



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S SERVANTS  
WHO SEEK TO —  
WORSHIP GOD WITH JOY AND WONDER,  
LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER, AND  
RADIATE GOD'S LOVE TO ALL.



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## THE WINDOW

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### AUGUST 2023



# From The Rector

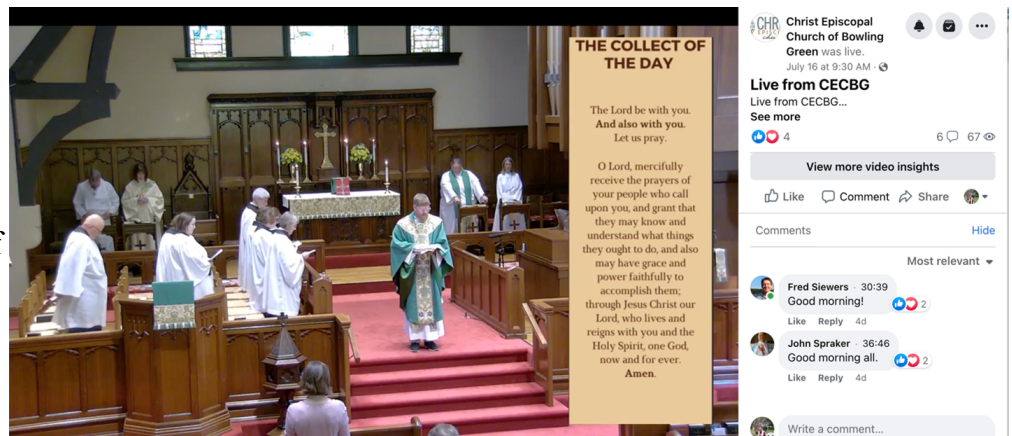
Dear Friends,

As the old saying goes, numbers don't tell the whole story...but they do tell us some of it.

My undergraduate degree is in business administration, so I love numbers. The feeling that comes from getting a spreadsheet to do what you want it brings me an irrational amount of joy. So it is that over the last few weeks, in my spare time, I've been tackling the complicated question of "how many folks are worshipping with us post-COVID?" In the olden days, PC (Pre-COVID), this question was an easy one to answer. Whether it was Gretchen Broderick from her perch in the back of the Nave at 8 AM, or the ushers at about 10:15, meticulously counting heads in pews, surplices in the choir loft, and squirming bodies in Children's Church, the number of people who were worshipping with us was quite easy to know.

During the height of the pandemic, when only eight of us were in the building on Sunday morning, while the live stream went to your TV, computer, tablet, or phone, I gave up counting. There was just no good way to guess how many people were really engaged in worship on any given Sunday, not to mention those who might sleep in and watch the service later that day, week, or month. Congregations, judicatories, and even whole denominations tried to come up with some kind of way to do the math, but language and metrics got in the way. On Facebook, they count 3-second views, 15-second views, and 1-minute views. On YouTube, the numbers are different. There is no metric based on length of view, but simply the number of concurrent streams; how many people are watching at the same time. Do any of those really count as worship?

It's been 3½ years since we scrambled to produce an online only worship service on March 15, 2020, and we're back to counting a good number of people in the pews, but we've still be missing the community of the faithful who worship with us at 8 AM, 10 AM, or sometime later through Facebook or YouTube. Time, research, and the chance to do some reflection



brings us now to the place where it seems doable to at least reasonably estimate the number of people who are with us online, and the Vestry has made it one of its goals to get a handle on those numbers.

I'll save you all the gory details of the calculations, but suffice it so say that our Average Sunday Attendance in-person now stands at 156, which is down 28% from 2019's number of 217. That's the bad news. The good news is that our Average Weekly Viewership of Sunday worship is 99, which puts our Average Sunday Engagement at 255, up 17.5% from 2019.

Numbers don't tell the whole story. Of those 99 people who are taking part in some part of our Sunday worship online are visitors checking us out, folks who work on Sunday mornings, people's whose health condition means they are still quite worried about getting COVID, and folks who have just fallen out of the habit of coming to church. Their experience of community is certainly diminished, no one would argue otherwise, but having spoken with many members of our online community, they are all grateful for the opportunity to stay connected, to hear the word of God proclaimed, to occasionally sing along to a beloved hymn in their pajamas, and to remain a part of the Christ Church family, and we are better off having them among us.

Grace and Peace,

*Steve*

# From The Associate Rector

Some of you know that I've only been an Episcopalian for about ten years, six of which have been as an ordained person. While my old religious tradition (Church of Christ) differs quite a bit from the Episcopal Church, I found that the things that I learned to deeply value: scripture, baptism, and communion, were all deeply valued in the Episcopal Church as well. The biggest learning curve in making this transition was the Conventions. In particular, the difference between the Diocesan Convention and the General Convention confused me a bit. Since the Diocese of Kentucky is hosting the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville in June of 2024 and we at Christ Church, Bowling Green are hosting our Diocesan Convention in November of 2023, I thought I'd break down the difference between the two to help provide some clarity.

## **The Diocese of Kentucky Convention – November 10-11, 2023 Christ Episcopal Church – Bowling Green, KY**

Every Diocese in the Episcopal Church has a yearly convention, and each Diocese is looks a little bit different. In the Diocese of Kentucky, our Convention is always held the Friday and Saturday of Veteran's Day Weekend, and it alternates between being held at the Cathedral in Louisville to being hosted by a congregation in the Diocese. Christ Church, Bowling Green has hosted our Convention before, and this year it returns to BG. It's an opportunity to host the Bishop, clergy, and congregants from around the Diocese. For the Convention, every congregation is allotted a set number of delegates to attend to represent their congregations based on their parish size. Convention is a great time to worship together, to share in our common mission of the Diocese, which, to summarize, is to embrace Christ and engage the world. There is also business to be done at the convention that is a larger scale version of our Parish Annual Meeting that we hold in January: elections to positions, budget hearings, and sharing about the state of the Diocese. We will need volunteers to make this event happen, so be on the lookout ways to help welcome the Diocese of Kentucky to CECEBG!

## **The General Convention of the Episcopal Church – June 23-28, 2024 Christ Church Cathedral – Louisville, KY**

The General Convention (GC), in contrast, is only held every three years and is much longer; this year it will be six days long and there is much exciting business on hand. Every GC has lots of work to do on resolutions, budgets, and decisions for the wider church, and just like the Diocesan Convention, all the Dioceses are present and are allotted a set number of delegates to send and every Bishop in the Episcopal Church attends as well. Father Steve can speak to the business side of GC much better than I can, as he's attended more than once. The biggest work on hand this year is that those clergy and delegates in attendance will vote on a new Presiding Bishop for the Episcopal Church, as The Most Rev. Michael Curry's nine-year term ends. The volunteer needs to welcome thousands of people to Louisville for GC

from every corner of the Episcopal Church are much more substantial, requiring 800-1,000 volunteers. While folks from all over the country will pitch in, we do hope to have significant involvement from the Diocese of Kentucky present. More information will come out in the Fall about what is needed, but if you know you are interested, you can contact Amy Spicer: [amyspicer@episcopalky.org](mailto:amyspicer@episcopalky.org) to let her know your intent to help volunteer!



*Beece+*

# From The Director of Children's Faith Formation

Soon, we start our journey back to school! I am so happy we'll all get to see each other and say hello, again! There are lots of dates to keep in mind for the next couple of weeks- starting with The Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 13. Also Sunday, August 13 is the first day back for Children's Church. August 20 is Sunday School Kickoff-our theme this year is Rings and Ripples of Faith, Love, and Kindness. August 27 is the first day back to Sunday School. The dedication of the Atrium and the Sensory Room is also coming this fall.



Sunday School is moving back to 9:00 a.m. and looks a little bit different this year. PreK-2 grade continues Godly Play, but 3-5 grade is starting "The Way of Love." We have sixteen incredible volunteers helping with Sunday School this year and we'll be rotating through all of our children's rooms-The Atrium, The Sensory Room, Pre-K Room, K-2 Room, and the 3-5 Room. The Children's Recession will continue at the end of the 10 a.m. service and meet their parents in Surface Hall.

This year we are adding the Children's Advent Art Show and some other exciting events. Keep your eyes on the Sunday School [pages](#) to see all the upcoming events.

Remind updates and weekly emails will be starting back next week so if you haven't signed up yet, make sure to get added onto the Remind contact list.

As always, if you have any questions about Children's Faith Formation activities or programming, please call me, text me, or email me!

Ms. Kate

## Ministry Fair Sunday, August 27th - 9am

Come learn about the work of Christ Church and get connected with a special interest or group

<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Brotherhood of Saint Andrew</b>	<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>
<b>Stephen Ministers</b>	<b>Education for Ministry</b>	<b>Daughters of the King</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Worship Service Ministers</b>	<b>Room in the Inn</b>
<b>Godly Play Teachers</b>	<b>Audio/Visual Ministry</b>	<b>Meals, Inc.</b>
<b>Choir and Bell Choir</b>	<b>Wednesday Community Lunch</b>	<b>HELP Ministry</b>





# **Backpack Blessing & Children's Church Return**

Children's Church will  
resume at the 10am service  
and we will bless  
backpacks, lesson plans,  
teacher ids, and keys

**Sunday  
August 13th  
10am**





# **Sunday School Kickoff**

**Rings and  
Ripples:  
Faith, Love,  
& Kindness**

**Sunday  
August 20th - 9am**



# SAVE THE DATE

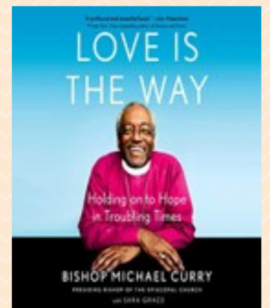
## PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH



### BREAD OF ANGELS Resurrected

Happy Anniversary!

Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room  
Open to everyone curious about being Christian



Bread of Angels is an adult forum created at CEC as a “book club with a theological bend.” By thoughtful reading and dialogue, participants focus on what it means to be a Christian in the time in which we live.

This month we celebrate one year after our post-covid Resurrection! In that year we have read and discussed The Rev Barbara Brown Taylor’s book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams’ *Discipleship*, Phyllis Tickle’s *The Great Emergence*, Sophronia Scott’s *The Seeker and the Monk*.

This month we will finish Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s Book *Love is the Way, Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* and follow it up with some love poems before we take our next adventure with The Rev Laurie Brock’s new book *God, Grace and Horses*. Laurie is the Rector of St Michael the Archangel in Lexington.

For more information and to join our Google Group:  
Please go to [cecbg.com/boa](http://cecbg.com/boa)

*Love as an action is the only thing that has ever  
changed the world for the better.*  
The Most Rev Michel Curry, Presiding Bishop

# *A Prayer for the CEC Pilgrimage to the Holy Land*

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Grant us peace and joy as we prepare to make our pilgrimage, so guide our hearts and minds as we travel, and grant your peace to the people and nations of the Holy Land and throughout the world; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**As the group begins to prepare their hearts and minds for this journey, we invite your prayers for and with them.  
The CEC Pilgrimage will be October 17 - 25, 2023**

**AUGUST 2023**

# **Episcopal Campus Ministry**

**WKU Campus Ministry Fair**

Thursday, August 17th - 7pm

**Fall Semester Kickoff**

Wednesday, August 23rd - 5:30pm



# EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is open to all youth in grades 6th-12th. We meet most Sundays from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the EYC Lounge for dinner and fellowship, including fun activities, mission work, and faith formation.

Contact [Karen@cecbg.com](mailto:Karen@cecbg.com) for more information.

*Save  
THE  
Date*

for our Deanery Mission  
trip to Louisville  
September 1st-4th.

## The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Hines Chapel.

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St Andrew invites all men and male youth of Christ Church to join us in service to the church and to the community. Our next meeting will be Saturdays, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## The Parish Register

### *Birthdays*

08/01 Bob Harrison	08/08 Bill Collins Jr.	08/19 Carroll Smith
08/02 Yuko Attaway	08/10 Jessie Wolfe	08/19 Ed Tivol
08/02 Joe Hunt	08/10 Leeann Morrison	08/21 Doris Love Hunt
08/02 Ann Puckett	08/10 Sale Hightower	08/21 Josh Stiles
08/05 David Lee	08/11 John Parker	08/22 Teddi Taylor
08/06 Marti Harrison	08/12 Hannah Carter	08/22 Karen Crabtree
08/06 Elaine Walker	08/13 Dorian Walker	08/23 Lucian Hall-Heflin
08/07 John Hagaman	08/13 Shanna Paul	08/24 Carol Barry
08/07 Lynne Brown	08/14 John Carbin	08/25 Tim Huston
08/07 Barbara Leet	08/16 Barbara Johnston	08/26 Sandra Ardrey
08/08 Paula Morgan	08/17 Ellen Buchanon	08/26 Linda Belle Pillow
08/08 James Brown		08/30 Lara Ellison

## Reading is Power

### New Location for Christ Episcopal Church's Adult/Youth Library

by Miliska Knauft

With the birth of the concept of writing came the birth of reading. Initially, early texts were meant to be heard rather than seen. Reading silently did not take place until improvements were made in literacy, simplification of language, punctuation, the inclusion of pictures, and accessibility to more books on behalf of the general public. These improvements encouraged silent reading to become the norm.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, print revolution further increased readers' desires and access to books and papers. Johannes Gutenberg developed the first mechanical printing press in Strasbourg, Germany in the 1430s. By the 1450s, copies of the Gutenberg Bible were available to the public at large. Churches all over Europe embarked on a spree to educate the masses. Booksellers printed copies of popular ballads and folklores. Periodicals started to be published in the early 18th century. Charles Dickens's *Pickwick Papers* were published in a magazine in 1849, making it more accessible and affordable to the public.

The organizing and cataloguing of written materials came many years before the introduction of formal libraries. However, the establishment of lending or circulation libraries, coupled with the advent of new printing technologies, revolutionized reading for the common people. The availability of written material to the public was powerful; power that could easily be transferred onto its readers.

Recently, Christ Church's Adult/Youth Library was moved from Cates Lounge to the resource room next door to the children's resource room and library (Near the church's office on the College Street side of the building.). Book donations have been generous and the library ran out of room in Cates Lounge. The new resource room will allow for the storage and display of more adult and youth books. Why not increase your power? Check-out a book!

Reference: Patra, S. (2021, January 8). A very brief history of reading. Retrieved from <https://bookriot.com/history-of-reading>.



# Financial Reports

## Christ Episcopal Church

### Outreach Funds Report for period ending June 30, 2023

Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2023	YtD Income	YtD Expense	Balance - 6/30/2023
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	290.00	0.00	3,021.75
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	10,048.00	10,500.00	2,077.73
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,417.00	0.00	1,417.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	519.02	0.00	1,480.90
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	50.00	0.00	2,655.81
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	28,120.00	29,000.00	136.03
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	241.17	0.00	5,263.80
Meals, Inc	2,299.97	250.00	2,462.37	87.60
Room In The Inn	1,775.08	500.00	480.13	1,794.95
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	0.00	137.85
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	8,252.56	2,500.50	940.24	9,812.82
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		1337 served YTD; 18 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	2,576.89	65.11	2,642.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,327.18</b>	<b>42,583.80</b>	<b>47,441.74</b>	<b>26,469.24</b>
Rector Discretionary	0.00	2,944.82	2,944.82	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	2,298.82	2,298.82	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	1,172.41	1,172.41	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.00	<b>6,416.05</b>	6,416.05	0.00
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME</b>		<b>48,999.85</b>		

# Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church

Operating Fund Report for period ending June 30, 2023

Account #	Account Name	JUNE 2023	YTD 2023	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Parish Offerings	41,476.81	343,223.97	687,949.00	50%
	Diocesan Support	3,072.92	23,927.52	47,875.00	50%
	Investment Income	0.00	6,192.00	80,242.38	8%
	Miscellaneous Income	1.00	6.00	2,000.00	0%
	<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>44,550.73</b>	<b>373,349.49</b>	<b>818,066.38</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
	Adminstration	2,701.28	13,437.10	32,500.00	41%
	Buildings and Property	13,036.08	58,400.77	132,600.00	44%
	Christian Formation	182.11	8,015.55	17,250.00	46%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	1,501.47	5,093.35	10,000.00	51%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	10,694.69	53,231.69	105,756.00	50%
	Music Ministry	1,302.15	12,850.33	20,600.00	62%
	Parish Life	2,465.11	10,611.81	16,700.00	64%
	Worship	227.36	2,393.37	5,000.00	48%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	43,692.84	266,085.27	530,519.50	50%
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>75,803.09</b>	<b>430,119.24</b>	<b>870,925.50</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)</b>	<b>(31,252.36)</b>	<b>(56,769.75)</b>	<b>(52,859.12)</b>	

## The Parish Online

Be sure to check the parish's website at [www.cecbg.com](http://www.cecbg.com) for any communication you might have missed. *The Lancet*, our weekly electronic newsletter and *The Window* monthly newsletter are found under the Connect menu. You can also check the church calendar along with the Ministry Scheduler under the Calendar menu.

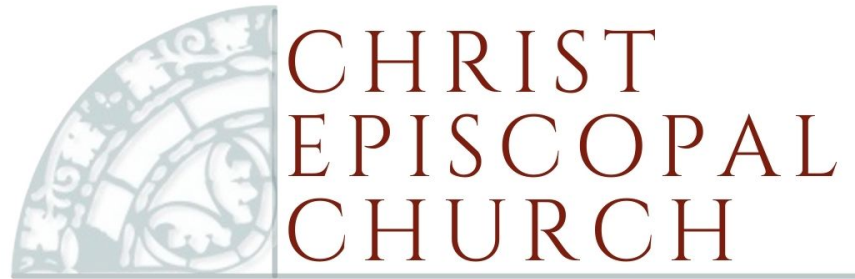
Always remember to check Christ Church's Facebook page for up to date information and event pictures. You can like us at [www.facebook.com/cecbg](http://www.facebook.com/cecbg). You can also check out our YouTube channel. You can do so by clicking [here](#) or searching for CECBG on YouTube. Subscription doesn't cost anything, and helps us reach more people to Radiate God's Love to All!

Remember to check out the **Diocese of Kentucky** website for all things related to the Diocese. You can find news and events along with ministries the Diocese is partnered. Go to [www.episcopalky.org](http://www.episcopalky.org)





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**Office Hours**

**Monday—Wednesday**

8:30am—4:30pm

**Thursday**

8:30am—1:00pm

**Friday**

Closed

**Service Times**

**Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

**Wednesday**

7:00am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

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Peggy McKillip

Paula Maier

Scarlett Winters

**2024 Class**

John Carter

Jim Dale

David Lee

Brenda Willoughby

**2025 Class**

Tommy Adams

Carol DuBose

Jamie Chaffin

Sharon Valk

Paula Maier, *Senior Warden*

John Carter, *Junior Warden*

David Lee, *Secretary*

Ann Puckett, *Treasurer*

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Mark Eastin, *Asst. Treasurer*

**Seven Parish Ministry Areas  
And Vestry Member Liaisons**

**Worship**

Tommy Adams & Paula Maier

**Learn**

**Christian Formation**

Carol DuBose & Jamie Chaffin

**Grow**

**Congregational Development**

Mike Harper &

Scarlett Winters

**Radiate**

**Fellowship**

Jim Dale & Brenda Willoughby

**Radiate**

**Outreach**

Peggy McKillip & Sharon Valk

**Radiate**

**Pastoral Care**

John Carter & David Lee

