

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Stewardship 2025 -- Hearing God's Call

At Christ Church we are a welcoming community responding to God's call to provide a loving, spiritual home for all. We continually strive to HEAR GOD'S CALL in our everyday lives.

A few Sundays ago we heard personal stories from Nelson McDaniel and the Rev. Suzanne Hood on their "why" of giving. We will hear more parishioner stories in the coming weeks. Thank you to all who have volunteered to share their reflections.

For those who weren't able to pick up their Annual Giving packets during the Kick-Off, they have been mailed to parishioner houses. To view the materials online, please go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship>.



Hearing God's Call

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF
10/16/2024

Pledge Amount Received: \$312,880

Number of Pledges Received: 58

News From the Pumpkin Patch

With the beautiful Fall weather and MumFest, the Pumpkin Patch was hopping this past weekend. Thank you again to all who have worked a shift. Here are a couple of quick notes.

- Baked goods have traditionally been a very successful way to add to our Pumpkin Patch fundraising efforts, and we are always looking for new inventory. Bring your creations directly to the sales tent.
- Click [here](#) to sign up online to work a Pumpkin Patch shift, or go to the [Quick Links](#) section of our website and select "Work the Pumpkin Patch." We need a minimum of 54 volunteers each week. We have a number of open shifts this weekend.
- There is also a hard copy of the sign up in the Reception Area at church.
- We would like to borrow some small wagons for use at the Pumpkin Patch for customers to use when picking out their pumpkins.
- When you arrive to work your shift, please sign in on the sheet in the Sellers' Book

The patch is open EVERY DAY IN OCTOBER through October 31st. Our church's dedication to this fundraiser is amazing!



Vestry Reflections

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

As I wrap up my third year serving on the Vestry, I find myself reflecting on what it means to have served Christ Church in this capacity. I have learned so much about the time and commitment it takes from our clergy, staff, and volunteers to make Christ Church the welcoming, busy, and vibrant church it is in our community. I feel so grateful to have been elected to this position and to have gained so much in serving on the Vestry -- from learning immensely about the finances and operations of our church, to better understanding the various commissions and their roles in keeping Christ Church active, to ensuring the legacy of our church continues through our various outreach programs and Christian Formation. Serving on the Vestry has given me a wonderful opportunity to give back to the church that raised me, and I feel so thankful to the Christ Church parishioners for trusting in me.

- Rebecca Leahy

GIG Seeking Additional Mentors

We would love to have two more weekly mentors to join us at Growing In Grace. We need one mentor on Wednesdays and one mentor on Thursdays.

We have 10 wonderful children and a great family of mentors. Please email Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com) or text/call 252-675-8358.



Fauré Requiem Concert

On Friday, November 1st at 7:00 pm Christ Church is presenting an All-Saint's Day Requiem Concert featuring the Fauré Requiem and Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine, with full orchestra and soloists. Both the Requiem and the Cantique de Jean Racine are two of the most popular works in the choral literature genre and are often performed together. Known for their lyrical melodies and calm beauty, these two pieces are easy to digest and a pleasure to listen to. This performance is in memory and honor of those who have passed this last year.



Choral Concert
**FAURÉ
REQUIEM**
Featuring orchestra and the
Cantique de Jean Racine

**FRI, NOV. 1
7:00 PM**

Christ Episcopal Church
320 Pollock Street, New Bern



Fall Food Drive for RCS

This fall Christ Church is partnering with Religious Community Services to collect specific food items. These particular items are what would be most helpful at this point. RCS has asked us to purchase canned meat, canned beans, canned soup, mac & cheese, pasta sauce and meal helpers (Rice-E-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.). Please do not buy anything in glass containers as this requires additional wrapping and packaging. Also, please purchase 16 oz or 20 oz sizes, rather than larger sizes (even if the price is right). These smaller sizes are what RCS has asked for.

Bags will be handed out after church on Sunday, November 10th and collected the following Sunday, November 17th. Additionally, feel free to deliver items from this list to our collection point in the Reception Area from now until November 17.

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, 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, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, 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, Cheri, Katie, James, and Danny.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Ministries, Committees & Commissions of the Diocese of East Carolina; and St. Luke's Episcopal Mission, Currituck

**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](#).



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



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, October 20

- 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](#))
- 4 pm: Volunteer Recognition Evening Prayer and Reception (Nave / Harrison Center)

Monday, October 21

- 9 am: Lector / EM Training (Nave)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

- Clergy Conference at Trinity Center*
- 12:15 pm: Altar Guild Meeting (Parish House)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, October 27

- Cookie Walk Preview (Parish House)*
- 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](#))
- 5:30 pm: EYC Bible Stories in the Graveyard with First Presbyterian

Bible Stories in the Graveyard

On October 27, EYC will host a combined event with the youth group from First Presbyterian. We will play games, eat dinner and hear about some lessons that are on the spookier side just in time for Halloween. Please come out and join us 5:30-7:30 on Oct 27th. Contact Hannah at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

THE GOODS

Volunteer Celebration

TONIGHT is the night we celebrate all of our volunteers. We will host a special Evening Prayer Service, followed by a reception at the Harrison Center on Sunday, October 20. We will have a guest keynote speaker and thank you for all of our volunteers. Invitations have been 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!

Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Second Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC. The event will be held outside on the church grounds and feature many local artists and craft persons. The Holiday Market will provide locals and visitors an excellent opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase their creations for home and holiday gift giving.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9 AM until 4 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. Christ Church's address is 320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC, and 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.



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our October services and [here](#) to serve in our November services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your October shifts [here](#) and your November 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](#).

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.

Cookie Walk Preview

Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time

Join the Cookie Walk Elves on Sunday, October 27th, 8-12:15 in the Parish House for Cookie Walk Preview. The Elves will be signing up experienced and inexperienced bakers to help bring some holiday spirit to New Bern. All the proceeds from this event are returned to our community through the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. Not a baker? You can help package the cookies and of course help with Cookie Walk on December 14th. Sign-up sheets will be available in the reception area and online. Point of contact is Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.

Faith Connection Sponsors Documentary Film

You are invited to join us for a viewing of the 2021 award-winning documentary film *Kiss the Ground*. This compelling and entertaining film explores how helping heal the soil helps heal people -- and the earth. Narrated by actor, Woody Harrelson, the film will be of interest to all who garden, farm, or just care about the Earth.

This event will take place at 6:30 pm, Thursday, October 24, at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of New Bern (308 Meadows Road). Come enjoy the film, popcorn, and conversation. Free and open to all members and friends of Faith Connection.