



**A weekly electronic newsletter published for the parish and friends of
Christ Episcopal Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky**

Friday, December 22, 2017

Closing Due to Weather

The Church Office will follow the Bowling Green City Schools' schedule for closing due to inclement weather in the winter months.

Sunday services are rarely canceled due to inclement weather. Please check our website, Facebook page, and email communications for any change in Sunday services.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Church Office is closed Fridays.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00am Meals, Inc Christmas Boxes preparation and delivery

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One Service – Nave

No Breakfast or Sunday School.

9:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Nave

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two Service – Nave; No Children's Church

5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service – Nave

11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Midnight Mass – Nave

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Church Office is closed in observance of Christmas Day.

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two Service – Nave

7:00-9:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group – Moore Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Church Office is closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

The Church Office is closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

5:30pm Room in the Inn – St. Catherine Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Church Office is closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Church Office is closed Fridays.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

No activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One Service – Nave

8:45am Breakfast – Moore Hall – Hosted by the Vestry

No Sunday School

9:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Nave

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two Service – Nave; With Children’s Church

Please click [here](#) to view the entire church calendar.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK

12/24 Katrina Powell

12/25 Mary Dale

12/25 Nick Heil

12/25 Robert Spiller

12/26 John Petersen

12/27 Alan Vilines

12/28 Sally Heil

12/29 Zachary Burt

12/29 Stephanie Crabtree

12/29 Susan Crouch

12/29 Barbara Easton

12/29 Karen Steele

12/30 Zack Puckett

Every effort has been made to list the birthdays correctly. If there is a mistake or if your name and birthday have been omitted, please accept our apology and contact Heath (heath@cecbg.com or 270.843.6563) to update the Parish’s database. Thanks.

SERVICE MINISTERS

Please click [here](#) to view the Service Ministers for the current quarter.

Please click [here](#) to login to Ministry Scheduler Web Terminal to view your personal schedule, request substitutes, update service preferences, dates, and/or times, view ministry contact information, etc.

A reminder to all service ministers who vest – Please be vested and near St. Andrew Room by 10 minutes to the service hour. If you are not there by then, a replacement will be secured.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Please click [here](#) to view the Sunday Lectionary Readings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES @ 9:00AM

Children’s Godly Play Sunday School Classes – Linder Education Building

† Nursery – Staff – Front hallway off Surface Hall

† PreK – Janice Erbach, Sarah Loiars

† K & 1st grade – Linda Mitchell, Karen Towell

† 2nd & 3rd grade – Ashley Tabor, Jamie Chaffin

† 4th & 5th grade – Kate Cline, Leigh Morin

Youth Sunday School Class (6th-12th grade) – Youth Room

† Junior and Senior High Class – Karen Crabtree, Janet Grider

Adult Sunday School Classes

- † Bread of Angels Class – Conference Room
- † Conversations With Scripture Class – Cates Lounge
- † Parents' Gathering – St. George Room

MEALS, INC CHRISTMAS BOXES

Saturday, December 23 is our final day of 2017 to be responsible for preparation and delivery of MEALS, Inc. To volunteer, please contact Kathy Leonard (billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net). Thanks for your help!

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 24 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One Service

No Sunday School; No Breakfast

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two Service; No Children's Church

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service

11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two Service

Sunday, December 31 – The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite One Service

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite Two Service; With Children's Church

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Please note our holiday church office hours as 2017 turns to 2018.

Thursday, December 21	8:30am-4:30pm	Monday, January 1	Closed
Friday, December 22	Closed	Tuesday, January 2	8:30am-4:30pm
Monday, December 25 – Friday, December 29	Closed		

YEAR-END GIVING

All cash and check contributions for 2017 must be received —

- **in the Church Office by Thursday, December 21, 2017, or**
- **in the Sunday, December 31, 2017, offering, or**
- **post-marked no later than December 31, 2017.**

In order to receive contribution credit for 2017, all stock transfers must be completed and all online transactions must have an "approved" status by December 31, 2017. Any contribution received, post-marked, or electronically time-stamped on or after January 1, 2018, will be credited to your 2018 giving statement. If you have questions regarding a year end contribution, please contact Heath (heath@cecbg.com or 270.843.6563).

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) CLASSES

Mondays – 9:00-11:00am and 5:30-8:30pm – EfM Room

PLEASE NOTE – EfM will not meet Monday, December 25.

CENTERING PRAYER COMMUNITY

Tuesdays – 12:15pm – Chapel. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE – Centering Prayer Community will not meet Tuesday, December 26.

YOGA GROUP

Tuesdays – 4:45–6:00pm – Moore Hall

PLEASE NOTE – Yoga Group will not meet Tuesday, December 26.

Please enter through the College Street door. Led by Leslie Weigel. All levels are welcome. No fee is charged, but donations are welcome which go to support other parish outreach ministries.

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesdays – 7:00am – Conference Room. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE – Morning Prayer Service will not meet Wednesday, December 27.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH MINISTRY

Wednesdays – 11:00am – Moore Hall

PLEASE NOTE – Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry will not serve Wednesday, December 27. **Wednesday Community Lunch Ministry will resume Wednesday, January 10.**

ROOM IN THE INN

Wednesday, December 27 – 5:30pm – St. Catherine Room

If you would like to contribute financially, please mark your check or pew envelope “Room in the Inn” and your contribution will be put in the fund to pay for linen cleanings and toiletry purchases for our guests.

To volunteer or for more information regarding the Room in the Inn program, please contact Digby Palmer (270.535.9838) or Belinda Palmer (270.535.0497).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 6:30pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – Surface Hall

Wednesdays at 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Moore Hall

Sundays at 9:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Nave

PLEASE NOTE – Choir Rehearsals will not meet Wednesday, December 27.

For more information regarding the music ministry, please contact Ken Stein (ken@cecbg.com).

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING PRAYERS SERVICE

Thursdays – 12:00pm – Nave

PLEASE NOTE – Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers Service will not meet Thursday, December 28.

KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

First Tuesdays – 3:30-4:30pm – Gathering Area

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 2

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

First and Third Saturdays – 8:00am – Conference Room

Next meetings – Saturdays, January 6 and 20

CELEBRATING EPIPHANY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Saturday, January 6, 2018 – 6:00pm – Nave – Evening Prayer and Blessing of the Chalk

The Season of Epiphany has historically been the time when we ask God's blessing upon our homes, and occasionally this is done by marking the door frame with chalk, asking God to bless that home for another year. On the Feast of Epiphany, we will ask God's blessing upon chalk that you can take home to mark your own homes as we remember the Magi and the blessing they were to Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child. Join us for this special service.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

First Sundays – 8:50am - Chapel

PLEASE NOTE – The January meeting has been moved from January 7 to January 14.

EMERGENCY TRAINING OFFERED

Sunday, January 14 – following the 10:00am service

Christ Church will host Allen Youngman, a retired police officer who has trained hundreds of schools and churches in what to do in case of an emergency, to offer training for our staff, security shepherds, and Sunday school teachers. If you are in one of those groups, please plan to join us following the 10:00am service for lunch and a brief training. Bring your questions and concerns, as Allen will be glad to help us make a comprehensive plan to keep everyone safe in case of emergency. Please RSVP to Father Steve (steve@cecbg.com) so adequate lunch can be provided.

SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

Thursday, January 18, 2018 – 6:00pm – Nave. A reception will follow in Moore Hall.

Please save the date for the Service of Ordination to the Priesthood of the Reverend Becca Kello.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP

Sunday, January 21 – 2:00-3:30pm – Surface Hall

Please wear non-marking, comfortable shoes. For more information, please contact Jan Campbell (270.535.2258).

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)

For more information regarding EYC activities, please contact Karen Crabtree (karen@cecbg.com).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2018 PLEDGE CARDS

If you haven't already, please return your completed 2018 pledge card to the Church Office.

DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

A daily electronic Advent devotional, written by Christ Church parishioners, was distributed through the parish email listing and Facebook. Thanks again to all those who contributed devotionals.

FOR SALE – CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW PRINTS

The front cover of December's *The Window* newsletter highlighted an original artwork by local artist, John David Thompson. John was commissioned by Christ Church to paint the Christ the Good Shepherd stained glass window that is centered above the altar. **Twenty-five numbered prints have been produced from the original painting and are priced at \$100 to support the Friends of Music Fund at Christ Episcopal Church.** If you would like to purchase one or two or three, please stop by the Church Office and speak to Ken or Heath.

FOR SALE – CHRIST CHURCH GUILD COOKBOOKS

The new "A Centennial Cookbook" is for sale at \$20 each. Please make your check payable to Christ Episcopal Church and memo Guild Cookbook.

WEDNESDAY MEAL SIGN-UP TO ASSIST THE DALES

As many already know, our friend, Mary Dale, has been diagnosed with ALS. As we continue to pray for Mary and Jim, we have been made aware of an opportunity to take concrete action. Friends of Jim and Mary Dale have organized an online sign-up to provide a Wednesday evening meal for them. Please go to the web page (<https://mealtrain.com/98qqnk>) to sign-up and help.

NAMES OF GARDEN MEMORIAL GIFTS

The grounds of Christ Church have benefitted through the years from a number of plantings given in memory of loved ones. The Memorial Garden Ministry Team plans to recognize those memorial gifts with a plaque to be placed inside the vestibule leading from the Gathering Area to the Memorial Garden.

We have records of some of those gifts, sometimes consisting of specific plants and sometimes of monetary contributions. We need your help to ensure that we don't overlook any such contributions that have been made through the years.

Please contact John Parker (270.799.4424 or john.parker@wku.edu) of anyone whom you know who was memorialized by such a gift to the Memorial Garden, whether made by you or someone else, regardless of when the donation was made. Thanks for your help.

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

The Christ Church Living Waters for the World Mission Team is planning to travel to Peru in 2018 to install a water purification system in the community of Santo Thomas, on the Rio Orosa, a tributary of the Amazon River. It will be installed in a medical clinic run by Project Amazonas. Please pray for our mission team and our mission.

partners. Donations are currently being collected in the 5-gallon water jugs near the assembled system in Surface Hall. Donations may also be made online (<http://www.cebcbg.com/#/giving>) or by placing a check in the Sunday offering labeled Living Waters for the World.

ONLINE GIVING

Make a secure contribution online to the current year operating fund and/or other funds. Please click [here](#) to give.

Download the “EasyTithe” app from the App Store, find Christ Episcopal Church of Bowling Green, and give! You can give to CEC from your phone in seconds, manage your payment profile, and view all of your giving history.

WEEKLY SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Wednesdays at 12:00pm – Weekly submission deadline for *The Lancet* Friday Electronic Newsletter, the Sunday Bulletin Insert, and the Electronic Bulletin Board.

CLERGY AND STAFF CONTACT

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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.

Mission Statement adopted by the Vestry, August 22, 2017

