



CHRIST CHURCH

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Camp Hope Sunday

Today is Camp Hope Sunday. Terry Brubaker, our longtime Camp Hope coordinator, and Hannah Hutchens, formerly Camp Trinity's assistant director and now Christ Church's Director of Christian Formation, are joining us today to speak about Camp Hope. Please join us during coffee hour to learn more about Camp Hope.

This is Camp Hope and Christ Church's 19th year of helping kids attend summer camp. While there have been changes over the years, Camp Hope remains a ministry that allows children with an incarcerated parent or step-parent to attend overnight summer camp free of charge. Children in the foster care system are also eligible to participate. And beginning last year, we invited our GIG children to join our program. We had 26 Camp Hope campers attend Camp Trinity last summer. Angel Tree Camping paid the tuition for seven of those campers to attend Camp Trinity, and your donations funded the rest. We are excited to report that 31 campers are registered to attend Camp Trinity this summer.

Our campers enjoyed Camp Trinity's religious programming, water activities, the dance, canteen time, and one camper mentioned that he liked sleeping in his own bed since, at home, he has to share with his brother. Attending Camp Trinity gives our campers a chance to just be kids – to escape the worries of their daily lives and to build a deeper relationship with God. We recently had three teen campers attend Camp Trinity's Winter Retreat. Because of your past generosity, we could cover their retreat registration fees.

How can you help?

Pray for our campers and their families, Camp Trinity, and our Camp Hope ministry.

Volunteer: Christ Church volunteers drove twenty Camp Hope campers to Camp Trinity last year. We will need help with transportation this year. We host reunions and pre-camp meetings for our families and need volunteers to help us with these events.

Ingathering: If you missed Camp Hope's February ingathering and would like to participate, please contact a Camp Hope leadership team member. Our campers might have last-minute camp needs that you can help us with. Last summer, we also brought snacks to the Camp Trinity staff. Please let us know if you would like to help provide the camp staff with care packages.

Financial Support: Your financial support is vital for continuing this ministry. Your donations not only cover registration fees and tuition but also help us purchase camp supplies and care packages. This year, Camp Trinity's tuition is \$665.00.

Thank you to the congregation for writing over 100 letters so that our 2024 campers received mail during rest period. This year, our parish card party will be between the services on Sunday, May 4th. Our pre-camp meeting will be that evening. We will be sharing exciting news about that evening soon. Thank you to the ECW for sending our campers birthday and Christmas cards.

Thank you to all of our Camp Hope volunteers. Whether you prayed for us, donated to us, helped at our reunion or pre-camp meeting, or took campers to camp, you are an essential part of this ministry. We are always looking for more people to join our ministry. If you want more information, please join us today in the Parish House OR contact a leadership team member. Leadership Team: Terry Brubaker (252-514-9550), Jim Behl (650-740-3392) or Nell Hudson (252-772-5832) Email: camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com.

For more information about Camp Trinity (the camp for our diocese): <https://www.trinityctr.org/summer-camp/camp-trinity/>.



DOK Quiet Day at Christ Church

Sat. March 15 -- 'Not Counting Women and Children'

We will delve into two stories from Holy Scripture that are neglected, yet tell us much about our God, and our relationship with God, as well as tell much about how women figure in the story of salvation, then and now. We will draw on Megan McKenna's book of the same name. The Rev. Margaret Pollock will lead as we explore -- through reading aloud, meditation and self-reflection, and sharing in small groups -- an expanded understanding of women in the Exodus story, and in Matthew's recounting of the feeding of the five thousand. Meaning-making in our own times will be the hope, as these narratives shine a light through the ages.

The day will end with a celebration of Holy Eucharist. Join us Saturday, March 15, from 9 am - 3 pm. Lunch is included. For information call 240-432-3900 or 252-571-1708. To register contact: Nancy Przybylko at nancy4cpa@gmail.com. Last day to register is Wednesday March 12, 2025.

Racial Reconciliation Meetings

Begun in 2020 (during Covid) with interviews and discussions, the goal of "Racial Reconciliation" is to "partner traditionally white churches with traditionally black churches to bring them together as a community." For several months, a team from Christ Church has worked with other church teams and representatives from Faith Connection* to bring this program to faith communities in New Bern. This year, Word of God Worship Center, First Presbyterian, and United Worship Center will host these conversations.

On March 2, Christ Church members are invited to join with parishioners from two churches in our community, Word of God Worship Center and Clinton Chapel, to share fellowship and conversation concerning racial reconciliation. The mission of this and subsequent conversations is to "Build bridges between races, classes, and religions."

We will gather as a large community at the Word of God Worship Center (3650 Neuse Blvd) from 4 - 5:30 pm. An overview of the program will be shared by the chair, Mike Williams. Snacks and beverages will be offered. We would like to have an estimated count to prepare the hall (and snacks) for the gathering. RSVP to Martha Schulhaus at 252-288-4611. (Please leave a message with your name and contact information).

**Faith Connection is "An interfaith group promoting unity and peace among all God's children. Our Mission is to connect faith communities so that we can build bridges between races, classes, and religions; encourage compassionate listening; welcome the stranger; and serve those in need. Faith Connection is a partnership of local congregations working together for the betterment of our community. We share the belief that our God is a gathering God who desires that we challenge divisiveness and come together in a spirit of love."*

Wednesdays in Lent

This year during Lent we will be offering two Wednesday evening Christian Formation Offerings.

- John Gaskill will lead the stations of the cross on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:30 pm.
 - The Rev. Suzanne Hood will lead an adult formation class on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library entitled *The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find*. Life is a mix of joy and sorrow, love and loss, big wins and even bigger failures. Everything is much more fragile than we like to admit. In Lent we sit with the heaviness of that truth. For 40 days we stop pretending that things will suddenly get better and face the truth: life is fragile, and so are we. We will explore being human, the complexity that life is both terrible and beautiful, how to lament, the gift that imagination can be in the face of all of this, and the wisdom and love we can gain from it. Coming together in vulnerability we will learn how to better carry our hurts, and how to find hope in the midst.
- *Curriculum written by The Everything Happens Project*

Senior Scholarship Opportunity

The Ann Bustard Award was created to honor the service of Ann Bustard to Christian Education as Director of Children's Ministries. The Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior member of Christ Church who demonstrates academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities, as well as leadership, service and participation in church activities. Those eligible must complete the application form and submit a transcript of high school grades to the award selection committee. Application forms are available at the reception desk and this [link](#). The application deadline is noon on March 28th.

Spring Churchyard Clean-Up

The Christ Church Spring Yard Cleaning will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 10am till 1pm. Prior to the meeting, the B and G Committee will meet in the Library at 9 am. Let's make the grounds beautiful for the upcoming Easter Weeks.

Dinner on Five Continents

Interfaith Refugee Ministry cordially invites you to our annual DINNER ON FIVE CONTINENTS featuring live global entertainment, small-plate international dishes from five continents and a silent auction.

- Saturday, March 15, 2025
- Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner starts at 6pm
- Christ Church Harrison Center, 311 Middle Street, New Bern
- \$65 per person
- Reservations are available on the IRM website (<https://helping-refugees.org/>) or by calling the IRM office at 252-633-9009.

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, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Gay Stuart, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark, and Palmer Noonan, and John Griffin.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, and Henry.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; and St. Mark's, Wilmington

*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](mailto:Betsy.Downard).



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church includes the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This giving Ministry is comprised of a group of knitters and crocheters who meet monthly and produce beautiful prayer shawls and also nap blankets for infants and young children. These items are produced with loving care and on completion are consecrated at the Christ Church Altar. The consecrated shawls and blankets are stored in a closet in the Church Reception area and available to all parish members. The Ministry asks all Church members to pick up one of these items and present it to someone you know or love who could be comforted by the gift made from the heart by these Prayer Shawl Ministers. In addition, if you have the gift of being a knitter or crocheter and would be able to join this ministry, please contact Sheila Cipriano (sheilacipriano6975@gmail.com or 252-617-0303), with any questions.

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 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, February 23

Camp Hope Sunday

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](#))

12:15 pm: LEV Meeting

Monday, February 24

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

5 pm: Quarterly Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting
(Pelletier Room)

Tuesday, February 25

7 am: AI-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, February 26

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, February 27

Staff Work Day - Offices Closed

Sunday, March 2

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

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](#))

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 2-13-2025

Pledge Amount Received:

\$910,713.40

Number of Pledges Received:

227

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The season of Lent is fast approaching, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Before we enter into this holy season of penitence, we pause to prepare ourselves. Traditionally, the period of Shrovetide was observed before Lent often with indulgence in food items that many would abstain from during Lent and by going to a priest for confession. The English word shrive, means to give absolution for someone's sins, thus Shrove Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is the last opportunity for this to happen.

Today we tend to celebrate Shrove Tuesday by eating pancakes. Join us for a pancake supper on Tuesday, March 4th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Harrison Center. We will have pancakes, syrup, sausage, and bacon. Tables will be set up for dining.

Adult plates are \$6, children's plates are \$4 for ages 3-10. Children under the age of 3 are free. There is a \$20 maximum per household. You can pay online at <https://www.christchurch-newbern.com/give> (use the "Shrove Tuesday Pancakes" field). You can also pay on the day of, or at the church at any time. Contact Suzanne Hood at suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com for more information.

DOK Sock Collection Update

Thanks to the generosity of Christ Church, the Daughters of the King collected over 800 pairs of socks during the January outreach ingathering. All socks have been distributed to local charities and will be given to those in need. Thanks again for your donations.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our March services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for February shifts and [here](#) for March shifts.
- **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 Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to this week's host, Andy Britton.
- **Helping Habitat for Humanity:** During March college students will be volunteering their time to help Habitat for Humanity, an Outreach Ministry at Christ Church, build a house in New Bern. If you would like to help provide meals for these students during their stay, please contact Jim Behl (650.740.3392 / jbehl@usa.net).

Call for Eucharistic Visitors

The Pastoral Care Commission for Christ Church has trained parishioners who unselfishly take communion to their fellow parish members who are home bound or unable to attend church services. These Eucharistic Visitors bring the Eucharist to church members in the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes. You see them at the end of our Sunday services; parishioners come up to the altar and receive a box with the consecrated Eucharist. They take that Eucharist to fellow parishioners who cannot join us at church.

We are continually in need of additional volunteers to be trained as Eucharistic Visitors. We also need receivers, those who receive this Sacrament at home or elsewhere. If you feel you could volunteer to help in this ministry, please contact Suzanne Hood, (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) and she can answer any of your questions. Also, if you know of anyone who is in need of or could use this loving service, including yourself, please contact Suzanne.

Pledge Envelopes

The remaining 2025 Pledge envelopes have been moved from the Reception Area to Cindy's office. Please contact Cindy at cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com if you have any questions.