

Outdoor Chapel Refresh

New benches were installed in the Outdoor Chapel this week. Many thanks to John Peterson, Randy Bogle, and the Building and Grounds crew for all of their hard work!



VBS 2025 - REGISTRATION OPEN

We invite children who are in rising kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in our Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will take place Monday - Friday, June 16 - 20 from 9 am - 12 pm each day. To register, please visit <https://christepiscopal-church.regfox.com/christ-church-vbs>.



Our theme this year is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. For any questions please reach out to Hannah at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com or 252.631.5867. If you are interested in volunteering to make this awesome week happen, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/8E927ckLEXcjvvyh8> or reach out to Hannah!

Online Apparel Store Returns

The Christ Church online apparel store is back! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-Store> and shop for your favorite Christ Church gear. The store is open until April 15!



Good News Bears T-Ball

Christ Church has partnered with First Presbyterian Church to create a T-Ball team called the "Good News Bears." T-Ball will be played every Wednesday in April and May, with the last day being May 21. Games will be played at 6 pm at Fort Totten Park. Questions? Contact Hannah Hutchens at hannahhutchens@christchurchnewbern.com.

Lenten Offerings

- **Rector's Bible Study** -- *You Say You Want a Revelation*: This Lent, the Rector's Bible Study is exploring the themes and imagery that have made the Book of Revelation such a focal point for so many. You won't be lost or behind if you miss a week -- come as often as you can. Bring your own Bible, but if you don't have one, we have plenty! Meets Wednesdays at 11 am in the Pelletier Room. Questions? Contact the Rev. Paul Canady (paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com).
- **Wednesday Evening Formation Opportunity**: The Rev. Suzanne Hood is leading an adult formation class on Wednesday evenings entitled *The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find*. Life is a mix of joy and sorrow, love and loss, big wins and even bigger failures. Everything is much more fragile than we like to admit. Coming together in vulnerability we will learn how to better carry our hurts, and how to find hope in the midst. Meets Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the Library *Curriculum written by *The Everything Happens Project*
- **Stations of the Cross** is led by John Gaskill on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:30 pm.
- **Bach Music Meditation Series** runs on Wednesdays from 12 pm - 12:30 pm in the Nave each week.
- **Adult Sunday School Class**: During Sundays in Lent, join our own Professor Andrew Garlick for an enlightening journey through the lives and messages of the Hebrew Prophets. Meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the Library.
- **Guided by the Spirit -- A Lenten Class for Adults**: Join us for a transformative journey through children's literature using Galatians 5:22-24 as our guide. Meets Mondays in Lent at 7 pm via [Zoom](#).

Churchyard Clean-Up

10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 12

This spring's churchyard clean-up will take place from 10 am - 1 pm, Saturday, April 12. Please make plans to join us spruce up the church grounds. We will be weeding, mulching, power washing, and trimming hedges, among other chores. We need as many people as possible, as "many hands make light work. Help us beautify our church grounds in time for Easter. Prior to the meeting, the Building and Grounds Committee will meet in the Library at 9 am.



Stewardship Campaign Update as of 2/28/2025

Pledge Amount Received: \$916,088

Number of Pledges Received: 227

* Please note that the campaign officially concluded on February 28, 2025. Pledge cards and brochures remain at the Reception Desk for new members and others who are interested.

Racial Reconciliation Group

The second gathering of the Racial Reconciliation Group, which is composed of members from Christ Church, Word of God Worship Center, Clinton Chapel, and St. Paul's, will take place from 4 - 5:30 pm, today, Sunday, March 16, in the Parish House at Christ Church. With over 20 people at our first meeting, our aim is to create friendship and dialogue and to celebrate our common ground.

Please join us this week, and in the weeks to come, alternating between Christ Church and Word of God Worship Center. The third meeting will take place at 4 pm, March 30, at the WoGWC. For more information, please contact Edna Marie Thomas at ednamariethomas@gmail.com or Steve Skiffington at steveskiffington@hotmail.com.

Seniors Luncheon Next Week

Please join us for a light luncheon and dessert in Christ Church Harrison Center, 11:30 am, Thursday, March 20th, 2025. Our menu will be garden salad, minestrone soup, cornbread, butter and dessert.

Reservation required by noon, today, March 16. Reserve via [Sign up Genius](#), the sign up sheet at the Reception Desk, or contact Jane Ashford (252) 288-2838 / Jane.Ashford@neusewoods.com or Tony Embrey (828) 774-9592 / rembrey1103@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Note: The next and final luncheon will be in May, then we will take a break until September.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Ann Bustard Award was created to honor the service of Ann Bustard to Christian Education as Director of Children's Ministries. The Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior member of Christ Church who demonstrates academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities, as well as leadership, service, and participation in church activities. Those eligible must complete the application form and submit a transcript of high school grades to the award selection committee. Application forms are available at the reception desk and this [link](#). The application deadline is noon on March 28th.

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, Helen Shine, Rosemary Stark*, Palmer Noonan, John Griffin, and Steve Phillips.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Danny, Nancy, Ashleigh, Vaughn, Elizabeth, Denni, Rebecca, Alex, Emery, June, Joy, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Tom, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Scott, Kelsey, and Kenny.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Farmville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville

**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](#).

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.



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, March 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](#))
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Monday, March 17

- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 3 pm: Pastoral Care Commission Meeting (Library)
- 7 pm: Adult Lenten Class: Guided by the Spirit (via [Zoom](#))

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

- 12 pm: Bach Musical Meditations (Nave)
- 5 pm: Stations of the Cross
- 5:30 pm: Adult Formation Class: The Hardest Part: Hurt we Carry, Hope we Find
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, March 20

- 11:30 am: Senior Luncheon (Harrison Center)

Sunday, March 23

- 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](#))



Helping H4H

During March college students are volunteering their time to help Habitat for Humanity, an Outreach Ministry at Christ Church, build a house in New Bern. Students from the University of Delaware will be in town from March 24 - 27. If you would like to help provide meals for these students during their stay, please contact Jim Behl (650.740.3392/ jbehl@usa.net).

CPC Collection

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) is an independent affiliated organization and the only organization in the Episcopal Church dedicated solely to providing grants for written materials, both religious and secular, to people all over the world. CPC depends entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry! In previous efforts, the East Carolina Diocese has given several seminarians over \$400 each to cover some of their periodical and related materials expenses. CPC donation envelopes and a collection box can be found on the Ingathering in the Reception Area during the entire month of March. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Christ Church and write CPC on the memo line. Donations may also be made online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give>. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dinner to Donate

Dinner to Donate is a series of community-building and fundraising dinners started by members of Christ Church. The purpose is to raise money for charities, while providing a way for people to meet each other and enhance relationships. The net proceeds of each dinner go to a designated charity.

The multi-course dinners for up to 18 guests are prepared and served in a private home. The next Dinner to Donate will take place at 6 pm, Friday, April 4, and will benefit Alzheimer's research (CARTFund.org). The minimum donation is \$50, and a cash honor bar will be available. For more information contact Ramona Stoner at RamonaStoner@yahoo.com or 404.664.4116. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 1.

Faith Connection Meeting

The March Faith Connection meeting will take place at 4 pm, Thursday, March 20, at the Word of God Christian Center (3650 Neuse Blvd.). The speaker will be Sharon Warren, Chairperson of the Craven County Hospice Center. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for our March services, click [here](#). April services can be found [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christchurchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Click [here](#) for March shifts. April shifts can be reserved [here](#).
- **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, Dax Jennings.

Parishioner Note: Rosemary Stark has relocated to Massachusetts. If you would like her updated address, please reach out to the church office.

Spring Cursillo Weekend

Spring 2025 Episcopal Cursillo #104 Weekend will be here soon! We will gather April 24-27, 2025, at the Episcopal Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores.

Adult applications are being accepted through April 12, 2025. The Christ Church Vestry may assist you with locating a Cursillo Sponsor or someone to answer your questions. Document applications for an attending Pilgrim and their Sponsors document are found on the website: <https://www.cursillodec.org/>

Weekend fee is \$300 per person, which includes meals. Scholarships are available. The Weekend consists of five meditations, 15 talks, and Eucharist every day. Watch this [video](#) to learn a little about a Cursillo Weekend.

New Bern Annual Car Show

The 1st Capital Antique Car Club is holding its 32nd show on the streets of downtown New Bern on Saturday, May 10. This is a joint show with the Morehead City Club and is open to all cars 25 years and older.

It is a North Carolina Regional show and will have cars from all of Eastern NC in attendance. Last year there were 163 cars in the show.

The Regional head judge will be holding a class during the show, and we are looking for teenagers who would like to learn how to judge an antique vehicle. If you know of some who would be interested, please contact Mike Wilson at 252.571.5635.