



CHRIST CHURCH

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Celebrating our graduates!

Today we honor our graduates.

We are all learning and thankful for strong minds. We have tons of kids that have graduated from preschool and kindergarten, take a look down the education wing to see them growing up. We have kids making the leap from elementary school to middle school, and some youth jumping into high school this Fall. We even have one youth continuing in the Early College program for next year.

We have two high school seniors, Noah Landen and Hutch Smith. Noah has been helping with sound during our services for three years. Hutch has been acolyting for 10 years. We are incredibly grateful for their ministries in our church and can't wait to see where the world takes them. Hutch is attending NC State in the Fall. Noah is still finalizing plans but looks forward to a trip to Greece this summer.

We also acknowledge that Alex Norwood has received his Master's degree in Public Administration from UNC Chapel Hill this year. The Rev. Deacon Ashely Simpson received her Master of Divinity this month. We are so proud of the work they've done to help others in the world. ■



Four years of study in the **Education for Ministry** program have concluded for three of our participants. On May 25th, Lydia Ash, Elizabeth Cherry Livingston, and Linda Taylor will receive certification of their hard-earned studies from The University of the South, School of Theology. Graduates of EfM, of which there are many within the Christ Church family, spend four years meeting

weekly for 36 weeks. EfM is a provided and administered by the School of Theology at Sewanee and has been active internationally for well over 40 years. Exploring Old and New Testament scriptures, church history and theology through reading, questioning, discussing, more questioning, learning to think theologically, and having fun doing it (as the picture from our Christmas party here attests) builds strong bonds of trust and community.

Please extend your congratulations to our recent graduates. ■



Linda Taylor, Anne Occor, Elizabeth Livingston, Edna Marie Thomas (co-mentor), Leann Wilson (co-mentor), Lydia Ash and Neil Richards

◀ On May 8, Hutch Smith received the *Ann Bustard Award for Graduating Seniors*. He will graduate from the Epiphany School on June 4th and head off to North Carolina State University in Raleigh for further studies. Hutch has been a dedicated acolyte at Christ Church and a role model for the younger acolytes. He has also been very involved in school activities. Hutch is the son of Laura and Kirby Smith. We send him off to begin a new journey with our love and prayers. ■

We'd like to give a HUGE thank you to our Sunday School teachers this year. We are closer to God because of their ministry.

- Godly Play: Liz Coble, Patricia Holmes, Katie Maret, and Jeannette Swecker
- K-2: Nell Hudson, Betsy Jutras, Page Litfin, and Betsy Tayloe
- 3-5: Ashley Carpenter, Keever Carpenter, Deborah Cook, and Aira Underhill
- Youth: Rob Jutras, Geoff Maret, and Jettie Pelletier
- Lectionary Class: Rick Schulhaus

We'd also like to give thanks for those on the Christian Formation Commission. They helped plan Christian Formation for all ages through the year.

- Children: Betsy Jutras, Katie Maret, and Letha Ricks
- Youth: Ashley Carpenter and Aira Underhill
- Adults: Debi Miller, Rick Schulhaus, and Gloria Simpson
- Vestry: Deborah Cook and Rebecca Leahy



Silence. Soft lighting in the Chapel. Candles. Repetitive chants as voices join and rise in prayer. Readings. Prayer. Peace. This is a Taizé service.

The Taizé community, in southern France, was started by Brother Roger, a Swiss man who helped people fleeing Nazi Germany. The brothers at Taizé are interested in service and ecumenicalism, especially reconciliation between divided peoples.

Join us for a Taizé service on Sunday, May 29, at 5:30pm, in the Chapel. The theme is peace. And plan for intentional silences, community singing, the word, prayers, and peace.

If you have any questions, please contact Music Director [Clifford Badgley](#).



Trinity Ultreya Welcome Home for EC#100

We had a wonderful fellowship at the Welcome Home with nine different churches attending. There was a piety talk by Sandra, a response by Jeremiah, great food, prayer, and lots of music. Thanks to all! — *Mary Lynn Guidage*



All Saints ECW tours gardens, plans picnic

The All Saints Chapter of Episcopal Church Women took a tour of the demonstration gardens at the Craven Extension Center. Long-time EMGV Ethel Hess, co-chair of the gardens, guided the tour. The women were introduced to the rain garden, the recently fenced vegetable garden, the rose garden, the medicinal herb garden, and the culinary herb garden. They walked through the camellia garden, the fairy garden, the shady woodland garden, and the bird and butterfly garden. They were able to observe the bog garden from the bridge, in addition to recent and ongoing improvements. The gardens are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.



The All Saints ECW picnic is set for 11am on Monday, June 13, at the Jaycee Shelter Pavilion in Glenburnie Park (off of Oaks Road). Please bring your own sandwich plus a dessert or small dish to share with others. Questions? Contact [Gay Stuart](#).

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For our ill and recovering parishioners: Barbara Willis, Gary Derck, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freeman*, 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, Vivienne Armstrong, Martha Schell, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, JoAnn Frank, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, Rodney Hayes, CB Evans, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Betty Simon, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Ken Chance, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Sam Curry, Jim Gruenebaum, and Ann.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Jeff, Corinne, Travis, Edward, Irene, Matt, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, Jim, Joanne, Anderson, Vicki, Nelma, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Laurie, Amelia, Dennis, Blake, Brian, Oakley, Bryce, Helen, Carter, Eunice, Mary, Joseph, Mason, Sarah, Nicholas, Janet, Myra, Jimmy, Jim, Denni, Matthew, Chelsea, Niels, Cindy, Trinity, Pam, Jason, C.E. (Max), Christopher, PK, Beverly, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Bryan, Patti, Ruth, Ron, Patty, Jackie, Jani, Barrie, John, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Linda, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Caliana, Julie, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Clifford, Craig, Larry, Joseph, and Eleanor.

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: St. Timothy's, Greenville, and St. John's, Grifton

**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 [Dare Oliver](#).*

Come one, come all!

Pentecost Picnic On the Lawn

Sunday, June 5, following the 10:00 service

Christ Church will be providing fried chicken and beverages and are asking you to bring a side dish or dessert. For planning purposes, we need

to know how many to expect in your group, so please sign up [here](#) and indicate whether you will be bringing a side dish or dessert.

Delle Curry is organizing this event. You can contact her [here](#).



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 22

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
*Honoring EfM graduates
- 9:45 am: Sunday School (last day)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
*Honoring High School seniors
- 12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, May 23

- 11 am: Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer (zoom)

Tuesday, May 24

- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10 am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)
- 6 pm: T-ball v. Jones County 2
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, May 25

- 11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 4:30 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, May 26

- 10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)

Friday, May 27

- 6 pm: T-Ball v. Cove City 1

Sunday, May 29

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
- 5:30 pm: Taize (Chapel)
- 8 pm: EYC (YMCA)

TIDBITS

Sunday School Updates

- **Godly Play:** Last week they talked about the Good Shepherd and the World Communion. Talk to them about communion and others in the world. This week they'll wrap up the year and answer questions.
- **Whirl (K-2):** Last week they learned about the new heaven and new earth. Ask them about new life and new things to come. This week they'll think about the promise of the Holy Spirit.
- **Whirl (3-5):** Last week they talked about the structure of the prayer book. Talk to them about your favorite parts in the prayer book or investigate it together. This week they'll look at a whole church service only using the prayer book.
- **Youth:** Last week they talked about being angry with God. Talk to them about a time you have been angry with God. How long did it last? This week they'll talk about denominations.
- **This is the last lectionary class for the semester.** They will start again in the Fall.
- In the Parish House, Tracey Brenneman, District Administrator of Judicial District 3B, and Kathryn Chandler, Guardian ad Litem Supervisor for Judicial District 3B, will speak about being a Guardian ad Litem in Craven County.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on July 3, so we need all articles submitted by June 15th.
 - 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. If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

Christ Church Cooks

Do you need meals to give to friends/family members who are sick, recovering, or experiencing a family emergency? In an effort to clear out the freezer, please think of anyone who could use these meals. Questions? Contact [Ellen Chance](mailto:Ellen.Chance).

Flower Donations

The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Shirley Pridgen, by her family, and Frederick Grant, by Mark and Barbara West.

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area. You can also 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.

VBS Volunteers/Donations Needed

Vacation Bible School is June 13th-17th. VBS is a great way to serve others, mentor a younger generation, and get to know other people at Christ Church. We have a major need for volunteers. Volunteers are in rising 6th grade through adults of all ages. Volunteers can help lead a station (art, science, snack and games) and groups (broken up by grades). Volunteers can help all week or for just one day.

Can't make it that week? We'll need help with decorations the week before. We'll also have a donation list — click [here](#) to sign up. You can drop the items off at the church. Also, your prayers for safety and more knowledge of God's love will help tremendously. Contact [Meg](#) for more information.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher in May. Click [here](#) to volunteer to serve in our June Eucharists. 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 May is [here](#). The link for June is [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour Refreshments:** We need volunteers to bring in refreshments for our coffee hour. [Sign up here](#) or call the church to sign up for a Sunday.
- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. Because of the increased interest and the easing of Covid restrictions, we would like to restart our Saturday Docent Ministry. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.
- **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.

Be Aware of Scams!

This is the phone number/email address for Paul: 252-571-6892 and paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com. Messages coming from other emails or numbers should be viewed with suspicion.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul. Use [this link](#) or call 252.633.2109. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.