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GOOD NEWS BEARS ENJOY FIRST SEASON

We had a wonderful season of T-Ball. Children from Christ Church and First Presbyterian learned how to share God's love through teamwork, good sportsmanship, and a whole lot of patience. We cannot wait until next season on the ball field.



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
The Rector is on Sabbatical until July 7.
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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 2pm
Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [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:
Heather McCloud-Huff, Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Graham Underhill
Term through 2027:
Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Patty Conard, Susan Husson (*Clerk*)

FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website: www.christchurchnewbern.com.
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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, Linda Bullock, Jonathan Davis, and Ann Bustard.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, 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, Nolan, David, Denise, and David.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Kinston, and the Upper Cape Fear 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 JUNE 1	MONDAY JUNE 2	TUESDAY JUNE 3	WEDNESDAY MAY 4	THURSDAY JUNE 5	SATURDAY JUNE 7	SUNDAY JUNE 8
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION SUNDAY 8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11am: Lemonade on the Lawn 4pm: Racial Reconciliation Discussion (Offsite)	8:30am: Morning Prayer (Chapel) 1pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room) 2pm: Grants Committee Meeting (Library)	7am: Al Anon Meeting - (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 2pm: Christ Church Wedding Coordinators Meeting (Library) 4pm: Trust Meeting (Offsite) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	12pm: Altar Guild / Flower Guild Luncheon (Parish House) 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)			PENTECOST SUNDAY 8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:15am: Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 9:15am: Psalms in the Summer class (Library) - First Meeting 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11am: Pentecost Picnic (Parish House / Churchyard Lawn) 11am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Celebrating our Volunteers: Today - Sunday, June 1

You're invited to a special day of gratitude, community, and fellowship at our Volunteer Sunday celebration today, 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.

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: Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee works with the Jr. Warden, Director of Church Life, and Facilities Coordinator to ensure that Christ Church's building and grounds are well maintained. Any areas that are outside their responsibility are reported so that they can be reviewed then addressed. The Committee consists of the following sub-groups: Outdoor Chapel: Burial and Maintenance; Garden and Planting; General Maintenance and Upkeep. These groups work collectively on Clean up Days but work independently throughout the year. This committee not only does manual labor but is strategic in planning the work they have at hand.

Rodney Hayes, a member of Christ Church since 2018 who regularly attends the early service, heads up the Garden and Planting sub-committee. She works with a team of eight gardeners to keep our grounds beautiful. Of her work, Rodney says, "It's rewarding to be a part of something that's taking care of an important historic property. I'm a part of the history of Christ Church!"

Mike Wilson and Mark West both help with burials. Their work is an important service to the families that are grieving the loss of a loved one. Of their ministry, Mark says, "Making sure that the grave is properly prepared and then respectfully closing it after interment offers some small comfort to the family and friends of the deceased and speaks to the Christian hope for the resurrection of the body. It is one small service that I can perform in this regard... and it gives me hope that the example I set will encourage others to participate in this ministry so there is someone available to prepare the grave when my time comes!"

If you feel called to help with any area of the Building and Grounds Committee please contact Rick Miller at rickmiller950@hotmail.com.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

GIG Holds End-Of-Year Celebration

It is so hard to believe that our 2024/2025 school year at GIG has ended. We celebrated our year with our mentors and family members. Congratulations to Andrea and LeMichael, who are moving on to Middle School. We are sad but also very proud of these two amazing children! Thank you to our amazing volunteers who make this program possible!



Check out our updated GIG logo! Many thanks to Jimi Paderick for facilitating its creation!



Vestry Seeks Delegates to Diocesan Convention

The Vestry will fill three seats for the 2025 Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina. The convention will be November 14-15 in Goldsboro. One seat will be just for this year to finish an unexpired term. Two others will be for a three-year term ending in 2027. The Vestry will also select two alternates for a one-year term. This year will be especially poignant as delegates will elect a new bishop! If you are interested in serving as a convention delegate, please reach out to Jimi Paderick (jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5863) and ask that your name be presented to the Vestry at its June meeting. Since Convention is mostly paperless, and voting happens with mobile devices, comfort and familiarity technology is strongly recommended!

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Vestry Recap: May 2025

- Opening prayer led by Randy Bogle
- Debi Miller attended the meeting and gave us an update on the Interfaith Refugee Ministry that serves eight surrounding counties. She spoke of all the help that had been given to refugees over the years and how important the vital assistance was to those individuals in need. She thanked Christ Church for the years of our generous financial support, as well as those parishioners who have given their time and talents.
- Financials – Christ Church is still in good financial standing.
- Jimi Paderick spoke on maintenance projects that are scheduled for this summer, including looking at a new sound system for the church.
- Randy Bogle gave updates on the painting project for the outside church windows and other grounds maintenance projects.
- Graham Underhill spoke on organizing this fall's Stewardship Campaign. He stressed the need for more volunteers.
- Patty Conard's term on the Vestry was updated to conclude in 2027. Heather McCloud-Huff was appointed as a Vestry Member with a term ending in 2026.
- The Vestry needs to recruit and appoint three people to serve as Diocesan Convention delegates. One will be for a one-year term, ending in 2025. The other two will be three-year terms, ending in 2027. Two alternate delegates will also be appointed.
- On June 1 we will host the Volunteer Sunday Celebration of Service. We will honor the incredible efforts of all our wonderful volunteers.

- Respectfully submitted by Vinson Bowers

June 7 Shredding Event

The New Bern Breakfast Rotary Club, in partnership with Carolina East Medical Center, has scheduled a Shredding Event for Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 2015 Neuse Blvd. A donation of \$10 per box is requested for this fundraiser to support the Rotary Club's community service projects. Although paper clips or clamps are not a problem, 3-Ring Binders cannot be shredded. For additional information, contact Rotarian Deedra Durocher at deedra.rotary7720@gmail.com or 252.670.1907.

Join Us for Morning Prayer

Mondays at 8:30 am in the Chapel

We will be starting a new old thing on Monday, June 2 at 8:30am in the Chapel. Morning Prayer is one of the oldest traditions in Anglicanism, and Thomas Cranmer, who developed the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549 commended it as a daily practice. There are some who remember when it was the principle liturgy on Sundays prior to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. It is a lovely way to start the day, and we invite you to come be a part of it as often as you feel you can.

East Caroline Cursillo Ministry

EC 105 Weekend took place at Trinity Center on April 24-27, 2025. Those from Christ Church who attended were; Sabrina Southern (as a pilgrim), Aleisha Curtis, Joyce Baker, Mary Lynn Guidage, and David Cook.



Graveyard Headstone Cleaning

The Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be cleaning the graveyard headstones from 10 - 11 am, Saturday, June 7. The chapter would like you to this family-friendly activity. They use nontoxic chemicals, water and toothbrushes. Please meet at the Outdoor Chapel. You are welcome to ask questions about the cleaning of family cemeteries, history of Cedar Grove, or the history of Christ Church's cemetery. Please contact Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com) with any questions or for more information.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Psalms in the Summer

The Book of Psalms is full of beautiful imagery. These ancient songs or poems explore the full range of human emotion and experience. On Sundays this summer, beginning June 8th, we will discuss the psalm appointed for the week. Join us in the Library for a half hour conversation beginning at 9:15. What images resonate with you? What are the different types of psalms? Did you know there were different types of psalms? What does this text tell us about God?

Summer Music at Christ Church

For most church choral groups, summer is a time when singers take a break from the rigor of weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning singing. As a singer, resting your voice is just as important as using it for choral singing! However, since your vocal chords are a muscle, some singing during a restful period is good so as to avoid getting too out of shape (just like going to the gym!).

Our Summer Pop-Up Choir is the perfect antidote to the lull of choral singing when the "season" is out of session. Pop-up choir sings music that is fun and easy to learn for the Sunday late service in the summer (June - August). Choral anthem examples include: Marty Haugen's Let My Prayer Rise Up and the popular arrangement of Here I Am, Lord by Jack Schrader. All anthems are sung with the piano. Reading music is not necessary, and one need not be a regular member of any choirs to join in for any of the Pop-Up Sundays! Rehearsals are select Sunday morning from 9:15 - 9:45 am in the Nave.



June InGathering - Diaper Drive for IRM

Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) could use your help to keep baby bottoms dry. During the month of June, Christ Church members are being asked to donate baby wipes and a variety of diapers in all sizes for distribution as needed to our new neighbors. Since transportation can be challenging to the newcomer, having these items on hand allows IRM staff members to quickly deliver the items when a need arises. The diaper sizes in the greatest need are 2, 3, and 4. Thank you for your kindness in assisting our new neighbors and friends.



Call for Eucharistic Visitors and Receivers

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.

Pentecost Picnic - June 8

Please join us for a Pentecost Picnic next Sunday, June 8, after the 10 am service. The church will provide fried chicken, drinks, and dessert. To sign up to bring a side dish, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Pentecost-Picnic>.

THE GOODS

Cherub Choir Special Announcement

All Cherub Choir kids are invited to sing “I’m Gonna Sing when the Spirit says Sing” with Ms. Jackie during the Offertory at the 8 am service on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. We’re looking forward to their performance!

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our June services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. 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 Lemonade on the Lawn hosts. To sign up to host a on a future Sunday, click [here](#).

Help Needed: Cookie Walk Co-Chairs

Our beloved Cookie Walk has been a wonderful tradition and a vital fundraiser for our church community. Last year we provided over \$9,000 to deserving, local, charitable organizations. While formerly chaired by ECW, this is now a parish-wide outreach opportunity open to all, similar to Pumpkin Patch.

This year we are in need of two volunteers to co-chair the event. We are looking for a team of organizers, and you don’t need to be a baker. Mentoring and support will be provided to the incoming team by recent Cookie Walk Chairs.

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**. Without leadership, unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the Cookie Walk. Thank you for considering being a part of something special! Working together, we can continue this sweet tradition!

VBS Is Coming!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the week of June 16th-20th. We have about 50 kids signed up to participate, ranging in age from rising kindergarten to rising 5th graders. We also have about 20 adult and youth volunteers for the week. Our theme this year is how we can “Trust Jesus in a Wild World.” Pray for us throughout the week as we gather and learn about Jesus through play and activities.

Mail for Camp Hope Campers



Thank you to everyone who made a card for a Camp Hope camper last month. There is still time to send a card to a camper.

Please contact Neil Hudson for a camp roster.
camphope1@christchurchnewbern.com

or

252-772-5832

We will be collecting cards until Sunday, June 8th. Our Camp Hope mailbox is in the elevator vestibule.

Thank you!

Faith Connection Meeting

The June Faith Connection meeting will be held at 4 pm, Thursday, June 19 at St. Paul Catholic Church Family Life Center (3305 Country Club Road). Fr. Steven Costell, Parish Administrator at St. Paul’s will present a discussion on Pope Leo XIV, the “First American Pope.” Admission is free, and all are welcome.