

CHRIST CHURCH The Messenger

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Diocesan Convention Wrap Up

Christ Church was well represented at the 140th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina in Greenville last weekend. Our five lay delegates and three clergy delegates were joined by other Christ Church members on the East Carolina Youth Council and folks who are part of ministries like Interfaith Refugee Ministry, Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry, and the Racial Healing Commission. Baker Hudson and Lauren Simmons served as acolytes during Friday's Eucharist. Alison Ezell served as our Youth Representative, and Tayleigh Carpenter, an 11th grader, was one of our voting delegates. Please see pictures below.

Several members and clergy were elected and appointed to posts across the Diocese.

- The Rev. Paul Canady (General Convention Deputy)
- Stephen Clayton (Executive Council)
- The Rev. Lisa Kirby (Disciplinary Board)
- Meg Jones (Convention Committee)
- Kathleen Rice (Trinity Center Board of Managers)

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry makes an official visit to the Diocese of East Carolina in October. Part of his visit will include a revival on Saturday, October 21st. The location and time have not been set yet. We will post more details as they become available. This will be a major event in the life of our Diocese. We hope you'll mark your calendars now.



What's an Instructed Eucharist?

Today, Sunday, February 19, we will have an Instructed Eucharist at both 8:30 and 11:00. In the midst of the liturgy, we will offer brief reflections and explanations on why we do things the way we do them. In many things in life, we do the same thing on a regular basis and sometimes lose sight of the meaning of it all. We hope this opportunity will be a refresher for some, new learning for others, and for all of us, a way to prepare for a more intentional and holy Lent.

ALSO THIS SUNDAY...

The Kindergarten through 2nd grade class spent four weeks talking about our two sacraments, baptism and Eucharist. During one of the classes, they made communion bread. We will be using that bread this Sunday during Eucharists until we run out.

The 3rd-5th graders have been talking about the Bible. This Sunday, we will present Bibles and bookmarks to our 3rd graders.

a prayer for reading the Bible

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5 - 6:30 pm, February 21 in the Harrison Center

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us. We'll have pancakes, sausage and bacon. We'll have tables inside the Harrison Center, or you can preorder plates to go. Adult plates are \$6, children's plates are \$4 for ages 3 - 10. Kids under the age of 3 are free. There is a \$20 max per household.

You can pay online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> (use the "pancakes" field). You can also pay when you pick up your food or at the church at any time.

To preorder your meals, go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-shrove3#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-shrove3#/) Contact Meg Jones at megjones@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.



Camp Hope Sunday Recap

The past Sunday was Camp Hope Sunday, and Christ Church enjoyed a visit and talk by long-time camper, LaDonta Edwards. For those who did not experience LaDonta's talk, a summary is below. Thank you to all who support Camp Hope.

My name is Ladonta Edwards, and I have lived in New Bern ever since I was born. I am a sophomore at Pamlico County High.

Camp Hope is a great camp to go. My first year was in 2015, and I attended at Camp Bob five times. There are always good people that you become so close with that they become family. At camp there are a lot of things you learn, including: learning how to be responsible, learning to have sportsmanship, and learning to be a problem solver. It also creates great communication skills and teaches how to be selfless. The one that I like the most -- and have run with -- is to be a LEADER. I am also a youth leader at Motion church, and I think the reason for that is because of Camp Hope.

There are a lot of things I like about camp. This particular camp is Christian-based, which I love. Also, I love that at camp you get to meet new friends every year, and those camp friendships last forever. At Camp Hope everyone had a similar background. This is a place you can go, be yourself and not get judged. All the leaders and staff were amazing, but there is one person that always was the best, and that was Mrs. Terry. Everyone loved Mrs. Terry. She is a very nice lady who always smiles. She puts others before herself, which not a lot of people do.

This past summer I attended Teen Camp at Camp Harrison. I attended with two other campers that I have been to camp with all my years. We were there for two amazing weeks, and we hope to be able to go to leaders in training for four weeks this summer. We campers would not have this great experience without your help, and it truly changes people's lives.

I thank y'all so much for sending me, my little sister, and all of my friends who have been able to go to Camp Hope.

Giving Envelopes

All remaining Giving Envelopes are now available in Cindy Tripp's office. They have been removed from the Parish House.

If you have not yet completed your 2023 pledge card, it's not too late to do. To print a copy of a pledge card or complete your pledge online, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship>.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 2/15/2023

- Pledge Amount Received: \$795,167
- Number of Pledges Received: 211

What to Expect in Lent

At Christ Church, we tend to shift what we do in worship each liturgical season. The season of Lent calls us to an even more intentional time of reflection, prayer, and study.

During the season of Lent, we encourage you to enter worship in silence and to remain quiet until the service begins. Silence allows us to center ourselves and prepare to meet with God. Silence calls us out of the noise of the world and acts as a threshold into the holy space of worship. Silence molds us into an attitude of humility before our Creator — being slow to speak and quick to listen. You might encounter reminders that say:

Before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

As a means of having uninterrupted worship, we will make announcements at the beginning of the service, before the opening hymn. At both 8:30 and 11:00, we will open our time of worship with Penitential Order (found on p. 351 in the Book of Common Prayer). Using this, we say the confession of sin as our opening act of worship. We use a shorter musical piece in place of the Song of Praise. The words will remind us of God's mercy and our dependence on God in what we do in our lives. Since we will have said the Confession earlier, we pass the peace immediately after the Prayers of the People. At both services, we will speak the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) at the Eucharist. We also replace the blessing at the end of the liturgy with a solemn prayer.

We hope you will join us each week in Lent as we journey with Christ through the wilderness and towards the cross and empty tomb.

LENT MADNESS

Don't forget about Lent Madness. It's a daily match-up of 32 saints throughout Lent. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time, and people vote for their favorite saint. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Learn more about Lent Madness and fill out the bracket at <https://www.lentmadness.org/> (very similar to a March Madness bracket), to vote on your favorite. You can sign up to get the daily emails or go to the website each day to vote. There's a lot of people who have voted for saints in the past. Check in with people during Coffee Hour to see how their saints have fared.

Lent Class Study Options

There will be three class 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 (Feb. 28, March 7, 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. This 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; Starting March 1

We'll take this season to look at some stories of our faith through pictures, poetry, and drawings. Nursery provided. There will be a children's offering if requested. A light dinner will be available from 5:30-6 pm in the Parish House.

CATECHETICAL SERIES

Meets Sunday mornings in the Library (starting Feb. 26th). Led by Andrew Garlick

On Sunday mornings during Lent, we will have an opportunity to dig into our faith. We'll examine the Lord's Prayer, Psalms, Key Women of the Old Testament, the four Gospels and conclude with exploring the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.



*Christ Church New Bern
Cordially Invites You To A
Lenten Catechetical Series Presented By
Professor Andrew Garlick*


Sunday, February 26
A Scholar's Look at The Lord's Prayer

We will examine the Lord's Prayer in depth, examining its roots in Jewish Prayer, why there are differences between Matthew's and Luke's version. 7 petitions or 5 petitions? Rabbinical differences in the generation before Jesus. Differences audience, theology, and purpose. Examining the vocabulary line by line – what do each of the petitions mean? How did Tyndale mess up the translation? How did it become central to Christian worship – The Didache's version. How to pray it with a deeper understanding.


Sunday, March 5
What are the Psalms?

We pray one or more psalms at every Eucharist. What is a Psalm? Is there a structure to the Book of Psalms? Different kinds of Psalms. Did David write all the Psalms (no)? Jewish Liturgy and the Psalms. Christian Liturgy and the Psalms. How to pray the Psalms.


Sunday, March 12
Key Women of the Old Testament

What was the role of women in the ancient near east? How do key women in the Old Testament break the cultural mode? Why are 4 key women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy? Sarah and Hagar. Tamar. Miriam. Rahab. Deborah and Jael. Bathsheba. Naomi and Ruth. Esther. Many others.


Sunday, March 19
Who Wrote the Gospels?

We have 4 Canonical Gospels, and many non-canonical Gospels. How did they come to be written? Who wrote them? For whom were they written? Are they history? Biography? Something else altogether? Were there writings before the Gospels? Why do Matthew, Mark and Luke appear so similar and John so different? What is the distinct theology of each of the Gospels? What about the Gospel of Thomas? Why these 4 and not others? Reading the Gospels in context and in faith.


Sunday, March 26
Four Views of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection

Just as the infancy narratives, where we tend to mash up the stories in Matthew and Luke into one big Christmas Story, we do the same with the Passion, Death, and Resurrection narratives in the 4 canonical Gospels. What can we learn if we examine each Gospel without "knowledge" of the other three? How does the story evolve over time? What is the difference between the Jesus of Mark's Passion to the Jesus of John's Passion. Are there liturgical elements imbedded in the narratives? How is the Resurrection handled? How can we grow our faith today with a deeper understanding?

All talks will be presented from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Church Library

INTERFAITH REFUGEE MINISTRY



*Taste • See • Hear • Experience
the world with Interfaith Refugee Ministry*

You are cordially invited to join Interfaith Refugee Ministry for an evening of community, music, and an exquisitely prepared small-plate menu featuring cuisines from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America.

Date: Saturday, March 4th

Time: 6pm-9pm

Place: Harrison Center, 311 Middle St., New Bern

Reservations are \$60 per person and available online at Interfaith Refugee Ministry's website www.helpingrefugees.org. If you are interested in donating an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com or Jim Behl at jbehl@usa.net.

Mission: Interfaith Refugee Ministry is a dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina. Our task is to assist refugees with the necessities when they first arrive in New Bern and surrounding areas. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with housing, food, clothing, employment, learning English, and cultural orientation. The goal is to help refugees become self-reliant, emotionally secure, and culturally adjusted in their new home. Each year, Interfaith Refugee Ministry resettles new refugee families from around the world. Our staff, working with volunteers, civic groups, and faith communities, ensures each refugee will receive basic initial support as they begin a new life in a strange land. We try to provide a bridge for these persecuted people who are coming out of the darkness of a shattered life into the bright hope of a better future.

Last Call for T-Ball

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 have an older team, or we will work to set you up with a team.



News from the Epiphany Chapter of DOK

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 having a meet and greet next today, February 19, at 9:45 am in the Parish House. This is an opportunity to learn about DOK from members. We invite you to consider becoming a Daughter.

During this season of Epiphany our chapter invites you to help with an outreach effort for the Coastal Women's Shelter. Until next Tuesday (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!



American Red Cross

donate
BLOOD save a life

SAVE THE DATE

Blood Drive at Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Harrison Center

311 Middle Street

New Bern, NC 28560

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Christ Episcopal to schedule an appointment

PO Box Reminder

During this year's year-end financial close, we realized that some important mailed items were never received by us because they were sent to the church's street address instead of our PO Box. As a reminder, please send all church correspondence mailed through the US Postal Service to the following address:

Christ Episcopal Church

PO Box 1246

New Bern, NC 28563

This helps to ensure that our mail is delivered in a timely and secure manner. In addition, we are working to include the PO Box address on our website and newsletters as appropriate. We appreciate your assistance!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Psalm 55:22a

Backpack Blessings Build

Hey friends! Does it seem like we just had a Backpack Blessings Build? It is because we did!!

Because of the large numbers of kids who are being added to our lists of kids who receive weekend food bags, we are having to pack about every 6-7 weeks. Here are some startling facts from the Backpack Blessings website:

- 1 in 4 NC children experience food insecurity
- 900k NC children are at risk of going hungry
- 58% of NC children are on free or reduced lunch

THANKS to your support and your gifts to this ministry, we are able to meet the high demand and get this very needed nutrition to the kids who need it! For more information on Backpack Blessings in Eastern North Carolina, please visit backpackblessings.com.

Our next Build will be this Monday and Tuesday, February 20 and 21 at Garber United Methodist Church's Morris Hall. We encourage everyone (especially new friends) to come and be a part of this ministry!

To sign up for a time slot online, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ba9ab2aa0fd0-february#/>.

THANK YOU for your continued support!!

Ruth Powers - ruthannepowers@gmail.com



ECW February Meeting

At our February Meeting, the All Saints Chapter of Episcopal Church Women enjoyed a talk from one of the directors of New Bern Civic Theatre.

During our March 13th meeting, we will have Amanda Norwood update us about the Interfaith Refugee Ministry and how people can get involved. Please join us in the Parish House at 10 am on the 13th!

Pictured below are Bonnie Royer, one of our Program Chairs, Michael Tabaney, Executive Director of NBCT and Pam Miller, Vice President of ECW.



Coming Soon... Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Drive

Our active support for 2023 will begin in March 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-invigorate 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.

Watch for information in upcoming editions of the *Messenger* and *The Crown* in March and April.

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, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-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, 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, 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, Mary Ann, Brian, Billy, Bob, Cathy, and Chris.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte

**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](#).*

The March issue of *The Crown* will be distributed March 5.
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*: noon on Wednesday



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II -- Instructed Eucharist (Nave)
9:30 am: Coffee available between services
9:45 am: DOK Meet and Greet (Parish House)
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite II -- Instructed Eucharist (Nave / [online](#))
12 pm: Coffee Hour
6 pm: EYC

Monday, February 20

9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)
10 am: Home Place (Offsite)
10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)
11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)
1 pm: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Parish House)

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
5 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
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 22

8 am: Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
12 pm: Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)
5 pm: Ash Wednesday Service - Children's Liturgy (Nave)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
7 pm: Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)

Thursday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 26

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](#))
11:30 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
12 pm: Coffee Hour
6 pm: EYC

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.

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks will be meeting tomorrow, February 20 at 9:30 am in the Harrison Center. All are welcome! 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](#).

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ian MacLaren by Janet MacLaren. 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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchChildrensandYouthMinistry/>

<https://www.instagram.com/christchurchnewbern/?hl=en>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdB74UShQ_cImhETPRbjRkg

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in February services, including Ash Wednesday, [here](#). March services can be found [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](#). Reserve your March time slot [here](#).

- **Coffee Hours:** Coffee hours take place after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish House. Thank you to Jane Jones for hosting this week's Coffee Hour. If you would like to volunteer to be a host, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen.

- **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! Kits of chicken/tuna salad with crackers are popular.

Contacting the 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. 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.

EYC and POD Food Sign Ups

EYC meets most Sundays, and their meetings include dinner. POD meets once a month on Sunday afternoons, and their meetings include a snack. If you would like to contribute to food to either group, please click on the links below.

EYC: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af-2da7ff2-eycdinner3>.

POD: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af-2da7ff2-podsnacks3>