



CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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December 22, 2024

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Christmas at Christ Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

3 pm: Children's Pageant & Eucharist
7 pm: Eucharist Rite II
10:30 pm: Choral Prelude
11 pm: Eucharist Rite II

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am: Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10 am: Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

*The Offices of Christ Church will be closed December 25, December 26,
December 27, and January 1.*

Notes From the Church Office

- For 2024 financial purposes, the final date to conduct online business with the church office is December 27, as it takes a few days for those transactions to post to an account.
- There will be no 8:30 am Tuesday morning Eucharist on December 24 nor December 31.
- Next week the church office hours will be 9 am - 3 pm on Monday and Tuesday. We will be closed December 25, 26, 27.
- Please note that the Revs. Paul Canady and Suzanne Hood are in town and available for matters of pastoral urgency. Please call their cell phones (Paul: 252.571.6892 / Suzanne: 804.832.4109).
- The church offices will close at 12 noon on December 31.
- The Rector will begin his sabbatical after the 10 am service on December 29. He will return on Sunday, March 2.

Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant (3pm on Dec. 24th) is a "Come As You Are" event. Children -- birth through 5th grade -- are invited to dress up as whatever they would like. Everyone is welcome! (That includes costumes of any kind, except no masks/weapons).

We do have some additional costumes for anyone to borrow. If you have grandkids, nieces, nephews or other family who will be at church, we will give them a role. If you would like a speaking or more active role please contact Hannah (hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com), and let her know! As always, any questions please feel free to ask!

Christmas Eve Children's Performances

The Cherub Choir and Ukulele Club will perform *Go Tell It On the Mountain* at our 3 pm Christmas Eve Service. Members of our Ukulele Club will also play additional pieces that they have selected.

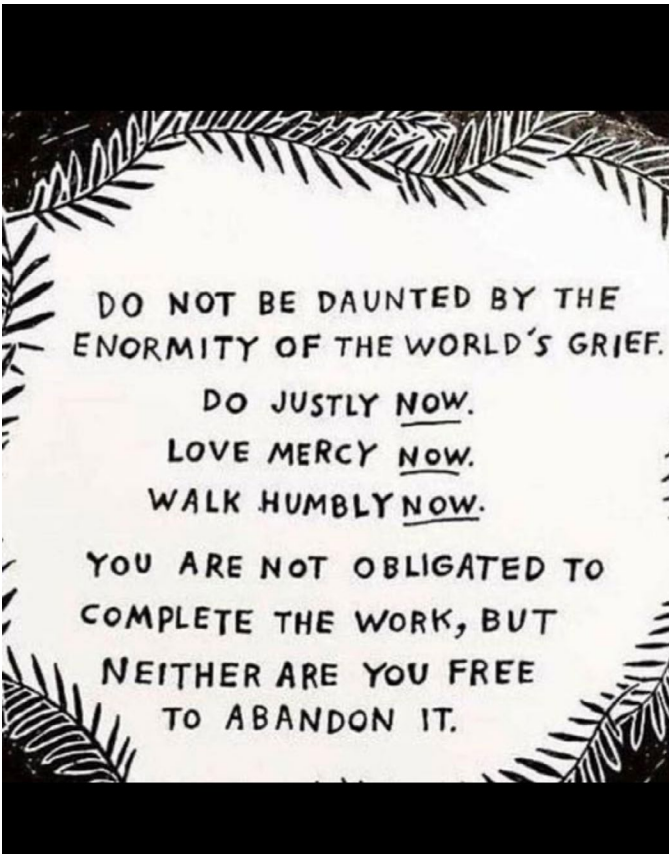
Christ Church Young Adult / Families Movie

A slight change in plans to our movie outing this Sunday. We will be watching *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in the Parish House at 1:30 pm. Snacks will be provided, and all are welcome. Come join us!



Living Micah 6:8

As we look to the New Year, you are invited to join an Adult Sunday School class to explore the question of Micah 6:8. "What does the Lord require of you?" What does it mean, as individuals and as a community of faith, to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our god? The introductory class on January 12 will be held in the library. All other weeks will meet in the 2nd Floor Living Room.



Sneak Peek: Cookie Walk and Arts and Crafts Fair

Many thanks to Sims Wayt, Tony Embrey, and all those who worked so hard to ensure the success of last Saturday's Cookie Walk and Arts and Crafts Fair. Here are a couple of photos from the events. Look for more in the January issue of *The Crown*.



Stewardship 2025 - Hearing God's Call

12/18/2024 Campaign Update

Pledge Amount Received:

\$845,128

Number of Pledges Received:

211

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 Kunkle, 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, Cathy O'Brien, and Charles Peterson.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Bambi, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, and June.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chaplains of the Armed Forces

**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

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, December 22

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 9:45 am: Christmas Pageant and Acolyte Rehearsal (Nave)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12:15 pm: Christmas Pageant and Acolyte Rehearsal (Nave)

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Note: No 8:30 am Eucharist

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 3 pm: Christmas Pageant and Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7 pm: Christmas Eve Eucharist (Nave)
- 10:30 pm: Choral Prelude (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Christmas Eve Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day - Church Offices Closed

- 10 am: Christmas Day Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

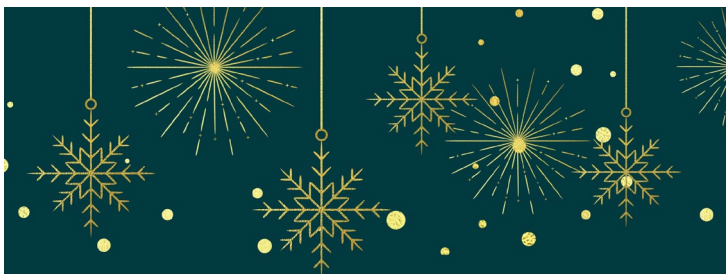
Friday, December 27

Church Offices Closed

Last day to conduct online, church-related, year-end financial transactions

Sunday, December 29

- 10 am: Christmas Lessons and Carols and Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))



Christmas Lessons and Carols

10 am, Sunday, December 29, 2024

Christ Episcopal Church



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

1 Thessalonians 5:11

THE GOODS

Be Aware of Scams!

Too many of us have gotten suspicious emails or texts purporting to be the Rector asking “can you do me a favor?” The fraudulent originator of the email will then ask you to purchase gift cards (Target, Ebay, iTunes, Walmart, Google Play, etc.) and send them a picture of the back of the card. That’s the part that has the gift card number and PIN that will help them make an online purchase.

These scams often impersonate the person or persons at the top of the organization. It doesn’t just happen to clergy. There are plenty of documented cases of CEOs and Executive Directors from non-profit and for-profit groups. The Rev. Suzanne Hood has also been impersonated once or twice.

To reiterate what we have said on countless occasions, no one on the Christ Church Staff will ever send an email or text asking individuals to purchase gift cards. In those events where we might need something, we always name what we need directly in the first communication and why we are asking you specifically to do it. “Busy with the rigors of ministry” is not a reason.

This scam is part of an international crime syndicate, and there is not much we can do except to not fall for it. Here’s how you can help: As soon as you receive a questionable email or text, forward it to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. That will alert the Communications Coordinator along with the Rector, the Associate Rector, and Director of Church Life. We will send a parish-wide communication via email and text message so we’ll all be able to better know what’s going on.

Other things you can do:

1. Make sure the Rector’s cell phone number is in your phone: 252.571.6892. If you get a text from someone saying it’s him but it’s not from that number, it’s fraud, and you should ignore it or delete it.
2. Read these emails closely. They are often riddled with poor grammar and punctuation.
3. Check the email address. Emails from the staff of Christ Church will be from “@christchurchnewbern.com”. The fraudulent emails never have that as part of their email address.
4. Who is it from? When an email goes out from the Rector of Christ Church, it comes from Paul Canady. Not “The Rev. Paul Canady,” not “The Rev. H. Paul Canady III.” We are very intentional for it to just say “Paul Canady” since the scammers like to add other things to his name.
5. When in doubt, please call the church office at 252.633.2109 to confirm.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our December Services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Reserve your December shifts [here](#). January shifts can be found [here](#), and February shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to Randy and Joanie Bogle for hosting this Sunday and providing snacks.

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.

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.

Daughters of the King Sock Drive

January Outreach InGathering

During the month of January, The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter invites all to help with our annual outreach project. This year we will be collecting socks. New and clean socks are one of the most needed items in homeless shelters as they are often overlooked but are essential for personal hygiene and comfort and are consistently in high demand across different sizes and genders. We will be collecting all types of socks for children and adults. The collection will run until January 26. Items collected will be distributed to local charities. Please help by providing socks for those in need. A bin will be available for donations in the Reception Area. Thank you!