

2025 CROP Hunger Walk

The 45th Annual New Bern Area CROP Hunger Walk will happen on Sunday, September 28th at Union Point Park. Christ Church will host a water station, and we encourage members to sign up to walk or donate to support the event. CROP Walk raises funds to address nutritional and developmental needs of those in our community and around the globe. Locally, Religious Community Services (RCS) will receive 25% of the proceeds.



This year Christ Church is encouraging those who would like to participate in CROP Walk as part of a team to join up with Interfaith Refugee Ministry. IRM has joyfully invited all Christ Church members to join their CROP Walk team. Help raise money for those who are food insecure in our community and raise awareness for IRM at the same time. Please go to this link for more information: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/interfaith-refugee-ministry>.

September InGathering

My Sister's House, operated by Tried by Fire, Inc., is a facility that provides a safe home for women post-incarceration. The women are given guidance and mentoring as they work on reentry. Residents are aided with personalized reentry plans, as well as connections to vital services for sustainable, independent living and, when possible, reunification with their children. The mission is rooted in compassion and welcoming women of diverse backgrounds.

During the month of September, Christ Church's Outreach InGathering will benefit My Sister's House. Please consider donating twin sheet sets, towels, and cleaning supplies. The house is particularly in need of fabric softener, microfiber cleaning cloths, and multipurpose cleaning sprays.



Website Updates

Looking for updates on our Fall [Christian Formation](#) opportunities for [children](#), [youth](#) and [adults](#)? Have you seen our new [Resource Library](#) page that includes, [recent emails](#), [frequently asked questions](#), and an online [community bulletin board](#) page? Do you want to access past issues of [The Crown and Messenger](#) or take a look at the [weekly calendar](#)? Are you interested in upcoming [music events](#) at church? Looking to set up or make changes to your [online giving](#)? The Christ Church website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/>) has all of that information and more.

In addition the [Quick Links](#) section contains links to various timely information, including online services and service bulletins and much more! Check back often, as new information is added frequently.

Seniors Who Lunch

Our monthly senior luncheon returns this week after taking a break over the summer. Join us from 11:30 am - 1 pm, **Thursday, September 18**, for lunch and a brief program. RSVP online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEA928ABFF2-58155890-seniors>.

Acolyte Training

Training for all new and returning acolytes will take place next Sunday, September 21, following the 11 am service. Please meet in the Nave.

Pumpkin Patch Updates

The pumpkins will be arriving Saturday, September 27, so PLEASE mark your calendar. We'll need lots of hands to help with unloading.

We recently received the following message from our pumpkin supplier, Pumpkins USA, in New Mexico.

"The pumpkins are looking wonderful this year! Thanks to favorable weather, steady growing conditions, and the hard work of our staff, the crop is healthy, strong, and right on schedule. We're expecting an excellent harvest, with great quality and variety.

Meanwhile, our mechanics have been busy with equipment maintenance, so all of our harvest machines are ready to roll. The first truckloads will be heading out in less than two weeks!"

Remember to sign up to work a volunteer shift or two this year. Online and paper signs up will be available soon. More information to come!



Memorial Service

A Celebration of Life for Buddy Payne

2 - 6 pm, Saturday, September 20

Swansboro Rotary Club

Buddy Payne served as Assistant Camp Director at Trinity Center for 7 years before moving in March 2025 to be the Camp Director at DaySpring, the Episcopal Camp in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. He died unexpectedly on August 21 at the age of 35.

All are invited to gather and remember Buddy with stories, laughter, and just the right amount of irreverence. The Rev.'d Michelle Bullock and The Rev.'d Nathan Finnin will lead the service, after which we'll do exactly what Buddy would have hated — make a big ol' fuss about how much we loved him.

Then, we'll do what he actually would've wanted: throw a party. Food will be provided by his friends at The Shark's Den, and you can bet it'll be good.

In true Buddy fashion, formalwear is strictly forbidden. No blazers, no neckties, no exceptions. Hawaiian shirts, t-shirts, and flip flops are the uniform of the day. And while no one could rock a coconut bra quite like Buddy, if you feel inspired, we won't stop you.

Come ready to laugh, cry, eat, and share the kind of stories that would've made Buddy roll his eyes — and then grin when he thought no one was looking.

New Organ Recital Series at Christ Church

Announcing the Jane K. Millns Organ Recital Series! Christ Episcopal Church is welcoming three artists for the 2025-2026 season. All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/music>.

- **Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 4:00 pm: James O'Donnell**, Professor of Organ at Yale School of Music and the former Organist and Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in London, UK.
- **Sunday, March 1, 2026 @ 4:00 pm: David Baskeyfield**, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina.
- **Friday, May 15, 2026 @ 7:00 pm: Nathaniel Gumbs**, Director of Music at The Riverside Church in New York City, and the Dedication Recitalist for our Opus 85 pipe organ.

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, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, Rebecca Liberty, Betty Simon, Alan Rogers, John Phaup, Becki Rich, and Skip Byrum.



For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, Denise, David, Sam, Larry, Bobby, Joan, Corey, Denni, Elizabeth, Jenna, Peter, Bob, Janis, Karen, Tory, Jill, Marty, Kevin, Phil, Warren, Henry, Bruce, Raquel, Betty, and Grant.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville; and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

**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, September 14

8:30 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
6 pm: EYC Meeting (Youth Room)

Monday, September 15

8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:15 am Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)
1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

12:15 pm: Pastoral Care Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, September 18

11 am: Senior Luncheon (Parish House)
1 pm: Endowment Board Meeting (Library)
3:30 pm: Faith Connection Meeting (Parish House)
5 pm: Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser for Tried by Fire (Harrison Center)

Friday, September 19

4 pm: Wedding Rehearsal (Nave)

Saturday, September 20

9:30 / 11 am: Visitation and Funeral for Margo Skaggs (Nave)
5 pm: Wedding (Nave)
5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, September 21

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
12:30 pm: Acolyte Training

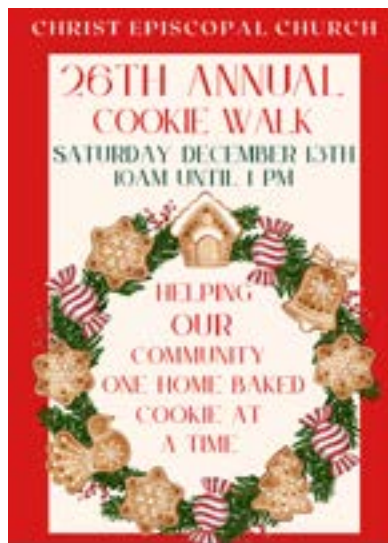
Foyers Returns

Foyers returns next Saturday, September 20, at the home of Pam and Rick Miller: (1025 Bracken Fern Drive, New Bern in Fairfield Harbor).

Please bring your beverage of choice, your drink container and an appetizer to share. RSVP to eparlett4@gmail.com. Please do respond so the hosts can plan.

Cookie Walk -- From Head Elf, Terri Walls

Time to dust off your cookie recipes and stock your baking supplies. Saturday December 13, 2025 from 10am-1pm the Harrison Center will be bustling with volunteer elves helping customers get their cookies for the holidays. Volunteers will be needed the day of the event, but also the days leading up to the event. As we all know baking cookies can cost quite a bit and is time consuming, so



there will be a couple groups providing cookie baking workshops to make many dozens of cookies. If you are unable to bake, but would still like to contribute, think about donating some money or grocery gift cards to help pay for the ingredients for the baking workshops. Please donate Gift Cards or money by the end October.

We will be happy to sign you up for volunteering your time and/or baking cookies for the event. Our volunteers make this a successful yearly event. All proceeds go directly to Outreach Grants, which help our community. For any information or volunteering opportunities contact Terri Walls at etwalls@me.com, or text or call 252-571-5857.

Save the Date - Angel Tree

Mark your calendars for Angel Tree gift buying in November! If you would like to help in planning or gift distribution contact anyone on the Angel Tree Team:

- Terry Brubaker 252-514-9550 terrytb49@gmail.com
- Alicia Alford. 910-389-2687 littlel-ish@me.com
- Liz Coble 706-766-5199 erichardsbiology@gmail.com
- Gay Stuart 252-876-3400 junegstuart@yahoo.com
- Mia Wireman 502-405-8101 miawireman@gmail.com



Faith Connection Meeting

Christ Church will host the September Faith Connection meeting at 4 pm, Thursday, September 18. Ben Watford, Director of the Craven County Bond Fund will be the presenter.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for September services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. September 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.*
- **Coffee Hour:** Sunday Coffee Hour is back for fall, winter, and spring. We appreciate our weekly hosts. To sign up to host, click [here](#). Coffee Hour takes place between services at 9:45 am. Snacks and coffee will also be available after the 11 am service.
- **Volunteer with EYC:** To sign up to provide dinner for our Sunday EYC meetings, go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEA828A-3FAC25-58192545-eycmeals#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEA828A-3FAC25-58192545-eycmeals#/) Contact [Hannah Hutchens](#) for more information.

2025 Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Third Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC (320 Pollock Street, 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. All mediums are welcome, so start spreading the word now.



The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9 AM until 3 PM. 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. The proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online at: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. For more information, please email artmarket@christchurchnewbern.com.