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ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III
Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Church Life: Jimi Paderick
Director of Music: Jacqueline Nappi
Director of Christian Formation: Hannah Hutchens
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
Facilities Coordinator: John Peterson
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett
Custodial Services: Terry Pitner

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 3pm
Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
Click [here](#) to download the “Who to Call” directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul and [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne. *Please indicate if you’re requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.*

GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) for more information.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
Patty Conard, Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Graham Underhill
Term through 2027:
Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson (*Clerk*), Ernie Williams

FIND US ONLINE

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[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
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[Instagram](#)
[Youtube](#)

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The Crown is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the June 2025 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by May 15. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don’t miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger (weekly)*: Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Gruenbaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O’Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Jerry Pelletier, and Linda Bullock.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, and Nolan.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul’s, Greenville; and the Pamlico Deanery

**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](#).

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

PLEASE NOTE:

We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at christchurchnewbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning *Messenger* email.

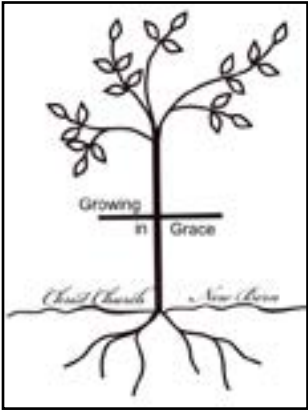
Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church’s exterior doors.

SUNDAY MAY 4	MONDAY MAY 5	TUESDAY MAY 6	WEDNESDAY MAY 7	THURSDAY MAY 8	SATURDAY MAY 10	SUNDAY MAY 11
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY GIG VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION (8:30 AM) 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:30 am: Camp Hope Letter Party (Parish House) 9:45am: Sunday School and Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 4pm: Racial Reconciliation Meeting (Pelletier Room) 5pm: Camp Hope Pre-Meeting (Harrison Center) 5:30pm: Combined POD & EYC	1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)	7am: Al Anon Meeting - (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 4pm: Finance / Endowment Committees Meeting (Parish House) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	4pm: Grief Support Group (2nd Floor Living Room) 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)	4pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 5pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)	9am: Building and Grounds Committee (Library)	8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School and Coffee Hour 11am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / online)

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Recognizing our GIG Volunteers

We would like to thank our amazing volunteers for the 2024/2025 school year! The statement “It takes a village” rings true with our GIG Family! Your care, love and spiritual guidance will be remembered by our children forever! If anyone would like to join our GIG family next school year please email Debbie Fodrie - deb-biefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com. You'll be glad you did!



2024 – 2025 GIG Volunteers

Thank you

MENTORS AND VAN RIDERS

Alicia Alford	Jane Merritt
Kelly Ballentine	Kahni Miller
Jim Behl	Rick Miller
Cooper Brubaker	April Mills
Terry Brubaker	Nancy Newman
M. J. Dark-Woika	Anne Ocorr
Mary Davidson	Janet Peregoy
Karen Gabriel	Butch Ricks
Cindy Gleisberg	Mary Ringwalt
Harry Gormley	Julia Sherman
Barbara Haan	Lottie Sides
Kim Huddle	Gloria Simpson
Nell Hudson	Steve Skiffington
Sally Johnson	Mike Stokes
Mary Ann Koffenberger	Campbell Taylor
Ann Little	Marie Vecchio
Dawn Manning	Jim Vecchio
	Mark West

SUBSTITUTES

Karen Genua	
Tully Hofmann	
Mike Stokes	
Mark West	

VAN DRIVERS

Rick Miller
John Galaznik

Christ Church Newcomers

EASON AND SARAH GOINS: Eason and Sarah Goins recently moved to New Bern from Wilmington, NC, where they had lived for the last fourteen years and attended St. James Episcopal Church. Eason was born and raised here in New Bern, and Sarah was born and raised in Greensboro. The couple are attempting to sell their home in Wilmington, and are currently staying with Eason’s family until they find a place of their own. They have three young sons and felt the small-town quality of life for the boys was important. Eason works in sales for a company in Morehead City and Sarah works for a bank in Wilmington, NC, and is able to work remotely from home. Sarah enjoys playing tennis and Eason enjoys cooking and barbequing. He also plays guitar and piano. The sons are looking forward to attending Sunday School classes and the family will be joining activities here at Christ Church.

LAINA AND TRAVIS RAMEY: Laina and Travis Ramey recently moved to New Bern after living in Missouri, Idaho, Maine, and Okinawa. Travis is active in the USAF Guard. Laina grew up in Mebane, NC. She and her two daughters, Lilly and Maggie, have become active in Christ Church, with the daughters joining youth classes. Laina homeschools the girls and was drawn to Christ Church where she has found community. The family owns property in Merritt, NC, and plans on building there. They all enjoy animals.

KATHY SCHURMAN: Kathy Schurman moved to New Bern after living in Windsor, Connecticut, and Springfield and Ludlow Massachusetts. She grew up in Somers, Connecticut. Kathy loves this area and discovered New Bern while vacationing here. After hearing several sermons at Christ Church, which she felt spoke to women, she decided to join us. Kathy loves gardening, kayaking, dogs, and community involvement. She plans on becoming involved in Coffee Hour, Prayer Shawls, and Bible Study.

ALEXIS GOLIWAS: Alexis Goliwas moved to New Bern from Washington, NC, for employment reasons. She grew up in Ayden, NC. Previously attending church in Washington, she was active there in fine arts and children’s ministries. She plans on becoming active here at Christ Church.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Join Us for Volunteer Sunday — A Celebration of Service

Sunday, June 1 / Refreshments Following Both Services

You’re invited to a special day of gratitude, community, and fellowship at our Volunteer Sunday celebration on June 1st. These services are an opportunity to honor the incredible efforts of our volunteers and invite everyone to discover the joy of serving.

We’re honored to welcome Rev. John Pollock, retired Rector of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Morehead City, as our guest preacher for both services. His message of faith and service will inspire and uplift as we come together to celebrate those who give so generously of their time and talents.

Whether you’ve helped as a desk receptionist, sung in the choir, prepared meals, mentored with GIG, or offered a welcoming smile at the door — this day is for you. And if you’re new to volunteering or looking for a way to get involved, there’s no better time to explore where your gifts might serve.

After both services, we invite you to stay for light refreshments and warm fellowship. Come connect with fellow parishioners and celebrate the spirit of service that strengthens our church.

Everyone is welcome — bring a friend! Let’s come together in faith, gratitude, and joyful service.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace.”

– 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteer Spotlight: Christ Church Reception Desk

Did you know that a wonderful team of volunteers operate our Reception Desk? It’s true! These dedicated parishioners greet visitors, answer phones, and help keep things running smoothly throughout the week - all while offering a warm, friendly presence at the heart of our church. Now, we’re inviting others to join this meaningful ministry of hospitality.




Meet Delle Curry, a longtime Reception Desk volunteer. Delle and her husband, Sam, have been faithful members of the church for the past 26 years. Delle enjoys volunteering in various capacities, but she especially enjoys her time spent at the Reception Desk. Delle shares, “Volunteering at the reception desk has helped me get to know the people of Christ Church and feel more connected. It’s a simple way to participate in the life of the church, and it means so much to be part of welcoming others.”

We invite you to join Delle and the other Reception Desk Volunteers! If you feel called to serve in this meaningful way, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com. No prior experience is necessary! Training will be provided.

Help Needed: Cookie Walk Co-Chairs

Our beloved Cookie Walk has been a wonderful tradition and a vital fundraiser for our church community. This year, we are in need of two volunteers to co-chair the event. Without leadership, unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the Cookie Walk.

If you feel called to help, or would like more information, please reach out to The Rev. Suzanne Hood (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) or Dawn Manning (dawnsrawambition@gmail.com), co-chair of the Outreach and Evangelism Commission before July 1. Working together, we can continue this sweet tradition! Thank you for considering being a part of something special!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

Hebrews 10:24

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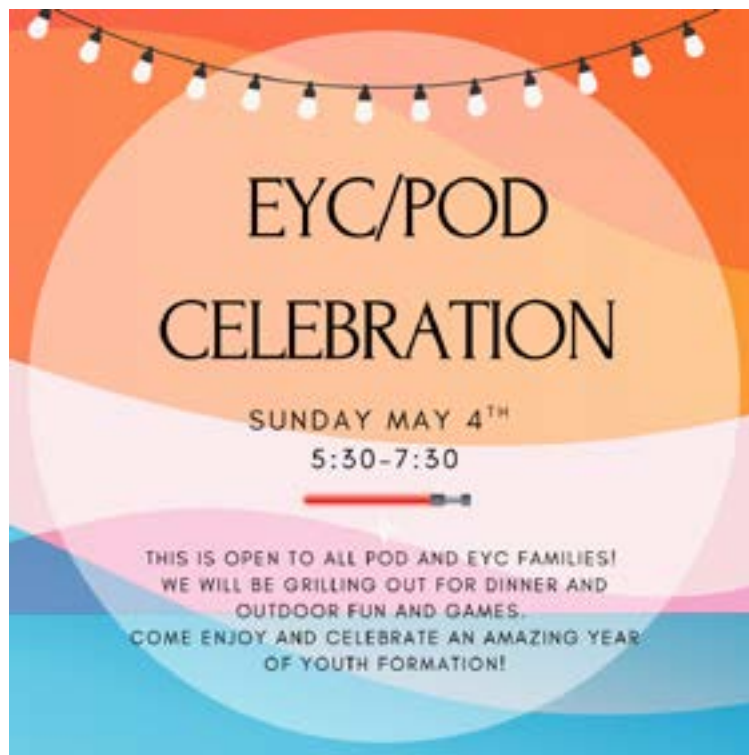


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POD / EYC Celebration



April Vestry Meeting Recap

- Opening prayer led by Kim Huddle
- Bishop Skirving attended the meeting to discuss the future of St. Cyprian's. The Bishop shared that, after many months of consultation, the Vestry of St. Cyprian's has begun the process of concluding their ministry as a parish of the Diocese of East Carolina. This is a lengthy process that will have more concrete actions at November's Diocesan Convention. He thanked Christ Church for all we have done over the years.
- Financials - Christ Church is still in good financial standing.
- May 6 - Endowment Committee & Finance Committee will meet together.
- Buildings & Grounds had a successful spring clean-up. Painting and repairs to windows and ceiling will start in May 6 and continue through the week.
- June 1 will be volunteer recognition at both services. Suicide Prevention Bear will be placed behind the Music Building.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Huddle

May Outreach Ingathering

Our outreach ingathering during the month of May is focused on the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. Farmworkers returned to North Carolina in March this year. These hardworking people live in small camps near to the farms where they labor. They do not have transportation, and their only day off is Sunday. They rely heavily on EFWM, which provides them with small necessities by bringing them directly to the camps on a weekly basis, or distributing them after church on Sundays.

The items most needed at this point are: individual packets of electrolyte powder for water bottles; work gloves in sizes S, M, L, and XL; anti-itch spray or cream; socks; and hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, pain relief spray/cream, pain medication, soap, shampoo, and deodorant). Let us reach out helping hands to those who work so hard to bring fresh produce from the field to our tables.



Rector's Bible Study

The Rector's Bible Study continues next Wednesday, May 7 and runs through May 21. Here's a look at the remaining schedule.

- May 7 - Who were Elijah & Elisha?
- May 14 - Who were the Galatians?
- May 21 - Who were the Colossians?

Over the summer, we will encounter Elijah and Elisha in the Old Testament/Hebrew Scripture readings and Paul's letters to the Galatians and Colossians. We'll explore all of those so we are even more prepared to hear them on Sundays.

The group meets at 11 am on Wednesdays in the Pelletier Room. No prior knowledge of the Bible needed! Contact the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861 for more details.

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Drop Our Camp Hope Campers a Line

Today, May 4th, we are having our 2nd annual Camp Hope Card party. Please join us between the services and make cards for our Camp Hope campers. Our campers will receive these cards during rest period at camp. Last year, our campers received lots of mail from Christ Church. We will have various cards for you to choose from, but you are welcome to bring your own. Hope you will join us for this time of service and fellowship. There will be snacks.



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 children ages newborn through about six years old (the ages that children take naps.) 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 Carolyn Stevens at 252-229-7147, and she will answer any of your questions.

Grief Support Group

Every loss is different, your grief is yours – and yet, it is easier to grieve together. Facing the death of a loved one is hard. Grief can be isolating even when we have lots of family and friends. In an effort to be helpful sometimes people keep their distance, trying to give us space. Or we may feel like others just don't understand.

On any given day we might experience overwhelm, sadness, relief, anger, exhaustion, or any of a number of emotions that can sometimes feel like they conflict with one another. We might think we have to just get on with things. Or we might feel like we can't face the day.

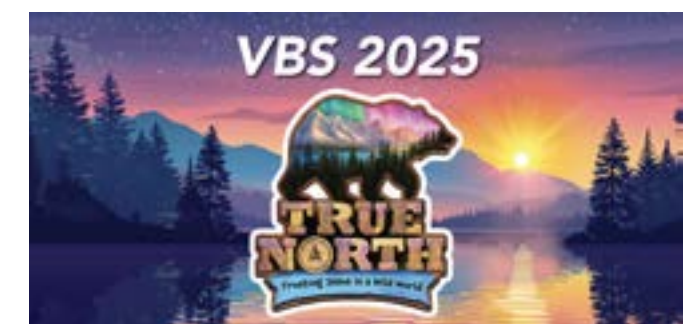
Gathering together to support one another on our journey through grief can be lifegiving at a time when it can seem like everything is weighing us down. Join the Rev. Suzanne Hood for a six-week grieving support group starting next Wednesday, May 7. We will meet at 4 pm in the Second Floor Living Room. Registration is required; please call (252) 631- 5862 or email suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

VBS 2025 - Registration Deadline Approaching

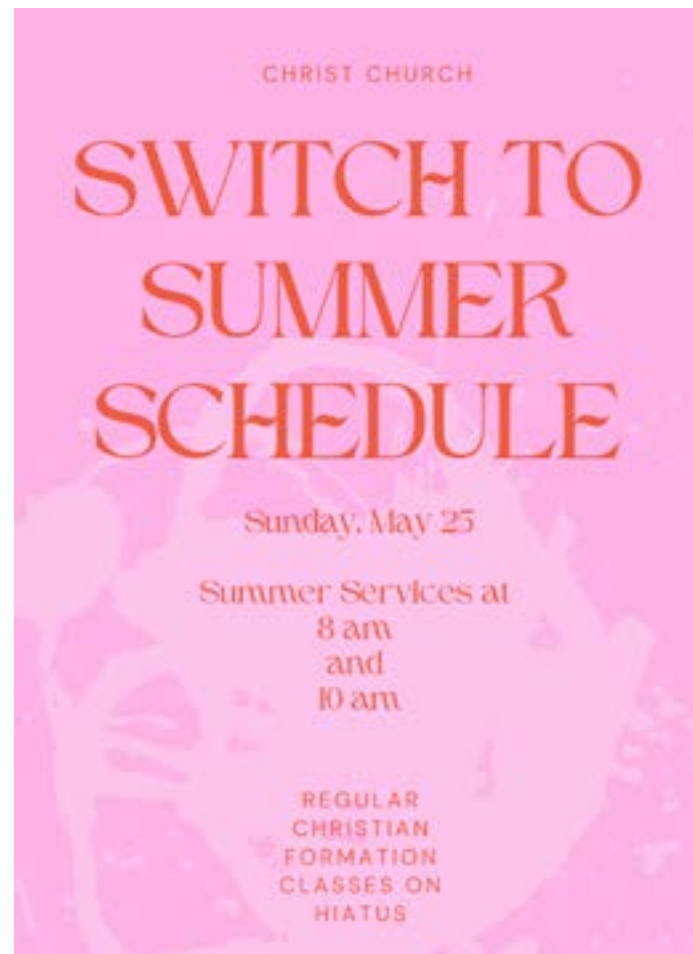
Don't miss out on this year's Vacation Bible School at Christ Church. Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*.

VBS will take place from 9 am - 12 pm, June 16-20, and is open to children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade. To register, go to <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>. **Don't miss out - registration deadline is May 15!**

Interested in volunteering? Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfR2X3-y5eH-7BwCl7n-4gi3CGAZJlCR30kFo4Dc7hiyeLi4sw/viewform>. For any questions please reach out to Hannah Hutchens at hannah-hutchens@christchurchnewbern.com.



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ECW Picnic -- All Are Invited

**The ECW Invites
ALL women of the Parish
to join them at the
Annual Spring Picnic**

WHEN: MAY 12th

TIME: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Glenburnie Park
(Off Glenburnie Drive)

WHERE: The Jaycee Covered Pavilion with a beautiful view of the Neuse!

WHAT TO BRING: Your own sandwich or salad plus an appetizer or dessert to share

PROVIDED: Drinks, utensils, paper goods all supplied

NOTE: We sit on picnic tables so if you need a chair, please BYO

Parking and restrooms are nearby

QUESTIONS: Contact pammiller950@gmail.com



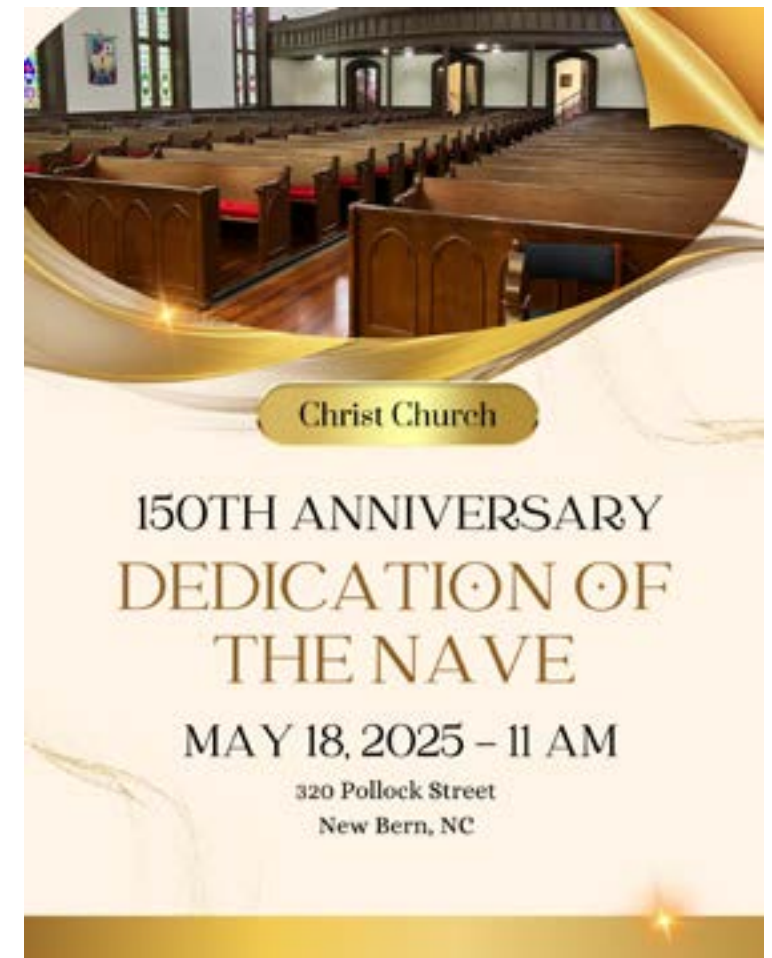
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Pentecost Sunday



It's T-Ball Season

The "Good News Bears" continue their season through May 21. They play at 6 pm every Wednesday. Stop by Fort Totten Park, and check them out!



Sunday Altar Flowers

There are multiple ways that you can sign up to donate altar flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something.

- Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex
- Call the church office (252.633.2109)
- Sign up online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>

NOTE: If you sign up online, please email the memorial or thanksgiving details (i.e. who/what it is for and who it is from) to communications@christchurchnewbern.com or call the church office.

There are also multiple ways for you to pay. You can drop a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (PO Box 1246 New Bern 28563). Also, you can pay online at <https://www.chrichurchnewbern.com/give>. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

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Faith Connection Meeting

The May Faith Connection meeting will be held at at 4 pm, Thursday, May 15, at Centenary United Methodist Church (309 New Street). Elizabeth Wood, Esq. of The E.A. Wood Law Firm will be providing an Immigration Law Update. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

May Foyers

We are back to gathering on the third Saturday of the month. The May Foyers will be from 5 - 7 pm, May 17 at the home of: Joanie and Randy Bogle, 4308 Periwinkle Place, in Carolina Colours.

Bring your beverage of choice, drink containers, and an appetizer to share. Contact Liz Praul (eparlett4@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information. Your RSVP will help us get an idea of the number of guests the host can expect. All are welcome!



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our May services click [here](#), and June services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristy-davis@christchurchnewbern.com. Please note that we will change to summer service times of 8 am and 10 am on Sunday, May 25.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for May shifts. June 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:** We appreciate our 9:45 am Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking weekly hosts. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).

Seniors Luncheon - Food, Fun and Fellowship

Our next Seniors Luncheon will be at 11:30 am, Thursday, May 22, in the Harrison. The menu includes a variety of tea sandwiches, fruit salad, chips, and sherbet with a cookie for dessert. Come join us!

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.

Publication Deadlines

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

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