

Easter Sunday at Christ Church

Eucharist at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Please bring a flower to place on the
Cross that will be on the front porch of the Church.

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am

Church offices will be closed Monday, April 21.



ECW Geranium Sale

We need your help! Our sale and pick-up of pre-ordered plants will be at the Christ Church Spring Market on Saturday, May 3rd. We need some vehicles (trucks/SUV's/large trunks!) to go out to White's (US 17 towards Vanceboro - 15 minutes or so) to pick up our 120 pots. This will be possibly Wed. 4/30 or Thurs. 5/1. If you are willing to help transport our plants we would GREATLY appreciate it!

You may contact Rodney Hayes (rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com or 203.640.2638) if you're able to help transport geraniums, and thank you, thank you!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.

John 10:10b

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church includes the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This giving Ministry is comprised of a group of knitters and crocheters who meet monthly and produce beautiful prayer shawls and also nap blankets for children ages newborn through about six years old (the ages that children take naps.)

These items are produced with loving care and, on completion, are consecrated at the Christ Church Altar. The consecrated shawls and blankets are stored in a closet in the Church Reception area and available to all parish members.

The Ministry asks all Church members to pick up one of these items and present it to someone you know or love who could be comforted by the gift made from the heart by these Prayer Shawl Ministers. In addition, if you have the gift of being a knitter or crocheter and would be able to join this ministry, please contact Carolyn Stevens at 252-229-7147, and she will answer any of your questions.

UTO Month at Christ Church

With the period of Lent drawing to a close we have had a time for reflection and prayerful consideration of our lives and blessings God has bestowed upon us. We have also had time to think how we can share the bounty with those near and far who are less fortunate. Through United Thank Offering, you can make a positive difference to bring hope and help.

We will have UTO envelopes in the pews at both services on April 27 and collect them at the Offertory. In the meantime there are envelopes and Mite Boxes on the table in the reception area as well as a locked Offering Box. Checks may be made payable to Christ Church with "UTO" on the Memo line. Be a part of this ongoing mission to help where the need is great.

Easter Egg Hunt



Racial Reconciliation Fellowship

The Racial Reconciliation Fellowship will gather at Christ Church on Sunday, May 4th, from 4:00-5:30 in the Pelletier Room.

The last gathering, held on April 6th at Word of God Christian Center, was attended by people from five different New Bern Churches. We shared brief stories of our lives as we continued to get to know one another. The Spirit was present in the form of joy and much laughter.

The Christ Church Racial Reconciliation team invites everyone interested in creating enriching, long lasting relationships with our neighbors to join us.

For further information contact Steve Skiffington (steveskiffington@hotmail.com), Martha and Rick Schulhaus (rschildy@gmail.com), Gloria Simpson (LassieG9970@hotmail.com) or Edna Marie Thomas (ednamariethomas@gmail.com).

Music Notes

Cherub Choir will sing "I've Got Peace Like a River" this Easter Sunday at the 8:30 am service right before the Children's Homily. All the kids will be invited up to the front to come sing with us. No rehearsal before the service.

Ukulele Club has prepared some special music for the 8:30 am Easter Sunday service during communion. The group includes kids from both intermediate and advanced ukulele.

The kids from our wonderful **Choristers Program** are preparing two songs to sing in church on a Sunday in May: Wade in the Water and All Night, All Day. Stay tuned for more!

Music for Easter Sunday's Services

Voluntary: Christ is Arisen, setting by James Biery

Processional: Christ is risen today (H 207)

Song of Praise: Glory to God (Canticle 20) (2 280)

Sequence Hymn: The day of resurrection! (H 210)

Easter Music (8:30 am): I've Got Peace Like a River (Cherub Choir)

Music at the Offertory (8:30 am): This is the day, by Brad Crushhorn (Joyful Voices)

Music at the Offertory (11 am): Christ the Lord is risen again by John Rutter (Parish Choir)

Hymn at the Presentation: From all that dwell below the skies, V. 3 only (H 380)

Communion Music (8:30 am only): Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Ukulele Club)

Communion Music: Now the green blade riseth (H 204)

Recessional Hymn: Come, ye faithful, raise the strain (H 200)

Postlude: Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 by Charles Marie-Widor

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, Gay Stuart, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Jerry Pelletier, and Linda Bullock.

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, and Nolan.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Blessings this Easter Sunday and for the Easter Season!

**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 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, April 20

Easter Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt

9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)

11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))

Monday, April 21

Church Offices Closed

10 am: Home Place (Offsite)

10:30 am: McCarthy Court Eucharist (Offsite)

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room)

Tuesday, April 22

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

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

Wednesday, April 23

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, April 24

Staff Work Day - Offices Closed

3 pm: Quarterly Receptionists Meeting (Library)

5:30 pm: Evangelism and Outreach Commission Meeting (Library)

Sunday, April 27

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 I (Nave / [Online](#))

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Easter Flowers and Memorials

The flowers in the church this Easter Sunday are given in thanksgiving and memory of many loved ones. We give thanks to God for all of them.



Spring Arts and Crafts Fair

Make plans to stop by the Second Annual Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market, which will be held on the church grounds from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, May 3. This market is open to all artists and craft persons selling their handcrafted work. All mediums are welcome. The vendor application and more details can be found at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>.

Proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Church.



Faith Connection Earth Day Celebration

Faith Connection's Steward of the Earth committee will be celebrating their fourth annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, at Martin Marietta Park. The theme of this year's celebration is "Good Dirt."

As part of the celebration, there will again be a children's activity. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct soil experiments, record the results, and have their project presented at the Earth Day Celebration. All participants who are present at the celebration will receive a gift and be entered into a prize drawing. To read the complete experiment program guide, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact faithconnection.earthday@gmail.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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in April services, click [here](#). May 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. April shifts can be reserved [here](#). Click [here](#) for May shifts.
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. Click [here](#) to volunteer to host and/or supply treats.
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*

VBS 2025 - Registration Open!

We invite children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in our Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will take place Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20 from 9 am - 12 pm each day. To register, go to <https://christepiscopalchurch.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>.

Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. If you are interested in volunteering to make this awesome week happen, please sign up [here](#). For any questions please reach out to Hannah at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com or 252-631-5867.



It's T-Ball Season

Christ Church has partnered with First Presbyterian Church to create a T-Ball team called the "Good News Bears." Games are played at 6 pm every Wednesday through May 21. Stop by Fort Totten Park, and check them out!