

# CHRIST CHURCH The Messenger

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## Christ Church Episcopal Church Women: All Saints Chapter

On Monday, February 15th we welcome a speaker from the newly refurbished New Bern Civic Theatre. Their presentation, "Dramatically Different," will fill us in on the ongoing renovations being done at their iconic building on Pollock Street. Our meeting begins at 10 am in the Parish House. Please join us!

Reminder: Please get your orders in by Sunday, February 12th for our Spring Geranium Sale. These big, gorgeous plants come in red, white or pink and will be available for pick-up just in time for Mother's Day (pick-up day is Wednesday, May 10). Treat someone special or yourself to these wonderful flowers that will bloom all through the summer and fall! Order forms can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ECW-Plant-Sale>. Copies are also available in the Reception Area and the Narthex. There is a locked box at the reception desk for your completed order form and cash/check.

**ECW SPRING  
GERANIUM SALE**

*Spruce up your spring with geranium plants from Christ Church ECW.*

The proceeds of this sale will be used to further the mission of our ECW Chapter. All geranium plants are in 6" pots and cost \$16 each. Advance payment is required. Cash and checks accepted.

Please drop off your payment at church or mail to Christ Church, PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563. Order forms can be found in the lobby and Narthex. Please note: ECW Plant Sale with your payment.

For more information, please call **Gretchen Lankenau** (252.633.1873) or **Margi Thompson** (252.675.7323)

**ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**PLANT PICK UP: 9 AM ~ 4 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 (HARRISON CENTER)**

## VBS 2023: Save the Dates

### VBS AT CHRIST CHURCH

REGISTRATION  
OPENS MARCH 1ST

JUNE 12-16, 2023  
8:45AM-12PM



## Scavenger Hunt to Benefit RCS

Tonight from 6-7 pm, our youth are partnering with First Presbyterian to compete in a loaves and fishes scavenger hunt for RCS donations. If you would like to be added to the scavenger hunt donation map, contact Meg Jones ([megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com)). If the youth don't make it to your house, please bring your items for donation to church next Sunday, February 5.

### Top-Requested Items from RCS

- Ramens, Helpers (hamburger, tuna, etc), Rice
- Canned fruit, Spaghetti-os, Beans, Canned meats, Soups
- New underwear and socks (children, youth and adult)
- Feminine products
- Hygiene products



## DOK Outreach Effort

During this season of Epiphany, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invite you to help us with an outreach effort for the Coastal Women's Shelter. From now until the beginning of Lent (February 21), we are collecting items from the CWS Wish List (<https://www.coastalwomensshelter.org/wish-list>).

The most needed items are:

- paper goods
- cleaning supplies
- office supplies
- plastic totes
- baby hygiene items
- men's hygiene items



Please help us gather these supplies to help support Coastal Women's Shelter. Donation bins are available in the Reception Area. Thank you!

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## The Order of the Daughters of the King

Women of Christ Church, are you looking for a spiritual community in a busy world where women with similar interests can pray, study, share together, and affirm and support each other?

The Epiphany Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King would like to extend an invitation to you to meet us and find out more about the Order. This invitation is open to all women who are baptized and a member of Christ Church. We are inviting interested women to the next meeting of the Order of the Daughters of the King on Monday, February 6 at 4 pm. This will be an opportunity to learn about DOK from members, ask questions and enjoy light refreshments. We will have another meet and greet on Sunday, February 19, at 9:45 am in the Parish House. We invite you to consider becoming a Daughter.

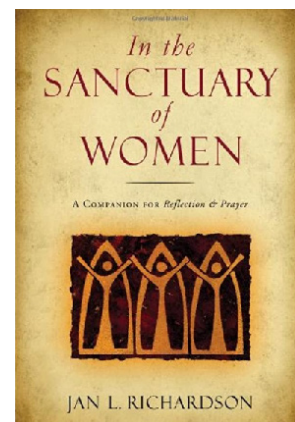


## Women's Book Study

On Tuesday, February 7 the Women's Book Study will begin reading *In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection & Prayer* by Jan Richardson. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$20.00). Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

In this book she explores the wellsprings of women's wisdom, inviting readers into a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and conversation about the mysteries at the heart of who we are.

Join us on Tuesdays from 10-11 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we journey deeper into sanctuary. 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.



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## T-Ball Registration Open

Christ Church has a t-ball team through the New Bern Sunday School League. The team is open to children from three years old through Kindergarten. We play in April and May. Registration for this year's team is now open. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2023-tball> to register.

If you have a child who is older than Kindergarten and is interested in playing baseball, please let Meg know. There is a possibility that we could also field an older team, or we will work to set you up with a team.



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## Grateful: Adult Class Series

A new adult Sunday morning class series on being grateful starts today. Join us in the Parish House during Sunday School Hour as we watch a video on gratitude and talk about why God calls us to be grateful. The videos are from Episcopal author, Diana Butler Bass. We hope to explore what it means to be grateful with ourselves and with our larger community. We will also discuss how we explore gratitude before the season of Lent. This class will meet weekly through February 19. The classes will build on each other, but you don't need to watch each video to participate in the discussion of gratitude.

# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

## For our ill and recovering parishioners:

Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,\* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon\*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Jack Brown-ing-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, and Helen Margaret Gaskins.



## REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Lynne, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Polly, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Katherine, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, and Mary Ann.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** 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](#).*

## STAY TUNED: FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE CROWN

- Volunteer Spotlight: Funeral Receptions Committee
- Christian Formation Updates
- News from Around Christ Church
- 2022 Church Financial Overview..... and much more!

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday, January 29

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:30 am: Coffee available between services  
9:45 am: Sunday School  
11 am: Eucharist Rite II with Eucharist (Nave / [online](#))  
12 pm: Coffee Hour  
12:15 pm: Acolyte Training  
5:30 pm: EYC  
6 pm: Loaves and Fishes Youth Scavenger Hunt  
(with First Presbyterian)

### Monday, January 30

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)  
1 pm: Staff Meeting  
3 pm: Growing in Grace

### Tuesday, January 31

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)  
10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)  
3 pm: Growing in Grace  
5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)  
5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)  
7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Wednesday, February 1

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)  
3 pm: Growing in Grace  
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)  
7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Thursday, February 2

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)  
3 pm: Growing in Grace  
3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

### Sunday, February 5

#### **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:30 am: Coffee available between services  
9:45 am: Sunday School  
11 am: Eucharist Rite II with Eucharist (Nave / [online](#))  
12 pm: Coffee Hour  
4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)  
6 pm: EYC

The next issue of *The Crown* will be distributed February 5. The Article deadline for the March issue is February 15. Send items to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

Weekly article deadlines:

- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thurs;
- Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wed.
- Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday

# THE GOODS

## Rector's Bible Study

Join us in the Library at 11 am on Wednesdays for the 2023 Good Book Club. We have had great discussion on the book of Ruth. Now through February 15, we will be looking at the book of Esther. This is a hybrid class, with a live-in person gathering in the Library and an option to join via Zoom (click [here](#) to join). You can find the full schedule of readings at <https://www.good-bookclub.org/>. We will be looking at the previous week's readings as well as a preview of what's to come. If you have any questions, contact the Rev. Paul Canady 252.631.5861 or [paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes with giving series numbers 100 and higher are now available in the Parish House. Please contact Cindy Tripp at [cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com) if you have any questions.

## Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the people of Christ Church. If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, call the church office or sign up online [here](#). Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

The church's cost for weekly altar flowers is \$110. Individual parishioner cost is \$35 per Sunday.

## Christ Church Cooks

The freezer is full! Do you need meals to give to friends/family members who are sick, recovering, or experiencing a family emergency? Please think of anyone who could use these meals and stop by and get some items. Questions? Contact [Ellen Chance](#).



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

*Philippians 4:6*

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in February services, including Ash Wednesday, [here](#). For more information about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **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! February dates can be found [here](#).
- **GIG Mentor:** There is an opening for one additional GIG mentor this semester. Contact Debbie Fodrie ([debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252.675.8358) if you're interested in joining our GIG family.
- **Coffee Hours:** Coffee hours take place after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish House. If you would like to volunteer to be a host, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen.

## EYC and POD Food Sign Ups

EYC meets most Sundays, and their meetings include dinner. If you would like to cook or contribute dinner to our Youth, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-eycdinner3>. You are welcome to drop off dinner or have it delivered, and eat with us if you'd like.

POD meets once a month on Sunday afternoons, and their meetings include a snack. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-podsnacks3> if you would like to prepare or contribute a snack for POD. You're always welcome to enjoy the snack with the group.

We have plates, napkins, utensils, cups, water and some serving utensils. Please be cautious of peanut allergies.

## 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](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com). When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.