

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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What is Refreshment Sunday?

On Sunday, March 19th, we'll be a little over halfway through our Lenten journey, and we will eat copious amounts of chili! The Fourth Sunday in Lent is often called Laetare Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. We switch from purple to rose (not pink!) vestments. In ancient times, it was a Sunday to take a break from ones Lenten Discipline. The day reminds us that we are saved by grace and not by stringent effort. In the days of yore, this same Sunday was known in England as Mothering Sunday. It was a day when servants and apprentices were allowed to take a day off and go home to visit their mothers. That tradition later became linked to parochial life as people made pilgrimage to the church of their youth, their "Mother Church." On this day, people gathered at the church to play games, eat pastries and engage in various festivities.

Refreshment Sunday also serves as a good time for a parish family to intentionally reconnect!

Next Sunday, we will gather for **worship at 10 am**. We will still have **Sunday School at 9 am**. Following our time of worship, we'll gather in the Harrison Center for the Annual Chili Cook-Off. This is an annual fundraising event for our middle and high schoolers, and it's always a culinary delight!! It's amazing to see how many different styles of chili and cornbread we can make! We're always looking for people to make that chili and cornbread and for people to come and eat it!

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. If you cook, you pay nothing. You can sign up to cook at <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Chili-and-Cornbread>. If you have any questions, reach out to Meg Jones (megjones@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5867). Hope to see you there!



VBS 2023 - Registration

Open

Vacation Bible School is June 12th-16th. We're going on an exploration to find God's light. All children, ages three through rising 5th grade, are invited to participate.

We have a major need for volunteers in order to ensure a successful week. VBS is a great way to serve others, mentor a younger generation, and get to know other people at Christ Church. Volunteers can be as young as rising 6th grade through adults of all ages.

Volunteers can help lead a station (art, science, snack and games) and groups (broken up by grades). You can help all week or for just one day. Volunteers will need to be up-to-date on Safe Church Practices.

Can't make it that week? We'll need help with decorations the week before. We'll also have a donation list. You can drop the items off at the church, and we'll use them during VBS. Also, your prayers for safety and more knowledge of God's love will help tremendously.

To register a child or sign up to volunteer, please visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/childrens-page>. Contact Meg Jones at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

Lenten Formation Options

There are multiple options in which parishioners can participate during Lent this year. For more information on individual class offerings, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/adult-classes>.

HOLY AND FAITHFUL

Tuesday evenings (March 14, 21, & 28) on Zoom from 7:30-8:30 pm

Join us with friends around the diocese as we learn about Saints and their lives. Class is led by Xena Markine- Morrison at St. Stephen's in Goldsboro and Meg Jones. Register here: <https://dioec.regfox.com/holy-faithful>

SEEKING

Wednesday nights 5:30 -7 pm in the Library;

We'll take this season to look at some stories of our faith through pictures, poetry, and drawings. Nursery provided. A light dinner is available from 5:30 - 6 pm in the Parish House.

CATECHETICAL SERIES

Meets Sunday mornings in the Library; led by Andrew Garlick

On Sunday mornings during Lent, we will have an opportunity to dig into our faith. This week we will study key women of the Old Testament. What was the role of women in the ancient near east, and how do women in the Old Testament break the cultural mode?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

John Gaskill is offering Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel during Lent.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Ann Bustard Award was created to honor the service of Ann Bustard to Christian Education as Director of Children's Ministries. The Scholarship is awarded to a youth member of Christ Church who demonstrates academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities, as well as leadership, service and participation in church activities.

Those eligible must complete the application form and submit a transcript of high school grades to the award selection committee. Both documents are needed to complete your application. Application forms will be available in the reception area and at this [link](#). The deadline is noon on Friday, March 24th.

Lenten Quiet Day

On Saturday, March 25, from 9 am - 12 pm, spend a morning in quiet at church. You can go on a prayer walk, journal, do lectio divina in a group, pray over palms, and have a chance for private confession. They'll all be focused on ways to engage in your life in ministry. We'll meet back around 11:30 am to chat about the things we did and how we felt called.

We'll close with noonday prayer. There will be plenty of time to make it to Trinity Center to celebrate the young people who will be making a declaration of their faith that afternoon.



Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Meet in the chapel at 9 am

Youth Confirmation

Some of our youth have been in the diocesan youth confirmation class since September. They will be Confirmed at Trinity Center at 2pm on March 25th. Please join us if you can and celebrate their public declaration of faith. We have limited spots in the van if you would like a ride. Please contact Meg at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

Farmworker Ministry Drive

Our active support for 2023 is underway with a drive for specified food and toiletry items as contributions for the thousands of migrant farmworkers who will begin arriving in April. We are now able to re-energize our yearly help interrupted by COVID from 2020-2022.

Farmworkers provide the fruits and vegetables we depend upon at a cost we can afford. They earn less than half a minimum wage, are separated from their families, have social security taken out and are ineligible for most benefits our levels of government provide its citizens.

The Farmworker Ministry was initiated in 1982 by the Dioceses of East and North Carolina. It has been actively supported by Christ Church members and donations since its inception. More than 10,000 farmworkers are touched by this ministry through advocacy, visits to worker camps, translation of documents, emergency assistance, referrals to legal and medical visits, an annual festival, and donations of food, clothing, blankets, heaters, fans and other essentials.

ECW News

Please join us tomorrow, March 13th, at 10 am, for our March meeting when we will welcome one of our own, Amanda Norwood, who will fill us in on the activities of The Interfaith Refugee Ministry. This is a dynamic group, and it will be enlightening to find out exactly what their activities are, how and who they help, and perhaps see if you'd like to become a part of it!

On another note, we believe we will see a nice profit from our spring Geranium sale. We would like each ECW member to suggest a group or organization that you think deserves a contribution (upwards of \$600). We would like to support groups that do not currently receive funds from Christ Church. Please send your ideas and why you think they are deserving to Rodney Hayes, and we will discuss and vote on them at the March or April meeting. We may decide to support two or three groups!

Also, having to do with the sale, we need a few trucks or SUV's to pick up the geraniums from Pinecone Nursery and bring them to the Harrison Center on the morning of Wednesday, May 10th. This will save us the expense of having them transported, and, therefore, all the money will go to charity!

We are in need of a coordinator for the Church Periodical Club. The collection will be on one Sunday only this spring, and help will be provided to and guide you through the process. We also are in need of a Recording Secretary for the 2023-2024 year. Please give this some serious thought and prayer. We need YOU! Let Rodney Hayes know if you're interested in either role.

Thank you all. Any questions, contact Rodney Hayes at rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com. See you the Monday!

In peace we pray to you, Lord

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, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

McCulley, 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, Helen Margaret Gaskins, and Margaret Wright.

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, Courtney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, 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, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Cathy, Chris, Eunice, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, and Carol.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Elizabeth City; and Holy Innocents, Seven Springs

**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).*

The April issue of *The Crown* will be distributed April 2. The Article deadline for the April issue is March 15. Send items to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Weekly article deadlines:

- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thursday
- Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: 12 pm on Wednesday

Save the Date - Spring Clean Up

We will have a church yard Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 13. Stay tuned for more details.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 12

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC

Monday, March 13

- 10 am: ECW All Saints Meeting (Parish House)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace

Tuesday, March 14

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 10 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 5:15 pm: Evangelism Commission Meeting (Library)
- 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)
- 7:30 pm: Holy and Faithful Lenten Program (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 15

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 12 pm: Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 5:30 pm: Seeking Lenten Program (Parish House)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, March 16

- 10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)
- 10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist (Offsite)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time
- 5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)

Saturday, March 18

- 9 am: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)
- 5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, March 19

- 9 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11:30 am: Chili Cook Off and Cornbread Bake
- 6 pm: EYC



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another

John 13:34b

THE GOODS

Cursillo Spring Weekend

Cursillo Spring Weekend EC #102 is April 27-30, 2023, with Dave Silvia, from Wilmington, as Lay Rector.

If you are interested in becoming a Pilgrim (attending for the first time) with East Carolina Cursillo Ministry, please contact Mary Lynn at 252-626-3364, and she will direct you to a sponsor. The weekend is at Trinity Center, Salter Path.

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Officer Christopher Konzen on his birthday by Jean Reichenbach; and in loving memory of Charles Knight, Sr., on his birthday from Glenda and Charles Knight, Jr.

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. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Where Can You Plug In?

• **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our March services [here](#). Click [here](#) to reserve your April shifts, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter. 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! Reserve your March time slot [here](#). April dates can be found [here](#).

• **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.

• **Items needed for L'il Pantry:** We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST!

Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate Easter.

The easiest way to pay is on our website at www.christchurchnewbern.com/give. If you'd rather write a check, please complete the form below and make your check for \$30 payable to Christ Church. You can drop the form and check off at church, mail them in to us at P.O. Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563, or place them in the collection plate. Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo space on your check. Please write clearly on this form.

Wednesday, March 29, is the last date we can accept and notate memorials in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

If you have any problems, please contact Ellie at 252-631-5863 or ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com.

Check one option: In loving memory of OR In thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____