

CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## WHY WE GIVE

In anticipation of our 2025 Annual Appeal, *Hearing God's Call*, Vestry Members have volunteered to offer thoughts on their "why" of giving to Christ Church.

Liz and I give to Christ Church because we believe it's the right thing to do. When we moved to New Bern nearly four years ago, we were welcomed with open arms by the clergy, staff and parishioners as if we were family. Even though most of us were wearing masks, we felt as if we had come home for a holiday event. The masks did not hide the smiling eyes not the greetings of fist bumps. Over time the masks came off, and we began to see other parishioners as real people. The feelings didn't change. The parish continues to welcome others in the same manner.

Our church has a beautiful building and does many things in the community to assist those who need help and generally enhance the lives of all community members. The parish provides both financial and spiritual assistance where needed with very little restriction. All of this takes money for building maintenance and operation, staff salaries to make many of the other things happen, and our outreach programs both to and for the community. This is why we are happy to contribute and encourage others to do the same.

-- Elmer Praul

Giving has always been a part of my life. I can remember as a young child putting coins in the collection plate as it passed by our pew. I knew I was giving to God.

As an adult, I feel the need and desire to give of my time and money to the Lord who has blessed me immensely. No one really likes to talk about money, but it is necessary for the upkeep of our beautiful building, our clergy and staff, and for the many programs and outreach opportunities we are so fortunate to be able to provide for our parish and community. Thanks be to God!

-- Phyllis Fox, Senior Warden

## Stay Informed via Text

To sign up for our new texting service please click on this [link](#). We appreciate you staying connected to Christ Church.

## 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 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: [jacqueline-nappi@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jacqueline-nappi@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



# Dementia Informational Sessions

Christ Church is offering two upcoming informational sessions in conjunction with The Alzheimer's Association. For more information, please contact the Rev. Suzanne Hood at [suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com).

## **Alzheimer's A-Z - Sunday, September 22 at 9:45 am**

This class covers the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, causes, risk factors, stages, and what's normal aging vs. signs for concern.

## **Building Foundations of Dementia Caregiving - Wednesday, September 25 at 4 pm**

This class explores the role of caregivers and changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress.

# 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-new-bern-2>.

We are looking forward to doing our part for our community, if you have any questions, kindly reach out to Peter Mnatzakian 301-844-1052 or [pmnatzakian@gmail.com](mailto:pmnatzakian@gmail.com).

# All Aboard the Trolley Tour

## Monday, October 14

Once again this year, enjoy a journey into New Bern's historic past. Our first year was The Wonderful Women of New Bern. Year two we brought you the Magnificent Men of New Bern. On our third tour we visited spots from author and New Bern native Nicholas Sparks.

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 feel free to find a replacement (or make it a donation to our Episcopal Church Women's fund for charities). 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](mailto:rodneyhayes@yahoo.com) or text/call 203.640.2638

# Vestry Reflections

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

There are many gifts with which we can serve God and our community, and for me, service on the Vestry over the past several years has been one of them. It has been challenging, yet an important fulfilling journey of faith, commitment, and spirituality.

Vestry service is not just about approving budgets and attending community meetings. It is a team effort that requires consideration of the total needs of the congregation. It is an experience that provided the opportunity to work and deepen my connection with fellow parishioners who are also contributing their time and talents for the good of the Church and the greater good of the community.

*- Respectfully submitted by Susan Moffat-Thomas*



# Organ Dedication Concert

Nathaniel Gumbs, concert artist

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7PM**



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
320 POLLOCK ST, NEW BERN

# 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 Bes-sack, 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, 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, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Sylvia, Aline, Larry, Anne 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, Yor-dan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, and Everett.

**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](#).*



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar) and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

### Sunday, September 15

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)  
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

### Tuesday, September 17

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)  
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)  
5 pm: GIG Family Orientation (GIG Room)  
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### Wednesday, September 18

1 pm: Endowment Board Meeting (Library)  
3 pm: Pastoral Care Meeting (Library)  
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, September 19

5 pm: GIG Volunteer Orientation (GIG Room)  
5:15 pm: Concert Choir Rehearsal (Nave)  
7 pm: Organ Dedicatory Eucharist

### Friday, September 20

7 pm: Organ Dedication Concert (Nave)

### Saturday, September 21

10 am: Churchyard Clean Up  
5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

### Sunday, September 22

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)  
9:45 am Alzheimer's A-Z (Library)  
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

## GIG Seeking Volunteers

GIG returns the week of September 23. We are always looking for new volunteers, including mentors, van drivers, van monitors, and substitutes, 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.

Please contact the Debbie Fodrie ([debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com)) for more information.

## 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.

## Serving in Worship

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister at (252) 634-7984, [lindamcalister50@gmail.com](mailto:lindamcalister50@gmail.com), as soon as possible. Linda will be scheduling training sometime in September or October for those who wish to serve in these positions.

## Living Micah 6:8

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?"

The class will meet on the following Sundays: September 15, 22, 29, October 6, and 20. We will meet in the 2nd Floor Living Room.



## The Pumpkins Are Coming

The pumpkins are coming. Delivery is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at 9 am. Come help us unload our full truckload of over 2,000 pumpkins and goards. Bring your wheelbarrow, gloves, and water.

To get the churchyard ready for the arrival of the pumpkins, we will have a fall clean-up day on Saturday, September 21, at 10 am. We hope you will be able to join us.

A Sign-Up Genius will is now available for working the pumpkin patch. Please click [here](#) to volunteer. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is invited to attend a meeting at 9:45 am, this Sunday, September 15. We're looking forward to a very "pumpkin" fall.

## Lil Pantry and Lil Library

The shelves of the Lil Pantry are bare. Please consider donating some food and drink items. 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 also 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:** Click [here](#) to serve in our September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Click [here](#) for September shifts at the Reception Desk.
- **Coffee Hour:** We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).

## 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](mailto: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. Kids will sing at church one Sunday in October and one in December.

## 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](mailto:jbrjcr@suddenlink.net) or 252-259-7628.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

This fall, the Contemplative Prayer group is 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. We meet at 11:30 am, Mondays, in the Pelletier Room and via zoom Email Rev. Barbara Bornemann ([pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)) to register.