

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Answering the Call to Serve:

Welcome, Suzanne!

After a nationwide search that yielded some wonderful candidates, we are pleased to announce that the Rev. Suzanne Hood has accepted the call to be Associate Rector at Christ Church. Suzanne is currently a senior at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). She was sponsored for ordination by the Diocese of Virginia and was ordained a transitional deacon on March 5th.

Suzanne officially begins her time with us on Monday, June 20th. She will be participating in our Diocesan Convention in early June, so you'll have a chance to meet her on Sunday, June 5th. Her email address is not yet active but will be suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com.

If you would like to learn more about Suzanne, please read the email sent by the Rev. Paul Canady [at this link](#).

We are excited for you to meet Suzanne and welcome her and her husband Jorin to Christ Church! She has included a note to the parish below.

From Suzanne:

I am honored and excited to answer the call to serve as Associate Rector at Christ Church. Jorin and I are looking forward to moving to New Bern and getting to know all of you. We felt warmly welcomed by all we met during our visit and are eager to become part of the community. It is clear that the Holy Spirit is at work at Christ Church, and we look forward to being part of that.



CAMP HOPE SUNDAY

March 27th



Today is Camp Hope Sunday. We are EXCITED to announce our new camping partner, YMCA Camp Harrison. Directors from Camp Harrison will join us today. Please come to the Parish House between the services to find out more and see how you can help.

For more information, please contact a member of our leadership team: Terry Brubaker (252-514-9950), Jim Behl (650-740-3392), or Nell Hudson (252-772-5832). Email: camphope@christchurch-newbern.com



Explore YMCA Camp Harrison:
<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/camps/camp-harrison>

Scan this QR code to learn even more!

3rd-5th Graders Receiving Bibles

Today we are giving Bibles to all our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. They've spent the last three weeks learning about the Bible. They have been excited to learn about people and things in the Bible.

They especially liked looking at all the places on maps. You could talk to them about your favorite things in the Bible. We will continue to give bigger Bibles to our graduating seniors. This will give them a head start.

Prayers for Ukraine



Around 150 people attended the 'Pray for Ukraine' vigil organized by Christ Church at Union Point Park on March 18th. See news stories on [WITN](#) and [WCTI](#).

A cappella group performing

The Silver Lining Singers, New Bern's all-female a cappella group, will perform three concerts at Christ Church. The first performance will begin at 12:15pm on Thursday, April 7, in the Nave. They will also perform at 6pm and again at 7pm during ArtWalk on Friday, April 8.



Silver Lining Singers are (from left to right) Katie Shorter, Michelle Roys, Karen Pierson, Mabel Rosney, Nina Arrington, Jen Miller, and Dare Oliver.

This group of seven singers has been performing together for several years. Their range of ages and experiences has created not only a rich pool of talent but also a diverse interest in music — traditional songs, 1950s classics, current hits...all with a fun a cappella twist.

Please join us for these unique concerts! Free of charge and made possible by the generous support of the Rev. Sharpe fund for music.

For more information about the group, go to www.silverliningsingers.com.

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.

The easiest way to pay is on our website [here](#). If you'd rather write a check, please complete the form below, and make your check for \$30 payable to Christ Church. You can also write a check and either drop the form and check off at church, mail them in to us at P.O. Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563, or place them in the collection plate. Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo space on your check. Please write clearly on this form.

Friday, April 8th, is the last date we can accept and notate memorials in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

If you have any problems, please contact Ellie at 252-631-5863 or ellieroberts@christchurchnewbern.com.

Check one option: In loving memory of OR In thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

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 Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, 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, Margaret Wall, 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, Robin Biondi, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, and Jim Banks.

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, Lucia, 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, Norma Jean, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Linda, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Caliana, Polly, Julie, Phil, Karen, Bob, Cortney, and Ben.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's, Southport

**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](mailto:DareOliver).*

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The *Crown* will be distributed on May 1, so we need all articles submitted by April 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.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 27

Camp Hope Sunday

- 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45am: Sunday School
- 9:45am: Camp Hope Meeting (Parish House)
- 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
- 12:30pm: Cursillo Reunion (Harrison Center)
- 3pm: Mom's Group (Parish House)
- 6pm: EYC

Monday, March 28

- 11am: Staff Meeting
- 11:30am: Contemplative Prayer (zoom)
- 3:30pm: Growing in Grace

Tuesday, March 29

- 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)
- 3:30pm: Growing in Grace
- 6pm: Rehearsal (Nave)
- 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 7pm: Bell Choir rehearsal (Music Room)

Wednesday, March 30

- 11am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
- 12pm: Altar Guild Meeting (PH)
- 3:30pm: Growing in Grace
- 4:30pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church
- 6pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 6:15pm: AA Meeting (HC)
- 7pm: Parish Choir (Nave)

Thursday, March 31

- 10am: Chair Yoga (HC)
- 3:30pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Friday, April 1-Sunday, April 3

New Beginnings (Trinity Center)

Sunday, April 3

- 8:30am: Service for Children and Families w/Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45am: Sunday School
- 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/online)
- 4pm: POD
- 6pm: EYC (Youth Room)

March Vestry Recap

At its March 21st meeting, the Vestry of Christ Church:

- Received reports on the financial condition of the church.
- Accepted the Memorial Fund Policy and voted to move \$30,000 of that fund to the Endowment Fund so that it could be invested.
- Met with the new owners of the Baxter Building to discuss their plans to open a small event venue in that location.
- Signed documents concerning the sale of the Neuse Blvd. property that is scheduled to close in April.
- Discussed the issue of street signage for the Church.
- Approved the parochial report for 2021. The vestry thanked Ellie for her work on this report.
- Were updated on the hiring of the new Associate Rector (the Rev. Deacon Suzanne Hood) and the search for a volunteer coordinator.

We received reports from the various commissions. Highlights include:

- Summer worship schedule will be 8:00 and 10:00 beginning Memorial Day weekend.
- Coffee hour has resumed.
- April 30, 10:00 am, will be the annual Spring yard cleanup. Child care will be provided.
- The Giving Committee announced Outreach gifts of \$21,600. See details in next week's issue of the *Crown*.
- Many events have been held, including Foyers and the Prayer Vigil for Ukraine.
- Volunteers are needed to help with Coffee Hour and funeral receptions.

— Submitted by Howard Furnas

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.

Important Links & Forms

Have you been to the "Quick Links & Forms" page of our new website? It contains links to current events, registrations, and the service information for Sunday. Click [here](#) to see what you can find on that page. Here's a sampling:

- [Sign up for Maundy Thursday / Good Friday Watch](#)
- [Sign up for VBS](#)
- [Employment opportunity at Christ Church](#)

Sending Love to Our Students

The youth will be packing boxes for our college students in a few weeks. We want to make sure we reach college students (undergrad and grad school) from Christ Church. The youth will fill the boxes with treats and letters of love. Send [Meg](#) their address, major and graduation year before April 1st. We'll send them around Easter.

TIDBITS

Sunday School Updates

- **Godly Play** learned about the Mystery of Easter. Talk with them about the mystery. This week they're learning about the parable of the Good Samaritan.
- **Whirl (K-2nd)** made communion bread. Talk to them about why you think Communion is important. This week they'll talk about closing prayers.
- **Whirl (3rd-5th)** made communion bread. Talk to them about why you think Communion is important. This week they'll talk about scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer*.
- **Youth** learned about Mary Magdalene. You can talk about what it means to be a friend. This week they'll learn about Pontious Pilate.
- **Adult classes** are about the Lectionary readings and Episcopal 101.
- **Tuesdays — Holy Lent: An online offering from the Diocese of East Carolina**, 7:30pm. Register [here](#).

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.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher in April. For more info, 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 March is [here](#). The signup link for April is [here](#).

Decorating for Easter

Volunteers needed: We will be meeting to decorate the church for Easter on Saturday, April 16th, at 9:00am. All ages are welcome - many hands make light work. POC is Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com.

Flower Donations

The greenery behind the altar today is given to the glory of God by Karen and David O'Connell.

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.