

REMINDER: Summer Schedule begins today with services at 8 and 10 am.

June 1: Volunteer Sunday Celebration

You're invited to a special day of gratitude, community, and fellowship at our Volunteer Sunday celebration on June 1st. These services are an opportunity to honor the incredible efforts of our volunteers and invite everyone to discover the joy of serving.

We're honored to welcome Rev. John Pollock, retired Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Morehead City, as our guest preacher for both services. His message of faith and service will inspire and uplift as we come together to celebrate those who give so generously of their time and talents.

Whether you've helped as a desk receptionist, sung in the choir, prepared meals, mentored with GIG, or offered a welcoming smile at the door — this day is for you. And if you're new to volunteering or looking for a way to get involved, there's no better time to explore where your gifts might serve.

After both services, we invite you to stay for light refreshments and warm fellowship. Come connect with fellow parishioners and celebrate the spirit of service that strengthens our church.

Everyone is welcome — bring a friend! Let's come together in faith, gratitude, and joyful service.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."

— 1 Peter 4:10

Join Us Morning Prayer *Mondays at 8:30 am in the Chapel*

We will be starting a new old thing on Monday, June 2 at 8:30am 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. There are some who remember when it was the principle liturgy on Sundays prior to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. 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.



Ascension Day Service

The Rev. Suzanne Hood will lead an Ascension Day Service at 5 pm, Thursday, May 29, in the Outdoor Chapel. Ascension Day celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven and is generally observed on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter.

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, beginning June 8th, we will discuss the psalm appointed for the week. Join us in the Library for a half hour conversation beginning at 9:15. What images resonate with you? What are the different types of psalms? Did you know there were different types of psalms? What does this text tell us about God?



Choir Loft Stairs Receive Refresh

Thanks to an anonymous donor, both sets of stairs to the choir loft have been refinished, and new carpet has been installed. Stop and take a look next time you are in the Narthex.



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, Jonathan Davis, and Ann Bustard.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, David, and Denise.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Morehead City, and St. Cyprian's, New Bern

**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, May 25

Summer Schedule Begins

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

11 am: Lemonde on the Lawn

11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day - Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 27

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, May 28

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, May 29

Staff Work Day - Church Offices Closed

Saturday, May 31

11 am: Funeral and Reception for John Griffin (Nave / Parish House)

Sunday, June 1

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

Volunteer Celebration Sunday

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

11 am: Lemonde on the Lawn

4 pm: Racial Reconciliation Discussion (Pelletier Room)

Vestry Seeks Delegates to Diocesan Convention

The Vestry will fill three seats for the 2025 Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina. The convention will be November 14-15 in Goldsboro. One seat will be just for this year to finish an unexpired term. Two others will be for a three-year term ending in 2027. The Vestry will also select two alternates for a one-year term. This year will be especially poignant as delegates will elect a new bishop! If you are interested in serving as a convention delegate, please reach out to Jimi Paderick (jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5863) and ask that your name be presented to the Vestry at its June meeting. Since Convention is mostly paperless, and voting happens with mobile devices, comfort and familiarity technology is strongly recommended!

Graveyard Headstones Cleaning

The Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be cleaning the graveyard headstones from 10 - 11 am, Saturday, June 7. The chapter would like you to this family-friendly activity. They use nontoxic chemicals, water and toothbrushes. Please meet at the Outdoor Chapel. You are welcome to ask questions about the cleaning of family cemeteries, history of Cedar Grove, or the history of Christ Church's cemetery. Please contact Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com) with any questions or for more information.

Stephen Ministry: What Is It, and How Can It Help You

At Christ Church, as part of the Pastoral Care Commission, Stephen Ministry tries to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the congregation. Stephen Ministry is an international program that equips lay people (men and women) to provide Christian care on an individual basis to those experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances such as illness, divorce, loss of a loved one, or any situation, by providing a non-judgmental listening ear and Christian love.

This is a confidential ministry in which the care receiver can be sure his or her identity and what is discussed remains private. There are many of us who carry burdens and issues that need to be talked about, who could benefit from this wonderful service. We all, men and women alike, might need confidential, compassionate help at some time in our lives and these wonderful, giving ministers are ready to assist you.

Please remember that Christ Church has Stephen Ministers who are trained and willing to listen to you at any time for any issue in your life. These lay ministers go through 50+ hours of training led by professionals to learn the skills to assist those experiencing a life issue. All referrals go through our clergy to maintain clergy awareness and support. If you feel you could use the service of a Stephen Minister, please contact Suzanne Hood (252-631-5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) or Mary Parrish (252-514-8199). Both of them would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Rector Sabbatical

This is a reminder that Paul is on the second part of his Sabbatical until July 7.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in June services click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at 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 begins today 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>. Many thanks to this week's hosts, Joanie and Randy Bogle.

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.

Parking Reminders

With our recent parking lot improvements, we have updated the regulations on where to park.

From Monday - Friday, church members should park only in "Reserved Parking" spots. Visitors should park only in "Visitor Parking Only" spots and report to the Church Office. Staff should park only in "Staff Parking" spots. On Saturdays and Sundays, church members may park in any of the "Reserved," "Visitor," and "Staff" parking spots.

There is no public parking, and towing is enforced. If a vehicle is towed, the owner should call McGowan's Towing at 252.637.2410.

Also, First Citizens Bank on Broad Street no longer allows public parking both during the week and on the weekends.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16