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OPUS 85: FINISHING TOUCHES

Finally -- it's all coming together. Eric and Robby from Taylor & Boody arrived late last month with the carvings that go on top of the organ. These were custom-made, hand-carved, and represent many aspects of Christ Church and New Bern, including a couple of bears and the Crown of Life. Please see page 4 for more images and information about our upcoming Dedicatory Eucharist on September 19 and Dedication Concert on September 20. Both events will begin at 7 pm.



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
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Alex Linton

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 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 2024:
Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

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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 October 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by September 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@christchurch-newbern.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, 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, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans*, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Gretchen Lankenau, Theron Royer, Pat Robinson, Charles Knight, and Pat Holmes.

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, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, and Cheri.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Clinton; Trinity Deanery

**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

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 SEPT. 1	MONDAY SEPT. 2	TUESDAY SEPT. 3	WEDNESDAY SEPT. 4	THURSDAY SEPT. 5	FRIDAY SEPT. 6	SATURDAY SEPT. 7	SUNDAY SEPT. 8
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)	LABOR DAY – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	7am: Al Anon Meeting (Harrison Center) – 8:30am: Eucharist 5:30pm: Joyful Voices Rehearsal (Music Room) 7pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center) 6:30pm: Orthodox Mission Meeting (Chapel) 7pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	4pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)		11am: Funeral and Reception for Stephen Norwood Harvey	8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for Ages 9:45am: Coffee Hour (Parish House) 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 12:30pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel) 6pm: EYC Meeting (Youth Room)

ORGAN CELEBRATION

Music Notes

We have a wonderful musical season ahead of us with our new Opus 85 Taylor & Boody organ! Our Dedication Events are scheduled for September 19th and 20th, with a Dedicatory Eucharist service on Thursday the 19th at 7pm, and the Dedication Concert with concert organist Nathaniel Gumbs on Friday the 20th at 7pm. I highly recommend showing up early to both events in order to secure a seat!

Following the Dedication Events, which will kick-off our music season, there will be plenty of other opportunities to experience listening to the new instrument outside of Sunday morning worship. For the October Artwalk, I am scheduling a live-improvised Silent Movie Night with the organ and the German Expressionist film, *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* (one of my favorite spookie silent movies!). Last year, I gave a performance on a Skinner organ in Connecticut with this film, and the audience just loved it! I'm sure the community of New Bern would also enjoy this experience and hearing the new organ, so stay tuned for more info!

In November, we'll again feature the new organ for Artwalk -- this time inviting people to sign up to get a chance to play and try out the instrument (with my supervision, of course). Kids are welcome to sign up! Then, in December, we'll hold our annual Christmas Carol Sing-along event for Artwalk, but of course this time featuring Opus 85.

There are many more musical events coming up, including an All Saints Requiem Concert on Friday, November 1st, Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18th, and a Spring Organ Concert Series. Look out for details in *The Crown*, *Messenger*, and Social Media, and please share with your friends! You can also sign up to be on Christ Church's Music Events email list by notifying me here: jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com.

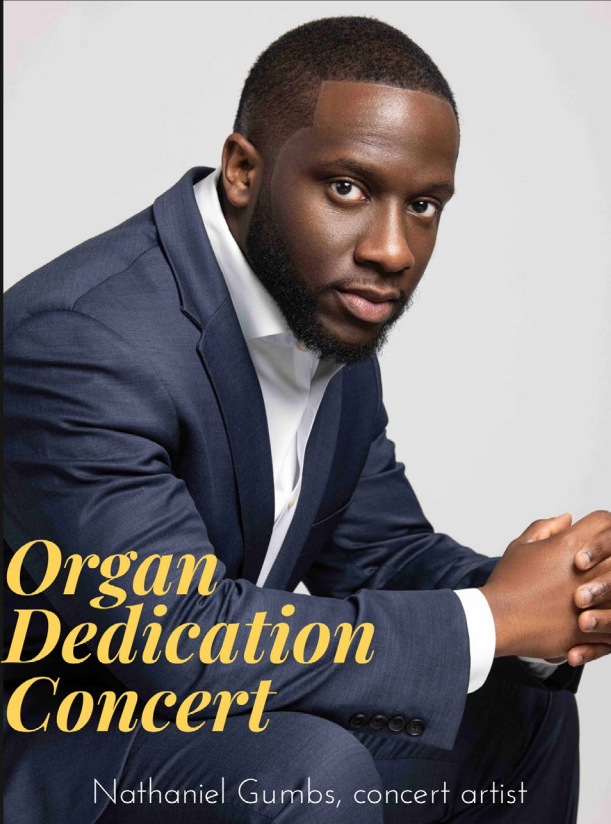
I so look forward to celebrating the new instrument with you all this Fall and to continuing in the tradition of providing superb music for the Glory of God in our Christ Church and our New Bern community.

-- Jacqueline Nappi, Director of Music

Hand Bell Position Open

A position in the Hand Bell Choir is open! This is a fun group of folks who create music ringing bells, playing with mallets, and other assorted implements, which make lovely sounds.

Interested? Contact Jean Reichenbach at jbrjcr@suddenlink.net or 252-259-7628.

Organ Dedication Concert

Nathaniel Gumbs, concert artist

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7PM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
320 POLLOCK ST, NEW BERN

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children and Youth Offerings

Godly Play (children ages 3-4)

Godly Play is a class centered around storytelling and work time, which includes crafts and play. We will focus on teaching basic stories and what it's like to spend time in a Sunday School class. This class will meet in the Godly Play room, next to the nursery.

Whirl (K-2nd grades)

This class is using the Whirl curriculum -- the same curriculum as the older Whirl class. Students will watch videos and follow up what they have learned with worksheets. The best part of Whirl will be the craft each week! This class will meet in the room next to the vesting room.

Whirl (3rd-5th grades)

This class uses the Whirl curriculum -- the same curriculum as the younger Whirl class. The discussions will be different because of the age difference, but these students will see similar videos and work on slightly different worksheets. The best part of this class will be what the students will learn about the Bible and the church. We will meet in the Purple Pineapples room.

Pathways of Discipleship (POD)

POD meets at 4 pm, the first Sunday of the month to play games and share our faith. This group is for children in grades 3 -- 5. We will meet in the Purple Pineapples room.

Youth Sunday School (6-12th grades)

Our youth will be working through tough questions like "Who wrote the Bible?" "Why should I pray?" and "Why are there so many Christian churches?" They will also learn more about people in the Bible and watch videos. The best part of this class is that students will get to pick the questions they want answered, and that they will build their own class based on their interests. These students will meet in the Youth Room upstairs (across from the 2nd Floor Living Room).

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EYC meets at 6 pm, Sundays and welcomes all middle and high school youth. EYC gathers every Sunday from 6 - 7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) in the second floor Sunday School wing / Youth Room. Any young person in grades 6-12 is encouraged to be a part of this vibrant and energetic group.

For more information about any of these offerings, contact Director of Christian Formation Hannah Hutchens

(hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com).

KIDS MUSIC HAPPENINGS

NEW Choristers Program: Kids ages 7-10 are invited to join our new Choristers Program beginning Tuesday, September 24th! We will prepare music to sing at Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18th. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 4:00-4:30 in the Music Room (across Pollock Street from Church). Please email Jackie (jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com) for more information.

Music for Kids has now become **Ukulele Club**: Due to the high demand of ukulele playing in class, we have decided to rename this music program to Ukulele Club. As the name suggests, kids will focus solely on playing the ukulele. This class is geared towards late-elementary and middle school aged kids, all levels welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 pm starting September 25, in the Music Room.

Cherub Choir will continue on Sundays from 9:45-10:00 am starting next Sunday September 8th. Kids will sing at church one Sunday in October and one in December.

Upcoming Youth and Children Events

- September 8 Sunday and School and Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) resume
- September 29: EYC at CROP Walk
- October 6: EYC Pumpkin Carving
- October 13: EYC at Pumpkin Patch
- October 19 - 20: Busch Gardens Trip
- October 27: Games in the Graveyard

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Offerings

SUNDAY MORNING OPTIONS

Living Micah 6:8

Mission statement: *With God's guidance and with compassion, we will humbly promote equity and justice within and beyond the walls of our church*

The Living Micah 6:8 group invites you to a five-week Adult Sunday School class on the prophet Micah's answer to: "What does the Lord require of you?" Dates are September 15, 22, 29, October 6 and 20. We will meet in the 2nd Floor Living Room.



Lectionary Class

Lectionary Class participants discuss readings from each Sunday's services. Key questions from a study guide kick off the discussions. Typically, discussions focus on what the readings may have meant to listeners in ancient times and what they mean to us today. They also focus on how readings are connected and on the meaning of unusual names, places, and events. Study guides are available at the Reception Desk.

Alzheimer's A-Z: Sunday, September 22

Presented by The Alzheimer's Foundation, this class covers the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, causes, risk factors, stages, and what's normal aging vs. signs for concern.

WEEKDAY OPTIONS

Contemplative Prayer Group

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Mondays, 9/11 – 11/20

Sign Up: By email – pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

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

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

Study Book: *Praying with Meister Eckhart: Companions for the Journey* by Wayne Simsic

This fall, the Contemplative Prayer group will be exploring the writings of Meister Eckhart, one of the greatest Dominican spiritual masters of the fourteenth century. Eckhart was a mystic, medieval professor, and popular preacher. Thomas Merton, a twentieth century monk, was inspired by Eckhart's preaching and said, "I like his brevity of sermons, his way of piercing straight to the heart of the inner life, the awakened, the creative and redeeming Word, God born in us." God born in us -- Eckhart calls this the "spark of the soul" in which "the core of the soul and the core of God are one." In one of his most famous quotes, Eckhart says, "God expects but one thing of you, and that is that you should come out of yourself in so far as you are a created being made, and let God be God in you."

During each week, there will be time for prayer, contemplation, and discussion. As we reflect upon the spirituality of Meister Eckhart, we will search for different ways to "let God be God" within each one of us. Let us trust that in the search itself, we open ourselves to God's transforming love

Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study meets Tuesdays at 10 am, starting September 10, in the 2nd Floor Living Room. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

We open our time together with prayer requests, prayer and then read the book aloud. We stop periodically during the reading to discuss the author's ideas. There is no homework nor expectation of reading ahead. You can join the group at any time. Contact the Rev. Suzanne Hood (suzannehood@christchurch-newbern.com) for more information. This book study is led by Phyllis Fox and Susan Hoyt.

Building Foundations of Dementia Care:

4 pm, Wednesday, September 25

Presented by the Alzheimer's Foundation, this class explores the role of caregivers and changes they may experience, building a support team, and managing caregiver stress.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Newcomers - July 2024

TAYLOR AND MADISON ELLIS: Taylor and Madison are both North Carolina natives. Taylor was born and grew up in Wilson, NC, and Madison was born and grew up in Kinston, NC., attending St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Taylor moved to New Bern seven years ago for his employment, and Madison joined him when they were married two years ago. Enjoying fishing and hunting as outside interests, Taylor is employed in the insurance business with Farm Bureau. Madison is an artist and works from home, and is also employed in a number of local venues with her artistic talents. They have attended a number of churches in town and felt most comfortable and welcome here at Christ Church, and hope to become active in church activities in the near future.

IAN AND BRITTNEE PROVENCHER: Ian and Brittnee moved to New Bern from Connecticut three years ago. Ian was born in Preston, Connecticut and spent his life in that state. Brittnee was born in Norwich, Connecticut, and was raised by her grandparents there. Later in her life she moved to Florida for 10 years and also to Wilmington, NC. After COVID, while living in Connecticut, the couple decided it was time to find a new life in a new place, and they chose New Bern. They are very happy with their choice and are enjoying all the history in this town. Brittnee was previously employed in the field of Public Relations, and Ian is employed at Bosch as a supply chain analyst. Ian loves the outdoors, hiking, and kayaking and Brittnee's interests are reading, gardening, and volunteering. She hopes to be able to help out in a local group assisting women living with domestic violence. She also looks forward to joining the Women's Book Study group here at Christ Church as well as becoming active in other activities.

Thank you, Hosts

Many thanks to the following people who hosted Lemonade on the Lawn after 10 am service this summer.

- Joanie and Randy Bogle
- Marilyn and Jack Browning-Henry
- Peter and Michele Mnatzakanian
- Delle and Sam Curry
- Rebecca and Joe Leahy and family
- David and Ann Super
- Keith and Margi Thompson
- Joe and Nancy Russo
- Gloria Simpson and Connie Whitney
- Jane Ashford and Stewart Ashford



Sacred Sound and Space Campaign Donor Listing

The Sacred Sound and Space Task Force is in the process of finalizing the list of those who, according to church financial records, supported the campaign to renew the Nave and replace the old organ with Opus 85. We want to be sure that names are spelled correctly and appear as the donor wishes. For example, perhaps married couples wish to be listed as "Mr. and Mrs.," or they may wish that both individuals' names be listed, e.g., John and Mary. To ensure that we get it right, we need your help.

There is a list of donors in a binder at the Reception Desk. Donors should take a look at how they are listed. If they wish to make changes, there will be room to provide that information. If donors are satisfied with how their name appears, they can simply place a checkmark in the appropriate column. If donors can't do this in person, they can call the receptionist and review the information by phone. The binder will stay at the Reception Desk until mid-September. Your help in finalizing the list is greatly appreciated. And, once again, thank you to all those who have given. You can see and hear the results of your donation in the Nave.

All Aboard the Trolley Tour

Monday, October 14

Once again this year, enjoy a journey into New Bern's historic past. Join us aboard the Trolley this October as we visit some of the historic and beautiful houses of worship in New Bern. Tickets are \$25.00, payable in advance (which includes driver and guide gratuity), and we will leave promptly at 10 am from the Christ Church parking lot (on Craven between Broad and Pollock). The tour is 1.5 hours. Tickets are non-refundable but you can find a replacement if a conflict arises. Seats may go quickly, we had such a wonderful time the past few years, so make your plans now.

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



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Growing in Grace to Begin School Year

"School bells are ringing loud and clear; vacation's over, school is here." – Winifred C. Marshal

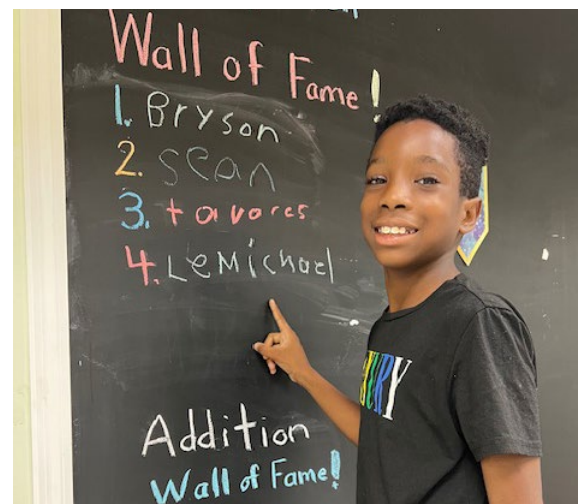
Christ Church's Growing In Grace after-school program is excited to begin a new school year on September 23, 2024. This will be our 9th year working with children of lower income families to enhance their educational success, encourage spiritual growth and help them develop good behavior and work habits. Our program is successful due to our amazing volunteers that come to offer their support and love as mentors to our children. The mentors work one-on-one with our children for about 45 to 50 minutes on homework, school work review or completion, study for tests and most importantly to offer the children a new friend in their life that cares about their success in school and in life.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us. All volunteers must have a background check through the Episcopal church and complete an online program on safeguarding God's children. These will be offered once you have signed up to join us this school year. We will also have a volunteer orientation that is required for new and returning volunteers on September 19, 2024 at 5:00.

We are looking for:

- Weekly mentors to work with the children. Each volunteer is assigned a day(s) and a child/children. The amount of days put in is up to the volunteer.
- Substitutes to fill in when weekly mentors have to miss
- Van drivers and driver substitutes
- Van monitors and substitutes (van monitors ride with the driver to pick up the children and help where needed)

Please contact the director of GIG - Debbie Fodrie if you would like to join us this school year (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com).



Church Yard Clean Up and Arrival of the Pumpkins

- THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!!!!! Delivery is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 28th at 9am**
- Bring wheelbarrows, gloves, and water
- Fall church yard clean up to get ready for the pumpkins is **Saturday, Sept. 21st 10am**

Just got the news from New Mexico. The pumpkins are going to be fantastic this year. It has been a great growing season thus far, as we are getting a FULL TRUCK LOAD this year. We need your help to unload over 2,000 pumpkins and gourds. Bring your wheelbarrow and your gloves to help out.

Also, Fall spruce up will be from 10am till noon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. We need your help, so put down the dates on your calendar. A sign-up genius for working the pumpkin patch will soon be available.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Grieving Support Group

Every loss is different, your grief is yours – and yet, it is easier to grieve together. Facing the death of a loved one is hard. Grief can be isolating even when we have lots of family and friends. In an effort to be helpful sometimes people keep their distance, trying to give us space. Or we may feel like others just don't understand. On any given day we might experience overwhelm, sadness, relief, anger, exhaustion, or any of a number of emotions that can sometimes feel like they conflict with one another.

We might think we have to just get on with things. Or we might feel like we can't face the day. Gathering together to support one another on our journey through grief can be lifegiving at a time when it can seem like everything is weighing us down. Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood for a six-week grieving support group starting Wednesday, September 11th at 4:00 pm. Registration is required; please call (252) 631-5862 or email suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

2024 CROP Walk

The 44th annual CROP Walk will take place Sunday September 29, 2024, starting at 3pm. Christ Episcopal Church will once again be a sponsor where walkers can enter either to walk one mile, three miles or just raise money/donate. Twenty-five percent of all funds raised will go to our local RCS for their assistance in helping our community who are hungry.

To register/donate to our team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/christ-episcopal-church-newbern-2>.

We are looking forward to doing our part for our community, if you have any questions, kindly reach out to Peter Mnatzakanian 301-844-1052 or pmnatzakanian@gmail.com.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

To all of our volunteers, we want to say a heartfelt thank you. Your contributions are invaluable, and the impact of your work resonates deeply. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are appreciated more than words can express.

We are delighted to invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch to celebrate and thank you for everything you do. There will be more information to follow; in the meantime please save these dates:

- October 5th: Evangelism, Outreach and Buildings & Grounds
- November 9th: Parish Life and Pastoral Care
- December 7th: Christian Formation and Worship

Camp Hope

Camp Hope had a very successful first summer partnering with Camp Trinity. We had campers at seven of Camp Trinity's nine camp sessions. Most of our 28 campers were from the New Bern area. Our campers enjoyed their week at Camp Trinity and want to go again next year.

Almost all of our campers needed transportation to and from camp. A huge thank you to our transportation volunteers who, not only spent a couple of hours in the car, but hauled luggage, made beds and took pictures.

Another huge thank you to everyone who gave us camp supplies or donated to our Camp Hope fund. Finally, thank you to everyone who made cards for our campers — the cards were an extra special surprise. Our Camp Hope ministry has gone through many changes since 2020. Thank you all for your prayers and support.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church

Please join us for our kick-off meeting on Monday, September 9th at 11 a.m. in the Parish House.

Things will be a bit different this year. We will be giving you an overview of the year's activities which we have tentatively planned. We hope you plan to take a ride on our 4th Annual Trolley Tour which will highlight some of the churches of New Bern. Reservations and payment will be taken at the meeting. (\$25 payable to Christ Church ECW). More info on exact locations will be announced soon.

Also, please sign-up to help with the GIG Thanksgiving meal in November. The kids and mentors always have a great time, as do we!

Our Happy Bucks theme will be – "How I spent my summer vacation!" Just like grammar school! We hope to see you then!

Questions or comments please contact Rodney Hayes rodneyhayes@yahoo.com / 203-640-2638.

Outreach Commission to Provide Lunch for H4H Volunteers

The Outreach Commission invites members of the congregation to join us for fellowship and lunch on September 14th. Lunch is being supplied and delivered to a group of Marines who are helping to build a Habitat for Humanity (H4H) home. If you would like to be part of this lunch, please contact Jim Behl at jbehl@usa.net or (650) 740-3392. Lunch will be served at the construction site, 2602 Aycock St. in New Bern.

Additional volunteer opportunities with H4H include the following:

- One or two volunteers to be at the H4H table at the Saturday Farmers Market on the first Saturday of each month. Just greet people and pass out an H4H brochure. Shifts are 8am - 11am and 12 pm - 2 pm.
- October 7&8 (Mon. & Tue), bring lunch for 10 visiting ECU students and eat lunch with them.
- Help during MumFest (Oct. 12-13) at the Richardson and Richardson Law Firm parking lot (503 Pollock Street). Duties are directing cars into parking spaces and collecting cash as they enter.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Last Sunday, August 25, we held our Blessing of the Backpacks. We welcome this opportunity every year to bless our students in hopes of a healthy, happy, and successful school year.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

News from Saint Cyprian's

September Worship at Saint Cyprian's

- Morning Prayer, 11 am, Sunday, September 1
- Holy Eucharist, 11 am, Sunday, September 15

The 3-minute video St. Cyprian's is producing is reaching completion. We expect to launch it at an event at the church in September. This video, in the style of a documentary uses still and video footage, narration and interviews. It tells the story of St. Cyprian's, from its early inception at Christ Church in 1826, through the trauma and community outreach resulting from the Great Fire of 1922, to the present day. The video displays not only the rich history of the parish, but also its critical need for repair and renovation, as well as construction of an alternative entrance to the church to make it possible for people of all abilities to enter with ease for church services and community events.

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 Saint Cyprian's may be sent to Post Office Box 809, New Bern, NC 28563-809.

Pauli Murray Center Grand Opening - A Celebration of Homecoming

The Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice, which celebrates and honors the life of the civil rights leader and first black Episcopal priest, will have a Grand Opening on September 7, at 906 Carroll Street, Durham, NC. Programming will take place from 10 am - 2 pm and include a ribbon cutting ceremony, youth activity zone, meditation and reflection opportunities, and a tabling space for community partners. The main stage will also include community leaders, artists, and partners sharing thanksgivings, original poetry, music, and more.

While timed-entry passes to explore inside the home are sold out, the public is still encouraged to stop by and enjoy the historic celebration. A variety of tour options for the public to access the space will be available in the coming months. For more information, including parking options, please visit <https://www.paulimurraycenter.com/grand-opening>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steve Skiffington at 916.204.4955. In addition, a St. Titus Saints Day service will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, September 24, at St. Titus Episcopal Church, 400 Moline Street, Durham, NC. The service will commemorate the life and work of Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray.

VESTRY MEMBER REFLECTIONS

Following the recent Vestry / Staff Retreat, Vestry members have volunteered to provide some thoughts on what their experience has meant to them.

Being a member of Christ Church vestry has given me a chance to learn about the inner workings of the church. In addition to attending services on Sunday I am gaining a better understanding of the term "christian commitment". I'm learning about the financial operation and financial health of the church. I am becoming familiar with the various Commissions of the congregation and how they operate both within the church and the community to further God's work. Being a vestry member gives me the opportunity to have a real voice in the decisions that effect the future direction of Christ Church. As a first-year member of the vestry I am gratified by the confidence my fellow parishioners have placed in me and strive to meet their expectations.

- Respectfully submitted by Elmer Praul

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

The Diocese of East Carolina Cursillo invites you to join their ministry and experience a Cursillo Weekend. You will grow as a Christian leader, deepen your faith and love of Christ, and find an entire community of Christians you will know by their love! Upcoming Weekends include EC 104 (Nov 7-10, 2024), EC 105 (April 24-27, 2025) and EC 106 (November 6-9, 2025). For more information go to <https://www.cursillodec.org/>.

For the upcoming fall Cursillo Weekend in November, Christ Church will have a van going to the Eucharist Celebration on Sunday, November 10. The van will leave Christ Church parking lot at 1:30 pm. Please email cursillo.rep.marylynn@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the van.

Stay Informed via Text

To sign up for our new texting service please click on this [link](#). We appreciate your patience as we transition to this new service.

THE GOODS

Faith Connection Meeting

The September Faith Connection meeting is at 4 pm, September 19 at First Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Susan Williams, Director of the New Bern Board of Elections.

Lil Pantry and Lil Library

We are always seeking food and drink items for our outdoor Lil Pantry. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, ready-to-eat canned items with pop tops, crackers, and breakfast bars. Items can be placed into the pantry or on the shelves of the white bookcase in the Parish House kitchen area.

Perhaps you may choose to contribute new or used children's, tween's, and adult books to our outdoor Lil Library located near the playground. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Karen Gabriel at 516-987-0335.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurch-newbern.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 September shift [here](#).
- **CROP Walk Ingathering:** The current Ingathering is for donations to the upcoming CROP Walk. Brochures and donations envelopes can be found on the table in the Reception Area.
- **RCS Wish List:** Click [here](#) for an Amazon Food Item Wish List for RCS. This is an easy way to help, with no need to lift items or deliver to the warehouse.

Christ Church Doors Upgraded

Our exterior doors have been upgraded, and you'll notice new access panels for entry into the church. Press the bell symbol for entry into the church. If you have a door card or fob, you will swipe it at the bottom on the panel showing the Wi-Fi symbol. We thank you in advance for your patience as we all adjust to the new equipment.

BELL SYMBOL



WI-FI SYMBOL



Coffee Hour to Return

Fall/Winter/Spring Coffee Hour returns next Sunday, September 8. Coffee Hour will take place between the 8:30 am and 11 am services in the Parish House.

Hosts are needed each week. Duties involve ensuring the pots are turned on, refreshing cups, condiments, napkins, and putting out any snacks.

A sign-up genius with more details will be available soon. Thank you for helping to make Coffee Hour happen.



Sunday Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, call the church office, or sign up online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

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