



CHRIST CHURCH

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## Join us for Holy Week and Easter

## Good Friday Offering



**Join us for Holy Week & Easter**

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13**  
8:30 and 11 am, (Nave, 11 am service also online)

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**  
8:30 am, Morning Prayer (Chapel)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**  
8:30 am, Eucharist (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**  
8:30 am, Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
12 pm, Music Meditation Series (Nave)  
5 pm, Stations of the Cross (Chapel)  
5:30 pm, Adult Formation Class (Library)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17**  
8:30 am, Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
7 pm (Nave / Online)  
*We observe the last night of Jesus' earthly ministry and final meal among his closest friends.*  
8 pm - 12 midnight, Maundy Thursday Watch (Chapel)

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**  
8 am - 12 noon, Good Friday Watch (Chapel)  
12 noon, (Nave / Online)  
5 pm, Children's Stations of the Cross  
7 pm, Music for Passiontide (Nave / Online)

**EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 19**  
7:45 pm, (Nave / Online)  
*One of the great and ancient celebrations in Christian tradition, we prepare for Jesus' resurrection by hearing stories of God's saving hand throughout history.*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**  
8:30 and 11 am, (Nave, 11 am service also online)  
*Make sure to bring a flower to place on the cross that will be on the front porch of the Church.*  
9:45 am, Easter Egg Hunt  
*Join us as we celebrate Jesus' rise from the tomb and victory over death.*

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts, which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. To donate, please put your offering in the box in the Narthex or by the doors to the reception area on Good Friday. To contribute online, visit [www.christchurch-newbern.com/give](http://www.christchurch-newbern.com/give) or [www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering).

## Christ Church 2025 Trust / Outreach Grants

Time is running short for charities to apply for this year's Christ Church Trust / Outreach Grants. The application deadline is April 15. There is an online Grant Application Form at <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2025-Grant-App>. If you know of a local charity that could benefit from this opportunity, please forward the name of the charity, along with contact information, to [grants1@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:grants1@christchurchnewbern.com).

## Easter Decorating

Please join us on **Saturday, April 19, at 10 am** to decorate the church for Easter. All ages are welcome to help. Easter flowers may be taken home on Sunday, April 27, after each service. We will do a final cleanup at 12:15 pm on that day.

ALSO, don't forget to bring a small flower on Easter Sunday morning to place on the cross in front of church.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
TO  
**REV. PAUL CANADY**  
On 10 years serving as Rector at  
Christ Church

# Music at Passiontide



## Serving H4H Volunteers

Friday, April 4th was super rewarding by providing lunch for 21 Marines from Camp Lejeurn, Jacksonville, NC, who were volunteering to help Habitat 4 Humanity build a home here in New Bern. This was part of the Christ Episcopal Church Outreach Commission to support H4H.

Representing Christ Church were, Keith Thompson (retired Marine) and Randy Bogle (retired Navy) and Jim Behl (US Air Force).



# April is UTO Month

What is UTO? We are daily confronted with Acronyms such as TSA, SSA, FBI and most of us know what they stand for. But do you know what UTO stands for? It is UNITED THANK OFFERING.

April is UTO month at Christ Church and again, do you know what that means?

It is a time for us to pause daily to give God thanks for our blessings, large and small. We often say “thank God” but this is a time to put those words in action by setting aside a portion of our blessings to help people across the country and the world.

Started by two Episcopal women in 1889, who envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings, UTO has grown to be an Episcopal Church ministry to the whole world.

Some of us like to physically put coins or bills into a special Mite Box provided by the church and others write a check. Those funds will be collected on April 27th. In the Reception Area, there is a display of Mite Boxes and envelopes for you to take home. There is also a donation box with the display so you can make your contribution whenever you like. Last year Christ Church donated \$2,539.74!

Don't forget to let your children participate by putting aside some of their coins in a Mite Box. It can be an evening discussion at the dinner table to talk about something good that happened during the day which made us thankful.

According to UTO, the collected funds are used to award grants to organizations that are in need. The 2025 campaign is focused on water-related projects, drawing inspiration from Jesus' words “I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” (Matthew 25:35), with the goal of funding initiatives that address water access, quality as well as education issues within communities; needs of unhoused people and related health concerns.

Please plan and prayerfully consider your many blessings and how you can be a party to making lives better in our community and around the world.

*- Jane Broaddus, UTO Chair*

## April ECW Meeting

Please join us and our very own John Gaskill who has the dubious task of telling us about Easter Traditions – like which came first, the bunny or the egg? And other fun facts about Easter and why we celebrate the way we do! We will meet at 10 am, tomorrow, April 14th in the Parish House. Lunch thereafter for all interested at Poppy's Bites and Barrels.

Our final meeting of the chapter will be Monday, May 12th at noon for our annual picnic in Glenburnie Park. We'd love to see you then and have you offer some ideas for events we can look forward to in the future as we become a more 'social,' non-formal group like going out to lunch, seeing afternoon or evening plays, day trips to fun spots and museums.

Also, don't forget our geranium sale at this year's Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, May 3. Plants are \$15 and can also pre-ordered. Contact [rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com) for more information.

# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

**For parishioners  
who have requested  
prayers:** Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Jim Keeter, Evelyn Hunter, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans\*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine\*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Gay Stuart, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark\*, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Jerry Pelletier, and Linda Bullock.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, and Dolores.

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

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's Goldsboro, St. Paul's, Edenton

*\*These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.*

In an effort to keep our prayer lists current and accurate, names of friends and family members will normally remain on the list for six months. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact [Betsy Downard](#).



## HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at [www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar) and in the Sunday morning 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, April 13**

*Palm Sunday*

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12:30 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
- 5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

### **Monday, April 14**

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Adult Lenten Class: Guided by the Spirit (via [Zoom](#))

### **Tuesday, April 15**

- 7 am: AI-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### **Wednesday, April 16**

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 12 pm: Bach Musical Meditations (Nave)
- 5 pm: Stations of the Cross
- 5:30 pm: Adult Formation Class: The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, April 17**

*Maundy Thursday*

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))
- 8 pm: Maundy Thursday Watch (Day 1) (Chapel)

### **Friday, April 18**

*Good Friday*

- 8 am Good Friday Watch (Day 2) (Chapel)
- 12 pm: Good Friday Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))
- 5 pm: Children's Stations of the Cross (Nave)
- 7 pm: Music at Passiontide (Nave / [Online](#))

### **Saturday, April 19**

- 10 am Decorating of the Church with Easter Flowers
- 7:45 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter (Nave / [Online](#))

### **Sunday, April 20**

*Easter Sunday*

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))

**Church Offices Closed on Monday, April 21**

# Spring Arts and Crafts Fair

The Second Annual Christ Church Spring Arts and Crafts Market will be held from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, May 3. This market is open to all artists and craft persons selling their handcrafted work. All mediums are welcome. Vendor spaces will be located in the churchyard, bordering Middle and Pollock Streets. The vendor application and more details can be found on our church website at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>.

Make plans to stop by and check out the wide variety of vendors and their wares. All proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern.

## Easter Egg Hunt



## Faith Connection Meeting

The April Faith Connection Meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, April 17, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church (2404 Hwy. 70, New Bern). Mike Anello, Executive Director of the Haiti Reforestation Project, will be presenting. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer in April services, click [here](#). May services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. April shifts can be reserved [here](#). Click [here](#) for May shifts.
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. Click [here](#) to volunteer to host and/or supply treats.

## New Beginnings 2025

This past weekend we had 12 youth and 2 adults participate in New Beginnings, which took place at the Trinity Center.

There were about 60 of us who were guided through the weekend by our own Lauren Simmons! Lauren was the "Shepherd" of the weekend and did an amazing job being one of the three upfront leaders.

New Beginnings is all about finding ways to strengthen your relationship with God and find ways to pass on God's love after the weekend is over. We are thankful for these weekends and the beautiful space at Trinity Center!

