



CHRIST CHURCH

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WHY WE GIVE

In anticipation of our 2025 Annual Appeal, *Hearing God's Call*, Vestry Members have volunteered to offer thoughts on their "why" of giving to Christ Church.

Growing up in the post WWII years, the mantra in our home was, "You must grow up to be a good citizen, to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem." This included obeying laws, being honest and ethical, going to church every Sunday, contributing financially so the church could flourish, and to thank the Lord for the many blessings to our family. "When we give generously, we will reap a harvest of blessings." We did, and we do, and the harvest of blessings continues.

-- Susan Moffat-Thomas

When we are invited to give to Church, Christ Church, we are giving to all His people, not just our church for ministry -- administration, programs, and outreach -- but also for the needs of others. We will never know those who have received prayers -- a kind word, a call, a meal, clothing, shelter, or the means to be lifted out of woeful situations. My belief is to give, based on what I have been given. Our Lord has filled my life with a wonderful family, friends, and opportunities to serve. I give back to Him from what I have been given -- both in tithing and through community / missionary opportunities. Over the years, our lives change, as do our financial means. My tithing has reflected the employment opportunities I have been given, even when income has been sparse. During those periods, I contributed in other ways through the gifts bestowed by our Lord. And he has truly blessed my life these past few years -- to know true happiness and contentment. For these blessings I give back out of my riches.

- Holly Craighead Lippitt

Save the Date & Join Us

We will kick-off our 2025 Annual Giving campaign on Sunday, September 29. We'll have one worship service that day (10:00am) and a catered lunch afterward in the Harrison Center. Help us plan by RSVP'ing [here](#).

Many, Many Thanks

Unending gratitude goes to Sacred Sound and Space Task Force Chair, Bob Emory, Senior Warden, Phyllis Fox, their hard-working team, and everyone who made this week's Organ Dedicatory Eucharist and Dedication Concert and Reception such a success. These events would not have been possible without you. Look for pictures in the October issue of *The Crown*.

Countdown to Pumpkin Time

After the pumpkins are delivered next Saturday, September 28, we are open for business. The Pumpkin Patch is open daily through October. Monday - Saturday hours are 10 am - 6 pm. Sunday hours are 12 noon - 6 pm. We need your help to make this the best Pumpkin Patch ever. Please consider signing up to work as many shifts as you can over the next few weeks. Each shift is two hours. You can sign up [here](#). When signing up, please add your phone number in the comment box, so that we can easily contact you if necessary.

BAKED GOODS

As an added fundraiser, the Pumpkin Patch offers baked goods for sale on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We always appreciate homemade and store-bought treats to make this possible. No sign up necessary -- just drop your contribution off at the Pumpkin Patch or Reception Desk.

Also, many thanks to those who came and helped with yesterday's Fall Clean-Up. The churchyard is ready for the pumpkins!

Dementia Informational Sessions

Christ Church is offering two informational sessions in conjunction with The Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's A-Z - today, Sunday, September 22 at 9:45 am

This class covers the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, causes, risk factors, stages, and what's normal aging vs. signs for concern. We will meet in the Library.

Building Foundations of Dementia Caregiving - Wednesday, September 25 at 4 pm

This class explores the role of caregivers and changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress. We will meet in the Parish House.

Vestry Reflections

Following the Vestry / Staff Retreat, Vestry members offered to provide some thoughts on what their experience has meant to them.

Vestry service has been a great experience for me because I am beginning to understand more the mission of Christ Church, which is to make our church a spiritual location for all in the community to increase one's connectivity to God and his teachings. I enjoy giving back to Christ Church by serving on the Vestry, and I look forward to growing more within the church over the coming years.

- Graham Underbill

Music Notes

Following the Dedication Events, which will kick-off our music season, there will be plenty of other opportunities to experience listening to the new instrument outside of Sunday morning worship. For the October Artwalk, I am scheduling a live-improvised Silent Movie Night with the organ and the German Expressionist film, *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (one of my favorite spookie silent movies!). Last year, I gave a performance on a Skinner organ in Connecticut with this film, and the audience just loved it! I'm sure the community of New Bern would also enjoy this experience and hearing the new organ, so stay tuned for more info! In December, we'll hold our annual Christmas Carol Sing-along event for Artwalk, but of course this time featuring Opus 85.



There are many more musical events coming up, including an All Saints Requiem Concert on Friday, November 1st, Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18th, and a Spring Organ Concert Series. Look out for details in The Crown, Messenger, and Social Media, and please share with your friends! You can also sign up to be on Christ Church's Music Events email list by notifying me here: jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com. I so look forward to celebrating the new instrument with you all this Fall and to continuing in the tradition of providing superb music for the Glory of God in our Christ Church and our New Bern community.

Historic New Bern Trolley Tour

Presented by the Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church, New Bern

Historic Churches of New Bern

Monday, October 14th

10 am – 11:30

\$25.00

Grab a friend and join us for our 4th Annual Tour - This time to hear about some of the amazing churches in New Bern.



For more information or to reserve and pay for your spot(s) contact:
Rodney Hayes rodneyhayes@yahoo.com 203-640-2638

KIDS MUSIC HAPPENINGS

NEW Choristers Program: Kids ages 7-10 are invited to join our new Choristers Program beginning this Tuesday, September 24th! We will prepare music to sing at Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18th. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 4:00-4:30 in the Music Room (across Pollock Street from Church). Please email Jackie (jacquelinenappi@christchurch-newbern.com) for more information.

Music for Kids has now become Ukulele Club: Due to the high demand of ukulele playing in class, we have decided to re-name this music program to Ukulele Club. As the name suggests, kids will focus solely on playing the ukulele. This class is geared towards late-elementary and middle school aged kids, all levels welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 pm starting this week in the Music Room.

Cherub Choir will continue on Sundays from 9:45-10:00. Kids will sing at church one Sunday in October and one in December.

Hand Bell Position Open

A position in the Hand Bell Choir is open! This is a fun group of folks who create music ringing bells, playing with mallets, and other assorted implements, which make lovely sounds.

Interested? Contact Jean Reichenbach at jbrjcr@suddenlink.net or 252-259-7628.



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, 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, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Charles Knight, Pat Holmes, and Bonnie Royer.

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, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Sylvia, Aline, Larry, Anne 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, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, and Cheri.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Trinity, Fayetteville; and St. Andrew's, Columbia

**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](mailto:Betsy.Downard).

Serving in Worship

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister at (252) 634-7984, lindamcalister50@gmail.com, as soon as possible. Linda will be scheduling training sometime in the coming weeks for those who wish to serve in these positions.



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, September 22

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
9:45 am Alzheimer's A-Z (Library)
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, September 23

3:15 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room) *Note - first day*

Tuesday, September 24

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
4 pm: Choristers (Music Room) *Note - first day*
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, September 25

4 pm: Building Foundations of Dementia Care (Parish House)
4:30 pm: Ukulele Club (Music Room) *Note - first day*
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
6:30 Orthodox Mission Meeting (Chapel)

Thursday, September 26

Staff Work Day - Offices Closed

Saturday, September 28

9 am: Pumpkins Arrive and Pumpkin Patch Opens

Sunday, September 29

Fifth Sunday - One Service Only
9 am: Sunday School for All Ages
10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
11:30 am: Annual Giving Kick-Off (Harrison Center)
3 pm: CROP Walk (Offsite)



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Finally, all of you, live in
harmony with one another; be
sympathetic, love as brothers, be
compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

Volunteer Appreciation Brunches - Change in Plans

It's exciting to announce that, due to the volume of volunteers we have at Christ Church, we are changing our plans a bit. In lieu of individual brunches, we will host on Sunday, October 20th a special Evening Prayer Service, followed by a reception at the Harrison Center for all volunteers of Christ Church. We will have a guest keynote speaker and a unique thank you for all of our volunteers. Invitations will be mailed; however, all are invited to join us in celebrating our volunteers. If you are a volunteer who did not receive an invitation, please know that you are the most special one, as we know you will forgive our oversight!

Thank You from IRM

Interfaith Refugee Ministry is so grateful for the people of Christ Church! Once again, you have risen to the challenge of providing backpacks and school supplies for newly arriving refugee children. They are always so pleased when they see their brand new items! Thank you so much for contributing to this effort every year for over 10 years! And a huge thank you to the wonderful and organized Rebecca Liberty who puts it all together. Thank you and God bless you all.

Lil Pantry and Lil Library

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.

Perhaps you may also choose to contribute new or used children's, tween's, and adult books to our outdoor Lil Library located near the playground. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Karen Gabriel at 516-987-0335.

Rothermel Foundation Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will present *Big Bang Cosmology and Divine Creation: The New Physics and the Old Metaphysics* by Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J. on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 2 pm. The lecture will take place at First Presbyterian Church (400 New Street, New Bern) and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.RothermelFoundation.org.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Click [here](#) for September shifts at the Reception Desk.
- **Coffee Hour:** We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).

2024 CROP Walk

The 44th annual CROP Walk will take place Sunday September 29, 2024, starting at 3pm. Christ Episcopal Church will once again be a sponsor where walkers can enter either to walk one mile, three miles or just raise money/donate. Twenty-five percent of all funds raised will go to our local RCS for their assistance in helping our community who are hungry.

To register/donate to our team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/christ-episcopal-church-new-bern-2>.

We are looking forward to doing our part for our community, if you have any questions, kindly reach out to Peter Mnatzakanian 301-844-1052 or pmnatzakanian@gmail.com.

Living Micah 6:8 - Update

Due to scheduling conflicts, the class for engaging "What does the Lord desire of you..." is being moved to January. The schedule for the five sessions will be published in December.

Stewards of the Earth Program

Stewards of the Earth, a program of Faith Connection, is pleased to invite representatives from Christ Church to our six-week fall class Responding to Climate Change.

This class will be held on Wednesdays Oct. 9 through Nov. 13, 7:00-8:30 PM, at First Presbyterian Church Since this program is discussion-based, registration is limited.

Each week, class time will include a discussion of reading material, and sharing of ideas, concerns, and good practices. This class provides a unique opportunity to learn how other congregations are growing in their creation care practices.

Class facilitators include the Stewards of the Earth team and faith-based leaders in environmental stewardship throughout eastern NC. Pre-registration is required. For questions or to pre-register, please contact Helen Robinson at helenrobinson575@gmail.com or at (540)533-3913