

# CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Christ Church Ministry Fair

The Christ Church Ministry Fair will be held after the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services October 2nd. Stop by for lemonade, treats, and a chance to see “Love in Action” at Christ Church. Members of our many church programs and activities will be on hand to share information about their missions and to answer questions about what, why and how they do what they do. We also hope you’ll find ways you might help.

Opportunities are available for you to participate in stewardship for God’s gifts by offering your time and talent to Christ Church and its many programs. You can find ways to “pay forward” God’s gifts to you as you share your gifts with others.

*Save the Date*

Sunday, October 2, following each service

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| WORSHIP       |  | Parish Life         |
| evangelism    |  | Christian Formation |
| Pastoral Care |  | recovery ministry   |
| OUTREACH      |  | STEWARDSHIP         |

**Stewardship Ministry Fair**

## PUMPKINS ARRIVE SAT. OCT 1

What are you planning to do the morning of Saturday, October 1? How about helping to unload pumpkins. This is an all hands on deck occasion. Bring wheelbarrows, gloves and energy! Nursery Care will be available.

### SALES PEOPLE NEEDED

The Pumpkin Patch is open for business from 10 am - 6 pm every day in October. Please consider signing up for one (or several) two-hour shifts. An [online sign-up](#) is available, as well as paper sign-up sheets in the Reception Area.

### CALLING ALL STORYTELLERS

As part of the Pumpkin Patch, preschool groups visit for an hour in the morning during the week of October 11 - 14. We are looking for some storytellers, craft leaders and other adults to help on the playground those mornings. An [online sign-up](#) is available. Contact Sarah Risty-Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com) if you have any questions.

## Message of Gratitude

*Words cannot fully express my gratitude and thankfulness for all the love, care, support, and work that went into making my ordination to the priesthood on September 10 such a glorious occasion. All of you, through prayer, time, effort, and care have made coming to Christ Church a gift, and this was particularly evident at the ordination. I will forever remember this day in large part because of all of you. Christ Church is a wonderful congregation, and I am honored to be one of your priests. Thank you.*

*The Rev. Suzanne Hood.*



## Two-Class Intro to Suzanne

Join us at 9:45 am the next two Sundays in the Parish House as we get to know our Associate Rector, Suzanne Hood. Over the two sessions, she will discuss where she’s from, why she went to seminary and some things that she will oversee at Christ Church, as well as her previous career in Colonial Williamsburg.

# Trolley Tour Tickets Available

The second annual All Saints ECW Trolley Tour will be Monday, October 10, featuring the “Magnificent Men of New Bern”!

It’s all about those men who made their mark in not only our history, but that of North Carolina. Join us aboard the trolley and learn more about John Wright Stanley and his family, William Hollister, William Gaston, Isaac Taylor and so many more. Your guide (once again the terrific, Crystal) will certainly re-open the pages to New Bern’s past and present.

Tickets are \$25, payable in advance, which includes drive and guide gratuity. We will leave promptly at 10 am, October 10, from the Christ Church parking lot. The tour is 90 minutes. Tickets are nonrefundable but transferrable. This could be a hot ticket, as we had such a wonderful time last year. Make your plans now! To reserve our seat(s) or for more information, please contact Rodney Hayes at either [rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com) or text/call 203.640.2638.

## The Germans are Coming!

The Germans are coming! The Youth Big Band from Flensburg, Germany, will present a concert at Christ Church at 7 pm, October 20. The band is made up of high school students, and they tour the U.S. every few years. Their last visit to Christ Church was in 2019.

Students and chaperones will need to be housed for two nights, October 19 and 20. Please contact [Cliff Badgley](mailto:Cliff.Badgley) for more information.

## Musical Notes

What is a Voluntary? And why does Cliff play them? A simple definition is a short piece played by the organ (or piano) at various times during the service. In our tradition, voluntaries are played before and after the service, sometimes called preludes and postludes. Music draws us in and helps us to prepare for the service ahead. Afterward, music helps to send us out into the world to “do the work [God has] given us to do.” Although technically not a part of the service, the voluntaries nevertheless play an important part in our worship. Here are some notes on today’s voluntaries:

The 8:30 voluntary is the Prelude in B-flat of Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach was a deeply religious man, and he signed many of his compositions SDG or Soli Deo Gloria, To God Alone be the Glory. The closing voluntary comes from the hymn “Gather Us In” by Marty Haugen. The text describes our welcome into the community of God and how we react and celebrate.

“Jesu, meine Freude” is the tune name for the 11:00 sequence hymn, “Jesus, all my gladness.” Johann Gottfried Walther was a friend and colleague of J.S. Bach. The opening voluntary is his partita, or set of variations, on the tune. The closing voluntary is a chorale prelude on “In Dir is Freude,” or “In Thee is Gladness,” by Bach.

# Join the Christ Church CROP Hunger Walk Team

Join the Christ Church CROP Walk Team. The needs of the hungry in New Bern, our surrounding communities and worldwide are greater than ever. Join Christ Church for the Annual New Bern CROP Hunger Walk on at 3 pm, Sunday, September 25 at Union Point Park. Click [here](#) to join or donate to the Christ Church team.

The CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service and hosted locally by Faith Connection. Invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to this fun, family-friendly event with music and activities for all ages. The money raised goes to RCS and Church World Services. They work to reduce food insecurity around the country and internationally.

## Celebrating Feast Day of Cyprian of Carthage

St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church will celebrate the feast day of Cyprian of Carthage, a Black African Saint, Bishop and Martyr. The worship service will be on Friday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m., at 604 Johnson Street, New Bern. The occasion will be marked by gospel music, and the preacher will be Rev. Dr. Derrick W. McQueen, Pastor of St. James historic Presbyterian Church in Harlem. Members of Christ Church’s choirs will provide a soloist and lead the congregational singing.

This will be the first worship service in St. Cyprian’s since Hurricane Florence shut down the building in September 2018. Christ Church has had a long affiliation with St. Cyprian’s, which traces its roots to as early as 1826. St. Cyprian’s Church extends a warm welcome to members of Christ Church who wish to join in the festivities.

## Sunday Book Study Update

In the first Sunday School class for the book study of Rev. Stephanie Spellers’ “The Church Cracked Open,” the focus was on Mark 14:3-9, the story of the woman with the alabaster jar. Reflecting on this passage, Spellers contends that we are in a special moment where we as the church can choose our path. She says “Decades of disruption and decline -- culminating in the crises of pandemic, economic collapse, and racial reckoning -- might be the shove we need to recenter away from empire and onto God and God’s Dream.”

Please join us this fall on Sundays at 9:45 am for this discussion. The class meets in the 2nd Floor Living Room. Books are available at the reception desk (cost \$16) or available on your e-reader.

# In peace we pray to you, Lord

**For our ill and recovering parishioners: For our ill and recovering parishioners:** Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,\* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon\*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard\*, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, and Myra Lewis.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Linda, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Caliana, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Joseph, Eleanor, Cliff, Julie, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, and Bambi.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Philip Buffa, III, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

*\*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](mailto:BetsyDownard).*

## Publication Deadlines

- The October issue of *The Crown* will be distributed on October 7. The article deadline for the November issue will be October 15.
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- Thursday email: noon on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday

Send all pictures and articles to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at [betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com).



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

**Sunday, September 18**

#### Altar Guild Commissioning

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available in between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))

2 pm: Newcomers' Reception (Church Yard)

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

#### Monday, September 19

10 am: Home Place Eucharist (Offsite)

10:30 am: McCarthy Court Cucharist (Offsite)

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer Group (Pelletier Room)

1 pm: Staff Meeting

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace

6:00 pm: Vestry Meeting (Harrison Center)

#### Tuesday, September 20

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd floor living room)

5 pm: Growing in Grace Parent/Child Meeting

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace

5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal

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

7:15 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

#### Wednesday, September 21

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace

4 pm: Pastoral Care Commission

4 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church

6:15 pm: AA (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

#### Thursday, September 22

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)

#### Friday, September 23

5 pm: Feast Day of Cyprian of Carthage Celebration (Offsite)

#### Sunday, September 25

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available in between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))

12 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

3 pm: CROP Hunger Walk

3 pm: EYC (at CROP Walk)

# TIDBITS

## Prayer is Powerful

The effects of prayer in our daily lives can be profound, especially when we are facing difficulties. If you are scheduled to have surgery or find yourself in the hospital for any reason, please reach out to your church family.

The clergy of Christ Church are happy to come to your home or the hospital to pray with you during a procedure, during a hospital stay, or as you are recovering. It is not an inconvenience -- it is a gift to be able to walk with members of God's family through joys and challenges.

Please reach out to Suzanne, Paul or Lisa to let us know if you would like us to come and pray with you. We can schedule it in advance, but that is not necessary. Below is our contact information:

**Suzanne:** 252.631.5862 / 804.832.4109 /

[suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com)

**Paul:** 252.631.5861 / 252.571.6892 / [Appointment Page](#)

**Lisa:** 252.617.9806

## Flower Donations

Today's flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving Col. Harold Stirling, Jr., USMC, by his son, Hal Stirling. If you would like to give flowers 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](#). When using the website, please include the memorial or thanksgiving details in the field next to the payment field. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

## Wednesdays at Christ Church

Our Wednesday children's programming returned this week. These weekly outings are for Kindergarten through fifth graders. Wednesdays at Christ Church run from 4 - 5:15 pm. Contact [Clifford Badgley](#) or [Meg Jones](#) to sign up.

## Newcomer's Social

Christ Church is hosting a Newcomer's Social this afternoon at 2 pm, in the Church Yard. All recent newcomers to Christ Church have been invited, along with the Staff, Vestry and Commission Chairs. Any newcomers who have joined Christ Church within the past year are also invited to attend, especially those who may not have been able to attend a previous Newcomers' Social. Light refreshments will be served. For questions, information, or to RSVP, please contact Barbara Rice at [b.rice23@outlook.com](mailto:b.rice23@outlook.com).

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to serve in our September Eucharists. To serve in October, click [here](#). For more info about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **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! The signup link for September is [here](#). Click [here](#) to reserve October dates.
- **Invitation to Serve on Altar Guild and Linen Team**  
Serving on the Altar Guild and Linen team provides a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth through humble service. If you would like to serve on either Altar Guild or Linen Team, please contact Karen O'Connell (252.670.1965) or Sims Wayt (252.620.1251).
- **Items needed for L'il Pantry:** We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST! Kits of chicken/tuna salad with crackers are popular.
- **Coffee Hours are back!** Starting today, coffee hours will take place after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish House. If you would like to volunteer to be a host for a future date, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen. If a host chooses to provide goodies, we will have them. They are not necessary, however.
- **Dinner and Snacks** for our Children and Youth Sunday activities are needed. If you would like to volunteer to prepare or order dinner for Sunday EYC meetings and snacks for POD gatherings, please click on the links below. Contact Meg at [megjones@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:megjones@christchurchnewbern.com) for more information.  
[EYC Sign Up](#)  
[POD Sign Up](#)
- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at [hshine08@suddenlink.net](mailto:hshine08@suddenlink.net).

