



# 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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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

# APRIL 2023

# From The Rector

Dear Friends,

I believe it was Karl Barth who is credited with saying that a good preacher prepares a sermon with “a Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” Since the Swiss theologian died in 1968, the sources of information available to the preacher have compounded exponentially. Now, on any given week, I work on my sermons with the Bible in one hand, several commentary websites on one screen, a Greek study site on another screen, my phone scrolling through Facebook, a browser checking the news, my TV usually set to sports, and an air pod in my ear playing a podcast. It can get downright overwhelming trying to discern the question I was taught to ask every week that I preach, “What is the Holy Spirit inviting me to say to this congregation on this day?”

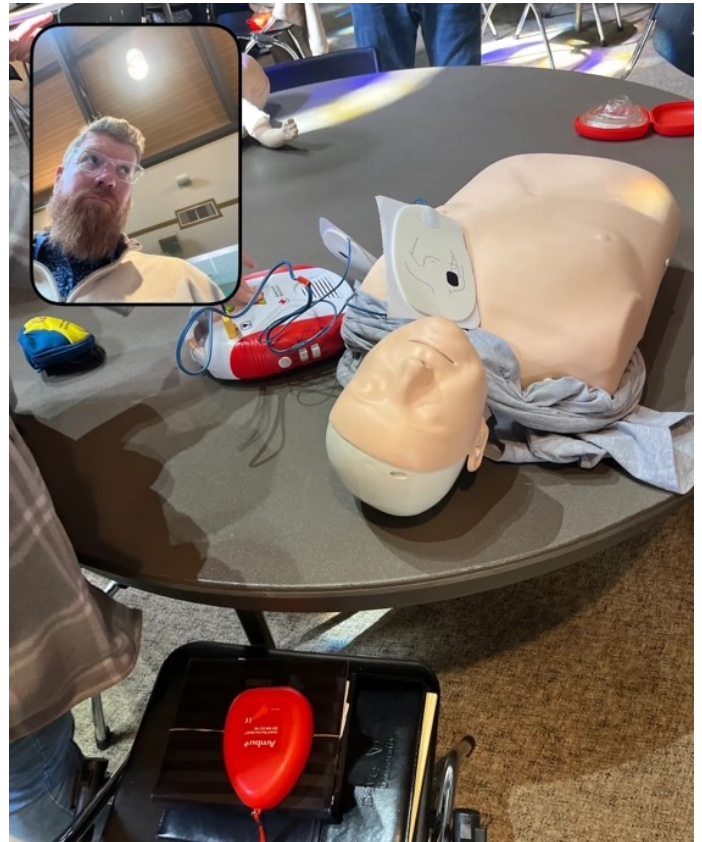
Sometimes, however, there is something in the world that has almost universal impact. The first week of January 2023 had one of those events. Monday Night Football was in Cincinnati where the Bengals were taking on the Buffalo Bills in an important game with significant playoff implications. Millions of people tuned in expecting a great game between two strong teams. What they didn’t expect to see came with 5:58 remaining in the first quarter when Bills safety Damar Hamlin tackled Bengals receiver Tee Higgins, got up off the ground, and then collapsed onto the field.

Eventually, we learned that Hamlin had suffered cardiac arrest and was resuscitated twice thanks to well-trained assistant athletic trainer, Denny Kellington, who performed CPR on Hamlin and administered an automated external defibrillator (AED) which shocked his heart back into rhythm. In the days that followed those frightening images, several staff and parishioners approached me about our own plans in case of emergency.

Since before my arrival here, Christ Church has had two AEDs in the building. One is located near the College Street entrance. The other hangs near the so-called “Coke Hallway” off of Surface Hall. Gretchen Broderick has kept them in good working order, and I’ve always been hopeful that somebody would know how to use them, if needed. For my part, I have never known how they work. That is, until yesterday, sixteen members of congregation, staff and volunteers alike, gathered in Moore Hall to learn how to administer CPR and use an AED.

Now, in addition to panic buttons that automatically dispatch first responders, we have several trained good Samaritans in our midst. While we hope to never have to use what we learned during our training, I’m grateful to know that so many of you care enough to spend an afternoon learning how to save the life of a family member, friend, or even a stranger.

Grace and Peace,



# From The Associate Rector

Last month I got the opportunity to sit down and talk with The Rev. Daniel Lyvers, one of the ministers at First Christian Church down the street, and to hear about his recent 10 day trip to Israel. He got to share stories and paint pictures, to remark on being in Bethlehem for Orthodox Christmas. The trip that Daniel took was one that echoed the one he had made ten years earlier. It was fascinating to hear about his trip and to get tips on the best falafel in Jerusalem for our own trip in October. One of the stories that I have thought about often, was how their group was invited to a communal funeral for a 15-year-old Palestinian boy for was attacked. It's like the stories in the news, where much is said by all that is unsaid about the government of Israel's military force toward the lives of the Palestinians. Daniel's group did not know the language, and most had never been to a Muslim funeral, but a simple hand over your heart and bow is a universal language of compassion in the world of grief.

On the morning I write this article, there are current accounts of raids in the West Bank, the oppression of the Palestinians by the Israeli government and the military opposing the government leadership. The truth is that by the time this goes out in the April Window, there is no doubt going to me many more articles and changes. When it comes to traveling to the Holy Land, it can never be done without an awareness of the turmoil that saturates that sacred ground. And the truth is, I feel conflicted about traveling to Israel.

I don't feel conflicted because of the risk or the potential of it being canceled at the last moment because of geo-political acts, I feel conflicted about the reality of that turmoil and conflict. With all of the delays our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land have had, I once had hopes that I'd come to a more solid, less conflicted ground when it comes to this trip. But, what I've learned is that there is no easy answer when it comes to traveling to the Holy Land. It's complex, and I've made the decision to stand in that complexity.

For me, traveling to Israel won't just mean visiting holy sites and prayerfully reflecting on our baptismal call at the River Jordan. For me, it will require the cognitive dissonance of spending tourism dollars in Israel while acknowledging the ways in which violence permeates almost everything in the West Bank and parts of the nation of Israel. Visiting Israel will, I have no doubt, make the headlines feel so much more real, and will require me to experience a level of treatment of myself and others unlike any other experience.

No one knows how any trip will change them, but for me, the opportunity to co-lead our pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Steve will afford me the opportunity to stand in the gray space in a world that wants to be starkly black or white. It'll ask all of us who go to stand in the tension of the physical spaces where our Savior walked while also making us reflect on how it is so much harder to witness pain rather than trying to solve it, how violence is never easy, and how oppression is never holy. This is my prayer in preparation for our Fall trip, that I can stay conflicted about this complicated, tense, and violent area, while remaining attuned to God's peace which we ought to all be working towards.

*Berea+*

# From The Director of Children's Faith Formation

I was very excited to speak on our upcoming projects—the nursery conversion to The Atrium, and also the St. Anne's conversion to a sensory room. I wanted to thank everyone for your words of encouragement and those that have enthusiastically volunteered to help bring about our vision. If I have talked to you about sewing, wood working, and other components of our Atrium and Sensory Room, you'll be hearing from me after Easter as we really begin to bring these two sacred spaces together. If you would like to learn more about The Atrium and the sensory room, please continue to read. I've tried to summarize our vision for these two spaces in the following paragraphs.

## The Atrium

Currently the nursery has three rooms in it—the main room, the toddler room, and the infant room. In the main room is a sitting area for families, a kitchenette, and a mounted television screen to watch the church's respective services at 8am and 10am.

A few months ago, I attended FORMA which is a conference for Faith Formation. I attended several sessions about Intergenerational activities and spaces within churches. In this particular session I learned about an atrium space that one church utilizes.

In this space, the youngest members of the church learn about the intricacies of a church service and the importance of listening to God and ways to pray to God that are more non-traditional. The atrium space is filled with Christian icons (those religious pictures that are mounted and oftentimes outlined in gold) and a variety of representations of Saints, the Holy Family, the Great Feasts and celebrations of the church year, and contemporary leaders that led their lives the way Jesus led His life. Also in the atrium space are components of the church service like the pulpit, the lectern, the altar, and the sacristy.

The idea of the atrium is to allow children to make spiritual connections with the Trinity and to understand the reasons for the components in the service such as color changes in the church at certain times of the year, why we have Holy Communion, and the reasoning behind our 40 days of Lent and Advent Sundays. Our Atrium directly connects our children—and really whomever is interested in learning and understanding—directly to our church's sacraments and rituals.

The Atrium at Christ Episcopal Church will still have a cozy family lounging space, a reading corner, an art response corner, and a prayer candle stand with LED candles. Just as in our church the prayer stand will have an icon wall to look on as the candles are "lit." The television will still be mounted so families can watch the service and we are also incorporating an indoor container garden to make connections with creation care. In what is currently the toddler room (the Thomas the Train set is housed here), this space will be converted into a "church" space. Components for the church include a pulpit, lectern, sacristy cabinet, altar, and pews. There will also be a vestments closet and materials for Holy Communion. Children will be able to prepare to preach, Eucharistic ministers, and change the church colors throughout the year. They will be able to do altar flower preparation and read from the gospel. There will be a very real connection between the church and our sanctuary. In the infant room, the crib and changing table will stay. The rest of the space will house icons, statuary (such as "The Pieta"), prints, books and Godly Play sets. Also in this space as in the church space our indoor container garden will continue throughout



incorporating plants used and mentioned in the scriptures and other bible stories. This space will be used as a space to explore through reading, play, and conversation. The Atrium is a sacred space designed for a deeper understanding of the church and learning to love all of our neighbors.

### Godly Play Sensory Room

In the fall, we will introduce our newest Godly Play classroom. Saint Anne's will be converted into a sensory classroom. Our new Sunday School classroom will house a kinetic sand desert box and water beads for a more immersive experience into the bible stories we tell our children. One of the goals for this Godly Play classroom is to convert the Godly Play story sets used into more tactile sets to be used. The classroom will house sensory bottles that can be used in church, weighted blankets, and textured carpet squares. Children will be able to make connections using all of their senses and have another place to explore stories and their own spiritual connections.



The Atrium has its own page which can be found under the Children's Faith Formation tab. The Atrium If you would like to help with these rooms, there are lots of ways to help. Monetary donations are accepted through our online giving or mail. Just write in the memo line or as a note "The Atrium/Sensory Room." There is also a wishlist for the Atrium if you would like to donate a gift- Atrium Wishlist. We are also looking for sewing enthusiasts, woodworkers, and volunteers to help move and pack up items and set up these sacred spaces. You can also contact Ms. Kate for more information. My email address is [kate@cecbg.com](mailto:kate@cecbg.com)

Other exciting and upcoming events are the annual Easter Egg hunt at Christ Church which is open to all children-members and visitors and the Rise and Shine Easter Family breakfast. The Easter Egg hunt will take place on April 9, starting around 9:30am. Children will be dismissed by class from the Rise and Shine breakfast. Pre-K will have their hunt in the green bowl on College Street; K-2 will hunt in the Labyrinth Garden; and 3-5 will hunt in front of the church on the State Street side. The Pentecost butterfly release will take place in the Labyrinth Garden on May 28, 2023 right before the 10:00am service. We have dates for Vacation Bible School too! VBS will be June 11-14 at Christ Episcopal Church. As we begin planning for VBS look for more information coming soon.

Blessings and Love,  
Ms. Kate

# Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

From 7PM on Maundy Thursday until 8AM on Good Friday,  
we will hold Vigil with the reserve Sacrament in the Chapel.

Each one-hour time slot will need two volunteers:

one to hold prayer and one to keep watch.

To register for a spot online, please go to

<https://volunteersignup.org/FF3XM>

# Holy Week

April 2 - 7

**Palm  
Sunday**



Holy Eucharist with  
Palm Procession -

8 & 10 - Begin in Buckberry Garden

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**Rite of Reconciliation**

Noon - Duncan Hines  
Chapel



**Holy  
Monday**

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**Holy  
Tuesday**



Downtown Ecumenical  
Holy Week Service + Lunch

Noon - Nave

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**Holy Eucharist with Healing  
Prayers**

Noon - Nave



**Holy  
Wednesday**

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**Maundy  
Thursday**



Holy Eucharist with  
Footwashing

6pm - Nave

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**Good Friday Liturgy**

7am & 12 in the Nave

**Stations of the Cross - 6pm**



**Good  
Friday**



Holy Tuesday  
April 4th

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Noon

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Christ Episcopal  
Church  
1215 State Street

# HOLY WEEK SERVICE

Join the downtown churches for an  
Ecumenical Holy Week Service at  
Noon on Tuesday, April 4th at Christ  
Episcopal Church with a light lunch  
to follow.

Preacher - The Rev. Craig Tuck,  
State Street United Methodist Church

A decorative border of white lily flowers with yellow centers and red stamens, arranged in a frame around the top and sides of the page.

# Easter Day

**The Feast of the Resurrection of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music**  
8am & 10am

**Rise and Shine Easter Breakfast**  
9:00-9:45 am

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
9:30(ish)

A purple rectangular background with a cluster of white and pink flowers on the right side and a few scattered white flowers at the bottom.

**The Parish  
Office will be  
CLOSED  
for Easter Monday**

**April 10th**





*Last Chance*

*to join our*

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE**

**HOLY LAND**

**OCTOBER 17-25, 2023**

*Deadline to Register:  
April 20th*

# ECM in March

EPISCOPAL



CAMPUS  
MINISTRY

Dinner + Worship  
Wednesday Evenings

April 5

April 12

April 19

April 26

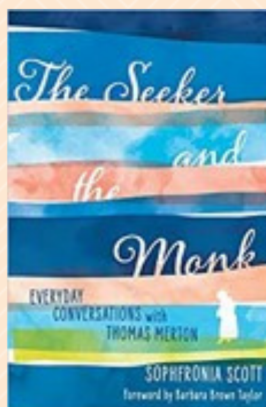
*Of one thing I am certain. My Life must have meaning. This meaning springs from a creative and intelligent harmony between my will and the will of God – a clarification by right action. But what is right action? What is the will of God? What are the sources of all my confusion on these?*

Sophronia Scott, *The Seeker and the Monk*

## 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.



April 9

Easter, BoA does not meet

April 16

*The Seeker and the Monk*, Chapter 3

April 23

*The Seeker and the Monk*, Chapter 4

April 30

*The Seeker and the Monk*, Chapter 5

Contact Mike Harper: [mike@mike-harper.com](mailto:mike@mike-harper.com); 270-996-4380 for more information and to arrange for materials.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD**

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I - 8AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 10 AM

**BISHOP'S  
VISITATION  
AND  
CONFIRMATION**

RECEPTIONS FOR THE BISHOP  
WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER BOTH  
SERVICES



The Right Rev. Terry A. White.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky

*General Convention  
is coming to  
Louisville!*



**JUNE 22-28 2024**

IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATE!



# 2023 PICTURE DIRECTORY

Saturday, April 15th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm &  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 16th

11:30 am - 1:00pm &  
1:30 pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 19th

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[Click Here](#) to Register for a time slot or use the QR Code below.

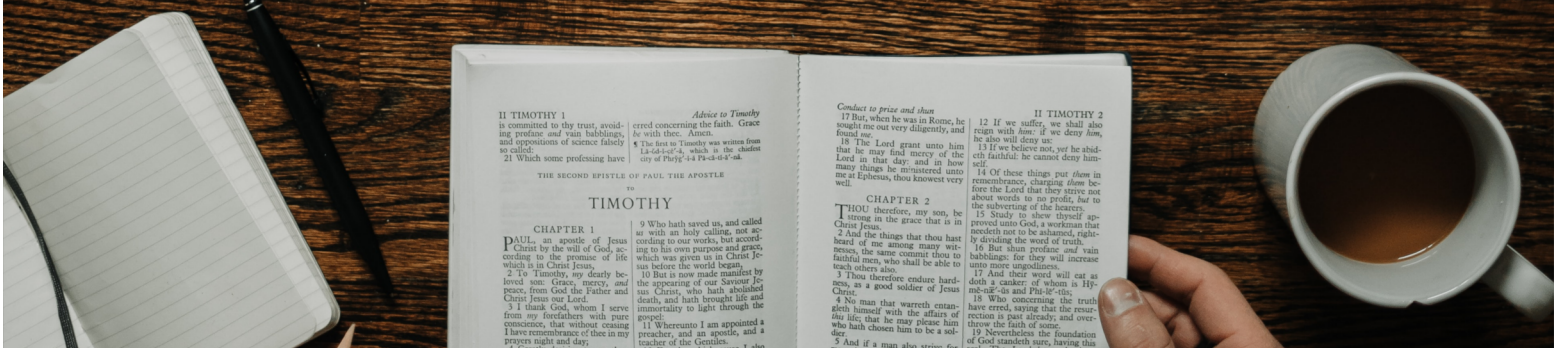


## CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE

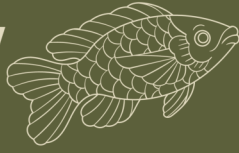
meets Sundays from 9:00AM to 9:45AM in the All Saint's Room

This discussion-based group reads Scripture and Episcopal theology and engages in conversation around daily life and the challenges of living into our faith. All are welcome & no preparation is necessary!

Facilitated by David Kem



The  
Brotherhood  
of Saint  
Andrew



**Fish  
Fry**



*DONATIONS ACCEPTED*

*Good Friday*

*April 7th*

*After the Stations  
of the Cross*

*Moore Hall*

## The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, May 7<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, April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

## The Parish Register

### *Deaths*

Bill Kernohan joined the Church Triumphant on February 21st, 2023. The family will received guests in Surface Hall on Saturday, March 25th, 2023 and held a small family funeral at a later date.

Joyce Carney entered into the nearer presence of our Lord on Wednesday, March 22. Joyce's family received visitors in Surface Hall on Saturday, April 1st and a private funeral will follow at a later time.

### *Birthdays*

04/03	Ken Cline	04/08	Retta Poe	04/17	Anthony Frassinelli
04/03	Caroline Derryberry	04/08	Bill Riedel	04/21	Cindy Hines
04/03	Sophia Frassinelli	04/08	Billy Van Pelt	04/22	Dennis Dipert
04/04	Claire Campbell	04/11	Abby McReynolds	04/22	Justin Chaffin
04/04	Angie Stewart	04/12	Judy Adams	04/25	Rumsie Massey
04/04	Josh Greenwell	04/12	Amanda Derryberry	04/25	Emilia Moo
04/06	Tom Hart	04/13	Louise Gillock	04/26	Tommy Adams Jr.
04/06	John Spraker	04/13	Lauren Carmichael	04/27	Kathy Leonard
04/07	Eliza Pankey	04/14	Pat Hildreth	04/29	Mia Greenwell
		04/16	Lukas Forbes		

# Financial Reports

<b>Christ Episcopal Church</b>				
<b>Outreach Funds Report for period ending February 28, 2023</b>				
<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance - 01/01/2023</b>	<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>Year To Date Expense</b>	<b>Balance - 2/28/2023</b>
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	0.00	0.00	<b>2,731.75</b>
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	3,770.00	3,000.00	<b>3,299.73</b>
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,417.00	0.00	0.00	<b>1,417.00</b>
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	425.00	0.00	<b>1,386.88</b>
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	0.00	0.00	<b>2,605.81</b>
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	10,000.00	10,000.00	<b>1,016.03</b>
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	21.81	0.00	<b>5,044.44</b>
Meals, Inc	2,299.97	0.00	62.37	<b>2,237.60</b>
Room In The Inn	1,775.08	0.00	156.29	<b>1,618.79</b>
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	0.00	<b>137.85</b>
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	8,252.56	390.50	291.43	<b>8,351.63</b>
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		462 served YTD; 15 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	2,576.89	55.00	0.00	<b>2,631.89</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,327.18</b>	<b>14,662.31</b>	<b>13,510.09</b>	<b>32,479.40</b>
Rector Discretionary	0.00	1,246.00	1,246.00	<b>0.00</b>
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	596.00	596.00	<b>0.00</b>
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	298.00	298.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,140.00</b>	<b>2,140.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME</b>		<b>16,802.31</b>		

# Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending February 28, 2023					
Account #	Account Name	FEBRUARY 2023	YTD 2023	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Parish Offerings	93211.97	156156.64	687949.00	23%
	Diocesan Support	3072.92	8895.84	47875.00	19%
	Investment Income	0.00	6192.00	80242.38	8%
	Miscellaneous Income	1.00	2.00	2000.00	0%
	<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>96285.89</b>	<b>171246.48</b>	<b>818066.38</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
	Administration	2,205.75	3,873.52	32,500.00	12%
	Buildings and Property	8,748.20	17,327.68	132,600.00	13%
	Christian Formation	473.83	2,601.88	17,250.00	15%
	WKU Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	538.26	1,347.45	10,000.00	13%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,478.00	17,053.00	105,756.00	16%
	Music Ministry	2,285.58	3,528.90	20,600.00	17%
	Parish Life	1,538.56	2,961.29	16,700.00	18%
	Worship	134.36	290.17	5,000.00	6%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	44,862.29	88,987.30	530,519.50	17%
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>69,264.83</b>	<b>137,971.19</b>	<b>870,925.50</b>	<b>16%</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)</b>	<b>27,021.06</b>	<b>33,275.29</b>	<b>(52,859.12)</b>	

## The Parish Online

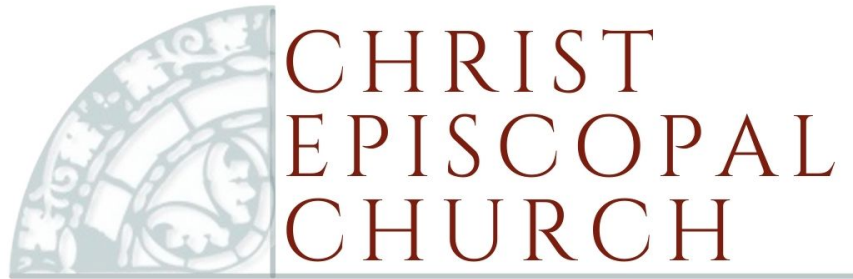
Be sure to check the parish's website at [www.cebcbg.com](http://www.cebcbg.com) for any communication you might have missed. *The Lancet*, our weekly electronic newsletter and *The Window* monthly newsletter are found under the Connect menu. You can also check the church calendar along with the Ministry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

**2023 Class**

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Peggy McKillip  
Paula Maier  
Scarlett Winters

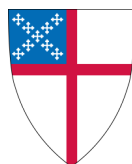
**2024 Class**

John Carter  
Jim Dale  
David Lee  
Brenda Willoughby

**2025 Class**

Tommy Adams  
Carol DuBose  
David Kem  
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

**Grow**

**Congregational Development**

Mike Harper, David Kem, &  
Scarlett Winters

**Radiate**

**Fellowship**

Jim Dale & Brenda Willoughby

**Radiate**

**Outreach**

Peggy McKillip & Sharon Valk

**Radiate**

**Pastoral Care**

John Carter & David Lee