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## CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

It was a holy and beautiful Christmas season at Christ Church. We started the season with a weeknight Service of Advent Lessons and Carols (which had been postponed due to weather). A record audience participated in this beautiful service. On December 24, we had the final service of Advent in the morning, followed by our 3 pm Eucharist, which included the Christmas Pageant, and 7 pm and 10:30 pm Eucharists. We concluded the season with a Christmas Lessons and Carols service on December 31, as well as The Feast of Epiphany on January 6. Enjoy some photos from the season here and continued on page 11.



# 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

### 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, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*)  
**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](#)

### CONTACT US

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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 February 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com) by January 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@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto: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, 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, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, Charlie Henke, Patty Willis, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, and Terry Rich.

**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, 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, 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, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Sue, Kristy, and Yordan.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Thomas, Ahoskie; and St. Thomas, Bath

\*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 JAN. 7	MONDAY JAN. 8	TUESDAY JAN. 9	WEDNESDAY JAN. 10	THURSDAY JAN. 11	FRIDAY JAN. 12	SATURDAY JAN. 13	SUNDAY JAN. 14
<b>BIRTHDAY &amp; ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</b> 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for All 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a> ) 4 pm: POD Returns 6 pm: Sacred Ground Returns (via Zoom) 6 pm: EYC Returns	11:30am: Contemplative Prayer Returns 1pm: Cursillo Reunion Returns	7am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 10am: Women's Book Study Returns 3pm: GIG Returns 5pm: Outreach Grants Committee Meeting (Library) 5:30pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal Returns 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room) 7pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal Returns	6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center) 7pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal Returns	3pm: Volunteer Receptionist Meeting (Library) 6:30pm: New Vestry Member Orientation (Parish House)	WINTER YOUTH DIOCESAN RETREAT (OFFSITE)	WINTER YOUTH DIOCESAN RETREAT (OFFSITE) 2pm: Janice Ray Funeral (Nave)	8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School 9:45am Annual Meeting 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / <a href="#">online</a> )

# MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

## A LOOK AT THE ORGAN CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

One of the themes most often associated with Advent is that of anticipation. Waiting, expecting, and keeping watch. Now that Advent is behind us, and I know the people of Christ Church have been waiting a long time for the new organ, we are certainly ready for our instrument's arrival!

Building an organ is no small feat. Builders actually completely construct the instrument first in their shop (to make sure it works!), then they take it apart, transport it to the location (a project in itself), and then rebuild it in the church. And at that point the organ is still not ready. How can this be, you might ask? After the instrument is constructed in the location, and everything is working properly, a specialist from the team comes in to "voice" the organ. Essentially, this person is responsible for crafting the tone quality of every single pipe, of which there are many! They carefully work through each pipe of a stop (or sound) in order to blend everything perfectly together and create a seamless sound that is beautiful and full of color and character. And then they work on the next stop. This process takes weeks, but is arguably one of the more important aspects of organ building in terms of quality and beauty of the sound of the instrument.

The amazing team at Taylor & Boody is working very hard to bring our new instrument to life and have recently sent us a few more pictures from their shop, shared here.

There are two important days in the welcoming of an organ to its new home: 1. The arrival day. Once we have this date, we'll need a party of people from Christ Church here to welcome the builders!; 2. The dedication concert. This second part will take lots of planning, however builders always advise not to plan this part until the organ is fully complete. So we will hold off on that for just a little longer.

A group of people from Christ Church are hoping to visit the Taylor & Boody shop sometime in late January or early February. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please reach out to me directly either via email or my direct church number: [jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com) / 252-631-5864.

*Jacqueline Nappi, Director of Music*



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## A LOOK AT THE ORGAN CONSTRUCTION PROCESS



**TAYLOR & BOODY**  
ORGANBUILDERS

*Staunton, Virginia*

*Founded in 1977*

Christ Church's Organ Project is listed as Opus 85.

Project specs can be found at  
[https://taylorandboody.com/opus\\_pages/opus\\_85/organ\\_photo\\_gallery.html](https://taylorandboody.com/opus_pages/opus_85/organ_photo_gallery.html)

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## The Good Book Club Begins

Let's read the Book of Genesis!

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* – Gen 1:1

The Good Book Club is an initiative of Forward Movement (publishers of Forward Day by Day) and the Episcopal Church for all of us to read through a book of the Bible together. In 2024, we'll work our way through the first book in the Bible.

It can be a lot to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. And since Scripture is best understood in community, we'll have two



Genesis | Epiphany 2024

opportunities to look at the readings together: Wednesdays at the Rector's Bible Study (11:00am in the Parish House) and on Sunday morning at 9:45am in the Library. Both sessions will cover the same material.

We will start on Wednesday, January 3rd and Sunday, January 7th with an overview of Genesis.

You can access the schedule of readings here <https://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/> and learn more about the Good Book Club here <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>.

No prior Bible knowledge needed! (And if you need a Bible, please let one of the clergy know! We have plenty to share). Contact the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861) for more information.

## Contemplative Prayer - "Praying with Hildegard of Bingen"

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on six Mondays, January 8 - February 12

Sign Up: By email – [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

Meets In Person & On Zoom : In person: Pelletier Room (Upstairs at Christ Church)

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

Study Book: *Praying with Hildegard of Bingen: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka (Used paperbacks can be ordered online through Amazon.)

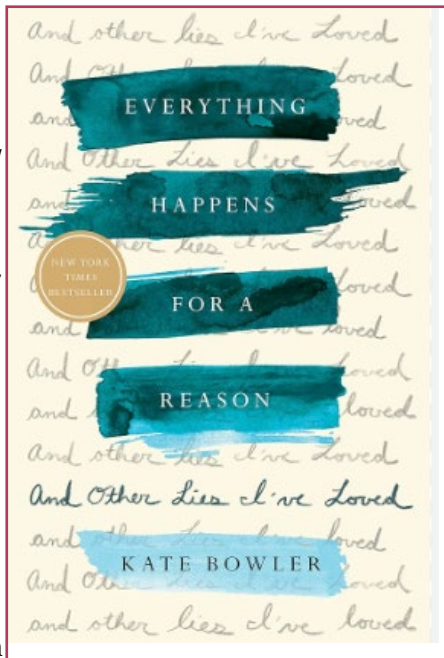
You are invited to meet Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century contemplative, who made a major impact on the spiritual lives of many people. In her day, Hildegard served in a variety of ministries – as an abbess, a counselor to popes and emperors, a homeopathic healer, a composer, a renowned preacher, the author of nine major books, and the founder of an abbey at Bingen, Germany. This 12th century holy woman has recently emerged as a spiritual mentor for our times. "What is so attractive about Hildegard's spirituality for today?" asks Gloria Durka, author of *Praying with Hildegard of Bingen: Companions for the Journey*. Durka tells us that Hildegard's spirituality, "seems to fill a vacuum in the heart and mind of people who are journeying toward the center of life." Today, in the 21st century, we are journeying toward the same spiritual center as Hildegard. This January, come and participate in the weekly Contemplative Prayer Group with Hildegard of Bingen as our spiritual guide. During each session, we will support one another in our pilgrimage of prayer and our search for spiritual growth. Let us trust that in the search itself, we open ourselves to God's transforming love.

## Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study will soon begin reading *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$15.00).

Bowler is an Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke Divinity School. This memoir details the emotional, spiritual, and physical journeys she took after being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at age 35. Kate was stripped of certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never had been before.

Join us on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we explore uncertainty in our own lives and the gifts God has for us in the midst of it. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Sunday School Returns Today

Children and Youth Sunday School classes return today. We meet every Sunday at 9:45 am. Here is a look at the class offerings available at Christ Church for those children and youth three years and older. The nursery is open for those under age three. If you have questions, please contact Sunday School Coordinator, Page Litfin, at [pagelitfin@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:pagelitfin@christchurchnewbern.com). Come join us!

### Godly Play (children ages 3-4)

Godly Play is a class centered around storytelling and work time, which includes crafts and play. We focus on teaching basic stories and what it's like to spend time in a Sunday School Class. This class meets in the Godly Play Room, next to the Nursery.

### Whirl (K-2nd grade)

This class is using the Whirl curriculum – the same curriculum as the older Whirl class. Students watch videos and follow up what they've learned with worksheets. The best part of this Whirl class each week is the craft! This class meets in the room next to the Vesting Room.

### Whirl (3rd-5th grade)

This class uses the Whirl curriculum – the same curriculum as the younger Whirl class. The discussions are different because of the age difference, but these students see similar videos and work on slightly different worksheets. The best part of this Whirl class is what the students learn about the Bible and church. We meet in the the Purple Pineapples Room.

### Youth (6th-12th grade)

Our youth will continue working through tough questions and also learn more about people in the Bible and watch videos. These students meet in the Youth Room upstairs (across from the Second Floor Living Room).

### GODLY PLAY

PRE K (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS)

- JAN 7 – COMBINED CLASS – BAPTISM OF JESUS
- JAN 14 – COMBINED CLASS – GOD CALLS SAMUEL
- JAN 21 – PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED
- JAN 28 – PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN
- FEB 4 – PARABLE OF THE SOWER
- FEB 11 – ST. VALENTINE (TRANSFIGURATION)
- FEB 18 – COMBINES CLASS – JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS
- FEB 25 – ABRAHAM
- MAR 3 – TEN BEST WAYS
- MAR 10 – THE CROSSES
- MAR 17 – EASTER EGGS
- MAR 24 – THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE UPPER ROOM
- APRIL 14 – CIRCLE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
- APRIL 21 – PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERDS
- APRIL 28 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE WORLD COMMUNION
- MAY 12 – BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
- MAY 19 – MYSTERY OF THE PENTECOST

### WHIRL K-2

- JAN 7 – IN THE BEGINNING
- JAN 14 – GOD CALLS SAMUEL
- JAN 21 – HEALING IN THE SYNAGOGUE
- FEB 4 – HEALING AT SIMON'S HOUSE
- FEB 11 – ELIJAH & ELISHA
- FEB 18 – GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH
- FEB 25 – THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM
- MAR 3 – THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
- MAR 10 – MOSES AND THE BRONZE SERPENT
- MAR 17 – JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH
- MAR 24 – MARK'S HOLY WEEK
- APRIL 7 – EARLY BELIEVERS SHARE
- APRIL 14 – JESUS APPEARS TO DISCIPLES
- APRIL 21 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD
- APRIL 28 – LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER
- MAY 5 – KIDS IN LOVE
- MAY 12 – MATTHIAS IS CHOSEN
- MAY 19 – FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

### WHIRL 3-5

- JAN 7 – IN THE BEGINNING
- JAN 14 – GOD CALLS SAMUEL
- JAN 21 – HEALING IN THE SYNAGOGUE
- FEB 4 – HEALING AT SIMON'S HOUSE
- FEB 11 – ELIJAH & ELISHA
- FEB 18 – GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH
- FEB 25, MAR 3, MAR 10 & MAR 17 – BIBLE
- MAR 24 – MARK'S HOLY WEEK
- APRIL 7 – EARLY BELIEVERS SHARE
- APRIL 14 – JESUS APPEARS TO DISCIPLES
- APRIL 21 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## September - November 2023 Newcomers

**Stanton and Andrea Gardenhire:** Stanton and Andrea and their three children, Gibson, Bennett, and Leigh, are a military family and have lived all over the U.S. Stanton is currently based at Cherry Point. Stanton was born in Tyler, Texas, and Andrea was born in Sadler, Texas. Their three boys were born in Yuma, Arizona. After they moved to New Bern last year, they began looking for a “loving” church and, after discovering Christ Church, they decided this was the place to raise their children. The boys are active in Sunday School here at Christ Church.

**Linda Bullock:** Linda was born and grew up in Lockhart, Texas, and has resided in Columbia, Missouri; Houston, Texas; and also in Christchurch, New Zealand. She moved to New Bern to live closer to her son and his family. Her son is a retired military pilot. Linda has a Doctorate in Public Health and has retired from the field, although she is currently mentoring University of Missouri Ph.D. students on line. She is pleased to be here at Christ Church and looks forward to joining activities in the future.

**Elizabeth Storholt:** Elizabeth and her two daughters have joined Christ Church since moving to New Bern. Elizabeth was born in Chapel Hill, NC, and grew up in Greensboro, NC. Her daughters, Natalie and Grace, grew up in Kernersville, NC, while the family resided there. Her husband’s employment brought

the family to New Bern, and Elizabeth is employed as a Physical Therapist by two prisons in Pamlico County. They are happy to be welcomed here at Christ Church.

**John Bean:** John moved to New Bern from Kinston, NC. He was born in Tennessee, grew up in Indiana, and also lived in Charlotte, NC. John was a member of the Lutheran Church in Kinston, and then attended St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Kinston and felt at home there. His son lives in New Bern, so deciding to move here, he has joined Christ Church. John enjoys kayaking, hiking, disc golf, and outside activities. He works from home as an architect.

**Tom and Shirley Smith:** Tom and Shirley moved to New Bern from Spartanburg, South Carolina recently. Tom was born and grew up in South Carolina and Shirley was born and grew up in Virginia. They also lived in Orange Park, Florida before moving to Spartanburg. The couple have both retired and moved to New Bern to live near their daughter and family. Tom is currently employed as a part time publisher, as that was his career before retirement. He also enjoys tennis, pickleball, and golf. Shirley previously taught elementary school, and currently enjoys gardening and reading. Tom has been attending the Rector’s Bible Study classes and as a couple they have been attending Foyers.

## Rev. Mary Frances Curns Receives Peacemaker Award

Former Christ Church Associate Rector, the Rev. Mary Frances Curns, was recently chosen as The Peacemaker Award winner in Northern Berkshire, Massachusetts. According to the *North Berkshire Colatition News*, “The award, which originated as part of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, is made to persons who have contributed substantially to peace in our region. In general, the Peacemaker Award recognizes persons who have a history of working with people and/or neighborhoods and communities to provide for greater tolerance, understanding, and caring.”

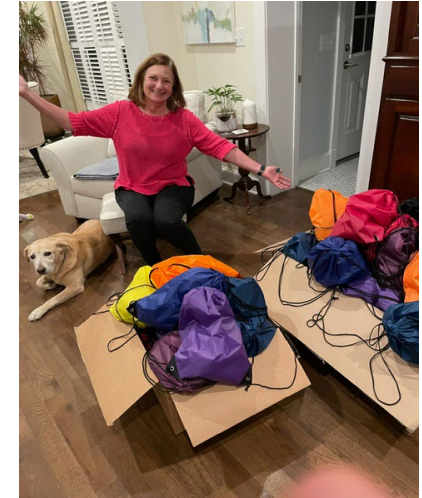
Currently, the Rev. Curns is the priest in charge at All Saints Episcopal Church in North Adams. She and All Saints run a weekly “Tent Ministry,” where they meet “people in the community from whatever walks of life, providing them with comfort, understanding, and attempting to aid them in any way that she and the community can.” According to the newspaper article, “All Saints is an extraordinarily open, welcoming, and warm church community where truly all are welcome, and that is in a large part to a pastor with a very big heart. Rev. Curns will receive her award during this year’s MLK Jr. Day of Service Celebration.



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## Outreach for RCS

The Christ Church parishioner group that prepares RCS breakfast on the fourth Sunday of the Month gathered in December to assemble backpacks filled with personal items for RCS clients. They stuffed 96 backpacks with hats, gloves, scarves, hand sanitizer, hand warmers, and hygiene items. They distributed them with breakfast on Sunday, December 24.



## A Gift from the Teddy Bear Workshop

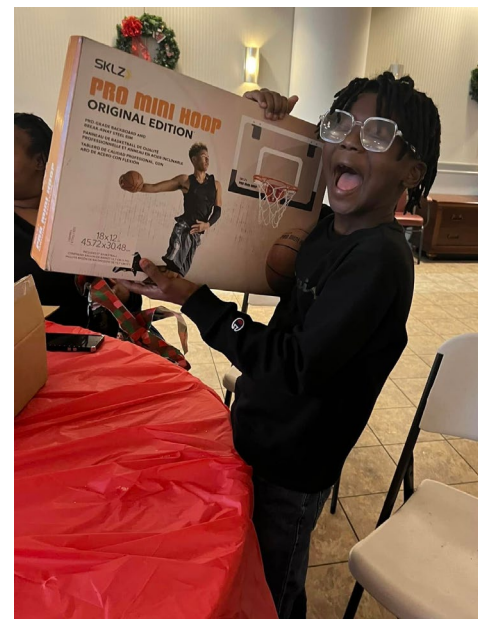
Richard Knazek and George Brake of the Teddy Bear Workshop of New Bern presented a new rocking chair to the Rev. Paul Canady in December. The chair is made from one of the wood pipes from the previous organ, Old Bessie. The chair currently resides in the Rector’s office. Feel free to come see it!



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## GIG Children Families, and Mentors Celebrate Christmas

“Christmas Season is always special for our GIG Family!” says Debbie Fodrie, Director of Growing in Grace. A wonderful time was had by the mentors, children, and their families.



# AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

## More Scenes from Christmas at Christ Church



# THE GOODS

## Faith Connection

The next Faith Connection program will be held at 4 pm, Thursday, January 18, at Broad Street Christian Church (802 Broad Street). The topic will be “Everything You Wanted to Know About Beng a Blood Donor,” presented by Kristin Willis, Account Manager for the American Red Cross. All are welcome, and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

## 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](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com). When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

## One-on-One Prayer

We have added an opportunity for one-on-one prayer near the end of both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. We have two people available in the Chapel during and after Communion pray for any special need or intention one might have. These prayer ministers will maintain the strictest of confidentiality, so whatever your prayer needs are will be between you, them, and God.

If you would like to be one of the prayer ministers, please reach out to the Rev. Paul Canady ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861) for more information.

## Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are a meaningful way to honor a loved one or commemorate a special event in the lives of you and your family. If you would like to donate in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, call the church office or sign up online [here](#). Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$40 per Sunday.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

And let us consider how we may  
spur one another on toward love  
and good deeds.

*Hebrews 10:24*

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. January services can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for February 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 January shifts. Reserve your February shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, but we need hosts to make them happen. To volunteer to host an upcoming coffee hour, click [here](#).
- **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Want to explore a new way to serve at Christ Church in the New Year? If you are interested in reading the scriptures to the congregation during Sunday worship as a Lay Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Linda McAlister, who coordinates these volunteers. She can be reached at 252.634.7984 or [lindamcalister50@gmail.com](mailto:lindamcalister50@gmail.com). Training is offered for this ministry.
- **Interfaith Refugee Ministry** is so grateful for the continuing support of Christ Church for over 30 years. We are happy to report that we are back to receiving more refugees than we have received the past few years. Although we have been able to stockpile many items, we are in need of the basics to furnish a home. This includes gently used bed sheets and blankets (twin, full and queen sized), gently used pots and pans, and new personal hygiene items. These items can be dropped off to 1913 Trent Blvd., New Bern, NC 28560, or purchased online and shipped to our office. We can also use gift cards in any amount. Thank you for helping us welcome the stranger.
- **RCS Seeking Volunteers and Clothing Items:** Religious Community Services is looking for a few extra volunteers for their clothing boutique. Click here to start the volunteer process, then call RCS at 252.633.2767 to set up a volunteer orientation. RCS is in need of the following NEW clothing items for men, women, boys, and girls: socks, underwear, winter hats, and gloves. In addition, they are looking for gently used shoes for men, boys, and girls and coats for all ages and sizes. Clothing can be dropped off at RCS (919 George Street) or delivered to Terry Brubaker ([terrytb49@gmail.com](mailto:terrytb49@gmail.com)).