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IT'S PUMPKIN BUSINESS

The first week of the 2025 Pumpkin Patch is in the books, and it's been a good one. Thanks to all those who are working shifts, contributing baked goods, and letting us borrow their wheelbarrows!



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
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
Facilities Coordinator: John Peterson
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett
Custodial Services: Terry Pitner

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 with Paul and [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](#) for more information.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
Heather McCloud-Huff, Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Graham Underhill
Term through 2027:
Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Patty Conard, Susan Husson (*Clerk*)

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.
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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 2025 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by October 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, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, Rebecca Liberty, Alan Rogers, and Becki Rich.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, David, Sam, Larry, Bobby, Joan, Corey, Denni, Elizabeth, Jenna, Peter, Bob, Janis, Karen, Tory, Jill, Marty, Kevin, Phil, Henry, Bruce, Betty, Grant, Skip, Mary Ellen, and Larry.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

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

**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:

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 OCT. 5	MONDAY OCT. 6	TUESDAY OCT. 7	WEDNESDAY OCT. 8	THURSDAY OCT. 9	FRIDAY OCT. 10	SATURDAY OCT. 11	SUNDAY OCT. 12
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School and Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 12 pm: LEV Meeting (Library) 3 pm: Racial Reconciliation Group (Pelletier Room) 5 pm: Blessing of the Animals (Outdoor Chapel) 5 pm: POD 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)	8:30am: Morning Prayer (Chapel) 1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room) 5:30pm: Vestry Nominating Committee (Library)	7am: Al Anon Meeting - (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)				8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School and Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 12 pm: EYC volunteers at the Pumpkin Patch

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

A Volunteer Spotlight: *In the Patch*

The pumpkins are here — all 2,500 of them — and the Pumpkin Patch is officially open! It's one of the most fun (and easiest!) ways you can give back to our community.

Each week, we rely on 44 volunteers to cover 22 shifts at the Pumpkin Patch. The commitment is simple: just a two-hour shift greeting visitors, assisting with pumpkin sales, and helping create a welcoming atmosphere.

Our volunteers are what make the Pumpkin Patch truly special. Longtime volunteer Peter Mnatzakanian shares, "For me, volunteering comes from the heart. My parents taught me the importance of helping others and giving back to the community. As Scripture reminds us, it is better to give than to receive. I love spending a beautiful fall day at the Patch, chatting with members of the community, brightening their day, and being part of something that makes a real difference." Peter has been volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch for as long as he has been a member of Christ Church — more than six years!

Your time and effort make a real difference. Last year, the Pumpkin Patch raised a record-breaking amount: over \$9,800! Every dollar of that stayed in our community through the Christ Church Grant Program, which awards funds to local charities. This



ministry is made possible entirely by volunteers, and your willingness to serve allows this tradition to continue blessing others year after year.

Volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch is as easy as pie... pumpkin pie! We warmly invite you to sign up for a shift, bring a friend along, and be part of this joyful ministry.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer! No experience is needed — a Seller's Handbook with all the necessary information is available at the tent. And if you would like more details or guidance beforehand, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.

Pumpkin Patch Notes

To volunteer for the pumpkin patch, you can sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/2025-CEC-Pumpkin> or on the paper sign-up located on the table in the Reception Area. You can download the Seller's Handbook from the Sign-Up Genius.

Please bring baked goods for us to sell. They can be dropped off at the sales tent and should be priced and dated. Baked goods sell best on weekends.



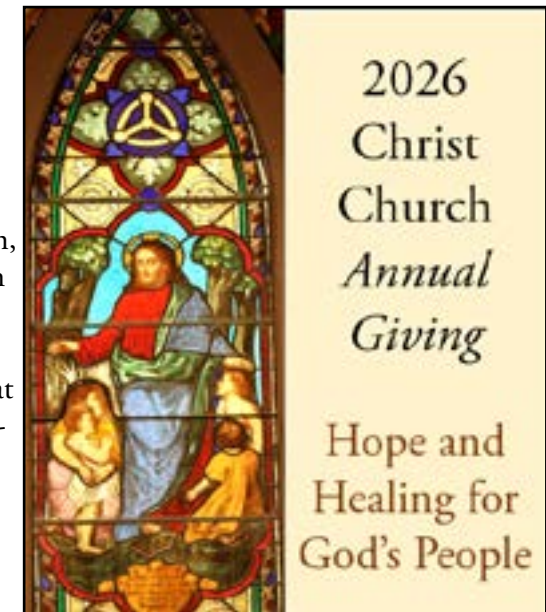
AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church: Hope and Healing for God's People

The vision of Christ Church is to love the way God loves. Part of that love is to be a source of hope and healing for God's people. Christ Church, and her people, provide hope and healing within our parish, in the local community, and even beyond New Bern. That is what we will be talking about as we enter our Annual Giving season. Over the next several weeks, other parishioners share their stories and experiences both of giving and receiving hope and healing. This theme will all be part of our sermons. As we move through this season, we hope you will also prayerfully consider how you will support Christ Church through your time, talent, and treasure in 2026. Watch the Messenger and the November Crown for more details.

If you missed Paul's sermon from September 28th, you may want to give that a [listen](#) or [watch](#). All of our sermons are available through Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, and Pocket Cast.

We will be sending pledge cards in mid-October, and we'd love to have the cards returned by November 23rd, which is also the Sunday of our Annual Meeting. Thank you for being a part of the journey!



Church Van Gets Refresh for the Program Year

When GIG started last month, the children and volunteers were treated to a freshly detailed and repaired van. Growing in Grace decals have also been applied to both sides of the van. Unfortunately, the Christ Church decals were accidentally removed, but they are going back on soon. We are sure that the refresh is much appreciated by all who use the van.

It's not too late to sign up to volunteer with GIG for the school year. For more information, contact Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.675.8358).



Blessing of the Animals

We will have a blessing of the animals today, Sunday, October 5. It will be a drop-in event in the Outdoor Chapel from 5 - 5:30 pm. Stop by with your furry, feathered or finned friend(s)!



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

September Vestry Meeting Recap

- Opening prayer led by Liz Coble
- **Financial Report**-Given in absence of the treasurer
 - » Paul Canady reported CCNB in good financial standing and currently within budget.
- **Follow-up from Vestry/Staff Retreat regarding Long-Term Funds**
 - » Approved action for “Outreach Giving Fund”, which shall be used to support RCS, Merci Clinic, IRM, and any other local outreach organization approved by the Vestry. Annual distribution of funds also voted on within this action.
 - » Approved action for “Sacred Sound and Space/Carillon Fund” to be used for maintenance, repair, replacement, and acquisition of musical instruments, and for the promotion of instruments of CCNB through concerts, recitals, and other performances. Annual distribution of funds also voted on within this action.
 - » Approved action for “Camp Hope Fund” to be added as a long-term special fund with the purpose of paying tuition and necessary supplies for children attending Camp Hope. This fund may also receive additional deposits from Angel Tree Ministries. Distribution guidelines also voted on within this action.
 - » Approved action for “Building and Window Preservation Fund” expenditure guidelines which will be at the discretion of the Vestry and related to the purpose and use of funds including, building-related repairs, reactive maintenance, and proactive maintenance. This fund is a long-term fund.
- **Rector’s Report**
 - » Three candidates announced for the Bishop Election in the Diocese of East Carolina: The Rev. Brian Cannaday, The Rev. Sarah Fisher, and The Rev. Caleb Lee. CCNB will host a Meet & Greet session the evening of Monday, October 27, 2025.
 - » Average summer attendance at both services was increased from previous years to 222.
 - » A vote will be brought forth at Convention in October for the Diocese to cover utilities and insurance for St. Cyprian’s through 2026.Annual giving campaign will formally begin in October.

-- Submitted by Liz Coble

July and August Newcomers

CINDY COOKE AND NAN SPACH

Cindy and Nan recently moved to New Bern. Cindy was originally from Winston-Salem, NC., and Nan was from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have also lived in Key West, Florida; Savannah, Georgia; Burlington, NC; and Wichita Falls, Texas. They were drawn to New Bern because of the history, water, and surrounding nature, woods, and trails, as they enjoy the outdoors. Inclusivity was what attracted them to Christ Church, and they are interested in meeting others and becoming involved in volunteer opportunities here.

OLIVIA REGISTER

Olivia has spent her life in Eastern North Carolina and New Bern. She recently attended Christ Church and felt the Church was a good fit for her at this point in her life. She is studying for her B.A. in Psychology and enjoys giving back to the community and helping others. She plans on joining activities here at Christ Church in the future.

JEAN RICHARDS

Jean recently moved to New Bern from Denver, Colorado, where she had resided since 1969. She grew up in Sheridan, Wyoming and also lived in Connecticut for eight years. While living in Denver, a friend told her about New Bern. As she was looking for a place with a good mix of people and near the ocean, Jean is happy to have chosen New Bern and has become active in the community. Having spent her life in the Episcopal Church, Christ Church has fit her needs and she plans on becoming an active volunteer here. She has three daughters, one in Denver, and two in Florida, along with three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Jean is an artist and uses her painting and prints to make cards. She also enjoys gardening and hiking.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

From the Docent Diaries

Docent Ministry is very important to Christ Church, one of the most sought-after places to visit in Historic New Bern. There are currently 21 parishioners serving six days a week to offer tours to visitors not only from New Bern but from across the NC State, the USA, and foreign countries. As they greet visitors, they are the first “face” of our Church. For more information about the docent program at Christ Church, contact Helen Shine. Here are some of their stories.

JOE RUSSO

In my role as a docent at Christ Church, I make it a point to arrive early and set up the foyer to create a welcoming atmosphere, ensuring all lights are turned on. I also take the opportunity to clean the outside entrance and position the welcome sign. Furthermore, I verify that a pen is readily available for visitors to sign our guest book. As guests arrive, I extend a warm greeting and ask about their connection to the area or their visitor status. I initiate my presentation by sharing the rich history of the church, emphasizing its notable features. Some of the most frequently posed questions include: Is this church active or a museum? What type of wood is utilized? What is the average attendance of parishioners? And who is interred on the grounds? I often receive accolades, such as: The breathtaking beauty of the church, both inside and out, the exquisite windows, altar, and outside altar and grounds, and our newly installed organ being a true masterpiece.

STEVE SKIFFINGTON

The thing I like best about being a Docent is meeting people from all over the country and sometimes the world! I always ask them where they're from and that opens up a whole topic of conversation. I've met several from Sacramento, which is my hometown. Well, OK, in the service of transparency I was born in Oakland, raised in a smallish town called San Lorenzo, which is the type of town kids can hardly wait to move out of, and I did when I

moved to Sacramento in 1971. Often, when I ask them where they live they'll reply, New Bern but have never been inside Christ Church! I've met folks who were baptized, confirmed or married here, or it was their grandparents' church. Finally, it never fails that they express their thanks for Christ Church being open and I always play the 'find the real stained glass windows' with them. That always makes them smile, and when they leave they are happy.

RODNEY HAYES

A young couple came in with a couple of little kids. One boy, about 5, was in awe as he walked into the sanctuary. He looked up at me and said, "Does God sleep here?" and I said 'sometimes, mostly he's up in Heaven making sure you're a good boy.' Little kids - gotta love em'! (at least sometimes!!)

CHRISTIE WINEHOLT

Saturday, September 13, was a beautiful early fall day and downtown New Bern was busy. We had over 50 visitors, some on a day trip, and some from farther away. What surprised me the most, though, was the large number of visitors who live in New Bern. They all loved seeing the church and hearing the history and stories, and all expressed how they had passed the church many times and were curious to see the inside. They were polite, and respectful, and genuinely impressed, not only with the beauty, but with our openness and hospitality.

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks gathered one morning in September to prepare food for our Christ Church Cooks freezer. Here are some pictures.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Jane K. Millns Organ Recital Series

The first concert of the Jane K. Millns Organ Recital Series is Sunday, November 9th at 4:00 pm with organist James O'Donnell , Professor of Organ at the Yale School of Music and the former Organist and Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in London, UK. We are so excited to welcome James to Christ Church and to New Bern!

I had the privilege of studying with James during my final semester at Yale. He had just started the position at the school, coming straight from London, and I could tell instantly that he was a wonderfully devoted teacher and mentor. A lovely person and a very fine organist, it will be quite a treat to hear him play our Opus 85 instrument next month.

For this particular concert, I encourage you to arrive early as folks from out of town will be attending and have been asking me about reserving seats (!). There are no seat reservations for these events, so arriving on the early side is your best bet.

We are incredibly grateful to the Jane K. Millns fund and family for their sponsorship of this wonderful new Organ Recital Series. The Millns family has had a connection to music at Christ Church for many years, and this series will bring in artists of a very high caliber to play our world class Taylor & Boody Opus 85 pipe organ.

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/music>.

- **Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 4:00 pm:** James O'Donnell, Professor of Organ at Yale School of Music and the former Organist and Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in London, UK.
- **Sunday, March 1, 2026 @ 4:00 pm:** David Baskeyfield, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina.
- **Friday, May 15, 2026 @ 7:00 pm:** Nathaniel Gumbs, Director of Music at The Riverside Church in New York City, and the Dedication Recitalist for our Opus 85 pipe organ.

- *Jacqueline, Director of Music*

Suzanne's Departure

The Rev. Suzanne Hood has accepted a call to be the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, VA. Her last day with us will be Sunday, October 19. An email with more details was sent out on Thursday, September 25. To read that message, click [here](#).

We will have a farewell party for her between services on Sunday, October 19. We also hope to present her with a farewell purse. You can contribute to that purse by bringing a check to the church (please put "Suzanne's Purse" in the memo line or giving online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. We look forward to celebrating Suzanne's next chapter, even if it's from afar and give thanks to God for her ministry among us! She has made an unforgettable mark on this place, and we will miss her and Jorin greatly.

*JANE K. MILLNS ORGAN
RECITAL SERIES*

*4 PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9,
2025 - JAMES O'DONNELL*

*4 PM, SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026
- DAVID BASKEYFIELD*

*7 PM, FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 -
NATHANIEL GUMBS*

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
320 POLLOCK STREET, NEW BERN, NC**

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Handbell Choir Position Opening

A position in the Hand Bell Choir has opened, and we would like to fill it!

Join this group of ringers who have fun ringing a bell and use special techniques with mallets, singing dowels, tower swings and lightly tapping the bell on the table, all to make music to enhance the worship service.

The group shares its music in church about six times a year. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. Reading music is helpful.

Interested? Questions? Contact Jean Reichenbach, Director, 252-259-7628, or Jackie Nappi, Director of Music at jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com.

From the Diocese of East Carolina

The Search Committee of the Diocese of East Carolina has announced a slate of three nominees to be elected as the Ninth Bishop of East Carolina by Diocesan Convention November 14-15, 2025 at the Maxwell Convention Center in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

- The Rev. Brian Cannaday, rector of St. Christopher in League City, TX
- The Rev. Sarah Fisher rector of St. Catherine's in Marietta, GA
- The Rev. Caleb Lee rector of St. Paul's in Wilmington, NC

Christ Church will host a nominee *Meet & Greet* session the evening of Monday, October 27, 2025. More information on the Bishop selection process can be found on the Diocese's website at <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/>.

Facts About the Order of The Daughters of the King

Christ Church is blessed to be the home of the Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King. This organization was founded in 1885, as an order, not a club. It closely parallels the Episcopal order for men, The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which was founded in the same era.

All Daughters wear the DOK cross. The design of the cross, which has fleury ends (three-petaled lily), includes the watchword "Magnanimitè Cru-cem Sustine" – "with heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross."

Who may join? Women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with us, or other churches in the historic episcopate—that means our bishops trace their lineage all the way back to St. Peter, Bishop of Rome.

So, membership today includes women in the Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches, plus all the churches in the Anglican Communion. This amounts to over 28,000 Daughters in 22 countries. The great majority live in the U.S.

The Daughters of the King meet nationally on a triennial basis, with dates and places corresponding to those of the Episcopal Church General Convention. In 2024 DOK convened in Louisville, Kentucky.

Every Daughter takes a lifelong vow to follow a Rule of Prayer (daily prayer for the Church clergy, parish, and the spread of Christ's Kingdom) and a Rule of Service (active service and evangelism in her parish and community). Bylaws prohibit fundraising. The focus of life as a Daughter is spiritual, though expressions of the spirit include the practical: service and evangelism.

How to become a Daughter? Admission normally follows a 12-week period of preparation and discernment, usually in an engaging class of women who are interested in discovering their call. This is followed, for those who wish to become a Daughter, by a Service of Admission in church on Sunday, in which vows are made and crosses received.

Prayer above all marks life as a daughter. This is private prayer, plus prayer together in DOK meetings. The Daughters receive prayer requests, which are kept strictly confidential. We also celebrate a DOK Holy Eucharist about twice a year. We grow closer the more we pray, and this is precious to us.

Interested? Look for a Daughter in church: she will be wearing the small sterling silver cross. She will be delighted to answer your questions tell you what DOK means to her!

- *The Rev. Margaret Pollock, Chaplain, Epiphany Chapter DOK*



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Pumpkin Vines? Why Yes They Are!!

Our mystery plants growing by the Education wing entrance are indeed pumpkins! We had four but are down to two – one visible in the picture the other shy, and hiding under the vine leaves in the back. Both need a few weeks to orange-up, and then they will go to our winners – Betty Clarke and Natalia Acevedo! Congratulations!



Cursillo Weekend

Pilgrim applications are currently being accepted on a first come - first served basis for the East Carolina #106 Weekend, which will take place November 6-9, at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. Cursillo Ministry is a spiritual, formational retreat for piety, study, and the practice of leadership and service. These tools are continued forward by building a lifestyle of transformational skills and assisted with laity through ministry friendships. Weekend fee is \$300 and includes room and meals.

Scholarships are available. The weekend includes discussion talks, meditations, a healing service, daily Eucharists, and an onsite Spiritual Advisor. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Mary Lynn Guidage or visit <https://www.cursillodec.org>.



Call for Assistance With the Flower Guild

The Flower Guild of Christ Church falls under the Pastoral Care Commission. The flowers on the altar are a beautiful embellishment to help us glorify God, but they are so much more than that. After the services each Sunday, the members of the Flower Guild distribute the altar flowers to people in our community who are celebrating birthdays, are on our prayer list, are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or other illnesses, etc.

The flower arrangements act in a similar way to our sharing of communion with those in our community who are homebound. The flowers on the altar soak in our prayers during the two Sunday services, bearing witness to God's love, and to our love for God and each other, and then, they go forth to share that love with those who need it most.

Please remember that the Flower Guild is spreading our love throughout the parish every Sunday. If you think you might be interested in joining this loving ministry, and spreading the love of Christ Church, please contact Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com or 252-638-4875).

MumFest Coming October 11 and 12

MumFest will be held in downtown New Bern next weekend, October 11 and 12. According to Swiss Bear, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic for the festival weekend, beginning Friday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m. Streets will re-open Sunday, October 12 at 8:00 p.m.

- Broad Street from Hancock to East Front Street (200, 300 & 400 blocks)
- Craven Street between New and Pollock Street (300 & 400 blocks)
- East Front Street from New to South Front Street (200, 300 & 400 blocks)
- Middle (200, 300 & 400 blocks)
- Pollock Street (300 & 400 blocks)
- Union Point Park

There will be limited access to the 200 blocks of Craven and Pollock. Our parking lot will be accessible for both services on Sunday, but please move your vehicle at 12:15 pm.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Save the Date - Angel Tree

Angel Tree Christmas is coming in November to serve the children of incarcerated parents! To learn more about Angel Tree, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUC6usd-KQ7U>.

The Angel Tree will be in the reception area with the Angel tags attached. This year we will be giving two gifts per child for a maximum of approximately \$50. The tags will include gift suggestions and sizes. The gifts will be returned to the church wrapped by December 1st, and there will be a Christmas party for the families on December 6th when they will receive the gifts. Monetary donations can also be made, as there will also be some gift cards for food given to the families. Each GIG family will receive a food gift card from these donations. We are excited about the arrival of the Angel Tree and hope you are too!

For questions or additional information contact anyone on the Angel Tree Team

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- Alicia Alford. 910-389-2687 littlelish@me.com
- Liz Coble 706-766-5199 erichardsbiology@gmail.com
- Gay Stuart 252-876-3400 junegstuart@yahoo.com
- Mia Wireman 502-405-8101 miawireman@gmail.com



Cookie Walk is Coming

Time to dust off your cookie recipes and stock your baking supplies. Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10am-1pm the Harrison Center will be bustling with volunteer elves helping customers get their cookies for the holidays. Volunteers will be needed the day of the event, but also the days leading up to the event.

As we all know baking cookies can cost quite a bit and is time consuming, so there will be a couple of groups providing cookie baking workshops to make many dozens of cookies. If you are unable to bake, but would still like to contribute, think about donating money to help pay for the ingredients for the baking workshops. Please donate money by the end October and indicate "Cookie Walk Supplies" in the memo line.

We will be happy to sign you up for volunteering your time and/or baking cookies for the event. Our volunteers make this a successful yearly event. All proceeds go directly to Outreach Grants, which help our community. For any information or volunteering opportunities contact Terri Walls at etwalls@me.com, or text or call 252-571-5857.



2025 Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Third Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC (320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC). The event will be held outside on the church grounds and feature many local artists and craft persons. The Holiday Market will provide locals and visitors an excellent opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase their creations for home and holiday gift giving. All mediums are welcome, so start spreading the word now.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. The event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. The proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online at: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. For more information, please email artmarket@christchurchnewbern.com.



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Serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

If you have an interest in becoming a Lector or an Eucharistic Minister, please let Linda McAlister know. She is the trainer for these positions and can be reached at 252.634.7984. We hope to have a training this fall, with the date to be announced.

Rothermel Lecture

Join the Rothermel Foundation on Sunday October 26th, as Mark Gerson discusses his latest book, "God Was Right: How Modern Social Science Proves the Torah is True." In this book, author and entrepreneur Mark Gerson will discuss the Torah's perspectives and directives on topics of relevance to our age, as well as the social scientific validation of the Torah claims. The lecture is at 2 pm, October 26, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church (400 New Street, New Bern). Rothermel Foundation presentations are free to the public and last approximately 1 hour followed by a short question-and-answer session with the presenter. For more information please visit RothermelFoundation.org.

Seniors Who Lunch - *Come Join Us*

Our October luncheon will take place at 11:30 am, Thursday, October 23 in the Parish House. The menu is several kinds of chili, cornbread and dessert. Come for great conversation and entertainment. There will be a paper sign-up at the Reception Desk or call the desk between 9 am - 3 pm.

October Foyers

We will be getting together at the home of Bev Perdue and Bob Eaves at 211 Wilson Point Road in Trent Woods on Saturday, October 18 from 5 - 7 pm.

Please bring your beverage of choice, containers for your drinks, and an appetizer to share. To help with our hosts' preparation, please RSVP to eparlett4@gmail.com. See you there!



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in October services click [here](#). November services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. October shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our weekly Coffee Hour hosts. For more information and to sign up to host, click [here](#). Coffee Hour takes place between services at 9:45 am. Snacks and coffee will also be available after the 11 am service.
- **Resource Library Tab on Website:** Check out our new "Resource Library" tab on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/resourcelibrary>) and access recent emails, FAQ page and Community Bulletin Board.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
- 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.

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