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We appreciate everyone's understanding while the office was closed the week of July 8 for the replacement of the cooling tower.

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 Christian Formation: Hannah Hutchens (*Beginning August 11, 2024*)
Director of Growing in Grace: Debbie Fodrie
Finance Coordinator: Cindy Tripp
Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Risty-Davis
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](#)

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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 September 2024 edition of *The Crown* should be sent to communications@christchurch-newbern.com by August 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

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, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, CB Evans*, Mike McCulley, 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, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, John Sessums, Terry Rich, Martha, Michele Mnatzakanian, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Margaret Phaup, Gretchen Lankenau, Theron Royer, and Pat Robinson.

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, Rosemary, Betty, Liam, Dean, Michael, Jessica, Carmon family, Faith, Jennifer, Jake, Don, Cristina, Barbara, Jeff, Lois, Mason Ann, Frankie, Marty, Jason, Brooke, Jeanette, Nancy, and Jean.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, Pvt. Michael Gormley, Jr., Cpt. John Koskinen.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Oriental; Trinity, Lumberton

**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

PLEASE NOTE:

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 AUGUST 4	MONDAY AUGUST 5	TUESDAY AUGUST 6	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7	THURSDAY AUGUST 8	FRIDAY AUGUST 9	SATURDAY AUGUST 10	SUNDAY AUGUST 11
<p>BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY REALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 9 am: Christ Church Friends (2nd Floor Living Room) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online)</p>		<p>7am: Al Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room) 8:30am: Eucharist (Chapel) 6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)</p>	<p>6pm: Living Micah 6:8 Meeting (Library) 6:15pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)</p>				<p>8am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / online) 11:15am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)</p>

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Ukulele Camp

Christ Church hosted children ages first through fifth grade for a ukulele camp the week of July 22. Participants enjoyed group ukulele time, learned about music theory, and a snack each day. Thank you to Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi, and volunteers Jean Reichenbach and Laura Smith, for making this fun event happen.



250th Anniversary Celebration

This summer, the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter, DAR, and the New Bern Chapter, SAR, will be hosting a two-day event celebrating the 250th anniversary of the New Bern Resolves / 1st Provincial Congress. Conducted in the Craven County Courthouse, this was the first Provincial Congress to be held in America in open defiance of royal authority. The Congress met August 25 - 27, 1774, and is considered one of the most important contributions to the American Revolutionary movement.

On August 23, 2024, the DAR, SAR, and Masonic chapters will conduct a grave marking ceremony for five American Revolutionary Patriots, who are buried in the Christ Church yard. The ceremony will be held at the Outdoor Chapel. A new sign with the names of these patriots will be dedicated as well. Following the ceremony, the chapters will host a dinner at the Harrison Center. Individual tickets are \$36.75 per person (including a processing fee). Each ticket includes one commemorative challenge coin. To purchase tickets go to <https://check-out.square.site/buy/2F7QFZPXXCCT7YWT524H4IAP>.

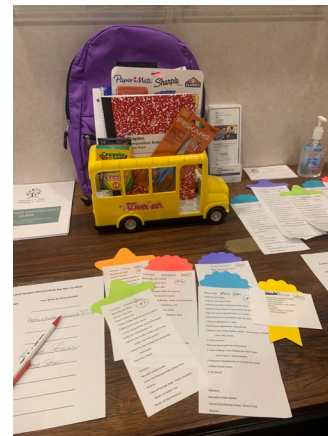
In addition, on August 24, the 250th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves will take place at the Tryon Palace South lawn with music from the Palace's Fife and Drum Corp. This special weekend is the kickoff event leading up to America's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026.

IRM Back-to-School Supply Drive

It's Back-to-School Time with Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM). Now is a great time to help our newest learners. We will be providing back to school supplies and bookbags for 16 students new to the American experience.

Items needed are displayed on the table in the reception area of Christ Church. You will see a familiar yellow toy school bus filled with school supplies. Beside the bus are supply lists for Primary, Elementary, Middle School, and High School students. You will also find a clipboard. Please sign your name on the list on the clipboard beside your student's number, and return items by August 18th.

Thank you for helping these students have a great school experience. Questions? Call Rebecca Liberty at 252-670-7601 or email rebeccaliberty70@gmail.com. For more information about IRM, go to <https://helpingrefugees.org/>.



AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

Sacred Ground This Fall

In 2017, when Bishop Michael Curry came to Pittsburgh, I was serving in a nearby Episcopal Church and attended his first in-person launch of "Becoming Beloved Community." We committed to embracing our neighbors, as one community, following the teachings of Jesus; we agreed to "Practice the Way of Love." The Episcopal Church has much history to reconcile with our nation's people of other races and cultures; we need to hear their voices and share our journeys – going forward as members of a unified nation.

Over the years I have attended classes offered by The Episcopal Church – to further round out my life and embrace the differences that separate us. Growing up in the Navy and always moving to a new town provided me with ideal experiences to fully appreciate all people and listen to their stories. As an American missionary, the way forward was one devoted to The Church and its people by sharing our spiritual journeys, especially including those of what we knew of our ancestors.

In September 2023 I took Sacred Ground in a small group setting at Christ Church. Each week we read about the lives of others and how diversity shaped our lives and those of most American families. We also shared about our families, and often-times discovered the intergenerational lack of knowledge about family histories. We further examined the American people from a multi-diverse historic perspective. The readings and videos provoked new emotional understanding and heartfelt interest in racial reconciliation.

Consider looking at The Episcopal Church's website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about/> to explore more about this national and local need. Oh, that we might truly walk in our brothers and sisters' shoes.

Faithfully submitted, Holly Craighead Lippitt

Christ Church and Habitat for Humanity Updates

Under the Outreach Commission, there are four outside ministries that we have a long-standing relationship with and support through donations, volunteer work, and money from our operating budget. They are Habitat For Humanity (H4H), Interfaith Refugee Ministries (IRM), MERCI Clinic and Religious Community Services (RCS). All are very worthy causes.

On Thursday, July 18, Dawn Manning (Outreach Chair) and Jim Behl met with Buna Cumbie, the Faith Relations Coordinator for Habitat. We discussed various events where volunteers from Christ Church and volunteers from Habitat can combine efforts. As a result, here are some upcoming events where the Christ Church congregation can help.

- One or two volunteers to be at the H4H table at the Saturday Farmers Market on the first Saturday of each month. Just greet people and pass out an H4H brochure. Shifts are 8am - 11am and 12 pm - 2 pm.
- October 7&8 (Mon. & Tue), bring lunch for 10 visiting ECU students and eat lunch with them.
- Help during MumFest (Oct. 12-13) at the Richardson and Richardson Law Firm parking lot (503 Pollock Street). Duties are directing cars into parking spaces and collecting cash as they enter.

If you are interested in either of the above, please contact Dawn Manning (dawnsrawambition@gmail.com) or Jim Behl (jbehl@usa.net).

As a side note, like last year, H4H will be sending over a group of volunteers to help unload the pumpkins from the truck for the Pumpkin Patch! Yay!

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

The Diocese of East Carolina Cursillo invites you to join their ministry and experience a Cursillo Weekend. You will grow as a Christian leader, deepen your faith and love of Christ, and find an entire community of Christians you will know by their love! Upcoming Weekends include EC 104 (Nov 7-10, 2024), EC 105 (April 24-27, 2025) and EC 106 (November 6-9, 2025). For more information go to <https://www.cursillodec.org/>.

On her Cursillo experience, Terry Brubaker says, "As a cradle-born Episcopalian, participating in Cursillo is the best thing I've done to grow in spirituality. It not only helped me learn and grow in my faith, but it demonstrated God's intense love for me! Out of this developed a stronger commitment and a plan to follow Christ in loving God, my neighbor and myself. I would love to share this experience with anyone who wants more information."

For the upcoming fall Cursillo Weekend in November, Christ Church will have a van going to the Eucharist Celebration on Sunday, November 10. The van will leave Christ Church parking lot at 1:30 pm, and the Eucharist will take place at 3 pm. Following Eucharist will be Clausura, which is the closing of the Cursillo weekend. The van will head back to Christ Church following the Clausura.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

News From Living Micah 6:8

Mission statement: With God's guidance and with compassion, we will humbly promote equity and justice within and beyond the walls of our church.

- The Pauli Murray Center, which celebrates and honors the life of the civil rights leader and the first black Episcopal priest will have a Grand Opening on September 7, at 906 Carroll Street, Durham, NC. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steve Skiffington at 916.204.4955.
- A St. Titus Saints Day service will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, September 24, at St. Titus Episcopal Church, 400 Moline Street, Durham, NC. The service will commemorate the life and work of Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray.
- Living Micah 6:8 will next meet at 6 pm, Wednesday, August 7 in the Library.

Music Talks

The final session in this summer's Music Talks series, titled *Hymnody and Bach Passions: Story Told Through Music*, will take place Sunday, August 25 at 9:15 am. This talk will focus on understanding the J.S. Bach Passions through hymnody, historical context, storytelling via music, and some music analysis. The story of the Passion is arguably one of the most important stories in the Bible, and music has the ability to add another dimension.



EXPLORE NEW TOPICS, PHILOSOPHIES AND IDEAS ABOUT MUSIC

Music Talks

9:15 - 9:45 am Sundays
June 2, 16, 30
July 14, 28
August 11, 25
Christ Episcopal Church

For more information, please visit: christchurchnewbern.com

The St. John and St. Matthew Passions are some of Bach's greatest and most popular works. What are some of the ways in which Bach uses music to communicate and enhance the story of the Passion? How is hymnody presented throughout Bach's compositions? These questions and more are explored through research on hymnody and theology in Bach's time as well as musical analysis and ideas behind musical storytelling. Short excerpts from the St. John and St. Matthew Passions will serve as the primary case studies.

Education for Ministry (EfM) Options in East Carolina

As EfM approaches its 50th anniversary next year, several new offerings in the works. Some of these include: a year-long EfM course, a 20+ week course designed for small group/congregational use, and a catechism course to prepare for baptisms, confirmations, and reaffirmations. Stay tuned for more details about these and other offerings.



In the meantime, the "Classic" EfM course is a unique four-year distance learning program in theological education built on small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 120,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. More than 3,000 of these have lived or currently live within the Diocese of East Carolina.

EfM helps participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. EfM invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. Seminar groups meet in-person and online, providing a four-year curriculum (in which participants enroll one-year at a time) that develops theologically informed, reflective, and articulate lay leadership.

There are currently in-person EfM Groups in Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Kinston, Morehead City, and Wilmington. And a new in-person group is in the works in Beaufort! Most of these groups are recruiting now for Fall session start. Others are welcoming new participants for their groups that begin in January.

There are also online groups that welcome new members throughout the year. We are honored to have three Online EfM Mentors based in our Diocese. Rebecca McEnally (New Bern) co-mentors a Wednesday morning (10 - 11:30 am) group. Andy Atkinson (Wilmington) mentors a Monday night (6 - 8:30 pm) group, and Jim Papile mentors a Thursday night (8 - 10 pm) group.

If you're interested in joining an EfM Group, or want to more information, contact Lisa Richey at piergazer@gmail.com or 910.840.3682.

AROUND CHRIST CHURCH

New Kitchen Equipment for Trinity Center

Trinity Center has purchased a new steamer for the kitchen, thanks to grants from Christ Church.

"You have no idea how helpful this is in all that we do," said John Koch, Executive Director.

The grants awarded earlier this spring have made an immediate impact in several places. We are thankful for everyone's generosity in making a difference in our community!!



Seeking Vestry Candidates

During the 2023 Annual Meeting of Christ Church, the Vestry received feedback about the nomination and election process. One of the key things learned was a desire for more input from the Parish about those being considered for nomination.

As the first step in the annual Vestry nominating process, the four outgoing Vestry members are reaching out to the congregation to obtain names of candidates who are interested in serving on the Vestry for the next three years and are willing to go through the election process in which four new members will be elected by the congregation, by ballot, at the annual church meeting in December. To read the recent letter/email sent to parishioners by the outgoing Vestry members, click [here](#).

If you are interested in being considered by the Nominating Committee or you would like to suggest someone to the committee, please complete the form by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CCNBVestry2024>.

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks met the morning of Monday, July 15 and had a successful cooking day. Thank you to those who came and made meals for parishioners to take for themselves or someone in need.



News from Saint Cyprian's

August Worship at Saint Cyprian's

- 11 am, Sunday, August 4, Morning Prayer
- 11 am, Sunday, August 18, Holy Eucharist

The partnership of the African American Culture Center at St. Cyprian's is producing a 3-minute video to tell the story of St. Cyprian's and its exceptionally active history in the community, with impacts down to this day. The video will highlight the necessity of adding a structure to the front of the church to replace the steep stairs that presently are the only access to the building.

In the past twelve months, St. Cyprian's has been the home of Sunday services and has hosted numerous community events. Making it possible for people of all physical abilities to enter and enjoy the church is our top need for St. Cyprian's to grow as a church and expand its place in the community. Filming will take place the last day of July, and we expect the video to be finished in September.

THE GOODS

Washer and Dryer Needed

Our incoming Director of Christian Formation, Hannah Hutchens, is seeking to purchase a gently-used washer and dryer for her new apartment. She moves to New Bern August 8th. If you have one or know of one, please reach out to Hannah at hannahdhutchens@gmail.com or 252.814.5730 (texting is best right now while she is at Camp Trinity).



Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. Click [here](#) for August services and [here](#) for September 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! Click [here](#) for August shifts. September shifts can be reserved [here](#).
- **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.

ECW August Gathering

DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA ECW
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH
TRINITY CENTER

SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 am Registration and coffee - information on CPC, UTO and Triennial
- 10:00 am Screening of The Philadelphia Eleven and discussion
- 12:00 pm Eucharist with lunch to follow

The Philadelphia Eleven

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Please contact Rodney Hayes via email (rodneyhayes@yahoo.com) or text (203.340.2638) for your reservation and for information on carpooling. We will submit one check for all our Christ Church attendees.

Fraud Alert

This is a reminder that neither the Rector nor the Associate Rector will email or text and request that you purchase gift cards. When in doubt, please reach out to one of the clergy or staff directly.

Volunteer to Host Lemonade on the Lawn

Best if Two People Help

Hosts are needed for next Sunday, August 11. Go to the Christ Church Website (www.christchurchnewbern.com). Choose "Quick Links & Forms," then choose "Sign Up to Host Lemonade on the Lawn."

As a reminder, Christ Church provides the lemonade. Hosts or other parishioners do not need to purchase lemonade. Set-up instructions are attached to the Parish House refrigerator. It's best to set up the cart prior to the service. Call Jane Ashford with sign-up requests or questions: 252-288-2838.

Many thanks to this week's hosts, Marilyn and Jack Brown-Henry.

Lil Pantry

We are always seeking food and drink items for our outdoor food pantry. Food for the pantry should be "ready to eat" rather than food that needs to be cooked or otherwise prepared. Examples include: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned fruits, canned meats, crackers, and breakfast bars. Pop top items work best. Thank you for your generosity.

Photography Exhibit

A special photography is open in the Duffy Gallery at the NC History Center at Tryon Palace. Entitled "Darkness to Light: Photographs along the Underground Railroad," the exhibit runs through August 11. Daily hours are 10 am - 5 pm, Mondays - Saturdays; and 12 - 5 pm on Sundays.