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## PROGRESS ON THE ORGAN FRONT

Our new organ, which is being built at Taylor and Boody Organ Builders in Staunton, Virginia, is progressing well and on schedule for a late winter 2024 arrival. Thank you to Jean Reichenbach for providing the following photos and explanations.



*A look at the wooden pipes.*



*Shaping one of the pipes by hand.*



*The organ's console is taking shape.*



*The bellows supply the wind pressure to the organ pipes. The white material is leather; when air is introduced through the side rectangular openings, the leather expands, and air is sent to the pipes, keeping constant pressure. Imagine the old-fashioned hand-held bellows that one used to stoke a fire. This is a similar function.*

# 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  
**Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

## CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

**Director of Church Life:** Ellie Roberts  
**Finance Coordinator:** Cindy Tripp  
**Director of Growing in Grace:** Debbie Fodrie  
**Communications Coordinator:** Betsy Downard  
**Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement:** Sarah Risty-Davis  
**Nursery Staff:** Heidi Powell  
**Custodian:** Terry Pitner  
**Sunday School Coordinator:** Page Litfin  
**EYC Coordinator:** Sydney Kitchen

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 4pm  
Fridays: 9 am - 2pm

Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul. 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
- Text "FUNDS" to 833.233.8760
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

## CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

**Term through 2023:**  
Howard Furnas III, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Senior Warden*), Sims Wayt  
**Term through 2024:**  
Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Clerk*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas  
**Term through 2025:**  
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle

## FIND US ONLINE

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- [www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com)
- [Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
- [Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
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*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 November edition of *The Crown* should be sent to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com) by October 15, 2023. 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](mailto: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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## In peace we pray to you, Lord God

**For parishioners who have requested prayers:** Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,\* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, 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 Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Margaret Wright, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, and Charlie Henke.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, 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, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Joe, June, Gerry, and Dan.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington; Zion Church, Washington

*\*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](#).*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

You can see the calendar for the entire month of October and beyond [here](#).

SUNDAY OCT. 1	MONDAY OCT. 2	TUESDAY OCT. 3	WEDNESDAY OCT. 4	THURSDAY OCT. 5	FRIDAY OCT. 6	SATURDAY OCT. 7	SUNDAY OCT. 8
<p><b>BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>8:30am:</b> Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p><b>9:30am:</b> Coffee available between services</p> <p><b>9:45am:</b> Sunday School for All</p> <p><b>11am:</b> Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a>)</p> <p><b>12pm:</b> Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>4 pm:</b> POD (Purple Pineapples Room)</p> <p><b>4:45pm:</b> Youth Confirmation Class (Library)</p> <p><b>6 pm:</b> EYC (Youth Room)</p> <p><b>6:30pm:</b> Sacred Ground (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>11:30am:</b> Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)</p> <p><b>1pm:</b> Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>5:30pm:</b> Eucharistic Minister Training (Nave)</p> <p><b>3pm:</b> Growing in Grace (GIG Room)</p> <p><b>4pm:</b> Daughters of the King Meeting (Parish House)</p> <p><b>6pm:</b> Prayer Minister Orientation (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>7am:</b> Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)</p> <p><b>8:30am:</b> Eucharist</p> <p><b>10am:</b> Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)</p> <p><b>3pm:</b> Growing in Grace (GIG Room)</p> <p><b>6:30pm:</b> Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p> <p><b>7pm:</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11 am:</b> Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)</p> <p><b>3pm:</b> Growing in Grace (GIG Room)</p> <p><b>5:30pm:</b> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)</p> <p><b>6:15pm:</b> AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p> <p><b>7pm:</b> Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)</p>	<p><b>3pm:</b> Growing in Grace (GIG Room)</p> <p><b>3:30pm:</b> Director of Music Search Committee (Library)</p> <p><b>3:30pm:</b> Growing in Grace Chepl Time (Nave)</p> <p><b>6:30pm:</b> AA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>		<p><b>11am:</b> Funeral Service for David Millns</p>	<p><b>COOKIE WALK PREVIEW</b></p> <p><b>8:30am:</b> Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p><b>9:30am:</b> Coffee available between services</p> <p><b>9:45am:</b> Sunday School for All</p> <p><b>11am:</b> Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a>)</p> <p><b>12:30pm:</b> Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)</p> <p><b>4:45pm:</b> Youth Confirmation Class (Library)</p> <p><b>6pm:</b> EYC (Youth Room)</p> <p><b>6:30 pm:</b> Sacred Ground (via Zoom)</p>

# NEWCOMER PROFILES

## Peter and Ellen Heraty

Peter and Ellen left Northern California this past year and moved to New Bern. Moving to the Carolina Colours community. They met Peter Mnatzkanian, an active member here at Christ Church, and Peter invited them to attend Christ Church. They were active in their church in California, and plan to become active here at Christ Church. The couple has also lived in Hempstead, New York, and in Florida. Ellen currently is employed part-time at the Blue Magnolia shop in New Bern, and Peter works part-time, though he is officially retired.

## Christine Gazelas

Christine was born in Houston, Texas, and her family moved to Galveston, Texas, where she grew up. She and her partner, Howard, lived in Springfield, Missouri, for eight years before moving to New Bern for retirement. Since they enjoy their boat and desired to be close to the water, New Bern was a good fit. Christine has a grandchild living in Charlotte, NC, and wanting to live closer to that grandchild, was an additional reason to move to New Bern. Christine is a retired teacher and plans to become an active participant in the education programs here at Christ Church. She also attends the Women's Book Study group and the Rector's Bible Study class.

## VESTRY MEETING RECAP

The vestry of Christ Church met on September 18 at 6:30 pm.

- The Director of Music search has new candidates.
- Page Liftin will be helping with Sunday school. Plans are being made to cover other aspects of Meg's job as we begin the search for a new Director of Christian Formation.
- The Vestry nominating committee is moving forward.
- Security cameras are up and running.
- Two automated external defibrillators have been ordered.
- Commission reports were given. Building and Grounds had a great cleanup day. Pumpkins are coming at 3 o'clock on September 28. Please sign up for a shift to sell pumpkins. Parish life reported that coffee hour has started. We need volunteers to sign up. There will be booths with arts and crafts for sale the day of the cookie walk. Outreach is exploring new ideas for Camp Hope. Christian Formation is working on plans for a Trunk or Treat. Stewardship kick off will be soon. Worship reports that we have a great team of Eucharistic Ministers.

*Submitted by : Phyllis Fox*

## Jacques (Jack) and Lelah Marzi

The Marzi's recently moved to New Bern from Jensen Beach, Florida, where they were active in All Saints Episcopal Church. Jacques was born and raised in New York City, and Lelah was born and raised in South Florida. They met while both of them were residing in Connecticut, and then they moved back to Florida in 1999. After searching throughout the Southeastern U.S. for a place to retire and sail, they discovered New Bern and loved the area and its history and also the history of Christ Church. Jacques has been busy sailing their boat up the East Coast to its new home and Lelah has been busy settling into their new home in Fairfield Harbour. Jacques retired from retail, and is bilingual in French and English. Lelah is a retired Nurse Practitioner. They both enjoy sailing; Lelah is an artist and Jacques plays bass guitar.

## Dawn Manning

Dawn recently moved to New Bern from Cleveland, Ohio, where she grew up and spent her life. When she became interested in relocating, and while searching for a good location, New Bern was recommended. Upon visiting here, she decided this was the place to be. She was active in the choir and a past president of the youth group in her previous church. Dawn is looking forward to activities here at Christ Church and considering joining Stephen Ministry, GIG, and the Women's Book Study. She enjoys the beach, and her interests outside of church include yoga, kayaking, and reading.

## CROP Walk to Fight Hunger

On Sunday, September 24, Christ Church fielded a team of over 40 walkers, plus volunteers who manned the water table, for this year's CROP Walk. Many thanks to those who participated and volunteered at this year's event. Funds raised will benefit local and international hunger and humanitarian efforts.



# STEWARDSHIP

As we officially open our stewardship campaign for 2024, our first thoughts are of gratitude. We pray gratefully for Christ Church and for all who attend and participate in our services and programs. Whether you are here regularly or only occasionally, your presence is a symbol of God's love. We continue to be exceedingly grateful for 300 years with the people of Christ Church contributing to its life, mission, and ministry.

Over the next three weeks of the Midweek Messenger, you will receive information about how your continued stewardship impacts Christ Church. We hope you'll find it help-

ful as you consider your own commitment of time, talent, and treasure. We give from our hearts -- out of love, thanksgiving, and gratitude for all that God has done for us and our loved ones. Because we serve responsibly and give generously, Christ Church is able to make a lasting impact on the lives of countless people in our church, local community, and beyond.

We have already begun sharing information about the work of the church through the commissions and committees and will continue to do so throughout the fall. We'll be sharing not only the benefits but also the costs of these programs. Funding isn't an easy topic to discuss, but we will do that as well. Your financial commitment is a big part of planning for what Christ Church can do.

Inflation affects the church family just as it affects your own family. With increased costs in everything from insurance and utilities, to the cost of maintenance and supplies, it will take an increase in both the amount pledged and number of households pledging to support this goal. The current annual budget to maintain community outreach, internal programs, staffing needs, and building and infrastructure costs is estimated to be \$94,000 per month. And, remembering that funding needs to be in place in time for the 2024-2025 budget, another goal is to have everyone's pledge in by

December 31, 2023.

Our goals are big because our faith is big that together we can accomplish big things as members of Christ Church. A favorite Christian author of ours, Bob Goff, writes, "Something happens when you feel ownership. You no longer act like a spectator or consumer because you're an owner. Faith is at its best when it's that way, too. It's best lived when it's owned." This is your church, your faith community.

We hope you will consider the information presented in the *Messenger* articles this month and LIVE THE FAITH as you Pray Gratefully, Serve Responsibly, and Give Generously along with the leadership and every member of Christ Church.



## Invitation to Realm

As many of you know, we have moved to a new kind of church record-keeping solution at Christ Church, called REALM. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff but also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in your church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, but it will also make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, remain informed, and grow as a connected community. You determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with your church, but we encourage you to participate.

If you have not already, soon you will receive an email invitation to join Realm. As long as we have your current email address, you will receive the invitation.

Everyone in our church gets a unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people in our church to know about you and enables you to join a small group, track your own giving, update your contact information, and change family details. By keeping your information current, you are helping our staff, group leaders and church community. Your profile includes your contact information, family members, personal information, and connections to social media accounts.

You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information. You can also track your giving history and print your contribution statement.

But first you must click on the email invitation, update your profile, and OPT IN to Realm. Please review your entire profile and correct any errors. Make sure children in your household are entered on your family profile. Please be sure to check that your date of birth is entered and that there is an updated email address. We want to communicate with you better, and this is the best way to make sure that happens. Any questions, please contact Ellie Roberts, [ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com).

# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Outreach Commission Supports External Ministries

Three of the external ministries under the umbrella of the Outreach Commission that are supported by Christ Church through our operating budget -- MERCI Clinic, Religious Community Services (RCS) and Habitat for Humanity received support checks in September. These checks were personally delivered by members of the Outreach Commission.



*Terry Brubaker presenting a check to Jessica Cantu, RCS Fund Development Manager*



*Jim Behl presenting a check to Tracey Lilly, Exec. Director and Buna Cumbie III, Volunteer and Faith Relations Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity.*



*Jim Behl and Janet Peregoy presenting collected donation items to Linda Plourde, Clinic Manager of MERCI Clinic.*

## ECW November Program - Arts to End Genocide

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) are very excited to invite you to join us at our meeting at 10 am, November 13th in the Parish House. Our featured speaker is Mitch Lewis, a local artist who established Arts to End Genocide (ATEG) in 2014.

Mitch traveled and found women and children (Internally Displaced Persons) living on a garbage dump in Mali. An ATEG Skills Training Program has taught the women how to sew, established a Women's Cooperative, and built a solar powered building in which to work, as well as given them sewing machines and supplies. This program presents women a pathway for economic empowerment and restored dignity. The program has expanded to other parts of the world where there is a need to help IDP.

The women make, purses, billfolds, fans and other items to be sold in the United States. Locally, they can be found at the gift shop located in History Center Gift Shop on Front Street.

Mitch will present a short film and give further information on how we at Christ Church can help with this mission. If you have any questions you may contact Jane Broaddus at [broaddusjane@gmail.com](mailto:broaddusjane@gmail.com).

# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Important Staffing Updates from the Rector

Ellie Roberts informed me a couple of weeks ago that she and her husband, Ed, intend to move to Erie, PA, in early November. Ed has deep roots in that area, and most of his family is still there. They are feeling the call to be closer to them.

While a loss for Christ Church, we can all understand that feeling. I cannot say enough about the ways that Ellie has kept Christ Church moving forward since she joined us in March 2018. She oversaw repairs and response to Hurricane Florence, was a vital part of the Sacred Sound and Space campaign, and kept our physical plant in top shape. She has led the way on our transition to the Realm data base and financial management system. Her background in risk management helped the staff and Vestry make Christ Church the best version of itself it could be. She also brought the vision for the Christ Church Grants Committee, which, while still in its early stages, will help coordinate efforts among all the groups at Christ Church that put money back into the community. I will always be grateful that God led her to us and that she has shared her gifts with this place.

As the Holy Spirit would have it, we will be able to make a smooth transition in this vital role. I am honored and thrilled to announce that Jimi Paderick will be joining our parish staff as Director of Church Life. She will join us the week of October 23. This will allow two weeks for Jimi and Ellie to overlap. Jimi has served in various administrative and leadership roles for the Diocese of East Carolina since 1997. She currently serves as Ministry Coordinator for Diocesan Life. She brings vast experience in project management, volunteer coordination, and event development. Many of us at Christ Church have had the privilege of engaging with Jimi in diocesan work.

She is adept at creating streamlined processes with proven results. She is unbelievably organized, and like others who have been in this position, Jimi has what it takes to keep all the plates spinning. She will be an incredible asset to Christ Church. I know you will enjoy getting to know her!

We have experienced a great deal of transition in the past 15 months, and I am grateful for your patience and support through all of it. I believe God continues to open new doors and opportunities for Christ Church in all of this. I am hopeful that in the coming weeks, we will be able to share good news about the Director of Music opening as well as an update about the Director of Christian Formation position.

We are still working on a way for all of us at Christ Church to be able to say goodbye to Ellie and Ed before they leave. If you'd like to contribute to a purse for Ellie, we'll have that available on our website ([www.christchurchnewbern.com/give](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give)) or you can bring/mail a check to the church. Please indicate "Ellie's purse" in the memo line.

In Christ,  
Paul



## Welcome Back, Sydney!

I'm pleased to announce that Sydney Kitchen will be serving as our EYC Coordinator as we begin our search for Meg Jones' successor. She will work with our 6th-12th graders, parents, and other adults on youth gatherings each week. Her email is [sydney-kitchen@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sydney-kitchen@christchurchnewbern.com). She began her time last Sunday during the Crop Walk.

## 2023 Cookie Walk Preview

*Helping our community, one cookie at a time.*

Join us for the 24th Annual Cookie Walk Preview next Sunday, October 8, from 8am to Noon in the Parish House.

Cookie Walk needs "elves" to help us bring some holiday spirit to New Bern. We are looking for bakers -- both experienced and inexperienced -- as well as volunteers to help decorate the Harrison Center, plate the cookies and of course, help on the day of Cookie Walk, **December 9th**. All the proceeds from this event support local charities. Come by and see us on October 8th to volunteer and eat a cookie or two. Point of contact is Sims Wayt at [simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com).



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## All Aboard the Trolley Tour

Once again this year enjoy a journey into New Bern's Historic past. Our first year was The Wonderful Women of New Bern and last year the Magnificent Men of New Bern. This year is for Nicholas Sparks fans – and who isn't??? We will tour the sites and hear the stories from the novels of our own Mr. Sparks! Join us aboard the Trolley as we visit the locations that inspired him to write of our fabulous town of New Bern.

The date of this year's Trolley Tour is Monday, October 9. Tickets are \$25, payable in advance (which includes driver and guide gratuity), and we will leave promptly at 10 am from the Christ Church parking lot. The tour is 1.5 hours. Tickets are non-refundable but feel free to find a replacement (or make it a donation to our Episcopal Church Women's fund for charities). Seats may go quickly, we had such a wonderful time the past two years. Make your plans now.

To reserve your seat(s) or for more information please contact Rodney Hayes at either [rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com) or text/call 203.640.2638



## Rothermel Foundation Fall Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will host James C. Peterson, PhD, for their Fall lecture. His topic will be *Human Gene Editing for the Good Life*. Peterson will give a first-hand report of how geneticists across the world have been meeting to discern and encourage the best use of Gene Editing technology for healing human disease, and maybe even enhancement. He will describe in particular how the most influential religious traditions, such as the Christian faith, have thought about the roles of genes and gene editing.

The lecture will take place at 2 pm, Sunday, October 22, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church, New Bern. For more information on the speaker and topic, click [here](#).

## Christ Church Local Charity Grants

For the past number of years, Christ Church has made two separate Donation Grants to Local Charities -- The Christ Church Trust in the Fall and Outreach (combination of Pumpkin Patch, Giving Tuesday, and Cookie Walk) in the Spring. Starting this fall, these two donation grant processes are now being combined. The new title is Christ Episcopal Church Trust / Outreach Grants. There will be a single Grant Application Form for local charities to apply, as well as a common application deadline that will occur in the fall. All grant distributions will be determined and distributed by the end of every calendar year.

This year's Christ Episcopal Church/Outreach grant application is now online and can be found [here](#), as well as on our website at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. The application deadline is Tuesday, October 24.

For more information, contact Ellie Roberts at [ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.org](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.org).

## Holiday Market Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9 AM until 4 PM, and we are looking for some creative volunteers for the planning committee. The event will be on the church grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets. More information and a vendor application can be found [here](#). Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church. Contact Tony Embrey at 828.774.9592 if you're interested in volunteering.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

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

*Psalm 55:22a*



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Youth and Children Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – The Flood & the Ark
- Whirl (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades) – Two Sons in the Vineyard
- Whirl (3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – Two Sons in the Vineyard
- Youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Why Should I Pray

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Ten Best Ways
- Whirl (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades) – Rejection in the Vineyard
- Whirl (3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – Rejection in the Vineyard
- Youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Solomon

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – The Great Family
- Whirl (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades) – Rejoice in the Lord Always
- Whirl (3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – Rejoice in the Lord Always
- Youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Why Should I Pray the Lord's Prayer?

## Cursillo Fall Weekend

The Cursillo Ministry of the Diocese of East Carolina traditionally holds two Cursillo weekends every year. These weekends are designed to enrich and deepen an individual's faith journey and foster ministry among lay people. The Fall 2023 weekend will take place November 9 - 12.

Weekends consists of talks and group discussions built on the Cursillo tripod of Piety, Study, and Action. The weekend is filled with singing, prayer, meditation, great food, and lifetime friendship-building.

Each person who returns from a Cursillo weekend is encouraged to participate in what is known as the "Fourth Day," which is a symbol for the rest of one's life. There are several ongoing means to live life through the Cursillo Community and support Christian Ministries such as small groups ("Reunions") and larger groups ("Ultreyas"). We mature in our spirituality through these groups and the Cursillo experience. Our Fourth Day makes that experience a lifetime process of spiritual growth and renewal.

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. For more information contact Mary Lynn Guidage at [mlglinton12@gmail.com](mailto:mlglinton12@gmail.com).

## Your Faith Journey: Adult Confirmation and Reception

The Episcopal tradition has deep roots. Roots that are connected to other branches of the Christian faith in ways you may, or may not, realize. Ultimately, we are a church deeply invested in sharing the story of Jesus to a world that needs to hear and experience it.

Join us for a four-week series where we will explore more about our own faith journeys and all the ways we can deepen those journeys within an Episcopal context. If you have recently joined our tradition and are interested in being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church, we welcome you to join us in preparation for the bishop's visit on November 12th. Anyone interested in learning more about the history of the church and our theology is also welcome to attend.

- **October 8** – How'd we get here: An introduction to the history of The Episcopal Church, The Diocese of East Carolina, and Christ Church, New Bern
- **October 15** – How'd you get here: Naming and claiming our own faith stories
- **October 22** – What's that Book: Episcopalians and the Bible
- **November 5** – What's the Other Book: The Book of Common Prayer for Everyday Use

This series will meet in the Library at 9:45 on Sundays. The Revs. Paul Canady and Suzanne Hood will be facilitating. This class is for anyone interested. If you're new to the Episcopal Church, you'll learn a lot! If you've been around for a while, you may remember some things you forgot you knew!

Participants will be invited at the end of the series to make a more public profession of commitment to this branch of the Jesus Movement on Sunday, November 12th, when the Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving visits.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Paul ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252.631.5861) or Suzanne ([suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252.631.5862).



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## THE PUMPKINS HAVE ARRIVED!

Arriving as scheduled, this year's supply of pumpkins made it here Thursday afternoon. Many, many thanks to all those who came and helped unload the truck! Here are just a few pictures -- more to come in future issues of *The Messenger* and *The Crown*.



*Our first sale of the 2024 Pumpkin Patch!*



### Sprucing Up the Sunday School Rooms

Put your DIY skills to use by helping us paint the chalkboards in the Education Rooms. All paint and materials have been purchased, we are just looking for someone to complete the job. On-the-job guidance is available. For more information or to volunteer, contact

Ellie Roberts

([ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com)) or Rick Miller ([rickmiller950@hotmail.com](mailto:rickmiller950@hotmail.com)). Thank you in advance!

### GIG Seeking Van Drivers

GIG is seeking a volunteer van driver for Mondays and Tuesdays. NEW THIS YEAR -- van drivers will only pick up children from Brinson Elementary. There won't be a return trip. No CDL is required, just a valid state drivers license. Check out this ride-along [video](#) with Paul and Rick Miller to learn more. Contact Debbie Fodrie at [debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com) if you're interested. Come join the GIG Family!

# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## History of Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers

Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers began in 1974 in North Carolina with three acres of pumpkins and a partnership with one church. We agreed to let the church sell the pumpkins, and they would share the proceeds. There was no contract, no legal proceedings... just a handshake and trust in each other. Richard and Janice Hamby have been growing pumpkins and adding partners ever since.

It's a wonderful partnership of trust. The churches and non-profit organizations trust us to grow and deliver great pumpkins. We trust those organizations to be diligent in selling their pumpkins, honest in reporting their sales, and attentive to paying our percentage of sales. We are responsible for all of the costs associated with growing, harvesting and shipping. To ensure that our partners have a successful patch, we bear all of the risk of loss due to theft and spoilage. While it is unusual in the business world, this relationship of trust has been very effective throughout the years.

After being hit by Hurricane Hugo, we moved our farming operations to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, NM. In cooperation with the Navajo Nation, we grow 1,200 acres or approximately two square miles of pumpkins and employ over 700 Native Americans during our harvest months of September and October. We also have a full-time off-season NM staff that is comprised of entirely Native Americans. This has a positive and lasting impact on a region with 42% unemployment.

Since 1974, our Pumpkin Patch family has grown to over 1,000 organizations covering the Continental US, representing 25 denominations of churches and youth groups, schools, fraternal organizations, Knights of Columbus, Scouts, Habitat for Humanity groups and other civic organizations. The Hamby's son, John, has now graduated from college and joined the company to continue another generation of family-focused business. The entire project is still based on trust.

Source: [Pumpkinsusa.com](http://Pumpkinsusa.com)

This advertisement is set against a background of various pumpkins and gourds. It features a central yellow rectangular box with text. The text reads: "Christ Episcopal Church" in orange, "2023 Pumpkin Patch" in large green letters, "NOW OPEN" in dark green, "Seven Days a Week" in dark green, "10 am - 4 pm" in dark green, "Click [HERE](#) to volunteer." in dark green, and "All proceeds go to local charities." in dark green.

## Warm Their Soles Sock Donation Drive

Socks are the most needed, but least donated, article of clothing for the needy. To help remedy that situation on a local level, The Tryon Civitan Club is sponsoring a sock drive from October 1 - 31, to benefit Religious Community Services (RCS). They are collecting new socks for men, women and children.

A collection bin will be located in the Reception Area during October. Please help The Tryon Civitans put cold feet into warm socks this fall and winter.



# THE GOODS

## One-on-One Prayer

Beginning this month, we are adding an opportunity for one-on-one prayer near the end of both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. We will have two people available in the Chapel during and after Communion pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com)) or 252.631.5861 for more information. Our orientation and training will be on tomorrow, Monday, October 2nd at 6:00pm in

## Upcoming Faith Connection Events

Faith Connection is resuming its monthly movie series, with a presentation of *Just Mercy*, a 2019 American biographical, legal drama. It explores the work of young defense attorney, Bran Stevenson, who represents inmates on death row. The movie presentation will take place at 2:30 pm, October 12, at 208 Meadows Street.

The October Faith Connection meeting will take place at St. Cyprian's at 600 Johnson Street. The meeting will feature a presentation by Bethany Richards, Founder of the Bike Box Project, which is dedicated to giving hope to people with Parkinson's disease by raising awareness and funds to meet their needs and the needs of their caregivers.

## Al-Anon Meetings at Christ Church

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help. We meet from 7 - 8 am on Tuesday mornings in the 2nd Floor Living Room.

## 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.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click on this [link](#) for October Sundays. November Sundays can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **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 October dates [here](#). November shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours are back:** Coffee Hours have returned, but they can't happen without hosts. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Hosting instructions are included on the Sign Up Genius page.
- **Volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch:** The Pumpkin Patch is now open and looking for volunteers to work a shift or two. Click [here](#) and come see what all the fun is about.
- **Altar Flower Donations** are a meaningful way to honor a loved one or commemorate a special event in the lives of you and your family. If you would like to donate 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 cost is \$40 per Sunday.
- **RCS Requesting Personal Hygiene Items:** Hygiene kits play a vital role in helping RCS Emergency Crisis Shelter clients maintain their dignity and well-being. Join RCS in positively impacting and supporting community members in need by dropping off hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other personal care products to the RCS Main Office at 919 George Street in New Bern.
- **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](mailto:hshine08@suddenlink.net).

## Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on November 5. Articles should be submitted by October 15.
- 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).