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SPRING CLEAN

Thank you to all who came out last Saturday, April 27, and helped to spruce up the church grounds. Your hard work is appreciated!



ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
 Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady, III
Associate Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

Director of Church Life: Jimi Paderick
Director of Music: Jacqueline Nappi
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
Sunday School Coordinator: Liz Coble
EYC Coordinator: Sydney Kitchen
Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Alex Linton

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 9am - 3pm
 Fridays: 9 am - 12pm
 Click [here](#) to download the "Who to Call" directory. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Paul. Click [here](#) to schedule a meeting time with Suzanne.

Please indicate if you're requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Make an online payment [here](#).
- Mail checks to PO Box 1246 New Bern NC 28563
- Text "FUNDS" to 833.233.8760
- Contact [Cindy Tripp](#) regarding automatic withdrawals.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term through 2024:
 Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
Term through 2025:
 Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*), Holly Lippitt
Term through 2026:
 Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

FIND US ONLINE

If you're viewing this newsletter online, click the links below to see our social media sites. You can also find the links on our website:
www.christchurchnewbern.com
[Main Facebook Page for Christ Church](#)
[Christ Church Children and Youth Facebook Page](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Youtube](#)

NOTE: We will be switching to our summer schedule on Sunday, May 26.

The Crown is regularly distributed on the first Sunday of the month. In order to ensure our deadlines, our office needs all articles and photos by the 15th of the previous month. All copy and photos needing to run in the June 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurchnewbern.com by May 15. Please make sure to plan ahead for your events so we don't miss the printing deadline! If you have any questions, please contact our communications coordinator, Betsy Downard, at betsydownard@christchurchnewbern.com.

- Deadlines to get articles, prayer requests/calendar submissions into *The Messenger (weekly)*: Wednesday by noon
- Deadline for submitting weekly information and pictures running in the Midweek Messenger Email: Wednesday by noon

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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, and Rosie Wood.

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, and Jeff.

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. Paul's, Greenville; Pamlico 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](#).

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Did you notice that all of the church's regularly scheduled events are not listed on our calendar? We have updated the way the calendar appears in our publications. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at christchurchnewbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning *Messenger* 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 5	MONDAY MAY 6	TUESDAY MAY 7	WEDNESDAY MAY 8	THURSDAY MAY 9	FRIDAY MAY 10	SATURDAY MAY 11	SUNDAY MAY 12
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY GIG VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for All Ages 9:45am: Camp Hope Card Party (Parish House) 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)	2pm: Organ Installation Meeting (Pelletier Room)	7am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 3pm: Graveside Funeral Service for Joan Fitch 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)	6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)	12pm: Feast of the Ascension Eucharist (Chapel) 3:30pm: Discernment Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)		10am: Sons of the American Revolution (Parish House) 2 pm: Funeral Service for Jim Banks (Nave)	8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9:45am: Sunday School for All 11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)

GROWING IN GRACE

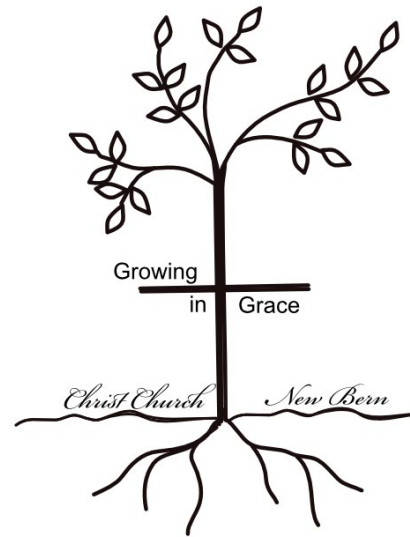
Volunteer Appreciation

We are so excited to be celebrating our Growing in Grace (GIG) volunteers for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Our program would not work without them. Their excellence drives our success.

GIG is Christ Church's afterschool program that serves children from Brinson Memorial Elementary School and pairs them one-on-one with mentors throughout the school year. We get recommendations from teachers for children who need a little extra support with school work. It also offers the children an opportunity to have other adults in their lives who care about their well-being and success.

We meet Monday - Thursday from 3:15 - 4:45 pm and follow the Craven County School System calendar. We enjoy field trips on teacher work days and have many celebrations throughout the school year.

We are looking forward to having 10 children in our program again next year. We are always happy to have more volunteers. If you are interested in joining our amazing family of mentors, please contact Growing in Grace Director, Debbie Fodrie at debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.675.8358.



2023 – 2024 GIG Volunteers

Thank you

MENTORS AND VAN RIDERS

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Kelly Ballentine | Sally Johnson |
| Jim Behl | Ann Little |
| Anne Bell | Dawn Manning |
| Cooper Brubaker | Jane Merritt |
| Terry Brubaker | Kahni Miller |
| Wendy Congemi | Rick Miller |
| Mary Davidson | Anne Ocorr |
| Karen Gabriel | Janet Peregoy |
| Christine Gazelas | Butch Ricks |
| Cindy Gleisberg | Mary Ringwalt |
| Harry Gormley | Julia Sherman |
| Ginger Gunsten | Lottie Sides |
| Barbara Haan | Gloria Simpson |
| Linda Hitchcock | Campbell Taylor |
| Jack Huddle | Jim Vecchio |
| Kim Huddle | Maria Vecchio |

SUBSTITUTES

- Karen Genua
- Tully Hoffman
- Carole Creeden

VAN DRIVERS

- Rick Miller
- John Galasnik

GIG Beach Day

Our GIG children recently enjoyed a beach day at the Trinity Center. Thank you to all helped to make it happen.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Contemplative Prayer

Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God

When: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on five Mondays, May 6 - June 3

Sign Up: By email – pastor.bornemann@gmail.com

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

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

Study Book: *Mystical Hope: Trusting in the Mercy of God* by Cynthia Bourgeault (This small 99 page book can be ordered new or used online.)

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? Cynthia Bourgeault, author of *Mystical Hope*, 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 will explore and study 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, we open ourselves to God's transforming love.

VESTRY MEETING RECAP

The vestry of Christ Church met on 15 April 2024 in the Parish House.

- Paul opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Holly Lippett gave the opening prayer/devotional from the *Prayer Book of Early Christians*.
- John Haroldson, Treasurer, reported Christ Church financial status is positive and looking good.
- Guest Speaker Mary Lynn Guidage provided a brief on the Cursillo Ministry.
- Jacqueline Nappi, Director of Music, provided an update on the new organ delivery. The organ is scheduled for delivery and installation in early June 2024.
- Minutes of the March Vestry Meeting were approved as written.
- Susan Moffitt Thomas and Graham Underhill presented Chapter 4 of the *The Vestry Resource Guide*.
- Graham Underhill provided a brief on Christ Church safety/security concerns.

Commission Reports.

- Building and Grounds: Christ Church Spring Cleanup is scheduled 10 AM - 1PM on Saturday 27 April 2024.
- Parish Life: The Spring Arts and Crafts Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9 AM - 4 PM.

Next Meeting, Monday, 20 May 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

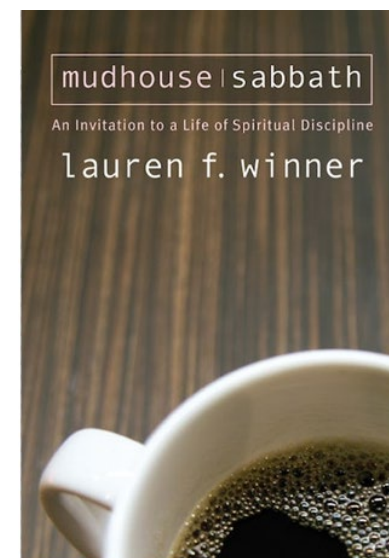
Respectfully submitted by Wayne Rowe.

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.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

UTO - It's Time to Get Personal

No one else knows what makes us say or think "Thank God." How many times a day do we express that? Little things; finding a parking space downtown or big things; recovery from illness of a love one will evoke a feeling of gratitude. We are not always aware of the many blessings in our lives and often take them for granted.

On Sundays, May 19 and 26, you will find UTO envelopes and "mite boxes" in the pews. Please take one home with you as a reminder of the blessings you enjoy each day. On June 2, Episcopal Church Women will collect your personal offering of gratitude to be shared with those less fortunate. -- Jane Broaddus, UTO Chair

Rothermel Foundation Lecture

The Rothermel Foundation presents "Jesus was a poor man: Encountering Jesus in History and Culture," by Tina Pippin today, Sunday, May 5, at 2 pm. The presentation is open to the public and will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 400 New Street. Admission is free.

The Rothermel Foundation brings to New Bern, typically twice each year in the Spring and Fall, speakers of eminent reputation or accomplishment, or both, to speak on issues of interest or concern to people of faith, including science, ethics, religion, the arts, and cultural issues. Click [here](#) for more information.

VBS: Hero Hotline Headquarters

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 fifth graders. To register as a participant or volunteer, click [here](#).



Easter Sermon Series

During the Easter Season our sermons are focusing on different aspects of worship and why we do what we do. We hope you'll join us! Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am (including [here](#) on our YouTube Channel at 11:00).

This Sunday, Paul and Jacqueline will jointly present the sermon, "Pray Twice: Music in Worship."

Acknowledge, Hear, Offer, Celebrate:

What happens in worship

An Easter Sermon Series

April 14 – Hearing & Responding: The Liturgy of the Word
 April 21 – Proclaim & Call: The Deacon's role in worship
 April 28 – Take, Eat: The Liturgy of the Table
 May 5- Pray Twice: Music in Worship
 May 12 – Rubrics: The How-to of the Prayer Book

Join us as we look deeper at worship in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition.

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00am

Christ Church 320 Pollock Street New Bern, NC

Camp Hope Card Party

Today, May 5, we are having a Camp Hope Card Party between the services (9:45-10:45 am) in the Parish House. Please join us in writing cards to our Camp Hope campers. The campers will receive these cards at camp during their rest period. Because the camp session is short, Camp Trinity encourages families to drop off mail at camp during check-in. We hope to drop off lots of mail for our Camp Hope and GIG campers. We will have different cards for you to select from on Sunday. But you are welcome to bring your own. Hope you will join us for this time of service and fellowship. Snacks will be available.

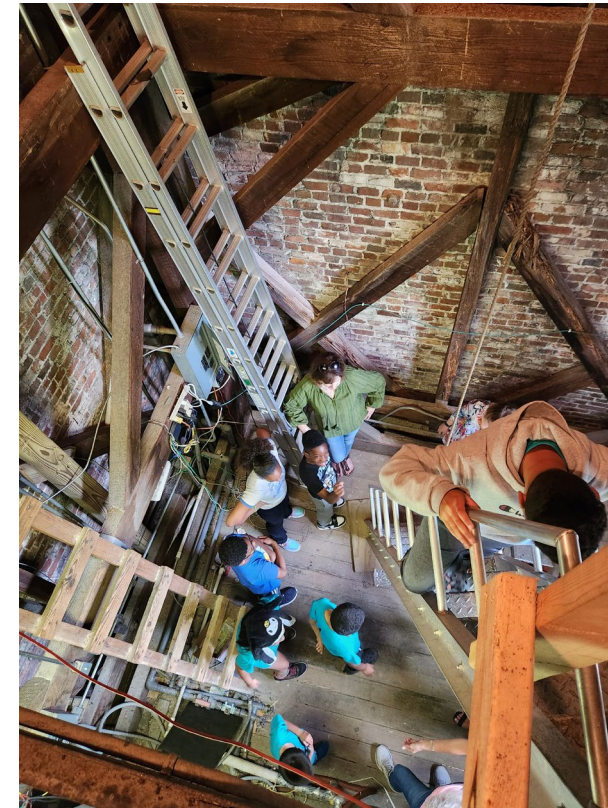
UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- GIG and Mentor Volunteer Recognition - May 5
- Birthday and Anniversary Sunday - May 5
- Day of the Pentecost - May 19 (with picnic on the lawn)
- Children, Youth, Graduates and Sunday School Recognition - May 19
- Realm Sunday - May 19
- Start of Summer Schedule - May 26

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

GIG Explores the Bell Tower

Paul took the GIG children on a tour of the bell tower on a recent afternoon. We are happy to report that everyone made it through safely.



ECW End-of-Year Picnic

Our spring picnic will be Monday, May 13 at 11 am. We have reserved the Jaycees Pavilion at Glenburnie Park. Please bring your own lunch, as well as a side dish (chips, pickles, salads, deviled eggs - let your creative self take over!) or a dessert to share. See you at the park!

Altar / Flower Guild Luncheon

The Altar and Flower guilds will have their annual Spring Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1 pm, Friday, May 17. We will meet in the Parish House for a light lunch and good company. Drop by when you can. Food and drink are provided. Please RSVP by May 15 to Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarqmail.com) or Karen O'Connell (dandkoconnell@gmail.com).

MUSIC NOTES

PREPARING THE WAY FOR OPUS 85: As announced earlier in April, 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."

Pentecost Picnic on the Lawn: Sunday, May 19

We will be hosting a Pentecost Picnic on the lawn after the 11 am service on Sunday, May 19. Church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, and a cake honoring our graduates. Rain will move the picnic to the Harrison Center.



Please sign up online [here](#) to bring sides, vegetables, and fruits. You can also call the reception desk directly to sign up. Please -- no desserts, as we are ordering a cake!

If you are able to set out food, serve and or clean up, please contact Jane Ashford (252.288.2838 or jane.ashford@neuse-woods.com).

THE GOODS

Next Realm Sunday - May 19

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 on 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 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.

APPLE STORE



GOOGLE PLAY



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. May services can be [here](#). Click [here](#) for June services. For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at 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.
- **Coffee Hours:** We all enjoy coffee hour, and we appreciate our hosts. To volunteer to host one of our remaining coffee hours, click [here](#).
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Our summer schedule begins May 26. To volunteer to host Lemonade on the Lawn, click [here](#).
- **Tryon Civitan Diaper Collection:** Tryon Civitans are collecting disposable diapers during the month of May to benefit local organizations. Partially used boxes of diapers will be accepted. There is a collection bin in the Reception Area.
- **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.

Neighbors in Christ / Riverbend Potluck

When: Friday, May 17, 5-7pm

Where: 110 Gangplank Rd, Boathouse

Bring: Your favorite dish to share

Drinks provided.

RSVP: Sims Wayt (simswayt@embarq-mail.com), Margaret Pollock (margaret-73pollock@icloud.com) or Connie Whitney (633-1931).



This Week in T-Ball

This week, our T-Ball team plays Centenary 1 at Joy Corner Field on May 6, and Temple 2 at Fort Totten Field on May 7. Game times are 6 pm, To view the entire T-Ball schedule, click [HERE](#).

May Faith Connection Meeting

Join us Thursday, May 16 at 4 pm, as Lilly Krcmar shares her story of fleeing her homeland of Suriname at the age of 12. She spent six years as a refugee in three different countries before finally settling in the United States. The meeting will take place at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1901 New Street in New Bern. Admission is free. Bring a friend.