

The Messenger

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Upcoming Music Events

For additional events and details, please visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/music>

- The Diocese of East Carolina's **Schola Cantorum** is singing Evensong at Christ Church tonight, Sunday, February 9th at 5:00 pm. Evensong is a beautiful evening service in the Anglican tradition. They will be accompanied by the new Taylor & Boody Opus 85 organ in the nave.
- Our new **Organ Recital Series** showcasing Opus 85 kicks off on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th at 7:00 pm. The performing artist for this first recital will be our Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi.
- Christ Church is hosting one of the **Carolina Chamber Music Festival concerts** on Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 pm. Chamber music for strings, harp, organ and harpsichord will be performed in the nave. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: [Carolina Chamber Music Festival](#).
- **Women Composers' Sunday**, March 9: Both worship services will feature music written by women in honor of International Women's Day (Saturday, March 8th) and Women Composers' Sunday, as established by the American Guild of Organists.

DOK Quiet Day at Christ Church

Sat. March 15 -- 'Not Counting Women and Children'

We will delve into two stories from Holy Scripture that are neglected, yet tell us much about our God, and our relationship with God, as well as tell much about how women figure in the story of salvation, then and now. We will draw on Megan McKenna's book of the same name. The Rev. Margaret Pollock will lead as we explore -- through reading aloud, meditation and self-reflection, and sharing in small groups -- an expanded understanding of women in the Exodus story, and in Matthew's recounting of the feeding of the five thousand. Meaning-making in our own times will be the hope, as these narratives shine a light through the ages.

The day will end with a celebration of Holy Eucharist. Join us Saturday, March 15, from 9 am - 3 pm. Lunch is included. For information call 240-432-3900 or 252-571-1708. To register contact: Nancy Przybylko at nancy4cpa@gmail.com. Last day to register is Wednesday March 12, 2025.

ECW News

February Meeting - 10 am, 2/10/25 in the Parish House

Welcome back, and Happy 2025! Tomorrow, we will be joined by our own Steve Skiffington who is co-chair of the Mid-Atlantic Braver Angels of North Carolina.

Braver Angels is a civic organization that develops education tools to build bridges between people divided over politics. They partner with religious groups who use their tools in the context of their own religious traditions. For people of faith, civil discourse often begins in recognizing the image of God and/or the inherent dignity of one's conversation partner. As a result, the approach should involve mutual respect. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for a healthy discussion.

A short business meeting will follow and all those interested may join us for "dutch" lunch at Bites and Barrels.

Monthly InGathering: Camp Hope

This year, Christ Church is sponsoring 29 children for our Camp Hope ministry. Through your generosity we are able to pay for children to attend camp who might not otherwise have the opportunity. We are excited that our campers will return to Camp Trinity, the church camp for our diocese.

Your monetary donations to cover camp tuition are always appreciated. In February, our Ingathering will support Camp Hope by collecting camp supplies. The folks at Camp Trinity have suggested that the items most needed are:

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Swim Goggles
- Bathing Suits - child sizes 8-12 (some larger sizes are appreciated)

Please bring items to the ingathering container in the Reception Area. If you are having trouble finding an item, like a bathing suit or swim goggles, do not worry. You can give us a rain check and bring your item to church later in the spring. Also, we hope you will join us in the Parish House during Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 23, to learn more about 2025 Camp Hope at Camp Trinity.

January Meeting Vestry Recap

- The Vestry adopted the 2025 budget.
- Vestry liaisons to Commissions have been finalized.
- Building and Grounds Commission has organized into various committees which will each be responsible for specific areas inside and outside the church, such as the outdoor chapel, planting flowers, and church decoration for Easter and Christmas.
- Christian Formation needs Sunday School teachers for grades K-2 and 3-5 classes.
- Upcoming Event: Schola Cantorum will present a Choral Evensong at 5 pm, February 9.

- Respectfully submitted, Susan Husson

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Finance Office Announcements

- **New 2025 Weekly Pledge Envelopes** with better printing have arrived and are in the Reception Area for pick up.
- **2024 Year-End Giving Statements** have been mailed to households
- **American Express Network fees** charged to Christ Church by our credit card processor increased as of February 1, 2025. This increase applies only to American Express Card network transactions. In order to hold down the church's operational costs, we request that you use other credit cards for any online transactions if possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Contemplative Prayer Group

Praying with Julian of Norwich

When: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Mondays, 2/10/25 – 5/26/25

Sign Up: Email pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

Meets In Person & On Zoom: In person: Pelletier Room, upstairs at Christ Church

Study Book: *Praying with Julian of Norwich: Companions for the Journey* by Gloria Durka

Purchase Book: Used Books Available Online

Starting February 10th, the Contemplative Prayer Group will be exploring the writings of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic and prophet who lived from 1342 to 1416, during the time of the dreadful bubonic plague. She “sheltered in place” as an anchoress at St. Julian’s Church in Norwich, England. Spending much of her time in contemplative prayer and journaling, Julian wrote down several of her revelations. She is mostly known to us through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love* which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life and was the first book in English by a woman.

Inspired by Julian’s writings, Thomas Merton, a 20th century Trappist monk, called her a “true theologian” and “one of the most wonderful of all Christian voices.” Merton was impressed by Julian’s authenticity, originality, and faithful prayer life. In the midst of a world struggling with fear and uncertainty, Julian encourages us to never lose trust in our gracious God. This central message of trust is conveyed through her most famous quote, “All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” Come and join the Contemplative Prayer Group. As we explore the unique insights and wisdom of Julian’s prayer life, we will have an opportunity to grow and be blessed in our own prayer life.

Call for Eucharistic Visitors

The Pastoral Care Commission for Christ Church has trained parishioners who unselfishly take communion to their fellow parish members who are home bound or unable to attend church services. These Eucharistic Visitors bring the Eucharist to church members in the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes. You see them at the end of our Sunday services; parishioners come up to the altar and receive a box with the consecrated Eucharist. They take that Eucharist to fellow parishioners who cannot join us at church.

We are continually in need of additional volunteers to be trained as Eucharistic Visitors. We also need receivers, those who receive this Sacrament at home or elsewhere. If you feel you could volunteer to help in this ministry, please contact Suzanne Hood, (suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com) and she can answer any of your questions. Also, if you know of anyone who is in need of or could use this loving service, including yourself, please contact Suzanne.

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, Margaret Phaup, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Gay Stuart, and Helen Shine.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Carly, Richard, Corey, Jane, Seb, Gloria, Greg, Cheri, Katie, James, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, and Karen.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's, Holly Ridge; Holy Cross, Wilmington

*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](#).



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

'Neighbors Helping Neighbors Living with Dementia' Workshop and Lunch

Save the date for a Neighbors Helping Neighbors Living with Dementia workshop and lunch on April 7. The event will take place from 9 am - 1 pm at Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall (2311 Elizabeth Ave).

Sponsored by New Bern Community Respite Care (with support from Centenary UMC and Trinity UMC), the speaker will be Daphne Johnston, co-founder of Respite for All. She will present practical ways to help our living with dementia live life to the fullest.

Following the workshop, there will be lunch and information about New Bern's new respite program for people living with dementia that is launching in May of this year. For more information, visit respiteforall.org or contact Lindsay Roberts at 919.428.0618.

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 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, February 9

- 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 II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 5 pm: Schola Evensong (Nave)

Monday, February 10

- 1 pm: Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Friday, February 14

- 7 pm: Valentine's Day Organ Concert

Saturday, February 15

- 7 pm: Carolina Chamber Music Festival Concert (Nave)

Sunday, February 16

- 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 II (Nave / [Online](#))

Dinner on Five Continents

Interfaith Refugee Ministry cordially invites you to our annual DINNER ON FIVE CONTINENTS featuring live global entertainment, small-plate international dishes from five continents and a silent auction.

- Saturday, March 15, 2025
- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Dinner starts at 6pm
- Christ Church Harrison Center
- 311 Middle Street, New Bern
- \$65 per person
- Reservations are available on our website (<https://helpingrefugees.org/>) or by calling the office at 252-633-9009.

THE GOODS

Parking Lot Painting

On Friday, February 14, the Church Parking Lot will be unavailable from 9 am - 5 pm, as contractors will be correcting the painted numbers and adding new signage. Should we have inclement weather, the rain date will be Friday, February 21.

Once the parking lot is completed, church members will be allowed to parking in space marked as "Reserved." Should the parking space indicate otherwise, you should not park there. If you need a parking sticker for your vehicle, please stop by Jimi's office during business hours and pick one up. Please contact Jimi at (252.631.5863 or jimi.paderick@christchurchnewbern.com) with any questions

Foyers Valentines' Gathering

- 5 - 7 pm, Saturday, February 15
- Hosted by Steve Skiffington and John Galaznik at 209 Nyon Court in Taberna
- Bring your beverage of choice, glassware and an appetizer to share.
- Please RSVP to Liz Praul at eparlett4@gmail.com.

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 on the grounds of Christ Church bordering Middle and Pollock Streets in Downtown New Bern.

The vendor application and more details can be found on our church website at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>. All proceeds will support the ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern.



Support RCS with PB&J

RCS is sponsoring a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive in February. Donations can be dropped off at 503 Guion Street or ordered directly from the RCS Amazon Food Wishlist page at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EOKNXFMGEO-9A?ref=wl_fw_le. Please -- no glass jars, as they have to be re-packaged.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our February services click [here](#). Click [here](#) for March services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for February shifts and [here](#) for March shifts.
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **Coffee Hour:** We appreciate our Coffee Hour hosts and are always seeking volunteers to host our weekly 9:45 am Coffee Hour. For more information and to volunteer to host or provide snacks, click [here](#). Many thanks to this week's host, Holly Lippitt.

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
 - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
 - Thursday email and printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Please send all pictures, articles and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Seniors Who Lunch

Please join us for a light luncheon and dessert in Christ Church Harrison Center, on Thursday, February 20th, 2025 at 11:30 am. If you are able and would like to help with food preparation, serving and/or cleanup please sign up on the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and/or contact Jane Ashford (jane.ashford@neusewoods.com) or Tony Embrey (tembrey1103@gmail.com).

Reservation required by noon, Sunday, February 16th, 2025. Reserve your spot via [Sign-Up Genius](#) or on the sign up sheet at the reception desk. All are Welcome!

- Date: Thursday, 02/20/2025
- Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm EST
- Location: Christ Church Harrison Center

February Faith Connection

The February Faith Connection Meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, February 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 308 Meadows Street, New Bern. The speaker will be Bonita Simmons, Director of Tried by Fire, My Sister's House.