

## Psalms in the Summer

The Book of Psalms is full of beautiful imagery. These ancient songs or poems explore the full range of human emotion and experience. On Sundays this summer, beginning June 8th, we will discuss the psalm appointed for the week. Join us in the Library for a half hour conversation beginning at 9:15. What images resonate with you? What are the different types of psalms? Did you know there were different types of psalms? What does this text tell us about God?



## Did You Know? Facts About the Outdoor Chapel

Did you know? – The outdoor chapel has a total of 433 plots. Each plot can accommodate two urns, and we still have 60 plots available for purchase.

Contact Jimi Paderick ([jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.361.5863) in the church office for more information.

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## May Outreach InGathering

Our outreach Ingathering during the month of May is focused on the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. Farmworkers returned to North Carolina in March this year. These hardworking people live in small camps near to the farms where they labor. They do not have transportation, and their only day off is Sunday. They rely heavily on EFWM, which provides them with small necessities by bringing them directly to the camps on a weekly basis, or distributing them after church on Sundays. The items most needed at this point are: individual packets of electrolyte powder for water bottles; work gloves in sizes S, M, L, and XL; anti-itch spray or cream; socks; and hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, pain relief spray/cream, pain medication, soap, shampoo, and deodorant). Let us reach out helping hands to those who work so hard to bring fresh produce from the field to our tables.



# Help Needed: Cookie Walk Co-Chairs

Our beloved Cookie Walk has been a wonderful tradition and a vital fundraiser for our church community. Last year we provided over \$9,000 to deserving, local, charitable organizations. While formerly chaired by ECW, this is now a parish-wide outreach opportunity open to all, similar to Pumpkin Patch.

This year we are in need of two volunteers to co-chair the event. We are looking for a team of organizers, and you don't need to be a baker. Mentoring and support will be provided to the incoming team by recent Cookie Walk Chairs.

If you feel called to help, or would like more information, please reach out to The Rev. Suzanne Hood ([suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com)) or Dawn Manning ([dawnsrawambition@gmail.com](mailto:dawnsrawambition@gmail.com)), co-chair of the Outreach and Evangelism Commission, **before July 1**. Without leadership, unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the Cookie Walk. Thank you for considering being a part of something special! Working together, we can continue this sweet tradition!

## Stephen Ministry: What Is It, and How Can It Help You

At Christ Church, as part of the Pastoral Care Commission, Stephen Ministry tries to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the congregation. Stephen Ministry is an international program that equips lay people (men and women) to provide Christian care on an individual basis to those experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances such as illness, divorce, loss of a loved one, by providing a non-judgmental listening ear and Christian love.

This is a confidential ministry in which the care receiver can be sure his or her identity and what is discussed remains private. There are many of us who carry burdens and issues that need to be talked about who could benefit from this wonderful service. We all might need confidential, compassionate help at some time in our lives, and these wonderful, giving ministers are ready to assist you.

Please remember that Christ Church has Stephen Ministers who are trained and willing to listen to you at any time for any issue in your life. These lay ministers go through 50+ hours of training led by professionals to learn the skills to assist those experiencing a life issue. All referrals go through our clergy to maintain clergy awareness and support. If you have any questions or feel you could use the service of a Stephen Minister, please contact Suzanne Hood (252-631-5862 or [suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com)) or Mary Parrish (252-514-8199).

## Join Us for Volunteer Sunday

You're invited to a special day of gratitude, community, and fellowship at our Volunteer Sunday celebration on June 1st. These services are an opportunity to honor the incredible efforts of our volunteers and invite everyone to discover the joy of serving.

We're honored to welcome Rev. John Pollock, retired Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Morehead City, as our guest preacher for both services. His message of faith and service will inspire and uplift as we come together to celebrate those who give so generously of their time and talents.

Whether you've helped as a desk receptionist, sung in the choir, prepared meals, mentored with GIG, or offered a welcoming smile at the door — this day is for you. And if you're new to volunteering or looking for a way to get involved, there's no better time to explore where your gifts might serve.

After both services, we invite you to stay for light refreshments and warm fellowship. Come connect with fellow parishioners and celebrate the spirit of service that strengthens our church.

Everyone is welcome — bring a friend! Let's come together in faith, gratitude, and joyful service.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."*

— 1 Peter 4:10



# 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 Odderstol\*, 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 Kunkel, 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, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark\*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, and Jonathan Davis.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, David, and Denise.

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Timothy's, Greenville, St. John's, Grifton

*\*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](#).

## Seniors Luncheon: Change in Plans

Our May Seniors Luncheon, which was scheduled for May 22, has been canceled. Have a wonderful summer, and we will start back up in the fall!



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, May 18

*Class of 2025 Senior Recognition (8:30 am service)  
150th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Nave (11 am service)*

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](#))  
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

### Monday, May 19

1 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Bride's Room)  
1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

### Tuesday, May 20

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)  
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)  
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### Wednesday, May 21

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, May 22

5:30 pm: Outreach and Evangelism Committee Meeting (Library)

### Sunday, May 25

*Switch to Summer Schedule*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))  
11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

## Lemonade on the Lawn

We switch to the summer schedule next Sunday, May 25, which means that we welcome back Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10 am service.

Hosting is simple -- lemonade is provided, and you can provide treats if you wish. For more details and to sign up for a summer Sunday, please click go to <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2025>.







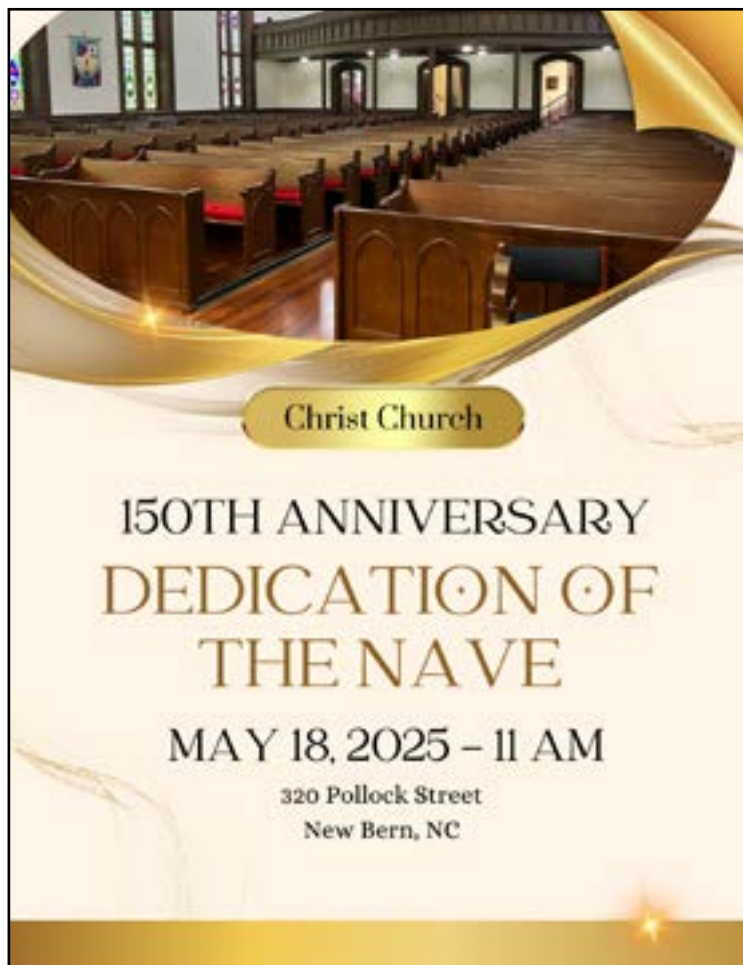
## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in May services, click [here](#). June services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for May shifts. June shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*

## 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).



## Rector Sabbatical

This is a reminder that Paul will be on the second part of his Sabbatical from May 24 – July 6.