

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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VBS Week: Exploring to Find God's Light

VBS AT CHRIST CHURCH

We are on an exploration to find God's light.



VBS starts tomorrow, June 12, at 9 am and runs through Friday, June 16. We'll be in full force with 78 kids (3 years through rising 5th grade) and countless volunteers. The church will be packed full of excitement and the Holy Spirit. We will kick off this year's VBS week with a Eucharist for Children and Young Families tonight in the Outdoor Chapel at 5 pm.

Our theme is "Find the Light." We will be learning about God shining light in the world and how the children can reflect it back. As you turn on lights around your house this week, we encourage you to say an extra prayer for these kiddos who will be exploring their faith.

Today's Gospel is about following Jesus. As we learn about God's light, we learn to follow that light to do God's will. Remember this in your prayers for our younger friends who are just learning about all of God's goodness, as well as the 35+ volunteers who will guide people toward the light of Christ.

Tuesday morning's Eucharist will happen at the normal time but in the Nave or main church. If you need to visit the church office during the week, please note that the kids are using all downstairs classrooms and most upstairs areas as well. The church will be open after 12 noon.

Saying Goodbye to the Organ

Next Sunday, June 18, will be our last with the organ we have affectionally come to call "Old Bessy." Our music at the 10:00am service will be triumphant and bold hymns that are best played on an organ. The closing voluntary (played after the retiring procession) will be a new twist on an old favorite.

After that concludes, we will have a "deconsecrating prayer" over the organ and a prayer of thanksgiving for the piano, which will carry us through until we get the new organ installed. If anyone wants to tickle some ivory afterwards, you're more than welcome to take a turn!

Foyers Gathering

Foyers last gathering of the season will be on June 17 from 5 - 7pm at the home of Delle and Sam Curry (903 Davit Lane, Fairfield Harbor).

Everyone is invited. If you would like to attend, please respond Liz Praul at eparlett4@gmail.com and

bring your beverage of choice, a glass and an appetizer to share.



News from Saint Cyprian's -- June 2023

WORSHIP AT SAINT CYPRIAN'S

The service of Morning Prayer is offered in the main worship space at St. Cyprian's at 11:00 a.m., the first and third Sundays of the month. This month's remaining service will be June 18th. Entrance is by stairs at 604 Johnson Street, in the Historic District of New Bern. All are welcome.

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED, WHAT WE ARE DOING

In the new collaboration between St. Cyprian's and the African American Heritage and Culture Center, the steering committee met to determine next steps. First priority is to set up an office for AAHC in one corner of the undercroft, as the AAHC has no permanent home. The collaboration is preparing to become the premier teller of the African American story in the New Bern area, grounded in St. Cyprian's story, which will begin with a videotaped public presentation in the St. Cyprian's nave.

BUILDING REPAIR AND RESTORATION

Much repair work continues in the lower (undercroft) level of the building. All windows on this level are in need of repair because of termite damage and wet rot. Two windows have been completely rebuilt. Others require new sills and re-glazing and painting. Work on the clergy office continues: stucco is being applied to the exposed brick walls. Baseboard molding has been installed and primed in the hallway and choir room.

The nave-level stained glass windows are protected with plexiglass. However, in a recent thunderstorm a piece of plexiglass was ripped and broken from the window on the Johnson Street side. At this time, we are getting an estimate to replace the plexiglass. This may also require repair to the window trim molding.

CONTACTING SAINT CYPRIAN'S CHURCH

By phone, call Mrs. Shirley Guion, Senior Warden, at (252) 288-2812. By email, send your message to: StCyprianofNB@gmail.com. Support St. Cyprian's restoration by sending checks to: Post Office Box 809, New Bern, NC 28563-0809.

Donations and support of St Cyprian's are tax deductible as allowed by law.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS



Children Summer Calendar 2023

June

- June 11: Children and Family Service (5 pm)
- June 12 – 16: VBS
- June 14: POD after VBS

July

- July 18: Family Day at the Wood Ducks Game
- July 24: Children's Movie Day on the Lawn

August

- August 14: POD Outing at Accidental Artist
- August 27: Regular POD Meeting



Youth Summer Calendar 2023

June

- June 11: Children and Family Service (5 pm)
- June 12 – 16: VBS

July

- July 18: Family Day at the Wood Ducks Game
- July 25: Beach Day (Back-up date is July 26)

August

- August 3: Lunch (location TBD)
- August 11: Youth Escape Room Outing
- August 18/19: EYC Adventure Days

In peace we pray to you, Lord

For our ill and recovering parishioners: Barbara Willis, 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*, 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 McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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, Margaret Wright, Bruce Baker, Ellen Serra, Geoff Wood, and Audrey Von Dolln.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, 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, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Vickie, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Roscoe, Kathi, and Julia.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St Francis by the Sea, Salter Path; and Holy Trinity, Hampstead

**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](#).*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 11

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
Following 10 am service: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
5 pm: Service for Children and Families

Monday, June 12

VBS (9 am - 12 pm)
1 pm: Staff Meeting
4 pm: Daughters of the King Meeting (Parish House)
5:15 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, June 13

VBS (9 am - 12 pm)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
10 am: Prayer Shawl Meeting (Bride's Room)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, June 14

VBS (9 am - 12 pm)
POD Lunch (After VBS)
3 pm: Pastoral Care Meeting
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, June 15

VBS (9 am - 12 pm)
10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist
5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)

Friday, June 16

VBS (9 am - 12 pm)

Saturday, June 17

5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, June 18

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn

Publication Deadlines

The July issue of *The Crown* will be distributed July 2. The article deadline for the July issue is June 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

THE GOODS

Volunteer Spotlight: Eucharistic Ministers

We have a need at Christ Church for more people to become Eucharistic Ministers. These Christ Church members are trained in assisting the clergy during liturgy. Minimum age for a Eucharistic Minister is 16. If you are interested in pursuing Eucharistic Minister training, please contact Linda McAlister at 252.634.7984 or lindamcalister50@gmail.com.

Lemonade on the Lawn Returns

Lemonade on the Lawn following 10 am service has returned for the summer season. Many thanks to this week's host, Mary Lynn Guidage. To sign up to host, click [here](#). Two slots are available each week. Hosting involves putting lemonade and cups on a cart from the Parish House Kitchen and taking it to the courtyard at the church entrance. Greet and serve people as they are exiting the 10 am service. Lemonade is provided by church, and you can provide treats if you wish.



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.

Flower Donations

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 at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. 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 June services [here](#). July service dates can be found [here](#). For more information about ushering, contact [Sarah Risty-Davis](#).
- **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 June time slot [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.
- **Calling for Camp Hope:** We have the opportunity to host our largest Camp Hope week ever -- up to 100 campers. We need your help, however. Angel Tree has sent us a large list of North Carolina families to contact. Would you be able to make phone calls for us? A call script and quick training will be provided. If you're interested, please contact a member of our leadership team: Email: camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com / Terry Brubaker: 252.514.9550, Jim Behl: 650.740.3392 or Nell Hudson: 252.772.5832.
- **Gas Cards for RCS:** Religious Community Services is in need of gas cards of \$10 or more to use to reimburse peer support volunteers who take RCS guests and clients to appointments and interviews when they have no other transportation. The cards can be dropped off at RCS or delivered to Terry Brubaker (terrytb49@gmail.com).
- **Items needed for Lil 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.

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