

# CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Today is Realm Sunday

Christ Church continues to roll out Realm, a new digital tool for members, that will help us to be a church between Sundays. Join staff and leadership from 9:30 - 11 am on April 14, in the Parish House for assistance in navigating Realm. We'll offer hands-on assistance with getting started with Realm, uploading your photo, and learning parish committee basics.



If you aren't already on Realm, email Jimi at [jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com) for an email invitation to join. You can then log in and set up your account and password.

Once you have logged in for the first time, you can download the app called "Realm Connect - For Our Church" on your phone. If you have an iPhone, you will download the app from the Apple Store. If you have an Android device you will download the app via Google Play. After you download the app, you can log in on your mobile device using the same email address and password that you created through your computer. Your app will stay connected to your account with the church. If you need assistance with downloading the app, just bring your mobile device this morning for assistance.

## Vacation Bible School: June 10 - 14

This year, children of all ages will venture to Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! To register as a participant or volunteer, click [here](#).



## Easter Sermon Series

For the next five weeks, our sermons will focus on different aspects of worship and why we do what we do. We hope you'll join us! Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am (including [here](#) on our YouTube Channel at 11:00).

Acknowledge, Hear, Offer, Celebrate:  
What happens in worship  
*An Easter Sermon Series*

April 14 – Hearing & Responding: The Liturgy of the Word  
April 21 – Proclaim & Call: The Deacon's role in worship  
April 28 – Take, Eat: The Liturgy of the Table  
May 5 – Pray Twice: Music in Worship  
May 12 – Rubrics: The How-to of the Prayer Book

*Join us as we look deeper at worship in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition.*

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00am  
Christ Church 320 Pollock Street New Bern, NC

   

## Contemplative Prayer

### *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*

**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on five Mondays, May 6 - June 3

**Leader:** Rev. Barbara Bornemann; sign up by email – [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

**Meets In Person & On Zoom:** In person: Pelletier Room (Upstairs at Christ Church)

**Study Book:** *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by Cynthia Bourgeault

When we encounter struggles and challenges in our daily life, we yearn for the good news of hope to pull us through our difficulties. As we journey through the wellsprings of hope, we're invited to grow in our understanding of how we perceive this gift in our lives. Do we see hope through the lens of desired results, or do we see it through the lens of trust? Author Cynthia Bourgeault says, "In our usual way of looking at things, hope is tied to outcome: 'I hope I get this job' or 'I hope my mother gets well.' The Bible introduces us to a different kind of hope that has its source not in events but in the mercy of God, a lifeblood of compassion connecting our heart to God's heart and the heart of all creation." You are invited to come and participate in the weekly Contemplative Prayer group, which will explore and study the book, *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*. During each session, we will support one another in our pilgrimage of prayer and our search for a deeper understanding of God's gift of hope. Let us trust that in the search itself, as we open ourselves to God's transforming love.

# ECW Geranium Sale

We are gearing up for our 2nd Annual Geranium Sale! We will have beautiful, BIG (8" pot as compared to 6" last year) geraniums from White's Farm in three colors. They will be available at the Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market on Saturday, May 4th. We will only have 100 plants, so come early, and don't be disappointed!

The price is \$15 per pot (less than last year), and ALL PROCEEDS go to our ECW outreach fund. Last year we were able to support Laundry Love (they have monthly free laundry days at a laundromat in town) and My Sister's House, a temporary home for newly released women prisoners to help them get on their feet and productive again.

Please support us on the 4th of May! For more info contact Rodney Hayes [rodneymhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneymhayes@yahoo.com) (203)640-2638.

## Rector's Bible Study

The Rector's Bible Study is back. We are working our way through 1st John. The Sunday Epistle readings in the season of Easter come from there. Hope you will join us on Wednesdays at 11 am, in the Pelletier Room.

## Heritage Homes Tour

Christ Church will be participating as a stop along the New Bern Heritage Homes Tour on May 3 and 4. The self-guided walking tour benefits the New Bern Historical Society and offers the opportunity to tour beautiful historical homes, gardens in bloom, and historical churches. For more information or to purchase your ticket, click [here](#).

## Spring Arts and Crafts Market



To register for the Spring Arts and Crafts Market, click on the graphic or go to

[http://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-](http://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-Spring-Market)

[Spring-Market.](#)

## Classical Sounds Evolved

As part of the Arts in April events in New Bern, our Director of Music, will perform a solo piano recital based on the idea of music as a continuously evolving art form. Featuring Beethoven's classic "Waldstein" Sonata and ending with Chopin's story-filled Ballade No.1, this performance is intended to take the audience on a journey of sound development and evolution. Other works include Ravel's Jeux d'eau, Berg's Sonata for piano, and Jacqueline's own improvisation on the Berceuse musical form. Join us for this beautiful concert and a chance to hear the new acoustics on Sunday, April 28th, 2:30 pm, at Christ Episcopal Church.

## VESTRY MEETING RECAP

The vestry of Christ Church met on March 18, 2024, in the Parish House.

- Phyllis Fox opened the meeting by reading two spirit-filled prayers.
- The Vestry reviewed and approved the February Vestry Meeting Minutes.
- John Haroldson reported on Finance. The Balance Sheet was unchanged; it is stable. The January Budget was strengthened by big, pre-paid pledges. February's Budget is expected to be on target with pledges. Currently, the Church has strong revenues and is below budget estimates because some salary expenses are not present. The 2024 Budget was approved without discussion. "People are giving."
- Randy Bogle and Rebecca Leahy shared a review of Chapter 3, entitled, "Building Strong Leadership Teams" from the Episcopal Church *Foundation's Vestry Resource Guide*.
- The Parochial Report was reviewed by Paul and received by the Vestry. More details to come later.
- The Rector's Report noted from the Episcopal Parish Network Conference, "We're not alone in our struggles and our joys. Paul led discussion about Communion, cups, and intinction; it was agreed, by the end of May some changes will take place – preceded by several weeks of education to instruct parishioners and ease a gradual transition.

*Respectfully submitted by Holly Craighead Lippitt*

## Churchyard Clean-Up

*10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 27*

Please put this on your calendar to come, have fun, and help spruce up the church grounds. All kinds of fun things will be going on like trimming hedges, spreading mulch, playground chips, power washing, and more. The list of things that need to be done gets longer every day. We need as many people as possible. Remember that "many hands make light work."

Come and be a part of this fun-filled event and get involved. The nursery will be open for the entire clean-up period. Please contact Rick Miller with any questions (301.502.5268 or [rickmiller950@hotmail.com](mailto:rickmiller950@hotmail.com)).





# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

## For parishioners who have requested

**prayers:** Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odder-stol\*, 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, 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, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, and Cathy Monid.

**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, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, 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, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Adam, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, and Jennifer.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., 1st Lt. Jake Ballard, Cpt. John Koskinen.

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's, Goldsboro; and St. Paul's, Edenton

*\*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](#).*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar) and in the Sunday morning 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, April 14**

RCS InGathering Bag Distribution

Realm Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

10 am: Christ Church Friends (2nd Floor Living Room)

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

12:15 pm: Christian Formation Meeting (Library)

2 pm: Newcomers' Reception

### **Tuesday, April 16**

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

5 pm: Parish Life Commission (Library)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### **Wednesday, April 17**

3 pm: Pastoral Care Commission Meeting (Library)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Friday, April 19**

3 pm: Discernment Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

### **Sunday, April 21**

RCS InGathering Bag Collection

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

12:30 pm: New and Current Acolyte Training (Nave)

5 pm: Parents' Night Out

## Coffee Hour Today

Today, Sunday April 14th, Michele and Peter Mnatzakanian will be providing traditional Armenian foods for coffee hour. They do so in memory of Michele's mom, Rose Mouradian. In the Armenian Apostolic Church, a Hokehankis (in memory of) is celebrated forty days after the death of a loved one.

This is a significant part of their family heritage, and they are honored to be able to share this tradition with their Christ Church community. Please join them for some traditional Armenian food (and of course Coffee) in Rose's memory.

## This Week in T-Ball

The Christ Church T-Ball spring schedule has started. This week, we take on First Presbyterian at 6 pm, Monday, April 15, at Fort Totten Field. Many thanks to Stephen Clayton and his coaches for their help this year.

To view the entire T-Ball schedule, click [HERE](#).

# THE GOODS

## Newcomers' Reception

Christ Church is hosting a Newcomers' Social today, Sunday, April 14, at 2 pm in the Parish House. If you are new to Christ Church today, please consider joining us. All recent newcomers to Christ Church have been invited, along with Staff, Vestry, and Commission Chairs. Any newcomers who have joined Christ Church within the last year are also invited to attend, especially those who may not have been able to attend a previous Newcomer's Social. Light refreshments will be served. For questions, please contact Barbara Rice at [b.rice23@outlook.com](mailto:b.rice23@outlook.com) or ask one of the clergy today.

## 2024 Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants

For the past number of years, Christ Church has made two separate Charity Grants to Local Non-Profits. The Christ Church Trust grants were distributed in the Fall, while the Outreach Grants (combination of Pumpkin Patch, Giving Tuesday, and Cookie Walk) were distributed in the Spring. These two grants are being combined with a common title: CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2024 Trust and Outreach Grants. There is one [online Grant Application Form](#) with an application deadline of April 30. There will be a single distribution to all charity recipients on May 31st. If you know of a local charity, that could benefit from this opportunity, please forward the application link to them or have them contact Jimi Paderick at [jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com).



**-SAVE THE DATE-**

**INVITING ALL CAMP TRINITY  
CAMPERS AND FAMILIES  
TO JOIN CAMP HOPE FOR A  
PRE-CAMP MEETING**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH  
FROM 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM  
HARRISON CENTER  
DINNER PROVIDED**



**MARY BETH BRADBERRY, CAMP TRINITY'S  
DIRECTOR, WILL JOIN US TO SHARE ABOUT  
CAMP AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.  
LONGTIME CAMP TRINITY FAMILIES, PLEASE  
COME AND SHARE YOUR CAMP TIPS WITH  
OTHER FAMILIES.  
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CAMP  
HOPE AND GIG CAMPERS TO MEET OTHER  
KIDS GOING TO CAMP TRINITY.  
HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON APRIL 28TH.**

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for April services and [here](#) for May services. 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! Click [here](#) for April shifts. May shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#).
- **Christ Church Friends:** Will meet today at 10 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room.
- **Foyers April Spring Fling:** Foyers will gather from 5 - 7 pm, Saturday, April 20 at 505 Shinnecock Court in Greenbrier (Jane and Jon Olstad's home). Please note the location change. Bring an appetizer to share, your beverage of choice and glassware. You can rsvp to [eparlett4@gmail.com](mailto:eparlett4@gmail.com).
- **Neighbors in Christ - Riverbend Potluck:** Our spring potluck will take place Friday, May 17, from 5 - 7 pm at 110 Gangplank Road. Bring your favorite dish to share. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Sims Wayt ([simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com)), Margaret Pollock ([margaret73pollock@icloud.com](mailto:margaret73pollock@icloud.com)) or Connie Whitney (633-1931).
- **Backpack Blessings Build:** The final Backpack Blessings Build of the school year will take place Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15, at Garber Church. Click [here](#) to register.
- **RCS InGathering:** RCS InGathering bags will be distributed today and collected next Sunday, April 21. Consider picking up a bag and filling it with groceries that will directly benefit RCS and their clients.

## UTO Collection

The national United Thank Offering (UTO) collection will take place Sunday, June 2. We will have collection boxes and envelopes available on May 19 and 26.

Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily, spiritual discipline of gratitude. 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. All offerings are distributed to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. To learn more about UTO, click [here](#).