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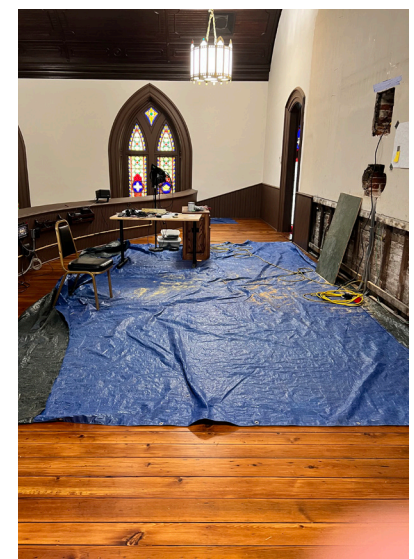
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BALCONY TAKING SHAPE

Here are a few photos of the work being completed on the balcony and its flooring. We appreciate all who are working to complete this portion of the project. Plaster work was completed and painting started this week



ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III
Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Christian Formation: Meg Jones
Director of Church Life: Ellie Roberts
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement: Sarah Risty-Davis
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell
Custodian: Terry Pitner

OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours (*Memorial - Labor Day*)
Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 2pm
Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne.

Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Text "FUNDS" to 833.233.8760
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2023:
Howard Furnas III, John King, Elizabeth Livingston (*Senior Warden*), Sims Wayt
Term through 2024:
Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Clerk*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle

FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:

www.christchurchnewbern.com
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[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
[Twitter](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Youtube](#)

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The Crown is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the September edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by August 15, 2023. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger* (*weekly*): Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

PRAYER REQUESTS

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested prayers: Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* 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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, 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 Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Margaret Wright, Bruce Baker, Ellen Serra, Geoff Wood, Richard Marsh, Bev Perdue, Edward Ophile, and Mary K. Whitfield.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Courtney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Vickie, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Gabe, Magda, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, and Julie.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Oriental; and Trinity, Lumberton

**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](#).*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

You can see the calendar for the entire month of August and beyond [here](#).

SUNDAY AUGUST 6	MONDAY AUGUST 7	TUESDAY AUGUST 8	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9	THURSDAY AUGUST 10	FRIDAY AUGUST 11	SATURDAY AUGUST 12	SUNDAY AUGUST 13
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CAMP HOPE 8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11am: Lemonade on the Lawn	CAMP HOPE 1pm: Staff Meeting	CAMP HOPE 7am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist 10am: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Bride's Room) 10am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room) 11am: Administrative Staff Meeting	CAMP HOPE 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)	CAMP HOPE	5:30pm: Youth Escape Room (Offsite)		8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11am: Lemonade on the Lawn Following 10 am service: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christ Church and Diocese Representatives Attend EYE

The 2023 Episcopal Youth Event (or EYE) was held July 4 - 8 in College Park, Maryland. This gathering of youth ages 15 - 19 is only held once every three years. The 2023 theme was: *Regreso A Casa: A New Age of Faith.*

Attendees heard from a multitude of speakers, including Presiding Bishop Curry, who addressed the crowd and quoted from the Book of Esther. "You were born for a time such as this (4:14)." He called on the group to be the Esthers of their time.

Christ Church and the Diocese of East Carolina were well represented at EYE 2023, including Meg Jones (EYE Event Team), Jack Porter-Acee, Emily Gowdy Canady (Diocesan Team), The Rev. Ashley Simpson (EYE Chaplain Team), Lauren Simmons, The Rev. John Porter-Acee and Baker Hudson.

Children's Movie on the Lawn

Children's Movie Day on the Lawn moved inside due to the heat, which seemed like a good decision. A good time was had by all who attended.



Christ Church

BLESSING

of the Backpacks

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 20**

**During 10 am
service**



Please join us for this opportunity to bless our students in hopes of a healthy, happy and successful school year.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Outreach Grants Awarded

The Outreach Commission recently awarded the following grants to various community organizations.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT GRANTED
Coastal Child's Reach Out & Read	\$ 1,045
Coastal Women's Shelter	\$2,000
Duffyfield Phoenix Project	\$2,000
Growing in Grace	\$200
Interfaith Refugee Ministry	\$1,000
Laundry Love of Goldsboro	\$1,000
Reviving Lives	\$1,000
Sound Rivers, Inc.	\$500
St. Cyprians	\$2,000
Tried by Fire	\$500
True Justice International	\$500
YMCA	\$500
TOTAL	\$12,245

ECW Planning Fall Events

We're back! We invite all women of the parish to our first meeting of the year to be held on Monday, September 11th at 10 am in the Parish House. Our speaker(s) will be from NC Child, a 501(c)3 organization, which was founded in 2014. They advance 'public policies to ensure that every child in North Carolina has the opportunity to thrive – whatever their race, ethnicity or place of birth.' They strive to 'eliminate the barriers that stand in the way of kids' success by covering a wide spectrum of key children's issues, including early-childhood education, children's health, foster care, juvenile justice, family economic security and more.' Please join us to learn more about their important work.

Also – SAVE THE DATE – MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Plan on joining us for our 3rd Annual Trolley Tour! This year we will experience a brand new tour: *Nicholas Sparks – A Walk to Remember*. More info to follow! Need some info now? Contact Rodney Hayes at rodneyhayes@yahoo.com or 203.640.2638.

Join us for a Revival

10:30 am - 5 pm, October 21, 2023
 Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, Newton Grove, NC

We are excited to welcome Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to the Diocese of East Carolina. The feature of his visit will be a Revival, where he will be the featured preacher. You can get an idea of the power of his preaching from these two recent sermons: <https://tinyurl.com/PBatEYE> and <https://tinyurl.com/ya3crn8v>.

We are working on a bus to the event, so watch our regular pieces of media for more details!

One way you can help now is to pray for this event. Pin this prayer someplace you'll see it. Keep it in your hearts and minds, and help us see what God's spirit is doing in East Carolina!

For more information, contact Jettie Pelletier (jettiejp9@gmail.com) or the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurch-newbern.com) for more information.

We Invite Your Prayers for our Upcoming Revival

REVIVAL PRAYER

Holy and amazing God,

We ask you to open the hearts and minds of the people of East Carolina to what your Holy Spirit is preparing for us.

Remind us of your presence in our everyday life so that we can see your hand at work in the world around us.

Strengthen the leaders of our upcoming Revival and show them the path you are laying out.

Help us let go of the things that distract us from your purpose, and show us where our focus should be.

Sustain our energies before, during, and after this Revival so that we may be the agents of transformation you have called us to be.

Empower us to engage our neighbors so we can share the loving, liberating, life-giving Good News of Jesus.

In his holy name we pray. Amen.



Honoring our Volunteers

Join us on Sunday August 27, as we celebrate all the ways the people of Christ Church serve our parish, our neighbors, and our community.

Our sermon that day will feature Christ Church parishioners talking about how serving in ministry impacts their faith life. After both services, you'll have a chance to learn about the many ministries at Christ Church.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Backpacks, Backpacks, Backpacks

How Can Christ Church Help?

Back to school can be a happy and exciting time for children and families, but it can also be a time of financial stress. For some families, the expense of purchasing school supplies and backpacks is simply not in the budget. This year, we at Christ Episcopal Church have the opportunity to help in a number of ways. You could buy a backpack, which will be donated to the **Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry** and filled with supplies collected by that organization. These backpacks will go to some of the 1,200 students who have requested assistance with purchasing school supplies this year.

Additionally, we continue to support **Interfaith Refugee Ministry** with their back-to-school drive. For twenty-four years we have been helping IRM with this ministry. We currently have 18 students signed up to receive much-needed school supplies and book bags.

To help the Farmworkers Ministry simply drop off a backpack to the church before **August 20th**, and we will see that it gets where it is needed. Designated funds will provide additional support for the effort to support EFWM.

To help IRM please choose a school tag, which lists the needed items. These tags are located by the school bus in the Reception Area. Please sign the form by the number on the tag to let us know which child you have selected and add your phone number. We ask that you return items on or before **August 20th**.

Many thanks for helping these children in beginning a new school experience. These donation deadlines coincide with our parish Blessing of the Backpacks event which is also on August 20.

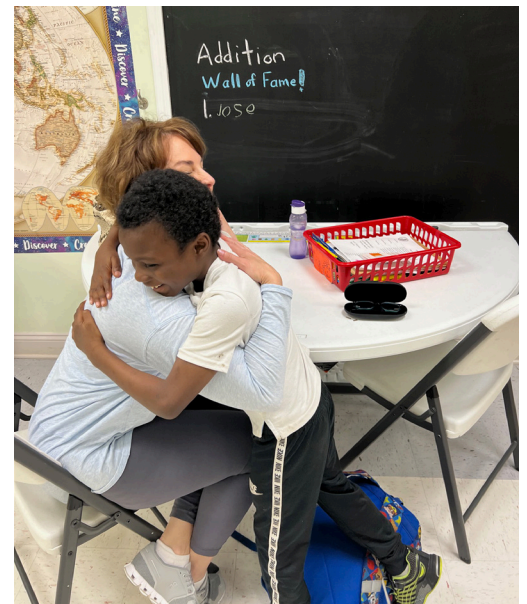
Questions related to the IRM collection, please call or text Rebecca Liberty: 252.670.7601. Questions related to EFWM collection, please call or text Suzanne Hood: 804.832.4109.



Growing in Grace Seeking Volunteers for School Year

Growing In Grace is Christ Church's after-school program. We meet Mondays - Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:45 pm. Our mentors work one-on-one with students to help them with homework, test studying, and being an extra person in a child's life. You can choose to do one day a week or as many as you would like.

We will begin our eighth year on Monday, September 18, and we are always excited to welcome new mentors and our returning mentors. We also need subs for mentors and van drivers. Please contact Debbie Fodrie, Director of GIG: debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com if you're interested.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Zimmer Organ Pipes Living Their New Lives

Thank you to those of you who have submitted pictures of how you are using and displaying your pipes from the Zimmer organ. We have quite a creative parish! This month we are featuring pictures from the Browning-Henry and Royer families.





SAVE	August 20 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
August 27 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE	THE
DATES	September 10 RETURN TO FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

Weekly Al-Anon Meeting at Christ Church

7 - 8 am, Tuesdays
2nd Floor Living Room

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.

NEW Al-Anon Meeting

TUESDAY MORNING AFG
Every Tuesday, 7:00-8:00 AM
Christ Episcopal Church
Across from 321 Middle Street
Enter the church through the glass door off of Middle St. (next to the bank parking lot)
Meeting is on the Second Floor

THE GOODS

Cursillo Adds Weekday Reunion

In addition to our Cursillo reunions on the second and fourth Sundays of every month after late service, a new weekday reunion option will be added starting in September. This will take place on the second Monday of every month at 1 pm in the Bride's Room. Anyone may join.

Cursillo Ministry Conference

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference will be held September 21-23 at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. It has been way too long since we have been able to come together in community, and we are looking forward to this important time. The Ministry Committee is continuing its work to ensure that this is a conference of worship, as well as one of encouragement and enrichment, as we gain knowledge and motivation for future apostolic action. We hope that all who join us will leave renewed and revived. ALL ARE WELCOME!! For more information, contact Mary Lynn Guidage at mlglinton12@gmail.com.

Camp Hope

Camp Hope starts today. We will be serving over 50 campers from across the state. Please pray for our campers, counselors, and volunteers that we have a fun, safe, and spirit-filled week. Thank you for your faithful support of this outreach ministry.



Flower Donations

If you would like to donate altar flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or sign up online [here](#). The cost is \$40.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click on these links for [August](#) and [September](#) Sundays. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at 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! Reserve your August dates [here](#).
- **Saturday Docents needed:** If you are interested in showing visitors the beauty and history of Christ Church church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn** following the 10 am service has returned through Labor Day Weekend. Many thanks to this week's host, Christina Ballard. Click [here](#) to host a future date.
- **RCS Requesting Personal Hygiene Items:** Hygiene kits play a vital role in helping RCS Emergency Crisis Shelter clients maintain their dignity and well-being. Join RCS in positively impacting and supporting community members in need by dropping off hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and other personal care products to the RCS Main Office at 919 George Street in New Bern.
- **Office Supply Collection Drive for MERCI Clinic:** During August, we will be collecting various office supplies for MERCI Clinic. Click [here](#) to see the full list. A collection box will be located in the Reception Area. All items are available from Amazon. Thank you for your support for this wonderful ministry!

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4