

CHRIST CHURCH Messenger

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MERCI Clinic Thank You

“THANK YOU” Christ Church members for your generous, outreach contributions to MERCI Clinic in the month of July. We recently delivered 18 reams of copy paper and 17 grocery store gift cards over to them. They were both surprised and elated with the generosity of our parish. *Blessings to all, Jim Behl & Dawn Manning*

Seeking Vestry Candidates

During the 2023 Annual Meeting of Christ Church, the Vestry received feedback about the nomination and election process. One of the key things learned was a desire for more input from the Parish about those being considered for nomination.

As the first step in the annual Vestry nominating process, the four outgoing Vestry members are reaching out to the congregation to obtain names of candidates who are interested in serving on the Vestry for the next three years and are willing to go through the election process in which four new members will be elected by the congregation, by ballot, at the annual church meeting in December. To read the recent letter/email sent to parishioners by the outgoing Vestry members, click [here](#).

If you are interested in being considered by the Nominating Committee or you would like to suggest someone to the committee, please complete the form by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCNBVestry2024>.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

The Diocese of East Carolina Cursillo invites you to join their ministry and experience a Cursillo Weekend. You will grow as a Christian leader, deepen your faith and love of Christ, and find an entire community of Christians you will know by their love! Upcoming Weekends include EC 104 (Nov 7-10, 2024), EC 105 (April 24-27, 2025) and EC 106 (November 6-9, 2025). For more information go to <https://www.cursillodec.org/>.

For the upcoming fall Cursillo Weekend in November, Christ Church will have a van going to the Eucharist Celebration on Sunday, November 10. The van will leave Christ Church parking lot at 1:30 pm. To reserve your spot, email cursillo.rep.marylynn@gmail.com.

Contemplative Prayer

“Praying with Meister Eckhart”

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Mondays, 9/9/24 – 11/25/25

Sign Up: By 9/2 -- email Rev. Barbara Bornemann: pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

After 9/2: -- email Jane Merritt: janemerritt07@gmail.com

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

Please note: No Zoom on 9/9

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

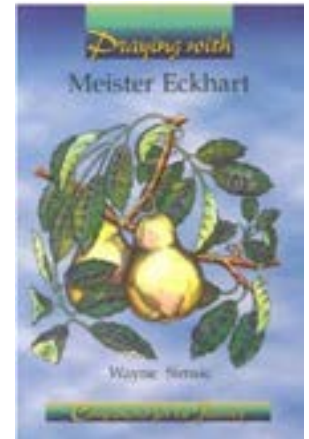
Study Book: “Praying with Meister Eckhart: Companions for the Journey by Wayne Simsic

Purchase Book: Order your own book on Amazon or some other website

This fall, the Contemplative Prayer group will be exploring the writings of Meister Eckhart, one of the greatest Dominican spiritual masters of the fourteenth century.

Eckhart was a mystic, medieval professor, and popular preacher. Thomas Merton, a twentieth century monk, was inspired by Eckhart’s preaching and said, “I like his brevity of sermons, his way of piercing straight to the heart of the inner life, the awakened, the creative and redeeming Word, God born in us.” God born in us -- Eckhart calls this the “spark of the soul” in which “the core of the soul and the core of God are one.” In one of his most famous quotes, Eckhart says, “God expects but one thing of you, and that is that you should come out of yourself in so far as you are a created being made, and let God be God in you.”

During each week of the Contemplative Prayer Group, there will be time for prayer, contemplation, and discussion. As we reflect upon the spirituality of Meister Eckhart, we will search for different ways to “let God be God” within each one of us. Let us trust that in the search itself, we open ourselves to God’s transforming love.



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, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bes-sack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans*, Mike McCulley, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCot-ter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Gretchen Lan-kenau, Theron Royer, Pat Robinson, and Charles Knight.

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, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, 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, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Kristy, Yordan, Elizabeth, Angie, Yumi, Peter, John, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, Jean, Carly, Richard, and Corey.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., Cpt. John Koskinen.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Plymouth; Interfaith Refugee Ministry; Lower Cape Fear Deanery

**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](#).



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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.christchurch-newbern.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, August 11

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

11:15 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel) - Note time change

Tuesday, August 13

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

Wednesday, August 14

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, August 15

4 pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Saturday, August 17

5 pm: Foyers (Offsite)

Sunday, August 18

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

12:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for August services and [here](#) for September services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Click [here](#) to volunteer for August shifts and [here](#) for September shifts at the Reception Desk.
- **Lil Pantry and Lil Library:** As mentioned in this month's issue of *The Crown*, we are always seeking food and drink items for our outdoor Lil Pantry. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, ready-to-eat canned items with pop tops, crackers and breakfast bars. Items can be placed into the pantry or on the shelves of the white bookcase in the Parish House kitchen area. Perhaps you may choose to contribute new or used children's, tween's, and adult books to our outdoor Lil Library located near the playground. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Karen Gabriel at 516-987-0335.