



CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Changes to our Communion Pattern: A Message from the Clergy

In last week's newsletters, we invited you to watch this [video](#) from Paul & Suzanne about how and why our communion patterns will be changing this summer.

As a quick recap, beginning June 2, we will no longer offer wine or grape juice from individual cups. The common cup is the normative practice for the Episcopal Church, reflecting our theology of the Eucharist.

Our new pattern will look like this:

- At the main altar rail, we will offer regular communion bread and the common cup. You may sip from the cup. If you wish to intinct (dip the wafer in the wine), we ask that you hold it so the Eucharistic Minister can take it from you, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you.
- At the lower communion station, we will offer regular communion bread as well as gluten-free bread. We will have one common cup to sip from. We will also have a different chalice just for intinction. Just as we are doing at the main altar rail, the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread and hand it back to you.
- We will also have grape juice in a common cup from which one may also intinct in the same manner.

We do not make this change lightly but with great thought, prayer, and in lengthy conversation with the Vestry and Eucharistic Ministers. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either the [Rector](#) or [Associate Rector](#).

## Pentecost Sunday Picnic

Join us today after the 11 am service for a Pentecost Picnic on the lawn. Church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, and a cake honoring our graduates. Rain will move the picnic to the Harrison Center.



If you are able to set out food, serve and/or clean up, contact Jane Ashford (252.288.2838 or [jane.ashford@neusewoods.com](mailto:jane.ashford@neusewoods.com)).

## MAJOR EVENTS TODAY

At the 11 am service, we will be honoring our Sunday School Teachers and presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles. We will also be honoring our high school seniors, including the recognition of the Ann Bustard Award for Graduating Seniors. The prelude for that service will be led by our ukulele group and the cherub choir.

## UTO - Everyday Thanks

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

Each and every day is a gift from God for which we should give thanks and praise. By setting aside a "mite" to share with those less fortunate and in need, we are doing just that. What we may consider insignificant is meaningful to others. Over the years, as a community here at Christ Church, we have given thousands of dollars in United Thank Offering to brothers and sisters in need. Starting today you will find UTO envelopes in the pews which the Episcopal Church Women will gather on June 2 to forward to share our collective blessings near and far.

## Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Collection

### *How Can Christ Church Help?*

Back to school can be a happy and exciting time for children and families, but it can also be a time of financial stress. For some families, the expense of purchasing school supplies and backpacks is simply not in the budget.

This year, we at Christ Episcopal Church have the opportunity to help children associated with the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. There are tags in the reception area, which have the name of an elementary-age child on one side, and a list of items to purchase on the other. Pick one up, buy a backpack and fill it with the listed items. This small effort will greatly help these children have all the tools necessary to begin a successful new school year.

We ask that you return items on or before June 23rd. Please call or text Suzanne Hood: 804-832-4109 if you have any questions.

# Today is Realm Sunday

Christ Church continues to roll out Realm, a new digital tool for members, that will help us to be a church between Sundays. Join staff and leadership from 9:30 - 11 am today, Sunday, May 19, in the Parish House for assistance in navigating Realm. We'll offer hands-on assistance with getting started with Realm, uploading your photo, and learning parish committee basics.



If you aren't already on Realm, email Jimi at [jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jimipaderick@christchurchnewbern.com) for an email invitation to join. You can then log in and set up your account and password.

Once you have logged in for the first time, you can download the app called "Realm Connect - For Our Church" on your phone. If you have an iPhone, you will download the app from the Apple Store. If you have an Android device you will download the app via Google Play. You can directly access the Apple Store and Google Play via the QR Codes Below.

After you download the app, you can log in on your mobile device using the same email address and password that you created through your web browser. Your app will stay connected to your account with the church. If you need assistance with downloading the app, just bring your mobile device on May 19, and we will assist you with the upload. If you have an Apple device, please also have your Apple ID and password available.

APPLE STORE

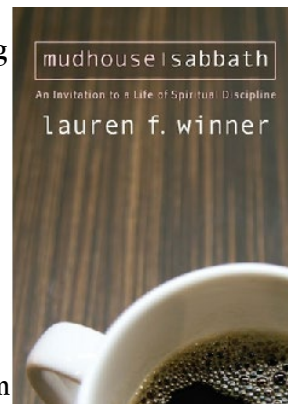


GOOGLE PLAY



# WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

On the Tuesday, May 21st, the Women's Book Study will begin reading *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline* by Lauren Winner. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$15.00).



Winner writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christian America, and Jewish-Christian relations. After her conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, Lauren Winner found that her life was indelibly marked by the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism. Whether discussing attentive eating, marking the days while grieving, the community that supports a marriage, candle-lighting, or the differences between the Jewish Sabbath and a Sunday spent at the Mudhouse, her favorite coffee shop, Winner writes with honesty and insight.

Join us Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we set out to discover how we might incorporate some of these practices into our lives, and how they might transform our view of the world and God. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

## Contemplative Prayer - *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*

**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Mondays through June 3

**Leader:** Rev. Barbara Bornemann; sign up by email – [pastor.bornemann@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bornemann@gmail.com)

**Meets In Person & On Zoom:** In person: Pelletier Room (Upstairs at Christ Church)

**Study Book:** *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by Cynthia Bourgeault

When we encounter struggles and challenges in our daily life, we yearn for the good news of hope to pull us through our difficulties. As we journey through the wellsprings of hope, we're invited to grow in our understanding of how we perceive this gift in our lives. Do we see hope through the lens of desired results, or do we see it through the lens of trust? Author Cynthia Bourgeault says, "In our usual way of looking at things, hope is tied to outcome: 'I hope I get this job' or 'I hope my mother gets well.' The Bible introduces us to a different kind of hope that has its source not in events but in the mercy of God, a lifeblood of compassion connecting our heart to God's heart and the heart of all creation." You are invited to come and participate in the weekly Contemplative Prayer group, which explores and studies the book, *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God*. During each session, we will support one another in our pilgrimage of prayer and our search for a deeper understanding of God's gift of hope. Let us trust that in the search itself, as 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, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans\*, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, 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, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, and Betsy Phillips.

**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, Adam, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, and Frankie.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., 1st Lt. Jake Ballard, Cpt. John Koskinen.

## For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Timothy's Greenville; 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 [Betsy Downard](mailto:Betsy.Downard).*

## Publication Deadlines

Send items to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com).

### Article deadlines:

- The Crown - the 15th of the month prior to publication
- Printed *Messenger* and Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wednesday
- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thursday



## 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.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, May 19**

*Children, Youth, Graduates Recognition*

*Sunday School Teacher Recognition*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Realm Sunday*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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

12 pm: Pentecost Picnic (Church Grounds)

### **Monday, May 20**

5:30 pm: Lector / Eucharistic Minister Quarterly Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 21**

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

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

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

### **Wednesday, May 22**

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, May 23**

*Staff Work Day -- Church Offices Closed*

### **Sunday, May 26**

*Summer Schedule Begins*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

*Please note the Church offices will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.*

## Vacation Bible School: June 10 - 14

This year VBS will venture to Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! VBS will take place June 10 - 14 and is for children entering Kindergarten through rising 5th graders. To register as a participant or volunteer, click [here](#).



# THE GOODS

## Cursillo Update

Members of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee gathered in Florida to discern possibilities and priorities for the year. Pictured front row L - R: Jenelle Marsh (Georgia), Karen Weeks (Florida), Rose Wilson (SC), back row: Bernie Pecaro+ (Florida), Bob Vaughn (Kentucky), Kevin Mallon, Carol Gibbs (Virginia), Mary Lynn Guidage (NC), and Sam Amireh (Florida).



## Sunday Altar Flowers

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 at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to [communications@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:communications@christchurchnewbern.com). The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

## Civitan Club “No Child Wet Behind” Diaper Drive

Tryon Civitan Club will be collecting disposable diapers during the month of May to benefit Coastal Women’s Shelter, Craven Smart Start, Eastern Pregnancy Information Clinic, HOPE Family Resource Center, and Religious Community Services. Partially used boxes will be accepted. A collection box is located in the Reception Area.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for May services and [here](#) for June services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at [sarahristyDavis@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:sarahristyDavis@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **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! May shifts can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for June shifts.
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Lemonade on the Lawn will debut next Sunday, May 26. Click [here](#) to volunteer to host a future date this summer.
- **RCS Wish List:** Click [here](#) for an Amazon Food Item Wish List for RCS. This is an easy way to help, with no need to lift items or deliver to the warehouse.

## MUSIC NOTES

**PREPARING THE WAY FOR OPUS 85:** As announced last month, our new organ is set to arrive to Christ Church on Monday, June 3rd. What some people may not know is that our organ has a name - “Opus 85.” Organ builders give each new instrument they build an opus number, in the order in which they are built. Opus 85 is therefore the 85th instrument built by Taylor & Boody, and its new home is to be Christ Church. There is much to be prepared and many welcoming activities and events ahead of us, but the first important day is the day Opus 85 arrives: June 3rd. Please do stop by church that day to be a part of welcoming the builders and Opus 85 to Christ Church! More details on an exact time frame will be publicized as we get closer to that date. - Jacqueline

**MUSIC TALK SERIES:** This summer, our Director of Music will be presenting a series of talks exploring new topics, philosophies and ideas about music, particularly in sacred settings. These will take place on select Sunday mornings in the Parish House from 9:15-9:45 am and will include time for Q&A. Further details forthcoming, but mark your calendars for the first talk on the day before Opus 85’s arrival, Sunday, June 2nd: “The Pipe Organ: how it’s built and why it matters.”

## Cards for Camp Hope

Thank you to all those who stopped by the Parish House and wrote cards for our Camp Hope campers. The collection box remains in the Elevator Lobby if you’d still like to participate. The deadline is Sunday, June 2.