

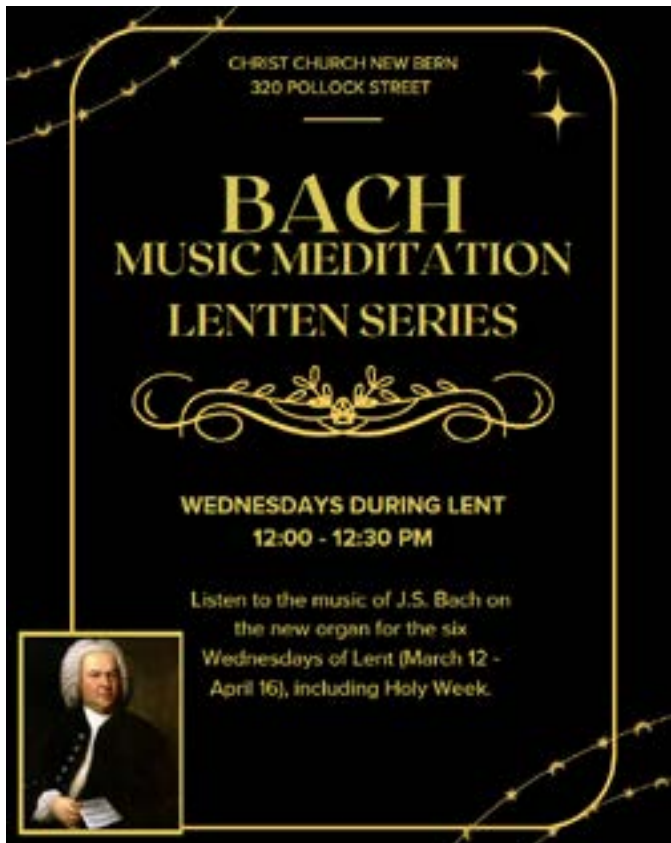
Why We Watch

Can you not stay awake one hour? It's a powerful question from Jesus to his disciples shortly before his arrest. The three days leading up to Jesus's resurrection are marked by a single service, which begins on Maundy Thursday and ends with the Easter Vigil on Saturday night.

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to remember his invitation to stay awake, to watch, and to pray. We mark this time by keeping watch, beginning on Thursday evening and concluding on Friday at noon. This roughly equates to the time between Jesus' arrest and his crucifixion.

We invite you to sign up for a one-hour time slot to be in the Chapel. You can pray. Write. Mediate. Read. We will have other suggestions if you don't know where to start. But come and stay an hour and be with Jesus at his most vulnerable time. You can find the sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAEA928ABFF2-55506153-2025#/>.

Lenten Music Series



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. Please contact the Rev. Paul Canady at paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com with any questions.

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 as we 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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

Music at Passiontide



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. 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!

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!



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.

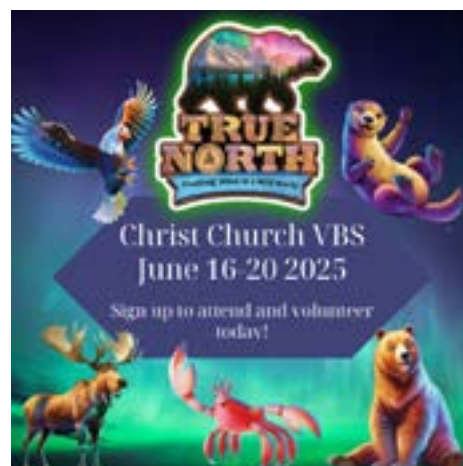


VBS 2025 -

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 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!



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, 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. Francis, Goldsboro, St. Augustine's, Kinston

**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](#).

Faith Connection Earth Day Celebration

Faith Connection's Steward of the Earth committee will be celebrating their fourth annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, at Martin Marietta Park. The theme of this year's celebration is "Good Dirt."

As part of the celebration, children will have the opportunity to conduct soil experiments at home, record the results, and have their project presented at the Earth Day Celebration. All participants who are present at the celebration will receive a gift and be entered into a prize drawing. To read the complete experiment program guide, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact faithconnection.earthday@gmail.com.

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, 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 I (Nave / [Online](#))
5:30 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)
6 pm: EYC (Offsite)

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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)

Saturday, April 5

10:30 am: Funeral Service for Theron Royer (Nave)

Sunday, April 6

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

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 I (Nave / [Online](#))

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 hannah-hutchens@christchurchnewbern.com.

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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in April services, click [here](#). May services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. April shifts can be reserved [here](#). Click [here](#) for May shifts.
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. Many thanks to this week's host, Kathleen Schurman.

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.



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 (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)

In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

Given by:

Email:

Phone: