

# The Window

A monthly newsletter published for the parish and friends of Christ Episcopal Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky



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# SEPTEMBER 2020

Christ Episcopal Church is 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.

# **From The Rector**

## Dear Friends,

I've heard it said that the worst investment you could have made this year was in a day planner. 2020 has certainly been one in which throwing out the playbook is daily occurrence. In this picture, you see a giant open space surrounded by crosses. Usually, there is a 12-month dry erase calendar

found hanging there. So much for those plans. Through the course of this pandemic, there have been days when planning even a week ahead seemed foolish. I'll admit that there were a few times, when I wasn't even sure I felt comfortable planning for the next afternoon.

By now, you've probably read the latest update from our Restart Task Force. Continuing the cancellation of in-person worship indefinitely isn't an easy pill to swallow, but looking back over the past few weeks since we first named this reality in our small group, I have found it freeing. Our



motto over the summer has been, "Let's give it another month." We've given it another month and another month and another month to the point that the program year nearly arrived without me even noticing. When you're living a month at a time, there isn't much room or motivation to dream. There's no need to imagine a different future when "normal" is constantly on the horizon.

Instead, the gift of being able to push "normal" out of minds for a while was the freedom to dream of what live might look like for Christ Episcopal Church in the here and now. I'm proud of our staff, vestry, and lay leaders for taking the challenge of starting a new program year in the midst of an ongoing pandemic with hopeful imagination. Throughout the course of this month's window, you'll find all kinds of opportunities to worship God with joy and wonder, learn and grow together, and radiate God's love to a world that desperately needs it. We're still looking at how we can expand our outreach into the community as well as ways for us to fellowship with one another in small group. Stay tuned.

If I've said it once, I've said it a hundred times, "this isn't how any of us want things to be," but I'm proud of Christ Church for making the best of what is a very challenging, and often, rapidly changing situation. We're living into our mission every day, even when it feels like we're making things up minute by minute.

Grace and Peace,

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# From The Associate Rector

Early on in the pandemic, I knew that I needed some sort of rhythm of life that would help me mark the days, but also help me to pull my anxious mind out of the constant flurry of news about the virus. While I had often taken my dogs to walk on the greenway near our house, back in March when everything shut down, it became a lifeline. It was the one place I went outside of getting groceries and coming to the church building on Sunday mornings. I rarely saw other folks, but the few that I did, I began to recognize as we passed each other from a distance with a small good morning wave.

These walks on the greenway by the creek became a lifeline for more than just an excuse to get out of the house, they were an opportunity to connect to the rhythm of nature. This past week, as I was walking with my dog, noticing the intensity of the summer green of the forest, I felt the first hint of a cool breeze that always indicates that though it's still hot and summer, fall is coming. Further down the trail, as I noticed just how vibrantly full the foliage all around us was, I looked down and saw the first yellow leaves that decided that they were ready to signal that a change is coming.

When I started walking this trail, there was frost on the ground and some mornings the temperature hovered around freezing. The trees were bare and the cool blue of an early spring sky seemed vast and incomprehensible. And as I walked, I realized that we stand here, yet again, at the turn of another season in this phase of our common life, and it two things struck me powerfully.

First, like most folks, the older I get, the faster the years seem to flow by; month after month, season after season, I look around and say, "I can't believe it's already\_\_\_\_!" And it was there on that trail, thinking back to the way the earth looked when the pandemic took a hold of it that I realized that this time has both flown by and has felt impossibly slow. I both can't believe that we've been doing this for almost six months AND can't believe it's only been six months. Time keeps moving along, but it feels a bit like moving through quicksand.

The second thing I realized is that this greenway and creek bed give a testament to the way in which, though time may feel like it's moving through quicksand, growth continues to happen. It seems that so much in our world has been on pause; events have been delayed or canceled, most of us are just now navigating new experiences as the country attempts to reopen and schools come back in session in a variety of formats. Though it may feel like much of our common life has been on pause, nature has continued to grow and to flourish.

The creek bed at Jennings Creek isn't just the place where I have gone throughout the pandemic to move my body, or to re-center my mind, or to still my anxious mind, it's also been the place where the tangible reality of growth, slow unremarkable growth, has been on display. The soaring trees that remained bare while the undergrowth of the forest filled in with green new growth first. The imperceptible number of various shades of green and blue, and they way that weave in and out of each other remind me that growth and change rarely yield a single result. And the fullness of the forest reminds me that even though it may have once been bare and frosty, the rhythm of nature was at work, always cultivate a fullness that would have been hard to imagine in March.

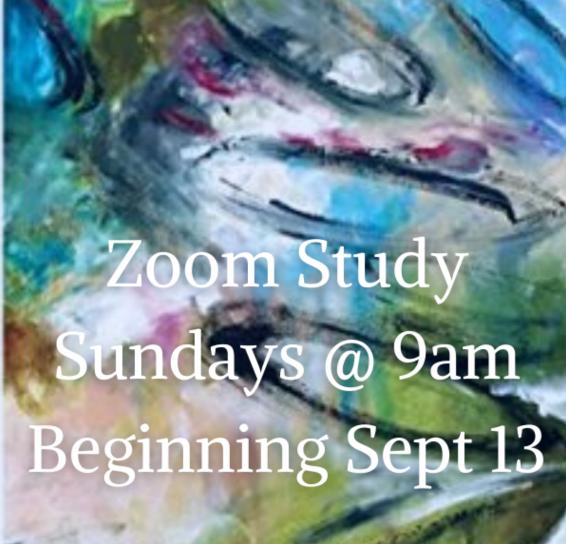
The creek bed at Jennings Creek has taught me these things, and it also helps me remember that soon, those vibrant trees will be bare again, but that their growth is not dependent upon what I can perceive with my limited vision. These lessons from nature are so vital for us to remember as we navigate into a new season, but continued life of the pandemic. We may not feel that we are growing or changing, but God is always at work within us, even when we can't see it with our limited vision.

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# Living into God's Dream



Dismantling Racism in America



# Living into God's Dream

Last month, during four weeks of story-telling, learning and, yes, some discomfort, Shelley Carter and Leslie Weigel led a group of CEC parishioners (plus some special friends) in a study of Ta-Nehisi Coates' book Between the World and Me. One unexpected element of our study time together was the sharing of written and video resources that are available for further learning and spiritual guidance for building a future without Racism.

Coates repeatedly referenced "the Dream" in Between the World... describing an American dream of work and housing opportunity and of physical security that was largely unavailable to the dark-skinned children of his generation. Since the conclusion of our class, as we start to study other texts, we begin to see references to another dream, God's dream for all of us, personally and communally. We realize that while Coates had provided a wake-up call, we need to look further and to look deeper into our faith, the teachings of Jesus, our Baptismal Covenant, to seek ways of addressing and changing the biased ways we treat our fellow human beings.

This self-examination has led Leslie and Shelley back to a book we had shared together in our Education for Ministry (EfM) class a couple of years ago. When we dusted it off and looked back to our underlinings, we realized that it could speak to us in a new and deeper way today. The book is entitled Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America. It consists of a series of essays, written by contemporary theological voices and edited by Catherine Meeks, a leader in the Episcopal Church in Atlanta where she has been a strong voice in the pursuit of Becoming Beloved Community in America.

We are excited to begin reading Living into God's Dream and to launch a new study group beginning on Sunday September 13, at 9 AM, to examine the messages from these brief and accessible essays. Books are available for purchase online in paperback or Kindle versions, and a supply is available at the church office.

In addition, we are working with Laura and Karen to create a study group site online where interested parishioner can learn from each other and share resources that they discover in support of the Beloved Community that God is asking us to become.



WANT TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL PACKETS FOR WEEKLY CHILDREN'S CHURCH LESSONS?

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT HOME

To register for "Children's Church at Home" visit our website:

https://www.cecbg.com/children
-ministry-s-distancing. Those not registered will not receive packets. This is an effort to be good stewards of finances.

FOR THOSE REGISTERED, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, CHILDREN'S CHURCH PACKETS WILL BE MAILED OUT WEEKLY AS A COMPANION TO THE CHURCH AT HOME ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE.

The Children's Church curriculum follows the revised common lectionary and is published by The Episcopal Church. Intended for children ages 3–12 years of age.



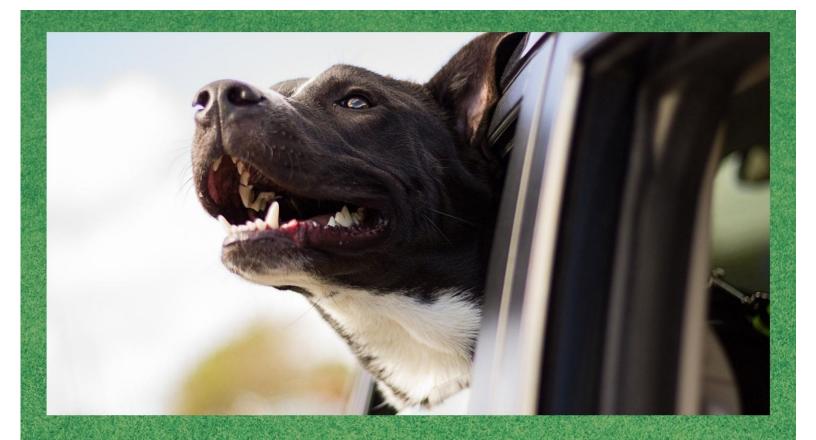


# SOWING SEEDS OF GOD'S LOVE

# CHILDREN'S FALL VIRTUAL GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children are invited to join us weekly online for Godly Play lessons!

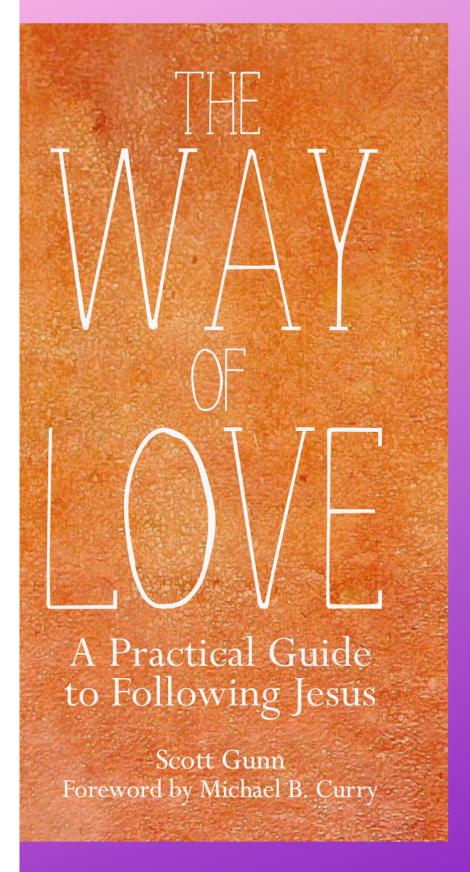
- •Sundays at 9am
- Log on to our Facebook page (Christ Episcopal Church of Bowling Green) at 9am to hear a Godly Play story told by one of our CEC Godly Play teachers
- •OR watch by clicking on the youtube link on our website when it is convenient for you and your family
- •We will study Jesus' Parables beginning Sept 13 until November 8
- •Families are encouraged to watch together and discuss the wondering questions at the end of lesson
- Appropriate for all ages



# DRIVE-THROUGH SAINT FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING

Pack up the family pets and come for a drivethrough pet blessing in celebration of Saint Francis and in thanksgiving for all the joy that our pets bring to our lives.

> Sunday, September 27th 3:00 pm



**FACEBOOK & ZOOM** 

# 8 WEEK STUDY

# BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13

A follow up to our 2018 LOFT Study, this 8 week journey through Scott Gunn's newest book will offer practical discipleship solutions for your walk with Jesus.

Lectures will be posted on Sundays via Facebook Premiere. Discussion will happen via Zoom on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

Copies of the book are available in the Parish Office.

# **Living Water for the World News**

Thank you for your on-going support of CEC's Living Waters for the World Peruvian outreach through Amazon Smile. Last quarter we received \$25.08! Choosing Christ Episcopal Church as your charity of choice is easy to do, but the impact is great!

The LWW team donated \$1000.00 in July to Project Amazonas, our LWW operating partner, for Covid relief. We also gave our Peruvian LWW Technician, Percy Ayala (pictured), \$300.00US as he has been out of work since March. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work to "deliver clean water to all of God's children!"



# Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.



# How can you help?

Good news! AmazonSmile customers can now support Christ Episcopal Church in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

Instructions: Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap 'Settings' --> Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. A percentage of what you buy through Amazon Smile will be donated to CEC's LWW mission work.

ZOOM ADULT BIBLE STUDY LED BY MILISKA KNAUFT SUNDAYS @ 9AM BEGINNING SEPT 13

# CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE:

The Gospel According to John

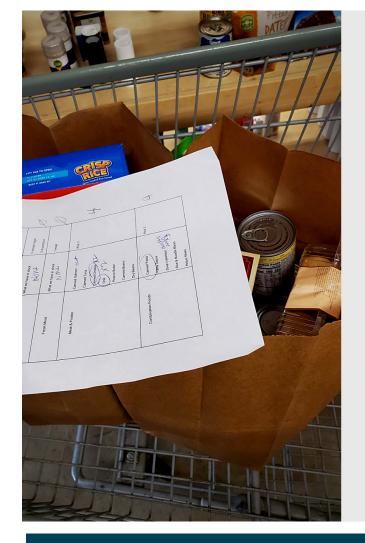




# Churches United in Christ HELP Minsitry

As our HELP Ministry enters its fourth month since the restart, we're grateful for your generosity.

Needs are increasing, so please continue to remember this ministry.



HOTEL, INC is continuing to adapt and respond to the growing needs as a result of COVID. The Manna Mart food pantry has been delivering food to Warren County residents who are homebound or do not have transportation.

The Street Medicine and Homeless & Housing departments are continuing to work with people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness through education, resource linkage, and financial assistance (when applicable).

For more information go to www.hotelincbg.com

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M.E.A.L.S., INC.

# HAS DELIVERED 215 MEALS A WEEK SINCE RESTARTING IN JULY

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We want to hear from you!

Go to <a href="https://forms.gle/ebbDaqiy8pcp2uFHA">https://forms.gle/ebbDaqiy8pcp2uFHA</a> take the survey. Your feedback will help us plan educational opportunities that meet the needs of our time.





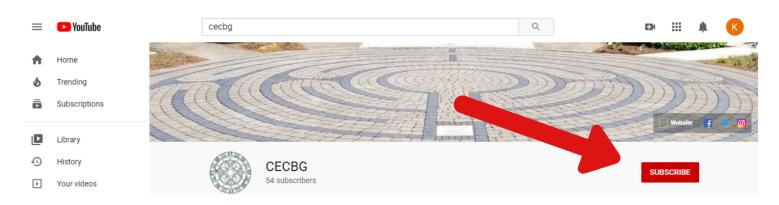
# The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

INVITES YOU TO THEIR PHYSICALLY DISTANCED, OUTDOOR MEETINGS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8AM IN THE 12TH AVE. PARKING LOT.

# HELP US RADIATE GOD'S LOVE TO ALL

# BY SUBSCRIBING TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

SUBSCRIPTION DOES NOT COST ANYTHING, AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT. CLICK HERE AND IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CECBG YOUTUBE PAGE, AND YOU CAN CLICK THE RED BUTTON TO SUBSCRIBE.



# **Lay Pastoral Care Ministry**

The Lay Pastoral Care Ministry is designed to assist the clergy in providing love, care and concern to fellow parishioners and to be a "ministry of presence." The following persons coordinate the various aspects of this ministry:

Ministry Leader - Elizabeth Rhodes
Card Ministry - Sharon Dyrsen
Eucharistic Visitors - Deacon Kellie Mysinger

hodes Food Ministry - Carol DuBose & Jamie Chaffin

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Mary Travelsted

Kellie Mysinger Altar Flower Delivery - Daughters of the King

Communication Coordinator - Sue Edwards

If you would like to know more about this ministry, contact one of the coordinators listed above. Kathy Leonard & Justin Chaffin are the Vestry liaisons to this ministry and can also provide additional information.

# Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, September 13th at 11:45 a.m. in the 12th St lot. Please bring sack lunch for yourself plus a lawn chair. We will remain socially distant and masks will be required while not eating.



# **Pastoral Care Meal Ministry**

Most of us experience times in our lives when we need a little help or would appreciate knowing that we are cared for. A prepared and delivered meal is one expression of love and caring that many of us are able to provide. The Lay Pastoral Care Committee would like to organize this effort so that Father Steve and Mother Becca can offer meals to parishioners in times of need, such as recovering from surgery or when grieving.



If you would be interested in participating in this ministry or would like to know more, please contact either Jamie Chaffin (<a href="missjamie12@yahoo.com">missjamie12@yahoo.com</a>) or Carol DuBose (<a href="mailto:caroldubose@aol.com">caroldubose@aol.com</a>)

# The Parish Register



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09/01	Paula Cockrel	09/12	Kelly Colovos	09/22	Omni Olmsted
09/02	Ron Raby	09/14	Andrea Petty	09/23	Hattie Hines
09/02	Benjamin Chaffin	09/14	Cate Loiars	09/23	Charles Gillock
09/04	Vickie Cole	09/15	Colin McAllister	09/23	Emma Loiars
09/04	Bill Bohannon	09/16	LaJuana Wilcher	09/24	Leah Martens
09/05	Mac Jefferson	09/17	Dawn Hall	09/25	Jan Campbell
09/05	Thomas Dooley III	09/17	Patrick Gilbert	09/25	James Beattie
09/06	Sadie Linden	09/19	Jim Beattie Jr.	09/26	Melanie Butler
09/07	Mary Cash	09/19	Abby Adams-Smith	09/27	Johnnie Wilson
09/07	Melinda Joyce	09/20	Addison Dunn	09/27	Heidi Huddleston
09/09	Mike Harper	09/20	Gabriella Centers	09/27	Brook Talley
09/09	Brittany Whitlow	09/21	Jimmy Bohannon Jr.	09/28	Bill Kernohan
09/09	Annabelle Gaines	09/21	John Grider	09/29	Rene Nuckols
09/10	Vonda Garringer	09/21	Warren Campbell	09/29	Cheryl McFarland
09/11	Chuck Owsley	09/21	Bill Skaggs	09/29	Josh Ford
09/11	Jenny Morehead	09/21	E. J. Shoulders	09/30	Harold McGuffey
		09/22	Richard Greer	09/30	Josh Smith

# 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

We'd love it if you subscribed to 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 Rdiate 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

# **Financial Reports**

Christ Epis	scopal Church	JULY 2020         YTD 2020         Annual Budget         % of Annual Budget           40,856.65         437,277.73         688,873.00         63%           5,045.00         24,315.00         38,540.00         63%           0.00         0.00         76,893.24         0%           275.00         1,175.00         2,000.00         59%           46,176.65         462,767.73         806,306.24         57%           1,507.89         17,677.12         34,600.00         51%           7,417.70         55,497.08         125,500.00         44%           1,183.62         8,601.98         17,250.00         50%			
Operating	Fund Report for period ending July 31, 2020				
Account #	Account Name	JULY 2020	YTD 2020	Annual Budget	
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	40,856.65	437,277.73	688,873.00	63%
	Doicesan Support	5,045.00	24,315.00	38,540.00	63%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	76,893.24	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	275.00	1,175.00	2,000.00	59%
	INCOME TOTAL	46,176.65	462,767.73	806,306.24	57%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	1,507.89	17,677.12	34,600.00	51%
	Buildings and Property	7,417.70	55,497.08	125,500.00	44%
	Christian Formation	1,183.62	8,601.98	17,250.00	50%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECN	0.00	3,897.58	11,000.00	35%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,582.00	60,737.00	110,984.00	55%
	Music Ministry	1,696.91	9,512.07	20,600.00	46%
	Parish Life	1,297.27	5,269.67	17,700.00	30%
	Worship	0.00	3,437.35	4,000.00	86%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	35,710.92	252,109.40	449,383.03	56%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	57,396.31	416,739.25	791,017.03	53%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	-11,219.66	46,028.48	15,289.21	

# **Financial Reports**

Christ Episcopal Church					
Outreach Funds Report for period ending Jul	y 31, 2020				
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2020	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 7/31/2020	2019 Ending Balance
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	654.29	501.40	0.00	1,155.69	654.29
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	6,610.09	6,510.00	6,000.00	7,120.09	6,610.09
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,387.00	0.00	0.00	1,387.00	1,387.00
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	3,690.98	0.00	0.00	3,690.98	3,690.98
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	1,912.69	641.50	793.38	1,760.81	1,912.69
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel Inc	774.03	5,250.00	5,750.00	274.03	774.03
Living Waters for the World	7,961.83	109.44	3,856.55	4,214.72	7,961.93
Meals, Inc	312.50	250.00	0.00	562.50	312.50
Room In The Inn	1,518.90	25.00	158.78	1,385.12	1,518.90
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	2,047.10	5,459.25	3,435.63	4,070.72	2,047.10
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	1229	served YTD;	25 volunteers	s average/week	
Yoga	676.43	214.75	67.00	824.18	676.43
TOTAL	27,545.84	18,961.34	20,061.34	26,445.84	27,545.94
Rector Discretionary	4.00	4,829.60	4,833.60	0.00	
Associate Rector Discretionary	4.00	2,977.20	2,981.20	0.00	
Deacon Discretionary	2.00	1,465.60	1,467.60	0.00	
TOTAL	10.00	9,272.40	9,282.40	0.00	
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		28,233.74			

# **Family Fun Page**

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# Can you find all the books of the Bible?

#### **Christ Episcopal Church**

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Office Hours Monday—Thursday

8:30am—4:30pm Closed Fridays

# Service Times Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

### Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 12:45pm Centering Prayer Community



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# **Clergy And Staff**

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# The Vestry

#### **2020 Class**

Gail Brooks Justin Chaffin Kathy Leonard Gary Reimer

#### **2021 Class**

Leonard Edwards Bill Riedel Shawn Rhodes Adam Tabor

#### **2022 Class**

Linda Mitchell Belinda Palmer Shanna Paul Troy Puckett

Gary Reimer, Senior Warden Shawn Rhodes, Junior Warden Belinda Palmer, Secretary Leslie Weigel, Treasurer Hamp Moore, Asst. Treasurer Mark Eastin, Asst. Treasurer

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

## **Worship**

Steve Pankey & Becca Kello

#### Learn

**Christian Formation** 

Linda Mitchell & Adam Tabor

#### Grow

**Congregational Development** Shawn Rhodes &Troy Puckett

# Radiate Fellowship

Gail Brooks, Leonard Edwards, & Shanna Paul

# Radiate Outreach

Belinda Palmer & Bill Riedel

# **Radiate**

**Pastoral Care** 

Kathy Leonard & Justin Chaffin

### Administration

Gary Reimer

