

THE WINDOW

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

One of the best parts of being a church leader in 2024 is getting to live in the age of memes. Memes, for those who don't know, are interesting, often amusing, photos or videos that spread widely online through social media and group chats. Church memes are often funny, occasionally pointed, and usually delightfully irreverent.

This year, this new-to-me meme has been working its way around the internet. You read that right, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year, and while in The Episcopal Church, it is the Lesser Feast of Cyril and Methodius, everybody knows its really St. Valentine's Day.

Ash Wednesday, with its smudge of ashes on your forehead and a stark reminder of your mortality, doesn't necessarily feel like it fits with the lovey-dovey themes of Valentine's Day, but I really think the two go together quite nicely. For me, it all finds its nexus in the special absolution appointed for Ash Wednesday.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This absolution is built on a foundation of God's deep and abiding love. God doesn't seek wrath or retribution for our sins. Instead, God loves us and everything God has created so much, that the deepest desire of God's heart is that we would all turn away from sin and selfishness and toward loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Sure, this love is different, in some ways, than the romantic love of Valentine's Day, but truth be told, done right, all love is modeled after God's self-sacrificial love for the whole world. This Ash Wednesday, you might have to do some extra planning to get to church and make your dinner reservations, but both are important because both are the outward and visible signs of love.

I'm not talented enough to mark a heart on your forehead, but know, that as Mother Becca, Deacon Kellie, and I smudge you on February 14th, it is done out of our love for each of you, and God's love for all of us.

Grace and Peace,

Steve

**When Valentine's Day falls on
Ash Wednesday**



FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Church,

When I tell you that there are certain people who have gotten me through difficult times over the last six or so years, it's important for me to convey that this has been people I know and love, but it's also been authors and theologians and even some content creators on social media. Two people who are at the top of that list (among the people I don't know in real life) are coming to Bowling Green in the first week of February for free events hosted by the Warren County Public Library, and I cannot encourage you enough to attend, but here's my pitch:

Scott Erickson - Say Yes: A Liturgy of Not Giving Up on Yourself

February 6 - 6pm - The Capitol

I first encountered Erickson's work through social media and fell in love with his simple artistic style. It was around the time his book, *Honest Advent*, came out, and I was struck by both the simple and raw way in which he talked about the truth of the incarnation and why it matters in our lives today as well as the way in which he depicted both the truly human and the truly divine sides of Christ's life. This Advent devotional is a standard practice each year for me and serves as a reminder that the expectant waiting for the advent of our Lord is not only a vital part of our liturgical season, it also teaches us about longing for hope in a world full of heavy and dark times.

His new book, *Say Yes*, leans into the truth that death of a dream produce a new life. Or as we say in our Burial Rite, "for Christians life is changed not ended." In fact, the image on the cover of this new book that of an abundance of flowers emerging from a casket is a print I have in my office currently. We are very lucky that he's coming to Bowling Green, and I hope you'll join me there!

Kate Bowler - Have a Beautiful Terrible Day

February 9 - 6pm - SKYPAC

Bowler's first book, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*, came out around 2017, and I read it while healing from Not Cancer surgeries, and it got me through a very difficult time, reminding me that I was not alone in my struggles. She, a Duke Divinity professor with a speciality in the absurdity of the prosperity gospel, had recently been diagnosed with stage four cancer. She is a powerful and compelling writer and speaker who speaks to the difficulty of being human in a world with all the struggles that come along with it. Her writing and work have pulled me back not only to God's presence in my own life, but in the world around us. She is a delight to listen to on her podcast, *Everything Happens*, and I cannot wait to hear her at this event.

God's peace,

Bessa+



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

EYC 2024 is underway. We did care packages for Room In The Inn in January. For February we are planning a fundraiser-A Trivia Night-so get your teams together and brush up on your Bible Knowledge. The trivia night will be during the last two weeks of February. In March we'll be volunteering at the Humane Society on a Saturday. If you are interested in helping or preparing a meal for EYC, please sign up in Surface Hall or let

Ms. Kate know that you'd like to cook or sponsor dinner for us. Parents, we have GroupMe available to join for updated information and I also send out a weekly email. The Youth Ministry site has been updated on the Christ Episcopal Church website and gets updated weekly. EYC has a new Discord Server so make sure that your kids get on that. We'll be sending our weekly reminders this way too.



The Children's Faith Formation will have some special activities this month, so keep an eye out for those opportunities. We'll be doing Cookies for a Cause sometime in March during Children's Church, and delivering them to the Humane Society on a Saturday where we'll volunteer with EYC. As we come into Lent and Easter season, we'll be planning a couple more activities for the children. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to call, text, or email me.

- Ms. Kate

Feast of the Presentation Eve

Holy Eucharist
Thursday, February 1st
6pm

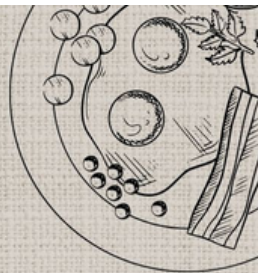
FEB 4 - MAR 17 | SUN - 9AM | HINES CHAPEL

CEC 101

An Introduction to the Episcopal Church, available for those who need a refresher or those interested in learning more about Christ Episcopal Church.

Based on the book, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, books will be provided.

- Feb. 4 - Practices and Beliefs
- Feb. 11 - Baptismal Practices and Beliefs
- Feb. 18 - Eucharistic Practices and Beliefs
- Feb. 25 - Written for Our Learning: The Bible
- March 3 - The Daily Office and Daily Prayer
- March 10 - Finding Spiritual Practices
- March 17 - Church Structure and Governance



JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST
 IN MOORE HALL AT 9AM



FEBRUARY 4

Provided by the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

FEBRUARY 18

Provided by the Daughters of the King



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 are 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

FREE EVENTS BY WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



SCOTT ERICKSON

*Say Yes: A Liturgy of Not
Giving Up On Yourself*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
THE CAPITOL @ 6:00 P.M.



SCAN QR CODE FOR FREE TICKETS
OR VISIT WARRENPL.ORG/EVENTS



KATE BOWLER

*New York Times Best Selling Author
and the award winning Podcast host
of "Everything Happens"*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
SKYPAC @ 6:00 P.M.



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Christ Church

Celebrate
SHROVE
Tuesday



• TUES. FEB. 13TH - 5:30PM •

Moore Hall

**BROTHERHOOD OF
SAINT ANDREW**

Christ Episcopal Church

+ ASH +

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday - February 14

7am & Noon

**Spoken Holy Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes**

6pm

**Holy Eucharist with Music
and Imposition of Ashes**

LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14TH

✠ **Ash Wednesday - February 14th - Nave** ✠

7am & Noon - Spoken Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

6pm - Holy Eucharist with Music and Imposition of Ashes

Mondays at Noon

Stations of the Cross in the Nave

Tuesdays at Noon

Lenten Theological Reflection in the
Conference Room

Wednesdays at Noon

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Thursdays at Noon

Individual Rite of Reconciliation
in the Chapel

Wednesdays in Lent - 6:30pm - Moore Hall

Book Study on *Will You?: A Lenten Study on
Baptismal Promises*





SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24TH
8AM - 2PM

LENTEN QUIET DAY

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

TAIZE WORSHIP

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

POETRY

RULE OF LIFE

LECTIO DIVINA

LABYRINTH

ICONS

NOON EUCHARIST

LUNCH

ACCESSIBILITY

Android Cellphone App – Live Transcribe

By Terry Knauft

I would like to share with you information about an Android cellphone app called Live Transcribe that will help anyone who is hard of hearing.

I own an Android phone, but I-Phone users may access an app also called Live Transcribe that is similar to this app. I have found this this Android app also works inside our church sanctuary whenever its loudspeakers are operating. With Live Transcribe you can see words instantly appear on your phone as they are spoken. The app uses machine learning to generate captions similar to YouTube's auto-generated captions.

It's powered by Google's speech recognition technology, so the captions adjust and autocorrect as necessary as your conversation flows. Since conversations aren't stored on servers, they stay secure on your device. Displayed caption history can be deleted at any time, can auto-delete after 24 hours, or saved in memory up to 3 days. The creators of this app have partnered with Gallaudet University, a premier school for the deaf and hard of hearing, who continue to test and make improvements to make sure that this app continues to be helpful for everyday use.

This app is available to download for no charge from the Google Play store. Text size can be adjusted, with an option to display sounds such as clapping, laughter, music, applause, and whistling. Live Transcribe is easy to use with a Wi-Fi or network connection.

You may also transcribe offline, without Internet connection, when installed in devices with 6GB of RAM or larger.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, February 4th at 11:15am 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, February 3rd and 17th at 8am.



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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 02/02 Max Buchanon | 02/20 Becky McCraney |
| 02/03 Atha Ford | 02/21 Sandy Petersen |
| 02/03 Kyla Jefferson | 02/21 Micah Gladden |
| 02/03 Parker Rhodes | 02/22 Jim Hudson |
| 02/08 Karen Adams | 02/22 Emily Mills |
| 02/08 Todd Cheever | 02/23 Angela Collins |
| 02/09 Mary Travelsted | 02/24 Pipes Gaines |
| 02/10 John Loiars | 02/24 Harry Ford |
| 02/10 Shannon Smith | 2/24 David Kem |
| 02/10 Will Derryberry | 02/25 Suzanne Hanratty |
| 02/13 Paula Maier | 02/25 Carolyn Hagaman |
| 02/14 Charles Satterfield | 02/25 Laura Harper Lee |
| 02/16 Billy Bell | 02/25 Terry Knauft |
| 02/17 Karen Robeson | 02/27 Michael Buchanon Jr. |
| 02/18 Derek Roberts | |

FINANCIAL REPORTS

| Christ Episcopal Church | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Outreach Funds Report for period ending December 31, 2023 | | | | |
| Fund Name | Balance - 01/01/2023 | Year to Date Income | Year To Date Expense | Balance - 12/31/2023 |
| All Saints Center | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| All Saints Scholarship | 2,731.75 | 577.00 | 860.00 | 2,448.75 |
| Bishop's Discretionary | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Churches United in Christ Help Ministry | 2,529.73 | 28,080.10 | 25,600.00 | 5,009.83 |
| Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry | 1,417.00 | 0.00 | 1,417.00 | 0.00 |
| Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) | 961.88 | 2,792.74 | 0.00 | 3,754.62 |
| Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) | 2,605.81 | 179.00 | 795.34 | 1,989.47 |
| Heifer Project | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hotel Inc | 1,016.03 | 28,240.00 | 29,000.00 | 256.03 |
| Living Waters for the World | 5,022.63 | 419.14 | 0.00 | 5,441.77 |
| Meals, Inc | 2,299.97 | 1,050.00 | 2,462.37 | 887.60 |
| Room In The Inn | 1,775.08 | 1,377.00 | 499.45 | 2,652.63 |
| 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 | 5,140.50 | 3,606.26 | 9,786.80 |
| Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry | | 2721 served YTD; 18 volunteers average/week | | |
| Yoga | 2,576.89 | 100.11 | 2,642.00 | 35.00 |
| TOTAL | 31,327.18 | 67,955.59 | 66,882.42 | 32,400.35 |
| Rector Discretionary | 0.00 | 6,192.43 | 6,192.43 | 0.00 |
| Associate Rector Discretionary | 0.00 | 4,327.43 | 4,327.43 | 0.00 |
| Deacon Discretionary | 0.00 | 2,179.22 | 2,179.22 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 0.00 | 12,699.08 | 12,699.08 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME | | 80,654.67 | | |

| Christ Episcopal Church | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Fund Report for period ending December 31, 2023 | | | | | |
| Account # | Account Name | DEC 2023 | YTD 2023 | Annual Budget | % of Annual Budget |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| | Parish Offerings | 94,112.50 | 618,151.45 | 663,989.00 | 93% |
| | Diocesan Support | 3,072.92 | 47,875.04 | 47,875.00 | 100% |
| | Investment Income | 25,564.38 | 80,647.02 | 80,242.38 | 101% |
| | Miscellaneous Income | 306.00 | 471.00 | 2,000.00 | 24% |
| | INCOME TOTAL | 123,055.80 | 747,144.51 | 794,106.38 | 94% |
| EXPENSE | | | | | |
| | Adminstration | 1,897.56 | 24,857.32 | 32,500.00 | 76% |
| | Buildings and Property | 9,561.41 | 123,086.98 | 132,600.00 | 93% |
| | Christian Formation | 3,359.91 | 18,338.67 | 17,250.00 | 106% |
| | WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM) | 1,326.43 | 8,532.73 | 10,000.00 | 85% |
| | Diocesan and Vestry Support | 951.00 | 104,276.67 | 105,756.00 | 99% |
| | Music Ministry | (405.55) | 20,600.00 | 20,600.00 | 100% |
| | Parish Life | 1,331.42 | 20,407.32 | 16,700.00 | 122% |
| | Worship | 776.50 | 5,898.15 | 5,000.00 | 118% |
| | Staff Salaries and Benefits | 45,702.48 | 535,123.58 | 530,519.50 | 101% |
| | EXPENSE TOTAL | 64,501.16 | 861,121.42 | 870,925.50 | 99% |
| | NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE) | 58,554.64 | (113,976.91) | (76,819.12) | |

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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

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Vestry

2024 Class

John Carter
Jim Dale
David Lee
Brenda Willoughby

2025 Class

Tommy Adams
Carol DuBose
Jamie Chaffin
Sharon Valk

2026 Class

Margie Dotson
David Kem
Cary McAllister
Brian Morrison

Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary

Ann Puckett, Treasurer
Hamp Moore, Asst. Treasurer
Mark Eastin, Asst. Treasurer

Seven Parish Ministry Areas and Vestry Member Liaisons

Worship

Learn

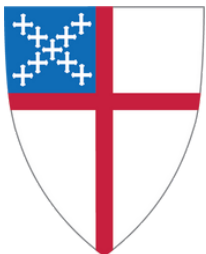
Grow

Radiate: Fellowship

Radiate: Outreach

Radiate: Pastoral Care

The Vestry Liaisons and Wardens
will be decided on and voted in at
the next Vestry meeting.



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