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## It's VBS Week!

Vacation Bible School week is here! VBS will be held Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12 noon. 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 activities.

We will kick off the week with a Children and Family Eucharist this evening at 5 pm in the Outdoor Chapel. We hope you are able to join us!



## Volunteers Clean Headstones

Many thanks to Susan Husson, Sydney Kitchen, Paden Kitchen, Jean Reichenbach, Julia Sherman, and Sims Wayt for their work last week in cleaning headstones on the west side of the church yard. The before and after pictures really show the difference made by their efforts.



## Flower Guild Seeking Volunteers

The Flower Guild of Christ Church falls under the Pastoral Care Commission. The flowers on the altar are a beautiful embellishment to help us glorify God, but they are so much more than that. After the services each Sunday, the members of the Flower Guild distribute the altar flowers to people in our community who are celebrating birthdays, are on our prayer list, are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or other illnesses, etc. The flower arrangements act in a similar way to our sharing of communion with those in our community who are homebound. The flowers on the altar soak in our prayers during the two Sunday services, bearing witness to God's love, and to our love for God and each other, and then, they go forth to share that love with those who need it most. Please remember that the Flower Guild is spreading our love throughout the parish every Sunday. If you think you might be interested in joining this loving ministry, and spreading the love of Christ Church, please contact Sims Wayt ([simswayt@embarqmail.com](mailto:simswayt@embarqmail.com) or 252-638-4875).

## Join Us for Morning Prayer

*Mondays at 8:30 am 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. 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.



## 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.



## 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, we are discussing the psalm appointed for the week. Join us at 9:15 am in the Library. This week we will discuss Psalm 8, *Domine, Dominus noster* (BCP 592).

## Beat the July Heat with Chair Yoga

Join Karen Gabriel for a 5-week Chair Yoga series! Whether you're new to yoga, recovering from an injury or looking for a way to stay active, this is for you. Enjoy the "3 M's" - movement, mobility, and mindfulness every Tuesday in July beginning July 1st at 11:30-12:15 in the Parish House. This series is free, but a donation of nonperishable items for the Christ Church Lil' Pantry is strongly encouraged.





# 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, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark\*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, and Pat Polk.

**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, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, David, Denise, David, Sam, and Larry.

**For our deployed military:** Charles Lewis, Jr.

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Trinity Center

*\*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](#).



REQUESTS  
— FOR —  
PRAYER



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Carry each other's burdens, and in  
this way you will fulfill the law of  
Christ.

Galatians 6:2

## 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](http://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, June 15

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)  
10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))  
11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn  
5 pm: Eucharist for Children and Families / VBS  
Kick Off (Outdoor Chapel)

### Monday, June 16

*Vacation Bible School*

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

### Tuesday, June 17

*Vacation Bible School*

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

### Wednesday, June 18

*Vacation Bible School*

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, June 19

*Vacation Bible School*

### Friday, June 20

*Vacation Bible School*

### Sunday, June 22

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)  
10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))  
11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

## Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Suzanne. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or [suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com). The Rector is currently on Sabbatical and will return July 7.

# 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](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com)) or Dawn Manning ([dawnsrawambition@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## June Foyers

After our June Foyers at the home of Howard Furnas, we will be taking a summer break. Come and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship.

- When: Saturday, June 21
- Time: 5 - 7 pm
- Where: 5023 Clubhouse Drive in Greenbrier, New Bern
- Bring: Beverage of choice, an appetizer to share, and your own glasses



## Lil Pantry

The shelves of the Lil Pantry are bare. Please consider donating some food and drink items. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, ready-to-eat canned items with pop tops, crackers, and breakfast bars. Items can be placed into the pantry or on the shelves of the white bookcase in the Parish House kitchen area.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in June services click [here](#). July services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto: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.*
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Our summer Lemonade on the Lawn is back after 10 am service. Hosts put lemonade and cups on a cart and take it from the Parish House kitchen to the courtyard. Lemonade is provided. Sign up here at <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2025>.

## 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](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Sunday Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, call the church office, or sign up online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

## 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.