



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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MARCH 2023

From The Rector

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I had the distinct honor of sitting in on a class session led by Shelley Carter. Shelley is in the process of leading her second Sacred Ground Circle here at Christ Church. Sacred Ground is, now, an eleven-session class on the intersection of race and faith. Participants are asked to do some heavy lifting. There are videos to watch, readings to complete, and a lot of self-reflection is required.

The eleventh session is relatively new. It focuses on the common question after something like Sacred Ground or EfM, “what now?” Since Session 11 was created after our first Sacred Ground Circle had ended, Shelley offered to lead it for her first Circle as well as a group of lay leaders with whom I’ve been working to recover the stories of as many of the 183 people enslaved by members of Christ Church in 1860s. Our two hours together were powerful and will lead to new opportunities, I’m sure, but one question particularly struck me. In small groups, we were asked to consider where we thought our congregation was on the journey of the Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth. I began to wonder just how many of us know that there even is a Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth?

Here it is. The four quadrants of Becoming Beloved Community. The gift of a labyrinth is all of its twists and turns. The road to racial healing is not straight and easy. It is complicated and will often feel like we’re doubling back on ourselves.

The first quadrant we enter in this journey is Telling the Truth. There, we are invited to begin to ask questions like, Who are we? What things have we done and left undone regarding racial justice and healing? From there, we move to Proclaiming the Dream. How can we publicly acknowledge things done and left undone? What does Beloved Community look like in this place? What behaviors and commitments will foster reconciliation, justice, and healing? Third, we move to Practicing the Way of Love. How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers? How will we actively grow relationship across dividing walls and seek Christ in the other? Finally, at least for our first trip through the labyrinth, we work on Repairing the Breach. What institutions and systems are broken? How will we participate in repair, restoration, and healing of people, institutions, and systems?

The path toward racial healing is long, winding, and won’t be easy, but it is holy, blessed, and good. I invite you to take some time this month to learn more about Becoming Beloved Community. The Episcopal Church offers a great two-page summary that you can find at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/01/becoming_beloved_community_summary.pdf

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY



Grace and Peace,

Steve

From The Associate Rector

Go in peace and pray for me, a sinner.

This is how the sacramental rite of the Reconciliation of a Penitent ends. The short structure of this one-on-one rite begins on page 447 of the Book of Common Prayer, and it is one of the least used sacramental rites in our tradition. This is in part because while it is always available, it is never required, and for most folks, it's not in any sort of rhythm of their faith. Last Lent we decided to offer a specific time set aside for one-on-one confession; the motivation for this, though it is always available, is that sometimes it's easier to show up than it is to call up me or Father Steve to ask for this sacramental rite in particular. It was well received, so we are doing it again this year with an offering every Thursday afternoon during Lent in the Chapel from 12pm-1pm, with the exception of March 30 and Maundy Thursday.

If you are curious about this rite or even coming to partake in it, I suggest reading through the service in the prayer book and paying attention to what comes up for you. A key aspect of confession and absolution is that it is not the priest who is absolving anyone—we too are sinners—but rather that it is our charge in our Holy Orders to take seriously God's calling to repentance and reconciliation; we are tasked with giving voice to God's absolution. In this short liturgy, it is not the words on the page that give rise to an awareness of God's forgiveness, but it is the interaction held in strict confidence between priest and lay person.



One of the greatest burdens of sin is the shame that we carry with it; this sort of shame drives us into isolation and can cause disconnect from ourselves, from our loved ones, and from God. While it may seem counterintuitive, the Reconciliation of the Penitent service is an opportunity not to take on more shame, but to be able to share burdens with a clergy person who has pastoral and theological skills and training and who will hold you in prayer. Depending on what is shared, the clergy person may or may not have words of instruction or advice for next steps to continue to lean into reconciliation. It's a service that can last 10 minutes or an hour or more, depending on the need.

When I think about this rite, I do not think about folks confessing grave sins, though that certainly can happen; more often, though, it is small things that the pace of our lives just doesn't seem to offer enough time to tend to. Sometimes that is a frustration at a loved one's passing or the heaviness of caregiving, you could share about a relationship that feels particularly heavy and burdensome, or it can be something that has been nagging at you for a while. Anyone can offer confession about anything, and it is held in confidence.

Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Confession as it is commonly called, is available the following dates, but can be arranged at any time: March 2nd, 9th, & 23rd with Mother Becca and March 16th with Father Steve, from Noon – 1pm in the Duncan Hines Chapel.

Becca+

From The Director of Children's Faith Formation

Greetings from Children's Faith Formation,

As we move into warmer weather, and into our Easter season, there will be opportunities for our children's activities to shift outdoors to the Meditation Garden where we learn about creation care ministry while exploring and wondering about

the relationship between butterflies and pollinators with our Monarch Way Station.

In March we'll be hosting Family LOFT evenings for anyone who is interested. The dates for our Tuesday evenings are March 7, 14, & 21. The family nights are from 5:30-7:30pm with dinner for everyone provided. We'll explore the Holy Eucharist, Symbols of the Church, The Good Shepherd and World Communion, and learn about the Legend of the Easter eggs.

There will be fun activities to work on throughout the three weeks including creating Resurrection Gardens, Resurrection Stones, and a community puzzle. To sign up for these great opportunities for families to wonder together, please click [here](#) to let us know you would like to come. This is a come and go event. Pick one night or all three to explore and wonder together.

We are offering monthly Tuesday nights Godly Play training too. Our first two will be on February 28 and March 28 from 5:30-7:30pm. More information about Godly Play trainings can be found on our church website under Sunday School Activities.

Also be on the lookout for information about our annual Easter egg hunt.

I absolutely love seeing all of our families and kids on Sunday mornings and always look forward to our conversations and fellowship. As always, feel free to contact me about anything at all. -- Ms. Kate

IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATE!



2023 PICTURE DIRECTORY

Sunday, March 19th
11:30-2:00 & 2:00-4:00

Wednesday, March 22nd
3:00-7:00

Thursday, March 23rd
3:00-7:00

Saturday, March 25th
9:00-12:00 & 12:30 - 3:00

Sunday, March 26th
11:30-2:00 & 2:00-4:00

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



Lent at Christ Church

Beginning Thursday, February 23, we'll have a Lenten Offering available each day the parish office is open, Mon - Thurs through Palm Sunday.



Monday at Noon

Stations of the Cross -- Nave

Tuesday at Noon

Who Is My Neighbor Discussion--
Conference Room + Zoom



Wednesday at Noon

Holy Eucharist -- Nave

Thursday at Noon

The Rite of Reconciliation -- Chapel





Episcopal
Relief & Development
Working Together for Lasting Change

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

2023 Lenten Meditations



Lenten Meditations

Copies of "Who Is My Neighbor?" - Episcopal Relief and Development's Daily Lenten Meditations will be available the before Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22). This booklet offers daily reflections by the Rev. Robin Denney on the commandment to love our neighbor. We invite you to pick up a copy for a moment of daily reflection throughout Lent.

Additionally, our Tuesday Lenten Noon Offering will be a round table discussion on each Sunday's reflection and short videos. These booklets are available for those participating in the Tuesday sessions as well as for those who are not.

Holy Week & Easter

April 2 - 9

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Palm Sunday
8 & 10 - Holy
Eucharist with
Palm Procession

- Begin in
Buckberry
Garden



**Rite of
Reconciliation**

Noon -
Duncan Hines
Chapel

**Downtown
Ecumenical
Holy Week
Service + Lunch**

Noon - Nave



**Holy Eucharist
with Healing
Prayers**

Noon - Nave

**Maundy
Thursday Holy
Eucharist with
Footwashing**



**Good
Friday
Liturgy**
7am, 12, 6pm
Nave

Sat

**The Great Vigil of
Easter with Lighting
of New Fire**



6pm - Begin in
Buckberry Garden



Easter Sunday

The Feast of the

Resurrection of Our Lord

8 - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

9:15 - Easter Egg Hunt

10 - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

Mon

Easter Monday



The Parish
Office is
Closed

**General Convention
is coming to
Louisville!**



JUNE 22-28 2024

ECM in March



**CAMPUS
MINISTRY**

**Dinner + Worship
Wednesday Evenings**

March 1

March 8

March 22

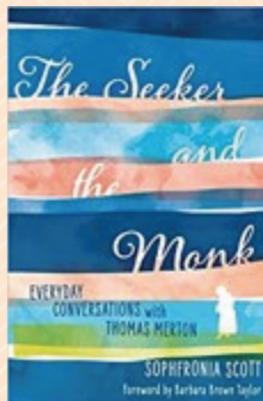
March 29

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.



- March 5 Interlude: God, the Bible, and Environmentalism – What’s a Christian to Do?
- March 12 Discussion of Phyllis Tickle, *The Great Emergence* with Father Steve
- March 19 BoA hosts Breakfast
- March 26 Begin Sophronia Scott, *The Seeker and the Monk*, *Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton*.

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

**Monday,
March 20th
1-3pm**

CPR & AED TRAINING

by American Heart
Association

*Register by
Sunday,
March 12th
via Online
Form*

You're invited to join our clergy and staff in a CPR and AED training on Monday, March 20th.

The training is free, but registration is required by March 12th for our Instructor. [Click here](#) to register or scan the QR code.





SUNDAY,
MARCH 19TH - 4PM

MOVIE SCREENING

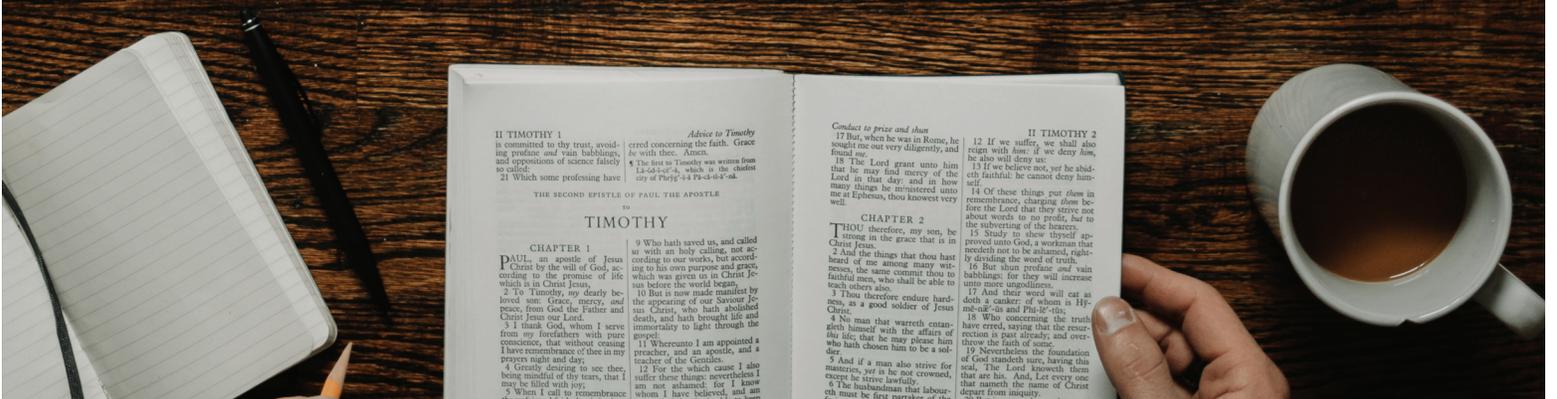
Based on a book by Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy* is the story of Stevenson's early career, his work with inmates on death row, and how his faith motivates his ongoing work.

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





Rescheduled for 2023

PILGRIMAGE TO THE

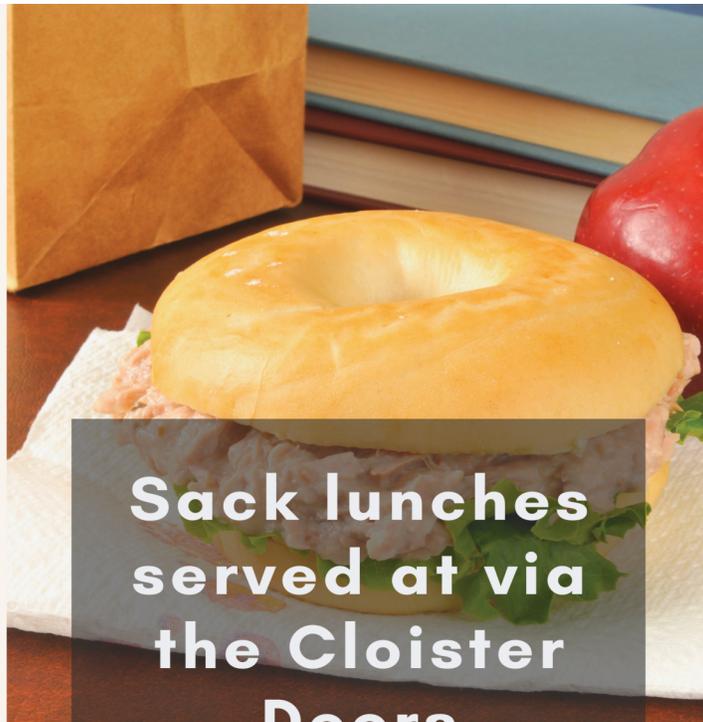
HOLY LAND

OCTOBER 17-25, 2023

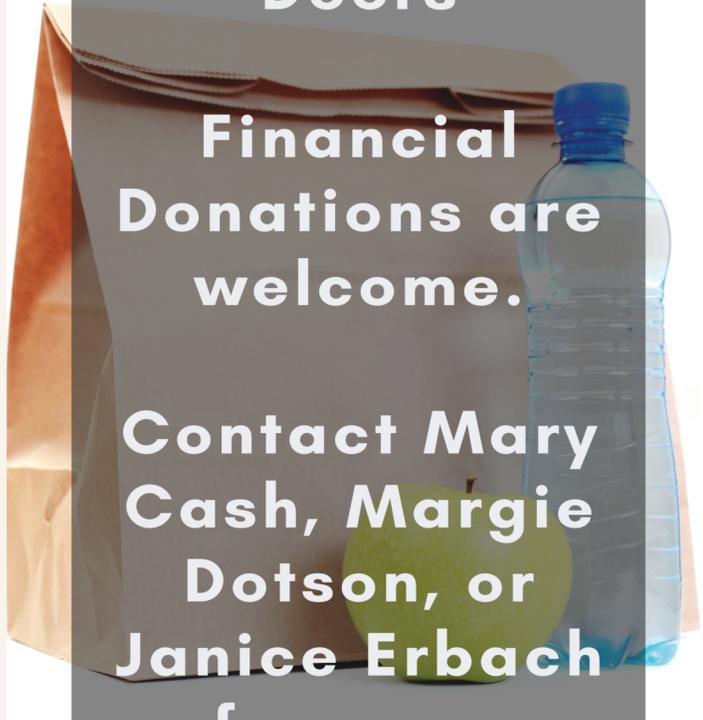
Contact Father Steve or Mother Becca
for more information

**11AM -
NOON
OR UNTIL
MEALS RUN
OUT**

WEDNESDAY



**Sack lunches
served at via
the Cloister
Doors**



**Financial
Donations are
welcome.**

**Contact Mary
Cash, Margie
Dotson, or
Janice Erbach
for more
details.**



COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, March 5th,
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, March 4th and 18th.

The Parish Register

Deaths

Pete Dotson entered into the nearer presence of our Lord on February 12th. His funeral was held at First Christian Church on February 16th, and he was laid to rest in his family's cemetery.

Birthdays

03/01	Mike Buchanon, Sr.	03/12	Phyllis Hancock	03/18	Christopher Sigler
03/02	David Attaway	03/12	Camden Travelsted	03/20	Donnie Sowell
03/02	Polly Moore	03/12	Scarlett Winters	03/21	Henry Gilbert
03/02	Roman Tabor	03/13	Henry Pepper	03/21	Crystal Stiles
03/04	Jeff Cash	03/13	Jimmy Stewart Jr.	03/24	Shelby Moore
03/04	Christopher Chaffin	03/14	Doug Lawhorn	03/29	Nya Stevens
03/06	Sylas Stevens	03/15	Skip Cleavinger	03/30	Bebe Grimsley-Smith
03/07	Matilda Botwin	03/16	Cindy Peterson	03/31	Sue Edwards
03/09	Barbara Powell	03/18	Carrie Buchanon	03/31	Dominic Frassinelli

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church				
Outreach Funds Report for period ending January 31, 2023				
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2023	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 1/31/2023
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	0.00	0.00	2,731.75
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	950.00	2,000.00	1,479.73
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	0.00	0.00	961.88
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	0.00	0.00	2,605.81
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,016.03
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	0.00	0.00	5,022.63
Meals, Inc	2,299.97	0.00	62.37	2,237.60
Room In The Inn	1,775.08	0.00	110.54	1,664.54
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	0.00	137.85
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	8,252.56	240.50	131.53	8,361.53
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		188 served YTD; 16 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	2,576.89	55.00	0.00	2,631.89
TOTAL	29,910.18	11,245.50	12,304.44	28,851.24
Rector Discretionary	0.00	1,077.20	1,077.20	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	427.20	427.20	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	213.60	213.60	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	1,718.00	1,718.00	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		12,963.50		

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending January 31, 2023					
Account #	Account Name	JANUARY 2023	YTD 2023	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	62866.67	62866.67	663989.00	9%
	Diocesan Support	5822.92	5822.92	47875.00	12%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	66935.55	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	1.00	1.00	2000.00	0%
	INCOME TOTAL	68690.59	68690.59	780799.55	9%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	(4524.23)	(4524.23)	32500.00	-14%
	Buildings and Property	8579.48	8579.48	132600.00	6%
	Christian Formation	2028.05	2028.05	17250.00	12%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	809.19	809.19	10000.00	8%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8575.00	8575.00	105756.00	8%
	Music Ministry	1243.32	1243.32	20600.00	6%
	Parish Life	1422.73	1422.73	16700.00	9%
	Worship	167.22	167.22	5000.00	3%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	44099.59	44099.59	530519.50	8%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	62400.35	62400.35	870925.50	7%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	6290.24	6290.24	(90125.95)	

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. 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



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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Mike Harper
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

Radiate
Outreach
Peggy McKillip & Sharon Valk

Radiate
Pastoral Care
John Carter

