



The Window

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



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**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,

Lent is a funny word. Even etymologically, it has a peculiar background. It could come from the Old English word “lecten” which means “springtime or spring.” This makes sense because these are the days that lead up to the vernal equinox and the first day of spring. Of course, it could also come from the West Germanic compound word “langitinaz.” Langitinaz is a combination of the “langaz” which means “long” and “tina” which means “day.” Langitinaz literally translates into “lengthening of days.” Langitinaz is my preference. I love the image of Lent as a move toward more light.

In her Vestry devotion last night, Stacey Hughes shared with us a reflection on winter. It is, she told us, not a season of death and darkness, but rather a season of rest and renewal. Winter, with all its drab and dreariness, is a season of preparation. Root systems are hard at work storing up nutrients. Buds are preparing to blossom. It may seem quiet, but much is happening just below the surface.

Lent, then, is something of an in-between season. It marks the time, in the world and in our spiritual lives, when we intentionally move from rest and renewal and toward the light of Christ. As the world around us gets brighter – the sun rises a little earlier and sets just a bit later each day – when we take Lent seriously, the same thing can begin to happen in our own lives. Just a minute more of prayer, meditation, or Bible study. Just a minute more spent in relationship with God moves us closer and closer toward the Light of the World.



This Lent, in particular, feels more in-between than ever. After what has felt like 52 weeks of winter, and a Lent that never ended, we are finally beginning to see the light of hope on the horizon. The Restart Task Force is hard at work, as, for the first time in almost a year, things seem to be improving, and the possibility of indoor, in-person worship feels close. Every time I hear that one of you has been fully vaccinated, my world gets just a little bit brighter. Every time I think of seeing your faces, even masked, inside the nave, this interminable winter gets a little bit closer to spring. It’s been a long season of waiting, and while it isn’t over yet, the hard work of preparation is almost done, and the light of hope is beginning to grow.

I look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, may God continue to bless you with health, love, and joy.

Grace and Peace,

Steve

¹ <https://www.etymonline.com/word/lent>

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From The Associate Rector

There are things, particularly things in my life of faith, that I have to continually remind myself of: God's abundant compassion and grace, progress over perfection, and continual prompts to always choose love. One of these reminders is one that I not only repeat to myself but to all those who are willing to listen: no prayer is ever wasted. And I literally mean **no** prayer when I say that; I genuinely believe that God desires to know what is on our hearts and minds, even as God is capable of already knowing it. If it's a giant, immovable problem, or something so trite it would be embarrassing to name to another, I think God wants to know it. And as far as I have learned, none of these prayers are ever wasted.

Prayer, of course, can look different based on our personality type, the situation, or even what has been taught to us. Sometimes our prayers are full of anxious or joyful words, sometimes they hold a well of silence, and other times our prayers are lived out in action. But no matter what they look like, no prayer is ever wasted.

When the talks of the vaccine first began several months ago, the projection was far off, and in many ways, the fact that we move to our next vaccine phase in Kentucky this month is quite literally amazing. The development of this type of vaccine has been in the works for decades, and this is the first time it has found success, and it's unparalleled at that. Early on, as the Med Center was tapped to be a regional vaccine distribution site, our Senior Warden, Shawn Rhodes, told our Restart Task Force that part of the difficulty in getting the vaccine out was staffing the clinic, and that they were looking for volunteers. I signed up the next day.

The first time I volunteered, there was a buzz of joy in the space. This was about a month ago, and at that point it was pretty much everyone's first shot, and there was a palpable sense of relief and joy. I talked with people who drove two hours one way who had tears in their eyes as they told me that they would now get to hug their grandchildren again; I've never been so happy to donate my time to anything as I have to help in getting our community vaccinated.

It should also be noted that the staff at the Med Center's Vaccine Clinic is a well-oiled machine, and it is no doubt that this took lots of work, patience, compassion, and energy. The first day I was there, a long line snaked around the lobby and checking people in was dragging, so someone stepped in to be a greeter, to get the initial questions out of the way to make the registration process go quicker, and it definitely helped. The next time I volunteered, that was a full-time volunteer role. The ways in which they are adapting and responding to the things that they have learned over the weeks administering this gift of a vaccine has been impressive. Of course, the Med Center isn't the only place doing as such, we see this happening all over the country, but to see it first hand was a true gift.

As I was reflecting on my time volunteering, the things that kept coming to me was "no prayer is ever wasted." So many prayers have been poured into that moment, into the development of that vaccine, into the organization of the clinic, into the gifts and strength of the exhausted medical profession. No prayer is ever, ever wasted, my friends. We rarely get to see the fruits of our fervent prayers, and it's sometimes hard to see the connecting points between our verbose or silent or tactile prayers and what happens months later, but as someone who has gotten the opportunity to look dozens of people in the face as they step up to receive the answer to our prayers, it has only served as a reminder to me that no prayer is ever wasted. No prayer is ever wasted, thanks be to God!

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*Holy Week
at Christ Church*

March 28-April 4

Palm Sunday

Car Parade - 8 & 10 am

Maundy Thursday

Livestream - 6 pm

Good Friday

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Livestream - Noon

Holy Saturday

Livestream - Noon

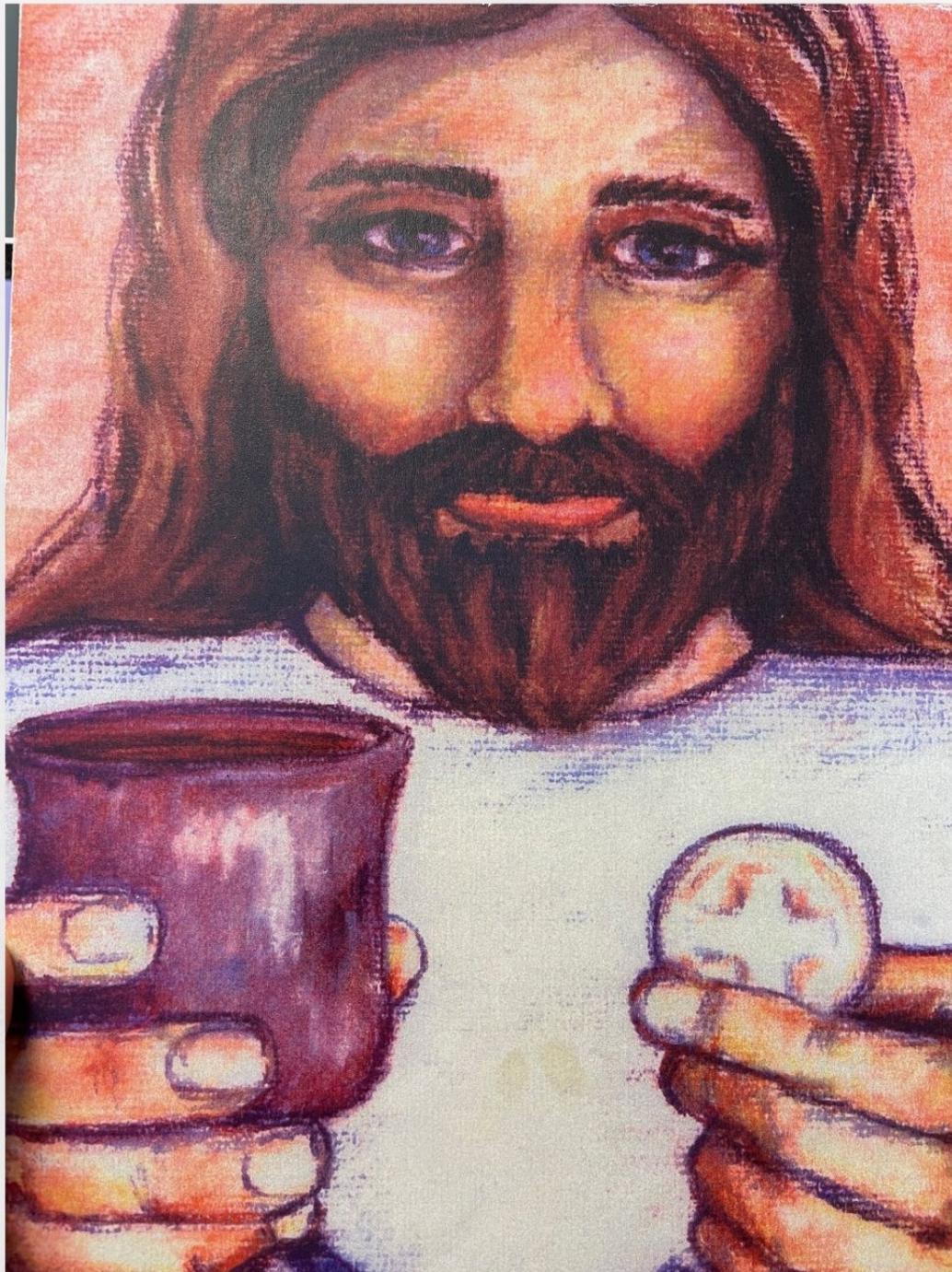
Easter Day

Lighting of New Fire and Vigil- 6:20am

Livestream Service, with Baptism - 8: 45am

Reception of Communion 10-11 am





**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.



**JOIN US FOR AN IN-PERSON
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT!**

GETTING READY FOR EASTER

**MARCH 28 • SUNDAY • 2-3:30 PM
BUCKBERRY GARDEN/LABRYNTH**

Children grades Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to learn about Easter through playing games, making crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Please bring a basket or bag for hunting eggs!



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 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

4:30

DINNER +

EVENING PRAYER

ECM

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

Kentucky Covid-19 Vaccine

As the Commonwealth begins Phase 1C of the vaccine on March 1st, many Kentuckians are now eligible to receive their doses.

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>

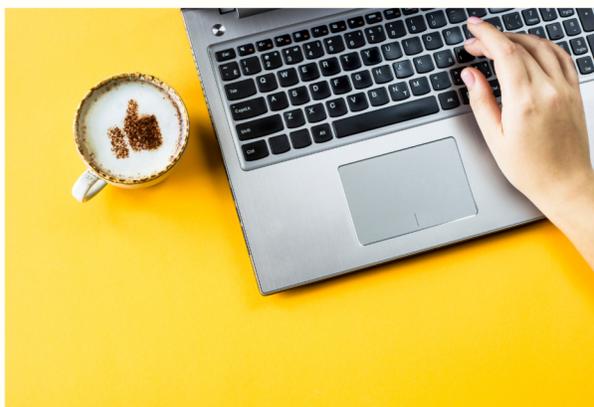


Pictured: CEC Parishioners and Volunteers at the Medical Center's Vaccine Clinic, Mikey Crabtree, Jessie Wolfe, and Judy Reimer

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, March 7th at 09:00 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, March 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) or Carol DuBose (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

Ethan Jones Cobb was born on January 8th 2021, in Knoxville Tennessee. Ethan is the son of Robert Jr & Katie Cobb, little brother to Sam, and grandson of Mary and Bob Cobb.



Deaths

Verna Hart entered into the nearer presence of our God on February 4th, 2021. Verna will be laid to rest next to her husband in St. Louis after a celebration of her life.

Belva Tucker joined the church triumphant on February 8th, 2021. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, no plans for a memorial have yet been finalized.

Birthdays

03/01	Mike Buchanon Sr.	03/09	Barbara Powell	03/16	Felton Adams III
03/02	Polly Moore	03/09	David Burch	03/18	Carrie Buchanon
03/02	David Attaway	03/11	Kate Dale	03/18	Christopher Sigler
03/02	Andre Valk	03/12	Phyllis Hancock	03/20	Donnie Sowell
03/02	Roman Tabor	03/12	Scarlett Winters	03/21	Crystal Stiles
03/04	Jeff Cash	03/12	Camden Travelsted	03/21	Henry Gilbert
03/04	Christopher Chaffin	03/13	Jimmy Stewart Jr.	03/24	Shelby Moore
03/06	Jennifer Lindsey	03/13	Henry Pepper	03/25	Tim Brotherton
03/06	Paige Dale	03/13	Martha Parker	03/27	Helen Kereiakes
03/06	Sylas Stevens	03/14	Doug Lawhorn	03/29	Nya Stevens
03/07	Matilda Botwin	03/15	Skip Cleavinger	03/30	Bebe Grimsley-Smith
03/07	Drew Mitchell	03/15	Heather Pillow	03/31	Sue Edwards
03/08	Brooke Carmichael	03/16	Cindy Peterson	03/31	Dominic Frassinelli



The Parish Online

Be sure to check the parish's website at 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

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

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending January 31, 2021					
Account #	Account Name	JANUARY 2021	YTD 2021	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	109,070.48	109,070.48	668,153.00	16%
	Diocesan Support	5,045.00	5,045.00	39,540.00	13%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	79,621.27	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	0%
	INCOME TOTAL	114,115.48	114,115.48	788,564.27	14%
EXPENSE					
	Administration	1,419.78	1,419.78	34,600.00	4%
	Buildings and Property	5,083.99	5,083.99	115.20	4413%
	Christian Formation	0.00	0.00	14,250.00	0%
	WKU Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	546.05	546.05	10,000.00	5%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,695.37	8,695.37	110,844.00	8%
	Music Ministry	979.52	979.52	20,600.00	5%
	Parish Life	0.00	0.00	16,200.00	0%
	Worship	250.00	250.00	3,500.00	7%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	34,963.67	34,963.67	457,072.70	8%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	51,938.38	51,938.38	667,181.90	8%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	62,177.10	62,177.10	121,382.37	

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Outreach Funds Report for period ending January 31, 2021					
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2021	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 1/31/2021	2020 Ending Balance
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	1,259.98	0.00	0.00	1,259.98	1,259.98
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	5,395.09	870.00	1,500.00	4,765.09	5,395.00
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)	4,190.98	0.00	0.00	4,190.98	4,190.98
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	1,760.81	0.00	0.00	1,760.81	1,760.81
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel Inc	1,174.03	0.00	0.00	1,174.03	1,174.03
Living Waters for the World	3,947.53	0.00	0.00	3,947.53	3,947.53
Meals, Inc	1,610.29	0.00	0.00	1,610.29	1,610.29
Room In The Inn	1,715.12	0.00	0.00	1,715.12	1,715.12
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	1,401.26	250.00	0.00	1,651.26	1,401.26
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		0 served YTD; 0 volunteers average/week			
Yoga	1,279.18	125.00	0.00	1,404.18	1,276.18
TOTAL	25,121.27	1,245.00	1,500.00	24,866.27	25,118.18
Rector Discretionary	0.00	1,234.00	1,234.00	0.00	
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	1,034.00	1,034.00	0.00	
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	517.00	517.00	0.00	
TOTAL	0.00	2,785.00	2,785.00	0.00	
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		4,030.00			

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL *church*

Office Hours Monday—Thursday

8:30am—4:30pm

Closed Fridays

Service Times

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

12:45pm Centering Prayer Community

**Suspended Until
Further Notice**

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Clergy And Staff

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The Vestry

2021 Class

Leonard Edwards

Bill Riedel

Shawn Rhodes

Adam Tabor

2022 Class

Linda Mitchell

Belinda Palmer

Shanna Paul

Troy Puckett

2023 Class

Mike Harper

Stacey Hughes

Paula Maier

Scarlett Winters

Shawn Rhodes,, *Senior Warden*

Bill Reidel, *Junior Warden*

Belinda Palmer, *Secretary*

Leslie Weigel, *Treasurer*

Hamp Moore, *Asst. Treasurer*

Mark Eastin, *Asst. Treasurer*

Seven Parish Ministry Areas And Vestry Member Liaisons

Worship

Steve Pankey & Becca Kello

Learn

Christian Formation

Linda Mitchell & Adam Tabor

Grow

Congregational Development

Shawn Rhodes & Troy Puckett

Radiate

Fellowship

Leonard Edwards & Shanna Paul

Radiate

Outreach

Belinda Palmer & Bill Riedel

Radiate

Pastoral Care

Kathy Leonard

Administration

TBD

