



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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From The Rector

Dear Friends,

Over the past couple of years, I've read two books that cover the history of two southern traditions. First, during COVID, I read "Driving with the Devil" by Neal Thompson, the story of the birth of NASCAR. From its roots in southern moonshine to its growth thanks to the iron-fisted leadership of Bill France, through some of its toughest racers of all time, it was a thoroughly enjoyable book. As I read it in the summer of 2020, with protests over the murders of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd happening around the world, I couldn't help but notice how whitewashed the story was. There was barely a mention of Wendell Scott, the first African American driver in NASCAR. No story of how he won a race on December 1, 1964 by two full laps, but wasn't declared the winner until two hours after the race, and never received the trophy until his family was given one 58 years later and 31 years after Wendell Scott had died.



This winter, I read Curt Sampson's "The Masters" which tells the story of the Augusta National Golf Club and the development of The Masters golf tournament from its founding in 1932 through Tiger Wood's first victory in 1997. Sampson, to his credit, didn't shy away from the racism that was baked into August National from the very beginning. Whether it was digging into Cliff Roberts clearly bigoted beliefs, which he had no problem putting in writing to his friend, the President of the United States, Dwight Eisenhower, or telling the story of the Loopers, the black caddies who until 1983 were the only caddies allowed at Augusta National or The Masters, but were given no pension, and had to work side jobs after caddying two rounds in a day just to make ends meet, Sampson told some of the hard stories of the past.



Truth be told, I enjoyed Sampson's book more. I think there is great value in digging into the details to learn the whole story and then telling the truth. I may have been three years-old when black caddies unceremoniously left The Masters, but I know that story, and to read a book without it would have felt silly. I think it was Jesus who once said, "The truth shall set you free." As another February rolls around and Black History Month is one again upon us, I encourage you to learn a piece of true history. If you need a recommendation, I've got plenty.

Grace and Peace,

Steve

From The Associate Rector

A few years ago, I decided to focus on reading in my free time, and especially to focus on voices that did not already occupy my bookshelves. I wanted not only to expand my world by intentional reading, but also to be led by voices with whom I do not easily identify; I focused on non-white authors, and because I especially love reading memoirs, it was impactful. This exercise helped me embrace and engage the world different than ever before. In February of that year, I read exclusively Black authors. It didn't resolve or change anything major in my life, but it did help me lean into something new; it broadened my world, and it also helped me realize how full my shelves were from one type of author, which in our world of literary abundance was a shame.

This February, I'd like you share with you some pull quotes from some of my favorite Black authors on my church office bookshelves and to invite you to incorporate, with intentionality, Black voices into your reading landscape.

Mungi Ngomane is the grand-daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and in 2020, she released a book focusing on the principal of ubuntu and how it can be implanted in our everyday lives:

With ubuntu in our lives we can choose to view others as our equals, seeing them as we would want others to see us. All too often we observe only the role people play in the world and think nothing more of them. Ubuntu tells us that we are no better or worse than anyone else. Everyone deserves to be treated with humanity.¹

Stephanie Spellers is one of Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry's Canons, in her 2021 work she focused on how the church's call is to delve into undercurrent issues of race and racism:

Jesus purposefully gathered insiders and outsiders, scandalous women and illiterate men, hungry children and wealthy benefactors, all of whom had only begun to understand their own brokenness and need. He told them they were grafted onto one vine. When they tried to make it all about him, he turned their attention to God and to on another. When they obsessed over which of them was the greatest, he knelt and washed their feet.²

Charles Lattimore Howard is in higher education in Philadelphia and his 2016 poetic reflection he focuses on how God moves through the world through the metaphor of water and is one that I come back to often.

It is dangerous. There are painful rocks beneath the surface that we might strike a foot on. We might be bitten by something that dwells within. We might go over the waterfall. We might not come back out of the River. Traveling by River was never promised to be easy, but it is indeed holy. Submitting the direction of our lives to the Current is one of the most difficult endeavors we can undertake. But the walker who wants to go deeper must indeed jump in. With it comes love unimaginable. And while trusting and allowing the Current to guide us brings life and love, there is a cost. That cost is the forfeiture of our perceived control.³

James Cone is one of my topmost influential theologians, hands down. His reflection on how the lynchings mirror the cross was foundational in my understanding not only of the world, but also of the crucifixion. It is an annual Lenten read:

Christians must face the cross as the terrible tragedy it was and discover in it, through faith and repentance, the liberating joy of eternal salvation. But we cannot find liberating joy in the cross by spiritualizing it, by taking away its message of justice In the midst of powerlessness, suffering and death. The cross, as a locus of divine revelation, is not good news for the powerful, for those who are comfortable with the way things are, or for anyone whose understanding of religion is aligned with power.⁴

¹ Ngomane, Mungi. *Everyday Ubuntu*. Harper Design: New York. 2020. 24.

² Spellers, Stephanie. *The Church Cracked Open*. Church Publishing: New York. 2021. 30.

³ Howard, Charles Lattimore. *Pond River Ocean Rain*. Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN. 2016. 36.

⁴ Cone, James H. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Orbis Books: Maryknoll, NY. 2011. 156.

BROTHERHOOD OF
ST. ANDREW'S

SHROUVE



TUESDAY

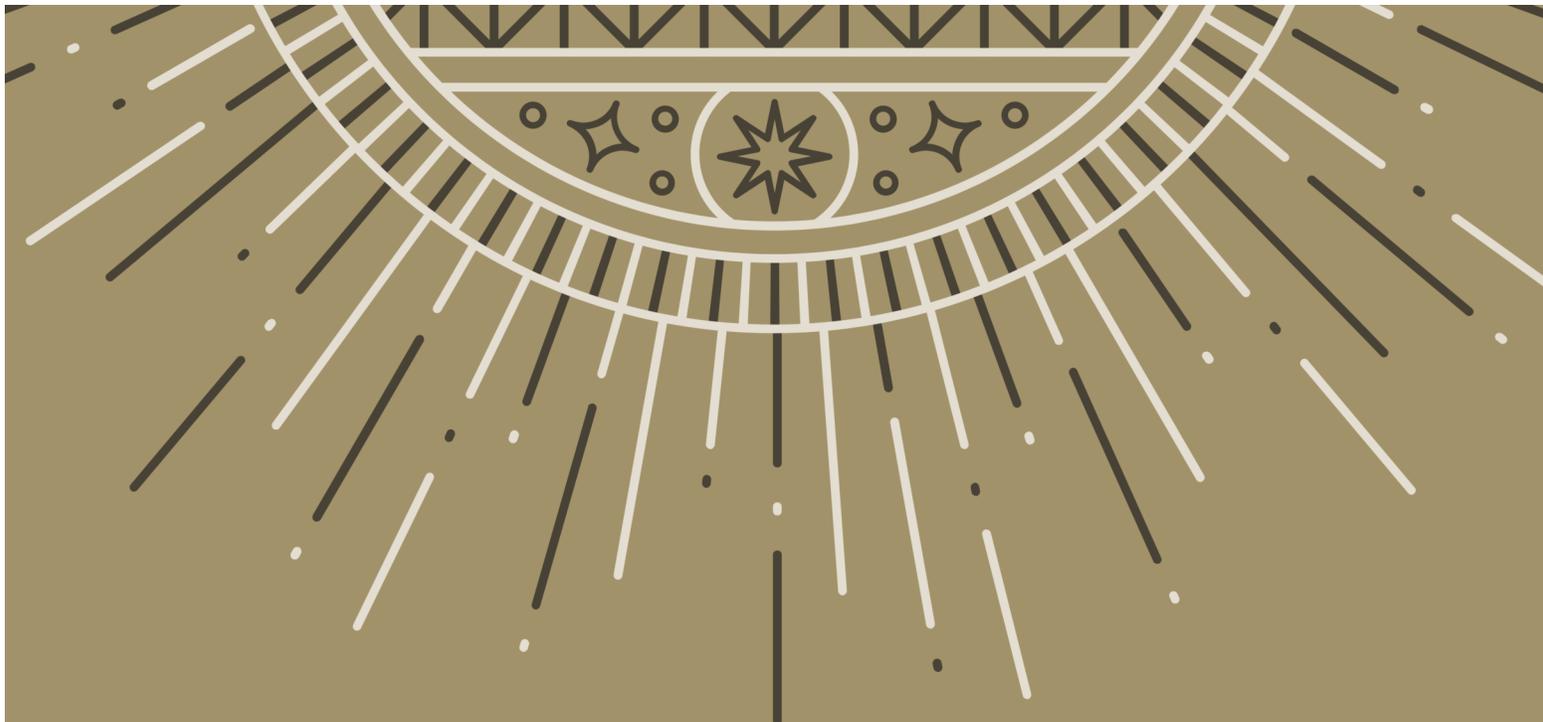
Pancake Supper

\$5 - Adult
\$3 - Child

Tuesday,
Feb. 21

5:30pm- 7pm | Moore Hall

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Come celebrate Mardi Gras before Lent begins with the return of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's annual Pancake Supper; proceeds benefit HELP Ministry.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes

February 22nd

7am - Noon - 6pm

Enter into the holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday at one of the three services available. Spoken services at 7 and Noon & service with music at 6pm

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.

Saturday
February 25th
8:30 - 1:00

Lenten Quiet Day

8:30 - Light Breakfast

9:00 - Morning Taize

9:25 - 12:00 - Breakout Sessions

12:10 - Closing Eucharist

12:40 - Lunch



Breakout Sessions

Icons - Father Steve

Rule of Life - Mother Becca

Labyrinth - Helen Seivers

Praying with Color - Portia Wimp

Poetry - Kevin Brooks

Lectio Devina - Jan Funk

Use this QR Code
to register.



Thursday, Feb 2.

Noon

Feast of the Presentation at the Temple

Join us at noon on Thursday, February 2nd in the Nave for a Holy Eucharist celebration of the Feast of the Presentation.

ECM in February



**CAMPUS
MINISTRY**

**Dinner + Worship
Wednesday Evenings**

Feb 1

Feb 8

Feb 15

**Volunteers needed to provide
dinner for students. Contact
Mother Becca if interested.**

General Convention is coming to Louisville!



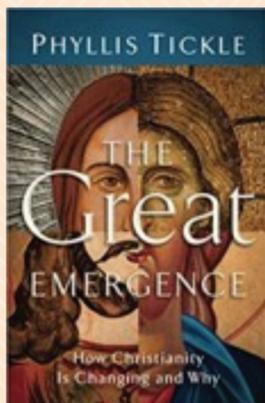
JUNE 22-28 2024

... about every five hundred years the Church feels compelled to hold a giant rummage sale ... the organized expression of Christianity which up until then had been the dominant one is reconstituted.... Phyllis Tickle, *The Great Emergence*.

BREAD OF ANGELS Resurrected

Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room
Open to everyone with a bit of curiosity about being Christian

Bread of Angels is a band of about two dozen people in a “book club with a theological bend.” By thoughtful reading and dialogue, we aspire to focus on what it means to be a Christian in the time in which we live.



Bread of Angels has begun reading Phyllis Tickle's *The Great Emergence, How Christianity is Changing and Why*. Tickle (1934-2015) was a teacher, professor, and dean before becoming the founding editor of the religion department at Publisher's Weekly, a position from which she wrote many, many books and articles herself. She remains a widely respected voice about the evolving Church, particularly in North America.

After we finish this reading, we will move next to Sophronia Scott's *The Seeker and the Monk*, Patrick J. Palmer's *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*, and some essays on environmental responsibility.

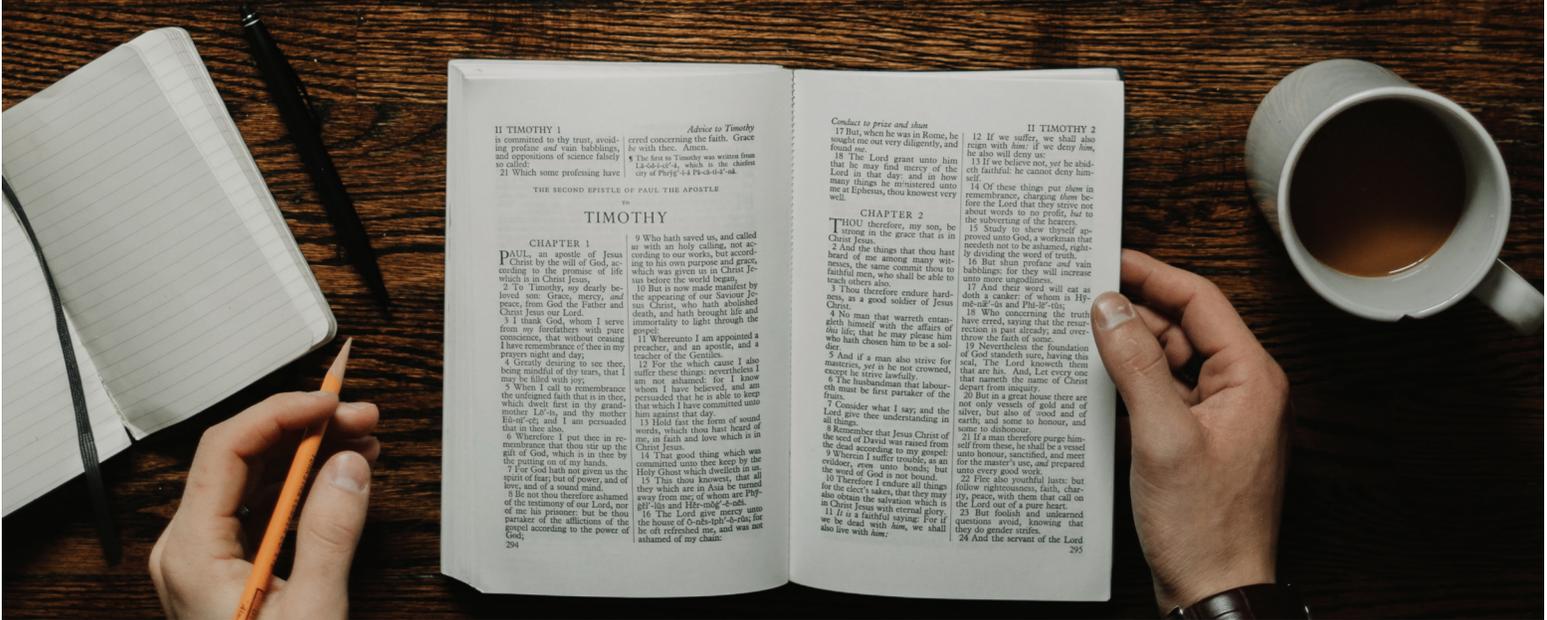
Contact Mike Harper: mike@mike-harper.com; 270-996-4380 for more information and to arrange for materials.

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



Be a part of
the

INN
CROWD

ROOM IN THE INN
BOWLING GREEN



CEC will once again join with other community churches and agencies hosting our neighbors who are unhoused during the cold months of winter. If you would like to help, volunteer [here](#).



Rescheduled for 2023

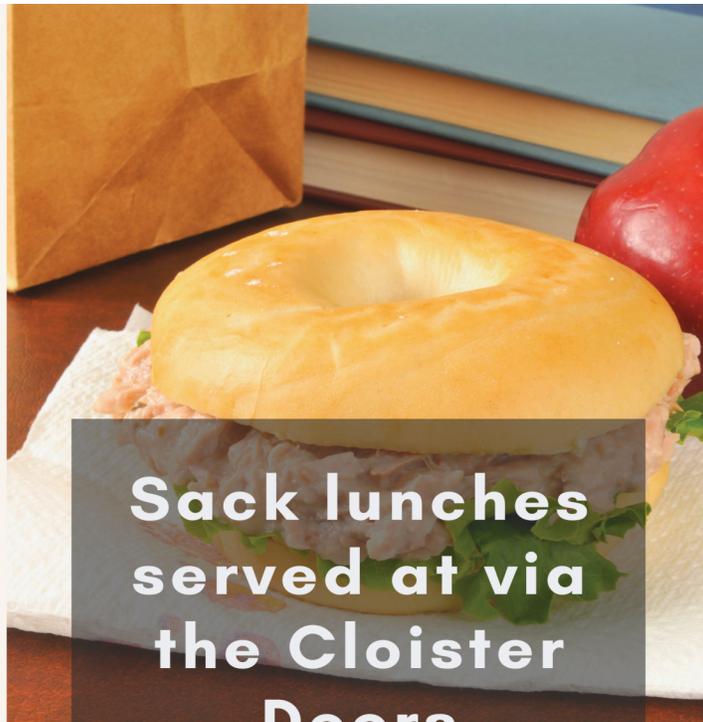
PILGRIMAGE TO THE
HOLY LAND

OCTOBER 17-25, 2023

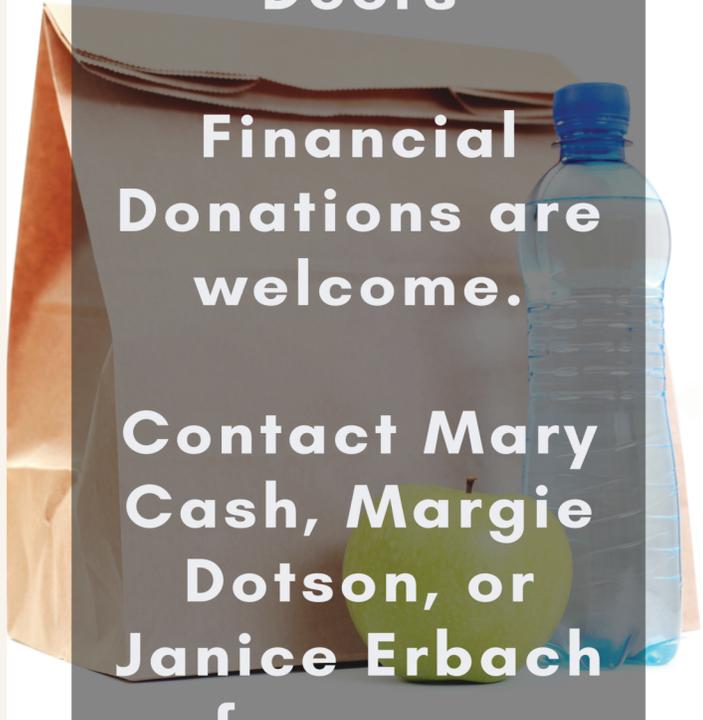
Contact Father Steve or Mother Becca
for more information

**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

Episcopal
Youth
Community

For Youth
6th grade -
12th grade

Sundays
5:30pm -
7:30pm

The Daughter of the King

Over a period of three years, the National Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) created a 2018-2021 Strategic Plan of The Order. This plan was created in response to and through the efforts of hundreds of Daughters and was designed to be a roadmap to guide the order's ministries, ensure continuity between National Councils, and build on the inspired foundation of the Order's past.

This Strategic Plan is still being used. The plan presents a set of six prayerfully developed strategic goals. They are:

- Goal #1 - Inspire Spiritual Growth and Development
- Goal #2 - Strengthen Our Call to Service and Evangelism
- Goal #3 - Nurture and Grow Our Members
- Goal #4 - Raise Up and Mentor New Leaders
- Goal #5 - Foster Community and Build Connections
- Goal #6 - Instill a Spirituality of Giving



In November 2022, our chapter's DOK Executive Team discussed and prepared a draft 2023 Action Plan. This plan included several possible actions that could be taken in order to meet the goals of the National DOK in 2023. At the December 4, 2022 meeting, the draft was presented to the chapter's Daughters, discussed, voted on and approved. Following is a copy of that action plan.

1. Working with Rev. Ken Casey, set-up a visit and lunch at Gethsemane's Thomas Merton's cabin for contemplated prayer – meets the following National DOK goals:
 - a. #1 – Inspire spiritual growth and development
 - i. One of the monk's would have to agree to sponsor DOK. Daughters would bring lunch for themselves and a lunch for the monk and Ken.
 - ii. This would be a day event. We could meet at church, car pool, drive out to Gethsemane for the event (1.5 to 2 hours), and return back to church afterwards.
2. More actively participate in intergenerational events – meets the following National DOK goals:
 - a. #3 – Nurture and Grow Our Members
 - i. Examples include: VBS, EYC events, our Sunday School options for the children, help with cookies for a cause.
 - b. #2 – Strengthen Our Call to Service and Evangelism.
 - a. #5 – Foster Community and Build Connections
3. Support Brittney Carter's church (Powerhouse Ministries) – meets the following National DOK goals:
 - a. #5 – Foster community and build connections.

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

The Parish Register

Birthdays

02/02 Max Buchanon	02/13 Paula Maier	02/23 Angela Collins
02/03 Atha Ford	02/14 Charles Satterfield	02/24 Pipes Gaines
02/03 Kyla Jefferson	02/16 Billy Bell	02/24 Harry Ford
02/03 Parker Rhodes	02/17 Karen Robeson	02/24 David Kem
02/08 Karen Adams	02/18 Derek Roberts	02/25 Suzanne Hanratty
02/08 Todd Cheever	02/20 Becky McCraney	02/25 Carolyn Hagaman
02/09 Mary Travelsted	02/21 Sandy Petersen	02/25 Laura Harper Lee
02/10 John Loiars	02/21 Skip Wirth	02/25 Terry Knauft
02/10 Shannon Smith	02/22 Jim Hudson	02/27 Marilyn Keith
02/10 Will Derryberry	02/22 Emily Mills	02/27 Michael Buchanon Jr.

Financial Reports

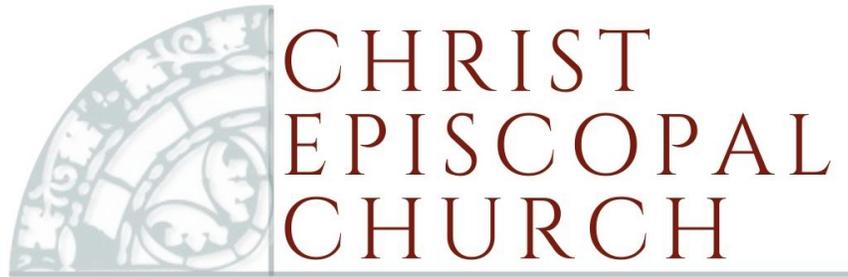
Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending December 31, 2022					
Account #	Account Name	DECEMBER 2022	YTD 2022	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	89,253.47	683,369.98	688,600.00	99%
	Diocesan Support	2,295.00	38,540.00	38,540.00	100%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	85,938.82	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	325.00	1,225.00	22,000.00	6%
	INCOME TOTAL	91,873.47	723,134.98	835,078.82	87%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	2,219.83	25,078.21	32,940.00	76%
	Buildings and Property	13,161.32	108,932.40	112,000.00	97%
	Christian Formation	1,600.63	8,466.37	16,250.00	52%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	424.34	10,257.37	10,000.00	103%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	11,079.82	106,877.99	108,736.00	98%
	Music Ministry	3,432.16	20,018.62	20,600.00	97%
	Parish Life	1,472.95	16,716.63	16,700.00	100%
	Worship	774.90	5,954.33	4,000.00	149%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	59,894.66	502,675.48	513,293.00	98%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	94,060.61	804,977.40	834,519.00	96%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	-2,187.14	-81,842.42	559.82	

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church				
Outreach Funds Report for period ending December 31, 2022				
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2022	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 12/31/2022
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	1,739.83	991.92	0.00	2,731.75
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	5,576.69	21,610.03	24,656.99	2,529.73
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	3,166.77	150.00	2,354.89	961.88
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	1,760.81	845.00	0.00	2,605.81
Hotel Inc	1,036.03	48,730.00	48,500.00	1,266.03
Living Waters for the World	4,734.17	313.45	0.00	5,047.62
Meals, Inc	1,800.29	600.00	100.32	2,299.97
Room In The Inn	1,820.12	310.00	355.04	1,775.08
Stephen Ministry	0.00	820.56	682.71	137.85
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	5,570.56	4,790.00	2,108.00	8,252.56
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		2,664 served YTD; 14 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	1,331.89	1,595.00	300.00	2,626.89
TOTAL	28,537.16	80,755.96	79,057.95	30,235.17
Rector Discretionary	0.00	24,425.16	24,425.16	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	3,992.85	3,992.85	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	2,162.00	2,162.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	30,580.01	30,580.01	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		32,175.01		



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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

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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

David Lee

Learn

Christian Formation

Mike Harper

Grow

Congregational Development

Jim Dale, Paula Maier & Scarlett

Winters

**Radiate
Fellowship**

Belinda Palmer

**Radiate
Outreach**

Peggy McKillip & Brenda
Willoughby

**Radiate
Pastoral Care**

John Carter

Administration

TBA