

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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A Moment with Stewardship

Continuing our spotlighting and praying for the programs that make Christ Church such a dynamic place, this week we focus on Evangelism and Christian Formation.

The Evangelism Commission is charged with finding methods and planning events to help share the love of Jesus with others while enriching our own lives through work and commitment to our fellow parishioners, the community of New Bern, and the Diocese of Eastern NC.

Committee members seek to help enrich lives through building relationships with God and one another by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The next project is helping prepare for Bishop Curry's visit to the October 21 Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina revival, where he will be the featured preacher.

Christian Formation touches all of us here at Chris Church with Sunday School classes from ages 3-99! Church members serve as teachers and facilitators for scripture-based learning each Sunday during the year (excluding summer service hours). Additional Sunday programs for our younger members are available for our 3rd to 5th graders in the Pathways of Discipleship program on Sunday afternoons and for our youth in grades 6-12 in the Episcopal Youth Group which meets Sunday evenings.

Adult Formation is served by additionally by the Contemplative Prayer group, the Women's Book Study, the Rector's Bible Study, and Sacred Sound.

Vacation Bible School is a vibrant program for children in pre-school through grade 5 that meets for a week in the summer. There is always an engaging theme explored through Scripture, movement, art, and science.

This week we pray gratefully for those whose dedication make Christ Church a place of teaching the love of God and inspiring us to learn more about Jesus.

Father God, we lift our prayers for those who seek to spread your love to others by their thoughts, words, and actions. Give them the strength and wisdom to help others continue to grow spiritually. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher of all. Amen. -- Randy Bogle rbogle1968@gmail.com Joanie Bogle joannbogle295@gmail.com



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

The Order of the Daughters of the King *Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom*

The Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King here at Christ Church is part of a national order, established in 1885, for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. The purpose of the Order is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our church. Members undertake a Rule of Prayer and keep an ongoing prayer list that is confidential and shared only with the Order. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, the Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King Order here at Christ Church is available to assist with your requests, either through their prayer list or with a one-on-one encounter. These requests are totally confidential. For more information or to request prayer assistance, contact Jane Jones (janejkerr@gmail.com) or fill out the yellow prayer request card located in the pew rack. This request is confidential and will only be seen by our Order of the Daughters of the King.



Holiday Market Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9 AM until 4 PM, and we are looking for some creative volunteers for the planning committee. The event will be on the church grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets. More information and a vendor application can be found [here](#). Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. Contact Tony Embrey at 828.774.9592 if you're interested in volunteering.



Seating at Church

While we await the arrival of the new organ, the 11:00 parish choir will be seated near the piano. We have already been reserving seating for our singers in front of the piano. We'll continue to reserve four pews in that section at both 8:30 and 11:00 and an additional four pews in front of the pulpit for the 11:00 service. While this may disrupt some people's "regular seating" it is a temporary solution. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

One-on-One Prayer

Beginning in October, we will add an opportunity for one-on-one prayer near the end of both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. We will have two people available in the Chapel during and after Communion to pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christ-churchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861 for more information. We will be doing a training later this month.



Christ Episcopal Church

2023 Pumpkin Patch

Opens September 29

Seven Days a Week

10 am - 4 pm

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

All proceeds go to local charities.

New Organ Update

Lewis Moore, a New Bern native and frequent contributor to music at Christ Church, sent us this updated picture last week. The American Institute of Organ Builders had their convention in Staunton, Virginia, and toured the Taylor & Boody Organ Shop. Lewis said, "I went all through it. It looks great!" More organ pictures to come in the October issue of *The Crown*.



America's Unholy Ghosts

Last Sunday a dozen adults gathered in the Library for a Sunday School class using a film series from The Work of the People (www.theworkofthepople.com/film-series/americas-unholy-ghosts). A fruitful discussion followed this introductory class. Please join us for future sessions (9/17-10/22 with a week off for MumFest), as we delve into the history of the American Church and its impact on our world today. -- Edna Marie Thomas

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested

prayers: Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,*
Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Margaret Wright, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, and Charlie Henke.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Joe, June, and Gerry.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville; and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

**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](mailto:Betsy.Downard).*



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee has convened and is seeking candidates for election to the 2026 Term. Members may nominate themselves or another parish member. If you are interested in nominating another individual, please speak to them beforehand. Nominations may be sent to Elizabeth Livingston (elizabethcherrylivingston@gmail.com) or Howard Furnas (hurnas@aol.com). Your nominations and input are appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 17

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II with DOK Service of Admission (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 4 pm: English-Speaking Union Concert & Program (Nave)
- 4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)
- 5:30 pm: Sacred Ground (Harrison Center)
- 6 pm: EYC

Monday, September 18

- 10 am: Home Place (Offsite)
- 10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)
- 11 am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 6 pm: Vestry Meeting (Parish House)

Tuesday, September 19

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 4 pm: Christ Church Friends (Library)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, September 20

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Parish House)
- 3 pm: Pastor Care Commission Meeting (Library)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 5:30 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, September 21

- 10:45 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist (Offsite)
- 3 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room)
- 3:30 pm: GIG Chapel Time (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm: Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm: Director of Music Search Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Saturday, September 23

- 11 am: Audry Von Dolln Funeral
- 4 pm: Burns-Cox Wedding

Sunday, September 24

Stewardship Kick-Off

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Coffee available between services
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12 pm: Coffee Hour
- 12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 3 pm: CROP Walk (Union Point Park)
- 4:45 pm: Youth Confirmation Class (Library)
- 6:30 pm: Sacred Ground (via Zoom)

THE GOODS

Open House, Open Hearts Revival

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, Newton Grove, NC

10 am - 5 pm, October 21, 23

We are excited to welcome Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to the Diocese of East Carolina. The feature of his visit will be the Open House, Open Hearts: Extending God's Welcome in East Carolina revival, where he will be the featured preacher. You can get an idea of the power of his preaching from these two recent sermons, <https://tinyurl.com/PBatEYE> and <https://tinyurl.com/ya3crn8v>.

One way you can help now is to pray for this event. Pin this prayer someplace you'll see it. Keep it in your hearts and minds, and help us see what God's spirit is doing in East Carolina! For more information, contact Jettie Pelletier (jettiejp9@gmail.com) or the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) for more information.



We Invite Your Prayers for our Upcoming Revival

REVIVAL PRAYER

Holy and amazing God,

We ask you to open the hearts and minds of the people of East Carolina to what your Holy Spirit is preparing for us.

Remind us of your presence in our everyday life so that we can see your hand at work in the world around us.


Strengthen the leaders of our upcoming Revival and show them the path you are laying out.

Help us let go of the things that distract us from your purpose, and show us where our focus should be.

Sustain our energies before, during, and after this Revival so that we may be the agents of transformation you have called us to be.

Empower us to engage our neighbors so we can share the loving, liberating, life-giving Good News of Jesus.

In his holy name we pray. Amen.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12:15

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click this link for [September](#) Sundays. October Sunday services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Reserve your September dates [here](#). Click [here](#) for October dates.
- **RCS Requesting Personal Hygiene Items:** Hygiene kits play a vital role in helping RCS Emergency Crisis Shelter clients maintain their dignity and well-being. Join RCS in positively impacting and supporting community members in need by dropping off hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other personal care products to the RCS Main Office at 919 George Street in New Bern.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:** Coffee Hours have returned. We need hosts, however, in order to make Coffee Hours happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Hosting instructions are included on the Sign Up Genius page. Many thanks to this week's hosts, Andy Britton and Nancy Mansfield.

Walk to Fight Hunger

With a goal of Ending Hunger One Step at a Time, New Bern's 2023 CROP Hunger Walk will be held September 24 at Union Point Park. Step off is at 3 pm. EYC will be volunteering at the event that day.

New Bern's CROP Walk is hosted by Faith Connections, and funds raised will benefit local hunger programs at Religious Community Services (RCS) of New Bern, Inc. and the global humanitarian efforts of Church World Services. This is a fun, family-friendly event, with music and activities for all ages. For more information and to join Christ Church's team, click [here](#) and select Register. Our team name is Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern. Please join us!

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2023

CROP HUNGER WALK

BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE