

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Christian Formation Updates

Rector's Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 11 am in the Library for the 2023 Good Book Club. We will spend the Epiphany season reading through the books of Ruth and Esther, books that explore the faithfulness and courage of two remarkable women. The stories of Ruth and Esther have much to teach us about the Hebrew concept of "chesed," which means sacred kindness, as well as the willingness to be in a sacrificial relationship with loved ones and our communities.

This will be a hybrid class, with a live, in-person gathering in the Library and an option to join via [Zoom](#). You can find the full schedule of readings at <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>. We will be looking at the previous week's readings, as well as a preview of what's to come. If you have any questions, contact the Rev. Paul Canady at 252.631.5861 or paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com.

Contemplative Prayer Book Study

When: 11:30 am, Mondays, 1/9 – 2/20

Where: Pelletier Room and via zoom

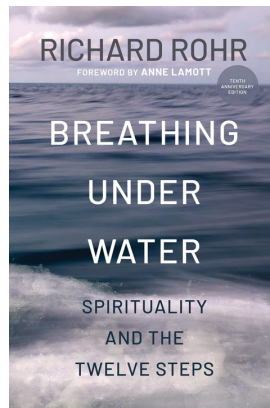
NOTE: Jan. 16 meeting will be via zoom

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

When the disciples faced the raging waters that swept over their boat, they were afraid they might drown. Jesus rebuked the winds and said to the waves "Quiet. Be still." (Mark 4:39). At times, we too are afraid of drowning from the tumultuous waves of addiction that exist in society and in our individual lives.

In his book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*, Richard Rohr states, "Human beings are addictive by nature." These addictions can not only take the form of substance abuse but also unhealthy attachments to our ego defenses and "stinking thinking" (distorted thoughts). Rohr points us to Jesus who shows us how to "breathe under water" during the storms of our everyday lives.

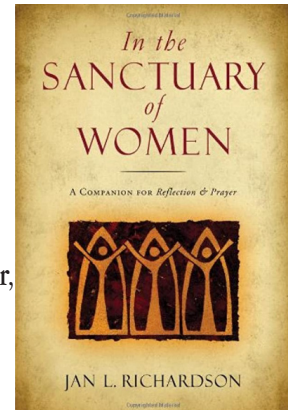
Join us Monday mornings for this discussion group and learn some "underwater breathing lessons" through intentional contemplative practices and listen to the voice of Jesus who calls us to stillness and prayer. Contact megjones@christchurchnewbern.com to register.



Women's Book Study

On the first Tuesday in February, the Women's Book Study will begin reading *In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection & Prayer* by Jan Richardson. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$20.00). Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

In this book she explores the well-springs of women's wisdom, inviting readers into a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and conversation about the mysteries at the heart of who we are. Join us on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we journey deeper into sanctuary. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



Children's Sunday School Classes

The Whirl Sunday School classes will be starting a new four-week series this month. The K-2nd grade class will be learning about Baptism and Eucharist. The 3rd-5th grade Whirl class will be learning about the Bible, and why we use it. Godly Play and Youth will meet as normal. Please contact megjones@christchurchnewbern.com if you have any questions.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

ECW News

So much to fill you in on – the All Saints Chapter of Christ Church Episcopal Church Women has been very busy over the holidays!

Cookie Walk was a wonderful success through the efforts of so many! We appreciate all who planned, set-up, worked the day of the sale, cleaned up and especially all our bakers! We had a great day, lots of fellowship and meeting new folks – plus we made a very substantial amount to give to the Church’s out-reach programs. Thank you!

We had a wonderful Christmas Luncheon at La Casetta in early December to kick-off the Christmas Season.

We then went in full speed ahead for our annual United Thank Offering campaign. We are sooo thankful to all who gave generously, as we collected over \$2,670 to go to the ‘innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.’

We begin a new year with a new idea for you. We are taking orders for stunning pink, white or red geraniums to be delivered just before Mother’s Day weekend! Your Mom or Daughter or grandkids, well, heck – anyone! - will love these 6” (pot-size) big beauties. Cost is \$16. Order forms are available at the reception desk and in the narthex. Please help our ECW chapter continue its good work with a purchase of a lovely plant. Orders must be in by mid-February, so don’t delay!

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 13th at 10 am in the Parish House. Our speaker will be from the newly refurbished New Bern Civic Theatre. The theatre has undergone major improvements and is “Dramatically Different”!! Please join us! -- *Rodney Hayes*



ECW SPRING GERANIUM SALE

Spruce up your spring with geranium plants from Christ Church ECW.

The proceeds of this sale will be used to further the mission of our ECW Chapter. All geranium plants are in 6” pots and cost \$16 each. Advance payment is required. Cash and checks accepted.

Please drop off your payment at church or mail to Christ Church, PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563. Order forms can be found in the lobby and Narthex. Please note: ECW Plant Sale with your payment.

For more information, please call **Gretchen Lanckenau** (252.633.1873) or **Margi Thompson** (252.675.7323)

ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PLANT PICK UP: 9 AM - 4 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 (HARRISON CENTER)

Loaves and Fishes Scavenger Hunt to Benefit RCS

On Sunday, January 29, from 6 - 7 :30 pm, our youth are partnering with First Presbyterian to compete in a scavenger hunt for RCS donations. You can help by having some items at your house that could be picked up by the youth. The youth, from either church, might come to your house and ask for some donations. If they don’t make it to your house, please bring the items to church the next Sunday to be donated. If you’d be home on the 29th from 6-7 pm and want youth to stop by, contact Meg Jones (megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) to get on the map.

Top-Requested Items from RCS

- Ramens, Helpers (hamburger, tuna, etc), Rice
- Canned fruit, Spaghetti-os, Beans, Canned meats, Soups
- New underwear and socks (children, youth and adult)
- Feminine products
- Hygiene products

Volunteer Spotlight: Reception Desk

We are searching for a few great folks to join our Desk Receptionist team! The time commitment would be 2 or 3 hours a week. Working at the desk is a wonderful way to meet people and to stay involved in church-life activities. Duties include greeting visitors, answering the phone, and taking messages.

One of our dedicated Receptionists, Bev Perdue, said it best, “I enjoy my weekly two hours at the volunteer desk because of the visitors I chat with, as well as getting to talk with various parishioners and staff. That Christ Church service, sitting across from our beautiful chapel, fills me with joy and the sense of belonging to God and to the community of Christ Church.”

If you have a couple of hours a week and are interested in serving Christ Church, please contact Sarah Risty-Davis: 631-5870 (Office); 876-7577 (Mobile); sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.

In peace we pray to you, Lord

For our ill and recovering parishioners: Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena

Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Margaret Pollock, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Helen Margaret Gaskins, and Barbara Wilson.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Courtney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Polly, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Katherine, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, and Mariya.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James, Belhaven; St. Mary's, Burgaw

**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

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 1/11/2023

- Pledge Amount Received:
\$776, 037
- Number of Pledges Received: 195



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 15

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Church Offices Closed

- 9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks
- 10 am: Home Place (Offsite)
- 10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)
- 11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (via Zoom)

Tuesday, January 17

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)
- 5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, January 18

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 4 pm: Pastoral Care Meeting (Library)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, January 19

- 10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)
- 10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist (Offsite)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace
- 3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time
- 5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting

Saturday, January 21

- 5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, January 22

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II with Eucharist (Nave / [online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

The February issue of *The Crown* will be distributed Feb. 5. The Article deadline for the February issue is January 15. Send items to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.
Weekly article deadlines: • Sunday email: 12 pm on Thurs;
• Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wed.
• Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday

THE GOODS

Foyers January Gathering

Join fellow parishioners for drinks and appetizers the third Saturday of every month from 5 - 7 pm. These gatherings are hosted by various parishioners in their home.

The January 21st gathering is at Jane Ashford's, 111 Bernhurst Road, New Bern, NC 28560.

The plan: Bring the beverage of your choice and your glass. Bring an appetizer to share, plated with serving utensils. It's helpful to write down what ingredients your contribution contains for people with food allergies. Plan to take all home with you, assuring happy hosts!

All are welcome, just let Jane Ashford (jane.ashford@neusewoods.com / 252.288.2838) know if you plan to attend for planning purposes

**FOYER
GROUPS**



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our January Eucharists. February services, including Ash Wednesday can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) to serve in our March Eucharists. For more information about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **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! To reserve time slots in January, click [here](#). February dates can be found [here](#).
- **GIG Mentors:** There are openings for two additional GIG mentors this semester. Contact Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.675.8358) if you're interested in joining our GIG family.
- **Coffee Hours:** Coffee hours take place after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish House. If you would like to volunteer to be a host, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen.

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes with giving series numbers 100 - 300 are now available in the Parish House. Please contact Cindy Tripp at cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com if you have any questions.

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Shattuck by her family. If you would like to give flowers 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 \$35 per Sunday.

Christ Church Cooks

Do you need meals to give to friends/family members who are sick, recovering, or experiencing a family emergency? Please think of anyone who could use these meals and stop by and get some items. Our next meeting is this Monday, January 16, at 9:30 am. Join us for a morning of cooking if you are able. Questions? Contact [Ellen Chance](#).

EYC and POD Food Sign Ups

EYC meets most Sundays, and their meetings include dinner. If you would like to cook or contribute dinner to our Youth, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-eyc-dinner3>. You are welcome to drop off dinner or have it delivered, and eat with us if you'd like.

POD meets once a month on Sunday afternoons, and their meetings include a snack. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ba8af2da7ff2-podsnacks3> if you would like to prepare or contribute a snack for POD. You're always welcome to enjoy the snack with the group.

We have plates, napkins, utensils, cups, water and some serving utensils. Please be cautious of peanut allergies. Thank you for your support of our Youth and Children's programs.

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. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.