

CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Welcome, Hannah!

We're excited to welcome Hannah Hutchens as our Director of Christian Formation beginning August 11. Read more about it [here](#).



## 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Louisville, Kentucky, June 23 - 28, 2024. The Rev. Paul will be attending. For updates throughout the week of General Convention, follow the Diocese of East Carolina's Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/dioec](http://www.facebook.com/dioec)).

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. It meets every three years as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, which is composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. The legislative process of the General Convention is an expression of The Episcopal Church's belief that, under God, the Church is ordered and governed by its people: laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. Visit <https://generalconvention.org/gc81/> for more information.

During the 2024 General Convention, a new Presiding Bishop will be elected to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. To see the list of bishops that have been nominated by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, click [here](#).

## ECW Geranium Sale Grants

We are so thankful and pleased to announce that our Geranium Sale at the May Arts and Crafts Fair (thank you Tony Embrey!) is enabling us to give \$600 to Habitat for Humanity to continue their great work building and repairing homes for folks and \$600 in Walmart gift cards to the Interfaith Refugee Ministry, who is sponsoring 10 new families in New Bern this summer.

A BIG thank you to all who bought and contributed to our sale, and we hope, especially with this continued heat and drought, your plants are doing well. Don't forget -- water, water, water!

We look forward to our 2025 sale and hope you do, too!



# MUSIC NOTES

**SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR!** Our second Pop-Up Choir for this summer is this Sunday, June 23. Meet at 9:15 am in the Nave if you want to participate. Summer Pop-up choir is an opportunity for anyone to join singing easy music in choir that's fun and quick to learn. We sing at the 10 am service. Remaining Pop-up choir dates are: June 7, June 21, and August 18.

**MUSIC TALKS: SUMMER 2024:** Explore new topics, philosophies and ideas about music. This summer, our Director of Music is presenting a series of short talks on select Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 am in the Parish House or the Chapel. The talks are approximately 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Each presentation integrates new research and ideas that are currently shaping the way we think about music into different topics. See the Christ Church website under [Music > Music Talks](#) for a full list and description of topics and the dates they will be presented.

The next talk in the series is entitled **Time Perception in Music** and will take place Sunday, June 30. This session series will build slightly on the second, but look further into considering time perception in music. This topic explores how our perception of time is manipulated through a musical listening experience and what implications this has both musically and temporally. Points covered include research on time perception, the effects of music tempo and rhythm (or lack thereof), and the many other ways in which a musical experience can shape our perception of time passing. Several pieces of music will be used as case studies in this talk, including Bach's Aria from the Goldberg Variations, Chopin's "Minute" Waltz, and select passages from 20th century minimalist and/or ambient composers.



**SUMMER 2024**

**Music Talks**

EXPLORE NEW TOPICS, PHILOSOPHIES AND IDEAS ABOUT MUSIC

9:15 - 9:45 am Sundays  
June 2, 16, 30  
July 14, 28  
August 25  
Christ Episcopal Church

For more information, please visit:  
[christchurchnewbern.com](http://christchurchnewbern.com)

## Early Summer InGathering

Interfaith Refugee Ministry is gearing up for more arrivals, and we would love to have your help. We believe we will receive at least 10 families (about 40 people) between now and the end of September. We have set the following goals to provide needed items. They don't need to be new, just gently used and in reasonable condition. We are collecting items now.

In order to keep track of how close we are to our goals we have tags for each item we are collecting located in the reception area. Please pick up one or more tags and bring them back with the item(s). This will help us avoid getting too many of one item and too few of another.

Here are our goals:

- 10 sets of twin sheets
- 10 twin blankets
- 10 sets of queen sheets
- 10 queen blankets
- 40 pillows
- 10 sets of pots and pans
- 10 knife sets
- 10 sets of flatware
- 10 sets of dishes
- 10 large packages of toilet paper

**Please return all items by July 15.**

## Lemonade on the Lawn

*Welcome and offer lemonade to people as they are leaving the 10 am service*

Hosts are needed for July and August. Thank you to the Leahy family for hosting today. To sign up, go to the Quick Links page on the Christ Church website ([www.christchurch-newbern.com/quick-links](http://www.christchurch-newbern.com/quick-links))

and select "Sign Up to Host Lemonade on the Lawn."

Lemonade will be in the Parish House Kitchen fridge, cups in a box on the counter. Include a pitcher of water and a bowl of ice with two scoopers. Tie a trash bag to the cart handle. Use a cart to transport all to and from the entrance courtyard. There will be a small foldout table to provide adequate space for all plus goodies.

Instructions are attached to the fridge. Best to set up the cart prior to the service. Call Jane Ashford with sign-up requests or questions: 252-288-2838.





# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

## For parishioners who have requested

**prayers:** Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans\*, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans\*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine\*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, and Margaret Phaup.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Adam, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, and Jeanette.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., 1st Lt. Jake Ballard, Cpt. John Koskinen.

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Thomas, Windsor; and St. Anne's, Jacksonville

*\*These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.*

*If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, 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, June 23

*Realm Sunday*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:15 am: Summer Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

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

### Tuesday, June 25

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

7 pm: Bell Choir (Music Room)

### Wednesday, June 26

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### Thursday, June 27

*Staff Work Day -- Offices Closed*

### Saturday, June 29

11 am: Funeral and Reception for Charles Hancock Turner, Jr.

### Sunday, June 30

*One Service at 10 am*

9:15 am: Music talk

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

11:15 am: Parish Social

*The Rev. Paul Canady is attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church this week.*

## One Nation Under God Concert

The New Bern Community Gospel Choir will present a One Nation Under God concert in the sanctuary of Centenary United Methodist Church (309 New Street, New Bern) next Sunday, June 30 at 4 pm. All are invited to join in this musical celebration.

# THE GOODS

## Global Citizenship Music Festival Comes to New Bern

This summer, Arts To End Genocide (ATEG), a New Bern based not-for-profit, in partnership with Faith Connection, will host a unique event in our community. The Global Citizenship Music Festival will present music from many cultures including a diverse mix of artists. There will be local singers, local church choirs, singers from the Montagnard community from Vietnam, singers from the Burmese community, and ECU student performers from many African nations. The theme running throughout this inspiring program is brotherhood. As people from all backgrounds in our community gather to sing together, they will have an opportunity to appreciate our shared humanity and role as global citizens. Music has the power to bring people together and bridge cultural divides in a way that very few things can. It can transcend language barriers and connect people from different backgrounds and cultures through a universal language. The event will conclude with everyone joining to sing We Are the World.

This event is a benefit to support ATEG's programs to help marginalized women and children in Africa. Our current focus is the women and children living in the Faladje IDP Camp in Bamako, Mali. ATEG programs provide basic medical care and food. We also provided Sewing Skills Training for the women, have helped them form a Women's Cooperative, and built a facility for them to work in. Some of their items are available at the Tryon Palace Museum Gift Shop. ATEG received a grant from the P&G Alumni Foundation to expand this program to include additional women, additional skills training programs, and an additional IDP Camp. We also offer children's dance and life skills workshops. In 2023, we began a Childhood Education program which allowed 30 children to enter first grade.

The Global Citizen Music Festival will be held at Union Point Park on Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 5:30-8:30 PM. The festival will go on rain or shine. Please bring your own seating or blankets. There will be food trucks, and you may also purchase wine and beer. The event is free to the public and made possible through the generosity of our sponsors. At-Will donations during the event will be gratefully accepted. Sponsorships are available for businesses, organizations, or individuals by going to our website ([www.artstoendgenocide.org/](http://www.artstoendgenocide.org/)). For more information on the festival, contact Mitch Lewis 252-670-1339.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for June services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Click [here](#) for June shifts.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to host a future date this summer.
- **RCS Wish List:** Click [here](#) for an Amazon Food Item Wish List for RCS. This is an easy way to help, with no need to lift items or deliver to the warehouse.

## Underground Railroad Photograph Exhibit

A special photography exhibit opened on June 16 in the Duffy Gallery at the NC History Center at Tryon Palace. Entitled "Darkness to Light: Photographs along the Underground Railroad," the exhibit runs through August 11. Daily hours are 10 am - 5 pm, Mondays - Saturdays; and 12 - 5 pm on Sundays.

## Sunday Altar Flowers

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, call the church office, or sign up online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$40 per Sunday.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

*Matthew 18:20*