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HARVEST SUNDAY

Although it may not seem so, especially during an annual giving campaign, a church's annual budget is not really about dollars and cents, but about ministry and mission. Supporting the ministry and mission of Christ Church involves us all -- not just the apostles but the disciples among us as well. During Jesus' life, those who followed him supported the whole team, and later, in the Book of Acts, we learn that all believers held things in common. As a result, there were not needy people among them. These seemingly mundane issues of money, food, lodging, and connections helped the ministry and mission go forward and thrive. Jesus and the apostles were able to move forward knowing that support was there for them.



So, too, your pledges keep the staff at work, the building standing, and the commissions operating. Meeting these basic needs -- from clergy to coffee, from official duties to office supplies, from insurance to investment in time and talent -- allows Christ Church to bring the light of God into the community and keep it shining brightly.

Our stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure, is a living and lasting gift to the God who has given us so much. It is a joyful response to the gratitude we feel for what we have received. Psalm 95:2 reminds us to "...come into his presence with thanksgiving: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Because, says David Stendl-Rast, "It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful!"

Today, we celebrate Harvest Sunday and the conclusion of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. If you have already turned in your pledge, bring a bookmark from the pew to the altar during the ingathering activity to place in the offering and symbolize your pledging to Christ Church. Following the 11 am service, we will celebrate with a Harvest Sunday Luncheon. All contributed food items should be dropped off in the Harrison Center prior to the 11 am service. Thank you!

One-On-One Prayers

Today begins a new offering during our Sunday worship. If you would like someone to pray with you or for you for a special cause or for no reason other than you would like an extra prayer, we hope you will avail yourself of this ministry. Prayer Ministers will be in the Chapel during Communion. You might see them taking Communion along with the rest of the altar party and then exiting the double doors to go to the chapel. If you feel called or led to pray with them, exit through the double doors into the Reception Area and go to the Chapel. Whatever the topic of your prayer with them, they will hold it in absolute confidence. They will not share it with the clergy unless there is a concern about immediate harm. You can return to your seat or stay in the chapel after your time with the Prayer Minister. And if you want to take someone with you to pray, please feel free!

We are stronger as God's beloved people when we pray for each other and with each other. We hope this new ministry will be a blessing to you! If you have any questions or would like to be one of those who prays with and for others, please reach out to the Rector, the Rev. Paul Canady paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5861.

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: Jimi Paderick
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
Sunday School Coordinator: Page Litfin
EYC Coordinator: Sydney Kitchen
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell
Custodian: Terry Pitner

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

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www.christchurchnewbern.com
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[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 December edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by November 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.

- 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, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, Charlie Henke, and Patty Willis.

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, Gerry, Mandy, and Jim.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James, Wilmington

*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](#).

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Did you notice that not all of the church's regularly scheduled events are 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 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 NOV. 5	MONDAY NOV. 6	TUESDAY NOV. 7	WEDNESDAY NOV. 8	THURSDAY NOV. 9	FRIDAY NOV. 10	SATURDAY NOV. 11	SUNDAY NOV. 12
<p>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY HARVEST SUNDAY FIRST UTO COLLECTION SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for All 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 12:15 pm: Harvest Sunday Luncheon (Harrison Center)</p>		<p>7am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>6 pm: Voter Education Discussion (Parish House) 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>			<p>11am: Funeral Service for James Sawyer</p>	<p>SECOND UTO COLLECTION SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for All 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 4 pm: Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Skirving</p>

PUMPKIN PATCH

2024 PUMPKIN PATCH — THAT’S A WRAP!

Many thanks to all those worked to make this year’s Pumpkin Patch a record-breaking success. We appreciate every one of you. From unloading pumpkins — to working shifts, providing baked goods, working preschool storytime, and finally cleaning up the church yard this week — it was a parish-wide and community effort. We appreciate all of your efforts and know that the Pumpkin Patch couldn’t have happened without you.

And now for the exciting part — the final tally! Christ Church’s proceeds from this year’s Pumpkin Patch amounted to a record-breaking \$8,441.63, which is nearly a 37 percent increase over 2022. All of these funds will be returned to local charities via our Christ Church Trust/ Outreach Grants. In addition, the remaining two-thirds of our gross proceeds are returned to the New Mexico Navaho reservation — a true win/win outcome. Thank you again to all those who supported the 2024 Pumpkin Patch.



Hard at work selling those pumpkins, gourds, and mums!



Crafting with preschool visitors.



Preschool story time at the Pumpkin Patch



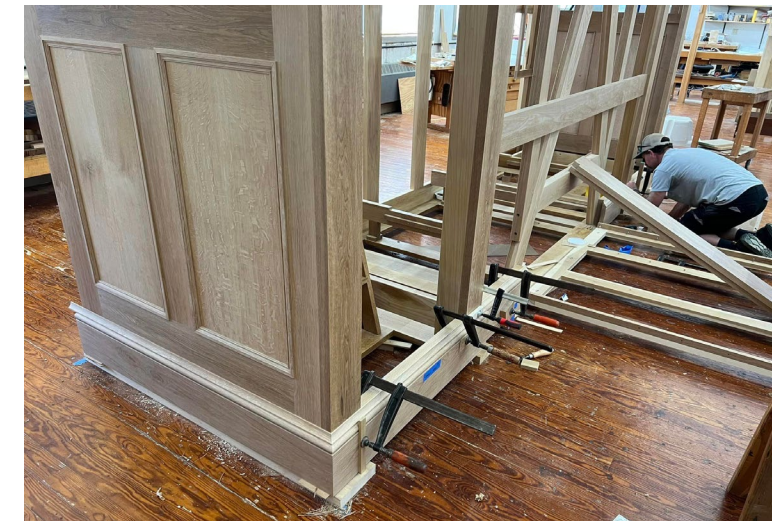
Beautiful site in our historic church yard.



Rotting pumpkins are a special treat for the farmer’s pigs.

ORGAN BUILDING UPDATES

Recently our organ builder, Taylor and Boody, shared these progress photos of our organ via social media. Follow them on their Facebook and Instagram pages for more updates.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Confirmation Sunday

We be holding a Confirmation Liturgy at 4 pm, next Sunday, November 12. Bishop Skirving will be making a visit to Christ Church. Our youth Confirmands have been attending weekly confirmation class since early September. Adult Confirmands have been attending a four-week Sunday morning discussion series.



Youth and Children Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – Saints
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Humbled and Exalted
- Whirl (3 – 5th grades) – Humbled and Exalted
- Youth (6 – 12th grades) – Syrophenician Women

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – The Exile & Return
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Ten Bridesmaids
- Whirl (3 – 5th grades) – Ten Bridesmaids
- Youth (6 – 12th grades) – Jacob

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds) – The Prophets
- Whirl (K-2nd grades) – Parable of the Talents
- Whirl (3 – 5th grades) – Parable of the Talents
- Youth (6 – 12th grades) – Various ministry leaders to talk about faith

United Thank Offering

Once again, the All Saints Chapter of Episcopal Church Women is participating in the United Thank Offering campaign.

UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box (especially great for children) or a UTO envelope. You will find envelopes in the pews on Sunday and boxes in the Narthex, Nave (by the Reception Area door) and in the Reception Area.

UTO distributes 100 percent of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

All Saints ECS thanks you for your continued support of this ministry and its mission.

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 Displace 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.

Our Youth had a "Reverse Trick or Treat" evening where they visited parishioners' homes and took THEM treats. A good time was had by all!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Cookie Walk Countdown

Cookie Walk Countdown continues! What cookie recipe are you trying this week? How about Chocolate Crinkle Cookies. Click on the link below for the recipe. <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/chocolate-crinkle-cookies/>

We also need volunteers to help in the days Cookie Walk. Come join us for Boxing Day on Thursday, December 7 from 10-Noon. We will also be plating cookies all day on Friday, December 8, at the Harrison Center. Pop in and package for an hour or two.

Cookie Walk will be held from 10am to Noon on Saturday, Dec. 9, and, of course, we'll need volunteers that day, too! Click [here](#) to volunteer and [here](#) to bake. A paper sign up is located in the Reception Area. Also, you can sign up using the tablet kiosk in the Reception Area. All of the proceeds from this event are returned to our community. Contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com with questions.



Holiday Arts and Crafts Market



Save the Date - Greening of the Church



THE GOODS

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 10/26/2023

Pledge Amount Received: \$263, 946
Number of Pledges Received: 66

Veterans: Why, Which One, Then What

The Union Colonial NC Branch of the English-Speaking Union will present a special Veterans Month program at 4:30 pm, Sunday, November 19, in the Harrison Center. Doors will open at 4:15 pm.

Major General USMC (ret) Thomas Braaten will discuss choices. For most of us, there is no template to follow in life. When they reach that age which seems appropriate for retirement, some will stick with their initial field, some will instead start a new career, travel, volunteer, spend a lot of time with grandchildren, or just lean back and enjoy a well-earned retirement. Understanding that there is no template, our guest will share his opinion, based on his experience, on the “Why, Which One, and Then What?” for veterans (and anyone).

Reminder: Time Change Today

Daylight Savings Time ended early this morning, which means we gain back the hour we lost in the spring. Please make note!

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. 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. November Sundays can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at 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! November shifts can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for December shifts.
- **Coffee Hours:** Coffee Hours have returned for fall and winter, but they can’t happen without hosts. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Thank you to Dax Jennings for hosting this week’s early coffee hour.
- **Backpack Blessings Build:** The fall Backpack Blessings Build will take place November 13 and 14 at Garber Methodist Church. This will be a great time of service and fellowship, as we continue to carry out the mission of serving food-insecure homes and feeding hungry children in Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- **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. 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.
- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry:** IRM is in need of personal hygiene items for incoming refugees. We are expecting about 15 or more refugees by the end of November. Please drop your donations in the IRM box in the Reception Area. Items needed include: tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, men’s and women’s deodorant, and bar soap.
- **Christ Church Cooks** is meeting at 9:30 am, Monday, November 13. In the meantime, help us clear room in the freezer and take a meal or two for someone.