

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.



THE WINDOW

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From The Rector

Dear Friends,

Do you every find yourself irrationally angry and don't know why? It happened to me just yesterday. My bank recently installed new-fangled ATMs that replaced all the drive-thru tellers with a Zoom call to some call center somewhere in central Kentucky. That was annoying enough, but then the company that supplies the internet infrastructure of the system had an outage that lasted for two weeks. So, not only did they get rid of all drive-thru tellers, and block off all the drive-thru windows, but then the system they installed to replace it went belly-up. Soon after it finally got back online, they started paving the parking lot, blocking the entrance lane, and forcing you to enter through the exit, drive past the fancy ATM, turn around, and make your way back to the silly machine. I did all of that yesterday in order to deposit a check, when, much to my dismay, I dropped the check while attempting to insert it into the machine.



Y'all have seen me red faced before. I'm Irish, it happens, but as I squeezed my body between the gosh-darned ATM and my vehicle, reaching desperately for the check before the wind blew it away, I felt steam billowing forth from my ears. Every swear word I know in English and in German came to the front of my mind. The poor lady on the other end of my ATM Zoom call was about to get the full wrath of Steve Pankey in collar, when the Holy Spirit intervened.

"I'm not really this angry about this dumb ATM," I recognized in that moment, "I'm sad/mad because I was supposed to be flying to the Holy Land today, a hospital in Gaza City was hit by a rocket, and any number of other things beyond my control." The nice woman on the other end of my ATM's internet connection had nothing to do with why I was really upset, and so, I pulled myself together, grabbed the check, and finished my transaction.

Maybe I'm the only one whose grief comes out sideways, but I doubt it. In our world these days, there are any number of things that can weigh us down with grief and sadness. When you feel yourself losing control, and your anger and frustration threatens to come out sideways, remember that anger in a normal part of the grief process, but that the new ATM, the slow cashier, or the telemarketer aren't really what you are upset about. Take a deep breath. Turn your anger over to God. And then, if you need to, as you drive away, let a few of those angry curse words float out into the ether where they can't harm anyone.

Life isn't easy, my friends, but together, we will get through.

Grace and Peace,

Stever

From The Associate Rector

Back in August, I was feeling the pull to get involved in the life of Bowling Green outside of my parish responsibilities when I saw a call for volunteers from the Community Farmer's Market (CFM) on Nashville Road. I had shopped there several times, and I knew that they did some work around food equity, and we put part of our Tornado Relief Funds towards fresh food boxes for folks recovering from the December 11th Tornadoes in the Jennings Creek neighborhood provided by Need More Acres, one of CFM's biggest vendors. I wasn't exactly sure what all would be involved in volunteering at the Farmer's Market, but I knew I wanted to find out.

My first day, I was overwhelmed with the logistics of running the Community Farmer's Market. The primary thing I remember was just my head spinning with how many different forms of payment are accepted, which is the main task that the volunteers help facilitate. Over the last three months, I learned the details and I have most of it in my head, but the thing I can't stop sharing with anyone about CFM is the work that is put into providing equitable, quality food to our community. Through grants and fundraising, CFM participates in several programs that help multiply the buying power of those in need; even WKU students can have \$5 in Big Red Dollars doubled each week.

Through a program called Fresh RX for Moms, any pregnant person on Medicaid can get \$26 dollars each week to be spent upon fresh fruits and vegetables for 40 weeks, a total of \$1,040 eligible to go toward nourishing both parent and child. This program, I've learned is especially used by the International Center, where they pool the vouchers of expecting mothers and buy in bulk for the families, spreading the purchases across several farmers, benefiting not only the parents, but the local farmers as well. It's a beautiful example of how community nourishes each other when we let our gifts meet the needs of others and vice versa.

The Community Farmer's Market was also the first in the Commonwealth to implement the now state-wide Double Dollars program, which doubles SNAP/WIC benefits. To make fresh foods more financially feasible for low-income families, this program has grown so that now at CFM, folks using EBT can double up to \$20 per market day (\$40 per week). All of us have seen how grocery prices have risen, and this overwhelmingly effects families on tight budgets in different and greater ways. With the Double Dollars program, each \$20 swipe gets matched with \$8 toward meat, eggs, or dairy and \$12 towards fresh fruits or vegetables. Like the Fresh RX for Moms, this program adds a potential \$2,080 per year of quality food toward folks who must creatively think how to make all the ends meet, while also helping to support Kentucky farmers. As Summer was winding down, there was also two grant programs that were limited funds for the height of the growing season that provided free vouchers for Seniors.

I've really enjoyed volunteering with the Community Farmer's Market, at least in part because it's an opportunity to see a bit of the kingdom of God. There are of course, moments and places all around us that show us how we can be when we value each other and seriously consider the needs of our community, and CFM has been a bright spot around town for me. It's an opportunity to remember the ways in which our work impacts each other and how when we engage each other seriously, there is never any motivation to leave someone behind.



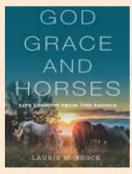
ALL SAINTS EVENSONG SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH - 5PM

The chancel choir will hold a sung evensong in celebration for the Feast of All Saints on 5pm on Sunday, November 5th. The Necrology of those who have died in the past year will be read during this service.



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 as 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.

Our current book is by a Kentucky Priest, it is about horses, and it's a "good read" – a trifecta for sure!

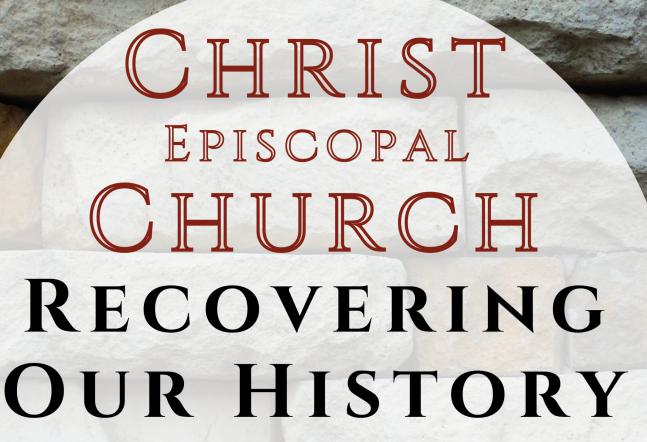
More seriously, Laurie Brock has written a beautiful book about the ways in which we as humans connect to God. Her metaphor is her passion for horses and God's creation, a passion developed in midlife, and full of rich and thought provoking stories that challenge us to think about all of God's creation and our call to love our neighbors – in the broadest sense. In a world suffering from climate change, violence, and poverty it is a reflection about grace and peace that calls all of us to follow Jesus.

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

saddled up, and let horses move me from what was amiliar into what I needed to discover about God, about grace, and about me.

The Rev Laurie Brock, Rector,





SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH - 9AM
FORUM + BREAKFAST
MOORE HALL

Come and hear the story of chattel slavery in Bowling Green, Warren County, and Christ Episcopal Church.

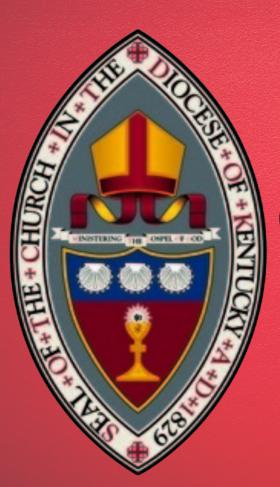
The Rev. Steve Pankey and Dr. David Lee share the story our our history that they have uncovered as they have looked into the history of enslavement and it's role in our parish's history.

Deacon Kellie Mysinger and Shelley Carter will facilitate this discussion group; contact them for more information about the class or registration.

SACRED GROUND

NOV. 14 - APR. 16

This bi-weekly session "is a filmand readings-based dialouge series
on race, ground in faith. Small
groups are invited to walk through
chapters of America's history of
race and racism, while weaving in
threads of family story, economic
class, and political and regional
identity."*



Diocese of Kentucky Convention Eucharist

Christ Episcopal Church
Bowling Green, KY
Friday, November 10
6:30 pm in the Nave

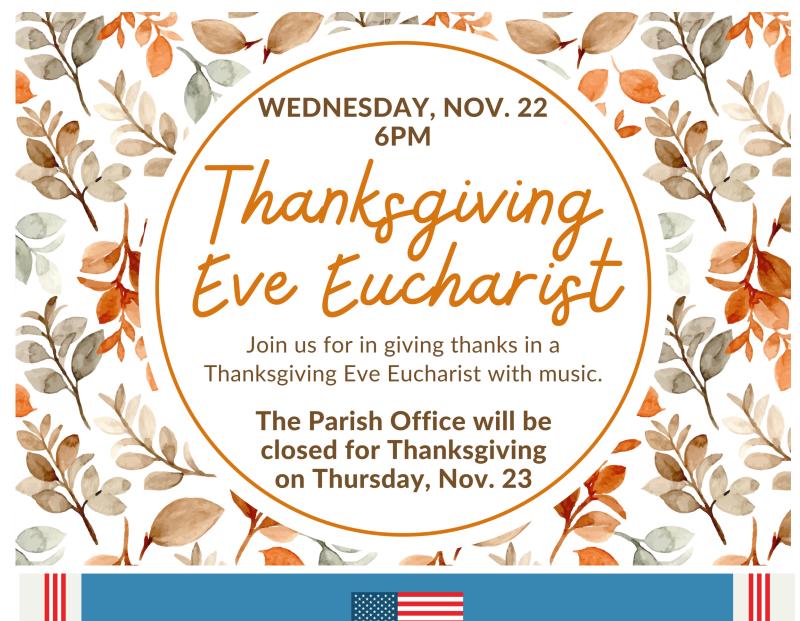
NOVEMBER 2023

Episcopal Campus Ministry

Dinner + Worship Wednesdays at 5:30pm

November 1 November 15

November 8 November 29





The Parish Office will be closed in observance of

VETERAN'S DAY







81st General Convention Louisville, KY

June 23-28, 2024



EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is open to all youth in grades 6th-12th. We meet most Sundays from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the EYC Lounge for dinner and fellowship, including fun activities, mission work, and faith formation.

Contact Karen@cecbg.com for more information.

The Daughters of the King

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

The Parish Register

Birthdays

11/01	Terry Fisher	11/12	Shawn Rhodes	11/19	Deidre Bowen
11/01	Crawford Hightower	11/13	Patsy Sloan	11/21	Ryan Loiars
11/01	Whitaker Massey	11/13	Ashley Tabor	11/22	Ed Cockrel
11/01	Gracie Stevens	11/13	DeAnna Roberts	11/23	Sue Wilson
11/02	Juliana Gilbert	11/13	Maddox Tabor	11/24	Marcia Crabtree
11/03	Tom Nuckols	11/14	Wilson Cook	11/24	Hamp Moore Jr.
11/04	Amanda Talley	11/14	Leanna Andrews	11/26	Gail Brooks
11/06	Lizz Satterfield	11/15	Mary Cobb	11/29	James McGrane
11/07	Hollie Sowell	11/15	Greg Lyons	11/29	Ferrell Price
11/08	Janet Flora	11/17	Shelley Carter	11/29	Don Pillow
11/09	Kal-El Cline	11/19	Larry McCraney	11/30	R. Taylor Hoskins Jr.
11/12	Linda Mitchell			11/30	Reece Hightower

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners of Christ Church

Judy Adams
Annie Barry
Aldis Brunson
David Cole
Vickie Cole
The Most Reverend Michael Curry
Dolores Dodd
Dean Gilbert

Taylor Hoskins
Nancy Huston
Paula Morgan
Gretchen Niva
Melanie Pepper
Elaine Price
Maryanne Ringo
Karen Robeson
Josh Stiles
Teddi Taylor
Carroll Travelsted

In Remembrance

Bob Harrison

Nick Heil

Coy Tucker, father of Belinda Palmer Ellis Centers, husband of Janice Centers Carl Martray

Our Peruvian siblings in the communities served by our Living Waters for the World water system

For our Cloister Community

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas Galen Olmsted, Venezuela & Boo Petersen, S. Africa

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Mark Spraker, brother of John Spraker Debbie Stiles Wurth, aunt of Josh Stiles

Nancy Cook, cousin of Sue Edwards Ronnie Corn, brother of Vonda Garringer Bethaney Curry, daughter of Karen Adams Dixie Daniel, sister of Portia Wimp Walter Derryberry, father of Pitt Derryberry *Mark Gillett, brother of Mary Cash* Joan Harper, mother of Mike Harper Todd Horn, son of Dick & Jane Horn Jessie Hurst and family Sharon Johnson, aunt of Vonda Garringer Jerry McKenzie, brother-in-law of George Anna McKenzie Todd Niva, son of George & Gretchen Niva Robert Paul, husband of Shanna Paul Joyce Pedigo, mother of Jenny Morehead Kathryn Smith, mother of Tony Smith Kenneth Smith, father of Tony Smith

Family of Christ Church parishioners, continued

James Swick, son of Cathie and Bill Huston
Kelly Taylor, daughter-in-law of Teddi Taylor
Mary Lou Wells, mother of Paula Lyons
Joyce Westfall, mother of Lara Westfall Ellison
Nita Williams, sister-in-law of Betty Young
David Witty, brother of Marcia Eastin
Addie Zaker, niece of Jan Campbell

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Ken Allison, requested by Patsy Sloan
Ashley, requested by Vonda Garringer
William Browning, requested by Vonda Garringer
Milton Carter, requested by Vonda Garringer
Angela Clifford, requested by Gail McGuffey
*Drew Gaines, requested by Janet Grider *
Ann Humphrey, requested by Patsy Sloan
Rhonda Lampe, requested by Laurie Joyce
Edward Morreale, requested by Laurie Joyce
Chad Richardson, requested by George Anna McKenzie
Susan Rogers, requested by George Anna McKenzie
Shawn, requested by Mac Jefferson
Asher Slaton, requested by Mikey & Karen Crabtree
Dianna Wheat, requested by Ann Puckett

This list is current as of October 31th, 2023

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church				
Outreach Funds Report for period ending Sep	otember 30, 202	3		
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2023	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 9/30/2023
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	540.00	860.00	2,411.75
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	14,708.00	15,300.00	1,937.73
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,417.00	0.00	1,417.00	0.00
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	569.02	0.00	1,530.90
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	179.00	251.80	2,533.01
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	28,220.00	29,000.00	236.03
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	241.17	0.00	5,263.80
Meals, Inc	2,299.97	1,050.00	2,462.37	887.60
Room In The Inn	1,775.08	600.00	480.13	1,894.95
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	0.00	137.85
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	8,252.56	3,705.50	2,290.87	9,667.19
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	2181	served YTD;	17 volunteers	average/week
Yoga	2,576.89	65.11	2,642.00	0.00
TOTAL	31,327.18	49,877.80	54,704.17	26,500.81
Rector Discretionary	0.00	3,892.02	3,892.02	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	3,112.02	3,112.02	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	1,579.01	1,579.01	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	8,583.05	8,583.05	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		58,460.85		

Financial Reports Christ Episcopal Church Operating Fund Report for period ending September 30, 2023 % of Annual SEP 2023 YTD 2023 Annual Budget Budget Account # Account Name INCOME Parish Offerings 66% 35,265.67 452,492.09 687,949.00 Diocesan Support 3,072.92 35,906.28 47,875.00 75% 30,000.00 Investment Income 36,192.00 80,242.38 45% Miscellaneous Income 2,000.00 3% 1.00 63.00 INCOME TOTAL 68,339.59 524,653.37 818,066.38 64% EXPENSE Adminstration 3,098.94 18,903.40 32,500.00 58% **Buildings and Property** 6,247.47 89,601.96 132,600.00 68% 73% Christian Formation 2,288.43 12,649.60 17,250.00 WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM) 790.07 5,899.85 10,000.00 59% Diocesan and Vestry Support 105,756.00 74% 7,618.00 77,792.67 Music Ministry 1,783.31 16,024.50 20,600.00 78% Parish Life 97% 1,299.18 16,204.21 16,700.00 Worship 181.41 3,276.58 5,000.00 66% Staff Salaries and Benefits 44,605.50 398,067.92 530,519.50 75% EXPENSE TOTAL 67,912.31 73% 638,420.69 870,925.50

The Parish Online

427.28

(113,767.32)

(52,859.12)

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



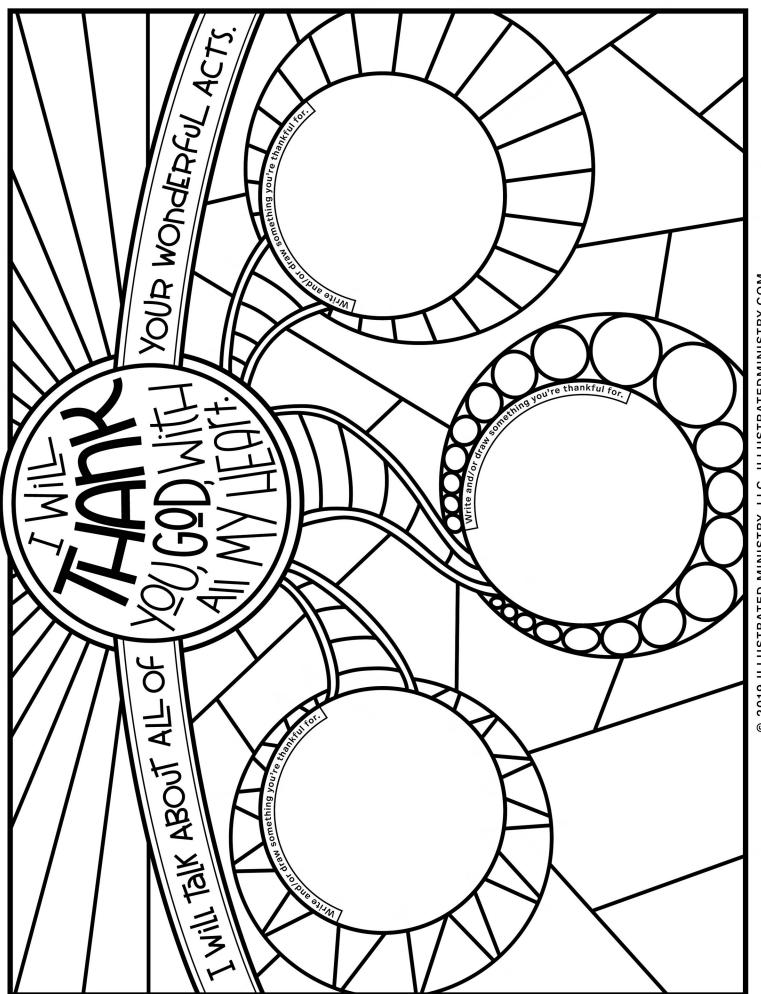


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Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday

8:30am—4:30pm

Thursday

8:30am—1:00pm

Friday

Closed

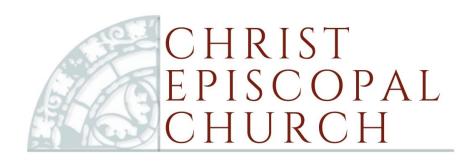
Service Times

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 Jamie Chaffin 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 & Jamie Chaffin

Grow

Congregational Development

Mike Harper & Scarlett Winters

Radiate

Fellowship

Jim Dale & Brenda Willoughby

Radiate

Outreach

Peggy McKillip & Sharon Valk

Radiate Pastoral Care

John Carter & David Lee

