



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,

Back in November, I took on one of those silly social media challenges that I'm usually loathe to do. The Thankfulness Challenge was the opportunity to, for the 30 days of November, find and snap a photo of something or someone for which I was thankful. It started very unintentionally, but by November 2nd, I was aware that I really needed to spend 30 days purposefully being thankful. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to change plans, to disrupt traditions, and to threaten the lives of our neighbors, it was really helpful to take a few minutes each day and focus on thankfulness rather than frustration or fear. Over the course of the month, I found myself thankful for things I couldn't have imagined a year ago: Zoom Diocesan Conventions, socially distanced outdoor worship, and a choir of two voices. Of course, there was also Alabama football, good food, and Diet Dr. Pepper to be thankful for as well.



On Sunday, January 10th, the Church will once again celebrate the First Sunday after the Epiphany, which is more commonly remembered as the Baptism of our Lord. On this Sunday, we hear the story of Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist, complete with heavens being torn apart, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and the voice of God saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Like the Magnificat on Advent 4 or Luke's Birth Narrative on Christmas Eve, the lesson appointed for The Baptism of our Lord is familiar, and invites us to find comfort in our traditions, even when they aren't all the way "normal."

Nov 2nd - I seem to have unintentionally started 30 days of thankfulness with my post yesterday. It'll be a good habit to form over the next month. Today, I'm thankful for Monday weddings in the 34th week of Coronatide.

Similarly, we tend to sing the same hymns every First Sunday after the Epiphany each year, and while usually, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" wouldn't be too much of a stretch for us all on the heels of a joyous Christmas season, after the year we've had, it might require a bit more intentionality this time around.

Thankfulness and praise might not come easily these days, but as the calendar turns to 2021, I am reminded that there is so much to be thankful for. So, over the course of the next ten days, and hopefully for the whole year to come, I invite you to seek out thankfulness. Each day, rather than focusing on what we don't have (yet), try to find at least one thing for which you can give thanks to God.

Grace and Peace,

Steve

From The Associate Rector

One of the things that I attempted to do in 2020 was to read a daily meditation book with excerpts from one of my favorites, and often most touching and challenging, theologians and pastors, Henri Nouwen. I didn't make it much past February, and then when the pandemic hit, like many things, this daily practice slowly slipped out the window. Recently I was flipping through the book, lamenting what I didn't do this past year, and I found this prayer, which was set for some time around mid-February, that I had marked so that I could return to it. Here at the end of one phenomenally challenging year and on the cusp of the next, I found it and am grateful to have returned to it.

"Dear Lord,

I bring before you all the people who experience failure in their search for a creative, affectionate relationship. Many single people feel lonely and unable to sustain a friendship for a long period of time; many married people feel frustrated in their marriage and separate to go different ways; many children cannot speak to their parents; and any parents have become afraid of their children. All around me I see the hunger for love and the inability to experience it in a deep and lasting way.

O Lord, look with favor on us, your people, and impart your love to us—not as an idea or concept, but as a lived experience. We can only love each other because you have loved us first. Let us know that first love so that we can see all human love as a reflection of a greater love, a love without conditions and limitations.

*Heal those who feel hurt in their most intimate self, who feel rejected, misunderstood, or even misused. Show them your healing love, and help them on the way to forgiveness and reconciliation. Amen."*¹

For me, this prayer speaks directly from the heart of what has made this past year so difficult, and as we enter into a new year it will be the foundation for my prayer for us going forward. I am prayerful that, as Nouwen says, that we may experience God's love, not as an idea or concept or even something to believe in, but rather something that we genuinely feel and experience.

I pray that we may swim through God's healing grace and love in a way that at the end of 2020 we might not even be able to imagine. I pray for those who live alone and can count on their hands the number of times that they have interacted with other people in person. I pray for those whose relationships are strained under the weight of holding it all together. I pray for families who have navigated more things than they could have foreseen. And I pray that through it all that we are a wellspring of God's love. Not because we believe in it, or because it's right, but because we have so deeply experienced God's love for ourselves that we have no other option than to extend that same grace to the people in our lives as well.



¹ Nouwen, Henri J. Compiled and edited by Gabrielle Earnshaw. *You Are the Beloved: Daily Meditations for Spiritual Living*. Convergent Books: New York. 2017. 65.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 17th - 11 am

ONLINE PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place via Zoom this year on Sunday, January 17th at 11am, following the livestreamed Sunday worship.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726132172?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726132172?pwd=TjdaWVVkK0htT01RbytqdDIRdnBCZz09)
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You may also call in to the Meeting by dialing (312) 626-6799

Vestry Nominees

MIKE HARPER - Born Methodist, raised Presbyterian, four years of non-denominational (and required) Cadet Chapel at VMI, finally settled down and started becoming an Episcopalian when I was in my early 20's – so a Church Mutt by definition, but very happy with where it has ended up. My first career was the Army – Leigh and I met working in the Pentagon – and my second was a small consulting business that Leigh and I put together after we left government service. Both careers took me all over the world – an enormous privilege that has let me pray in a Buddhist Monastery on the Great Silk Road, a Shinto temple during cherry blossom time in Japan, and to experience many other priceless encounters with God in many different settings. Today I am happily retired.



I first came to CEC on visits to Leigh's family in Bowling Green and, in 1994, we were Mark Linder's first wedding here – a small garden wedding at the home of Leigh's parents. Knowing that we did not want to grow old fighting the stress of the Washington metro area, we started looking for a place to put down roots. Bowling Green was not on the list of possibilities; but the more we visited the more it became an obvious choice. We moved here in August of 1997 and I have always thought of it as the second-best decision in my entire life. We love being part of CEC and the sense of community that it brings to all of us.

I think of my life as a conversation with God, often asking myself, "What is God trying to tell me?" in whatever I am faced with. And I believe that in matters of faith there is often more than one right answer. I am in my 3rd year in EFM and as part of that journey have found a new ministry at HOTEL INC where I have been delivering food and doing some coaching and consulting.



PAULA MAIER - I grew up a Catholic in Louisville and moved to Bowling Green in 1979. Teaching English and Literature to middle schoolers was my chosen profession. I joined Christ Church in 2001. My hobbies include reading, knitting and needlepoint, and cooking. With the help of Christ Church and the many class offerings, I have been able to live with a lighter heart when dealing with the challenges life presents. The most recent offering, Racial Reconciliation over Zoom, was a real eye opener for me. I have formed meaningful friendships from the faithful at Christ Church and I continue to be filled with pride as CEC continues a healthy partnership with the growth in the Bowling Green community. I have volunteered in a few of our Outreach programs - MEALS, HOTEL, and (before COVID) Room In The Inn. Before March you might have even seen me or spoken with me as I was an office volunteer.

SCARLETT WINTERS - Christ Episcopal Church has been my church home for almost two years now after returning to the Bowling Green area, and I have been incredibly grateful for the community I found here. I graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1995. It was during my time there that I first heard about this faith community, and it stuck with me over my 25 year absence. Out of all the places I searched along my faith journey, I was drawn to Episcopal churches, because they walked the walk and talked the talk. Putting faith into action is important, as well as valuing the dignity of all people. I worked in ministry for six years as a pastoral associate and youth minister in both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Kentucky and Indiana. I have also volunteered for different ministries throughout my life, as well as doing volunteer work in my community. Episcopal spirituality encourages my desire to serve. I have also been an Oblate of St. Benedict for over 20 years through the Monastery Immaculate Conception in nearby Ferdinand, IN. In my daily life, I am an instructional designer and am working on my dissertation in Instructional Systems Technology. I love the outdoors, dancing, and learning languages. I am grateful to be nominated for the vestry and would appreciate the opportunity to give back to Christ Church for the love and support I have received here.



STACEY HUGHES is also a candidate for Vestry. She was unable to provide a biography in time for publication



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Join Mother Becca for a reflection on the Feast of Epiphany, the journey of the wise men, and how varied blessings can be.

Wednesday, January 6th - Noon

Streamed live on Facebook

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The Feast of the Presentation

Join Father Steve as he reflects on the Feast of the Presentation.

Tuesday, February 2nd - Noon

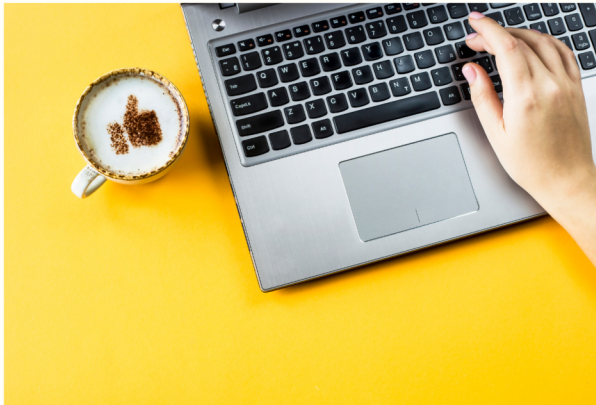
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ZOOM ADULT BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAYS @ 9AM
FACILITATED BY MILISKA KNAUFT & KEN CASEY

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, January 10th at 11:45 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. We will meet in Moore Hall, practicing social distancing. Please wear a mask & bring a camp/lawn chair. Our next meetings will be Saturdays, December 5th & 19th.

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

Jayden Alexander Lee Curry was born on Friday, December 18th, 2020. The son of Tiffany & Jimmy Curry and little brother to Reagan & Oakley, Jayden weighed 7 lbs and measured 21" long.



Ordinations

Lindsey Ardrey was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 19th, 2020 by the Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr., the Eleventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lindsey is the daughter of Sandra & William Ardrey. If you would like to watch the service, you may do so on St. Paul's Facebook feed or by following this link: <https://fb.watch/2JZQ3JRIuY>

Deaths

John Petersen entered into the nearer presence of God on Friday, December 18th with his wife Sandy by his side. A celebration of John's life will take place when on-going restrictions on in-person gatherings are resolved..

Birthdays

01/01	Belinda Palmer	01/09	Patti Meacham	01/18	Sarah Hightower
01/01	Olivia Jefferson	01/10	Christopher Ardrey	01/18	Les Dooley
01/02	Carroll Travelsted	01/11	Ray Buckberry Jr	01/19	Kimberly McAllister
01/02	Judy Reimer	01/11	Becca Kello	01/22	Tom Meacham
01/02	Ken Dyrsen	01/12	Neill Caudill	01/22	Hampton Moore III
01/03	Jane Coleman	01/12	Steve Pankey	01/23	Jim Bohannon III
01/03	David McKillip	01/13	Lindsay Hinton	01/23	Grace Forbes
01/03	Laura Goodwin	01/13	Chip Gillock III	01/23	Grant Dunn
01/04	Mark Eastin III	01/13	Julia Kennedy	01/24	William Ardrey
01/04	Braxton Talley	01/14	Heather Hines	01/24	Georgie Tabor
01/06	Jim Dale	01/14	Ann Mitz Dooley	01/25	John Hines
01/06	Myers Caudill	01/15	Mark Linder	01/26	Clyde Joyce
01/07	Betty Young	01/16	Kellie Mysinger	01/27	Charlotte Garvin
01/07	John Carter III	01/17	Abby Lynch	01/30	Jeanie Adams-Smith
01/09	Larry Hinton	01/17	Elizabeth Walton	01/31	Amy Adams
		01/17	Jackson Talley		



The Parish Online

Be sure to check the parish's website at www.cebcbg.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.



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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 November 30, 2020					
Account #	Account Name	NOVEMBER 2020	YTD 2020	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	45,854.33	620,702.41	688,873.00	90%
	Diocesan Support	2,295.00	36,245.00	38,540.00	94%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	76,893.24	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,175.00	2,000.00	59%
	INCOME TOTAL	48,149.33	658,122.41	806,306.24	82%
EXPENSE					
	Administration	3,574.75	26,267.78	34,600.00	76%
	Buildings and Property	6,811.74	84,427.13	125,500.00	67%
	Christian Formation	683.22	10,172.68	17,250.00	59%
	WKU Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	1,118.02	6,663.12	11,000.00	61%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	8,782.00	95,765.00	110,984.00	86%
	Music Ministry	1,347.98	11,856.08	20,600.00	58%
	Parish Life	79.46	8,346.60	17,700.00	47%
	Worship	213.74	3,832.61	4,000.00	96%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	37,404.55	397,323.43	449,383.03	88%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	60,015.46	644,654.43	791,017.03	81%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	-11,866.13	13,467.98	15,289.21	

Financial Reports

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Outreach Funds Report for period ending November 30, 2020					
Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2020	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 11/30/2020	2019 Ending Balance
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	654.29	605.69	0.00	1,259.98	654.29
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	6,610.09	11,130.00	9,875.00	7,865.09	6,610.09
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)	3,690.98	0.00	0.00	3,690.98	3,690.98
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	1,912.69	641.50	793.38	1,760.81	1,912.69
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel Inc	774.03	5,850.00	5,750.00	874.03	774.03
Living Waters for the World	7,961.83	160.56	4,276.77	3,845.62	7,961.93
Meals, Inc	312.50	595.00	0.00	907.50	312.50
Room In The Inn	1,518.90	25.00	158.78	1,385.12	1,518.90
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	2,047.10	6,684.25	6,366.09	2,365.26	2,047.10
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	1229 served YTD; 25 volunteers average/week				
Yoga	676.43	969.75	667.00	979.18	676.43
TOTAL	27,545.84	26,661.75	27,887.02	26,320.57	27,545.94
Rector Discretionary	4.00	7,173.60	7,177.60	0.00	
Associate Rector Discretionary	4.00	4,065.99	4,069.99	0.00	
Deacon Discretionary	2.00	1,902.60	1,904.60	0.00	
TOTAL	10.00	13,142.19	13,152.19	0.00	
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		39,803.94			

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Office Hours Monday—Thursday
8:30am—4:30pm
Closed Fridays

Service Times

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Wednesday

7:00am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
12:45pm Centering Prayer Community

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Clergy And Staff

The Reverend Dr. Steven J. Pankey
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The Vestry

2020 Class

Gail Brooks
Justin Chaffin
Kathy Leonard
Gary Reimer

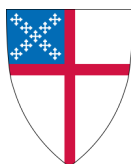
2021 Class

Leonard Edwards
Bill Riedel
Shawn Rhodes
Adam Tabor

2022 Class

Linda Mitchell
Belinda Palmer
Shanna Paul
Troy Puckett

Gary Reimer, *Senior Warden*
Shawn Rhodes, *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

Gail Brooks, Leonard Edwards,
& Shanna Paul

Radiate
Outreach

Belinda Palmer & Bill Riedel

Radiate
Pastoral Care

Kathy Leonard & Justin Chaffin

Administration
Gary Reimer