

PRAYER & ACTION

FALL
2022

We Are a People of Prayer and Action Extending God's Love



GROWING OUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Growing our spiritual home is profound. It assures us of where and with Whom we belong. It inspires us to put down roots and grow, share our lives, and invite others into this life-giving journey.

As we turn into Fall, there is joy as we make our way home, because deep in the heart of every person is a longing for home. For 226 years, Christ Church Cathedral has been that home, welcoming us into a place where we can grow into a people of prayer and action, extending God's love.

The importance of growing our spiritual home is profound. If a house is necessary for our physical survival, a home is essential for our spiritual growth and fulfillment. Our spiritual home assures us of where and with Whom we belong. It inspires us to put down roots and grow, share our lives, and invite others into this life-giving journey. Growing our spiritual home, therefore, is about becoming the people God wants us to be as we aim our lives at blessing others.

And now, after three years of pandemic disruption, we are taking an exhilarating step. We are relaunching our ministries at the heart of our spiritual home. And as we look ahead into 2023 and the bright future God has for us, we have faithfully set three inspiring mission goals to grow us into the spiritual home God intends:

- **Change the World through Worship and Service**
- **Deepen Connection and Care Among our Church Family**
- **Increase Outreach and Advocacy through Partnerships**

As this new season unfolds, there is deep joy in growing our spiritual home. On Sunday, October 30, we will have an opportunity to put our faith into action by pledging to our annual giving campaign. God is calling us to generously commit a portion of our financial resources to build our spiritual home so that we can have an impact together.

Whether we are returning to Christ Church Cathedral or discovering the Cathedral for the first time, God's promise is sure. In growing our spiritual home, we will find the greatest of treasures — the love of God, our true selves, a caring community, and the opportunity to respond to the hurts and hopes of the world.

Welcome back to Christ Church Cathedral.
Welcome to your spiritual home.
With gratitude,



THE VERY REVEREND CAROL WADE
Dean & Rector



ANNUAL GIVING 2023



Inspired to Give

Growing our Spiritual Home

WE ALL LONG FOR A SPIRITUAL HOME WHERE WE DISCOVER LIFE'S PURPOSE & EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE. For 226 years, Christ Church Cathedral has been that home, welcoming people into a community of prayer and action extending God's love. This year, we are relaunching our ministries that ground us and give life to the world, but *we need you*.



BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER

God gives us financial resources for extending God's love both inside and beyond our walls. Sharing our God-given gifts by making a first-time annual gift or increasing your yearly gift can change everything.

3 EXCITING MISSION GOALS FOR 2023:

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Deepen Connection & Care Among our Church Family

Increase Outreach & Advocacy through Partnerships

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

HOW DOES MY GIFT WORK?

Your Annual Giving supports all of our yearly mission and ministries, such as children and youth, music, worship, art, creating community, and caring for others both inside and outside the church.

IF I CAN'T GIVE A LARGE GIFT, DOES MY GIFT REALLY MATTER?

Absolutely! All gifts matter regardless of their size. As we all participate according to our ability, God will multiply our giving.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF MY ANNUAL GIFT IN 2023?

In this season of renewal, this is our chance to make a difference- to nurture love, to form faith, and to transform lives.



1

MAKE A PLEDGE

A pledge is a promise to give a specific amount during the year. Pledges assist the Vestry to more accurately estimate the resources that will be available for the ministry of the parish in a giving year. Pledges may be increased or decreased during the course of the year due to changes in circumstances.

2

GIVE PROPORTIONALLY

Strive to be a proportional giver, which means committing to give a percentage of your income back to God. The Biblical standard of giving is 10%. Stewardship is a journey, and it is important to start at a level appropriate to your household.

3

BECOME A TITHER

Become a tither. Intentionally increase the proportion of your pledge until you reach the Biblical standard of 10% or beyond. Increase your giving incrementally year-by-year, until you reach the tithe or beyond.

OCTOBER 30

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

A DAY OF FUN & FESTIVITIES FOR ALL



KIDS WEAR YOUR COSTUMES!

8:30 & 11am

Ingathering and blessing of annual giving cards

9:30 - 10:30am

BRUNCH FOR ALL!

9:30am - 12:30pm

Free Kettlecorn

IN THE GARDEN



ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS & HALLOWEEN

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



9:30 - 10:00am

Kids enjoy Brunch

10:00 - 10:30am

All Saints, All Souls Craft

IN THE GREAT HALL

11:00am

All Saints, All Souls Children's Chapel

Children join procession in costume

WORSHIP & SERVICE



For 226 years, Christ Church Cathedral has inspired our prayer and action. Through worship and service we become more like Jesus and lives are changed. Our goal this year is to be a people who change the world through worship and service.



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THE POWER OF MUSIC

Christ Church Cathedral has changed me by helping me get closer to God. It has also made me a better person through all the different people I've met that have taught me about life in general and made me feel included when I first joined.

Being a part of Christ Church has taught me to love others as I love myself. Serving as a chorister inspires me to work hard, get involved, develop a good relationship with God, and not give up. The music we sing connects the congregation to one another because of how music is universal and also connects the congregation to God through worship. *Adaline Kariuki*

LEADING US INTO VIBRANT WORSHIP

Being a verger at Christ Church Cathedral has provided me the opportunity to serve God, the clergy, and of course, the entire congregation here in Lexington. I was first asked to serve in this capacity by Dean Thompson some 18 years ago and not a day has gone by that I haven't been ultimately humbled to be able to serve in this capacity. It has been so enriching to my overall spirituality to be able to help present the liturgy and customs of worship here at the Cathedral. *Andrew Shenkan*



TRANSFORMING US THROUGH GOD'S WORD

Easter Sunday 2016 was my very first service at Christ Church- the music, the people, and the words so resonated with my husband and me, that we started going every Sunday - something neither of us had done in years or ever.

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Having a space to learn and grow with this community keeps us coming back !

Christine Stanley



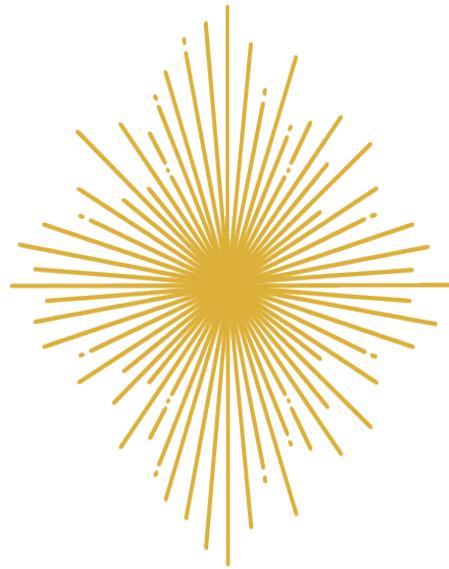
SHARING WONDER WITH OUR CHILDREN

I love stories. When I was little my mom would read to us on long trips, modulating her voice to give each character a unique identity. I've been a part of the Godly Play circle of storytellers since my own kids were little and it was obvious to me that their play was their work—how they were exploring and making sense of what new thing they observed in the world.

Now, as a leader in the K-1st Grade circle at CCC, it's a gift to witness the way these kids come to something so old as the stories of Abraham and Sarah and imagine walking with them in the desert. Or what it might be like to be one of the Good Shepherd's sheep following with the others past the cool waters and through the dark places. There are no right answers or facts to be memorized, just stories to be reverently shared and wondered about. *Nell Campbell*

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REACHING OUR GOAL

CREATING A SPIRITUAL HOME WHERE ALL CAN
WORSHIP, SERVE, AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S AMAZING LOVE
REQUIRES FINANCIAL RESOURCES



HOW ARE YOU INSPIRED
TO SHARE IN GOD'S LIFE-GIVING MISSION
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL?

CONNECTION & CARE



Sunday breakfast unites us, groups encourage us, and pastoral care and home communion create connection. Our goal for this year is to reintroduce breakfast, grow our groups, and expand our pastoral care and home communion teams.



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CONNECTING YOUNG ADULTS 20's - 30's

My first Sunday at the Cathedral I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the high ceilings of the nave, the elegance of the marble altar to the Almighty, and the centuries old pews of the church. More overwhelming was the immediate love I experienced being welcomed into this parish. I knew after only a few services that I would call Christ Church my spiritual home. When Charles invited me to join the Young Adult Leadership team I joyfully accepted. It allows me to give a modest portion back to this Cathedral that has given me so much assurance in such a short amount of time. *Chance Bender*

CREATING CONNECTIONS AT BREAKFAST

I've always believed food is the best way to bring people together for inspiration. Thus I am especially excited that Breakfast is returning to our Sunday mornings at the Cathedral! I love the serendipity of fulfilling fellowship in this space where the young and old are gathered around delicious food. It is the perfect time to connect with someone you've missed over these past few years or to meet someone new. We've all grown and changed throughout the pandemic, in good ways and hard ways - I look forward to connecting and learning what is inspiring and feeding you this day. *Paige Halpin-Smith*



CONNECTING ADULTS 40's - 60's

Since meeting Brandl Skirvin and moving to Lexington in 2021, I have never been happier in my life. The city, the people and particularly the Cathedral community has made me feel so welcome and I have made some amazing new friendships. The welcome I received at the Cathedral made me want to welcome others. So, like my father did at Saint Timothy's for over 40 years, I became an usher and now, like mom, I am training to be a member of the Altar Guild.

Another exciting opportunity I have been approached with is to serve on the leadership team of our newest group: Adults, 40's-60's. I know, you look at me and think "how can he even be 40?", but it's true and I'm looking forward to getting to know and connect with even more of my fellow Episcopalians. I hope you'll join me in whatever ways God is leading you in making the Cathedral a place of belonging for everyone. *Chris Edwards*

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LAY PASTORAL CARE TEAMS



Christ Church Cathedral is blessed with nine teams of laypersons who care for our church family. Under the direction of Mimi Milward, each week a team of Cathedral members

send cards, make encouraging phone calls, visit, and bring food to those in our church who have experienced the loss of a loved one, are recovering from an illness, or are unable to gather with the community.

Twenty-five years ago, The Rev. Donna Barr gathered together over ninety people who divided themselves into fourteen teams and identified team captains. Each week a different team was assigned to care for those in our community by visiting nursing homes and hospitals; delivering dinners and casseroles to people who returned from a stay in the hospital; taking baby gifts and dinners to new parents; bringing flowers from the altar to those unable to leave their homes; and helping with funeral visitations that took place at the church.



After the teams were assembled and trained, a legacy of lay ministry began. Val Getchel was the first lay coordinator and helped at a crucial time, ensuring the care teams had a good foundation for the future.

Kathy Dalton coordinated the teams next. On one occasion, Kathy Dalton went to New Orleans to help with relief work after hurricane

Katrina. Dean Morris Thompson was amazed that Kathy cared for people in two places at once as she coordinated care teams in Lexington while serving the people of New Orleans. Mimi Milward, who has led the care teams since 2009, is the longest-serving pastoral care team coordinator and continues this

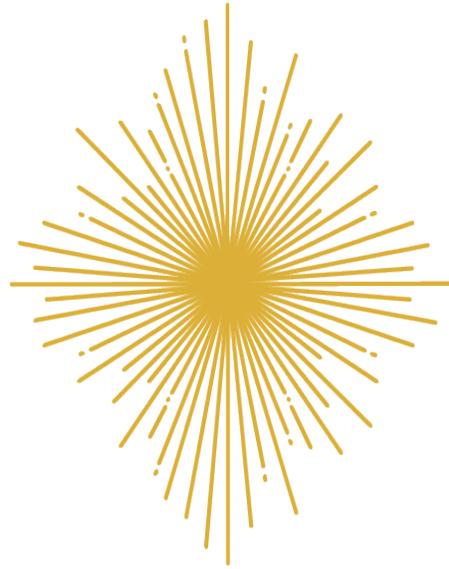


amazing work today. Over the years of her ministry, Mimi's love and care have touched the lives of almost every single person within our congregation.

The ways the care teams have ministered has also changed. For instance, it was not possible to take communion to church members in care facilities and hospitals during COVID because these facilities were closed to visitors. Betty Jo Palmer is reorganizing the Eucharistic Visitor teams and is coordinating communion visits in this new season. We are so grateful to Betty Jo for the incredible ministry of care and connection she and all the Eucharistic Visitors provide.



Over the past twenty-five years, countless people have brought support and love to our community as they have served within this caring ministry. And the pastoral care teams have been faithfully supported by many clergy and staff members throughout the years. We are very grateful for everyone who has been involved in this vital ministry of care to our community.



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HOW ARE YOU INSPIRED
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AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL?

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY



God calls us to promote equity and care for our neighbors through our concrete acts of love. Our goal this year is to partner with The Nest, Central Christian Church, the interfaith communities within B.U.I.L.D., and the churches of Eastern Kentucky to care for our neighbors in need.

JOINING A MISSION OF JUSTICE

For 40 years, Christ Church Cathedral has blessed us by providing many opportunities to grow in faith and avenues for serving others. In God's word to Micah, we are told to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God". Doing justice requires efforts of



a large group to bring about systematic change. The Cathedral's new partnership with B.U.I.L.D. invites us to join with 27 diverse Lexington congregations in determining needs and facilitating changes in policy structures which will benefit those most in need. Please join us in the work of "doing justice" as the Cathedral helps expand our mission to serve the larger community. *Linda & Schuyler Robinson*

THE IMPACT OF A LIFETIME

A consistent message we hear at the Cathedral is Christ's central command: "Love God with all your being--and love one another as I have loved you." Christ led a love-filled life of caring, healing, feeding, offering compassion, washing his disciples' feet, caring for children, etc. These words inspired me to reach out to the children at Harrison School.



Brothers Christopher and Noah Ferguson organized a book drive to help resupply the shelves of Eastern Kentucky school libraries. They also serve regularly in the Community Cupboard.

Spending time with a child to help them become a better learner and a better student changes their lives and enhances their prospects of obtaining a good education which in turn leads to new opportunities for productive lives. Seeing how a student's life can be transformed transforms our lives as well. *Loys Mather*





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TRANSFORMED BY SERVICE

I attended Christ Church for several years when I was asked to volunteer at the Community Cupboard to help distribute personal grooming items, cleaning supplies, diapers and clothes to people in need. Working there, I met refugees from the Congo, single moms, seniors with minimal social security benefits, disabled veterans, addicts, Muslims who spoke only Farsi, battered women and two people shot the night before. While the Cupboard's basic supplies helped the people get through their month, the people who came to the Cupboard taught me humility, empathy and the value of a smile and kind word to anyone in need. *Kathleen Imhoff*



A NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

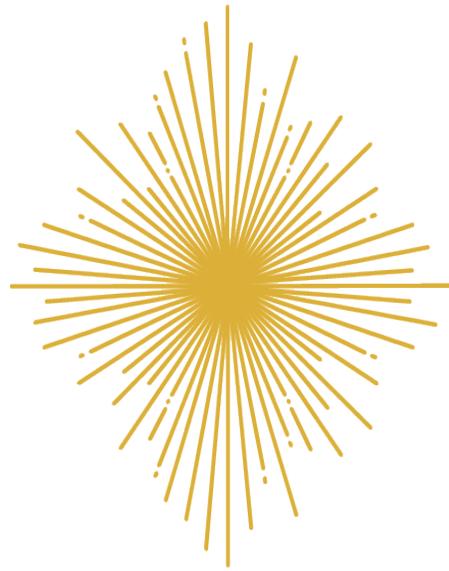
Over the last year, the CROSS Committee began to explore partnerships with other downtown churches to

offer a clothing ministry. We discovered Central Christian Church, located on Short Street, had also been looking to partner on ministries with other downtown churches.

Our talks resulted in the creation of plans to open a Community Closet, a joint ministry of our two churches offering a walk-in, free clothing ministry to be open Saturday mornings from 10-12 each week. It will be located in Central Christian's Watkins Building on Short Street. Since the first meeting months ago, a small group of people from each church have been working on the plans to launch this ministry. The Closet will be equally supported by clothing donations, supplies and volunteers from both churches. We will need people to serve in the closet one Saturday morning per month from 10am-12pm. We also need folks to sort donations and restock the Closet during the week.

Beginning in November, the Closet will accept the following donations: infant and children's clothing, all sizes of men's and women's tennis shoes, sweat-shirts, jackets and coats, and gloves and scarfs. In the Spring, we anticipate we will be accepting donations of all types of clothing and shoes.

We are excited about this new partnership ministry that will help so many people in our community!



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A DAY OF FUN & FESTIVITIES FOR ALL!