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UPCOMING MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church is very blessed with its new organ and a music program that is growing and thriving!



There are a number of upcoming music events this Spring that will be well worth experiencing. In addition to keeping up with the Crown and the Midweek Messenger, be sure to check out the "Music" tab on the church website for up-to-date information on all musical happenings at Christ Church. All events are always open to the public, so please share our wonderful music program with your friends and the community of New Bern.

LITURGICAL MUSIC EVENTS

- Schola Cantorum is singing a Choral Evensong accompanied by the new organ on Sunday, February 9th at 5:00 pm. Evensong is a beautiful service in the Anglican tradition.
- The Parish Choir will continue chanting a "St. Anne" themed setting of the psalm throughout Epiphany (tune: O God our help in ages past), culminating in J.S. Bach's St. Anne Fugue (E-flat major) as the organ postlude on Transfiguration Sunday, March 5th, the last Sunday in Epiphany.

- Women Composers Sunday is March 9th; music written by women composers will be featured at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services that morning.
- Our Bach Music Meditation Lenten Series returns on Wednesdays beginning March 12th from 12:00 noon until 12:30 pm in the Nave. Listen to the music of J.S. Bach on the new organ for the six Wednesdays of Lent (March 12 - April 16), including Holy Week.
- Music at Passiontide will take place on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm. This year, a setting of the Passion story will be performed in the Nave with choir and strings. The music has been written and composed by your Music Director, dedicated to and for our Parish Choir.

MORE MUSIC EVENTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

- Our new Organ Recital Series kicks off on Friday, February 14th with a Valentine's Day Organ Concert at 7:00 pm. The first performing artist in the series is Director of Music, Jacqueline; stay tuned for more information on future concert dates and artists!
- Christ Church is hosting one of the Carolina Chamber Festival concerts, titled Winter Celebration, on Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased online: [Carolina Chamber Music Festival](#).

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
 Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III (*currently on sabbatical, returning March 2*)
Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby
Deacon-in-Training: Charles Pringle

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Church Life: Jimi Paderick
Director of Music: Jacqueline Nappi
Director of Christian Formation: Hannah Hutchens
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
Facilities Coordinator: John Peterson
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett
Custodial Services: Terry Pitner

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 3pm
 Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
 Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne. *Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.*

GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) for more information.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2025:
 Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
 Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill
Term through 2027:
 Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson (*Clerk*), Ernie Williams

FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:
www.christchurchnewbern.com
[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Youtube](#)

The Crown is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the March 2025 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by February 15. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger (weekly)*: Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

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 252.633.2109

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Odderstor*, Jim Keeter, Evelyn Hunter, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Bruce Meyers, and Gay Stuart.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, and Karen.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's on the Sound, Wilmington; St. Paul's, Wilmington

**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](#).

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

PLEASE NOTE:

Did you notice that all of the church's regularly scheduled events are not listed on our calendar? We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at christchurchnewbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning *Messenger* 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 FEB. 2	MONDAY FEB. 3	TUESDAY FEB. 4	WEDNESDAY FEB. 5	THURSDAY FEB. 6	FRIDAY FEB. 7	SATURDAY FEB. 8	SUNDAY FEB. 9
<p>BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School for Ages</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p> <p>5pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) – NOTE: First meeting since Christmas break</p>	<p>9am: VITA Tax Prep (Harrison Center) – NOTE: First Day</p> <p>9:30am: Lector Training (Nave)</p> <p>1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)</p> <p>5pm: Endowment Committee (Library)</p>	<p>7am: Al Anon Meeting – (2nd Floor Living Room)</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)</p> <p>5pm: Racial Reconciliation Group Meeting (Parish House)</p> <p>6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>	<p>11 am: Funeral and Reception for Bruce Meyers (Nave / Parish House)</p>			<p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School for Ages and Coffee Hour</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p> <p>5pm: Schola Cantorum of the Diocese of East Carolina Even-song (Nave)</p>

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Outreach Check Presentations

Vestry members and Clergy recently made two check presentations to local donations. On January 7, Senior Warden Kim Huddle and the Rev. Suzanne Hood dropped off a donation to The Filling Station in Pollocksville. The Filling Station is a community-based non-profit serving Jones County. This gift will go directly to providing food for people in need through The Filling Stations' food pantry and other programs that help meet the nutrition needs of those experiencing food insecurity.

Senior Warden Kim Huddle also recently presented a check to Religious Community Services, which was gladly accepted by RCS staff members. This check will go directly to meet the needs of those experiencing food insecurity in our community.



Finance Office Announcements

NEW WEEKLY PLEDGE ENVELOPES

As you may have noticed, the original 2025 Weekly Pledge Envelopes we received had poor quality printing. We notified the manufacturer, and our reprinted order has arrived! The new 2025 Weekly Pledge Envelopes are available for you to pick up (again) in the reception area.

2024 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Year-end giving statements were mailed to households at the end of last week. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Tripp at cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com.

AMERICAN EXPRESS FEES

We have been informed by Vanco, our credit card processor, that AmEx has increased their interchange and assessment rates for non-profit organizations. As a result, Vanco has increased their American Express network fee to Christ Church from 3.5% to 3.99% as of February 1, 2025. This increase applies only to American Express Card network transactions. In order to hold down the church's operational costs, we request that you use other credit cards for any online transactions if possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Christ Church VBS 2025



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Dinner on Five Continents

Interfaith Refugee Ministry cordially invites you to our annual DINNER ON FIVE CONTINENTS featuring live global entertainment, small-plate international dishes from five continents and a silent auction.

- Saturday, March 15, 2025
- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Dinner starts at 6pm
- Christ Church Harrison Center
- 311 Middle Street, New Bern
- \$65 per person
- Reservations are available on our website (<https://helpingrefugees.org/>) or by calling the office at 252-633-9009.



DOK Quiet Day at Christ Church

"Not Counting Women and Children"

We will delve into two stories from Holy Scripture that are neglected, yet tell us much about our God, and our relationship with God. And that tell much about how women figure in the story of salvation, then and now. We will draw on Megan McKenna's book of the same name.

The Rev. Margaret Pollock will lead as we explore -- through reading aloud, meditation and self-reflection, and sharing in small groups -- an expanded understanding of women in the Exodus story, and in Matthew's recounting of the feeding of the five thousand. Meaning-making in our own times will be the hope, as these narratives shine a light through the ages. The day will end with a celebration of Holy Eucharist.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is included. For information call 240-432-3900 or 252-571-1708

To register contact: Nancy Przybylko at nancy4cpa@gmail.com. Last day to register is Wednesday March 12, 2025



Support RCS with PB&J

RCS is sponsoring a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive in February. Donations can be dropped off at 503 Guion Street or ordered directly from the RCS Amazon Food Wishlist page at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EOKNXFMGEO-9A?ref_=wl_fw_le.

Please -- no glass jars, as they have to be re-packaged.



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February Outreach InGathering: Camp Hope

This year, Christ Church is sponsoring 29 children for our Camp Hope ministry. Through your generosity we are able to pay for children to attend camp who might not otherwise have the opportunity. We are excited that our campers will return to Camp Trinity, the church camp for our diocese.

Your monetary donations to cover camp tuition are always appreciated. Last year, your donations paid camp tuition for 19 children and the registration fee for seven more children whose camp tuition was covered by Angel Tree. In February, our InGathering will support Camp Hope by collecting camp supplies.

The folks at Camp Trinity have suggested that the items most needed are:

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Swim Goggles
- Bathing Suits - child sizes 8-12 (some larger sizes are appreciated)

If you are having trouble finding an item, like a bathing suit or swim goggles, do not worry. You can give us a rain check and bring your item to church on Sunday, May 4th, which will be Camp Hope Sunday. Please bring items to the InGathering container in the Reception Area.

Thank you for faithfully supporting Camp Hope over the years.

Contemplative Prayer Group *Praying with Julian of Norwich*

When: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays, 2/10/25 – 5/26/25

Sign Up: Email pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Study Book: *Praying with Julian of Norwich: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka

Purchase Book: Used Books Available Online (Order soon. Used books have longer delivery)

Starting February 10th, the Contemplative Prayer Group will be exploring the writings of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic and prophet who lived from 1342 to 1416, during the time of the dreadful bubonic plague. She “sheltered in place” as an anchoress at St. Julian’s Church in Norwich, England. Spending much of her time in contemplative prayer and journaling, Julian wrote down several of her revelations. She is mostly known to us through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love* which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life and was the first book in English by a woman.

Inspired by Julian’s writings, Thomas Merton, a 20th century Trappist monk, called her a “true theologian” and “one of the most wonderful of all Christian voices.” Merton was impressed by Julian’s authenticity, originality, and faithful prayer life. In the midst of a world struggling with fear and uncertainty, Julian encourages us to never lose trust in our gracious God. This central message of trust is conveyed through her most famous quote, “All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Come and join the Contemplative Prayer Group. As we explore the unique insights and wisdom of Julian’s prayer life, we will have an opportunity to grow and be blessed in our own prayer life.



Please join us for

Choral Evensong

Sunday February 9th 5 PM

Christ Church
320 Pollock Street
New Bern, NC

Sung by Schola Cantorum
of the Diocese of East Carolina

Cookie Walk 2024 Update

A big thank you goes out to all who made the 25th Annual Cookie Walk such a success. **We raised \$9,774, which is the most we have ever raised.** All the proceeds go back to our community through the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. “Helping our community, One Cookie at a Time.”
- Many thanks, Head Elf Sims Wayt



Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God’s Call

1-29-2025 Campaign Update

Pledge Amount Received: \$905,813

Number of Pledges Received: 224



Hearing God’s Call

Please note that the 2025 Pledge Campaign concludes on February 28, 2025.

Call for Eucharistic Visitors

The Pastoral Care Commission for Christ Church has trained parishioners who unselfishly take communion to their fellow parish members who are home bound or unable to attend church services. These Eucharistic Visitors bring the Eucharist to church members in the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes.

You see them at the end of our Sunday services; parishioners come up to the altar and receive a box with the consecrated Eucharist. They take that Eucharist to fellow parishioners who cannot join us at church.

We are continually in need of additional volunteers to be trained as Eucharistic Visitors. We also need receivers, those who receive this Sacrament at home or elsewhere. If you feel you could volunteer to help in this ministry, please contact Suzanne Hood (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com), and she can answer any of your questions. Also, if you know of anyone who is in need of or could use this loving service, including yourself, please contact Suzanne.



Valentine's Day Organ Concert

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 / 7:00 PM / FREE
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
320 POLLOCK STREET, DOWNTOWN NEW BERN

THE GOODS

Sunday Altar Flowers

There are multiple ways that you can sign up to donate altar flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something.

- Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex
- Call the church office (252.633.2109)
- Sign up online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>

NOTE: If you sign up online, please email the memorial or thanksgiving details (i.e. who/what it is for and who it is from) to communications@christchurchnewbern.com or call the church office.

There are also multiple ways for you to pay. You can drop a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (PO Box 1246 New Bern 28563). Also, you can pay online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Stewardship “Thank You”

In appreciation of your commitment to the 2025 Pledge Campaign, please pick up a magnet from the basket at the Reception Desk. We appreciate you “Hearing God’s Call.”

Lil Pantry

The shelves of the Lil Pantry are bare. Please consider donating some ready-to-eat food and drink items. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, ready-to-eat canned items with pop tops, crackers, and breakfast bars. Items can be placed into the pantry or on the shelves of the white bookcase in the Parish House kitchen area.

HELP SHARE OUR NEWS!

LIKE AND SHARE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdB74UShQ_cImhET-PRbjRkg

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Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our February services click [here](#). Click [here](#) for March services. For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for February shifts and [here](#) for March shifts.
- **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:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to this week’s hosts, Randy and Joanie Bogle.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
 - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
 - Thursday email and printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Please send all pictures, articles and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Living Micah 6:8

The goal for the Living Micah 6:8 class is to help us hear what God desires of us, as individuals and as a community of faith. Classes met at 9:45 am in the Second Floor Living Room. The topics for the upcoming weeks are February 2 “Walk Humbly with Your God”, and on February 9 a summary of our discussions.

February Faith Connection

The February Faith Connection Meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, February 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 308 Meadows Street, New Bern. The speaker will be Bonita Simmons, Director of Tried by Fire, My Sister’s House.