

# The Messenger

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## Stewardship Update



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### PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 1/9/2024

Pledge Amount Received: \$832,558

Number of Pledges Received: 202

## 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. The Psalm 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 sung by the choir.

## 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 video resource:

“As an American I inherit the magnificent tradition of an endless march toward freedom and toward the dignity of all mankind,” Pauli Murray.

“Pauli Murray: Breaking Barriers of Race and Gender” a two-minute video found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzoeoOyl5ww>.

### GODLY PLAY

PRE K (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS)

- JAN 7 – COMBINED CLASS – BAPTISM OF JESUS
- JAN 14 – COMBINED CLASS – GOD CALLS SAMUEL
- JAN 21 – PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED
- JAN 28 – PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN
- FEB 4 – PARABLE OF THE SOWER
- FEB 11 – ST. VALENTINE (TRANSFIGURATION)
- FEB 18 – COMBINES CLASS – JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS
- FEB 25 – ABRAHAM
- MAR 3 – TEN BEST WAYS
- MAR 10 – THE CROSSES
- MAR 17 – EASTER EGGS
- MAR 24 – THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE UPPER ROOM
- APRIL 14 – CIRCLE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
- APRIL 21 – PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERDS
- APRIL 28 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE WORLD COMMUNION
- MAY 12 – BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
- MAY 19 – MYSTERY OF THE PENTECOST

### WHIRL K-2

- JAN 7 – IN THE BEGINNING
- JAN 14 – GOD CALLS SAMUEL
- JAN 21 – HEALING IN THE SYNAGOGUE
- FEB 4 – HEALING AT SIMON’S HOUSE
- FEB 11 – ELIJAH & ELISHA
- FEB 18 – GOD’S COVENANT WITH NOAH
- FEB 25 – THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM
- MAR 3 – THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
- MAR 10 – MOSES AND THE BRONZE SERPENT
- MAR 17 – JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH
- MAR 24 – MARK’S HOLY WEEK
- APRIL 7 – EARLY BELIEVERS SHARE
- APRIL 14 – JESUS APPEARS TO DISCIPLES
- APRIL 21 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD
- APRIL 28 – LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER
- MAY 5 – KIDS IN LOVE
- MAY 12 – MATTHIAS IS CHOSEN
- MAY 19 – FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



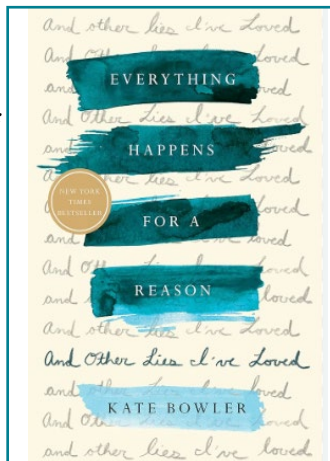
### WHIRL 3-5

- JAN 7 – IN THE BEGINNING
- JAN 14 – GOD CALLS SAMUEL
- JAN 21 – HEALING IN THE SYNAGOGUE
- FEB 4 – HEALING AT SIMON’S HOUSE
- FEB 11 – ELIJAH & ELISHA
- FEB 18 – GOD’S COVENANT WITH NOAH
- FEB 25, MAR 3, MAR 10 & MAR 17 – BIBLE
- MAR 24 – MARK’S HOLY WEEK
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# Woman's Book Study

The Women's Book Study will soon begin reading *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$15.00).



Bowler is an Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke Divinity School. This memoir details the emotional, spiritual, and physical journeys she took after being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at age 35. Kate was stripped of certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never had been before.

Join us on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we explore uncertainty in our own lives and the gifts God has for us in the midst of it. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

**By this all men will know that  
you are my disciples, if you love  
one another.**

*John 13:35*

# The Good Book Club



THE  
**GOOD BOOK**  
CLUB

Genesis | Epiphany 2024

Let's read the Book of Genesis!

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. – Gen 1:1*

The Good Book Club is an initiative of Forward Movement (publishers of Forward Day by Day) and the Episcopal Church for all of us to read through a book of the Bible together. In 2024, we'll work our way through the first book in the Bible.

It can be a lot to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. And since Scripture is best understood in community, we'll have two opportunities to look at the readings together: Wednesdays at the Rector's Bible Study (11:00am in the Parish House) and on Sunday morning at 9:45am in the Library. Both sessions will cover the same material.

We will start on Wednesday, January 3rd and Sunday, January 7th with an overview of Genesis.

You can access the schedule of readings here <https://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/> and learn more about the Good Book Club here <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>.

No prior Bible knowledge needed! (And if you need a Bible, please let one of the clergy know! We have plenty to share). Contact the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)) or 252.631.5861 for more information.

## Contemplative Prayer - "Praying with Hildegard of Bingen"

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on six Mondays through February 12

Sign Up: By email – [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

Meets In Person & On Zoom : In person: Pelletier Room (Upstairs at Christ Church)

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

Study Book: *Praying with Hildegard of Bingen: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka  
(Used paperbacks can be ordered online through Amazon.)

You are invited to meet Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century contemplative, who made a major impact on the spiritual lives of many people. In her day, Hildegard served in a variety of ministries – as an abbess, a counselor to popes and emperors, a homeopathic healer, a composer, a renowned preacher, the author of nine major books, and the founder of an abbey at Bingen, Germany. This 12th century holy woman has recently emerged as a spiritual mentor for our times. "What is so attractive about Hildegard's spirituality for today?" asks Gloria Durka, author of *Praying with Hildegard of Bingen: Companions for the Journey*. Durka tells us that Hildegard's spirituality, "seems to fill a vacuum in the heart and mind of people who are journeying toward the center of life." Today, in the 21st century, we are journeying toward the same spiritual center as Hildegard. This January, come and participate in the weekly Contemplative Prayer Group with Hildegard of Bingen as our spiritual guide. During each session, we will support one another in our pilgrimage of prayer and our search for spiritual growth. Let us trust that in the search itself, we open ourselves to God's transforming love.



# 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 Schnobelen, 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, and Elizabeth.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's, Beaufort; LaSagrada Familia, Newton Grove

*\*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](#).*

## 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!



## 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, January 14

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

12:15 pm: LEV Meeting (Pelletier Room)

12:15 pm: Christian Formation Meeting (Library)

### Monday, January 15

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -- Church Offices Closed*

### Tuesday, January 16

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

3 pm: Volunteer Receptionist Meeting (Library)

5 pm: Parish Life Commission (Library)

5 pm: Outreach Grant Committee Meeting

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

### Wednesday, January 17

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Saturday, January 20

9 am: EAst Carolina Youth Council (Parish House)

### 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](#))

## Medical Leave

Jimi Paderick, Director of Church Life, will be out of the office beginning Wednesday, January 17th for unexpected medical leave for approximately four weeks. As anticipated, she is leaving her desk in good order, as well as a good communication strategy, so that church business continues with as few interruptions as possible. Do not hesitate to reach out to other members of the staff (including the clergy) if there is something you need that Jimi might have coordinated. Please keep Jimi in your prayers during this time.



# THE GOODS

## POD Explores Epiphany

Pathways of Discipleship (POD) met for the first time in 2024 last Sunday. They talked about Epiphany and the Magi, smelled frankincense and placed the following chalk blessing on doorways around the church:

20 + C + M + B + 24

The CMB can mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” (May Christ bless this home) or the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

And then they got ice cream!

POD is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and meets at 4 pm on the first Sunday of each month. Come join us!



## 2024 Pledge Envelopes

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

## Faith Connection Program

The next Faith Connection program will be held at 4 pm, Thursday, January 18 at Broad Street Christian Church (802 Broad Street). The topic is “Everything You wanted to Know about Being a Blood Donor” presented by Kristin Willis, Account Manager for the American Red Cross. All are welcome, and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

## 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](mailto: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 Rodney Hayes 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 in the New Year? 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, who coordinates these volunteers. She can be reached at 252.634.7984 or [lindamcalister50@gmail.com](mailto: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. We can also use gift cards in any amount. Thank you for helping us welcome the stranger.
- **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](mailto:terrytb49@gmail.com)).

## For Those Who Mourn

Parishioner Archie Asadourian passed away on January 1, 2024. He is survived by his beloved wife, Louisa Ann Asadourian; devoted daughters Andrea Ganum (Joseph) and Michelle Frank (Frederick), and son Patton Massengell.

Archie will be remembered for his deep capacity to love, his generosity and his quick wit. Services will be on January 27 in Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

Archie's full obituary can be viewed [here](#). Please hold Archie's family in your prayers.