



CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Medical Leave

Jimi Paderick, Director of Church Life, is currently out of the office on an unexpected medical leave for approximately four weeks. In her absence, please refer to the list below on who to contact with various needs.

PASTORAL NEEDS

The Rev. Paul Canady: paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-571-6892

The Rev. Suzanne Hood: suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com or 804-832-4109

HARRISON CENTER RENTALS

Current Rentals: Randy Bogle
rbogle1968@gmail.com

Future Rental Inquiries: <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/harrison-center-inquiry>

Note: The Harrison Center is currently booked until the end of February, all inquiries should be for March 1 and after.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Emergencies: Randy Bogle, Junior Warden, and The Rev. Paul Canady
Regular Maintenance: Rick Miller, Building and Ground Commission Chair
rickmiller950@hotmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR MEETING MEETINGS/CHANGES

Betsy Downard betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-631-5866
or communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

CHURCH SUPPLIES

(FOR COMMITTEES / COMMISSIONS)

Sarah Risty-Davis sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-633-2109

Stewardship Update

LIVE THE FAITH

Christ Church's logo for the 2024 Stewardship Campaign asked us to step into and live our faith. It is with utmost gratitude that we acknowledge all that parishioners have done and continue to do with and for Christ Church. A warm and sincere THANK YOU to each of you who gave so generously of your time, talent, and treasure. It is humbling, indeed, to see such love everywhere at the corner of Pollack and Middle.

PRAY GRATEFULLY

Thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment to Christ Church. It is so gratifying to witness thoughtful and prayerful decisions made come alive in service to Christ through service within the church.

SERVE RESPONSIBLY

It is a joyful thing to visit the church and see parishioners at work in so many capacities. From being greeted by volunteer receptionists at the front desk, to enjoying the beautiful altar flowers and vestments provided by the Altar Guild... from seeing a spruced-up church yard thanks to the Building and Grounds Committee, to being served communion with the help of the Eucharistic Ministers... from being blessed by the beautiful music of the choirs and handbell choir, to watching New Bernians pick out the perfect pumpkin, tray of cookies, or piece of art thanks to members of the Outreach Committee. The list goes on...

GIVE GENEROUSLY

As the financial portion of Stewardship wraps up, there is much gratitude for the generous pledges committed for 2024. 202 households have contributed \$832,558 to date. While short of the goal to match last year's 231 households and \$875,280 (plus \$70,000 in additional gifts and upgraded pledges that came in after the end of year), we are both grateful for what has been given and hopeful that those who haven't yet pledged will do so very soon. We've watched the star on the stewardship chart go steadily up but would love to have it reach the top! If you haven't done so already, please visit www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship to make your 2024 pledge.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen (The Common Book of Prayer: Thanksgivings 837)



What is a Quiet Day?

A Quiet Day is a time to step away from the world for a few hours in contemplation and self-reflection. It is a time to be with others who want the same opportunity. A Quiet Day is not necessarily a silent day. There is time for talking and time for listening. There is time for eating and time for worshiping. It is a time of renewal. Come join us on March 9th and discover “Gifts From the Wilderness”.

This Quiet Day is sponsored by the Daughters of the King. To register, contact Jane Jones, janejkerr@gmail.com.



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

Lenten Series

“It may be that when historians look back at 20th century American history, all roads will lead to Pauli Murray . . . Civil rights, feminism, religion, literature, law, sexuality – no matter what the subject, there is Pauli Murray.”

Susan Ware, Editor, Notable American Women: a Biographical Dictionary Completing the Twentieth Century

During Lent, we will be offering a study by the Pauli Murray Center entitled “Building True Community...” based on the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. This class will be held weekly **both during the Sunday School hour and on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-3:30 pm**. Briefly introducing yourself to their life and work is recommended. You may view on Amazon the 2021 movie “My Name is Pauli Murray.” Additional recommendations for short videos and/or articles will be suggested weekly in the *Messenger*.

This week’s additional online resources:

“What is often called exceptional ability is nothing more than persistent endeavor.” Pauli Murray

“Pauli Murray: Attorney, Minister, Author: 1910-1985, Americans (<https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/pauli-murray/>) and/or

“The Many Lives of Pauli Murray,” by Kathryn Schulz New Yorker Magazine April, 2017 (<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/04/17/the-many-lives-of-pauli-murray>)

DOK Focus for Epiphany

During this season of Epiphany, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invite you to help with an Epiphany outreach effort for children of Craven County. From now until the beginning of Lent (February 14), we are collecting new or gently used books for Pre-K through middle school-aged children.



Bins are available for donations in the Reception Area beside Raggedy Ann and friends. Thank you!

2024 Pledge Envelopes

2024 Pledge envelopes are available and have been moved to the Reception Area, next to the front door. Thank you for your 2024 Pledge Commitment to Christ Church.

Many Thanks Pamlico Tree Care

Thank you to Pamlico Tree Care, LLC for the work you did on cleaning the large limbs from our Outdoor Chapel, as well as repairing our lovely tree that was damaged in the recent storm. We are deeply grateful for the efficient and friendly manner in which you completed the job, as well as doing it at no cost. You will always be our number one choice for any future needs. Thank you!

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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Patty Willis, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, and Terry Rich.

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, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, and Yumi.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James, Belhaven; St. Mary's, Burgaw

**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).



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, January 21

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

Monday, January 22

9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)

Tuesday, January 23

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, January 24

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

Service Music Notes

At the 8:30 am service our Song of Praise will be *Glory to God* from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal. Music will be included in the service bulletin. This contemporary setting is filled with beautiful chords that often have an almost jazz-like flare.

The Psalm at the 8:30 am service will be sung by the choir, a soloist, and, in part, by the congregation. The choir will sing the first refrain, and a soloist will sing the verses. The choir and congregation together will sing the remaining refrains.

At the 11 am service, the Psalm will be chanted by the choir.

One-on-One Prayer

We have added an opportunity for one-on-one prayer near the end of both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. We have prayer ministers available in the Chapel during and after Communion to pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861 for more information.

THE GOODS

IRM Dinner on Five Continents

Interfaith Refugee Ministry cordially invites you to our annual

DINNER ON FIVE CONTINENTS

Featuring live global entertainment, small-plate international dishes from five continents and a silent auction.

6 pm, Saturday, March 2, 2024
Christ Church Harrison Center
311 Middle Street, New Bern

\$65 per person

Reservations are available on our website
www.helpingrefugees.org

or

by calling the office at
252-633-9009

INTERFAITH REFUGEE MINISTRY



Vestry Orientation

New vestry members were recently oriented thanks to the second-year members.



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. January services can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for February services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **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! Click [here](#) for January shifts. Reserve your February shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Thank you to Randy and Joanie Bogle and Phyllis Fox for hosting this week's Coffee Hours.
- **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Want to explore a new way to serve at Christ Church? If you are interested in reading the scriptures to the congregation during Sunday worship as a Lay Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister at 252.634.7984 or lindamcalister50@gmail.com. Training is offered for this ministry.
- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry** is in need of the basics to furnish a home, including gently used bed sheets and blankets (twin, full and queen sized), gently used pots and pans, and new personal hygiene items. These items can be dropped off to 1913 Trent Blvd., New Bern, NC 28560, or purchased online and shipped to our office They can also use gift cards in any amount.
- **RCS Seeking Clothing Items:** RCS is in need of the following NEW clothing items for men, women, boys, and girls: socks, underwear, winter hats, and gloves. In addition, they are looking for gently used shoes for men, boys, and girls and coats for all ages and sizes. Clothing can be dropped off at RCS (919 George Street) or delivered to Terry Brubaker (terrytb49@gmail.com).

Lost and Found

Have you been searching for misplaced pair of glasses, umbrella, water bottle, book or car keys? If so, please look in the church's Lost and Found, which is located on the first floor next to the elevator.

Our collection has been growing in recent months. Help these items find their way back home. We will be clearing out the Lost and Found in the coming weeks and donating items to charity.