

CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Organ Update and Arrival

On May 18 Jean Reichenbach and I attended the Opus 85 Open House at Taylor and Boody Organ Builders in Staunton, VA. Opus 85 is our organ. You can see from the pictures on our [website](#) that the organ is beautiful. Jean and I had a chance to hear it played and the sound is magnificent. Click [here](#) to watch a short video. By the way, the white components at the top of the pipe towers are wood carvings which will ultimately be stained to match the organ.

### June 3rd Is A Big Day

Taylor and Boody will disassemble the organ and deliver it to us on June 3rd. We will need help to unload the components on June 3rd and carry them into the Nave. At the end of delivery day at 5 PM, we will have a celebration where we can meet the Taylor and Boody personnel who will be here for several weeks and celebrate this important milestone. We believe that around 1:30 would be a good time for volunteers to arrive but will firm that up between now and then.

We are nearing the end of more than four years of fundraising, enhancing the Nave and waiting for the organ. We are almost there. Thank you for your generosity and your patience.

Look for more organ pictures, as well as an article from Jackie addressing the installation schedule and when the organ will be ready to play, in the June issue of *The Crown*.

-- Bob Emory, *Sacred Sound and Space Campaign Chairman*



## Summer Schedule Reminder

A reminder that we start our summer schedule, TODAY, May 26, with service times at 8 and 10 am. Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10 am service. Office hours are 9 am - 3 pm, Mondays - Thursdays and 9 am - 12 noon on Fridays.



## Hero Hotline - VBS 2024: June 10 - 14

Join us at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, where everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play! Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call to explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world. Every day at VBS we will sing songs, tell stories, make crafts, do science projects, and have tasty snacks that all point to the way God's light shines in our world! VBS is for children entering Kindergarten through rising 5th Graders. Please enroll your child in the grade that they will be entering in the 2024/2025 school year. To register a VBS participant or to volunteer, click [here](#).



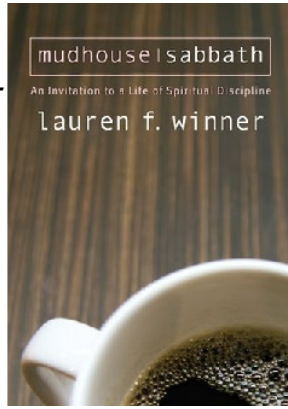
## WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

This past Tuesday, the Women's Book Study began reading *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline* by Lauren Winner.

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.



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

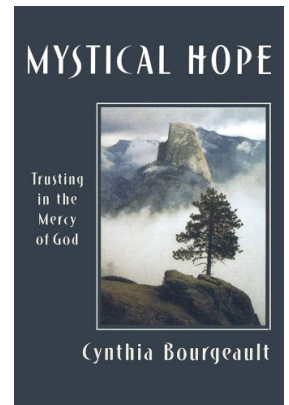
**When:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Mondays through June 3

**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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.**

*John 15:12*

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

In past few 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](#).

# 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 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, Frankie, Marty, Jason, and Brooke.

**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:** Trinity Center

*\*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 26**

*Summer Schedule Begins*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

### **Monday, May 27**

*Memorial Day - Church Offices Closed*

### **Tuesday, May 28**

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 29**

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Sunday, June 2**

*Birthday and Anniversary Sunday*

*T-Ball Sunday*

*UTO Collection*

8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

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

## UTO InGathering June 2, 2024

The Episcopal Church Women will conclude their United Thank Offering campaign on June 2nd. This is a church wide commitment to share our daily blessings with those around the world who are less fortunate.

The parishioners of Christ Church have opened their hearts over the years to make a difference and help those in need.

United Thank Offering started with the dream of Julia Chester Emery in 1889 as a personal expression of gratitude and to fund missions and ministry seeking to share the love of Jesus. By joining this vision we can all help make that dream a reality.

-- Jane Broaddus, UTO Chair



# THE GOODS

## MUSIC NOTES

**SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR:** What is a pop-up choir at Christ Church? Our summer pop-up choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing and would like the opportunity to be a part of an easy and fun choral group in church on Sunday mornings! You do not need to have any prior singing or music experience to join this group and there is no commitment to attend every pop-up Sunday. Pop-up choir will rehearse on select Sundays at 9:15 am in the nave; we'll learn and practice a few songs and hymns, pick the ones we like best, and then sing them in church during communion at the 10:00 am service. Pop-up choir dates are: 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/18. (5 total)

**MUSIC TALK SERIES:** Explore new topics, philosophies and ideas about music. This summer, our Director of Music will present a series of short talks on select Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 am in the Parish House or the Chapel. The talks are approximately 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Each presentation integrates new research and ideas that are currently shaping the way we think about music into different topics such as: time perception and music, concepts of musical ownership, sacred expression through music, meaning in music and hymnody; as well as historical topics such as: the history of public performance, the Bach Passions, and a history of the pipe organ. See the [Christ Church website under Music > Music Talks](#) for a full list and description of topics and the dates they will be presented. The first talk is Sunday, June 2nd, the day before the organ builders arrive, and is titled, *The Pipe Organ: how it's built and why it matters*.



**SUMMER 2024**

**Music Talks**

EXPLORE NEW TOPICS, PHILOSOPHIES AND IDEAS ABOUT MUSIC

9:15 - 9:45 am Sundays  
June 2, 16, 30  
July 14, 28  
August 25  
Christ Episcopal Church

For more information, please visit:  
[christchurchnewbern.com](http://christchurchnewbern.com)

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [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 debuts this Sunday. 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.

## Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Collection

Thank you to all who signed up to donate a backpack filled with school supplies to children associated with the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. Thanks to your generosity, all donation tags have been spoken for. 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. A collection area is located in Reception. Please call or text Suzanne Hood: 804-832-4109 if you have any questions.

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

Tryon Civitan Club is 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 are accepted. A collection box is located in the Reception Area.

## 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.