THE WINDOW

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



AUGUST 2024

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Is there anything more fun than a bounce house? I can't think of many, but have you ever wondered what makes a bouncy house fun? Sure bouncing around on a cushion of air to your hearts delight can be a blast, but there has to be more than that. It certainly isn't the heat or the slight smell of mold and sweat on the plastic. The hum of the fan doesn't make it either. What really makes a bounce house one of the most enjoyable experiences on the planet is having people to share it with.



Last summer, during Duncan Hines Days, we had a blast hosting the 100th anniversary of our Street Fair with games, food, music, and, of course, a couple of bounce houses. Everyone from our youngest members, to complete strangers, to our oldest neighbors enjoyed the chance to be together simply as a community. While we couldn't recreate that this summer, we hope to have a smaller version on August 18th with our **Homecoming Ministry Fair and Sunday School Kick Off**. Inside Moore Hall and the Gathering Area well have food, games, fellowship, and yes, even a bounce house!

These are the kind of days the staff call "Everything Sundays." We like these kinds of Sundays because it gives us a chance to be together, and nothing says fun like a church building full of people. It is my sincere hope that you'll make plans to be here that Sunday in the 9 o'clock hour and after the 10 am service for a time of fun and fellowship for all ages.

The fun won't stop there. There are plans all throughout the autumn, so don't fall behind! Information about fall events will be hitting your snail mail boxes soon, but to highlight a few:

- August 11 Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 18 Homecoming Ministry Fair and Sunday School Kick Off
- September 29 Parish Picnic at Basil Griffin Park
- October 6 St. Francis Pet Blessing
- October 27 Ghoulies and Ghosties Church (wear your Halloween costumes)

It should be a great fall, and it'll be even better if we get to share it with you!

Grace and Peace,



FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Church,

It doesn't take long living in Kentucky to know that counties matter; when you ask someone from Kentucky where they grew up, they will most certainly name the county first. This month you'll have the opportunity to register for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma. In this pilgrimage, the group will go to the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) as part of this journey. In 2019, I took the Episcopal Campus Ministry to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. As part of this journey, we used James Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree to* reflect on the nature of suffering, God's role in the world, and how we might address some of the issues that we saw presented in plain sight. I remember pulling this particular line out for our group to hold:

"Every time a white mob lynched a black person, they lynched Jesus. The lynching tree is the cross in America. When American Christians realize that they can meet Jesus only in the crucified bodies in our midst, they will encounter the real scandal of the cross."

The Cross and the Lynching Tree, p. 158 – James Cone

At this memorial, there are sculptures that hang high above, imprinted upon each one is the name of a county and a state and the names and dates of those who were lynched there. These, of course, are only the recorded lynchings and there were likely thousands of unrecorded ones as well. It is a powerful, beautiful, and unapologetically painful memorial. One of the take-aways from that experience, personally, was that every county that I have ever lived in: Wilson County, Tennessee, Taylor County, Texas, Fairfax County, Virginia, and Warren County, Kentucky, all had markers. Every place that has had some part in my formation also took part in lynching. "How," I wondered, "could this not shape how I am and how I move through the world?" The museum and the memorial together took my breath away; it was heartbreaking and shocking, and so very important to understand the role of lynching in our modern-day racism.

While I can't attend the pilgrimage because of a previously scheduled vacation, I do hope that you are able to go, or that you seek out the work of the EJI as we continue in our ongoing work of antiracism.

Diocese of Kentucky Pilgrimage to Montgomery & Selma

<u>Information and Schedule</u> <u>Register Online</u>

God's peace,

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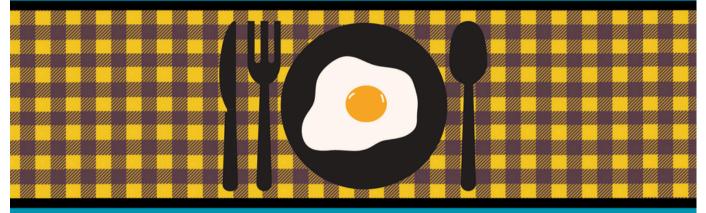


JOIN US FOR

BREAKFAST



IN MOORE HALL AT 9AM



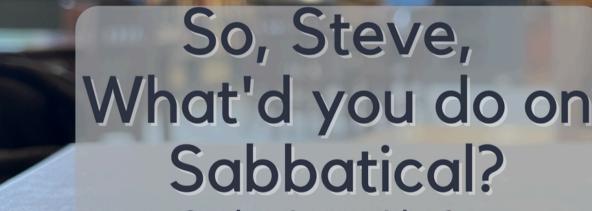


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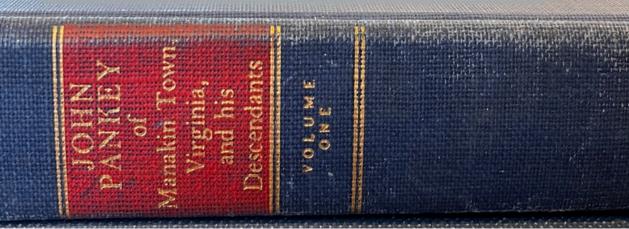


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Sunday, August 4th - 9am Moore Hall





Feast of the TRANSFIGURATION

Holy Eucharist Tuesday, August 6th 12:15pm in the Nave

Did you know that there are special "feast days" set aside in our prayer book (BCP p. 15-17) meant for special devotion and prayer. Some are obvious Principal Feast Days, like Christmas and Easter. Others that we try to communally mark are known as "Other Feasts of Our Lord," like the Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on August 6th each year.





CAMPUS MINISTRY Master Plan Campus Ministry Lawn Party

Thursday, August 15 7pm - South Lawn Dinner + Worship Wednesday Evenings

> August 21 August 28

Foyer Groups Kick-Off Thursday, August 15 - 6:00 pm Bring an appetizer and a drink to share

Foyer Groups provide adult parishioners and those new to our parish a chance to get to know other parishioners and experience parish life by gathering to talk and share in friendship. Each foyer group is made up of 8-10 parishioners who meet once a month, to share a light meal, either in a home, the church, or a public place.

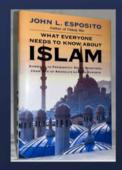
Sign ups are available between the 8 & 10 services. For more information, contact Portia Wimp or Jim Dale.



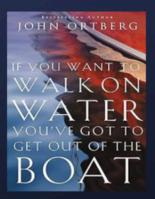
Bread of Angels

Sundays, 9:00 A. M. Conference Room

Open to everyone with a bit of curiosity about being Christian



We are finishing What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam this month. One in three people identify as Christians. One in four as Muslims – and we are first cousins who have many things in common. It has been a very thought-provoking dialogue.



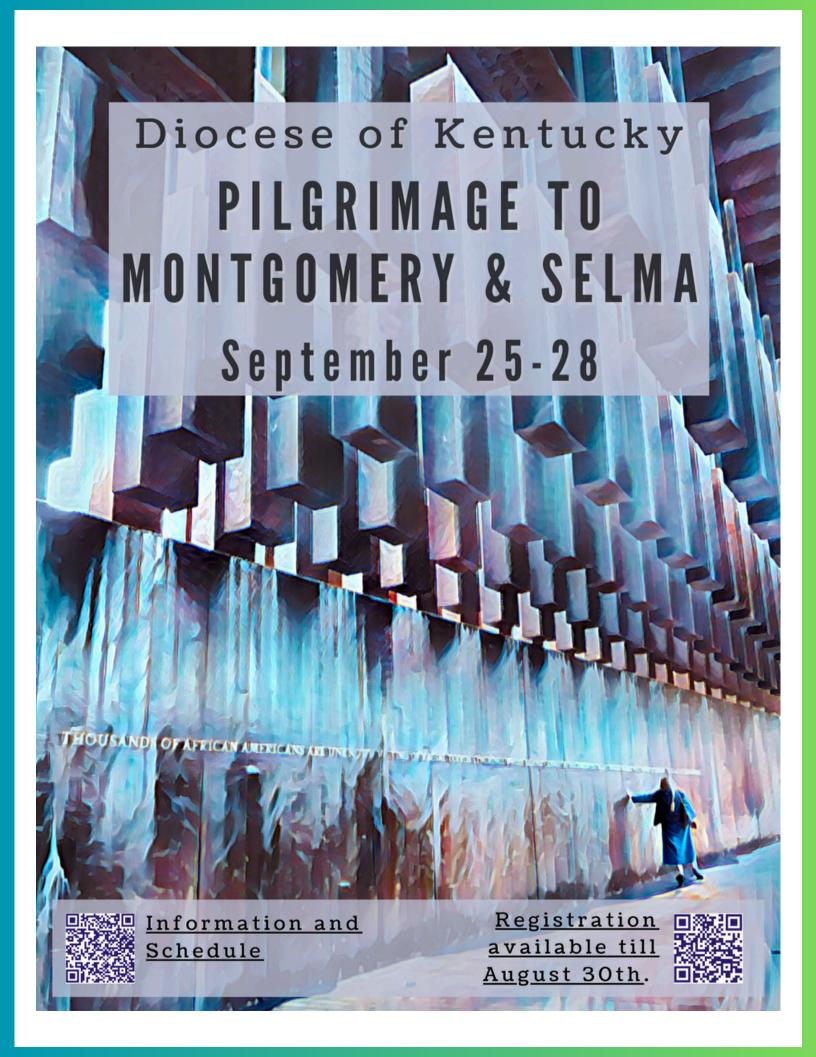
As we finish with Esposito, we will transition to John Ortberg's If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat. Ortberg, a presbyterian, led a California mega church and, much in the way of Barbara Brown Taylor, has moved to writing and speaking. His thought provoking book will be our preparation for our Fall Retreat in October.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY - Graduation August 25 ID am Worship

Celebrating and praying with the 2024 EfM graduates

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EFM, CONTACT ONE OF THE MENTORS FOR THIS PROGRAM: ED TIVOL, BILLY & KATHY LEONARD, OR VONDA GARRINGER.





DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, August4th 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, August 3rd and 17th at 8am.



08/01 Bob Harrison

08/02 Yuko Attaway

8/02 Joe Hunt

08/02 Ann Puckett

08/03 Harris Pepper

08/05 David Lee

08/06 Marti Harrison

08/06 Elaine Walker

08/07 John Hagaman

08/07 Lynne Brown

08/07 Barbara Leet

08/08 Paula Morgan

08/08 James Brown

08/08 Bill Collins Jr.

8/10 Jessie Wolfe

8/10 Leeann Morrison

08/10 Sale Hightower

08/11 John Parker

08/12 Hannah Carter

08/13 Dorian Walker

08/13 Shanna Paul

08/14 John Carbin

08/17 Ellen Buchanon

08/19 Carroll Smith

08/19 Ed Tivol

08/21 Doris Love Hunt

08/21 Josh Stiles

08/22 Teddi Taylor

08/22 Karen Crabtree

08/23Lucian Hall-Heflin

08/24 Carol Barry

08/25 Tim Huston

08/26 Saundra Ardrey

08/26 Linda Belle Pillow

8/30 Lara Ellison

FINANCIAL REPORTS

| Christ Episcopal Church | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Outreach Funds Report for period endin | ig June 30, 20 | 24 | | |
| Fund Name | Balance - 01/01/2024 | Year to Date Income | Year To Date Expense | Balance - 6/30/2024 |
| All Saints Center | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| All Saints Scholarship | 2,448.75 | 136.69 | 0.00 | 2,585.44 |
| Bishop's Discretionary | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Churches United in Christ Help Ministry | 5,009.83 | 13,548.81 | 16,300.00 | 2,258.64 |
| Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offerin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) | 3,754.62 | 2,094.92 | 10,885.08 | (5,035.54) |
| Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurrican | 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 | 7,650.00 | 7,500.00 | 406.03 |
| Living Waters for the World | 5,441.77 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,441.77 |
| Meals, Inc | 887.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 887.60 |
| Room In The Inn | 2,652.63 | 680.00 | 530.13 | 2,802.50 |
| Stephen Ministry | 137.85 | 0.00 | 137.85 | 0.00 |
| United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunda | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry | 9,786.80 1525 s | 1,250.00 erved YTD; 17 | 1,382.64 volunteers a | 9,654.16 verage/week |
| Yoga | 35.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 95.00 |
| TOTAL | 32,400.35 | 27,997.42 | 38,235.70 | 22,162.07 |
| Rector Discretionary | 0.00 | 981.20 | 981.20 | 0.00 |
| Associate Rector Discretionary | 0.00 | 2,474.80 | 2,474.80 | 0.00 |
| Deacon Discretionary | 0.00 | 809.00 | 809.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 0.00 | 4,265.00 | 4,265.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME | | 32,262.42 | | |

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|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Fu | und Report for period ending June 30, 2024 | | | | |
| Account # | Account Name | JUNE 2023 | YTD 2024 | Annual Budget | % of Annual Budget |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| | Parish Offerings | 27,016.00 | 339,100.35 | 650,000.00 | 52% |
| | Diocesan Support | 3,165.42 | 24,492.52 | 48,985.00 | 50% |
| | Investment Income | 0.00 | 13,692.00 | 96,179.39 | 14% |
| | Miscellaneous Income | 0.00 | 840.78 | 1,000.00 | 84% |
| | INCOME TOTAL | 30,181.42 | 378,125.65 | 796,164.39 | 47% |
| EXPENSE | | | | | |
| | Adminstration | 2,508.91 | 9,949.57 | 28,200.00 | 35% |
| | Buildings and Property | 9,221.59 | 57,815.19 | 123,000.00 | 47% |
| | Christian Formation | 977.28 | 7,674.62 | 17,250.00 | 44% |
| | WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM) | 1,019.85 | 5,359.68 | 11,000.00 | 49% |
| | Diocesan and Vestry Support | 7,403.17 | 44,728.58 | 92,338.00 | 48% |
| | Music Ministry | 1,002.54 | 14,476.37 | 18,500.00 | 78% |
| | Parish Life | 3,049.80 | 8,119.23 | 18,950.00 | 43% |
| | Worship | 27.54 | 4,400.72 | 5,500.00 | 80% |
| | Staff Salaries and Benefits | 41,678.52 | 244,100.14 | 490,779.54 | 50% |
| | EXPENSE TOTAL | 66,889.20 | 396,624.10 | 805,517.54 | 49% |
| | NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE) | (36,707.78) | (18,498.45) | (9,353.15) | |

ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER WINDOW ARE DUE AUGUST 22ND TO MOTHER BECCA.

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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 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

Rector

The Reverend Dr. Steven J. Pankey steve@cecbg.com

Associate Rector & Chaplain to the Episcopal Campus Ministry at WKU

The Reverend Becca Kello becca@cecbg.com

Deacon

The Venerable Kellie Mysinger kellie@cecbg.com

Parish Administrator

Vonda Garringer vonda@cecbg.com

Director of Music and Organist

C. Kenneth Stein ken@cecbg.com

Director of Faith Formation

Kate Cline kate@cecbg.com

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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