

Music Notes

Choirs Begin Next Week! Anyone is welcome to come check out choir for our first week of rehearsals. Rehearsals start the week of August 25. Attending the first rehearsal is a great way to meet some folks, see what our choirs are like, and try out some singing with a choir! Joyful Voices rehearses 3:00-4:00 pm Tuesdays, and the Parish Choir rehearses 7:00-9:00 pm Wednesdays.

Parish Choir Retreat at Trinity Center. Do you enjoy singing? Are you a beach person? If you answered yes to at least the first question, then come check out our Parish Choir Retreat on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm! Location: Trinity Center, Salter Path (the beach!). We'll work on some singing basics, have lunch, get into more advanced choral singing techniques, and then free time afterward at the beach. Everyone is welcome, even if you are not planning on singing with the Parish Choir during the season.

Piano music at Tuesday Morning Eucharist. Piano music will be present at Tuesday morning Eucharist on the second Tuesday of each month starting in September: 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, and 12/9.

Carolina Chamber Music Festival at Christ Church. This wonderful music festival returns to Christ Church for a concert in the Parish House on Thursday, September 4th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Ticket can be found online: carolinachamber-music.org.



We appreciate that Christ Church is more than a place of Sunday worship, but is a living expression of Christ's love. The church opens its grounds and doors for all. We love the sounds of children's laughter spilling from the playground; the sight of travelers touring the church; and the quiet gifts offered from the outdoor food cupboard and Free Little Library.

– Mike and Alicia Alford

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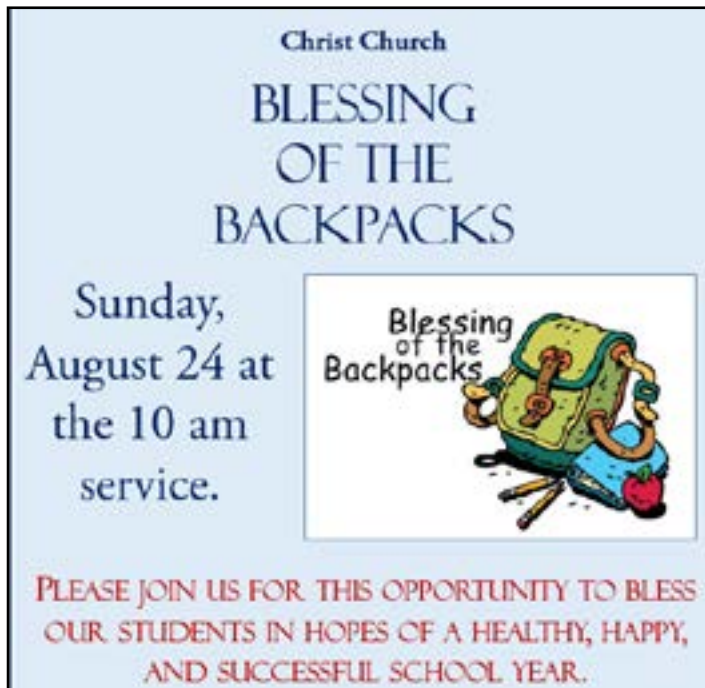


Memorial for Rosemary Stark

McCarthy Court will host a memorial for Rosemary Stark on Wednesday, August 27 at 11:00 am. Rosemary died on July 8. She moved to Massachusetts to be closer to family while undergoing cancer treatment. Before moving, she lived at McCarthy Court (1321 McCarthy Blvd). The Rev. Paul Canady will be participating in the event. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres after the memorial, and McCarthy Court asks that you RSVP so they have enough seats and food set up. Contact Melanie Noble at mbnoble@5ssl.com or call 252.637.7133 to let her know you're coming!

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. You can register as an individual at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/newbernnc>. This event 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.



2025 - 2026 Growing in Grace

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

Christ Church's Growing In Grace after school program is excited to begin its ninth school year working with children of lower income families to enhance their educational success, encourage spiritual growth, and help them develop good behavior and work habits. a new school year on September 22, 2025. Our program is successful due to our amazing volunteers that come to offer their support and love as mentors to our children. We also have volunteer van drivers and riders that ride as a monitor in our van to pick the children up from Brinson Elementary School.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us. We will have a volunteer orientation that is required for new and returning volunteers on September 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Please contact the director of GIG - Debbie Fodrie (debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com / 252.675.8358) if you would like to join us this school year.

Contemplative Prayer

"What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman"

When: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays, 9/08/25 – 11/24/25 (no meeting 9/29)

Sign Up: Email pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

Study Book: *What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman*

Author: Lerita Coleman Brown

Purchase Book: Books Available Online

Starting September 8, the Contemplative Prayer Group will be exploring the spirituality of Howard Thurman, a Christian mystic, pastor, philosopher, author, educator, and civil rights leader. During the 1960's, Thurman served as a mentor and spiritual advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was greatly influenced by Thurman's contemplative spiritual writings and his teachings on non-violent change. Author Lerita Coleman Brown states, "One of Thurman's lifelong quests was to inspire hope. . . His quest for a profound experience of the presence of God, of connection to all living things, serves as a model for any spiritual seeker."

As the Contemplative Prayer Group meets this fall, we will take a spiritual walk with Howard Thurman. As we go on this walk together, we'll help one another discover, "What makes us come alive."

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, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, Rebecca Liberty, Betty Simon, and Alan Rogers.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Henry, Jim, 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, Don, Marty, and Kevin.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Albermarle 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](#).



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, August 24

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9 am: Young Adults and Young Families Brunch (Church Lawn)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

Monday, August 25

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 26

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:30 am: Chair Yoga (Parish House)
- 3 pm: Joyful Voices Rehearsal (Music Room) - *First rehearsal back from summer break*
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Handball Choir Rehearsal - *First rehearsal back from summer break*

Wednesday, August 27

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
- 7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal - *First rehearsal back from summer break*

Sunday, August 31

- Only one service at 10 am*
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II with Baptism (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Ice Cream Social (Harrison Center)
- 5 pm: Taizé Service (Chapel)



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- Sunday, August 31 after 10 am service
- In the Harrison Center
- Stop by and check out our recent renovations
- **NOTE:** Only one service 8-31-2025 at 10 am

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.

AND THERE'S MORE!

We are excited to announce that our beloved Christ Church Cookie Walk will be also be held on Saturday, December 13, in the Harrison Center. We will announce more details soon, including the announcement of our new "Head Elves." Stay tuned!

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 for August services, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Reserve your August shifts [here](#). 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.*
- **Resource Library Tab on Website:** Check out our new "Resource Library" tab on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/resourcelibrary>) Click to access recent emails, as well as Frequently Asked Questions and online Community Bulletin Board pages.

Reception Desk Reserves: We Need You!

We're looking for friendly volunteers to serve as substitutes at the Christ Church reception desk. When our regular receptionists can't be here, our subs step in to keep things running smoothly.

The time commitment is just three hours - enough to greet visitors, answer phones, and be part of the welcoming spirit of our church. And here's a little bonus: most mornings at the desk, you get to enjoy a mini-concert as Jackie practices in the Nave!

If you'd like to join our amazing crew of subs, contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.876.7577.

Seniors Who Lunch - *Save the Date*

Our monthly senior luncheon will return in September after taking a break over the summer. Join us from 11:30 am - 1 pm, Thursday, September 18, for lunch and a brief program. More details and an online sign up will be coming soon.