

# The Messenger

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## Music Notes

*Learn more about upcoming music events at Christ Church...*

- The **Eastern Carolina Diocese's Schola Cantorum** is singing Evensong at Christ Church on Sunday, February 9th at 5:00 pm. Evensong is a beautiful evening service in the Anglican tradition. They will be accompanied by the new Taylor & Boody Opus 85 organ in the nave.
- Our new **Organ Recital Series** showcasing Opus 85 kicks off on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th at 7:00 pm. The performing artist for this first recital will be our Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi. Stay tuned for further information on the recital series.
- Christ Church is hosting one of the **Carolina Chamber Music Festival concerts** on Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 pm. Chamber music for strings, harp, organ and harpsichord will be performed in the nave. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: [Carolina Chamber Music Festival](#).
- **Women Composers Sunday**, March 9: Both worship services will feature music written by women in honor of International Women's Day (Saturday, March 8th) and Women Composers Sunday, as established by the American Guild of Organists.

## Sunday School Teacher Info

### Meeting - 9:45 am, TODAY

We have so many great kids at Christ Church. During the Sunday School Hour the classrooms are filled with laughter and talk about how Jesus is present in all of us. Our Sunday School teachers share their faith and time with our children, and we are seeking more teachers to join us.

If you feel you are being called for this role -- or even if you feel that slight tug -- I encourage you to join today for our Sunday School Teacher Information meeting. We will learn about how to become either a Teacher or a Teacher's Assistant and review our simple-to-use curriculum.

Our Teacher Information meeting will take place in the Library during the Sunday School today, January 26. This meeting is open to all who are interested, whether you have a school-aged child, your children are grown, or you just want to share your faith and time in a Sunday School class setting. I hope to see you there and as always anyone with questions please feel free to email [hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com).

**Valentine's Day  
Organ Concert**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 / 7:00 PM / FREE  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
320 POLLOCK STREET, DOWNTOWN NEW BERN

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**Sunday School Teacher  
-Info Meeting-**

If you are interested in learning what it means to be a Sunday School Teacher please meet in the Library on 1/26/25 at 9:45.



# Contemplative Prayer Group

## *Praying with Julian of Norwich*

**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays, 2/10/25 – 5/26/25

**Sign Up:** Email [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

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

**Study Book:** *Praying with Julian of Norwich: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka

**Purchase Book:** Used Books Available Online (Order soon. Used books have longer delivery)

Starting February 10th, the Contemplative Prayer Group will be exploring the writings of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic and prophet who lived from 1342 to 1416, during the time of the dreadful bubonic plague. She “sheltered in place” as an anchoress at St. Julian’s Church in Norwich, England. Spending much of her time in contemplative prayer and journaling, Julian wrote down several of her revelations. She is mostly known to us through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love* which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life and was the first book in English by a woman.

Inspired by Julian’s writings, Thomas Merton, a 20th century Trappist monk, called her a “true theologian” and “one of the most wonderful of all Christian voices.” Merton was impressed by Julian’s authenticity, originality, and faithful prayer life. In the midst of a world struggling with fear and uncertainty, Julian encourages us to never lose trust in our gracious God. This central message of trust is conveyed through her most famous quote, “All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Come and join the Contemplative Prayer Group. As we explore the unique insights and wisdom of Julian’s prayer life, we will have an opportunity to grow and be blessed in our own prayer life.

## VBS 2025 - Save the Date



## Rector’s Bible Study - The Children’s Bible

During January and February, the Rector’s Bible Study will be led by the Associate Rector, Suzanne Hood and Deacon-in-Training, Charles Pringle. We will explore some of our favorite Bible stories from childhood. We will do this by comparing popular children’s versions of the Bible with the text as it appears in our study Bibles.

We will investigate questions such as: What lasting images do we have from the stories as we heard them when we were kids? How did those versions shape our understanding of God? What was left out and what was given more emphasis? We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 in the Pelletier Room.

# 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, Charles Peterson, and Gay Stuart.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, 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, June, Joy, Catherine, and Jack.

## For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The Bishop and Staff of the Diocese of East Carolina

\*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](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, January 26

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](#))

### Monday, January 27

1 pm: Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, January 28

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

### Wednesday, January 29

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, January 30

Staff Work Day - Offices Closed  
3 pm: Volunteer Receptionist Meeting (Library)

### Sunday, February 2

Birthdays 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 II (Nave / Online)  
5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) NOTE: First Meeting Since Christmas Break

## Notes from the Finance Office

### AMERICAN EXPRESS FEES

We have been informed by Vanco, our credit card processor, that AmEx has increased their interchange and assessment rates for non-profit organizations. As a result, Vanco will be increasing their American Express network fee to Christ Church from 3.5% to 3.99% as February 1, 2025. This increase applies only to American Express Card network transactions. In order to hold down the church's operational costs, we request that you use other credit cards for any online transactions if possible. Thank you for your understanding.

### 2025 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

A few Pledge Envelopes remain in the Reception Area. Please contact Cindy Tripp ([cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com)) if you have any questions. **If you have not already made your 2025 pledge, please note that the campaign concludes on February 28.**

## DOK Sock Drive

### *January 2025 InGathering*

Today is the last day of our January InGathering. The Daughters of the King Epiphany Chapter are 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 are collecting all types of socks for children and adults. Items collected will be distributed to local charities. Please help by providing socks for those in need. A bin is available for donations in the Reception Area. Thank you!



# THE GOODS

## Building Update

We are in the process of replacing the air conditioning unit in the choir loft above the organ bellows. The old unit has been uninstalled. John Peterson has completed waterproofing the area. The new AC unit will be installed this coming week. This should not affect the heat/air conditioning in other parts of the building. The building will not be open for tours this week.

## Support RCS with PB&J

RCS is sponsoring a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive in February. Donations can be dropped off at 503 Guion Street or ordered directly from the RCS Amazon Food Wishlist page at [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EOKNXFMGEO-9A?ref\\_=wl\\_fv\\_le](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EOKNXFMGEO-9A?ref_=wl_fv_le).

*Please -- no glass jars, as they have to be re-packaged.*



PEANUT BUTTER  
&  
JELLY  
FOOD DRIVE

Two Jars. One Simple Act of Kindness.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8A-4P  
SATURDAY, 8A-2P

503 Guion Street, New Bern  
252-633-2767, x4008

All non-perishable food items will be distributed to community members through RCS' Food Pantry & Operation Outpost.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our February services click [here](#). Click [here](#) for March services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for February shifts and [here](#) for March shifts.
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **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 this week's host, Andy Britton.

## 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).

## Living Micah 6:8

The Living Micah 6:8 Sunday School Class continues this week with our third session. The topics for the upcoming weeks are January 26 "Love Mercy/Kindness," February 2 "Walk Humbly with Your God," and on February 9 a summary of our discussions. The goal for the class is to help us hear what God desires of us, as individuals and as a community of faith.

## Stewardship "Thank You"

In appreciation of your commitment to the 2025 Pledge Campaign, please pick up a magnet from the basket at the Reception Desk. We appreciate you "Hearing God's Call."

## February Faith Connection

The February Faith Connection Meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, February 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 308 Meadows Street, New Bern. The speaker will be Bonita Simmons, Director of Tried by Fire, My Sister's House.