from the newly refurbished New Bern Civic Theatre. Their presentation, "Dramatically Different," will fill us in on the ongoing renovations being done at their iconic building on Pollock Street. Our meeting begins at 10 am in the Parish House. Please join us!

Reminder: **Please get your orders in by Sunday, February 12th for our Spring Geranium Sale.** These gorgeous and big plants come in red, white or pink and will be available for pick-up just in time for Mother's Day (pick-up day is Wednesday, May 10). Treat someone special or yourself to these wonderful flowers that will bloom all through the summer and fall! Order forms can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ECW-Plant-Sale>. Copies are also available in the Reception Area and the Narthex. There is a locked box at the reception desk for your completed order form and cash/check.

Coming Next Week: Camp Hope Sunday



T-Ball Registration Now Open

Christ Church has a t-ball team through the New Bern Sunday School League. The team is open to children from three years old through Kindergarten. We play in April and May. Registration for this year's team is now open. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2023-tball> to register. If you have a child who is older than Kindergarten and is interested in playing baseball, please let Meg know. There is a possibility that we could also have an older team, or we will work to set you up with a team.



ECW SPRING GERANIUM SALE

Spruce up your spring with geranium plants from Christ Church ECW.

The proceeds of this sale will be used to further the mission of our ECW Chapter. All geranium plants are in 6" pots and cost \$16 each. Advance payment is required. Cash and checks accepted.

Please drop off your payment at church or mail to Christ Church, PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563. Order forms can be found in the lobby and Narthex. Please note: ECW Plant Sale with your payment.

For more information, please call **Gretchen Lankenau** (252.633.1873) or **Margi Thompson** (252.675.7323)

ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PLANT PICK UP: 9 AM ~ 4 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 (HARRISON CENTER)

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Loaves and Fishes Scavenger Hunt to Benefit RCS

Thanks a busload for your donations to RCS! The youth tried to travel to 43 houses in an hour. We collected enough boxes to fill the First Presbyterian bus. That translates to four plus wagons of stuff. RCS was completely thrilled with the amount and said it was perfect timing. They were not able to get what they anticipated with their last push during the holidays, so this makes up for it.

The youth even got to learn more about New Bern and our church. They were interested to know the kinds of things that were donated and why. All around, it was a good day. We are thrilled to be in partnership with RCS and all they do for our community. Thank you for helping others.

In the event that the youth missed your house, or you found five extra Hamburger Helpers, bring your stuff to the church! You can drop it off by the reception area. We will make a second donation to RCS on Monday.

The youth are extremely thankful for Randy & Joanie Bogle and Nell Hudson for their transportation services. And to the following houses for their incredible donations:

- Jacob & Christina Ballard
- Bill & Terry Brubaker
- Paul & Emily Canady
- Ken & Ellen Chance
- Stephen & Maureen Clayton
- Tony & Darrin Embrey
- John Harper
- Chris & Nell Hudson
- Bob & Susan Husson
- Stuart & Dax Jennings
- Jane Jones
- Lisa Kafer
- Lisa Kirby & Jackie Ward
- Mary Lynn Linton
- Elizabeth Livingston
- Heather McCloud Huff
- Cilla Miller
- Debi Miller
- Dave & Karen O'Connell
- Ben & Mary Parrish
- Theron & Bonnie Royer
- Julia Sherman
- John & Deb Steady
- Mark & Barbara West



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

January Vestry Meeting Recap

At its January 23rd, 2023 meeting, the Vestry of Christ Church:

- Approved the officers for the coming year
Senior Warden - Elizabeth Livingston
Junior Warden - Randy Bogle
Clerk - Phyllis Fox
Treasurer - John Haroldson
- Named individuals to the Memorial Fund Committee
- Endorsed individuals to serve on Director of Music search committee
- Endorsed an appointment to the Personnel Committee
- Endorsed the establishment of Christ Church Grant Committee and membership makeup
- Endorsed appointments to serve on the Finance committee
- Received reports on the financial condition of the church
- Received reports from the various commissions. Highlights include:

Worship - need more volunteers to sign up for greeters, & ushers

Building & Grounds - new HVAC is being installed; lights fixed in Harrison Center and Parish House.

Parish Life - Liz Praul is the chair of Foyers; Coffee Hour needs volunteer signups for nibbles and hosts for 8:30, 11:00 and cleanup afterwards.

Outreach - more volunteers are needed for our outreach partners

Pastoral care - Stephen Ministry training is ongoing; Neighbors in Christ is going well.

Christian Formation - New adult classes coming; RCS scavenger hunt happening Jan. 29; VBS scheduled for June 12-16

Stewardship - pledges still being received

Submitted by Tony Embrey

Stewardship Update -- Faith

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” *Matthew 17:20.*

This Bible passage came to mind when some parishioners told us the Moringa seeds sent as a thank you gift from Christ Church to those who pledged for 2023 are growing in their homes. We haven’t been quite as successful with ours—but only because we just started the planting process. The seeds just finished their week sitting on the soil under plastic wrap after a good overnight soaking and soon will be fully planted. Then we wait. We’ve been told it takes faith in the form of patience to see the seeds sprout but that it’s worth the wait to see the little trees grow to 6” or more fairly rapidly.

And so it is with the Stewardship Campaign. We had wonderful, generous responses to the “Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve” campaign in increased time, talent, and treasure pledged to Christ Church. We are exceedingly grateful! For those who may have forgotten to turn in pledge cards or just got a late start as we did planting our seeds, we have faith that we’ll start seeing further growth soon. If you receive a pledge card in the mail soon, please be sure to turn it in. You can also find a link to complete your pledge online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. We are looking forward to more “Tree of Life” moringa seeds growing in Christ Church homes.

By the way, if you have pictures of your tree, we’d love to see them and maybe even include them in a future *Messenger* or *Crown*. For now, we post these pictures from the Internet.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Women of Christ Church, are you looking for a spiritual community in a busy world where women with similar interests can pray, study, share together, and affirm and support each other?



The Epiphany Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King would like to extend an invitation to you to meet us and find out more about the Order. This invitation is open to all women who are baptized and a member of Christ Church. We are inviting interested women to the next meeting of the Order of the Daughters of the King at 4 pm tomorrow, February 6. This will be an opportunity to learn about DOK from members, ask questions and enjoy light refreshments. We will have another meet and greet on Sunday, February 19, at 9:45 am in the Parish House. We invite you to consider becoming a Daughter.

DOK Outreach Focus for Epiphany

During this season of Epiphany, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invite you to help us with an outreach effort for the Coastal Women's Shelter. From now until the beginning of Lent (February 21), we are collecting items from the CWS Wish List (<https://www.coastalwomensshelter.org/wish-list>). The most needed items are:

- Paper goods
- Cleaning supplies
- Office supplies
- Plastic totes
- Baby hygiene items
- Men's hygiene items

Please help us gather these supplies to help support Coastal Women's Shelter. Donation bins are available in the Reception Area. Thank you!

The Bonafides to Perform February ArtWalk Concert at Christ Church



The Bonafides is a group of friends from New Bern, having a blast while playing songs they love. With acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bass, drums, banjo, harmonicas and soaring harmonies, our musical tastes range far and wide.

Need some Carter Family classics? Check. Old Crow Medicine Show jams? We got 'em. Old-time fiddle and banjo tunes? We can go for days. You'll hear songs you haven't heard in awhile and songs you've never heard played like this before.

Please join us during ArtWalk on Friday, February 10 at 6:30 pm. You can learn more about The Bonafides at www.bonafidesband.com.

This concert is made possible by the generous support of the Rev. Sharp Fund for Music.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

2022 Christ Church Trust Grants Report

The Christ Church Trust awarded \$47,265 in grants to 16 different agencies in our area. The Trust followed the formula laid out in its 1975 founding document, which calls for the fiduciary accounting income, which means distribution is based on the divided income, not on the total value of the fund. Distribution for a while was based on the total value of the fund, and in 2023 the Vestry will be looking at the pros and cons of altering the rules for us to be able to distribute more to those agencies and groups we are thankful to support.

The current value of the Trust is just over \$1.5 million. The best way for it to grow is through direct contributions. We hope that as you wish to remember Christ Church in your will or estate or remember or give thanks for a loved one, gifts to the Christ Church Trust go a long way! Lee Knott serves as the chair of the Trust, and he can be reached at lknot@saalemcpa.net.

- Religious Community Services: \$7,500
- Merci Clinic, Inc.: \$7,500
- Craven Literacy Council: \$2,000
- Coastal Women's Shelter: \$3,000
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh: \$2,000
- Thompson Child & Family Focus: \$1,500
- Camp Trinity: \$3,200
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain \$4,200
- Backpack Blessings, Inc.: \$2,665
- Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders: \$3,200
- Trinity Camp and Conference Center: \$4,000
- Reviving Lives Ministries of New Bern, Inc.: \$2,000
- Tried by Fire, Inc.: \$2,000
- The Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC: \$1,000
- Interfaith Refugee Ministry: \$1,000
- Eastern Carolina YMCA: \$500
- **TOTAL: \$47,265**



2022 Year-End Financial Summary

We received 231 pledges in 2022. The total amount pledged was \$801,152.00 We received \$918,700.83 in total pledge donations, which amounts to \$117,548 over the expected contributions. Our total contributions for 2022 were \$1,004,533.70.

Budgeted expenses for 2022 were \$1,075,457.00. Actual expenses amounted to \$1,086,086.68.

If you have not yet completed your pledge card for 2023, you can still do so. Go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship> to print off a pledge card or complete your pledge online.

2022 Contributions	Budget	Total Year-to-Date
	\$855,859.00	\$1,004,533.70
2022 Expenses	Budget	Total Year-to-Date
	\$1,075,487.00	\$1,086,086.68

THE GOODS

Cursillo Spring Weekend

Cursillo Spring Weekend EC #102 is April 27-30, 2023, with Dave Silvia, from Wilmington, as Lay Rector.

If you are interested in becoming a Pilgrim (attending for the first time) with East Carolina Cursillo Ministry, please contact Mary Lynn at 252-626-3364, and she will direct you to a sponsor. The weekend is at Trinity Center, Salter Path.

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish House. Please contact Cindy Tripp (cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com) with any questions.

Rector's Bible Study

Join us in the Library at 11 am on Wednesdays for the 2023 Good Book Club. We have had great discussion on the book of Ruth. Now through February 15, we will be looking at the book of Esther. This is a hybrid class, with a live-in person gathering in the Library and an option to join via Zoom (click [here](#) to join). You can find the full schedule of readings at <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>. We will be looking at the previous week's readings as well as a preview of what's to come. If you have any questions, contact the Rev. Paul Canady 252.631.5861 or paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com.

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Brady by his wife, Charlotte Brady. If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, call the church office or sign up online [here](#). Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on March 4. Articles should be submitted by February 15.
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- Thursday email: noon on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: Noon on Wednesday

Please send all pictures, articles and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com or directly to our communication coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To serve in February, including Ash Wednesday services, click [here](#). For more info 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! To reserve your February shifts, click [here](#).
- **EYC and POD Food Sign Ups:** EYC meets most Sundays, and their meetings include dinner. POD meets once a month on Sunday afternoons, and their gathering includes a snack. If you would like to cook or contribute dinner or a snack to either of these groups, please sign up below.
EYC: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-ey-cdinner3#/>
POD: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-podsnacks3#/>
- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.
- **Coffee Hours:** Many thanks to Jane Ashford for hosting this week's Coffee Hour and providing nibbles. Sign up to [here](#) to host a future date.

Empty Food Containers

All empty food containers from parishioners have been placed on a cart outside the kitchen in the Parish House. Please pick them at your earliest convenience. Containers left behind for an extended period of time will be discarded. Your assistance is appreciated.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.