

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Fall InGathering for RCS

Thanks for making the RCS Food Drive such a wonderful pre-Thanksgiving success! Christ Church donated a total of 1,026 pounds of food to the New Bern Community.



ECW Christmas Party

Please join us at 11 am on Monday, December 9th for our annual Christmas Pot-luck Party this year again at the lovely home of Gail Dorman in Carolina Colours. All women of the church are welcome. Bring a dish to share (drinks provided) and wear your party smile! Ugly Christmas sweaters optional! We will be signing and addressing Christmas cards for some of our shut-in and older parishioners.

As usual, we will not be meeting in January, but we'll see you again in February on the 10th!

If you have any questions, please email Rodney Hayes (rodney-hayes@yahoo.com) or call 203-640-2638 and leave a message.

Don't forget the 25th Annual Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14th!!! Start baking if you haven't already! If you need freezer space, contact Rodney.

Advent InGathering

For many years, Christ Church has provided gifts for the children of incarcerated citizens. We have partnered with Angel Tree to identify families, and parishioners have been unbelievably generous in providing for those children. Over the past several years, we have provided gift cards to the parent or guardian to ensure the child receives the gifts they most need and want. This year, our efforts will look a little different. Thanks to the generosity of so many people at Christ Church, we will not need to do a collection for Angel Tree. The families counting on our support will have it due largely to a surplus from last year's collection. Camp Hope is another ministry we support that is primarily with and for those affected by incarceration. We are grateful for the ongoing support from Christ Church to provide a camp experience at Camp Trinity for local young people. At this time, we are in a good financial position with regard to Camp Hope.

Our history of support for those in the prison system spans many years and reaches in multiple directions. Given the generosity of all of you, we are able this year to turn our efforts in new directions. This year's collection will benefit two areas of ministry with those who are incarcerated: Tried by Fire/My Sister's House (<https://triedbyfireinc.org/>) and Prison Fellowship (<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/>). Tried by Fire/My Sister's House is a newer ministry for women coming out of prison and has a history of recent support from Christ Church. Prison Fellowship is a national organization that operates in prisons in Eastern North Carolina.

If you would like to donate to our Advent InGathering please take a tag from the Christmas tree in the reception area. Each tag has an amount on it as well as a code. Please add your name and the code on your tag(s) to the signup sheet, which can be found on the table to the left of the tree. We will be accepting funds throughout the season of Advent. Payments can be made online, or by placing cash or checks in the box in the reception area. Please be sure to check your name off the list when you have returned your donation.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of the clergy or a member of the Vestry.

Advent Wreath Workshop

Join us today during Sunday School hour in the Parish House for an Advent Wreath Workshop. We will talk about how to use our wreaths throughout Advent. The Church will provide candles and foam. Please bring some greenery to share. All are welcome!

Celebrating the 25th Annual Cookie Walk

Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

Only a few more weeks until Cookie Walk. Ask your friends and family to make some cookies to freeze or plan a cookie-making party. [Chocolate Candy Cane Crunch Cookies](#) will get you in the mood for the holidays.

In honor of the 25th anniversary of Cookie Walk, we will be holding Cookie Workshops at the Harrison Center (311 Middle St.). Join Tony Embry and Joe Russo on December 2 (9am-4pm) and December 11 (9am-3pm) and learn some new recipes. Please sign up [here](#) to attend.

Since it's the Cookie Walk's 25th Anniversary, we have an additional special event. If you make 25 dozen cookies in honor of the 25th anniversary, your name will be put in for a drawing. Grand prize is a "New Bern Staycation," including a night at the local Benjamin Ellis House B&B and dinner at Cypress Hall!

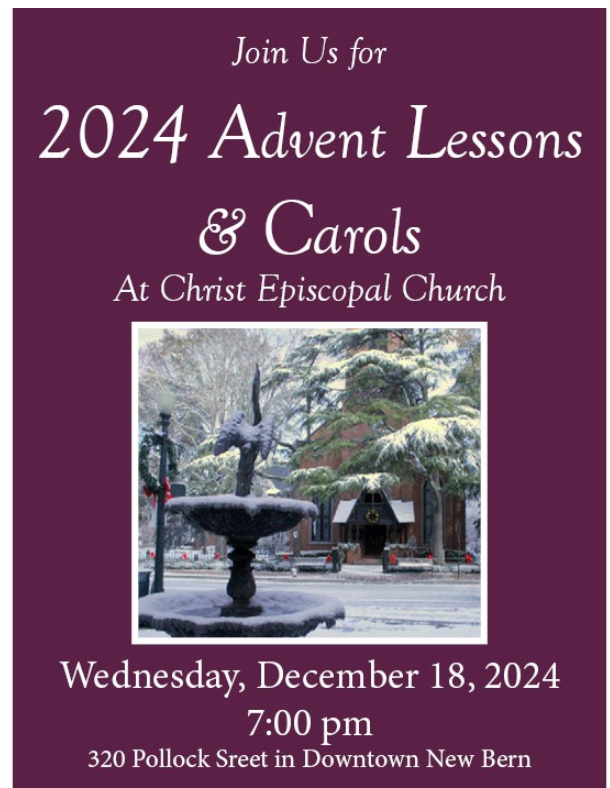


Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

The Second Christ Church Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9 AM until 4 PM. The Holiday Market will provide locals and visitors with an excellent opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase their creations for home and holiday gift giving.

Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. The event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online [here](#).

Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828.774.9592, holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com.



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 Kunkle, 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, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, and Charles Peterson.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Bambi, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, and Denni.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Advent, Williamston; Vestry Elections & Annual Parish Meetings

**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](#).

Holiday Gospel Brunch

On Sunday, December 8, Tried by Fire (My Sister's House) will be having a Gospel Brunch in the Harrison Center from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. The cost will be \$40, of which half will go to supporting this outreach ministry for post-incarcerated women. The Flame, a most-beloved restaurant in town, will be catering this affair, and Bonita Burney Simmons will be our Gospel singer.

Christ Church has agreed to be the sponsoring church, so our hope is to fill the Harrison Center. Truly this will be Soul Food -- delicious food, a great cause, and a performance by a Gospel singer extraordinaire. Bring your friends! Tickets will be available at the Reception Desk. Please make a check out to Tried by Fire.

See you there! Contact Ellen Chance at 252.259.5214 if you have any questions.



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, December 1

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

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: Advent Wreath Workshop (Parish House)

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, December 2

9 am: Cookie Walk Prep (Harrison Center)

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, December 3

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

2 pm: Personnel Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, December 4

12 pm: Altar Guild Meeting (Pelletier Room)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, December 8

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](#))

12:30 pm: Tried by Fire (My Sister's House) Gospel Brunch (Harrison Center)

Giving Tuesday

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement that was created as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. It is celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, which this year is December 3. You can donate [online](#) or by writing a check (made out to Christ Church with Giving Tuesday in the memo line).

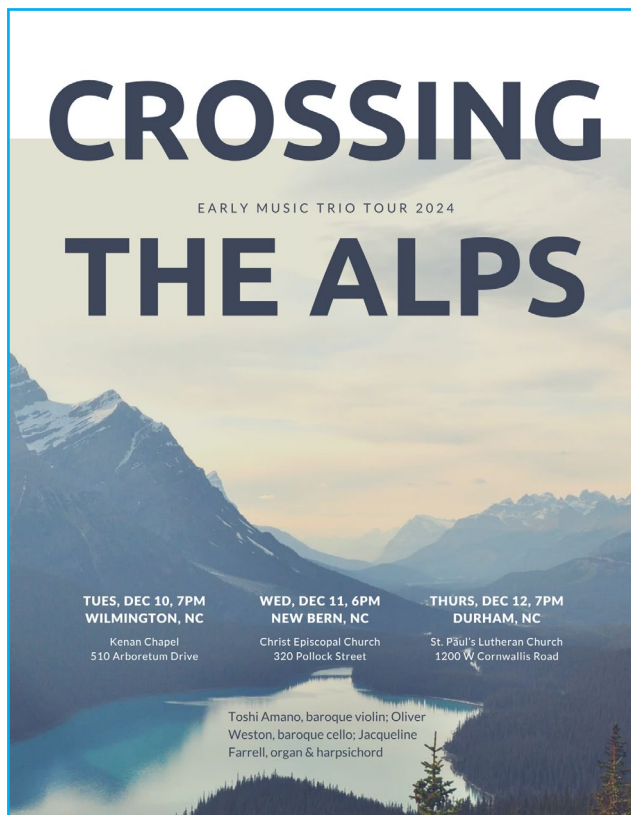
GivingTuesday donations are added to our Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. To learn more about GivingTuesday, visit their website at www.givingtuesday.org/.



THE GOODS

Upcoming Special Concert

Save the date for a special concert with Toshi Amano (violinist), Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi, and Oliver Weston (cellist) on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm in the Nave. The title of the hour-long performance is Crossing the Alps, featuring early music from Germany and Italy.



TUES, DEC 10, 7PM
WILMINGTON, NC
Kenan Chapel
510 Arboretum Drive

WED, DEC 11, 6PM
NEW BERN, NC
Christ Episcopal Church
320 Pollock Street

THURS, DEC 12, 7PM
DURHAM, NC
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1200 W. Cornwallis Road

Toshi Amano, baroque violin; Oliver
Weston, baroque cello; Jacqueline
Farrell, organ & harpsichord

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks will meet at 9:30 am, Monday, December 9. We will be baking cookies. All are welcome -- come join us!

Lil Pantry

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let us not give up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
but let us encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:25a

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our December Services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your December shifts [here](#).
- **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](#). Many thanks to Terry and Bill Brubaker for hosting this Sunday and providing snacks.

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.

December Crown

Due to the timing of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the December issue of *The Crown* will be published on Sunday, December 8.

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.

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.



2024 Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below. The cost is \$40.00, payable to Christ Church (write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo area of the check.) You can pay in-person (via the offering plate or at the Reception Desk) or online at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give (please note "Christmas Flowers"). Submit form and payment by Sunday, December 15, in order to have your memorial or thanksgiving printed in the Christmas bulletins.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

Given by: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Order deadline is December 15.