

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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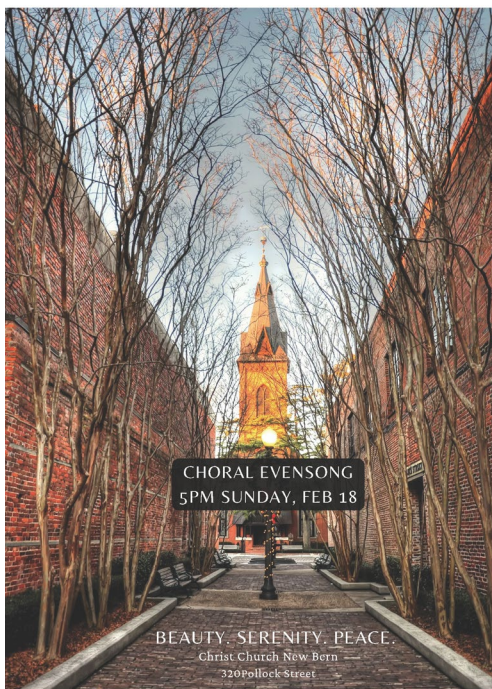
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Choral Evensong

5 pm, Sunday, February 18

Evensong is a beautiful evening service in the Anglican tradition that features choral music, scripture readings, and prayers. This February's Evensong will take place on the first Sunday in Lent and is centered around themes of evening-tide or dusk and Lent. Choral selections include Josef Rheinberger's 8-part Abendlied, Timothy Sharp's stunningly beautiful O Gracious Light, Preces & Responses by local composer Matthew Hill, the Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in g minor by Herbert Howells, and John Stainer's classic God So Loved the World. These musical selections reflect a sound that brings to mind the words "beauty, serenity, peace" and will intentionally be presented at the end of the day - 5:00 pm on February the 18th.



DOK Lenten Quiet Day

9 pm, Saturday, March 9

Who is Quiet Day for? Come join us on March 9th and discover "Gifts From the Wilderness" Quiet Day. A Quiet Day is a time to step away from the world for a few hours in contemplation and self-reflection. It is a time to be with others who want the same opportunity.

This day is a day for everyone. It will be a wonderful day of discovery and contemplation for every one who attends. Please consider joining us for this Lenten experience with Lisa Richey.

Email Janes Jones (Janejkerr@gmail.com) with questions or to register.



LENTEN SERIES:

Pauli Murray

"Civil rights, feminism, religion, literature, law, sexuality -- no matter what the subject, there is Pauli Murray." Susan Ware.

During Lent we will be offering a study entitled "Building True Community..." based on the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray.

"True community is based upon equality, mutuality, and reciprocity. It affirms the richness of individual diversity as well as the common human ties that bind us together." Pauli Murray

Sundays at 9:45 am in the Library (starting 2/18)

LENTEN SERIES: Wandering Heart

Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood in a discussion and exploration focused on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples, Peter. By following Peter's journey through scripture, poetry, music, and visual art, we will explore the story of his life and, in the process, come to understand more about our own faith journey. *Remaining meetings: 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20 at 5:30 pm in Library*

LENTEN SERIES: Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent!

<http://tinyurl.com/Lenten-Series>

Join us for our weekly Lent gathering with devotions from Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent. Daily devotional readings start on Ash Wednesday. Online meetings will include prayer, thoughtful discussion, and reflections on the previous week. Offered through St. Mary's, Kinston. *Mondays at 6 pm (via Zoom starting 2/19)*

Documentary Screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*

Watch *The Philadelphia Eleven*, a compelling new documentary film about the first women to become Episcopal priests.

In 1974, no canon specifically forbade women from becoming priests in The Episcopal Church, but diocesan standing committees and bishops to that point had almost uniformly rejected women's requests for ordination to the priesthood.

On July 29, 1974, three retired bishops agreed to ordain the 11 women, even though doing so without the approval of diocesan leadership could be seen as violating canonical law and church tradition. Church leaders debated the validity of the women's ordinations for two years until General Convention approved a new section of the church's ordination canons in September 1976 saying its provisions "shall be equally applicable to men and women."

The film shows how a brave group of women shattered the stained-glass ceiling by challenging the very core of patriarchal culture to seek ordination as priests in the Episcopal Church. It is a powerful story of faith and conviction. It is a story for all of us, regardless of faith tradition.

Their story prompts questions such as what does a just and inclusive community look like in practice? How do we break down barriers with grace and remain true to ourselves in the process? How do we, as either the protagonist or as an ally, stand up to institutions that do not allow people to be who they are called to be? How do we practice radical inclusivity?

Join us for lunch and a screening of the film, beginning at 12:00 pm, Saturday, March 16th. Scan the QR code below, click on the graphic, or go to <http://tinyurl.com/philly11ccnb> to register. A \$10 donation is suggested.

JOIN CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR LUNCH AND A FILM SCREENING @PhilElevenDoc



The Philadelphia Eleven
Saturday, March 16 | 12:00 PM
320 Pollock Street
New Bern, NC

RSVP 

\$10 Donation Suggested

Christ Church Game Night

Our Game Night will be Saturday, February 24 from 5 - 7 pm in the Harrison Center. Bring your favorite board games, cards, or puzzles and join in with others. We will provide popcorn and lemonade. Feel free to bring snacks to share!



Children's Musical Opportunities

Music for Kids is a music group at Christ Church geared toward kids in late elementary / early middle school. Kids learn how to play instruments, such as ukuleles, hand chimes, and other Orff instruments, and practice basic singing technique.

Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 4:30 - 5:15 pm in the Music Room (across Pollock Street, next to the GIG Room).

Also, starting this Sunday, Director of Music Jacqueline Nappi is starting a *Cherub Choir* for children 2nd grade and under. They will meet during the Sunday School Hour in the Whirl K-2 room.

BACH MUSIC MEDITATION SERIES

Come, sit, and listen to the entire cycle of Bach's preludes and fugues from book one of *The Well-Tempered Clavier* on piano. Book one contains 24 prelude and fugues, one in every major and minor key. Each Wednesday for the duration of Lent, four preludes and fugues will be performed followed by a short improvisation on a Lenten hymn. This musical offering is meant to give space for meditation and reflection as we walk together through the weeks of Lent. *Wednesdays 12:00 - 12:30 pm in the Nave.*

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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bes-sack, 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, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, and Peter Hayes.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Courtney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, 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, 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, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte

**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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Carry each other's burdens, and in
this way you will fulfill the law of
Christ.

Galatians 6:2

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 18

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 am: Lenten Series - Pauli Murray (Library) - First Meeting

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

5 pm: Choral Evensong (Nave)

Monday, February 19

6 pm: Lenten Series: Have a Beautiful Terrible Lent
(via Zoom, First Meeting)

Tuesday, February 20

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, February 21

12 pm: Bach Musical Meditations (Nave)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Saturday, February 24

5 pm: Game Night for All Ages (Harrison Center)

Sunday, February 25

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

5 pm: Choral Evensong (Nave)

First Annual Christ Church
SPRING
Arts and Crafts
Market
Saturday, May 4th, 2024
Downtown New Bern
Christ Episcopal Church
320 Pollock St, New Bern, NC
9 AM until 4 PM
<https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/2024-spring-arts-crafts-market>

Click on the graphic or go to <http://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-Spring-Market> to register.

THE GOODS

What to Expect in Lent

At Christ Church, we tend to shift what we do in worship each liturgical season. The season of Lent calls us to an even more intentional time of reflection, prayer, and study. During the season of Lent, we encourage you to enter worship in silence and to remain quiet until the service begins. Silence allows us to center ourselves and prepare to meet with God. Silence calls us out of the noise of the world and acts as a threshold into the holy space of worship. Silence molds us into an attitude of humility before our Creator — being slow to speak and quick to listen. You might encounter reminders that say:

Before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

As a means of having uninterrupted worship, we will make announcements at the beginning of the service, before the opening hymn. At both 8:30 and 11:00, we will open our time of worship with Penitential Order (found on p. 351 in the Book of Common Prayer). Using this, we say the confession of sin as our opening act of worship. We also replace the blessing at the end of the liturgy with a solemn prayer. Eucharist at our 11 am service will be Rite 1, which harkens back to the earliest days of Anglicanism and Elizabethan language. It also makes us pay a little closer attention to what is being said, since we don't tend to speak like that in our everyday life. We hope you will join us each week in Lent as we journey with Christ through the wilderness and towards the cross and empty tomb.

IRM 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.

6 pm, Saturday, March 2, 2024

Christ Church Harrison Center 311 Middle Street, New Bern

\$65 per person

Reservations are available on our website

www.helpingrefugees.org or

by calling the office at 252-633-9009



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for February services. March services can be found [here](#). Maundy Thursday / Good Friday Watch shifts are [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristy-davis@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 February shifts [here](#). March shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Thank you to Wayne Rowe and Phyllis Fox for hosting this Sunday's Coffee Hours.
- **RCS In Need of Peanut Butter and Jelly:** RCS is currently in need of jars of peanut butter and jelly, with their current supply running low. These are two items that always need to be on hand at RCS. Email development@rcsnewbern.com and ask when and where to donate.
- **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Want to explore a new way to serve at Christ Church? If you are interested in reading the scriptures to the congregation during Sunday worship as a Lay Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister at 252.634.7984 or lindamcalister50@gmail.com. Training is offered for this ministry.

Help Needed in the Outdoor Chapel Grounds

A component of the Building and Grounds Commission in past years has been a committee of 3-4 parishioners who were responsible for preparing and securing burials in the Outdoor Chapel. Members would prepare the site prior to the funeral service at church and secure the site with a temporary stone following the service. The time commitment is approximately one hour. Currently Rick Miller is the only "member" on this committee. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry. Contact Rick at rickmiller950@hotmail.com or 301.502.5268 with any questions.

