

The Messenger

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A Fond Farewell to the Rev. Cortney Dale

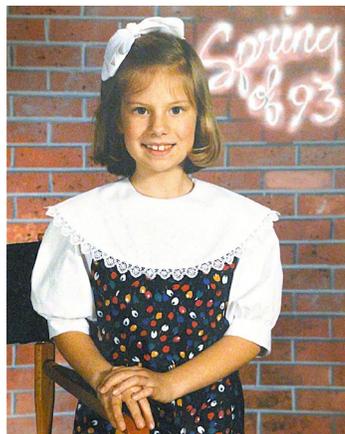
by the Rev. Paul Canady

Today, we bid farewell to the Rev. Cortney H. Dale as our Associate Rector. Cortney joined the Christ Church staff on July 15, 2015, shortly after she graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary.

We have been graced with thought provoking, empowering, and humorous sermons. She has helped breathe new life into many of our pastoral

care ministries and served as an advocate for new and ongoing outreach initiatives, including her current role as board chair for Interfaith Refugee Ministries. I will always be grateful for Cortney's insight and perspective when it comes to ministries, worship, and our community. She has been a great colleague and companion in ministry, and her mark on Christ Church and on the Diocese of East Carolina will not be forgotten. We will certainly miss having Jim, Jimmy, and Joshua around, too!

So what happens next? As we prepare for a full and exciting Fall, I am grateful for the many hands and voices that will aid



in pastoral care, outreach, and worship. You may see some familiar faces in our pulpit and our mid-week services, as well as hear from new voices, too. I am in the final stages of a plan for pastoral care coordination, and I hope to announce that in the next week or so. In the meantime, should you need a member of the clergy, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby. My numbers

Join us as we say goodbye!

Please join us in the churchyard after the 8am and 10am services today for cookies and lemonade on the lawn. Cortney will be available to receive your well wishes.

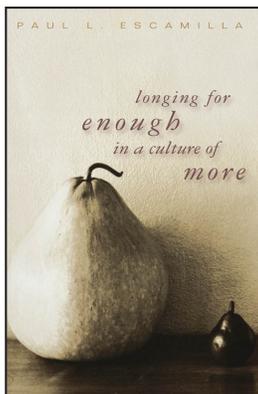


are (cell- 252.571.6892 office- 252.631.5861) and Lisa's number is 252.617.9806.

After Labor Day, I will begin working with leaders in outreach and pastoral care, as well as our Personnel Committee and the Vestry, in drafting a job description. My goal is to complete that work by the end of October and begin advertising for the position. Bringing in any new staff member is about discerning God's call for Christ Church and that person. My intention, and the intention of the Vestry, is to pray for and call the priest whose gifts best fit with the needs of Christ Church. I hope that you will keep this process in your prayers. I know it will be in mine. And if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to drop me an email or give me a call.

Women's Book Study Information

The Women's Book Study will resume in-person meetings beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, at 10am in the Second Floor Living Room. We will be reading Paul Escamilla's book, *Longing for Enough in a Culture of More*. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer requests, prayer and then read the book aloud. We stop periodically during the reading to discuss the author's ideas. We sometimes stray off topic. There is never homework. Of course, you can read ahead if you want to, but that is not required nor expected.



The books have been ordered and once they arrive can be picked up at the reception desk. Here is a direct link to the book if you'd like to buy your own copy. Here is a direct link to the book if you'd like to buy your own copy. If you would rather participate virtually, [this is the Zoom link](#). Meeting ID is 819 9898 6972 and the passcode is book.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Hoyt (540-717-5478), Phyllis Fox (252-638-4071), Nell Hudson (252-772-5832) or [Meg Jones](#) at church.

TIDBITS

Centering Prayer Group

Held on Mondays (Sept. 13 – Nov. 15) 11:30am – 12:30pm, Pelletier Room

Leader: Rev. Barbara Bornemann

This ten-week session of the Centering Prayer group will focus on a book called *Immortal Diamond* by Richard Rohr. Each time the group meets, we will discuss one chapter and have opportunities for prayerful reflection and contemplation. *Immortal Diamond*, whose title is taken from in a line in a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem, explores deep questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning. Come, let us gather together and grow in our prayer life.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher throughout September. For more info, contact Butch Ricks at 252-671-0113 or butch.ricks@gmail.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us at our reception desk, we'd love to have you! September dates are [here](#).

ECW Trolley Tour

What? You've never been on the Trolley Tours around New Bern? Or you've been, but years ago? Bet you haven't done a tour based on all the women in New Bern who helped shape our great city.

Well, friend, here's your chance! Our tour will begin at 10am on Monday, Oct. 11, from Christ Church. It will last about 90 minutes. After the tour we would love to have you join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant (TBD).

The cost for this wonderful morning of fun is a mere \$20! To be guaranteed a seat, send your check payable to Christ Church, ECW to Rodney Hayes, 2304 Brices Creek Rd., New Bern, 28562.

All Saints ECW is happy to finally get this trip secured, as Covid has canceled our previous attempts! We look forward to a fun day and do hope you can join us.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For our ill and recovering parishioners:

Barbara Willis, Dottie Parker*, Gary Derck, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon,* Ray Stark, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Rae Cowan, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter*, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard, Paul Tait, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Jane Peele, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vivienne Armstrong, Tracy DuPezza, Harold Von Doln, Martha Schell, David Watrous, Skip Smith, Vicky Allen, Catherine Bender, Billie Ruth Sudduth, JoAnn Frank, Michele Mnatzakanian, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Margaret Wall, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, Rodney Hayes, CB Evans, and Cathy Fitch.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Jeff, Corinne, Paul, Travis, Sarah, Edward, Irene, Matt, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, John, Jim,

Joanne, Anderson, Bill, Vicki, Nelma, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Art, Abra, Melvin, Laurie, Amelia, Dennis, Matty, Erik, Blake, Brian, Oakley, Bryce, Jackie, Helen, Carter, Eunice, David, Mary, Joseph, Mason, Sarah, Nicholas, Janet, Myra, Jimmy, Jim, Denni, Matthew, Chelsea, Niels, Cindy, Lucia, Trinity, Pam, Jason, C.E. (Max), Christopher, PK, Beverly, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Cathie, Bryan, Patti, and Rutledge.

For our deployed military: Capt. John Jones, Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Philip Buffa, III, Maj. Garrett Litfin.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum. Tareq's family as they try to leave Afghanistan.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Lewiston-Woodville.

If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact Dare Oliver at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Aug. 29

8 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

*Receptions for the Rev. Cortney Dale will be held in the churchyard after both the 8am & 10am services.

10 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/Online)

4 pm Pathways of Discipleship (POD, meeting outside by the picnic tables)

5 pm Eucharist Rite II (Indoor Chapel)

Tuesday, Aug. 31

8:30 am Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, Sept. 2

10 am Chair Yoga Class (Harrison Center)

Sunday, Sept. 5

8 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

10 am Eucharist Rite II (Nave/Online)

11 am Lemonade on the Lawn (last one!)

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- The Oct. edition of *The Crown* will be distributed on Oct. 3rd, so our office needs all articles/photos for past and upcoming events by Sept. 15th.
 - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
 - MidWeek Messenger (Thursday) email: noon on Wednesday
 - Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Send all pictures and articles to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.
- If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

This Week's Parish Cycle of Prayer

This week we remember the Parish Life Commission. Many of the Parish Life groups focus on events where we gather for things outside of worship or committee meetings. They help enact that part of our mission statement, inspiring all people to Christian fellowship.

Need to Contact Clergy?

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting time with Paul using [this link](#) or by phone at 252.633.2109.

When scheduling a time, indicate if you are requesting to meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.