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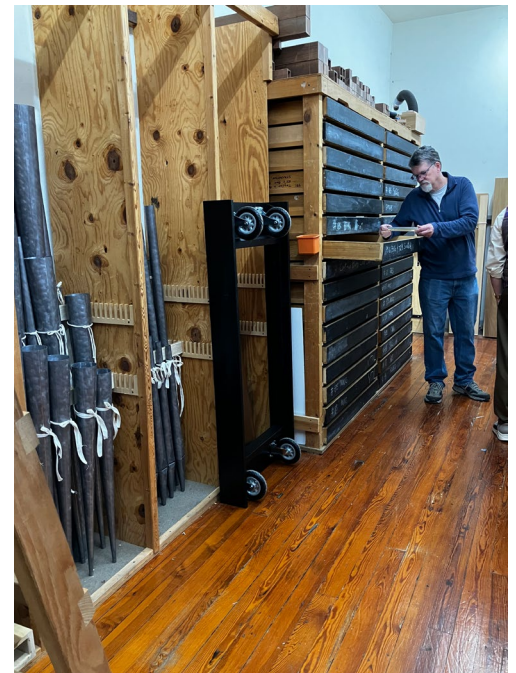
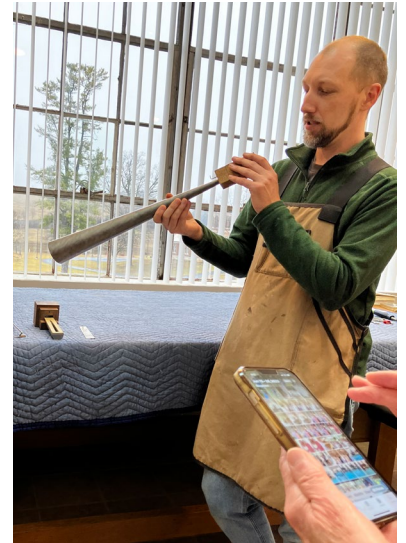
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## ORGAN UPDATES

As promised, here are more pictures showing the latest progress on our organ. Some are from the field trip recently taken by Director of Music Jacqueline Nappi, Senior Warden Phyllis Fox, Junior Warden Randy Bogle, and parishioners Jean Reichenbach and Steve Skiffington, to visit organ builders, Taylor and Boody. Others were shared by Taylor and Boody on their social media pages ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)). Enjoy!



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# 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 Church Life:** Jimi Paderick  
**Director of Music:** Jacqueline Nappi  
**Director of Growing in Grace:** Debbie Fodrie  
**Finance Coordinator:** Cindy Tripp  
**Communications Coordinator:** Betsy Downard  
**Volunteer Coordinator:** Sarah Risty-Davis  
**Sunday School Coordinator:** Page Litfin  
**EYC Coordinator:** Sydney Kitchen  
**Nursery Staff:** Heidi Powell, Alex Linton

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 4pm  
 Fridays: 9 am - 2pm  
 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 2024:**  
 Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas  
**Term through 2025:**  
 Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*), Holly Lippitt  
**Term through 2026:**  
 Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

### 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](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com)  
[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)  
[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)  
[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 April 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to [communications@christchurch-newbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurch-newbern.com) by March 15. 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@christchurch-newbern.com](mailto:betsydownard@christchurch-newbern.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, 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, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Peter Hayes, and Linda McAlister.

**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, Corey, 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, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Adam, Rosemary.

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

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Peter's, Sunbury; and St. Christopher's, Elizabethtown

\*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](#).

# WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

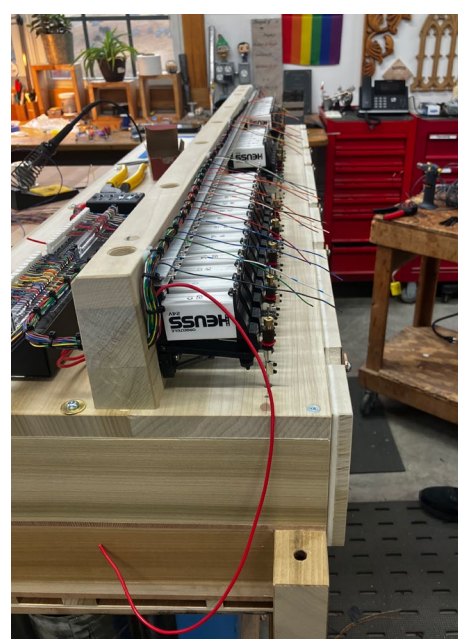
Did you notice that all of the church's regularly scheduled events are not listed on our calendar? We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at [christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://christchurchnewbern.com/calendar) and in the Sunday morning *Messenger* 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 MARCH 3	MONDAY MARCH 4	TUESDAY MARCH 5	WEDNESDAY MARCH 6	THURSDAY MARCH 7	FRIDAY MARCH 8	SATURDAY MARCH 9	SUNDAY MARCH 10
<p><b>BIRTHDAY &amp; ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</b></p> <p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)                      9:45am: Sunday School for All                      9:45am: Lenten Series - Pauli Murray                      11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a>)</p>	<p>6pm: Lenten Series - Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent (via Zoom)</p>	<p>7am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)                      8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)                      6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>12pm: Bach Musical Meditation Series (Nave)                      5:30pm: Lenten Series - Wandering Heart (Library)                      6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>		<p>3:30pm: Discernment Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)</p>	<p>9am: DOK Quiet Day (Parish House)                      6pm: IRM Dinner on Five Continents (Harrison Center)</p>	<p>8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)                      9:45am: Sunday School for All                      9:45am: Lenten Series - Pauli Murray                      11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a>)                      5pm: Parents' Night Out</p>



# ORGAN UPDATES

Organ pictures, continued from page 1



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Newcomers for December and January

**GREG ALBRIGHT:** Greg recently moved to New Bern after living in various parts of the U.S., including Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; California; New Jersey; and Long Island Beach. He retired this past year after employment as an environmental consultant working in cleaning up polluted areas. Greg decided to move south to a less crowded area that was warmer and near the water, and, being Episcopalian, he was happy to find Christ Church here in New Bern. He enjoys golf, sailing, surfing, and target shooting. He was active in his previous church and will give himself some time to settle in before joining activities at Christ Church.

**MICHAEL AND SABRINA STOKES:** Leaving the Raleigh, NC area, Michael and Sabrina have recently retired here in New Bern. Michael was born in Syracuse, New York, and Sabrina was born in Milford, Delaware, and grew up in Georgetown, Delaware. The couple have also lived in Texas; Alexandria, Virginia; and High Point, NC. Sabrina was employed in finance and Michael as a psychologist. New Bern fit their desire to live in a small town with boating and fishing, and they also enjoy sailing, photography, reading, hiking, and travel. Both of them are interested in Christ Cooks, and have already signed up to join the group here at Christ Church.

**BRIAN AND MISSY PECHELES:** Brian and Missy moved to New Bern after living in Greenville, NC, and attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville. Brian is from Greenville, NC, and Missy from Raleigh, NC. They have decided to move to New Bern to be close to family and live closer to the water. Brian was previously employed in investment finance and lived in London, England. He currently is employed in New Bern in construction. Missy is employed in marketing in the family automotive business.

**TONY AND SUZANNE WASKEY:** Tony and Suzanne recently moved to New Bern from Greenville, South Carolina, where they were very active at Christ Church Episcopal. Tony was born in San Francisco, California, and Suzanne was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan but grew up in California. They have both lived in multiple locations throughout the U.S., including North Carolina, Texas, Florida, and Washington State. Their move to New Bern was based on retirement, and the goal of downsizing to a small town and living near the beach. Tony retired from his employment as a Commercial Roofing Consultant and Suzanne is a retired Elementary School Teacher. Suzanne is interested in joining the choir here at Christ Church.

## DOK Quiet Day

Our Quiet Day is almost here! Consider taking time from your busy schedule to be present with us as we discover "Gifts From the Wilderness". This Quiet Day is for everyone, and you are guaranteed to have a meaningful experience.

There is no fee to attend. Coffee is at 9:00 am, with lunch at noon. We will close the day with Holy Eucharist. All are welcome!

Contact Jane Jones, [janejkerr@gmail.com](mailto:janejkerr@gmail.com), to let us know that you will join us on March 9.



## Lectionary Class Study Guides

Study Guides for the Spring Lectionary Class are now available. They can be picked up at the Reception Desk or in the Pelletier Room.

## PARKING LOT UPDATE

Due to increased unauthorized parking in our Craven Street lot, we are becoming stricter on cars that are allowed to park there. We are patrolling the lot during the day and placing warning notices on cars that we do not recognize. After receiving a first warning, a car will be towed.

To help us easily recognize your car, we highly encourage you to get a Christ Church parking sticker. We have both stickers that you can place inside your car window and on the outside. Parking stickers may be obtained at the Receptionist Desk when the church is open. Should you need assistance, please contact Jimi Paderick ([jimi-paderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimi-paderick@christchurchnewbern.com)). We appreciate your patience and support while we work to maintain the safety of our Craven Street parking lot, as well as provide ample parking for our parishioners.





# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## ECW News

We had two wonderful speakers at our February meeting to talk to us about NC Child. Pictured below are Kelvin Stallings, Director of Community Engagement, and our Terry Brubaker, who suggested NC Child to us as a program, and NC Child's Aimee Allen.

Our March 11th meeting will be a brief business meeting in the Parish House at 10 am, and then we will walk or car-pool to the New Bern Firemen's Museum, 420 Broad Street for a special tour of the Museum at 11. Please join us!



## Parish Life Game Night

Fun was had by all at our first Christ Church Game Night. We hope to plan another event for later in the year.



## Documentary Screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*

Watch *The Philadelphia Eleven*, a compelling new documentary film about the first women to become Episcopal priests.

In 1974, no canon specifically forbade women from becoming priests in The Episcopal Church, but diocesan standing committees and bishops to that point had almost uniformly rejected women's requests for ordination to the priesthood.

On July 29, 1974, three retired bishops agreed to ordain the 11 women, even though doing so without the approval of diocesan leadership could be seen as violating canonical law and church tradition. Church leaders debated the validity of the women's ordinations for two years until General Convention approved a new section of the church's ordination canons in September 1976 saying its provisions "shall be equally applicable to men and women."

The film shows how a brave group of women shattered the stained-glass ceiling by challenging the very core of patriarchal culture to seek ordination as priests in the Episcopal Church. It is a powerful story of faith and conviction. It is a story for all of us, regardless of faith tradition.

Their story prompts questions such as what does a just and inclusive community look like in practice? How do we break down barriers with grace and remain true to ourselves in the process? How do we, as either the protagonist or as an ally, stand up to institutions that do not allow people to be who they are called to be? How do we practice radical inclusivity?

Join us for lunch and a screening of the film, beginning at 12:00 pm, Saturday, March 16th. Scan the QR code below or go to <http://tinyurl.com/philly-11cenb> to register. A \$10 donation is suggested.

**JOIN CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR LUNCH AND A FILM SCREENING** @PhilElevenDoc

**The Philadelphia Eleven**  
 Saturday, March 16 | 12:00 PM  
 320 Pollock Street  
 New Bern, NC

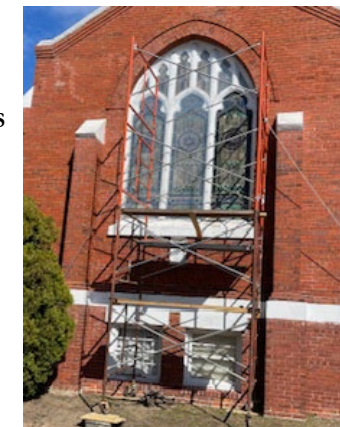
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\$10 Donation Suggested

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## NEWS ABOUT ST. CYPRIAN'S

During his address to Diocesan Convention on February 10, Bishop Skirving spoke about a plan for discerning a future for St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church (604 Johnson St.). Despite the use of the building by the African American Culture and Heritage Center, there are serious questions about the future of St. Cyprian's as an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of East Carolina. Bishop Skirving's plan is to gather leaders from around the Diocese with a special focus on expertise in various areas (pastoral, legal, maintenance, etc.). It is one of the oldest historically African American churches in North Carolina and the oldest in the Diocese. The gravity of this work is understood by all parties. This task force will work with the remaining members of the St. Cyprian's Vestry. The goal is to develop strategies and proposals for maintaining St. Cyprian's as a mission or parish of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. He has indicated he will have two or three members of Christ Church as part of that team. The Bishop and I have strategized about some personnel from here. The committee is the Bishop's to name. Bishop Skirving and I spoke at length about these issues and the possibility of this working group back in October. What he announced at Convention last month was in line with our conversation in October. You can read the full transcript of the Bishop's address here ([https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/uploads/images/bishops-address-141st-convention-2024\\_635.pdf](https://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/uploads/images/bishops-address-141st-convention-2024_635.pdf)). His remarks on St. Cyprian's begins at the bottom of page 5.



*Repair work on the window located on the Johnson Street side of the church has begun. The window covering was torn off during a storm late last year.*

He acknowledged at Convention and in many of our written communications the efforts of the parishioners and clergy of Christ Church to keep St. Cyprian's functioning and viable over the past 20 years. Suzanne and I are still available to conduct funerals, make pastoral visits, etc, and have communicated that to the Vestry of St. Cyprian's. And of course, we have continued to extend the invitation to come be a part of Christ Church.

My hope is that Bishop Skirving will have this leadership team in place by the end of March or mid-April. We will certainly keep this parish apprised of any future movement. If you have any questions or would like to talk more, please reach out. 252.631.5861 or [paul-canady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paul-canady@christchurchnewbern.com).

## VESTRY MEETING RECAP

The vestry of Christ Church met on February 19, 2024, in the Parish House.

- Paul gave the opening prayer.
- Minutes of January Vestry Meeting were approved as written.
- Tony Embry and Wayne Rowe presented Chapter 2 of The Vestry Resource Guide.
- Treasurer reported our financial status is positive and looking good.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was very successful.
- One appointment to Finance Committee approved; still require one member for Personnel Committee
- Paul reported Jimi Paderick, Director of Church Life, is doing well and back at work half days.
- Phyllis Fox and Randy Bogle gave report on trip to Taylor and Boody 10-11 February to get firsthand look at status of our organ.
  - Visit was led by Jackie Nappi our Director of Music and included Jean Reichenbach and Steve Skiffington
- Holly Lippitt reported on Diocesan Convention held 9-10 February in Greenville

### Commission Reports

- Building and Grounds – in process of rejuvenating membership. Next meeting 9am Saturday, 24 February in the Library
- Parish Life – Game Night for All Ages, Harrison Center Saturday, 24 February at 5pm
- Next Meeting – Monday, 18 March at 6:30pm in the Parish House

*Respectfully submitted by Randy Bogle*

## Bach Music Meditation Series

Come, sit, and listen to the entire cycle of Bach's preludes and fugues from book one of The Well-Tempered Clavier on piano. These musical offerings are meant to give space for meditation and reflection as we walk together through the weeks of Lent. They were originally meant for musicians to study and not intended for performance. However, over the years, musicians have enjoyed performing and recording these masterworks; Glen Gould being among the more famous. Please join us Wednesdays at 12 noon in the Nave.

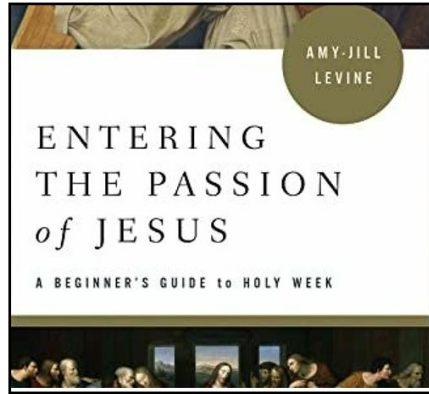


# THE GOODS

## Rector's Bible Study in Lent

In Lent, the Rector's Bible Study will explore a series called by Amy-Jill Levine called "Entering the Passion of Jesus." It looks at Jesus' last week and will give us a chance to explore a little more in-depth the theology and meaning of those events.

This will be a video and discussion-based series. There is also a book, if you're interested. You can find it here: <https://www.cokesbury.com/Entering-the-Passion-of-Jesus-3>, though it's not a requirement for the class. You can make also watch a preview of the video series here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WX-l8e2Lo8ns>. The class will continue to meet in the Pelletier Room at 11:00am on Wednesdays. Reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861) for more information.



## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. March services can be found [here](#). Shifts for the Maundy Thursday / Good Friday Watch can be found [here](#). 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 your March shifts.
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, and we appreciate our hosts. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#). Thank you to Patty Conrad for hosting this week's Coffee Hours and providing Snacks.
- **Spring Backpack Blessings Build** will take place March 11 and 12 at Garber Church. Times are 6 - 8 pm, March 11 and 8:30 am - 8 pm, March 12. To register go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4BA9AB2AA0FD0-48056954-backpack#/. Join us for fun, fellowship and service all at one time. Join us for fun, fellowship, and service all at one time, while serving the children of Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4BA9AB2AA0FD0-48056954-backpack#/)



## 2024 Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

Make a loving tribute to remember or honor someone this year by contributing to the overall beautification of Christ Church, glorifying God as we celebrate Easter.

Please complete the form below. The cost is \$30, payable to Christ Church (write "Easter" in the memo area of the check.) You can pay in-person (via the offering plate or at the Reception Desk) or online at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/give](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give) (please note "Easter Flowers"). Submit form and payment by Wednesday, March 20, in order to have your memorial or thanksgiving noted in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

In Loving Memory of (please type or print)

\_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for (please type or print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_