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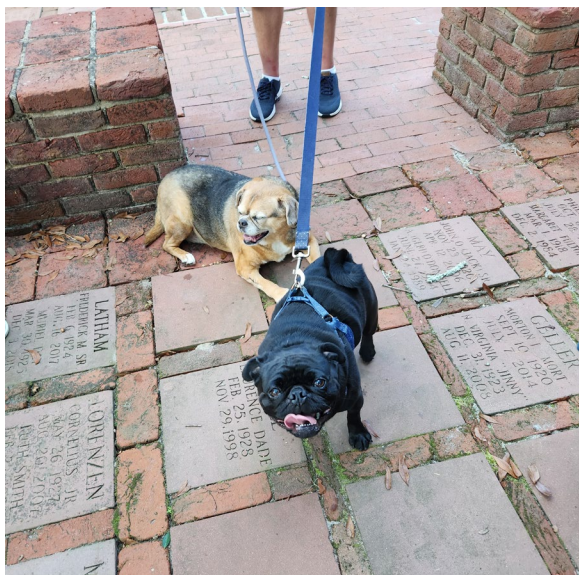
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Blessing of the Animals

We had a lot of dogs, one cat, and one ball python stop by during last Sunday's Blessing of the Animals.



News From the Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin Patch has been going great with this nice weather. Thank you again to all who have worked a shift. Here are a couple of quick notes.

- Baked goods have traditionally been a very successful way to add to our Pumpkin Patch fundraising efforts. With MumFest this weekend, we are hoping to have A LOT of treats to sell. Bring your creations directly to the sales tent.
- Click [here](#) to sign up online to work a Pumpkin Patch shift, or go to the Quick Links section of our website and select "Work the Pumpkin Patch." We need a minimum of 54 volunteers each week. We have some open shifts this weekend.
- There is also a hard copy of the sign up in the Reception Area at church.
- We would like to borrow some small wagons for use at the Pumpkin Patch for customers to use when picking out their pumpkins.
- When you arrive to work your shift, please sign in on the sheet in the Sellers' Book.

The patch is open EVERY DAY IN OCTOBER through October 31st. Our church's dedication to this fundraiser is amazing!



REMINDER

It's MumFest Weekend, which leads to parking challenges. Our lot will be accessible for both services, but please move your vehicle by 12:15 pm. Parking spots might be available along Craven Street, the 200 Block of Pollock, the County Tax Office parking lot on Pollock Street, and in the lot next to Morgan's Restaurant.

Vestry Reflections

Following the Vestry / Staff Retreat, Vestry members offered to provide some thoughts on what their experience has meant to them.

Parishioners strive to live out the mission of the Church and Christ Church's, too, by being present and serving in ways that are personally meaningful and led by the Spirit. Our church seeks a few parishioners who will serve on the Vestry – those who love our Lord and are committed to following His way – in both everyday life and work. As I round out my second of the three-year term, I am grateful to have prayed and been encouraged to serve. And I am profoundly appreciative of the support I have been given to be a part of Christ Church's leadership; thank you one and all.

He will direct you; pray and listen to the responses you receive. Since His Spirit lives in us, if we listen and obey, then our willingness to serve makes Church life more precious. Has He called you to serve as an individual who is willing to serve in a role vital for service; listen and pray.

- Holly C. Lippitt

Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God's Call

At Christ Church we are a welcoming community responding to God's call to provide a loving, spiritual home for all. We continually strive to HEAR GOD'S CALL in our everyday lives. Last Sunday we heard personal stories from Nelson McDaniel and the Rev. Suzanne Hood on their "why" of giving. We will hear more parishioner stories in the coming weeks. Thank you to all who have volunteered to share their reflections.

For those who weren't able to pick up their Annual Giving packets during the Kick-Off, they have been mailed to parishioner houses. To view the materials online, please go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship>.



Hearing God's Call

Meet Charles

Mr. Charles Pringle is studying to be a vocational deacon in our Diocese and will be doing his field education at Christ Church. He will be with us 8 - 10 hours per week, including time on Sundays.

Charles recently finished the Alternative Clergy Training Program at Sewanee. While participating in the program he studied theology, ethics, church history, diaconal studies, liturgy and contemporary church ministry. He also completed the EfM program.

His secular studies included Theatre, Communications and vocal performance at Wake Forest and the UNC School of the Arts earning a Bachelor of Arts degree and a bachelor of Music and a MBA from Western Carolina University.

He lives in Newport with his mother and two spoiled Shih Tzus. They are a family of mutual care sharers.

Charles is excited and happy to be assigned to Christ Church and looks forward to working with all of you.

Fall Food Drive for RCS

This fall Christ Church is partnering with Religious Community Services to collect specific food items. These particular items are what would be most helpful at this point. RCS has asked us to purchase canned meat, canned beans, canned soup, mac & cheese, pasta sauce and meal helpers (Rice-E-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.). Please do not buy anything in glass containers as this requires

additional wrapping and packaging. Also, please purchase 16 oz or 20 oz sizes rather than larger sizes (even if the price is right). These smaller sizes are what RCS has asked for.

Bags will be handed out after church on Sunday, November 10th and collected the following Sunday, November 17th. Additionally, feel free to deliver items from this list to our collection point in the Reception Area from now until November 17.



Items Needed

RCS Fall Food Collection

Canned Meat



Canned Beans



Canned Soup



Mac and Cheese



Pasta Sauce



Meal Helpers



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, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans*, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, and Bonnie Royer.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Sylvia, Aline, Larry, Anne Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, and Danny.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chaplains and All Non-Parochial Clergy

**These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.*

If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, contact [Betsy Downard](#).



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

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.christchurch-newbern.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, October 13

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)

10 am: Christ Church Friends (2nd Floor Living Room)

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, October 14

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 15

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, October 16

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, October 17

4 pm: Faith Connection Meeting (Parish House)

Saturday, October 19

5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, October 20

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 II (Nave / [Online](#))

4 pm: Volunteer Recognition Evening Prayer and Reception (Nave / Harrison Center)

October Faith Connection Meeting

The October Faith Connection will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, October 17, here at Christ Church. The presenter will be Amanda Norwood, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for Interfaith Refugee Ministry. IRM is dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with housing, food, clothing, employment, learning English, and cultural orientation.

All are welcome, and admission is free. Refreshment will be served.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Cast your cares on the Lord and
he will sustain you.**

Psalm 55:22a

THE GOODS

Celebrating our Volunteers

To celebrate all of our volunteers, we will host a special Evening Prayer Service, followed by a reception at the Harrison Center on Sunday, October 20. We will have a guest keynote speaker and thank you for all of our volunteers. Invitations have been mailed; however, all are invited to join us in celebrating our volunteers. If you are a volunteer who did not receive an invitation, please know that you are the most special one, as we know you will forgive our oversight!

Foyers is Back!

We are gathering again. All are welcome.

- October 19 5-7pm at the home of Delle and Sam Curry, 903 Davit Lane In Fairfield Harbor.
- Bring your beverage and glassware and an appetizer to share
- Please join us.
- RSVP: eparlett4@gmail.com

Cookie Walk Preview

Join the Cookie Walk Elves on Sunday, October 27th, 8-12:15 in the Parish House for Cookie Walk Preview. The Elves will be signing up experienced and inexperienced bakers to help bring some holiday spirit to New Bern. All the proceeds from this event are returned to our community through the Christ Church Trust and Outreach Grants. Not a baker? You can help package the cookies and of course help with Cookie Walk on December 14th. Sign-up sheets will be available in the reception area and online. Point of contact is Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.

Rothermel Foundation Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation will present *Big Bang Cosmology and Divine Creation: The New Physics and the Old Metaphysics* by Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J. on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 2 pm. The lecture will take place at First Presbyterian Church (400 New Street, New Bern) and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.RothermelFoundation.org.

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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our October services and [here](#) to serve in our November services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your October shifts [here](#) and your November shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We invite you to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#).

Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Second Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown 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.

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9 AM until 4 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. Christ Church's address is 320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC, and the event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. Proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online [here](#).

Market contact: Tony Embrey, 828.774.9592, holidaymarket@christchurchnewbern.com.

