

Christ Church: Hope and Healing for God's People

Last Sunday, Senior Warden Kim Huddle shared her story of both giving and receiving hope and healing Below is the text of her talk.

Good morning, everyone. My name is Kim Huddle, and I am currently serving as your Senior Warden.

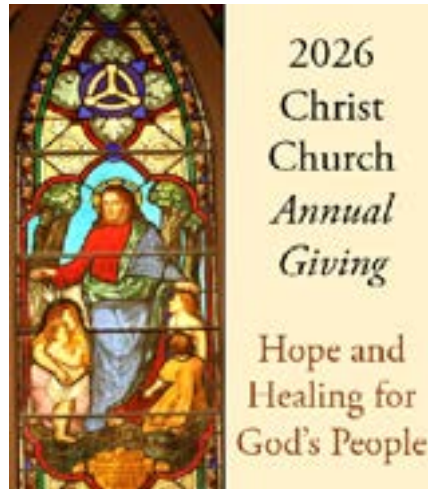
This year's theme for stewardship is Hope and Healing, both of which I have experienced right here at Christ Church.

This church has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. It is here that my faith began to grow as a child, and it is where some of life's most important moments have unfolded. I was married here, surrounded by family and friends as Carl and I began our life and journey together in faith. The baptism of our children took place here — a sacred reminder of our commitment to raise them in the love and HOPE of Christ.

They grew up in this church learning the same values of kindness, compassion, and service that has shaped our family's life.

When my mother died very suddenly, this church family helped carry me through that difficult time. The prayers, the comfort, and the simple PEACE of sitting in this beautiful sanctuary reminded me that God's HEALING grace is always near.

For me, and for many others, Christ Church is more than a building. It is a pillar of strength, standing tall, in the center of a quaint town, protecting all of us and providing us with HOPE. Countless visitors come here to pray and



worship and are in awe of its beauty and history. This place anchors us and reminds us of God's enduring presence and calls us to be a source of Hope and Healing in the lives of others.

So, to me stewardship means that when we give of our time, our talents, and of our resources, we help sustain this sacred place — not just for ourselves, but for all of those who will come after us. Our giving ensures that others can experience the same comfort, joy, and faith that we have found here.

Through our stewardship, we become instruments of hope. We help the church continue its work — serving those in need, guiding our children in faith, and being a steady light in the community. And in that giving, we also find Healing — a reminder that generosity draws us closer to God and to one another.

So, as we reflect on this year's theme of Hope and Healing, may our stewardship be a reflection of our faith — a way of passing on the same love, mercy, and grace that have been given to us. Together, our gifts can building a stronger, more compassionate community, one where Hope grows and Healing begins.

The vision of Christ Church is to love the way God loves. Part of that love is to be a source of hope and healing for God's people. Over the next several weeks, other parishioners will share their stories of both giving and receiving hope and healing.

Suzanne's Departure

The Rev. Suzanne Hood has accepted a call to be the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, VA. Her last day with us will be Sunday, October 19. An email with more details was sent out on Thursday, September 25. To read that message, click [here](#).

We will have a farewell party for her between services on Sunday, October 19. We also hope to present her with a farewell purse. You can contribute to that purse by bringing a check to the church (please put "Suzanne's Purse" in the memo line or giving online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. We look forward to celebrating Suzanne's next chapter, even if it's from afar and give thanks to God for her ministry among us! She has made an unforgettable mark on this place, and we will miss her and Jorin greatly.

Bishop Nominee Meet and Greet Session

The Search Committee of the Diocese of East Carolina has announced a slate of three nominees to be elected as the Ninth Bishop of East Carolina by Diocesan Convention November 14-15, 2025, at the Maxwell Convention Center in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

- The Rev. Brian Cannaday, rector of St. Christopher in League City, TX
- The Rev. Sarah Fisher rector of St. Catherine's in Marietta, GA
- The Rev. Caleb Lee rector of St. Paul's in Wilmington, NC

Christ Church will host a nominee *Meet & Greet* session the evening of Monday, October 27, 2025. More information on the Bishop selection process can be found on the Diocese's website at <https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/>.

Honor a Veteran in the VVA Chapter 886 Field of Flags

The New Bern VVA Chapter is honoring ALL veterans in the 2025 Field of Flags at Union point from Saturday, Nov. 1st through Wednesday, Nov. 12th. This field honors veterans currently serving, retired, previously served, or no longer with us. Each flag contains a tag with the name of the veteran, branch of service, and campaign(s) served.

Be part of a New Bern tradition during this year's Veterans Day celebration. Rick Miller has placed flags in the Parish House following the 8:30 and 11:00 am services with flags to honor your veteran(s) in our beautiful brightly lit field next month. Questions: Call Rick at 301-502-5268 or rickmiller950@hotmail.com.

Pumpkin Patch Updates

We hosted Pre-school Story Times at the Pumpkin Patch this week and will host two more next week.

Thank you to all those who have worked shifts, donated baked goods and otherwise helped out. To volunteer for a Pumpkin Patch shift, click [here](#), or you can add your name to the paper sign-up located in the Reception Area.

Baked goods are a great extra fundraiser for the Pumpkin Patch. They can be dropped off at the sales tent and should be priced and dated. Baked goods sell best on weekend.



Cookie Workshop Coming Soon

Coming soon – first baking workshop for Cookie Walk 2026!

Mark your calendar for Monday, November 10th from 10.30 to 1.30 in the Harrison Center. Join us to prep and freeze cookies for the big event. Please contact Gretchen Du Peza in advance to let her know you will attend so she can have enough supplies available. Gretchen can be reached at gb.dupeza@gmail.com or 757.746.5161.

A second session will be held in December, watch for more details in upcoming communications.



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, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, Rebecca Liberty, Alan Rogers, and Becki Rich.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, David, Sam, Larry, Bobby, Joan, Corey, Denni, Elizabeth, Jenna, Peter, Bob, Janis, Karen, Tory, Jill, Marty, Kevin, Phil, Henry, Bruce, Betty, Grant, Skip, Mary Ellen, and Larry.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

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.*

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, October 12

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
4 pm: EYC Volunteers at Pumpkin Patch

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
11:30 am: Chair Yoga Returns (Parish House)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, October 15

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Friday, October 17

MS Fall Conference (Offsite)

Saturday, October 18

MS Fall Conference (Offsite)

4:30 pm: Camp Hope Reunion (Harrison Center)

Sunday, October 19

MS Fall Conference (Offsite)

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

Jane K. Millns Organ Series

Artist: James O'Donnell | 4 pm, Sunday, November 9

Internationally recognized as a conductor, organist and teacher, James O'Donnell has performed all over the world. Following a distinguished 23-year tenure as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, Mr. O'Donnell now holds the post of Professor in the Practice of Organ at Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music in New Haven, CT, where he succeeds Thomas Murray as professor to graduate organ majors and other students in sacred music. In addition, he directs a newly formed professional liturgical vocal ensemble at Yale University, The Yale Consort, which will serve as a model and a vehicle for study for students preparing for careers in church music and liturgy.

Serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

If you have an interest in becoming a Lector or an Eucharistic Minister, please let Linda McAlister know. She is the trainer for these positions and can be reached at 252.634.7984. We hope to have a training this fall, with the date to be announced.

Seniors Who Lunch

Our October luncheon will take place at 11:30 am, Thursday, October 23 in the Parish House. The menu is several kinds of chili, cornbread and dessert. Come for great conversation and entertainment. There is a paper sign-up at the Reception Desk or call the desk between 9 am - 3 pm.

October Foyers

We will be getting together at the home of Bev Perdue and Bob Eaves at 211 Wilson Point Road in Trent Woods on Saturday, October 18 from 5 - 7 pm.

Please bring your beverage of choice, containers for your drinks, and an appetizer to share. To help with our hosts' preparation, please RSVP to eparlett4@gmail.com. See you there!

Chair Yoga Returns

Back by popular demand, join Karen Gabriel and Mary Ann Koffenberger for Chair Yoga Tuesdays in October from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm in the Parish House. There continues to be no fee for the classes, but a donation of nonperishable items for Christ Church Lil' Pantry is most appreciated.

Angel Tree is Coming

Angel Tree Christmas is coming in November to serve the children of incarcerated parents! To learn more about Angel Tree, watch this [video](#).

The Angel Tree will be in the reception area with the Angel tags attached. This year we will be giving two gifts per child for a maximum of approximately \$50. The tags will include gift suggestions and sizes. The gifts will be returned to the church wrapped by December 1st, and there will be a Christmas party for the families on December 6th when they will receive the gifts. Monetary donations can also be made, as there will also be some gift cards for food given to the families. Each GIG family will receive a food gift card from these donations. We are excited about the arrival of the Angel Tree and hope you are too! For more information contact Terry Brubaker 252-514-9550 / terrytb49@gmail.com.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in October services click [here](#). November services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. October 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.*
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our weekly Coffee Hour hosts. For more information and to sign up to host, click [here](#). Coffee Hour takes place between services at 9:45 am. Snacks and coffee are also available after the 11 am service.
- **Resource Library Tab on Website:** Check out our new "Resource Library" tab on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/resourcelibrary>) and access recent emails, FAQ page and Community Bulletin Board.

2025 Holiday Arts and Crafts Market

Christ Church is pleased to announce its Third Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Market in Downtown New Bern, NC (320 Pollock Street, 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. All mediums are welcome, so start spreading the word now.



The Holiday Arts and Crafts Market is on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9 AM until 3 PM. Vendors will have their booths set up in individual covered canopy tents, and the event will be held rain or shine. The event will be on the grounds bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern. The proceeds from the space rentals will support the ministries of Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC. The vendor application can be found online at: <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. For more information, please email artmarket@christchurchnewbern.com.