



# *The Window*

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



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## **FEBRUARY 2021**

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.

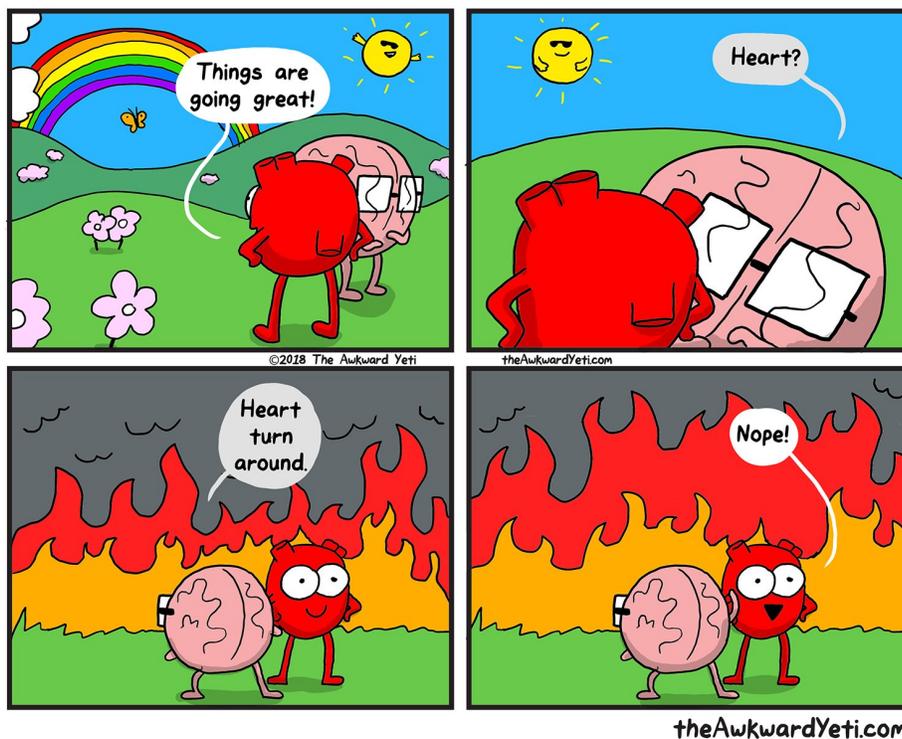
# From The Rector

Dear Friends,

For my birthday this year, my family bought me a print of this comic strip, suitable for framing.

The title is “Optimism,” which is funny because optimism is something I’m not particularly gifted in. It is easy for me to look for the worst-case scenario. My mind is wired to plan for all kinds of contingencies, none of which are usually based on the best possible outcome. This is, I think, why pandemic life has been so exhausting for me, and for so many of you. We’re just not wired to be actively planning for bad things to happen for ten straight months.

I guess that’s why I love this comic strip so much. It reminds me to choose joy. Too often in my life, I’m the brain in this image. I’m the one pointing out the fire. Worse yet, I’m the one looking for the tiny ember to get upset about before the fire even starts, but that isn’t the way God intended life to be. God created us out of love, for God to love, and that we might love one another. We were created to seek the good and are called to work toward a better future for us and for the world that God created.



It is a whole lot easier to work toward the good when we are looking for the good around us. I choose to let this comic remind me to repent, to change my mindset, to turn around, and to look for the rainbows, flowers, and butterflies, even as I know there is still plenty of fire to tend to. Will you join me in looking for the good and choosing joy?

Grace and Peace,

Steve

# From The Associate Rector

Hanging at the entrance of my kitchen is a small, peach-colored sign that reads, “no matter how long the winter is, the spring is sure to follow.” I got it near the beginning of the pandemic, but before a lockdown started, while browsing the Spring items at the Target Dollar Spot. The weather outside loomed cold and gray, and it felt like it might never end, and there was something powerful about the promise that I know to be true held on that little sign. It also seemed to be truth that I would need a physical reminder of as we entered what I could assumed would be a few months, at best, of pandemic life. As the months stretched on, winter melted into spring and spring blossomed into summer, and I continued to see that small sign and read and reread the promise therein: no matter how long the Winter, Spring is sure to follow. Each time I passed it, I wondered if I should take it down, but each time I would remember that even as the temperature climbed, in many ways we were still in a season of winter.



Life moves in seasons, and the truth of life’s winters is something with which I’ve become incredibly comfortable. There are seasons of life where growth isn’t obvious, that beauty becomes sparse, and when things tend to move at a slower pace. It was a hard lesson at first, but something I’ve learned and come to value is that when we expect our seasons of winter to look like summer, we will inevitably be disappointed. But if we are able to accept our current life season as it is, then gratitude for what it offers comes more readily and more quickly. The only way through the physical winters of this world is to walk through them, resisting them as least as possible, and the same is true for the metaphorical winters of our lives.

At the writing of this, I have just recently started a book about this very topic: *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* by Katherine May. While I’m only a bit of a ways into this, it has come highly recommended to me by trusted sources. In this book she recounts the many winters of her life and how the only way to make it through was to slow down and acknowledge winter for winter. In the opening chapter of the book, she talks about surviving these difficult seasons of life, “It didn’t save me from another dip and another dip, but each time the peril became less. I began to get a feel for my winterings: their length and breadth, their heft. I knew that they didn’t last forever. I knew that I had to find the most comfortable way to live through them until spring.”<sup>1</sup> After having learned the heft of my own winterings, this is perhaps some of the best summation of it; if life gives you winter after winter, it doesn’t save you from experiencing winters ever again, but you do learn to navigate life’s winters which will inevitably come.

All of us find ourselves in the physical season of winter, but many of us also find ourselves in a metaphorical season of winter, and we have been here for a while. As someone who has walked through many winters, it is important that you know that no matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. I know it to be true in my own life, and I believe it to be true for yours as well.

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<sup>1</sup>May, Katherine. *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*. Riverhead Books. 2020. 18.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

*February 17, 2021*



## LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

All three services will be livestreamed as usual on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

After each service, there will be a time to come and receive ashes from a clergy person at the crossing of the Nave.

## RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

After receiving the imposition of ashes, reception of communion (in bread only) will take place at the altar rail.

# FEBRUARY 17

7 am - Livestream Worship

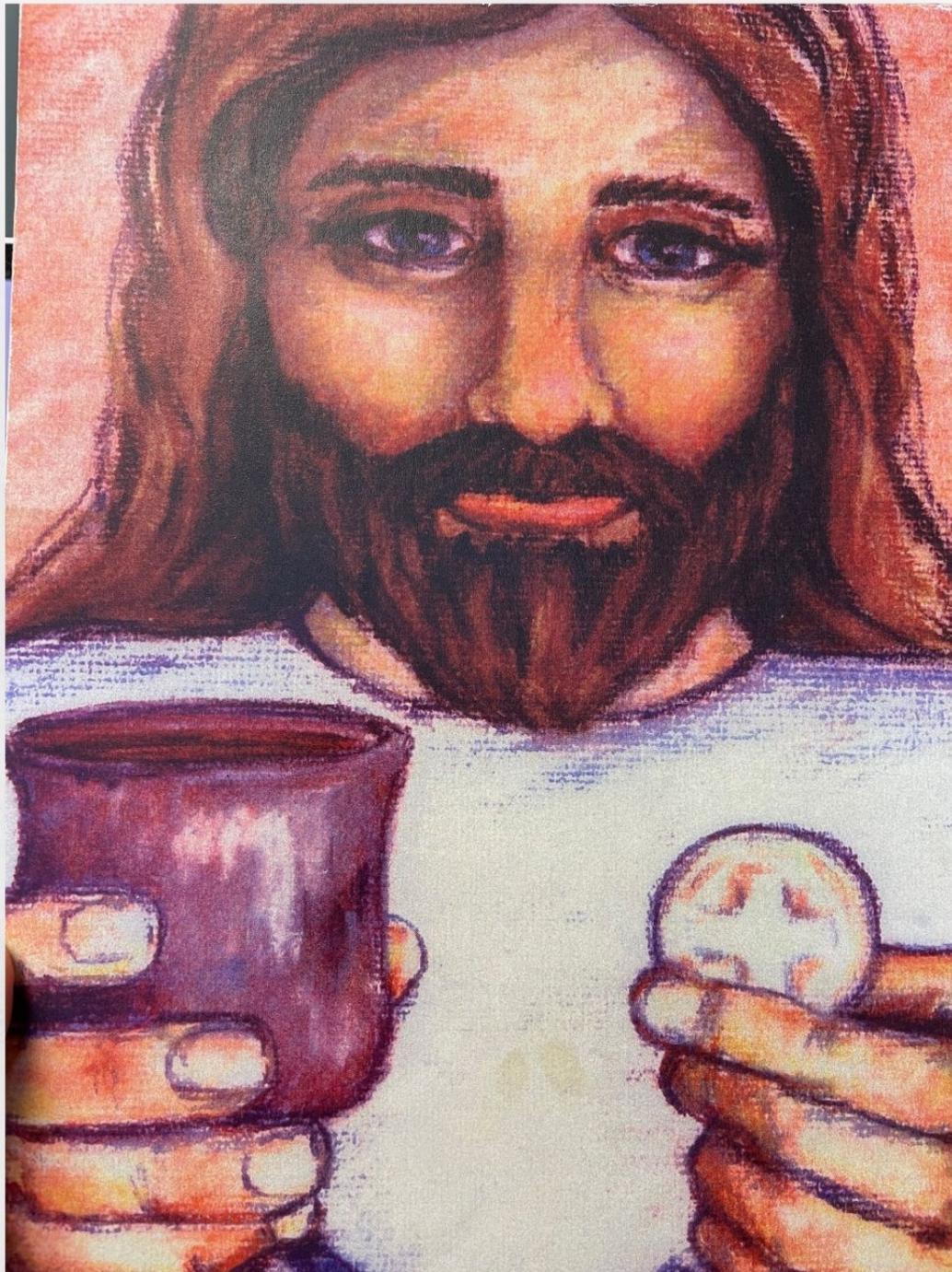
7:45-8:15 am - Imposition of Ashes and Reception of Communion

Noon - Livestream Worship

12:45-1:15 pm - Imposition of Ashes and Reception of Communion

6 pm - Livestream Worship, with Music

7:00-7:30 pm- Imposition of Ashes and Reception of Communion



**FACES OF EASTER  
GODLY PLAY  
CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL  
LENTEN SUNDAY  
SCHOOL SERIES**

**SUNDAYS AT 9AM ON  
FB LIVE AND YOUTUBE  
FEBRUARY 21-APRIL 3**

LENT IS THE SEASON WHEN WE PREPARE FOR EASTER. THIS SERIES WILL HELP CHILDREN PREPARE FOR THE MYSTERY OF EASTER BY HEARING STORIES OF CHRIST'S JOURNEY TOWARD THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION.



# Living Well Through Lent

A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

## Listening With All Your Heart, Soul Strength, and Mind

To request that a paper copy of this daily devotional be snail mailed to you,, contact Laura Goodwin by email [Laura@cecbg.com](mailto:Laura@cecbg.com) or pick one up in church office during office hours.



**FROM MANY, ONE**  
CONVERSATIONS  
ACROSS DIFFERENCE

FÈ LADIVÈSITE TOUNEN  
**LINITE**  
合众为

DE LA PLURALITÉ,  
L'UNITÉ  
DE MUITOS,  
**UM**

DE MUCHOS,  
**UNO**  
E PLURIBUS  
**UNUM**

What do you love?  
Where does it hurt?

What have you lost?  
What do you dream?

“From Many, One: Conversations Across Difference” is a campaign inviting Episcopalians and our neighbors to engage in one-to-one listening and sharing across the many differences that separate us. Echoing the Latin phrase on the U.S. seal – E Pluribus (“from many”) Unum (“one”) – and following in the footsteps of Jesus, we trust that the spiritual practice of conversation across difference can help to knit us all into a diverse, more perfect union.

For more information, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/from-many-one/>

**TUESDAYS**

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**5:30**

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**DINNER +**

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**EVENING PRAYER**

**ECM**

Episcopal Campus Ministry meets on Tuesday evenings for dinner and Evening Prayer.

## **Kentucky Covid-19 Vaccine**

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As the Commonwealth continues process through Phase 1B of the vaccine, Governor Beshear has announced the start of Phase 1C beginning February 1st.

To determine what phase applies to you and where you can make an appointment to be vaccinated, please check

<https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-vaccine>

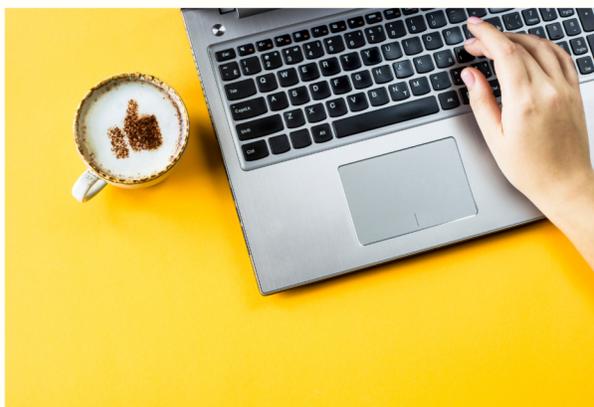


Pictured: Ed Tivol receiving his vaccination from Mikey Crabtree at the Medical Center's Vaccine Clinic

ZOOM ADULT BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS @ 9AM  
FACILITATED BY MILISKA KNAUFT & KEN CASEY

## CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE: ACTS

WILL RESUME MEETING VIA ZOOM THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD.  
THE GROUP STUDY WILL USE "CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE:  
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BY C. K. ROBERTSON"  
PLEASE CHECK YOUR LANCET FOR MEETING INFORMATION



# Churches United in Christ HELP Minsitry

*As the pandemic continues to impact our economy and  
the weather turns colder, more neighbors will struggle to get by.*

*We're so grateful for your generosity which allows us  
to share the love of Christ in our community.*

*Please continue to remember this ministry. in giving and in prayer.*

# Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, February 7th at 11:45 AM via Zoom. Please check your Lancet for meeting details.



## Brotherhood of St. Andrew



The Brotherhood of St Andrew invites all men and youth of Christ Church to join us in service to the church and to the community. Our next meetings will be Saturdays, February 6th & 20th. We will meet via Zoom.

## 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 ([missjamie12@yahoo.com](mailto:missjamie12@yahoo.com)) or Carol DuBose ([caroldubose@aol.com](mailto:caroldubose@aol.com))

## 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

Communication Coordinator - Sue Edwards

Food Ministry - Carol DuBose & Jamie Chaffin

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Mary Travelsted

Altar Flower Delivery - Daughters of the King

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.

# The Parish Register

## Births

Chanceton Robert Ardrey was born on Thursday, December 24th, 2020 to Chelsea and Chris Ardrey. He is the grandson of Sandra and William Ardrey and nephew to Lindsey Ardrey. Chanceton weighed 9 lbs, 7oz and measured 21” long.



Joshua Hart Gilmore was born Saturday, January 2nd, 2021 at 2:30 a.m. to Cortney Hart Dale and James Gillespie Gilmore of New Bern, North Carolina. He is the second grandson of Mary and Jim Dale.

## Deaths

Barbara Hines entered into the nearer presence of our God on January 9th, 2021. Due to ongoing restrictions on in-person gatherings, plans for a celebration of Barbara's life will be finalized at a later date.

Mary Dale joined the church triumphant on Saturday, January 16th, 2021. Mary's funeral was held at 10am on Thursday, January 21st, and she was laid to rest in the Columbarium in the Buckberry Garden.

## Birthdays

02/01	Corey Paul	02/10	Will Derryberry	02/22	Jim Hudson
02/02	Max Buchanon	02/13	Paula Maier	02/22	Emily Mills
02/03	Atha Ford	02/13	Colleen Oliver	02/23	Angela Collins
02/03	Kyla Jefferson	02/14	Charles Satterfield	02/24	Pipes Gaines
02/03	Parker Rhodes	02/15	Pat Waddington	02/24	Harry Ford
02/07	Billy Myers	02/16	Billy Bell	02/25	Suzanne Hanratty
02/07	Myra Meng	02/16	Susan Brotherton	02/25	Carolyn Hagaman
02/08	Karen Adams	02/16	Ethan Mault	02/25	Laura Harper Lee
02/08	Todd Cheever	02/17	Karen Robeson	02/25	Terry Knauft
02/09	Hank Hardy	02/18	Derek Roberts	02/27	Marilyn Keith
02/09	Mary Travelsted	02/20	Becky McCraney	02/27	Michael Buchanon Jr.
02/10	John Loians	02/21	Sandy Petersen	02/27	Kyle Martens
02/10	Shannon Smith	02/21	Skip Wirth	02/29	Phil Singer



# The Parish Online

Be sure to check the parish's website at [www.cebgb.com](http://www.cebgb.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/cebgb](http://www.facebook.com/cebgb)

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 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)

## Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending December 31, 2020					
Account #	Account Name	DECEMBER 2020	YTD 2020	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Parish Offerings	57,539.16	678,241.57	688,873.00	98%
	Diocesan Support	2,295.00	38,540.00	38,540.00	100%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	76,893.24	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	85,200.00	86,375.00	2,000.00	4319%
	<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>145,034.16</b>	<b>803,156.57</b>	<b>806,306.24</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
	Adminstration	1,701.25	27,969.03	34,600.00	81%
	Buildings and Property	5,972.29	90,399.70	125,500.00	72%
	Christian Formation	191.08	10,363.76	17,250.00	60%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	1,037.50	7,700.62	11,000.00	70%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	9,578.00	105,343.00	110,984.00	95%
	Music Ministry	1,361.57	13,217.65	20,600.00	64%
	Parish Life	467.99	8,814.59	17,700.00	50%
	Worship	518.48	4,351.09	4,000.00	109%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	36,290.72	432,966.90	449,383.03	96%
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>57,118.88</b>	<b>701,126.34</b>	<b>791,017.03</b>	<b>89%</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)</b>	<b>87,915.28</b>	<b>102,030.23</b>	<b>15,289.21</b>	
	Less: One-time COVID Relief PPP Loa	-85,200.00	-85,200.00		
	<b>Net Surplus based on Operations</b>	<b>2,715.28</b>	<b>16,830.23</b>		

# Financial Reports

<b>Christ Episcopal Church</b>					
<b>Outreach Funds Report for period ending December 31, 2020</b>					
<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance - 01/01/2020</b>	<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>Year To Date Expense</b>	<b>Balance - 12/31/2020</b>	<b>2019 Ending Balance</b>
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	654.29	605.69	0.00	1,259.98	654.29
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	6,610.09	12,660.00	13,875.00	5,395.09	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	6,150.00	5,750.00	1,174.03	774.03
Living Waters for the World	7,961.83	262.47	4,276.77	3,947.53	7,961.93
Meals, Inc	312.50	1,365.00	0.00	1,677.50	312.50
Room In The Inn	1,518.90	355.00	158.78	1,715.12	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	6,914.25	6,906.09	2,055.26	2,047.10
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	1229 served YTD; 25 volunteers average/week				
Yoga	676.43	1,269.75	667.00	1,279.18	676.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,545.84</b>	<b>30,223.66</b>	<b>32,427.02</b>	<b>25,342.48</b>	<b>27,545.94</b>
Rector Discretionary	4.00	8,098.60	8,102.60	0.00	
Associate Rector Discretionary	4.00	4,465.99	4,469.99	0.00	
Deacon Discretionary	2.00	2,024.60	2,026.60	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>14,589.19</b>	<b>14,599.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME</b>		<b>44,812.85</b>			