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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*)

Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

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

Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett

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](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

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](#)

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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 February 2025 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by January 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

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 Odderstol*, 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, and Charles Peterson.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Ahsokie; St. Thomas, Bath

**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 JAN. 5	MONDAY JAN. 6	TUESDAY JAN. 7	WEDNESDAY JAN. 8	THURSDAY JAN. 9	FRIDAY JAN. 10	SATURDAY JAN. 11	SUNDAY JAN. 12
<p>BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p>	<p>11:30am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room) – resuming from Christmas Break</p> <p>1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)</p> <p>5:30pm: Epiphany Servicee (Nave)</p>	<p>7am: Al Anon Meeting – (2nd Floor Living Room)</p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>11am: Rector's Bible Study (Pelletier Room) – resuming from Christmas Break</p> <p>6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>	<p>5pm: Endowment Working Group Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>			<p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)</p> <p>9:45am: Sunday School for Ages and Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:45am: Living Micah 6:9 Adult Class (Library)</p> <p>11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p> <p>6 pm: EYC (Youth Room) – resuming from Christmas Break</p>

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Recent Newcomers

Jim and Paget Merriman recently moved to New Bern from Prescott, Arizona, where they were active in St Luke's Episcopal Church. They had also previously lived in Oceanside, California. Jim was born and grew up in Enid, Oklahoma, and also lived in Kansas and Colorado. Paget was born and grew up in Manhattan, New York.

After living in the mountain town of Prescott for four years, they decided it was time to move back to an ocean/beach area. Instead of moving back to California, they made the decision to move to the East coast and picked New Bern as their new home.

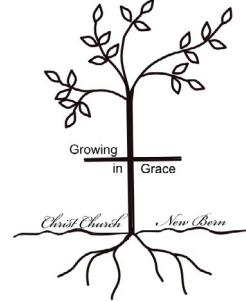
Both are retired; Paget was employed as a teacher and also worked with autistic children. Jim was employed in the area of finance and accounting, and the couple owned their own business.

Jim enjoys yoga and golf and Paget joins him for yoga. As they settle in to their new environment, Paget looks forward to volunteering here at Christ Church, and she has already signed up to be a Lector. They look forward to joining social activities here at the Church.

GIG Children, Mentors, & Families Enjoy Christmas Celebration

The Growing in Grace family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Celebration in December. We look forward to our return in January.

"The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays." - W.C. Jones



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Cookie Walk Success

The 25th Annual Christ Church Cookie Walk was one for the ages. Thank you Sims Wayt and her band of elves for all of their work in ensuring its success. Helping our Community -- One Cookie at a Time!



DECEMBER VESTRY RECAP

- The Vestry welcomed four new members of the 2027 Vestry class: Vins Bowers, Liz Coble and Susan Husson (Ernie Williams was absent). The Vestry also thanked the four retiring members for their dedication and service -- Tony Embry, Phyllis Fox, Rebecca Leahy and Susan Moffat-Thomas.
- Election of 2025 Officers were approved.
- Building and Grounds is in the process of "refreshing" the Outdoor Chapel. The work should be completed in late January.
- Pastoral Care will commission five new Stephen Ministers in February, 2025.
- Epiphany Service will be Monday January 6 from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

- Laura Overman

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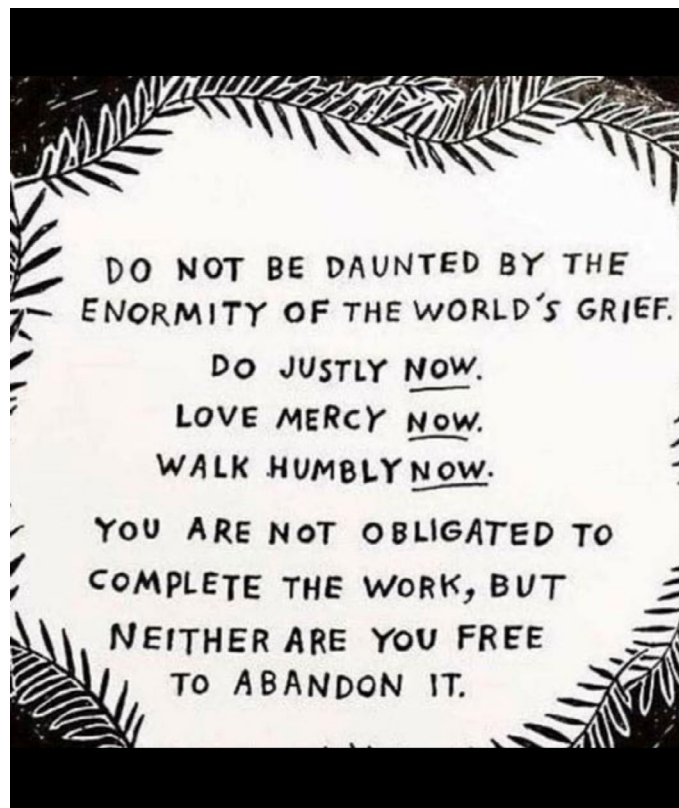
2nd Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

We celebrated a second annual Arts and Crafts Market in December 14 and received very positive feedback from both customers and vendors. Many thanks to Tony Embrey for all his work in creating this tradition and supporting the ministries of Christ Church. Church.



Living Micah 6:8

As we look to the New Year, you are invited to join an Adult Sunday School class to explore the question of Micah 6:8. "What does the Lord require of you?" What does it mean, as individuals and as a community of faith, to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our god? The introductory class on January 12 will be held in the library. All other weeks will meet in the 2nd Floor Living Room.



Rector's Bible Study - The Children's Bible

During January and February, the Rector's Bible Study will be led by the Associate Rector, Suzanne Hood and Deacon in Training, Charles Pringle. We will explore some of our favorite Bible stories from childhood. We will do this by comparing popular children's versions of the Bible with the text as it appears in our study Bibles. We will investigate questions such as: What lasting images do we have from the stories as we heard them when we were kids? How did those versions shape our understanding of God? What was left out and what was given more emphasis? We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 in the Pelletier Room.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

1 Thessalonians 5:11

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

News from St. Cyprian's

January Worship at St. Cyprian's

- Holy Eucharist, 11 am, Sunday, January 5
- Morning Prayer, 11 am, Sunday, January 19

Entrance to the church is by the stairs at 604 Johnson Street. All are welcome.

On December 14th, St. Cyprian's Church participated in the New Bern Holly and Ivy tours of historical homes and churches, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. About 70 visitors were introduced to the beauties and history of St. Cyprian's. We were favored with a glorious floral display by Michael Brown of Grace & Ivy.

St. Cyprian's Church, along with its partner, the African American Heritage and Culture Center, continues to work with the Bishop's Committee on St. Cyprian's. We are hopeful that good things will result, according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

You can contact Mrs. Shirley Guion, St. Cyprian's Senior Warden, by phone at 252.288.2812 or by email StCyprianofNB@gmail.com. Checks in support of St. Cyprian's may be sent to Post Office Box 809, New Bern, NC 28563-809. *Donations and support of St. Cyprian's are tax deductible as allowed by law.*

Seeking Nominees to the Bishop Search Committee

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of East Carolina is currently soliciting names of individuals who are willing to nominate themselves, or someone whom they feel would be a good servant of our Lord, and step forward and participate in the search process for the next bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Individuals with a variety of gifts and backgrounds are needed. People from large churches and small churches; urban churches and rural churches; those new to the faith, and those who have been faithful followers of Christ for a long time.

You are asked to respond by completing the Nomination Form by Monday, January 6, 2025.

Please scan the QR code below to learn more and nominate yourself or someone you know in the diocese. You can also find more information on the diocesan website (www.diocese-eastcarolina.org).



Braver Angels Workshop

St. Peter's Episcopal Church invites you to a Braver Angels Workshop, Families and Politics: How to talk to loved ones on the other side. The event will be held on Saturday, January 25th (details below). There is no charge for attendance.



Family relationships are becoming casualties of our toxic political environment. Family members are having nasty political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off lifetime relationships. If you want to preserve important family bonds while still being true to your values and political beliefs, this workshop will offer you:

- Insight into why family differences over politics are uniquely challenging
- Recognition of common roles that family members play in political conversations (for example, the Gladiator, the Defender, and the Sniper).
- Strategies and skills for handling family political differences in a constructive way
- Although the focus is on family relationships, you can use learnings in this workshop with any loved one.
- You'll laugh and have some fun in this workshop—it won't be all serious. After all, we all come from quirky families.

The workshop will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal, 101 N. Bonner St., Washington, NC. The time is 9 am - 12 noon. To make reservations contact Betsy Boxer at sadiesmom1993@gmail.com.

The last day for reservations is Friday, January 17th 5pm. The workshop is limited to 40 people, so please reserve early. The workshop will be facilitated by Steve Skiffington, Co-Chair of Mid-Atlantic Braver Angels of North Carolina.

THE GOODS

Attention American Express Users

We have been informed by Vanco, our credit card processor, that American Express has increased their interchange and assessment rates for non-profit organizations. As a result, Vanco will be increasing their American Express network fee to Christ Church from 3.5% to 3.99% as 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.

Senior Luncheon -- Fun, Food and Fellowship

Join us for a light luncheon and dessert on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, 11:30am, in the Christ Church Parish House. Reservations required, by Friday, January 11th. Reserve via [signup genius](#) or call the reception desk at: (252) 633-2109. All are Welcome!

DOK Sock Drive

During the month of January, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invites all to help with our annual outreach project. This year we will be collecting socks. New and clean socks are one of the most needed items in homeless shelters as they are often overlooked but are essential for personal hygiene and comfort and are consistently in high demand across different sizes and genders. We will be collecting all types of socks for children and adults. The collection will run until January 26. Items collected will be distributed to local charities. Please help by providing socks for those in need.

A bin will be available for donations in the Reception Area. Thank you!

Coffee Hour

We appreciate our coffee hour hosts and are looking for more volunteers each week. Hostess duties include plating and setting out any refreshments that have been provided, as well as refreshing cups, condiments, napkins, etc. throughout the Coffee Hour. invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am coffee hour. For more information or to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our January services, click [here](#). February services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurch-newbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your January shifts [here](#). Click [here](#) for February 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.*

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on February 2. Articles should be submitted by January 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.

Feast of Epiphany

Please join us for our Epiphany service at 5:30 pm, tomorrow, Monday, January 6. We will start with a service in the Nave, then share a meal in the Parish House, followed by Eucharist in the Chapel.

