

THE WINDOW

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



JULY 2025

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I have long been a believer in the power of prayer. I suppose one doesn't make it as an ordained person very long if they don't. Still, it can be hard, at times, to remember just how powerful prayer can be. Life can feel overwhelming: what with illness, financial stress, relationship trouble, and *gestures broadly* any number of other difficulties that life can bring. Occasionally, however, God gives you the opportunity to see prayer in action.



On a sweltering Wednesday evening, about 100 people gathered at the Terenga Academy to welcome home Ernesto Manuel-Andres. As I'm sure you've heard by now, Ernesto was wrongfully detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers on June 4, and was eventually taken to a detention facility in Monroe, LA. News of his arrest trickled out over June 9 and 10, and by Father's Day, it seemed the whole Bowling Green community had adopted Ernesto as one of their own.

So it is that on June 17, 19, and 23 prayer vigils were held at three local churches, including ours, to pray for Ernesto's safety and his release. We prayed and sang and even fasted for a day, much to the chagrin of a few local pastors, in the hope that God would hear our prayer and move the mountains of bureaucratic red tape and official and unofficial immigration policies to secure his release and return to his Bowling Green home.

On June 23, Ernesto had a hearing before an immigration judge on the one charge that, though unsubstantiated, had been filed. She granted him the lowest bond allowed by law, \$1,500, and things looked promising, until a few moments later when the Department of Homeland Security withheld their right to appeal. Heartbroken as we were, our prayers did not stop. Praying for justice is never wasted. Late on June 24, news broke that DHS had failed to meet their first deadline in the appeal process and Ernesto could be released on bond. Even more, one DHS staffer stayed late to make sure his bond was correctly processed, and he was released as soon as possible.

Prayer works. It can change hearts and minds, and even unjust systems, and I am grateful for the reminder.

We all have things in our lives that could use some prayer. May Ernesto's story remind us of three things: 1) prayer works, 2) prayer is a communal activity, and 3) persistence pays off.

Grace and Peace,

Steve



VBS HIGHLIGHTS!

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 are scheduled for:
Saturday, July 5th and 19th at 8:00am.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

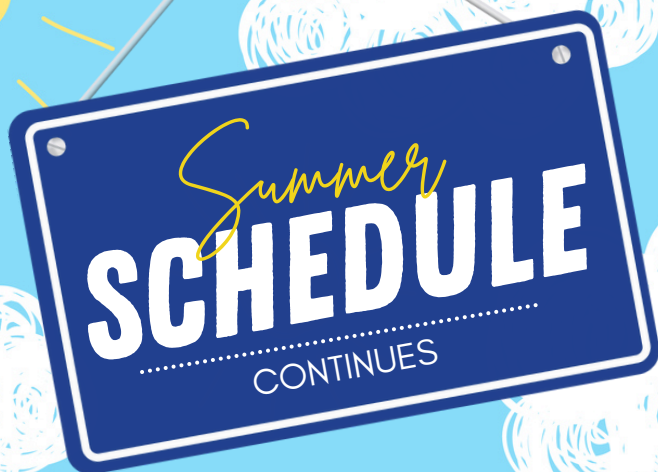
The Daughters of the King will next meet on
Sunday, July 6th at 11:15am
in the Hines Chapel.



JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST
in Moore Hall

JULY 6TH
JULY 20TH
9:00 AM





**REMINDER: THE PARISH OFFICE
IS CLOSED ON THURSDAYS
THROUGH JULY.**

**YOU CAN REACH US MONDAY
THROUGH WEDNESDAY,
9:00AM - 4:30PM.**

**APPOINTMENTS TO MEET ON
THURSDAYS ARE AVAILABLE.**

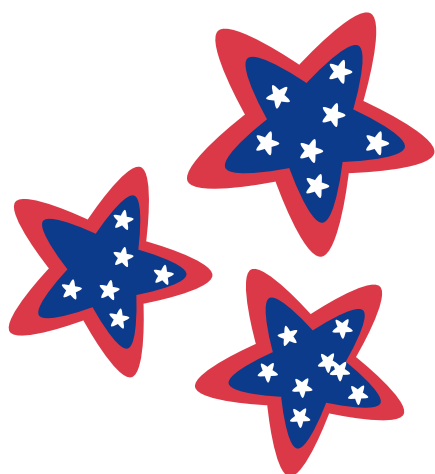


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church is excited to announce that
we have begun the search for a
Director of Congregational Development.

The full job description can be found on the
Christ Church [homepage](#) or directly [here](#).

Please continue to pray for the search
process. If you have any questions, reach
out to Father Steve.



HAPPY
4th of
July

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

JULY 1ST - JULY 4TH

**CHURCHES
UNITED IN
CHRIST
HELP MINISTRY**



SECOND TUESDAYS

10:00 AM - NOON

**You can help by giving directly
to the CUIC Help fund, or by
volunteering with the ministry
to interview applicants and
provide aid when needed.**

**For more information,
contact Vonda Garringer**

NEXT DATE: JULY 8TH



BREAD OF ANGELS

Sundays at 9:00 A. M.
In the Conference Room

Open to everyone with a bit
of curiosity about being Christian

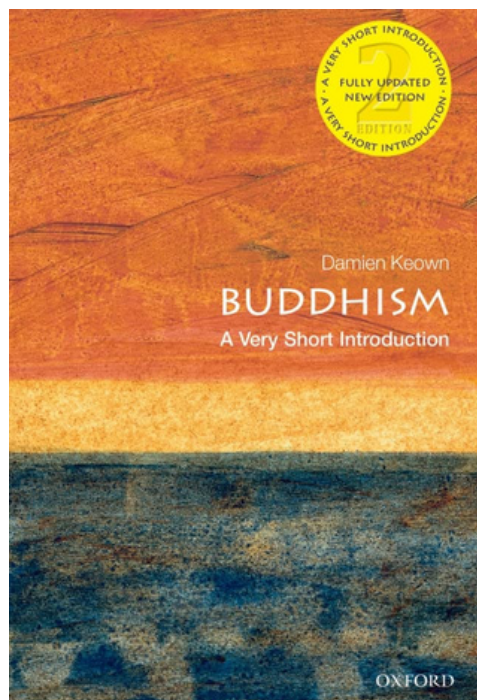
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This month we start what is becoming a summer tradition and explore another faith practice. Last summer we read about Islam. This year we have picked Buddhism. Buddhism is primarily an Asia-Pacific faith practice and is followed by about 7% of the Earth's population, making it the world's fourth largest religious religion. Buddhism is recognized by most faiths as a religion, but it is non-theistic which makes it much different from the Abrahamic Religions.

Our author is Damien Keown, Professor Emeritus of Goldsmiths, University of London. His DPhil is from Oriental Studies, Oxford University. He is regarded as perhaps the leading expert on Buddhism in the Western World, much in the way that Professor John Esposito is regarded when discussing Islam. And at 74 he is a perfect age for BoA.

The book we will read is *Buddhism, A Very Short Introduction*, part of a growing library of Oxford University "Very Short Introductions" created to give people like us an accessible but sophisticated look into very specific topics.



*For more information and to join our Google Group
please go to cecbg.com/boa or email mikevmi69@gmail.com.*



THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

12:00 NOON



CECBG



PARISH BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Peg Coatney
07/02 John Linden
07/02 Elizabeth Skillern
07/03 Janice Erbach
07/03 Elizabeth Jefferson
07/06 Rachael Palmer
07/07 Joe Steele
07/07 Kristen Lyons
07/08 Kelly Burch
07/08 Kate Cline
07/08 Leah Olmsted
07/09 Leonard Edwards
07/09 Mikey Crabtree Jr
07/09 Logan Harris
07/10 Melinda Grimsley
07/10 Erin Massey
07/11 Patrick Forbes
07/12 Chris Cecil
07/13 Judi Hughes
07/13 Paula Lyons
07/15 Mary Lynn Griffin
07/15 Leigh Constans Pierce
07/15 Anne Nuckols
07/15 Robert Cobb Jr.
07/16 Todd Kirby
07/16 Janet Grider

07/21 Sara Carmichael
07/22 Jeff Joyce
07/22 Zoe Watts
07/24 Janice Vokurka
07/24 Cassie Pankey
07/24 Stuart Brotherton
07/24 Alec Gouvas
07/24 Zechariah Clayton
07/24 Hatcher Hale
07/25 Jocelyn Smith
07/26 Aubin Jefferson
07/26 Ali Greenwell
07/27 Mark Esterle
07/28 Paul Young
07/28 Marjorie Watts
07/29 J. Marshall Hughes
07/29 J. T. Gillock
07/29 Elizabeth Carter
07/30 Alison Grow
07/31 Richard Stone
07/31 Karma Cline



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Christ Episcopal Church

Operating Fund Report for period ending May 31, 2025

Account #	Account Name	MAY 2025	YTD 2025	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
INCOME					
	Parish Offerings	39,215.18	312,170.19	646,185.00	48%
	Diocesan Support	6,010.42	18,541.68	50,125.00	37%
	Investment Income	0.00	0.00	103,837.75	0%
	Miscellaneous Income	251.00	534.00	1,000.00	53%
	INCOME TOTAL	45,476.60	331,245.87	801,147.75	41%
EXPENSE					
	Adminstration	2,066.58	10,625.68	25,200.00	42%
	Buildings and Property	11,096.91	45,894.47	132,500.00	35%
	Christian Formation	1,254.90	5,330.69	17,750.00	30%
	WKU Episcoapl Campus Ministry (EC	1,076.50	5,086.83	13,153.00	39%
	Diocesan and Vestry Support	7,575.42	30,301.68	95,405.00	32%
	Music Ministry	5,075.27	10,683.34	18,500.00	58%
	Parish Life	2,211.23	6,022.54	19,200.00	31%
	Worship	1,259.93	2,653.60	5,500.00	48%
	Staff Salaries and Benefits	31,957.57	146,720.60	456,684.13	32%
	EXPENSE TOTAL	63,574.31	263,319.43	783,892.13	34%
	NET SURPLUS (DIFFERENCE)	(18,097.71)	67,926.44	17,255.62	

Items for the August Window
are due by **July 20th.**

Please send to Lisa Janecek at com@cecbg.com

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Outreach Funds Report for period ending May 31, 2025

Fund Name	Balance - 01/01/2025	Year to Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance - 5/31/2025
All Saints Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Saints Scholarship	2,627.44	0.00	200.00	2,427.44
Bishop's Discretionary	0.00	895.89	0.00	895.89
Churches United in Christ Help Ministry	3,414.16	4,175.80	7,000.00	589.96
Diocese of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)	3,205.23	56.84	0.00	3,262.07
Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricanes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)	3,116.47	0.00	0.00	3,116.47
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel Inc	756.03	115.00	0.00	871.03
Living Waters for the World	5,726.55	73.12	0.00	5,799.67
Meals, Inc	387.60	0.00	181.28	206.32
Room In The Inn	3,302.50	1,225.00	480.87	4,046.63
Stephen Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
United Thank Offering - Ascension Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	5,711.85	685.00	1,164.44	5,232.41
Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry	1,388 served YTD; 21 volunteers average/week			
Yoga	205.00	115.00	0.00	320.00
TOTAL	28,452.83	7,341.65	9,026.59	26,767.89
Rector Discretionary	0.00	8,798.16	8,798.16	0.00
Associate Rector Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deacon Discretionary	0.00	1,662.80	1,662.80	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	10,460.96	10,460.96	0.00
TOTAL OUTREACH INCOME		17,802.61		

Christ Episcopal Church

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Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
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Summer Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday: 8:30am—4:30pm
Thursday and 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
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Deacon

The Venerable Kellie Mysinger
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Vonda Garringer
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Director of Music and Organist

C. Kenneth Stein
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Director of Faith Formation

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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

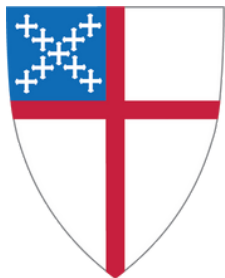
Jamie Chaffin & Les Dooley

Radiate: Outreach

Margie Dotson & Sharon Valk

Radiate: Pastoral Care

Cary McAllister & Brian Morrison



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