

Volunteer Sunday Celebration

Thank you to all who attended our Volunteer Sunday Celebrations last weekend. These services were an opportunity to honor the incredible efforts of our volunteers and invite everyone to discover the joy of serving. We were also honored to welcome Rev. John Pollock, retired Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Morehead City, as our guest preacher for both services. Here are a few photos from the celebration.



Flower Guild Seeking Volunteers

The Flower Guild of Christ Church falls under the Pastoral Care Commission. The flowers on the altar are a beautiful embellishment to help us glorify God, but they are so much more than that. After the services each Sunday, the members of the Flower Guild distribute the altar flowers to people in our community who are celebrating birthdays, are on our prayer list, are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or other illnesses, etc. The flower arrangements act in a similar way to our sharing of communion with those in our community who are homebound. The flowers on the altar soak in our prayers during the two Sunday services, bearing witness to God's love, and to our love for God and each other, and then, they go forth to share that love with those who need it most. Please remember that the Flower Guild is spreading our love throughout the parish every Sunday. If you think you might be interested in joining this loving ministry, and spreading the love of Christ Church, please contact Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com or 252-638-4875).

June InGathering - Diaper Drive for IRM

Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) could use your help to keep baby bottoms dry. During the month of June, Christ Church members are being asked to donate baby wipes and a variety of diapers in all sizes for distribution as needed to our new neighbors. Since transportation can be challenging to the newcomer, having these items on hand allows IRM staff members to quickly deliver the items when a need arises. The diaper sizes in the greatest need are 2, 3, and 4. Thank you for your kindness in assisting our new neighbors and friends.



Psalms in the Summer Starts Today

The Book of Psalms is full of beautiful imagery. These ancient songs or poems explore the full range of human emotion and experience. Beginning this Sunday, 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?

Music Notes - June 8, 2025

Today, Sunday, June 8, at the 8:00 am service, all Cherub Choir kids are invited to sing "I'm Gonna Sing when the Spirit says Sing" during the Offertory with Ms. Jackie. There is no rehearsal prior to the service.

Then, at the 10:00 am service, anyone is invited to join the Pop-up Choir at the Offertory in singing Every Time I Feel the Spirit (LEVAS 114). Pop-up Choir will rehearse in the Nave at 9:15 am prior to the service.

Join Us for Morning Prayer *Mondays at 8:30 am in the Chapel*

We have started a "new" "old" thing on Monday mornings. Come join us for Morning Prayer in the Chapel at 8:30 am. Morning Prayer is one of the oldest traditions in Anglicanism, and Thomas Cranmer, who developed the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549 commended it as a daily practice. There are some who remember when it was the principle liturgy on Sundays prior to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. It is a lovely way to start the day, and we invite you to come be a part of it as often as you feel you can.

Beat the July Heat with Chair Yoga

Join Karen Gabriel for a 5-week Chair Yoga series! Whether you're new to yoga, recovering from an injury or looking for a way to stay active, this is for you. Enjoy the "3 M's" - movement, mobility, and mindfulness every Tuesday in July beginning July 1st at 11:30-12:15 in the Parish House. This series is free, but a donation of nonperishable items for the Christ Church Lil' Pantry is strongly encouraged.



Sign-Up Genius to bring side dishes and help set up or clean up can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Pentecost-Picnic>.

Don't Forget to Bring Your Camp Hope Mail this Sunday!



Thank you to everyone who made a card for a Camp Hope camper last month. There is still time to send a card to a camper.

Please contact Nell Hudson for a camp roster.
camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com

OR

252-772-5832

We will be collecting cards until Sunday, June 8th.
Our Camp Hope mailbox is in the elevator vestibule.
Thank you!

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, Jonathan Davis, and Ann Bustard.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, 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, Denise, and David.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Francis by the Sea, Salter Path; and Holy Trinity, Hampstead.

**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](#).



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, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Pentecost Picnic (Parish House / Churchyard Lawn)
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

Monday, June 9

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 11

- 1 pm: Endowment Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, June 15

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn



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Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Vestry Seeks Delegates to Diocesan Convention

The Vestry will fill three seats for the 2025 Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina. The convention will be November 14-15 in Goldsboro. One seat will be just for this year to finish an unexpired term. Two others will be for a three-year term ending in 2027. The Vestry will also select two alternates for a one-year term. This year will be especially poignant as delegates will elect a new bishop! If you are interested in serving as a convention delegate, please reach out to Jimi Paderick (jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5863) and ask that your name be presented to the Vestry at its June meeting. Since Convention is mostly paperless, and voting happens with mobile devices, comfort and familiarity technology is strongly recommended!

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) or Dawn Manning (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!

June Foyers

After our June Foyers at the home of Howard Furnas, we will be taking a summer break. Come and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship.

- When: Saturday, June 21
- Time: 5 - 7 pm
- Where: 5023 Clubhouse Drive in Greenbrier, New Bern
- Bring: Beverage of choice, an appetizer to share, and your own glasses



VBS is Coming!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the week of June 16th-20th. We have about 50 kids signed up to participate, ranging in age from rising kindergarten to rising 5th graders. We also have about 20 adult and youth volunteers for the week. Our theme this year is how we can "Trust Jesus in a Wild World." Pray for us throughout the week as we gather and learn about Jesus through play and activities.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in June services click [here](#). July services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. 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.*
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Our summer Lemonade on the Lawn is back after 10 am service. Hosts put lemonade and cups on a cart and take it from the Parish House kitchen to the courtyard. Lemonade is provided. Sign up here at <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2025>.

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.

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. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Faith Connection Meeting

The June Faith Connection meeting will be held at 4 pm, Thursday, June 19 at St. Paul Catholic Church Family Life Center (3305 Country Club Road). Fr. Steven Costell, Parish Administrator at St. Paul's will present a discussion on Pope Leo XIV, the "First American Pope." Admission is free, and all are welcome.