

## CPC InGathering This Sunday

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) is an independent affiliated organization and the only organization in the Episcopal Church dedicated solely to providing grants for written materials, both religious and secular, to people all over the world. CPC depends entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry! In previous efforts, the East Carolina Diocese has given several seminarians over \$400 each to cover some of their periodical and related materials expenses. During the month of March, CPC donation envelopes and a collection box have been available on the table in the Reception Area. This Sunday will be the official InGathering for CPC contributions. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Christ Church and write CPC on the memo line. Donations may also be made online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Thank you in advance for your support.



## Christ Church 2025 Trust / Outreach Grants

The Christ Church Trust / Outreach Grant application process is now open. There is an online Grant Application Form at <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2025-Grant-App>. The application deadline is April 15. Grant recipients will be notified no later than June 2, 2025. If you know of a local charity that could benefit from this opportunity, please forward the name of the charity, along with contact information, to [grants1@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:grants1@christchurchnewbern.com). Please contact the Rev. Paul Canady at [paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) with any questions.

## VBS 2025 - REGISTRATION OPEN

We invite children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in our Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will take place Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20 from 9 am - 12 pm each day. To register, please visit <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>.

Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. For any questions please reach out to Hannah at [hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5867. If you are interested in volunteering to make this awesome week happen, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/8E927ckLEXcjvvyh8> or reach out to Hannah!

## All Saints ECW 2025 Geranium Sale

We are gearing up for our 3rd Annual Geranium Sale! We will have beautiful, BIG 8", potted and sleeved geraniums this year in four colors -- Pink Chrome, Deep Scarlet, Salmon Pink, AND Violet.

Geraniums will be available at the Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market on Saturday, May 3. You may also pre-order with payment from now until the Market. To pre-order contact [rodneymhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneymhayes@yahoo.com). Don't be disappointed -- pre-order today!

The price remains at \$15 per pot, and all proceeds go to the ECW Outreach Fund. Last year we were able to donate \$600 worth of Walmart gift certificates to Interfaith Refugee Ministry and \$600 to Habitat for Humanity.

Please support us on May 3 (or earlier) and enjoy your geraniums all through the summer!

## Good News Bears T-Ball

Christ Church has partnered with First Presbyterian Church to create a T-Ball team called the "Good News Bears." T-Ball will be played every Wednesday in April and May, with the last day being May 21. Games will be played at 6 pm at Fort Totten Park. Questions? Contact Hannah Hutchens at [hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Spring Rothermel Foundation Lecture

**Date/Time:** 2 pm, TODAY, Sunday, March 23, 2025

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church; 400 New Street, New Bern, NC 28560

**Presenter:** Norman Wirzba, Gilbert T Rowe Distinguished Professor of Theology & Director of Research in the Office of Climate and Sustainability at Duke University

**Program:** *Loving the World that God Love*

The widespread assumption that planet Earth will soon become uninhabitable, and that we will therefore have to move to other planets, signals profound despair about our world. Christians are not immune to this despair. In fact, many think the goal of their faith is for the soul to escape Earth and live with God somewhere far, far away. The presentation will develop several scriptural passages to show why this other-worldly spirituality is a mistake. God loves precisely this created world and wants us to love it too. What that means and what it spiritually and practically entails will be our primary focus.

The lecture is presented by The Rothermel Foundation and is free and open to the public. The Rothermel Foundation brings to New Bern, typically twice each year, speakers of eminent reputation or accomplishment, or both, to speak on issues of interest or concern to people of faith, including science, religion, the arts, and cultural issues.

## Churchyard Clean-Up

*10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 12*

This spring's churchyard clean-up will take place from 10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 12. Please make plans to join us spruce up the church grounds. We will be weeding, mulching, power washing, and trimming hedges, among other chores. We need as many people as possible, as "many hands make light work. Help us beautify our church grounds in time for Easter. Prior to the meeting, the Building and Grounds Committee will meet in the Library at 9 am.



## Spring Arts and Crafts Fair

The Second Annual Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market will be held from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, May 3. This market is open to all artists and craft persons selling their handcrafted work. All mediums are welcome.

Vendor spaces will be located on the grounds of Christ Church bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. The vendor application and more details can be found on our church website at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. All proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern.



## Vestry News

The Vestry elected Patty Conard to fill the term vacated by Wayne Rowe's resignation. Patty will serve through December 2026. She will be eligible to be elected if she chooses to run again.

## Lenten Music Series



# 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\*, Palmer Noonan, John Griffin, Steve Phillips, and Jerry Pelletier.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, and Kenny.

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Philip's, Southport; and St. Mary's, Gatesville

*\*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](#).

## Online Apparel Store Is Back

The Christ Church online apparel store has returned! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-Store> and shop for your favorite Christ Church gear. The store is open until April 15!



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## 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, March 23

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](#))

### Monday, March 24

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)  
7 pm: Adult Lenten Class: Guided by the Spirit (via [Zoom](#))

### Tuesday, March 25

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

### Wednesday, March 26

12 pm: Bach Musical Meditations (Nave)  
5 pm: Stations of the Cross  
5:30 pm: Adult Formation Class: The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find  
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, March 27

Staff Work Day - Offices Closed

### Sunday, March 30

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](#))  
5:30 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)  
6 pm: EYC (Offsite)

## New Bern Car Show

The 1st Capital Antique Car Club is holding its 32nd show on the streets of downtown New Bern on Saturday, May 10. This is a joint show with the Morehead City Club and is open to all cars 25 years and older.

The Regional head judge will be holding a class during the show, and we are looking for teenagers who would like to learn how to judge an antique vehicle. If you know of some who would be interested, please contact Mike Wilson at 252.571.5635.



# Helping H4H

During March college students are volunteering their time to help Habitat for Humanity, an Outreach Ministry at Christ Church, build a house in New Bern. Students from the University of Delaware will be in town from March 24 - 27. If you would like to help provide meals for these students during their stay, please contact Jim Behl (650.740.3392 / [jbehl@usa.net](mailto:jbehl@usa.net)).

## 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.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our March services, click [here](#). April services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for March shifts. April shifts can be reserved [here](#).
- **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

## A Note from the Rector

We have enjoyed and appreciated Charles Pringle's time with us since October. Charles will not be continuing in the path to ordination at this time, so he will not be returning to Christ Church to assist in worship. Charles expressed his gratitude for the hospitality and opportunity afforded him. We wish Charles all the best!



### 2025 Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

Make a living tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate Easter.

Please complete this form. The cost is \$40, payable to Christ Church (write "Easter" in the memo area of the check.) You can pay in-person (via the offering plate or at the Reception Desk) or online at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/give](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give) (please note "Easter Flowers"). Submit form and payment by **Thursday, April 10** in order to have your memorial or thanksgiving noted in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

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In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

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