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# THE WINDOW

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED FOR THE PARISH AND FRIENDS OF  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

## MAY 2023



# From The Rector

Dear Friends,

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.

I've been saying these words since the summer of 2017, and was afraid they might be getting stale. Our Mission Statement isn't like most mission statements. It wasn't written so it could be used to check a box. It wasn't written to be filed away somewhere. It was written to be a living statement of who we believe God is calling us to be. So it is that our Mission Statement sustained our staff during the hard days of COVID. When we didn't know what to do, we looked at that statement and answered the call to find ways for our community to worship, learn, grow, and radiate God's love to all.

Still, six years is a long time for a mission statement and so I invited your Vestry to gather for an afternoon of reflection. During our four hour meeting, the Vestry and Clergy of Christ Church took intentional time to dig into what it means to live into our calling. We listened to stories of how our worship brings us joy and invites us into wonder. We pondered all the ways we have been able to learn and grow. We looked at the myriad of different ways God's love is radiated to our members and our community. And, we took some time to do some honest discernment about the ways we are falling short. I can't tell you how appreciative I am of the Vestry at Christ Church, not just in its current incarnation, but every Vestry I've worked with since I arrived here has been gifted in its own ways.



In the end, we decided that now is not the time to change our Mission Statement, but rather to take it even more seriously, to set some goals based on our desire to worship with joy and wonders, to learn and grow together, and to radiate God's love to all. It'll take a few months to flesh those goals out, but it feels like we are off to a good start in engaging more deeply what God is invited Christ Church to do and to be.

Grace and Peace,

*Steve*



# From The Associate Rector

My favorite artifact in the church hasn't changed in my almost six years here. Since day one, my favorite piece of church history is the flyer hanging just around the corner from the coffee machines in what's known as the "Coke Hallway" by the bathrooms. It's a flyer for a 1923 Street Fair held to raise funds for the Parish House. Admission was 10 cents, and the flyer boasts of music, dancing in the street, fortune telling, palm reading, and other sundry games. Part of why I love this piece of Christ Church history so much is that I'm able to see the levity with which our ancestral heritage held when it came to things that were quite scandalous. The joy of being together seems to be a thread that weaves all throughout Christ Church's history, and this summer, 100 years later, we're going to throw another Street Fair!



About a year ago, I walked into Steve's office and said something to the effect of, "What if we threw a street fair 100 years later?" He readily agreed, and since then it's been on our collective to-do lists, both of us unsure of if or how it would happen. But as we neared the summer, we learned of the city's efforts to bring back Duncan Hines Days, a week-long festival celebrating Bowling Green, to the city, and we jumped on the bandwagon. So as part of the festival in June, we are hosting a Street Fair free to the community on Tuesday, June 6th from 5pm-8pm. David Lee has gathered snippets in papers advertising the Street Fair from 1923, which has been fun to see.

There will be obvious differences between the two events, but we are looking forward to this event and offering it to the community. What first drew me to the original flyer was the sense of joy and delight that the people of our congregation had 100 years ago as they raised funds to build the Parish House, which held classrooms for Sunday School. There will be bounce houses, games, bands, and, of course, dancing in the street. In a lot of ways, I see this event as an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors, to provide some free fun for the community and to celebrate the joy we share when we gather together!

We will need lots of help in preparation for this event, in running it, and in clean up. If you are interested in any aspect of this fun event, please contact me or Paula Maier and we will get you connected! Below is a list of ideas of ways to volunteer either in making the event happen or being part of the entertainment:

- Trash Duty
- Game Set Up & Take-Down
- Game Facilitator
- Face Painting
- Balloon Animals
- Magic Tricks
- Sno-Cone Operator
- Guides



Bess+



# From The Director of Children's Faith Formation

As April comes to a close we are getting started on our two big room conversions— The Atrium and the Sensory Room. The children had Children's Church last weekend in our new Sunday School room, and Jovani said to me, "Ms. Kate, this room used to be really boring, but I think it is much more fun, now." The kids are enjoying the new room and the activities in it. As you do your online giving, please continue to consider giving to our Atrium/Sensory Room fund and feel free to stop in there anytime to see how the conversion is coming along.



Our annual Pentecost Butterfly Release will be on May 28, 2023 in the Labyrinth Garden at 10:00am. This is always a fun and exciting morning to see all the butterflies take flight in our Monarch Way Station Garden. On many occasions the butterflies will land on the children and these always make great pictures. Also, May 28 will be the last day for Children's Church and Sunday School, until August.



## PENTECOST BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Save the dates though- on June 3, we are having a Garden Committee clean up day that we are sharing with the Warren County Public Library, we'll be doing some tree trimming and weed pulling and would love to have your help to get things done. This will open up a planting space and pathway the children will be creating stepping stones and starting some seeds for this space.

Vacation Bible School is June 11-14 this year from 5:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS this year, please email [kate@ecbg.com](mailto:kate@ecbg.com) We'll be sending out more information soon.







# SUPER HEROES OF ALL SAINTS

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR INTO AN EXCITING  
CAMP SEASON?

CAMP IS LOADS OF FUN WITH SINGING,  
WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN FORMATION MORNING  
& AFTERNOON, & ALL SORTS OF OTHER  
ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS: GAMES GALORE,  
SWIMMING IN THE POOL & LAKE FRONT,  
CANOEING, KAYAKING, SOCCER, BASKETBALL,  
PICKLEBALL, ARCHERY, ART, JUGGLING,  
FRISBEE GAMES, MESSY GAMES, SLEEPING  
UNDER THE STARS, TALENT SHOW, ASK THE  
CLERGY, & MUCH MORE. THERE'S ALSO A  
DANCE FOR THE OLDER CAMPERS!

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
**MAY  
31ST**



Sr High (rising 9th-12th grade):  
June 18th-23rd

Primary (rising 2nd-4th grade):  
June 25th-29th

New Horizons (rising 5th-6th grade):  
July 9th-14th

Jr High (rising 7th-8th grade):  
July 16th-21st



Use the QR Code above or go to <https://app.campdoc.com/!dn/login?r=episcopalky> to register!





# **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH STREET FAIR**

As a part of Duncan Hines' Days, we are hosting a Community-Wide Street Fair. Inspired by the 1923 Street Fair held by the Christ Church to raise funds for the Parish House, we are excited about this joyful event!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

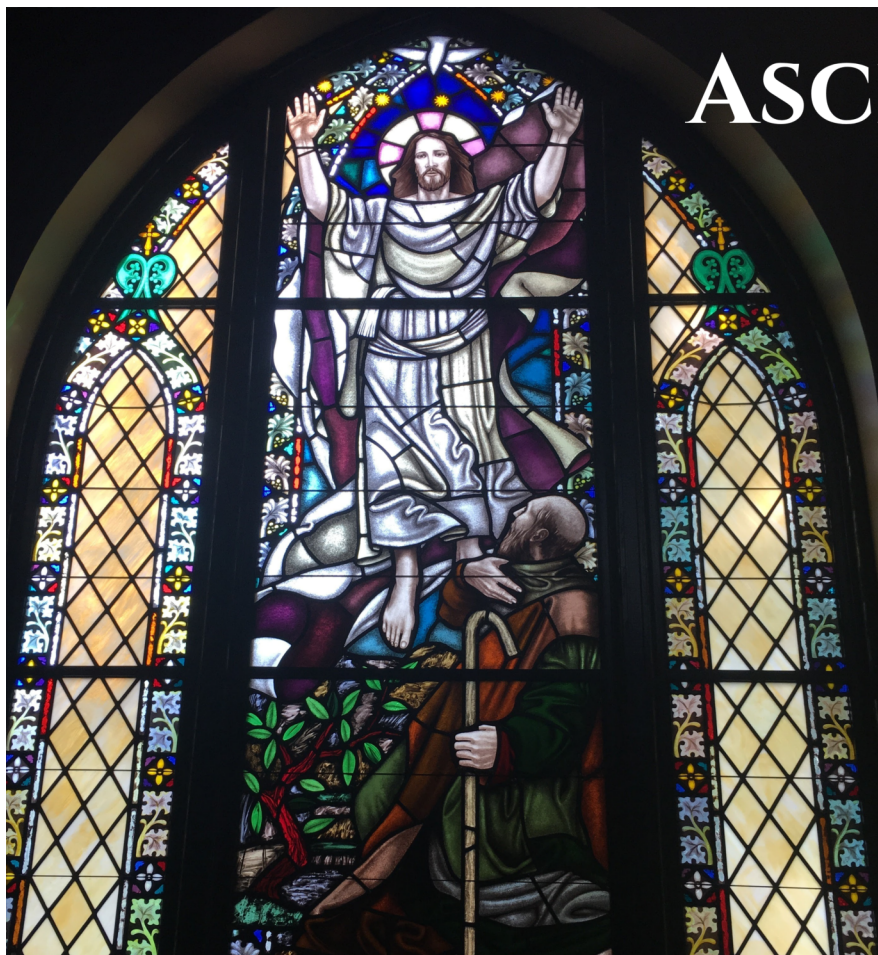
This event will need many volunteers and special skills! If you can juggle, do magic, face paint, or other fair-type skills. If you are interested in volunteering for set up, clean up, staffing the fair, or games, we need you! Please contact Mother Becca for more information.

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 6TH  
5PM - 8PM**

**FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY**







# ASCENSION DAY EUCCHARIST

THURSDAY  
MAY 18TH  
NOON - NAVE

Join us in a Eucharistic  
Celebration of the Feast  
of the Ascension at  
Noon in the Nave on  
Thursday, May 18th.



# ECM RETREAT

End of Year Retreat  
Monday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 17  
All Saint's Camp and Conference Center

# EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY *Graduation*

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May 14th

10 am Worship

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Celebrating and praying with the  
2023 EfM graduates

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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT  
EFM, CONTACT ONE OF THE MENTORS FOR THIS  
PROGRAM: ED TIVOL, BILLY & KATHY LEONARD,  
LAURA COHRON, AND KAREN CRABTREE.**

## CANS FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please join us in prayer that camp will be able to be safely held next summer!

Your continued contributions of aluminum will enable many kids to attend!

Thank you!

For those who aren't aware, there is a container in the kitchen for aluminum items. (please, no tin or steel) The donated items are turned into recycling and the money garnered is deposited into a church All Saints scholarship account.





Save  
the  
Date!



**Vacation Bible School**  
**Sunday, June 11 - Wednesday, June 14**

# A Prayer for Memorial Day

O merciful Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve humanity: Look with pity upon the sorrows of those who mourn and for those whom our prayers are offered. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of thy goodness, lift up thy countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Parish Office will be closed in observance of this holiday on Monday, May 29th.*



... there is a universal hunger at the heart of every human being: to love and to be loved. It connects all people of faith, hope, and good will.

The Most Rev Michel Curry,  
Presiding Bishop

# 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.



The first Sunday in May will be our last with Sophronia Scott's *The Seeker and the Monk*, a delightful book that has given us a fresh interpretation of Thomas Merton.

We will then take a week (or two) to revisit The Great Emergence by reading some articles about paradigm shifts in the Christian Church in America.

We will then begin our journey through Michael Curry's *Love is the Way*, a book which has gotten amazing reviews for its breadth, thoughtfulness, and humility – a perfect time to join us!

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

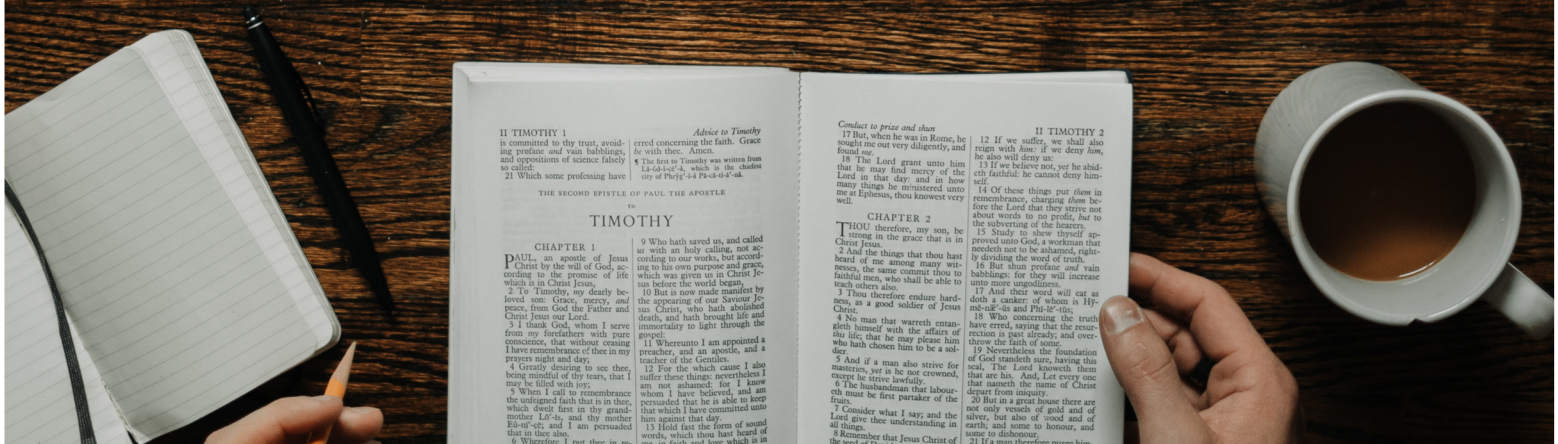


## CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE

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





**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**

# General Convention is coming to Louisville!



## JUNE 22-28 2024

### The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### The Parish Register

#### *Birthdays*

|       |                 |       |                   |       |                    |
|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 05/03 | James Mault     | 05/13 | David Buchanan Sr | 05/22 | Maggie Stewart     |
| 05/03 | Jacob Stewart   | 05/13 | Judy Buchanan     | 05/23 | Ann Pepper         |
| 05/07 | Craig Taylor    | 05/13 | Bill Gilliam      | 05/23 | Patrick Jenkins    |
| 05/07 | Paul Mysinger   | 05/14 | Margie Dotson     | 05/25 | Richard Barry      |
| 05/08 | Joyce Lawhorn   | 05/14 | Ernie Gouvas      | 05/25 | Shelby Puckett     |
| 05/09 | Lynn Wirth      | 05/15 | Leigh Harper      | 05/26 | Jane Horn          |
| 05/10 | Landon Sigler   | 05/15 | Brian Packard     | 05/26 | Taylor Hale        |
| 05/12 | Bill Leonard    | 05/15 | Lainey Pankey     | 05/26 | Nuala Smith        |
| 05/12 | Julia Hightower | 05/17 | Kirk Patton       | 05/28 | Gretchen Broderick |
|       |                 | 05/20 | Penny Adams       |       |                    |



# Financial Reports

| <b>Christ Episcopal Church</b>                                |  |                                    |                                     |                                |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Outreach Funds Report for period ending March 31, 2023</b> |  |                                    |                                     |                                |
| <b>Fund Name</b>  | <b>Balance -<br/>01/01/2023</b>            | <b>Year to<br/>Date<br/>Income</b> | <b>Year To<br/>Date<br/>Expense</b> | <b>Balance -<br/>3/31/2023</b> |
| 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                                   | 5,840.00                           | 5,800.00                            | 2,569.73                       |
| Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry                               | 1,417.00                                   | 0.00                               | 0.00                                | 1,417.00                       |
| Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)                               | 961.88                                     | 425.00                             | 0.00                                | 1,386.88                       |
| Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes                   | 0.00                                       | 0.00                               | 0.00                                | 0.00                           |
| Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)                               | 2,605.81                                   | 0.00                               | 0.00                                | 2,605.81                       |
| Hotel Inc   | 1,016.03                                   | 20,550.00                          | 21,500.00                           | 66.03                          |
| Living Waters for the World                                   | 5,022.63                                   | 115.04                             | 0.00                                | 5,137.67                       |
| Meals, Inc  | 2,299.97                                   | 250.00                             | 62.37                               | 2,487.60                       |
| Room In The Inn   | 1,775.08                                   | 500.00                             | 480.13                              | 1,794.95                       |
| 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                                   | 1,550.50                           | 544.26                              | 9,258.80                       |
| Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry                            | 793 served YTD; 17 volunteers average/week |                                    |                                     |                                |
| Yoga  | 2,576.89                                   | 65.11                              | 2,642.00                            | 0.00                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>31,327.18</b>                           | <b>29,295.65</b>                   | <b>31,028.76</b>                    | <b>29,594.07</b>               |
| Rector Discretionary  | 0.00                                       | 1,591.20                           | 1,591.20                            | 0.00                           |
| Associate Rector Discretionary                                | 0.00                                       | 945.20                             | 945.20                              | 0.00                           |
| Deacon Discretionary  | 0.00                                       | 466.60                             | 466.60                              | 0.00                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>0.00</b>                                | <b>3,003.00</b>                    | <b>3,003.00</b>                     | <b>0.00</b>                    |
| <b>TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME</b>                                  |  | <b>32,298.65</b>                   |                                     |                                |

# Financial Reports

## Christ Episcopal Church

### Operating Fund Report for period ending March 31, 2023

| Account #      | Account Name                        | MARCH<br>2023      | YTD 2023          | Annual Budget      | % of Annual<br>Budget |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                                     |                    |                   |                    |                       |
|                | Parish Offerings                    | 45,117.57          | 201,271.21        | 663,989.00         | 30%                   |
|                | Diocesan Support                    | 3,072.92           | 11,968.73         | 47,875.00          | 25%                   |
|                | Investment Income                   | 0.00               | 6,192.00          | 80,242.38          | 8%                    |
|                | Miscellaneous Income                | 1.00               | 3.00              | 2,000.00           | 0%                    |
|                | <b>INCOME TOTAL</b>                 | <b>48,191.49</b>   | <b>219,434.94</b> | <b>794,106.38</b>  | <b>28%</b>            |
| <b>EXPENSE</b> |                                     |                    |                   |                    |                       |
|                | Adminstration                       | 2,851.77           | 6,725.29          | 32,500.00          | 21%                   |
|                | Buildings and Property              | 12,260.52          | 29,588.20         | 132,600.00         | 22%                   |
|                | Christian Formation                 | 2,150.29           | 4,752.17          | 17,250.00          | 28%                   |
|                | WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM) | 1,284.06           | 2,381.51          | 10,000.00          | 24%                   |
|                | Diocesan and Vestry Support         | 8,478.00           | 25,531.00         | 105,756.00         | 24%                   |
|                | Music Ministry                      | 2,312.34           | 5,841.24          | 20,600.00          | 28%                   |
|                | Parish Life                         | 1,525.80           | 4,487.09          | 16,700.00          | 27%                   |
|                | Worship                             | (550.69)           | (260.52)          | 5,000.00           | -5%                   |
|                | Staff Salaries and Benefits         | 46,823.16          | 135,810.64        | 530,519.50         | 26%                   |
|                | <b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>                | <b>77,135.25</b>   | <b>214,856.62</b> | <b>870,925.50</b>  | <b>25%</b>            |
|                | <b>NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)</b>     | <b>(28,943.76)</b> | <b>4,578.32</b>   | <b>(76,819.12)</b> |                       |

## The Parish Online

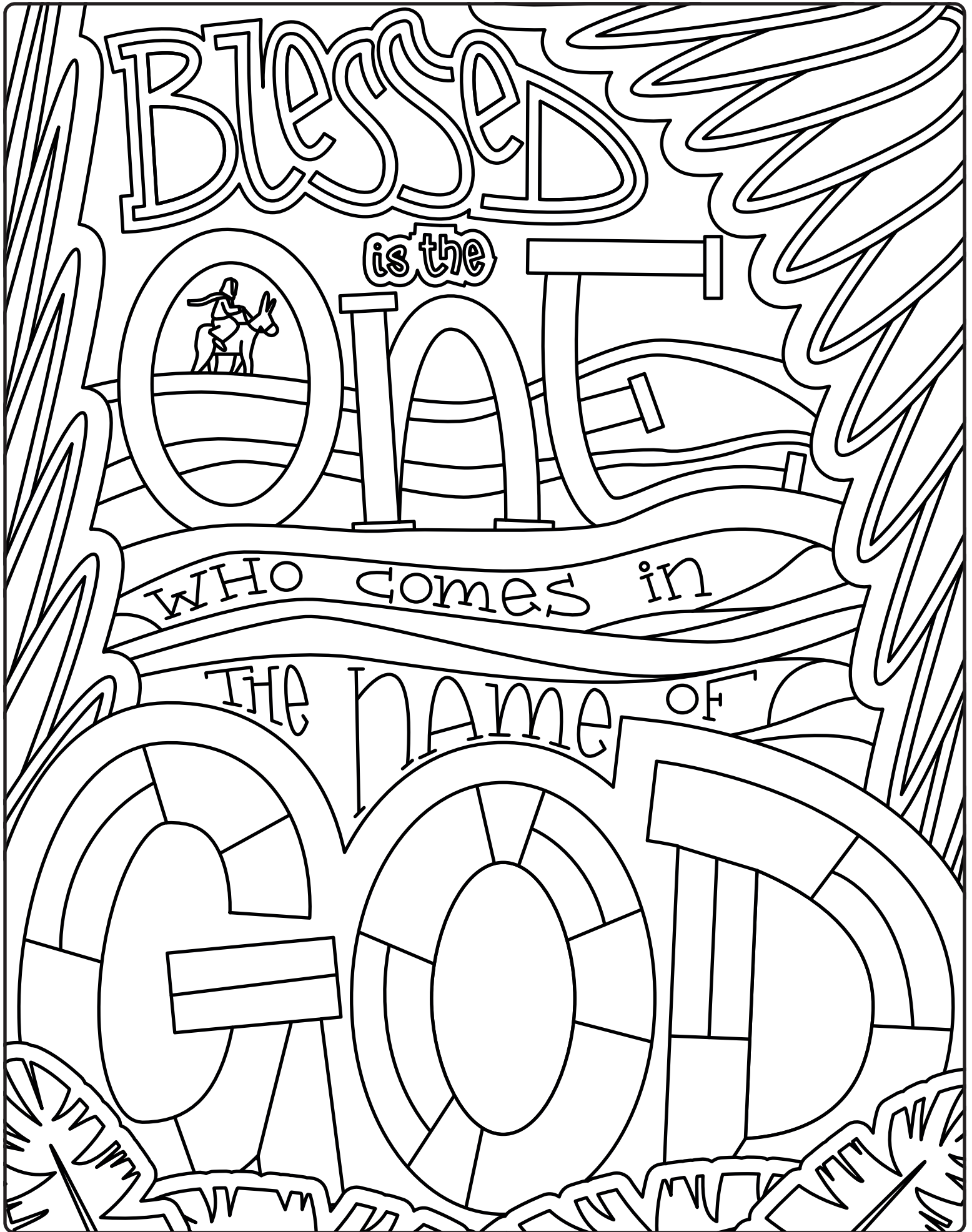
Be sure to check the parish's website at [www.cecgb.com](http://www.cecgb.com) for any communication you might have missed. *The Lancet*, our weekly electronic newsletter and *The Window* monthly newsletter are found under the Connect menu. You can also check the church calendar along with the Ministry 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/cecgb](http://www.facebook.com/cecgb). 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!

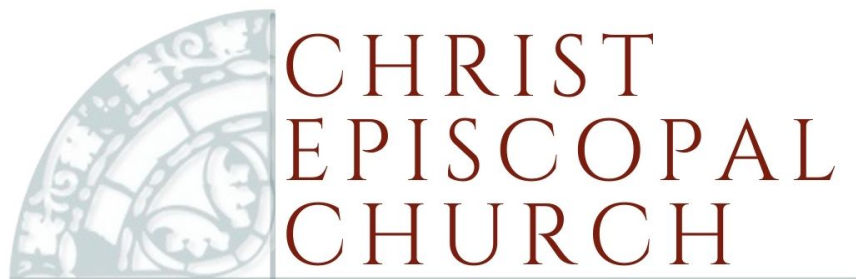
Remember to check out the **Diocese of Kentucky** website for all things related to the Diocese. You can find news and events along with ministries the Diocese is partnered. Go to [www.episcopalky.org](http://www.episcopalky.org)







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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  
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 & Brenda Willoughby

**Radiate**

**Outreach**

Peggy McKillip & Sharon Valk

**Radiate**

**Pastoral Care**

John Carter & David Lee

