

# THE WINDOW

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY



# JANUARY 2024



# FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I was scrolling through Instagram recently when I stumbled upon a headline that said that a day of rest a week was good for physical and mental health. My initial reaction was, “Well duh. The Hebrews figured this out some 5,000 years ago.” But of course, we don’t always do what is good for us and so generation after generation, we have to learn the same lessons. Sabbath is no exception.

I am grateful that our tradition respects and honors rest. Since our ties to the Church of England and a learned clergy also have us closely associated with academia, sabbaticals have been a mainstay for Episcopal clergy from many years. In my letter of agreement is the stipulation that for every year of service, I accrue two weeks of sabbatical leave that can be taken anywhere from year 5 to 7. As I approach my seventh anniversary here, it is time for me to take a rest.

With the Vestry’s permission, I am excited to announce that from April 1 through June 30, 2024, I’ll be taking a much-needed sabbatical. This will be my second sabbatical since I was ordained back in 2007. During my first, I spent most of my time writing my Doctor of Ministry thesis. It was good to have that time to accomplish such a monumental task, but I failed miserably in the rest component. Given the relentless nature of the 2020s, from COVID-19 to tornadoes, and beyond, I’m not making that mistake again this time.

I do have some plans for study during my time away. My dad’s family were Huguenot refugees who escaped France through England and were settled in an abandoned Native American village on the James River. That village, now known as Manakin Sabot, Virginia has a little Episcopal Church that was founded to minister to those refugees in 1701. Next to it, sits the Huguenot Historical Society Archives. I plan to spend a week in southern Virginia digging into the archives and learning what I can about the story of Jean Pantier (John Pankey), whose name my own father still carries.

Beyond that time of study, I’ve got some fun planned. A few concerts, a weekend at the PGA Championship in Valhalla, and lots of time with my girls. I look forward to an intentional time of rest and refreshment, and I know that the parish is in good hands while I’m away. Thank you all for the permission to rest, I will not let you down.

Grace and Peace,

*Steve*



# FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Church,

As I write this letter, the Christmas bulletins are piled up, the sermon prep is at work, and my office looks like it's a year when Advent 4 falls on Christmas Eve. I'm ready to wrap up 2023, and am looking forward to a lot of what 2024 holds. One of the biggest things that this next year will hold is an inaugural Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) Pilgrimage. In my own life, I know how powerful a pilgrimage can be; it's a time to grow and stretch and change. It's a powerful and beautiful opportunity that can deeply shape and form your faith. And with the help of a grant, or backup support from the Bishop, ECM will get to take that as well.

The Young Adult and Campus Ministries arm of The Episcopal Church has a grant process that runs every Fall. Grants can range from start ups of new ministries, revitalizing older ones, or to build and grow existing ones. In 2022, I considered applying for the grant, but discerned it wasn't yet time. When the 2023 timeline for the grant was published, it didn't take much time or prayer for an idea to come to the surface. I introduced the idea to the students early in the semester, and we kept it in our prayers and discussions and it became more and more clear that this was something the students desired. So much so that I quickly realized that I would have to figure out a significant backup plan if we weren't selected to receive the grant, as the recipients are not announced until February. The students were attached, excited, and hopeful about the idea of going on pilgrimage by October. Thankfully, as I was telling the Bishop about it, he affirmed that this is a great opportunity for these young Episcopalians to get connected to their faith, as well as to the broader Anglican Communion.

In late May, I will take four students, one recent graduate and three rising seniors, to walk the last 60 miles of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. We have watched movies, read books, and begun planning. They are excited to engage what every person experiences on the Camino: the abundant provision of God's care and love and a strengthening of their faith identity. I've learned in my work with College Students that there is a longing for a faith that matters that both enacts change and changes us as well. We'll connect with the Anglican Centre in Santiago while there and engage with people from around the world who all come to that ancient trail for what the Camino offers.

I know my own experience on the Camino two years ago significantly shaped me, and I'm as excited to walk a portion of the trail that I didn't do last time as I am to share that sacred space and ancient tradition with these young people. I know that they will forever be changed by taking a pilgrimage at this point in their lives with so many big life changes ahead of them, and I'm prayerful that it will help to ground them not only in God's care, but also in their faith as well.

God's peace,

*Becca+*







FIRST SUNDAY OF  
CHRISTMAS  
Sunday, January 31st

8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10am - Christmas Lessons  
and Carols

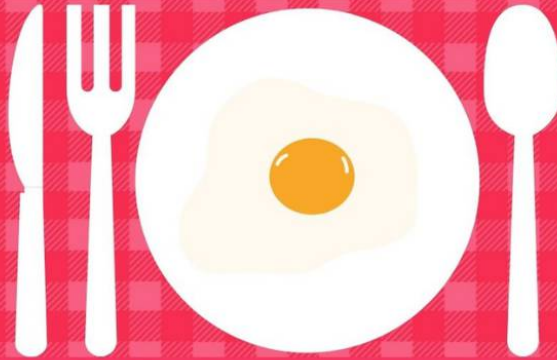
Happy  
New Year

*The Parish Office will be closed  
January 1-2, 2024.*





JOIN US FOR  
**BREAKFAST**




**FIRST SUNDAY IN JANUARY**

PROVIDED BY THE BROTHERHOOD OF  
SAINT ANDREW



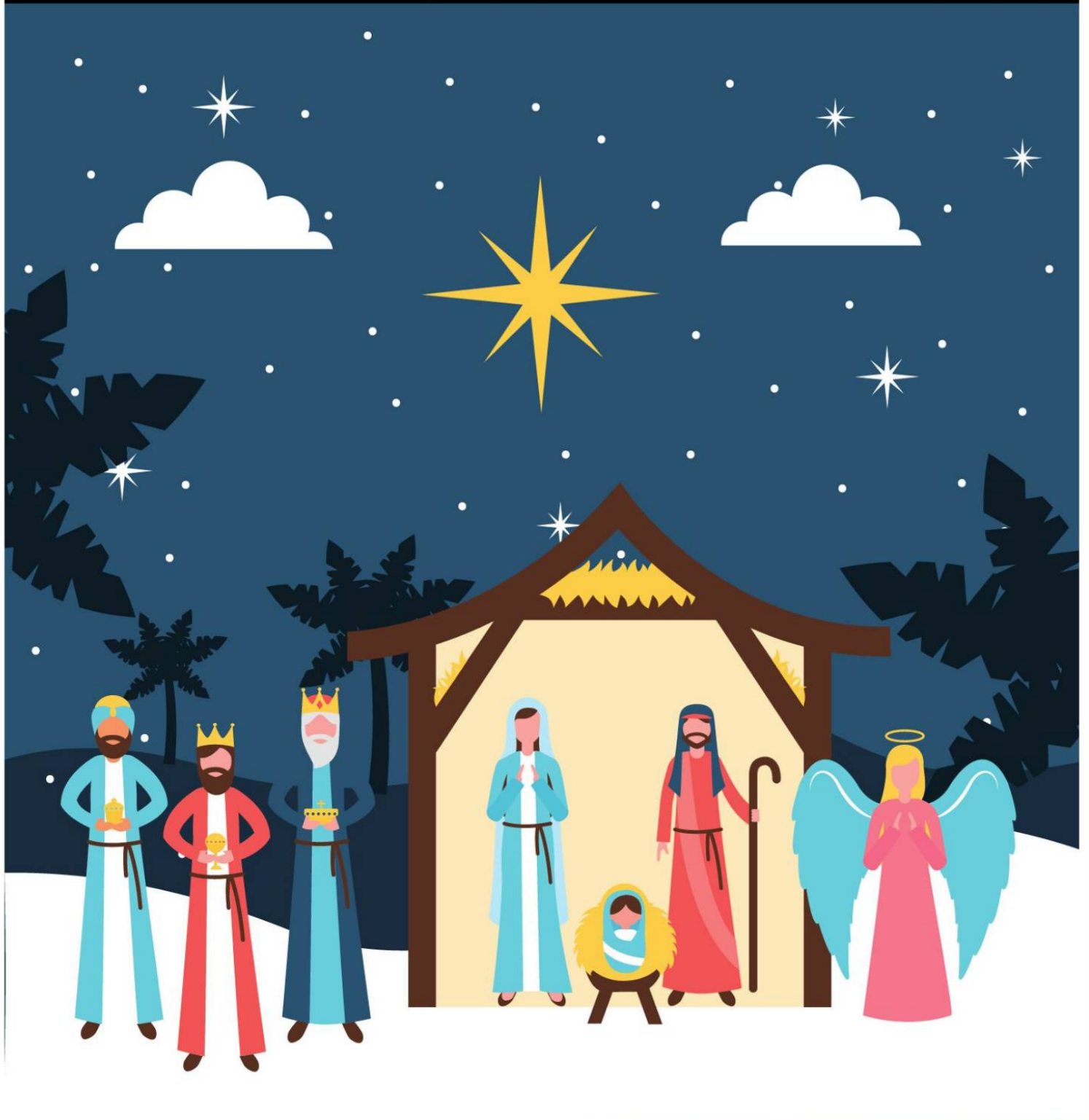
# De-Greening of the Church

Volunteers needed to remove  
Christmas Greenery on  
Wednesday, January 3rd at  
12:30, after the Noon Eucharist





EPIPHANY EVENING PRAYER  
WITH CHALK BLESSING &  
EPIPHANY PARTY TO FOLLOW  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH - 6PM





# Bread of Angels

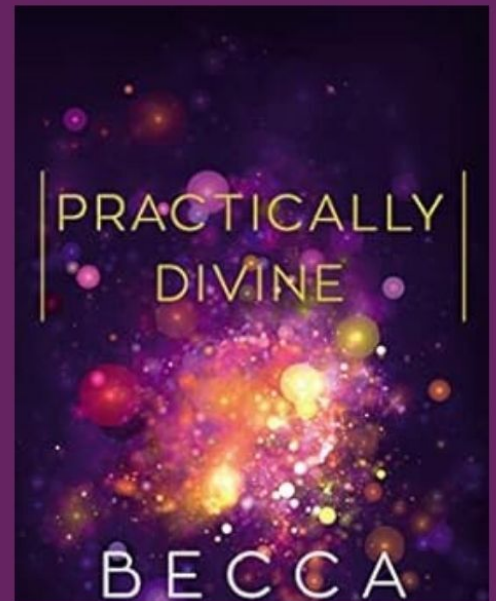
Sundays,  
9:00 A. M. Conference Room

Open to everyone with a bit  
of curiosity 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.

We will not meet on December 24 or 31.

On January 7 we will begin reading The Rev Becca Stevens new book *Practically Divine*, an amazing story of her work establishing Thistle Farms. Please plan to join us!



*Practically Divine is gentle, powerful, and ,yes, very practical indeed. Open these pages and prepare to experience the practice of love, a balm for your soul.*

*The Most Rev Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop*

For more information and to join our Google Group:  
Please go to [cecbg.com/boa](http://cecbg.com/boa)



*The Parish Office will be closed in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 15*

“One day the South will know that when these disinherited children of God sat down at lunch counters they were in reality standing up for the best in the American dream and the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage. Never before have I written a letter this long -- or should I say a book? I'm afraid that it is much too long to take your precious time. I can assure you that it would have been much shorter if I had been writing from a comfortable desk, but what else is there to do when you are alone for days in the dull monotony of a narrow jail cell other than write long letters, think strange thoughts, and pray long prayers?”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

August 1963

**JANUARY 2024**  
**Episcopal  
Campus Ministry**

**Dinner + Worship**  
**Wednesdays at 5:30pm**

**January 17**

**January 24**

**January 31**





*Christ Episcopal Church*

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

***Sunday, January 21st***

There will only be one combined  
service at 9am this Sunday.



# VESTRY NOMINEES

## Les Dooley



I consider myself a lifelong Episcopalian, although I admit to attending a United Methodist Church for a time prior to and during law school. I was baptized, confirmed and grew up in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens, Tennessee, and later became a member of Saint John's Cathedral in Knoxville, Tennessee. My family and I joined Christ Church in 1994, when I accepted a job with Fruit of the Loom. My children, Thomas and Ann-Mitz were both confirmed at Christ Church. I am engaged to Terri Mischel, also a member of Christ Church. Terri has two children and three grandchildren. I have a degree in Economics from Wake Forest University and a Juris Doctorate from Samford University. I currently serve as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Fruit of the Loom. In addition to advising the company, my responsibilities include the day to day management of the Fruit of the Loom Legal Department. Prior to joining Fruit of the Loom, I was an associate in the Knoxville office of Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf (now Baker Donelson). Through the years I have served as an acolyte, usher, chalice bearer, and volunteer. I also served as an Assistant Scoutmaster to Boy Scout Troops in Bowling Green and Athens, and on the board of directors of the Young Pianists Series in Knoxville. I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for the Vestry. Christ Church, through its members and clergy, has been a blessing to my family and me for almost half of my life. I would be humbled and proud to serve Christ Church as a member of the Vestry.

## Margie Dotson

I began my relationship with Christ Church as a newly engaged college student in 1970. I walked into the sanctuary and immediately felt that sense of home and peace that many experience. I was baptized and confirmed here as were my two daughters, Kelley, and Laine. (They are now married, living in Wilmington, NC. and Dallas, TX. They have given me five grandchildren.) For ten years, my late husband, Pete, and I attended services at the First Christian Church (his church) and every other Sunday, we came to MY church. I say this as a way to describe the compromise we made to accommodate

the sense of home I feel at Christ Church. Many changes have been made to our space, and the community of Christ Church has changed as well. I embrace our mission statement as a community of Christ's servants. For me, that means active participation. I have been an active participant since I became a member. I've been a church school teacher, a young Churchman sponsor, a Vacation Bible school coordinator and teacher, a chalice bearer, and have served on the Altar Guild since then. I was an elementary school counselor for 25 years in the BGISD school District. Since retiring in 2013, I have taken additional leadership roles in the HELP Ministry and Wednesday Lunch Ministry. I enjoy our foyer groups as a way of better knowing other members of church who share my desire to be a better servant of Christ.





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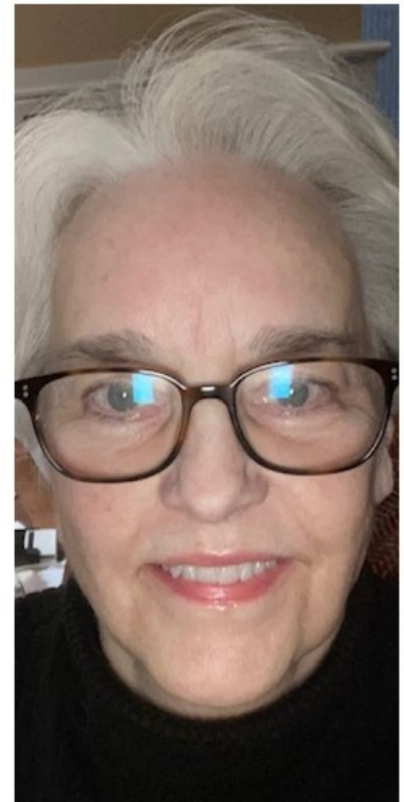
## Janice Erbach



Janice has been a member of Christ Episcopal Church since she came to Bowling Green in 2009 with her late husband David, an academic who came for a position at WKU. Children, outreach and music have always been an important part of her ministry, and in Bowling Green she is involved in Godly Play, the Wednesday Community Lunch ministry, handbell choir and centering prayer.

## Jan Funk

I was baptized into this parish as an infant and hold many fond memories of growing up here under the watchful eyes of a number of adults who took seriously their obligations to contribute time, treasure, and talent. These role models provided solid templates for me as I began to take on various tasks at church. Having lived outside Kentucky for most of my adult life, I've had the great good fortune of serving in other parishes, each unique but all tied by our Anglican Communion. These experiences have broadened my perspective and enriched my spirit. Over the years, I've served in almost all lay capacities on parochial, diocesan, and provincial levels and, since returning to CECBG, I've endeavored to keep up those efforts. Not so much as a prodigal-daughter penance for riotous living as an offering of gratitude for all that reflects home, I would be happy to add another vestry term to my contributions.





# VESTRY NOMINEES

## David Kem



David Kem is a 41 year-old business office manager and resident of Glasgow, Kentucky. He has been a member of Christ Episcopal Church since November 2021. He is currently a year-two student in Education for Ministry (EfM) and serves as the facilitator of the Conversations with Scripture adult Sunday School class. In 2023 he regularly served as a lector, intercessor, and Eucharistic minister, and served on the Vestry until temporarily relocating for work in April 2023. I am thankful for every opportunity to serve and to share Christ with our community.

## Cary McAllister

Kim and I have been members of Christ Church since 1990.

At that time, we were at WKU and looking for a church home. We were both committed Christians from widely diverse traditions, looking for a middle ground. Since then, we were confirmed by Bishop Reed, married 31 years ago by

Howard Surface (his last wedding ever), baptized, and confirmed our children, and will rest in the church garden. Clearly, we have found our "middle ground." I am honored to

be nominated to serve on the Vestry. I have served the people of Christ Church previously on various committees including the Building Committee, Parish Life Committee, Evangelism Committee, and as Junior Warden. If elected, I will work with the clergy to ensure the Parish remains a pillar in the community and Diocese. Especially, I will work on expanding Outreach, Wellness, and programming for our children, their parents, and grandparents. God bless you and thank you for your consideration.





# VESTRY NOMINEES

## Brian Morrison



I grew up in a large family outside of Philpot KY, near Owensboro in Daviess County. We attended a rural Southern Baptist church there, of which I have fond memories, and we were there every time the doors opened. While studying at the University of Kentucky, I sadly fell away from church attendance. After graduation I was a high school band director for 2 years in Ohio, 4 years in Radcliff KY (where I met and married my wonderful wife, Leeann), and for 27 years as the first band director at Greenwood High School, from which I retired in 2017. After occasionally flirting with church attendance early in my career, we began attending First Christian Church here in Bowling Green, where our 3 red-headed children Katie (30), Aaron (27) and Ben (23) were raised and baptized. For many reasons, I became disaffected and fell away from church attendance entirely. Thankfully, after retirement, we were invited by dear friends to visit Christ Church, and nearly immediately I knew I was home. Since joining here, we have been blessed to participate in several of our ministries. I am in my 3rd year with Education for Ministry (which I highly recommend!). Leeann and I work with the Wednesday Community Lunch group serving our downtown neighbors. I assist with groundskeeping and gardening and I am the current director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. I enjoy family, friends, music, the outdoors and traveling, especially to national parks. I am honored to have been nominated and if elected I will serve humbly and prayerfully.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, January 7th at 11:30am 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, January 6th and 20th at 8am.





## SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lenten Quiet Day  
will be in Late February.



1/1 Olivia Jefferson

1/11 Ray Buckberry

1/23 Dick Horn

1/1 Belinda Palmer

1/11 Shane Ellison

1/23 Jim Bohannon

1/2 Ken Dyrsen

1/11 Becca Kello

1/24 William Ardrey

1/2 Judy Reimer

1/11 Sarah Minix

1/24 Georgie Tabor

1/2 Carroll Travelsted

1/12 Steve Pankey

1/26 Clyde Joyce

1/3 David McKillip

1/12 Neill Caudill

1/27 Charlotte Garvin

1/4 Mark Eastin

1/16 Kellie Mysinger

1/29 Debra Frost

1/6 Myers Caudill

1/17 Jackson Talley

1/6 Jim Dale

1/18 Sarah Hightower

1/7 John Carter

1/18 Les Dooley

1/7 Betty Young

1/19 Kimberly McAllister



**Christ Episcopal Church**

**Outreach Funds Report for period ending November 30, 2023**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance - 01/01/2023</b>	<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>Year To Date Expense</b>	<b>Balance - 11/30/2023</b>
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	577.00	860.00	<b>2,448.75</b>
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	23,138.00	22,600.00	<b>3,067.73</b>
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,417.00	0.00	1,417.00	<b>0.00</b>
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	569.02	0.00	<b>1,530.90</b>
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	179.00	795.34	<b>1,989.47</b>
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	28,220.00	29,000.00	<b>236.03</b>
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	329.95	0.00	<b>5,352.58</b>
Meals, Inc	2,299.97	1,050.00	2,462.37	<b>887.60</b>
Room In The Inn	1,775.08	847.00	480.13	<b>2,141.95</b>
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	0.00	<b>137.85</b>
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	8,252.56	4,840.50	3,183.65	<b>9,909.41</b>
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		2499 served YTD; 18 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	2,576.89	85.11	2,642.00	<b>20.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,327.18</b>	<b>59,835.58</b>	<b>63,440.49</b>	<b>27,722.27</b>
Rector Discretionary	0.00	5,434.03	5,434.03	<b>0.00</b>
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	3,569.03	3,569.03	<b>0.00</b>
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	1,750.02	1,750.02	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,753.08</b>	10,753.08	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME</b>		<b>70,588.66</b>		



**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Operating Fund Report for period ending November 30, 2023**

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>NOV 2023</b>	<b>YTD 2023</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>% of Annual Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Parish Offerings	37,008.67	524,038.43	663,989.00	79%
	Diocesan Support	3,072.92	44,802.12	47,875.00	94%
	Investment Income	0.00	55,082.64	80,242.38	69%
	Miscellaneous Income	1.00	165.00	2,000.00	8%
	<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>40,082.59</b>	<b>624,088.19</b>	<b>794,106.38</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
	Adminstration	2,451.91	22,959.76	32,500.00	71%
	Buildings and Property	14,361.09	113,525.57	132,600.00	86%
	Christian Formation	776.10	14,978.76	17,250.00	87%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	538.26	7,206.30	10,000.00	72%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	17,055.00	103,325.67	105,756.00	98%
	Music Ministry	2,849.56	21,005.55	20,600.00	102%
	Parish Life	1,234.59	19,075.90	16,700.00	114%
	Worship	306.06	5,121.65	5,000.00	102%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	46,602.88	489,071.34	530,519.50	92%
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>86,175.45</b>	<b>796,270.50</b>	<b>870,925.50</b>	<b>91%</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)</b>	<b>(46,092.86)</b>	<b>(172,182.31)</b>	<b>(76,819.12)</b>	

## Christ Episcopal Church

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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

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  
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### Associate Rector & Chaplain to the Episcopal Campus Ministry at WKU

The Reverend Becca Kello  
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### Deacon

The Venerable Kellie Mysinger  
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### Parish Administrator

Vonda Garringer  
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### Director of Music and Organist

C. Kenneth Stein  
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### Director of Faith Formation

Kate Cline  
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## 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

Carol DuBose & Jamie Chaffin

### Grow

Mike Harper & Scarlett Winters

### Radiate: Fellowship

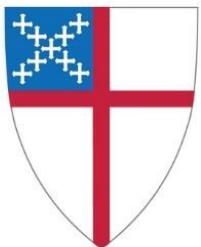
Jim Dale & Brenda Willoughby

### Radiate: Outreach

Peggy McKillip & Sharon Valk

### Radiate: Pastoral Care

John Carter & David Lee



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