

September InGathering

My Sister's House, operated by Tried by Fire, Inc., is a facility that provides a safe home for women post-incarceration. The women are given guidance and mentoring as they work on reentry. Residents are aided with personalized reentry plans, as well as connections to vital services for sustainable, independent living and, when possible, reunification with their children. The mission is rooted in compassion and welcoming women of diverse backgrounds.



During the month of September, Christ Church's Outreach Ingathering will benefit My Sister's House. Please consider donating twin sheet sets, towels, and cleaning supplies. The house is particularly in need of fabric softener, microfiber cleaning cloths, and multipurpose cleaning sprays.

Sunday Forums in the Library

This week, we start a monthly series featuring recipients of grants from Christ Church. Most notably, these are agencies and groups where Christ Church parishioners can plug in to serve or benefit from their services.



We welcome Bethany Richards of the Bike Box Project (<https://www.bikeboxproject.org/>) this Sunday. Bethany will share about their mission and how they are helping those living with Parkinson's. Join us in the Library at 9:45 am.

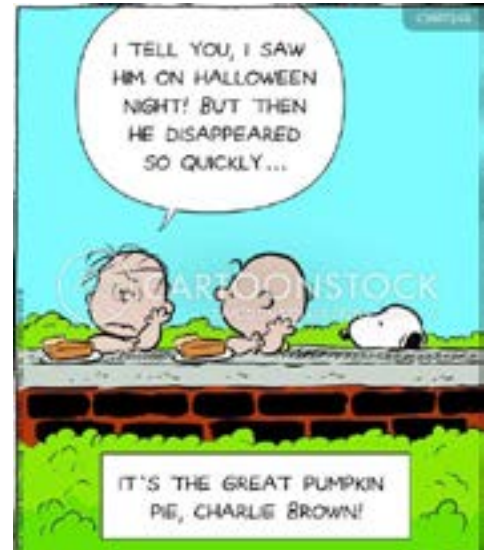
Later in the Fall, we'll welcome leaders from the Craven Literacy Council, the Fuller Center, and Trinity Center.

Pumpkin Patch Updates

The pumpkins will be arriving next Saturday, September 27, so PLEASE come down and help out. The time of the truck's arrival will be announced next week, but hopefully it will be in the morning. Child care will be available.

After the pumpkins are unloaded, the 2025 Pumpkin Patch will officially be open daily until Halloween (or when the pumpkins run out). We'll need lots of help working sales shifts. The online sign-up can be found at <https://ti-nyurl.com/2025-CEC-Pumpkin>, or you may use the paper sign-up, which will be on the table in the Parish House.

There will be two Sales Training sessions for new and returning sales volunteers at 11 am and 6 pm, Tuesday, September 23. We will meet in the Library.



2025 CROP Hunger Walk

The 45th Annual New Bern Area CROP Hunger Walk will happen on Sunday, September 28th at Union Point Park.

Christ Church will host a water station, and we encourage members to sign up to walk or donate to support the event. CROP Walk raises funds to address nutritional and developmental needs of those in our community and around the globe. Locally, Religious Community Services (RCS) will receive 25% of the proceeds.

This year Christ Church is encouraging those who would like to participate in CROP Walk as part of a team to join up with Interfaith Refugee Ministry. IRM has joyfully invited all Christ Church members to join their CROP Walk team. Help raise money for those who are food insecure in our community and raise awareness for IRM at the same time. Please go to this link for more information: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/interfaith-refugee-ministry>.



New Organ Recital Series at Christ Church

Announcing the Jane K. Millns Organ Recital Series! Christ Episcopal Church is welcoming three artists for the 2025-2026 season. All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/music>.

- **Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 4:00 pm: James O'Donnell**, Professor of Organ at Yale School of Music and the former Organist and Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in London, UK.
- **Sunday, March 1, 2026 @ 4:00 pm: David Baskefield**, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, North Carolina.
- **Friday, May 15, 2026 @ 7:00 pm: Nathaniel Gumbs**, Director of Music at The Riverside Church in New York City, and the Dedication Recitalist for our Opus 85 pipe organ.

Cookie Walk is Coming

Time to dust off your cookie recipes and stock your baking supplies. Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10am-1pm the Harrison Center will be bustling with volunteer elves helping customers get their cookies for the holidays. Volunteers will be needed the day of the event, but also the days leading up to the event.

As we all know baking cookies can cost quite a bit and is time consuming, so there will be a couple of groups providing cookie baking workshops to make many dozens of cookies. If you are unable to bake, but would still like to contribute, think about donating money to help pay for the ingredients for the baking workshops. Please donate money by the end October and indicate "Cookie Walk Supplies" in the memo line.

We will be happy to sign you up for volunteering your time and/or baking cookies for the event. Our volunteers make this a successful yearly event. All proceeds go directly to Outreach Grants, which help our community. For any information or volunteering opportunities contact Terri Walls at etwalls@me.com, or text or call 252-571-5857.



Save the Date - Angel Tree

Mark your calendars for Angel Tree gift buying in November! If you would like to help in planning or gift distribution contact anyone on the Angel Tree Team:

- Terry Brubaker 252-514-9550 terrytb49@gmail.com
- Alicia Alford. 910-389-2687 littlelish@me.com
- Liz Coble 706-766-5199 erichardsbiology@gmail.com
- Gay Stuart 252-876-3400 junegstuart@yahoo.com
- Mia Wireman 502-405-8101 miawireman@gmail.com



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

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, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, Rebecca Liberty, Betty Simon, Alan Rogers, and Becki Rich.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, Denise, David, Sam, Larry, Bobby, Joan, Corey, Denni, Elizabeth, Jenna, Peter, Bob, Janis, Karen, Tory, Jill, Marty, Kevin, Phil, Warren, Henry, Bruce, Raquel, Betty, Grant, and Skip.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Trinity, Fayetteville, and St. Andrew's, Columbia

**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](#).



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, September 21

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
12:30 pm: Acolyte Training
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, September 22

First Day of Growing in Grace
8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 23

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
11 am: Pumpkin Patch Sales Training (Library)
5 pm: Stewardship Meeting (Pelletier Room)
6 pm: Pumpkin Patch Sales Training (Library)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, September 24

16:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, September 25

Staff Work Day - Church Offices Closed

Saturday, September 27

Pumpkins Arrive - Pumpkin Patch Opens

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Acolyte Training

Training for all new and returning acolytes will take place today, Sunday, September 21, following the 11 am service. Please meet in the Nave.

Help with EYC Meetings

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of and provide meals for our EYC youth on Sunday evenings. Don't worry... helping doesn't mean you need to have all the answers or lead a big lesson. If you would like more information, contact hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA-EA828A3FAC25-58192545-eycmeals/>.

2025 Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Third Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC (320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC). The event will be held outside on the church grounds and feature many local artists and craft persons. The Holiday Market will provide locals and visitors an excellent opportunity to meet local artisans and purchase their creations for home and holiday gift giving. All mediums are welcome, so start spreading the word now.



The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. The event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. The proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online at: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. For more information, please email artmarket@christchurchnewbern.com.

Call for Eucharistic Receivers

At this time the Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church is blessed to have a wonderful, loving group of Eucharistic Visitors ready and willing to visit their fellow parishioners. Eucharistic Visitors take the consecrated Eucharist to fellow parishioners who cannot join us at church, including members in the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes.

We are now in need of parishioners who would accept the visits from these caregiving folks. If you are unable to attend church services, even on a short-term basis, for any issue in your life, the Eucharist is available for you to receive for any reason. Please contact Suzanne Hood, (suzanne-hood@christchurchnewbern.com) and make her aware of your need, and she will arrange to have a Eucharistic Visitor meet with you.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for September services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. September shifts can be found [here](#).
- **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:** Sunday Coffee Hour is back for fall, winter, and spring. We appreciate our weekly hosts. To sign up to host, click [here](#). Coffee Hour takes place between services at 9:45 am. Snacks and coffee will also be available after the 11 am service.
- **Resource Library Tab on Website:** Check out our new "Resource Library" tab on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/resourcelibrary>) and access recent emails, FAQ page and Community Bulletin Board.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- Thursday email and printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Please send all pictures, articles, and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Cursillo Weekend

Pilgrim applications are currently being accepted on a first come - first served basis for the East Carolina #106 Weekend, which will take place November 6-9, at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. Cursillo Ministry is a spiritual formational retreat for piety, study, and the practice of leadership and service.

Weekend fee is \$300 and includes room and meals. Scholarships are available. The weekend includes daily talks and meditations, a healing service, daily Eucharists, and an onsite Spiritual Advisor.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Mary Lynn Guidage or visit <https://www.cursillodec.org>.