

Pumpkin Patch Premieres

Thank you to all who helped unload over 2,000 pumpkins plus gourds, mini pumpkins, and mums this weekend. Look for more pictures in the October issue of *The Crown*.

How can you help with the 2025 Pumpkin Patch?

- Work a sales shift (or two). Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2025-CEC-Pumpkin>, or the on the paper sign-up, which is located on the table in the Reception Area.
- Provide baked goods to sell. Baked goods must be priced and dated. These sell best on weekends.
- Volunteer during Preschool Pumpkin Patch the week of October 6. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2025-CEC-Pumpkin-Story>.
- Loan us your wheelbarrow for customers to use while shopping.



Updates from DOK

Did you miss the article in the last Crown about the Daughters of the King? This is an Order for female communicants of the Episcopal Church as well as the Anglican Church, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic Churches. DOK was founded in London, England by Margaret J. Franklin in 1898, and there are chapters all over the world.

Our chapter here at Christ Church, called the Epiphany chapter, was chartered in 2003. Members receive a silver cross when they are commissioned and wear their cross daily. Each member writes her own Rule of Life consisting of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We are asked to pray daily for our DOK sisters, our families and friends, the Clergy, the sick and needy all across the world.

Each year we choose an outreach ministry for those in our community. This year our church donated over 600 pairs of socks for men, women and children to keep their feet warm. In Lent, we offered a Quiet Day to prepare ourselves for the introspective season of Lent. The day consisted of a morning speaker, lunch for the participants, and then small group discussions followed by Eucharist. Also, we help our priests with their needs.

For me, the group is very special. When you work with others, you grow to love the other women in the group. This Order is for all women; it is very inclusive with a variety of ages.

Very soon, there will be an opportunity to meet with the group, ask questions, and enjoy some refreshments. We hope that you will consider joining our group to become a Daughter of the King! Look for more details in upcoming issues of *The Crown* and *Messenger*.

-- Ann Bustard

From the Rector

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](#).

Pumpkin Vines? Why Yes They Are!!

Our mystery plants growing by the Education wing entrance are indeed pumpkins! We had four but are down to two – one visible in the picture the other shy, and hiding under the vine leaves in the back. Both need a few weeks to orange-up, and then they will go to our winners – Betty Clarke and Natalia Acevedo! Congratulations!



From the Diocese of East Carolina

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/>.

Call for Assistance With the Flower Guild

The Flower Guild of Christ Church falls under the Pastoral Care Commission. The flowers on the altar are a beautiful embellishment to help us glorify God, but they are so much more than that. After the services each Sunday, the members of the Flower Guild distribute the altar flowers to people in our community who are celebrating birthdays, are on our prayer list, are currently undergoing treatment for cancer or other illnesses, etc.

The flower arrangements act in a similar way to our sharing of communion with those in our community who are homebound. The flowers on the altar soak in our prayers during the two Sunday services, bearing witness to God's love, and to our love for God and each other, and then, they go forth to share that love with those who need it most.

Please remember that the Flower Guild is spreading our love throughout the parish every Sunday. If you think you might be interested in joining this loving ministry, and spreading the love of Christ Church, please contact Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com or 252-638-4875).

Cookie Walk is Coming

Time to dust off your cookie recipes and stock your baking supplies. Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10am-1pm the Harrison Center will be bustling with volunteer elves helping customers get their cookies for the holidays. Volunteers will be needed the day of the event, but also the days leading up to the event.

As we all know baking cookies can cost quite a bit and is time consuming, so there will be a couple of groups providing cookie baking workshops to make many dozens of cookies. If you are unable to bake, but would still like to contribute, think about donating money to help pay for the ingredients for the baking workshops. Please donate money by the end October and indicate "Cookie Walk Supplies" in the memo line.

We will be happy to sign you up for volunteering your time and/or baking cookies for the event. Our volunteers make this a successful yearly event. All proceeds go directly to Outreach Grants, which help our community. For any information or volunteering opportunities contact Terri Walls at etwalls@me.com, or text or call 252-571-5857.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

By this all men will know that
you are my disciples, if you love
one another.

John 13:35

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, 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, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, 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, Raquel, Betty, Grant, and Skip.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville, and Retired Clergy 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](#).



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, September 28

- 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](#))
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, September 29

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm: Angel Tree Team Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, September 30

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11 am: Funeral and Reception for Betty Simon (Nave / Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, October 5

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

- 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](#))
- 12 pm: LEV Meeting (Library)
- 3:30 pm: Racial Reconciliation Group Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Cursillo Weekend

Pilgrim applications are currently being accepted on a first come - first served basis for the East Carolina #106 Weekend, which will take place November 6-9, at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. Cursillo Ministry is a spiritual, formational retreat for piety, study, and the practice of leadership and service. These tools are continued forward by building a lifestyle of transformational skills and assisted with laity through ministry friendships.

Weekend fee is \$300 and includes room and meals. Scholarships are available. The weekend includes discussion talks, meditations, a healing service, daily Eucharists, and an onsite Spiritual Advisor. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Mary Lynn Guidage or visit <https://www.cursillodec.org>.

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.

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.

Help with EYC Meetings

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of and provide meals for our EYC youth on Sunday evenings. Don't worry... helping doesn't mean you need to have all the answers or lead a big lesson. If you would like more information, contact hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com or sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA-EA828A3FAC25-58192545-eycmeals#.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for September services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty-Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. September 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:** Sunday Coffee Hour is back for fall, winter, and spring. We appreciate our weekly hosts. To sign up to host, click [here](#). Coffee Hour takes place between services at 9:45 am. Snacks and coffee will also be 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.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.

Save the Date - Angel Tree

Mark your calendars for Angel Tree gift buying in November! If you would like to help in planning or gift distribution contact anyone on the Angel Tree Team:

- Terry Brubaker 252-514-9550 terrytb49@gmail.com
- Alicia Alford. 910-389-2687 littlelish@me.com
- Liz Coble 706-766-5199 erichardsbiology@gmail.com
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