

# THE WINDOW

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY



## MARCH 2025

# FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Last month, I wrote to you about the importance of discernment in community and how it will take all of us to find ways to fill the significant hole left by Mother Becca's departure for the Canon Missioner position in the Diocese of Lexington. I am very grateful to the full-time staff: Vonda, Kate, and Ken; Deacon Kellie, Lisa our new Communications Director, the ECM Peer Ministers Maddie and Taryn, as well as the many volunteers who have helped keep things running smoothly in our first 6 weeks or so of the transition.

Now that we have our feet under us, it is time to turn our attention to what comes next. As I've said previously, anytime a staff change occurs, it is a good opportunity to look at the bigger picture of our wants and needs and to evaluate if we are being the best stewards of the resources entrusted to our care. Now is the time to begin that process in earnest. In early January, the Vestry and I agreed to a discernment timeline.

- January 12 – end of February – we catch our breath, allow space for feelings around Becca's departure to be felt, and see what holes we didn't plan for arise.
- March – Launch a discernment committee that will be tasked with looking at the mission of Christ Church and its big picture needs at the clergy, lay staff, and volunteer levels.
- April – listening sessions with vestry, staff, members, and diocesan leadership to listen to the needs and wants, hopes and dreams of the community.
- Early May – a retreat in which the committee reports back to the Vestry on their understanding of our common mission and recommendations on the staffing (clergy, lay, and volunteer) needs to live into our calling.

Here's where you come in. This discernment committee won't populate itself. I'm looking for five to eight people who would be willing to commit to three months of hard work as we look at our shared mission and how can best fulfill that calling given the realities we face in 2025 and beyond. This group will organize listening sessions to garner feedback and to evaluate how are or aren't living into our mission statement. Then, together with the Vestry, they will seek ways to align our budget and staff with our mission priorities.

If you'd like to serve, please let me know. If you'd like to nominate someone let me know. If you have questions, let me know. This is an important time in our common life, and I'm certain that God has provided us with the gifts and talents necessary to discern our next steps. And, if you don't feel called to serve on the committee, that's ok. I do hope you'll participate in a listening session so that we can hear from the widest possible cross-section of our community.

Thank you again for your prayers in this season of transition. Please, keep it up.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steve", written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

As we approach Lent, we have a great activity planned for our Children and Youth for Eastertide lasting from March 5-June 8 with some fun giveaways and displays!

## **Children: Eastertide Reading Celebration**

Children in PreK-5th grade will be issued official “CEC Children’s Library Cards.” Each child gets a punch card with books in 5 book increments up to 100 books, and a reading log. They can use any books we read in Children’s Church, too. Children can use Children’s Church time, or Sunday School Response time to check out up to 5 books at a time every week. They can only check out CEC books, though. We have over 300 books in our library for them and are always ordering new ones. For every 10 books read, children can pick a prize. Every book your child reads gets them a raffle ticket for a basket drawing on Pentecost Sunday. We’ll pick three tickets and the winner gets to pick one of three baskets. Parents and children can download the Libib app from Apple or Google Play and search for books. You can also go to <https://www.libib.com/u/cecbglibrary> to check out our great selection. All the details can be found under our “Events” tab at [cecbg.com](https://cecbg.com), and we’ll have pictures of the baskets once they are ordered, and extra reading logs.

## **YOUTH EASTERTIDE CELEBRATION**

Youth in grades 6-12 also have a contest during Eastertide. Starting March 5, youth can create a display using Legos, Peeps, poster(s), mixed media, or photographs around one of the following themes: The Life of Jesus; The Miracles of Jesus; The Story of Holy Week (The Stations of the Cross); The Easter Sundays: (Disappearance from the Tomb to Pentecost). All of these themes have correlated Godly Play stories. Youth who participate in this celebration will receive a raffle ticket for every day their project is on display-ex. Bring in your display by March 5 or March 9, get a ticket for every day of the week from March 5 to June 8. On Pentecost Sunday, we’ll do a drawing for three \$50 Visa gift cards for the youth. Resources and more information is available on the website under the “Events” tab. Youth can take a look at the following resources to get an idea about their display: [Peeps Dioramas](#); [Legos Display](#)

CEC has a limited supply of Legos, but we’ll be happy to supply Peeps, develop photos, provide poster boards, or art supplies for the youth to use. If youth would like to use different media, please let Ms. Kate know so we can get them supplies. Youth can also create a dance, video, Instagram display, or whatever they would like to try. If it is digital media, we can provide links to the videos on the CEC website, so everyone can see it.

I am looking forward to seeing all of their creativity, and very excited about this event. As always if there are questions, please let me know.

**Ms. Kate**



JOIN US FOR  
**BREAKFAST**  
IN MOORE HALL AT 9AM

**MARCH 2**  
Provided by the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew  
**MARCH 16**  
Provided by the Bread of Angels



AN INVITATION TO A  
*Holy Lent*

The Season of Lent is a chance to reconnect with God through practices like Bible study, prayer, and fasting. How you live into this invitation is up to you, however, Christ Church is offering several ways to engage each week.

MONDAY @ NOON  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY @ NOON  
HOLY EUCHARIST

TUESDAY @ NOON  
"THE ART OF LENT"  
DISCUSSION GROUP

THURSDAY  
CONFESSION  
BY APPOINTMENT

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL  
AVAILABLE MARCH 2 (IN PRINT AND ONLINE)



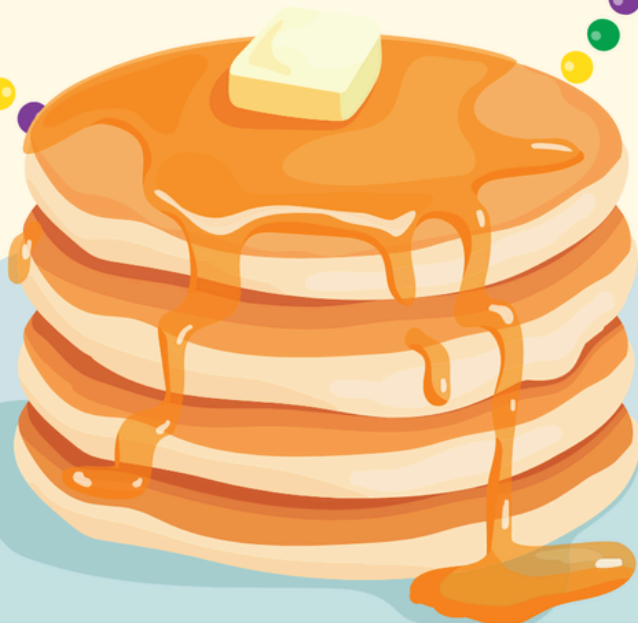
# Shrove Tuesday

MARCH 4th  
5:00 – 7:00PM

*in Moore Hall*



Hosted by the  
Brotherhood of  
Saint Andrew



Come and experience the Mardi Gras festivities! Gluten-free pancakes available.  
Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for scholarships for those attending All  
Saints Summer Camp. Please see a member of Brotherhood to order or purchase tickets.

# Ash Wednesday

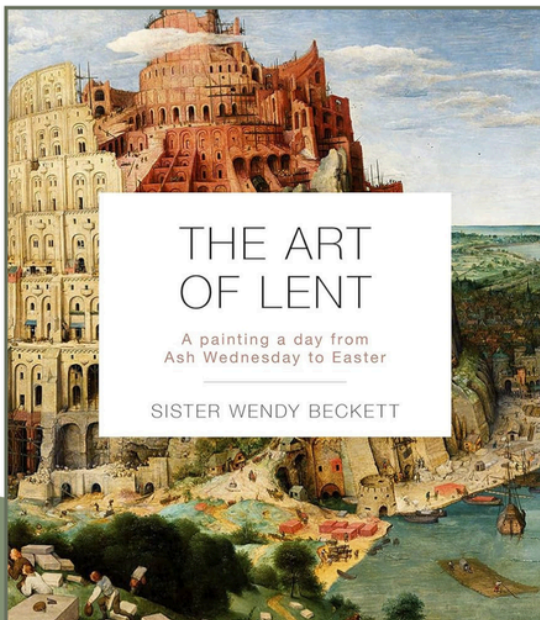
## March 5, 2025

7:00 AM & NOON

*Spoken Holy Eucharist*  
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

6:00 PM

*Holy Eucharist with Music*  
AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES



## THE ART OF LENT

DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAYS  
AT NOON

IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM



# Lent Madness



A spoof on March Madness, Lent Madness introduces us to 32 Saints paired up in twos (in a bracket - get it?). If you choose to get involved, you will get a short email every day (except Sunday) pairing two saints in short narratives written by very clever clergy and lay people. You vote, and the daily winner moves on to the Saintly Sixteen, ultimately ending with a last Saint standing who is awarded the Golden Halo!

It's kind of Lent Lite I suppose, but it is fun, you learn some things, and it helps one stay focused on Lent. I tend to honor Lent on Ash Wednesday and pretty much forget about it after that. My Lent's have been filled with unread devotionals and unfulfilled ambitions to improve myself. But, reading the little scripts each day reminds me: oh yes, Lent! It interrupts my day in a pleasant way that enhances my focus on Lent. If you play with a partner, you can have interesting discussions about St Whatsername versus St Whatshisname!

- To “play” go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)
- On the upper right of the page, find subscribe for updates
- You will be asked for your email address and name
- Scroll to the bottom of that page and click Lent Madness
- You should get a welcoming email
- Sit back and on Thursday, March 6th you will get your first two saints to evaluate!

It starts on March 6, so you don't have much time to sign up; but if you are a few days late there is no penalty you just pick up wherever the “tournament” is at the time you sign up.

If you need help feel free to email me at [mikevmi69@gmail.com](mailto:mikevmi69@gmail.com).



# *Lenten* QUIET DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 15  
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

BREAKFAST

MORNING PRAYER

CLASSES

HISTORY OF TAIZE  
IGNATIAN MEDITATION  
ICONS  
LABYRINTH  
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

TAIZE SERVICE

LUNCH

[Click here](#) to register for Lenten Quiet Day.





# FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

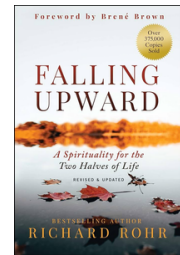
March 25th

Pour your grace into our hearts,  
O Lord, that we who have known  
the incarnation of your Son  
Jesus Christ, announced by an  
angel to the Virgin Mary, may by  
his cross and passion be brought  
to the glory of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. Amen.



## BREAD OF ANGELS

Sundays at 9:00 A. M.  
In the Conference Room  
Open to everyone with a bit  
of curiosity about being Christian



Bread of Angels is a small group exploring what it means to live a Christian Life in the world in which we find ourselves. BoA describes itself as a book club with a theological bend – a format that supports dialogue as each of us wrestles with our authors and with God.

In March, we will continue reading Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward*. Fr Richard Rohr (b 1943) is a Franciscan Priest globally recognized as an ecumenical teacher and theologian. He is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy--practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized. Rohr is famous for saying "We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking."

Bread of Angels is open to adults of all ages to discuss this amazing book! For more information and to join our Google Group, please go to [cecbg.com/boa](http://cecbg.com/boa)

# DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King will next meet on Sunday, March 2nd 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, March 1st and 15th at 8am.



03/01	Mike Buchanon Sr.
03/02	David Attaway
03/02	Polly Moore
03/02	Roman Tabor
03/04	Jeff Cash
03/04	Christopher Chaffin
03/06	Jennifer Lindsey
03/06	Sylas Stevens
03/07	Matilda Botwin
03/09	Barbara Powell
03/12	Phyllis Hancock
03/12	Camden Travelsted
03/13	Henry Pepper

03/13	Jimmy Stewart Jr.
03/14	Doug Lawhorn
03/15	Skip Cleavinger
03/16	Cindy Peterson
03/18	Carrie Buchanon
03/18	Christopher Sigler
03/20	Donnie Sowell
03/21	Henry Gilbert
03/21	Crystal Stiles
03/24	Shelby Moore
03/29	Nya Stevens
03/30	Bebe Grimsley-Smith
03/31	Sue Edwards
03/31	Dominic Frassinelli



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Christ Episcopal Church

### Outreach Funds Report for period ending January 31, 2025

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance - 01/01/2025</b>	<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>Year To Date Expense</b>	<b>Balance - 1/31/2025</b>
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
All Saints Scholarship	2,627.44	0.00	250.00	<b>2,377.44</b>
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	3,414.16	1,040.00	2,000.00	<b>2,454.16</b>
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	3,205.23	46.84	0.00	<b>3,252.07</b>
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	3,116.47	0.00	0.00	<b>3,116.47</b>
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Hotel Inc	756.03	10.00	0.00	<b>766.03</b>
Living Waters for the World	5,726.55	0.00	0.00	<b>5,726.55</b>
Room In The Inn	3,302.50	620.00	0.00	<b>3,922.50</b>
Stephen Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	5,711.85	20.00	320.12	<b>5,411.73</b>
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	325 served YTD; 18 volunteers average/week			
Yoga	205.00	20.00	0.00	<b>225.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,065.23</b>	<b>1,756.84</b>	<b>2,570.12</b>	<b>27,251.95</b>
Rector Discretionary	0.00	2,550.40	2,550.40	<b>0.00</b>
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	512.60	512.60	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,063.00</b>	<b>3,063.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME</b>		<b>4,819.84</b>		

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

Christ Episcopal Church

Operating Fund Report for period ending January 31, 2025

Account #	Account Name	JANUARY 2025	YTD 2025	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Parish Offerings	96,512.51	96,512.51	646,185.00	15%
	Diocesan Support	6,010.42	6,010.42	50,125.00	12%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	103,837.75	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	1.00	1.00	1,000.00	0%
	<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>102,523.93</b>	<b>102,523.93</b>	<b>801,147.75</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
	Adminstration	1,076.37	1,076.37	25,200.00	4%
	Buildings and Property	7,517.22	7,517.22	132,500.00	6%
	Christian Formation	2,505.58	2,505.58	17,750.00	14%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (ECM)	1,514.28	1,514.28	13,153.00	12%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	7,575.42	7,575.42	95,405.00	8%
	Music Ministry	1,711.66	1,711.66	18,500.00	9%
	Parish Life	1,913.00	1,913.00	19,200.00	10%
	Worship	176.93	176.93	5,500.00	3%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	44,906.06	44,906.06	469,684.13	10%
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>68,896.52</b>	<b>68,896.52</b>	<b>796,892.13</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)</b>	<b>33,627.41</b>	<b>33,627.41</b>	<b>4,255.62</b>	

Items for the April Window are due by March 20th to  
Lisa Janecek (com@cecbg.com)



## Christ Episcopal Church

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Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101  
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www.cebcbg.com

### 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  
steve@cebcbg.com

### Deacon

The Venerable Kellie Mysinger  
kellie@cebcbg.com

### Parish Administrator

Vonda Garringer  
vonda@cebcbg.com

### Director of Music and Organist

C. Kenneth Stein  
ken@cebcbg.com

### Director of Faith Formation

Kate Cline  
kate@cebcbg.com

## Vestry

### 2025 Class

Tommy Adams  
Carol DuBose  
Jamie Chaffin  
Sharon Valk

### 2026 Class

Margie Dotson  
David Kem  
Cary McAllister  
Brian Morrison

### 2027 Class

Neill Caudill  
Les Dooley  
Sue Edwards  
Jimmy Stewart

Senior Warden: Tommy Adams  
Junior Warden: Brian Morrison  
Secretary: Carol DuBose  
Ann Puckett, Treasurer  
Hamp Moore, Asst. Treasurer  
Paula Lyons, Asst. Treasurer

## Seven Parish Ministry Areas and Vestry Member Liaisons

### Worship

David Kem & Tommy Adams

### Learn

Sue Edwards & Carol DuBose

### Grow

Jimmy Stewart & Neill Caudill

### Radiate: Fellowship

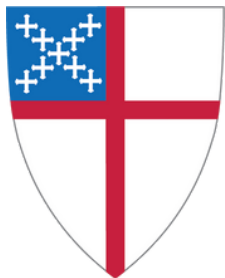
Jamie Chaffin & Les Dooley

### Radiate: Outreach

Margie Dotson & Sharon Valk

### Radiate: Pastoral Care

Cary McAllister & Brian Morrison



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