



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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JUNE 2023

From The Rector

Dear Friends,

One of the things that sets apart priestly ministry from lay and diaconal ministry is the ability to pronounce God's blessing on people and things. I sometimes joke that I only get invited to events so that the host will have a built in person to say the blessing over the food, but it truly is an honor to be entrusted with such responsibility, and I do not take it lightly. Over the years, I've had the chance to bless all kinds of things. I've blessed the standard things like homes, vehicles, pets, cross necklaces, and wedding rings. I've blessed some less than ordinary items like peanut harvests, stuffed animals, even a brand-new elementary school once. These types of blessing events are my favorites, if you can have favorite blessings, because they feel so authentic. There, standing in midst of a field, walking the hallways of a school, or with the personification of childlike faith right in front of you, God's presence can feel so imminent.



I had one of those moments just last night. For the second straight year, I was asked by the Bowling Green League of Bicyclists (BGLOB) to pronounce God's blessing upon bicycles and their riders as we also remembered those in our community who were killed in bike accidents over the last year. This event holds special meaning for me as its been almost seven years since I gathered with the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to lay to rest the Rev. Ray Wishart, a deacon who was killed when his bicycle was struck by a semi-truck mere months after he retired from a 40 year career as an educator.

As the service unfolded last night, the current President of BGLOB, Diane Moats, read a list of names of those who had died. She was caught short as she read those names, and I felt the Spirit of God there in Circus Square Park. As we prayed for the dead and asked God to bless riders with safety, God seems to be right there among us, comforting those who mourn, lifting up those who worry, and offering peace and joy to all of us who enjoyed a beautiful evening in God's good creation.

It is a privilege to speak blessing on God's behalf, and every time I have the chance to bless a person, place, or thing, I am grateful for it. Especially in those places that we don't normally associate the Church, seeing God at work in the world around us can be a reminder of the blessings we have in our own lives. So, in the memory of Deacon Ray Wishart, I invite you to spend some time this month outside, looking for where God's blessings are made manifest in the world God created. May God bless you with eyes to see blessings all around.

Grace and Peace,

Steve

From The Associate Rector

For the past four years, I've answered many times why my title was written as, "The Very Rev." It's the designation given to Deans, usually for Cathedral Deans and Seminary Deans, but in my case, I got the opportunity to serve the Diocese as what is called a Rural Dean. A Rural Dean is a volunteer role that helps the Bishop in Dioceses like ours, and it comes with a special honorific, "the Very." A Deanery is a smaller geographic area of a Diocese, and the Four Rivers Deanery is essentially us and rest of the west parts of the Diocese. When I stepped into the role, I organized, as was the habit, monthly meetings of the priests and deacons as well as helped the Bishop disseminate information as needed, almost always over lunch. These monthly meetings were a great opportunity to get to know the clergy, to hold things mutually in prayer, and to learn about how the other congregations in the Diocese are doing. And then, as almost every story goes these days, COVID hit.

My role as Rural Dean shifted dramatically and quickly. We began to do weekly zoom check-ins with the Bishop, and then on a deeper level with the Deanery. Serving in this role during that time was a gift, even as it was a challenge. Here at Christ Church, Steve, Kellie, and I are very lucky to have clergy colleagues with whom we work every week, but most churches in our Diocese do not have this privilege; the isolating effects of the pandemic are well known, even in church work. During these COVID meetings, the clergy tried to brainstorm how to worship safely as the pandemic lasted longer than any of us could have ever imagined.

As congregations around the Diocese began to come back to in-person worship just as we did, my role as Rural Dean changed again. We shifted into a new normal, and eventually we resumed our once-a-month lunch meetings, which remain an opportunity to share the news of the Diocese and Deanery as well as to be a support system and network for our fellow clergy members. We've gathered at nearly every church in the Deanery all the way from Murray to Paducah to Bowling Green; we've gotten to learn and grow together, and we've gotten to share each other's joys and burdens.

When I came back from Sabbatical last year, I knew that I needed to off-load some things from my plate, and I began to prayerfully discern what that might be. While nothing about my work here at Christ Church will change and I will continue to serve as the Presiding Officer of the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese, I informed the Bishop in February that I'd like to step down from being Rural Dean and pass on that responsibility to someone else. The clergy voted in support of recommending to the Bishop that he appoint The Rev. Steve Spicer, Rector at Grace, Hopkinsville, in my stead, and he will be serving in that role. And with that brings a title change for both of us as the "Very" goes with the job; so once he is appointed, he'll be The Very Rev. Steve Spicer and I'm back to just plain ol' The Rev.

I'm glad to pass along this role and responsibility and excited to see how Steve Spicer lives into the role in ways that are different from my style. New leadership is good and can bring about invigorating change, and for his willingness and for the opportunity that I have had to serve in this role, I give thanks to God!



From The Director of Children's Faith Formation



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 11-14 from 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner will be provided and start at 5:00pm. This year we will be learning all about how God made the world for us and gave us science to look closer at the wildly wonderful world around us. Children will be extracting strawberry DNA, exploring the voice of God in our Nature Breaks, and learning how bees communicate with one another in the game "Honeybee Waggle." We invite parents to stay the first night with their kids and explore the world around them.

This year the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green and Christ Episcopal Church are raising money for A Rocha International. The goal is to raise \$200 for tortoise rehabilitation and a tortoise garden in South Africa. For more information, go to our website and look at the VBS, 2023 tab.

If you have not signed up for VBS this year, you can go to our website under the tab "Learn & Grow" or follow this link <https://www.cecbg.com/vbs-2023> to sign up children or to volunteer. We are having our last mandatory VBS training date on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 from 6pm-8pm with a meal provided. If you would like to volunteer but cannot make the training date, please contact Kate Cline: kate@cecbg.com and we can still get you qualified to work with our children's programming for VBS. If you have had the Godly Play Training with Kate this year, you are already qualified to work with the kids. Feel free to join us around 6:30 for fun, fellowship, and tie-dye.

May 28 was our last day of Children's Programming until the 2023-2024 school year and I will keep you posted about beginning of the year activities and events in the coming weeks. Also, the Atrium and Sensory Room will officially open in the fall.

As always, keep an eye on our Children's Faith Formation webpages for updates and information, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or stop by and see me Monday-Wednesday at the Church office.

A PRAYER FOR SUMMER VACATION

God, we deserve this. We've worked hard, day after day, for way too long. And this vacation feels like freedom. We understand the hard work is necessary. We understand that if we are going to become better people, better citizens, we have to continue. But this is our Sabbath, God. Help us treat it that way. Help us use this as a time of renewal. Help us use this as a chance to restore our souls, to renovate our lives, to revamp our mindset, so we will be ready when it's time to go back. School is temporary, God. Summers are forever. Let the sun shine on us and make us better servants. Amen.

from *The Book of Uncommon Prayer 2*,
by Steven L. Case

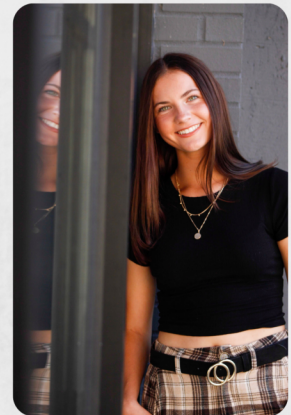


Celebrating Our Graduates



Zachary Burt graduated on May 28, 2023 from Bowling Green High School. Zachary was a member of the football team, playing wide receiver. He will be continuing his football career at Western Kentucky University, where he intends to study sports medicine or physical therapy. Zachary is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

Hannah Carter graduated on May 27, 2023 from Greenwood High School. She is apart of National Honors Society and her schools Student Ambassadors. Hannah will be attending Murray State University in the fall, where she intends to major in Nutrition and Dietetics while also continuing her soccer career.



Hannah Stewart graduated on May 27th, 2023 from Greenwood High School. Hannah has been apart of Varsity Cheerleading, National Honor Society, Distinguished Young Women, and served as her school's National Beta Club President. Hannah will be attending Western Kentucky University in the fall, where she intends to major in Biology with a Pre-Med Track.

Jackson Thomas Talley graduated with honors on May 27th, 2023 from South Warren High School. He is a member of Beta club, and is employed by Chick-fil-A. He will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall, where he intends to study interior design with a minor in business.



*Congratulations
to all our graduates!*

Christ Episcopal Church Street Fair

TUESDAY
JUNE 6TH
5PM - 8PM

FREE FOR THE
COMMUNITY

12th Ave and CEC Parking Lots

LIVE MUSIC

WITH DANCING IN THE STREET

Bowling Green Blues Allstars
and
Willie Huston

FOOD TRUCKS

California Street Tacos
and

BG Dawgz

**BOUNCE
HOUSES**



**CARNIVAL
GAMES**



Bring a lawn chair
and join us for this fun night!



FREE POPCORN AND SNO CONES

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD

7:30 AM

Parish Work Day

We'll be spending the first Saturday in June cleaning up the outside grounds of the parish. If you are interested in joining, you can show up ready to work or contact Helen Siewers or Peggy McKillip!



*Sign
up now!*



Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 11 - Wednesday, June 14
www.cecbg.com/vbs-2023

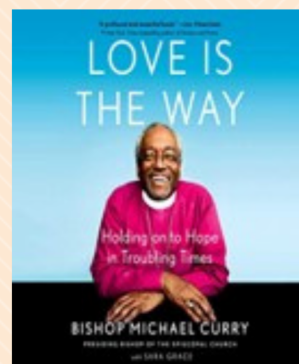
BREAD OF ANGELS Resurrected

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 to be 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.

Throughout the next few months, Bread of Angles will be reading and discussing Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s Book Love is the Way, Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times. Bishop Curry’s most recent book, Love is the Way has garnered worldwide praise for its pragmatic insight on what it means to truly love thy neighbor.

For more information and to join our Google Group:
Please go to 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

CANS FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please join us in prayer that camp will be able to be safely held next summer!

Your continued contributions of aluminum will enable many kids to attend!

Thank you!

For those who aren't aware, there is a container in the kitchen for aluminum items. (please, no tin or steel) The donated items are turned into recycling and the money garnered is deposited into a church All Saints scholarship account.



General Convention is coming to Louisville!



JUNE 22-28 2024

The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, June 4th, 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, May 3rd and 17th.

The Parish Register

Birthdays

06/03	Pitt Derryberry	06/11	Charles Bussey	06/17	Ryder Travelsted
06/03	Guen Petty	06/13	Helen Siewers	06/22	Bruce Powell
06/04	Barbara Ford	06/14	Joyce Hart	06/23	Donna Bussey
06/04	Brody Hale	06/14	Virginia Neill Caudill	06/24	Oakley DeLoach
06/04	Merritt Hale	06/16	Kevin Brooks	06/24	Raegan DeLoach
06/05	Sara Stevens	06/16	Elaine Vilines	06/25	Casey Travelsted
06/07	Melinda Riedel	06/17	Barbara Keith	06/27	Susan Gaines
06/09	Gretchen Niva	06/17	David Cole	06/28	Kathryn Hall
06/09	Troy Puckett Sr	06/17	Jim Meyer	06/29	Brooks Mills
06/10	Fred Siewers	06/17	Sharon Dyrsen	06/30	Nancy Minix
		06/17	Deb Stein		

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church				
Outreach Funds Report for period ending April 30, 2023				
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2023	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 4/30/2023
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	0.00	0.00	2,731.75
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	7,028.00	7,800.00	1,757.73
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,417.00		1,417.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	550.00	0.00	1,511.88
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	0.00	0.00	2,605.81
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	28,050.00	29,000.00	66.03
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	115.04	0.00	5,137.67
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	1,700.50	734.69	9,218.37
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		990 served YTD; 15 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	2,576.89	65.11	2,642.00	0.00
TOTAL	31,327.18	38,258.65	44,536.19	25,049.64
Rector Discretionary	0.00	1,806.40	1,806.40	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	1,160.40	1,160.40	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	603.20	603.20	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	3,570.00	3,570.00	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		41,828.65		

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending April 30, 2023					
Account #	Account Name	APRIL 2023	YTD 2023	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	54,635.77	255,906.98	663,989.00	39%
	Diocesan Support	5,822.92	17,791.68	47,875.00	37%
	Investment Income	0.00	6,192.00	80,242.38	8%
	Miscellaneous Income	1.00	4.00	2,000.00	0%
	INCOME TOTAL	60,459.69	279,894.66	794,106.38	35%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	2,366.37	9,091.66	32,500.00	28%
	Buildings and Property	9,305.61	38,893.81	132,600.00	29%
	Christian Formation	1,041.62	5,793.79	17,250.00	34%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	862.29	3,872.81	10,000.00	39%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,478.00	34,009.00	105,756.00	32%
	Music Ministry	4,990.21	10,831.45	20,600.00	53%
	Parish Life	1,562.78	6,049.87	16,700.00	36%
	Worship	2,383.39	2,122.87	5,000.00	42%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	42,945.96	178,756.60	530,519.50	34%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	73,936.23	289,421.86	870,925.50	33%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	(13,476.54)	(9,527.20)	(76,819.12)	

The Parish Online

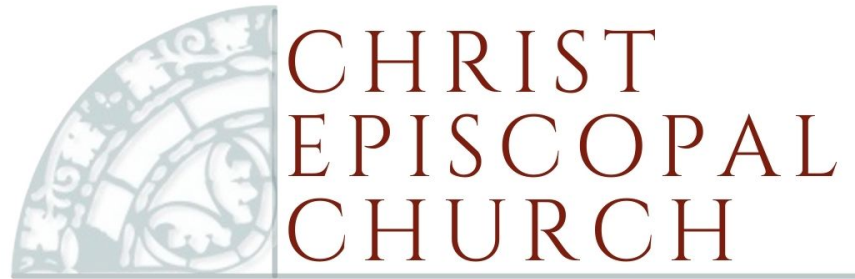
Be sure to check the parish's website at www.cecbg.com for any communication you might have missed. *The Lancet*, our weekly electronic newsletter and *The Window* monthly newsletter are found under the Connect menu. You can also check the church calendar along with the Ministry Scheduler under the Calendar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



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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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The Vestry

2023 Class

Mike Harper
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*
Hamp Moore, *Asst. Treasurer*
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

