



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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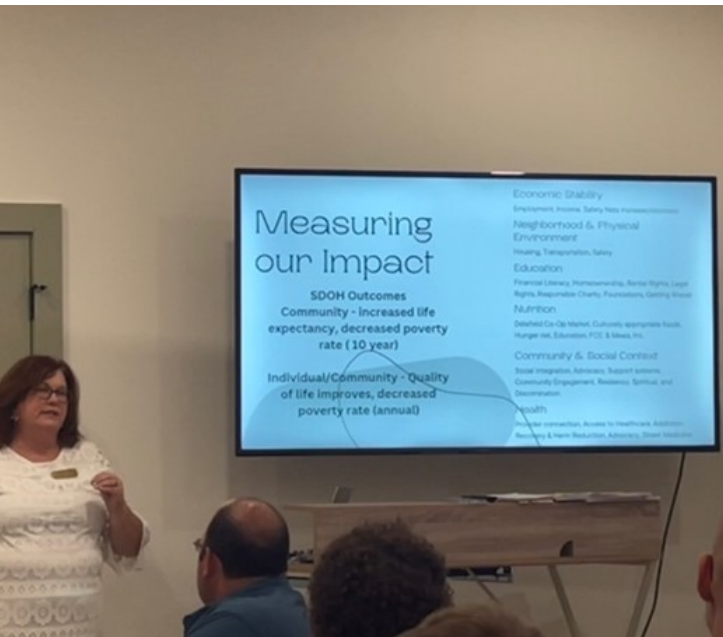
SEPTEMBER 2023

From The Rector

Dear Friends,

There are many aspects of Christ Church that help us fulfill our mission. It begins, of course, with each of you. Without a membership that is committed to worshiping God, learning and growing, and radiating God's love, we'd be nothing more than a social club that meets at really inconvenient hours. Your Vestry, the representative leaders of our parish help us to discern new ways of being the Church in our corner of the world. Our staff works tirelessly to support the work of our members and to be the light of Christ in our community.

One of the unsung components of our mission are our community partners. We are continuously blessed through our relationships with the other downtown churches through Churches United in Christ HELP Ministry. We radiate God's love as a part of MEALS INC. Your volunteer efforts on boards, at farmer's markets, in classrooms, and all over Warren County mean we are radiating God's love far beyond our walls.



This week, Mother Becca and I had the pleasure of attending the HOTEL INC Church Partner Thank You Lunch. During our 90-minute time of fellowship and learning, I was reminded of just what a gift it is to be partnered with HOTEL INC and their amazing staff. Rhondell Miller, our own Shelley Carter, and Katy Attanasi shared what HOTEL INC has done in 2023, what they continue to learn, and how we can grow in our relationship with them. A few highlights struck me.

First, we heard the sobering statistic that people living in the 42101 zip code have a life expectancy of at least four years less than any other zip code in Warren County! That's the zip code our church exists in. It's the zip code I live in. It is a stark reminder that poverty kills, and in a community as strong as ours, we must do better.

Second, HOTEL INC currently employs 3 full time and 1 part time navigators. These 3.5 full-time equivalent miracle workers were helping 93 households as of August 1. In the first two weeks of August, they've added 59 new households. That's 152 households at or near the edge of food insecurity, homelessness, eviction, or foreclosure. Each full-time navigator is working with more than 40 households through some of the most challenging times they will ever face. They need our prayers and our ongoing support to help these neighbors of ours find long-term security and sustainability.

Finally, the Delafield CO-OP Market is nearing 400 members. This market has turned a food desert in Delafield into an oasis of fresh fruit, local vegetables, meat, and some pretty neat locally sourced snacks. You can join the CO-OP for a one-time fee of \$60 and enjoy all the market has to offer.

I'm grateful to have HOTEL INC as one of our key community partners. I hope you will continue to support them in their amazing work.

Grace and Peace,

From The Associate Rector

Maybe it's because I taught Pre-K for six years before I went to seminary, but I love the energy of the end of Autumn and the beginning of school. Even though I don't have kids, it's an energy that changes all around us. But I've noticed something recently in many of my friends, in the conversations I overhear at the store, and in podcasts and articles I read, that this time of year, along with excitement and energy, also has a sense of weariness to it. The Fall is such a full time and before we know it, Christmas comes barreling around the corner. And even though I enjoy this time of year, even I can sense the way in which things can feel preemptively heavy.

I think there are a number of ways to identify what might actually be happening, and nearly all of them might have some truth to them: COVID changes, overscheduled lives, and just a general tiredness all seem to cast a shadow on what little down time many folks have. At some point, if this weariness sounds at all familiar, I'm sure you, like me, have thought, "well, what can you do?" There is this false sense that we cannot change the pace at which our lives move. Obviously we can, but it is often at great cost to our ways of life and one many of us are not willing to pay to make changes.

And if you find yourself at all in that space this season, I'd like to invite you to consider what sort of micro-changes you can make. You don't have to pull all of your kids out of all of their sports, but how do you engage with them with intentionality? What does it look like to share not just our busy schedules, but to take a vulnerable moment and connect with another over the burdens and joys you carry simultaneously. How can your life take on moments of transformation, not into something wholly new, but into a restoration of what you love?

Around this time every year, I return to one of my favorite theological memoirs written by the late Frederick Buechner, and this week, this quote that I've highlighted and underlined and circled throughout the years came to find me once again,

But when it comes to putting broken lives back together—when it comes, in religious terms, to the saving of souls—the human best tends to be at odds with the holy best. To do for yourself the best that you have it in you to do—to grit your teeth and clench your fists in order to survive the world at its harshest and worst—is, by that very act, to be unable to let something be done for you and in you that is more wonderful still. The trouble with steeling yourself against the harshness of reality is that the same steel that secures your life against being destroyed secures your life also against being opened up and transformed by the holy power that life itself comes from. You can survive on your own. You can grow strong on your own. You can even prevail on your own. But you **cannot** become human on your own.¹

We are a people and a faith built upon community and to be Christian requires us to lean toward not only the light of Christ, but also to each other. This is my prayer for this hectic season: that anyone in need of it will find the space to be opened up and transformed by God's love and grace, and that you will find community and intentionality that helps you live into your fullest human and Christian self.



¹ Buechner, Frederick. *The Sacred Journey*. HarperCollins: New York. 1982. 46. Emphasis my own.

From The Director of Children's Faith Formation

We had so much fun at Sunday School Kickoff. The children toured our new rooms and learned the exciting news of having 16 amazing teachers and five classrooms to explore this year.

The Children's Library has been moved to the Atrium. Children and adults can take a look at our selections to read and check out books to take home and explore. Take note, the dedication ceremony for the Atrium will take place Sunday, September 10 following the 10am service.



This year for our children's programming, we are giving away baskets for participation. The three baskets are "Creation Care", "Who is My Neighbor?", and "Pray in Color." The baskets will have items related to the theme of each basket. Each activity children participate in this year at Church, they will be allowed to put a ticket in with their name for a chance to receive one of the baskets. The more activities the children come to this year the more tickets they receive.

For example, on August 13, we had The Blessing of the Backpacks and the return of Children's Church. If children came to both programs, they receive two tickets. If children came to just one, they receive one ticket. The children have passport books and journals this year to help them track their progress and also our attendance charts for each classroom. The basket giveaway will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Fall Gathering is planned for Sunday, October 15. See you on Sundays!

Ms. Kate

Parish Office Closed for

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4th



SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 10

- Commissioning of Education for Ministry Students- 8am & 10am
- Dedication of Children's Faith Formation Atrium and Sensory Classroom - After the 10am service

SEPTEMBER 17

- Commissioning of Bell and Chancel Choirs - 10am
- Service Minister Training - After both services

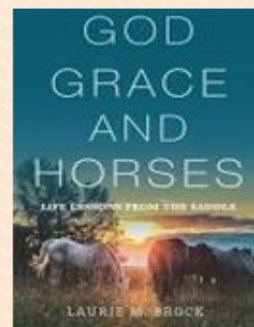
SEPTEMBER 24

- Eucharist Rite I - 8am at CEC
- Eucharist Rite II - 10am at Basil Griffin Park Lunch to follow.



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 next 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

I saddled up, and let horses move me from what was familiar into what I needed to discover about God, about grace, and about me.
The Rev Laurie Brock, Rector, St Michael the Archangel, Lexington, Kentucky.

A Prayer for the CEC Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Grant us peace and joy as we prepare to make our pilgrimage, so guide our hearts and minds as we travel, and grant your peace to the people and nations of the Holy Land and throughout the world; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**As the group begins to prepare their hearts and minds for this journey, we invite your prayers for and with them.
The CEC Pilgrimage will be October 17 - 25, 2023**

SEPTEMBER 2023

Episcopal Campus Ministry

Dinner + Worship

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

September 6

September 20

September 13

September 27



TRIVIA NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

5:30PM MOORE HALL

TO BENEFIT
THE HAVEN FOR CHANGE BLESSING
TREE

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE
ENTRY FEE: \$50 PER TEAM (6 PLAYERS
MAXIMUM)

Service Minister Training

Sunday, September 17th

After Each Service

Our Sunday services take a lot of people to make happen. Below are several of the ministries for which we are looking for volunteers. We look forward to getting back to a full crew on Sundays, and there is a spot for everyone third grade and up!

Acolyte

Acolytes assist in the liturgical movement of the service. We have one acolyte at 8am, typically an adult, and up to five at the 10am service, typically youth and children.



Lector

Lectors read our scripture passages set for the service. We have one lector at 8am and three at 10am.



Intercessor



Intercessors lead the congregation in prayers. We have one intercessor at each service

Usher

Ushers greet people, hand out bulletins, and help folks find seats if needed. We have one usher at 8am and four at 10am.



Shepherds

Shepherds help monitor Surface Hall in case there is a need during the service and greet latecomers to the service. We have one security shepherd at 8am and three at 10am.



Audio/Visual Team

The A/V Team will help facilitate our online worship and will need to be trained by Rick and Linda Mitchell.



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting the Sanctuary and Chancel for the the service, including the Eucharistic elements, song board, and altar hangings. We have one at 8am and two at 10am; those interested will be trained by Deacon Kellie.



Contact Father Steve, Mother Becca, Deacon Kellie, Karen Crabtree or the Church Office to get connected with one of these ministries.



Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 24th
Holy Eucharist + Lunch

Basil Griffin Park

Shelter #4

10:30 am

Foyer Group Kick - Off

A Foyer Group provides adult parishioners and those new to our parish a chance to get to know each other and experience parish life by gathering to talk and share in friendship. Each Foyer Group is made up of 8-10 parishioners who meet once a month, to share a light meal, either in a home, the church, or a public place.

***Thursday,
September 21
6:30pm***

Sign up forms are available and you can sign up the Kick-Off event. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share.

For questions or more information contact:

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Jim Dale: jim@bgdepo.com 270.991.8588.

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.

Hold us in your prayers

for our Deanery Mission trip
to Louisville on September 1st-3rd.

The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will next meet Sunday, September 3rd 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, September 2nd and 16th.

The Parish Register

Birthdays

09/01	Paula Cockrel	09/12	Rachel Kem	09/21	John Grider
09/02	Ron Raby	09/13	Brian Morrison	09/21	Warren Campbell
09/02	Benjamin Chaffin	09/14	Andrea Petty	09/22	Richard Greer
09/04	Vickie Cole	09/14	Cate Loiars	09/23	Emma Loiars
09/04	Bill Bohannon	09/16	LaJuana Wilcher	09/25	Jan Campbell
09/05	Mac Jefferson	09/17	Patrick Gilbert	09/26	Melanie Butler
09/07	Mary Cash	09/17	Barbie Tatman	09/27	Heidi Huddleston
09/09	Tom Fabian	09/17	Dawn Hall	09/27	Brook Talley
09/09	Mike Harper	09/19	Jim Beattie Jr.	09/28	Bill Kernohan
09/10	Vonda Garringer	09/20	Gabriella Centers	09/29	Rene Nuckols
09/11	Jenny Morehead			09/30	Harold McGuffey

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church				
Outreach Funds Report for period ending July 31, 2023				
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2023	YtD Income	YtD Expense	Balance - 7/31/2023
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,731.75	290.00	0.00	3,021.75
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	2,529.73	11,208.00	12,200.00	1,537.73
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry	1,417.00	0.00	1,417.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	961.88	519.02	0.00	1,480.90
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	2,605.81	50.00	0.00	2,655.81
Hotel Inc	1,016.03	28,170.00	29,000.00	186.03
Living Waters for the World	5,022.63	241.17	0.00	5,263.80
Meals, Inc	2,299.97	250.00	2,462.37	87.60
Room In The Inn	1,775.08	500.00	480.13	1,794.95
Stephen Ministry	137.85	0.00	0.00	137.85
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	8,252.56	2,805.50	1,735.25	9,322.81
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry		1541 served YTD; 20 volunteers average/week		
Yoga	2,576.89	65.11	2,642.00	0.00
TOTAL	31,327.18	44,098.80	49,936.75	25,489.23
Rector Discretionary	0.00	3,418.82	3,418.82	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	2,672.82	2,672.82	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	1,359.41	1,359.41	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	7,451.05	7,451.05	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		51,549.85		

Financial Reports

Christ Episcopal Church					
Operating Fund Report for period ending July 31, 2023					
Account #	Account Name	JULY 2023	YTD 2023	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	38,782.67	382,006.64	687,949.00	56%
	Diocesan Support	5,822.92	29,760.44	47,875.00	62%
	Investment Income	0.00	6,192.00	80,242.38	8%
	Miscellaneous Income	26.00	32.00	2,000.00	2%
	INCOME TOTAL	44,631.59	417,991.08	818,066.38	51%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	1,151.44	14,588.54	32,500.00	45%
	Buildings and Property	9,333.57	67,734.34	132,600.00	51%
	Christian Formation	761.60	8,677.15	17,250.00	50%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	16.43	5,109.78	10,000.00	51%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,478.00	61,709.69	105,756.00	58%
	Music Ministry	680.36	13,530.69	20,600.00	66%
	Parish Life	2,682.32	13,294.13	16,700.00	80%
	Worship	365.62	2,758.99	5,000.00	55%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	43,014.50	309,399.77	530,519.50	58%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	66,483.84	496,803.08	870,925.50	57%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	(21,852.25)	(78,812.00)	(52,859.12)	

The Parish Online

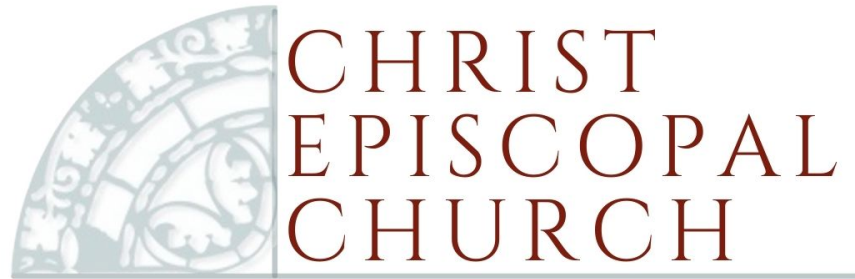
Be sure to check the parish's website at www.cecbg.com for any communication you might have missed. *The Lancet*, our weekly electronic newsletter and *The Window* monthly newsletter are found under the Connect menu. You can also check the church calendar along with the Ministry Scheduler under the Calendar 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

