

THE WINDOW

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED FOR THE PARISH AND FRIENDS OF
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY



JANUARY 2025

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

By now, you are all certainly aware of Mother Becca's call to serve as Canon Missioner in the Diocese of Lexington. As I've said to her and others, Becca was ready to leave the nest several years ago, and our extended time with her has been a true blessing and joy. As we prepare to wish her well on her move to the other side of the Commonwealth, I'm reminded of a theme that comes up often in the life of faith - liminal space.

Liminal comes from a Latin word that means "threshold." It is literally the space between what is and what is not yet. As Christians, we live constantly in liminal space between Christ's first coming at Christmas and his second coming at the end of days. We walk on the threshold of the Kingdom of Heaven day in and day out.

Of course, there are more tangible examples of liminal space, as we are experiencing now. We are in the in-between space of knowing that Becca is leaving and not knowing what will come next. This place of not knowing is probably the hardest kind of liminal space. We humans like to know what's coming next. We like to control outcomes. We like to see the future.

With God in control, however, we are invited to learn to trust, to sit in the discomfort of liminal spaces and to prayerfully discern what comes next. That is what we will do here. We will take some intentional and prayerful time asking the Holy Spirit what we might be called to do with our staffing structure in this next phase of our life. We'll listen to you. We'll listen to the needs of this community. We'll listen to the hopes of the diocese. Then, only when we are ready to move forward in faith, will we step through the doorway, over the threshold, and into a new future.

I invite your prayers as we discern together. I welcome your input. I look forward to our holy and intentional liminal space.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steve", is positioned below the closing text. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Church,

Over my time at Christ Church, I've preached many times on how joy and sadness are commingled together. I write today with this commingled joy and sadness as I share that I have accepted a call to serve as Canon Missioner in the Diocese of Lexington and that my last Sunday with Christ Church will be January 12th.

I am excited to begin this next phase of my priestly work in our neighboring diocese, and in this role I will have the opportunity to aide smaller faith communities, particularly in the Appalachian region of Kentucky, discern and pray about where God is calling them and how God has already or will equip them for this work. As Canon Missioner, I will also work with Bishop Mark Van Koevering, the rest of the Diocese of Lexington staff, and diocesan leadership to implement a vision for the breadth of the diocese; I look forward to starting this work on February 10th after some time off for rest and transition.

The joy of this call to the Diocese of Lexington is clear and abundant, but it does not come without sadness. When Father Steve brought me to interview in person in April 2017 during my last year of seminary, I sat at Spencer's on the square and journaled about how I knew that Bowling Green and Christ Church was where I felt called, and this congregation has been in my prayers since that day, which is where it will remain. The opportunity to spend the first years of my priesthood here at Christ Church has been a gift I will treasure for the rest of my life. I am so grateful to have grown so much as a preacher, teacher, pastor, and priest as we have walked together through these years.

As a faith community and parish staff we've grieved through the pandemic, natural disasters, life-threatening illnesses, accidents, divorces, and deaths and we've celebrated recovery, healing, marriages, births, and graduations. And all of it has been holy because this is a congregation that walks together, no matter joy or sadness; a beautiful talent of this parish. One of the other sermons I often preach is about my hard-won love for Saint Paul and his writings to the early church, so I'll close this with his opening to the letter at the church at Philippi, which now makes much more sense than ever before:

"I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it is always a prayer full of joy."

- Philippians 1:2-4

In Christ's Love,

Becca +



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

What a wonderful community we have here at Christ Episcopal Church. I am so grateful for everyone who helps the Children's and Youth's programs run so smoothly. Without such amazing and awesome volunteers, it would be nearly impossible to put together all of our yearly programs. The love and safety our children feel from their community is such a joy to watch. Someone mentioned to me "It takes a village..." and CEC Community is exactly that to our youngest members. Our children know exactly how Jesus loved His neighbors because they experience that every Sunday morning. Their hearts are so full of love and happiness for their teachers and neighbors, and their smiles communicate that so well. It is a rare gift they experience here, and they can see the light in your hearts. "Unconditional love" is so hard to explain to children when talking about how great God's and Jesus' love is. . . but when they see your smiles and hear your voices, the understanding is there.

Our kids sometimes have to navigate difficult decisions and environments at school and with friends, but when they want to come to church and tell their parents to bring them to church- that is our CEC community's influence. They feel loved and accepted here no matter what other situations at home and school they are processing and experiencing.

You are so willing to jump in and help with any and all needs our programs have whether it's decorating for the Rise and Shine Easter breakfast right after the Easter Vigil Service; humoring my excitement about the latest Godly Play lesson that has been released; creating more spaces for our children like the Atrium and the Sensory Room; or making pompom sheep for Blessing of the Backpacks. You help provide meals for our youth and donations for the Blessings Trees (THREE in 2024 and clearing all those ornament tags!) We helped over 200 families with Affordable Christmas, Lots of potential pets, and SIX Purples students have the best Christmas ever! You have helped alleviate holiday stress for those families and groups that help in our community at large.

Thank You for your unconditional love, support, and willingness to jump in and help with all of our program planning and helping make my visions a reality. Thank You for your encouragement and conversations. I absolutely love our church and community!

Ms. Kate



The Holy Name

January 1

Eternal Father, who didst give to
thine incarnate Son the holy name
of Jesus to be the sign of our
salvation; Plant in every heart, we
beseech thee, the love of him who is
the Savior of the world, even our
Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy
Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

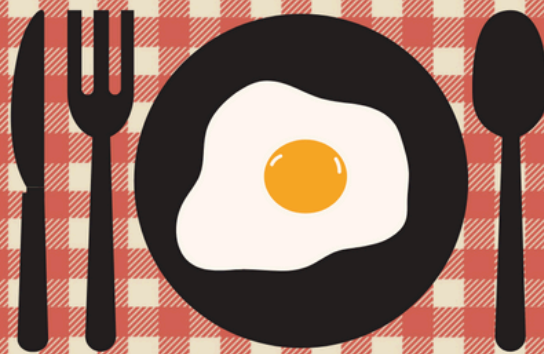


HAPPY
New Year!

The Parish office will be closed January 1st & 2nd, 2025





JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST
IN MOORE HALL AT 9AM



JANUARY 5

Provided by the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

JANUARY 19




Provided by the Daughters of the King



De-Greening of the Church

*Sunday, January 5th
after the 10 AM Eucharist*

Stick around to help us take down
the greenery in the Nave!



Epiphany Evening Prayer with Chalk Blessing

Monday, January 6th @ 6 PM





MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR DAY.

January 22nd & January 29th

Episcopal Campus Ministry

Dinner + Worship
Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM



Christ Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

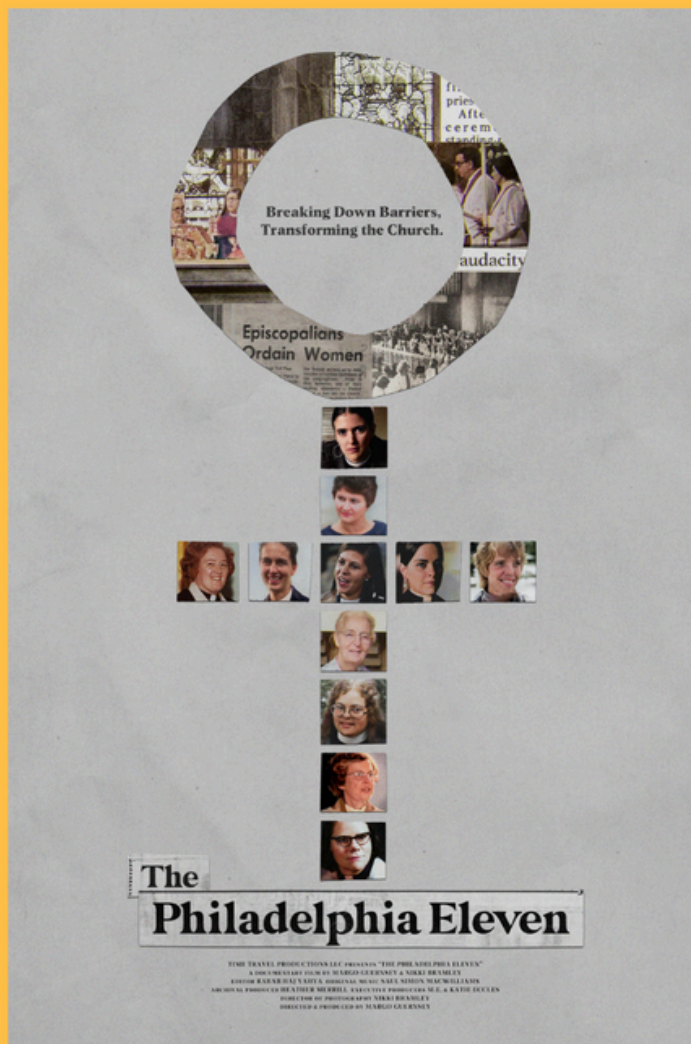
Sunday, January 26th

There will only be one combined service at 9 AM, with meeting to follow.

The Philadelphia Eleven

The documentary film, *The Philadelphia Eleven*, which tells the story of the first eleven women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church was shown at The Capitol Arts Center back in March. If you missed this event, good news!

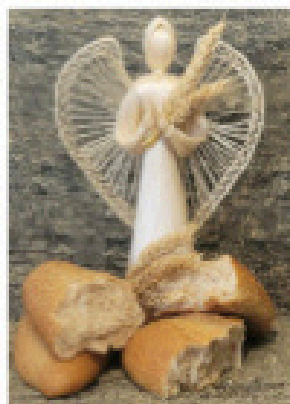
The documentary is available to watch online from Thanksgiving through the end of January 2025 for \$11. It is a phenomenal story that needs to be heard and witnessed.



<https://kinema.com/events/the-philadelphia-eleven-ielwpc>



Watch online available through Jan 31



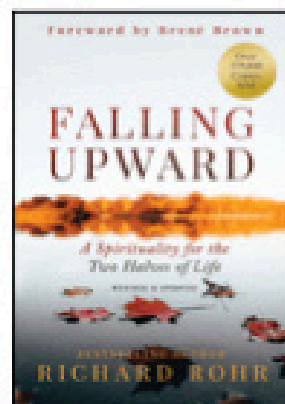
Bread of Angels

Sundays

9:00 A. M.

In the Conference Room

Open to everyone with a bit
of curiosity about being Christian



Bread of Angels is a small group exploring what it means to live a Christian Life in the world in which we find ourselves. Formed in 2004 and resurrected post-covid, BoA describes itself as a book club with a theological bend – a format that supports dialogue as each of us wrestles with our authors and with God.

In January we will begin reading Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward*.

Fr Richard Rohr (b 1943) is a Franciscan Priest globally recognized as an ecumenical teacher and theologian. He is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy--practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized. He has published 34 books. *Falling Upward* was originally published in 2011; we will be reading a somewhat revised 2024 edition.

Rohr is famous for saying " We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking."

Bread of Angels is open to adults of all ages to discuss this amazing book!

For more information and to join our Google Group:
Please go to cecbg.com/boa

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, January 5 at
11:15am in the Hines Chapel.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew invites all men and male youth of
Christ Church to join us in service to the church and to the
community. Our next meetings will be Saturday, January 4th and
18th at 8am.



1/1 Olivia Jefferson
1/1 Belinda Palmer
1/2 Ken Dyrsen
1/2 Judy Reimer
1/2 Carroll Travelsted
1/3 David McKillip
1/4 Mark Eastin
1/6/2012 Myers Caudill
1/6 Jim Dale
1/7 John Carter
1/7 Betty Young
1/11 Ray Buckberry
1/11 Shane Ellison
1/11 Becca Kello
1/11 Sarah Minix

1/12 Steve Pankey
1/12 Neill Caudill
1/16 Kellie Mysinger
1/17/2005 Jackson Talley
1/18 Sarah Hightower
1/18 Les Dooley
1/19 Kimberly McAllister
1/23 Dick Horn
1/23 Jim Bohannon
1/24 William Ardrey
1/24/2008 Georgie Tabor
1/26 Clyde Joyce
1/27 Charlotte Garvin
1/29 Debra Frost

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Christ Episcopal Church				
Outreach Funds Report for period ending November 30, 2024				
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2024	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 11/30/2024
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,448.75	178.69	0.00	2,627.44
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	5,009.83	26,149.33	29,300.00	1,859.16
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	3,754.62	1,408.13	2,077.28	3,085.47
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	1,989.47	1,077.00	0.00	3,066.47
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel Inc	256.03	7,850.00	7,500.00	606.03
Living Waters for the World	5,441.77	188.80	0.00	5,630.57
Meals, Inc	887.60	0.00	500.00	387.60
Room In The Inn	2,652.63	1,060.00	530.13	3,182.50
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	137.85	0.00
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	9,786.80	1,810.15	5,499.43	6,097.52
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry				3126 served YTD; 20 volunteers average/week
Yoga	35.00	170.00	0.00	205.00
TOTAL	32,400.35	41,392.10	47,044.69	26,747.76
Rector Discretionary	0.00	5,897.17	5,897.17	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	5,314.64	5,314.64	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	2,167.80	2,167.80	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	13,379.61	13,379.61	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		54,771.71		

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Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending November 30, 2024					
Account #	Account Name	NOVEMBER 2024	YTD 2024	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	47,883.24	542,071.45	650,000.00	83%
	Diocesan Support	3,165.42	45,819.62	48,985.00	94%
	Investment Income	58,061.12	96,878.12	96,179.39	101%
	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	777.00	1,000.00	78%
	INCOME TOTAL	109,109.78	685,546.19	796,164.39	86%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	2,265.50	18,416.16	28,200.00	65%
	Buildings and Property	9,795.13	111,930.45	123,000.00	91%
	Christian Formation	431.96	17,093.57	17,250.00	99%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	530.76	9,378.78	11,000.00	85%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,703.17	83,240.99	92,338.00	90%
	Music Ministry	3,182.48	23,483.18	18,500.00	127%
	Parish Life	1,134.82	19,307.24	18,950.00	102%
	Worship	(155.03)	5,604.55	5,500.00	102%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	42,536.82	453,963.32	490,779.54	92%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	68,425.61	742,418.24	805,517.54	92%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	40,684.17	(56,872.05)	(9,353.15)	

**Items for the February Window are due
January 22nd to David Kem
(david.kem656@gmail.com)**

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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



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Clergy and Staff

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Vestry

2024 Class

John Carter
Jim Dale
David Lee
Brenda Willoughby

2025 Class

Tommy Adams
Carol DuBose
Jamie Chaffin
Sharon Valk

2026 Class

Margie Dotson
David Kem
Cary McAllister
Brian Morrison

Senior Warden: John Carter
Junior Warden: Jamie Chaffin
Secretary: David Lee
Ann Puckett, Treasurer
Hamp Moore, Asst. Treasurer
Paula Lyons, Asst. Treasurer

Seven Parish Ministry Areas and Vestry Member Liaisons

Worship

Tommy Adams & Cary McAllister

Learn

Carol DuBose & Sharon Valk

Grow

Jamie Chaffin & David Kem

Radiate: Fellowship

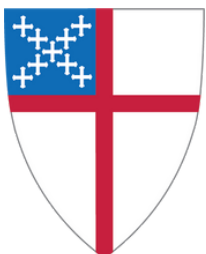
Brian Morrison & Jim Dale

Radiate: Outreach

Brenda Willoughby & Margie
Dotson

Radiate: Pastoral Care

John Carter & David Lee



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