

EMPOWERING WOMEN OF FAITH



Episcopal Church Women
2025-2026



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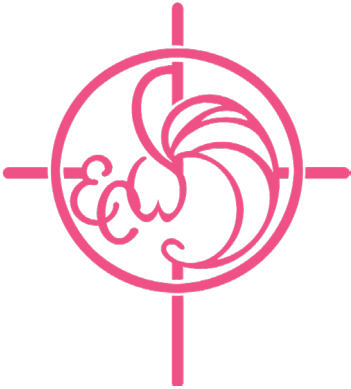


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Welcome to ECW



Episcopal Church Women

All women in the Cathedral congregation are considered members of ECW and are always invited to join us! It would be so good to have YOU with us - come to enjoy and share ideas - to make it a great year for all of us!

Empowering Women of Faith

At Christ Church Cathedral,
our mission for the 2025-2026 year is:
to empower women and others by offering
spiritual, nutritional, financial, and social
opportunities and experiences.

The Collect of the Episcopal Church Women

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. We give thanks for the gifts of joy and wonder to be found in your works. Make us so thankful for the power of Your love, given through Your Son, Jesus, that we may pray, labor, and give liberally to make known that love throughout the world. Amen.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has been a part of Episcopal churches since 1871 and active at Christ Church since 1880. At Christ Church Cathedral we serve the church and community and are dedicated to nurturing and empowering women.



About Our Gatherings

FALL KICK-OFF BOOKS & BELIEFS

Tuesday, September 9, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Our first gathering is with Kentucky state legislator and author, Cassie Chambers Armstrong. *Interested in reserving a lunch? Details below.*

BOOKS & BELIEFS

Wednesday, 11:30am - 1:00pm

November 12, February 11, April 8

Books and Beliefs features the presentation of a book by invited authors or book review by ECW members. The books can be of a religious nature, historical basis, or inspiring fiction. Reading the selection is optional. *Interested in reserving a lunch? Details below.*

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday, 11:30am - 1:00pm

October 8, December 10, March 11, May 13

Speaker presentations feature a guest speaker and a brief meeting. Speakers can be from the broader Lexington community or from the Cathedral community. The topics offer information that strengthen and inform our participation in church and civic affairs and ministries. Come for the fellowship and friendship and stay for the education and enlightenment! *Interested in reserving a lunch? See details below.*

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Lunches are \$15 per person. The deadline to make a reservation is the Sunday before the gathering. Payment is due the day of.

If you make a reservation and do not attend, payment will still be needed.

WAYS TO MAKE A LUNCH RESERVATION:

- Scan the QR code provided
- Visit ccclex.org/ecw
- Call or email Wanda Jaquith (see page 6)



Helpful Information



HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

Love to host, plan, or serve with your hands? Each ECW meeting offers opportunities to volunteer by serving as a hostess for the gathering. Hostesses set tables, provide centerpieces if desired, and provide clean up of dishes and tables afterwards (including laundering tablecloths). Interested in learning more? Contact Pat Allen at patallen217@gmail.com

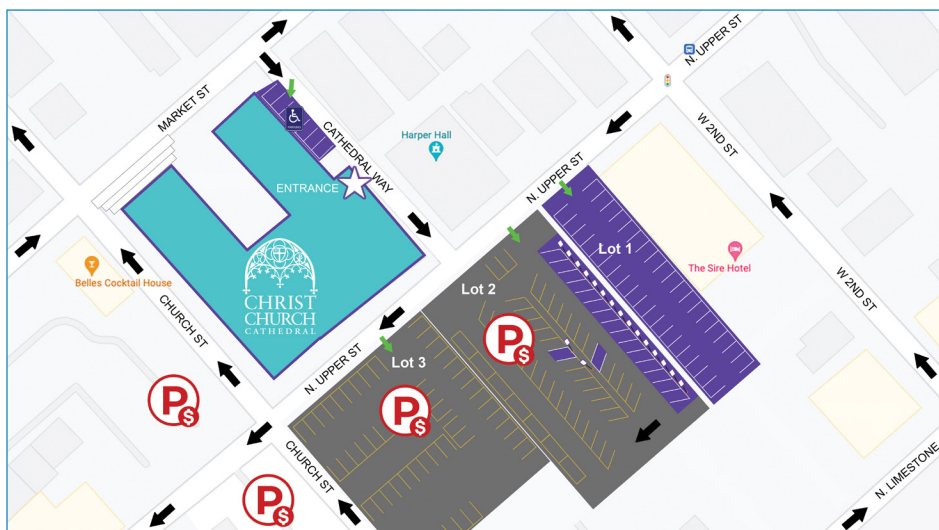
PARKING

Available Parking for ECW events (*shown in purple on the map below*):

- Spaces in Lot 2 designated with Cathedral signs
- Handicapped spaces on Cathedral Way
- Spaces in Lot 1 (by the hotel)

Parking in any other spaces will require payment.

NOTE: Payment will be required to park in Lot 1 for Tuesday, September 9 event.



STAY IN THE LOOP!

Join our ECW group on Realm and check your Realm Connect app for information and details on what's coming up and how to get involved.



Leadership

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UTO & WORSHIP

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NOTE ON BUSINESS ITEMS

New business items must be submitted in writing to the Co-Presidents *two weeks prior* to the next scheduled gathering to allow the Executive Committee time to discuss the submitted items and prepare recommendations.



THE POWER OF GENEROSITY

In this booklet, you will find a list of our contributions during the past few years and our yearly budget. None of these things would be possible without the support and generosity of women just like you.

Please prayerfully consider your financial support of Christ Church Cathedral's ECW ministries in our church, community, and around the world. We strive to provide for the needs of our clergy, church family, in Lexington, and around the world. Be a part of these efforts to serve our church and others through your financial support of ECW.

THREE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

- Visit cccllex.org/ecw and click on Donate
- Scan the QR code provided.
- Write a check* to Christ Church Cathedral, with ECW in the memo line.



*The enclosed envelope may be used for checks. You may mail it to our Treasurer or bring it to any meeting.

United Thank Offering - UTO

The UTO is an international ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. It was organized in 1871 by the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. Individuals set aside money throughout the year in thanksgiving for specific blessings and these gifts are brought to church on the designated In-Gathering Sunday to be blessed by the clergy. Grant requests made to the national church are evaluated and funded to provide ministry to men, women, and children through specific projects. The Diocese of Lexington has been the recipient of several of these grants throughout the years. The In-Gathering of donations at our Cathedral will occur once a year.



Special Projects Supported by ECW

2024-2025	Cathedral Outreach General Fund	\$2,000
2023-2024	Cathedral Outreach General Fund	\$2,000
2022-2023	St. Timothy's Episcopal Gift (for a furnace)	\$2,500
	Harrison Elementary Donation	\$2,500
	Cross Ministries Cupboard/Closet Donation	\$2,500
	CCC Gift (for sound system)	\$5,000
	CASA Donation	\$50
2021-2022	Live streaming equipment for CCC	\$10,410
	Haiti Education +Hope	\$2,000
	KY Refugee Ministries	\$2,000
	CCC Emergency Action Fund	\$2,000
	Eastern KY flood victims' relief	\$2,000
	CCC Nursery Vacuum and toy refrigerator	\$360
	Valentine supplies for Harrison Elementary	\$135
	ECW lunches for all attendees and some staff	\$384
	New computer for Great Hall AV system	\$222
2020-2021	Cross Ministries Cupboard Donation	\$2,000
2018-2019	Harrison Elementary Staff Appreciation	\$168
	Oriental Rug for Helm Building Spirituality Room	\$2845
2017-2018	Needlepoint Book Production	\$4100
	Welcome Desk Chairs	\$400
	Priest's Replacement Microphone	\$800
2016-2017	Scholarship for Junior Daughter Directress Retreat	\$700
2015-2016	Refurbishing the Wedding Room	\$2335
2014-2015	Harrison Elementary backpack program	\$560
	Fizz, Boom, Science program for Harrison Elementary	\$205
	Purchase of Priest Stole	\$281
2013-2014	2 Scholarships for Cathedral Domain camp	\$650
	Scholarship for new God's Children Sing program	\$265
2012-2013	Purchase of deacon stole	\$368
	Purchase of paper folding machine and other equipment for office staff	\$1700
2010-2011	Contribution to Great Hall new AV system	\$1000
2009-2010	Restoration of Helm picture frame	\$625
	Purchase of Curate Stole	\$250
2008-2009	Donation to the church kitchen	\$400
	Purchase of tablecloths	\$525
	Donation to Domain playground	\$1000

2025-2026 Budget



For ECW \$800

Printing & Postage	\$500
Individual Gifts and Memorials	\$300

For The Cathedral \$1200

Clergy	\$900
Receptions	\$300
*Macalester Fund	As Needed

For the Diocese & National Church \$300

ECW Triennial Fund for CCC chapter	\$100
UTO Memorial & Gift Fund Donation	\$200

For Mission & Outreach \$4525

Junior Daughters of the King	\$250
Community Cupboard/The Closet	\$750
Cathedral Outreach	\$1000
Harrison Elementary School	\$750
Guest Lunches	\$500
Honorariums (Donations to Speakers' Charities)	\$675
Domain Camp Scholarships	\$600

Total Budget \$6825

*Macalester Fund Criteria

1. Macalester Fund recipients must be women.
2. Macalester Fund recipients must be members of Christ Church Cathedral
3. Macalester Fund recipients must demonstrate a financial need.
 - a. Macalester Fund recipients with a financial need for living expenses will have primary priority and will be identified by Christ Church Clergy.
 - b. Macalester Fund recipients with a financial need for education or vocational expenses will have secondary priority and must submit a grant application.
4. Macalester Fund recipients' identities will remain anonymous.
5. Macalester Fund recipients' continued financial need will be subject to a blind review by ECW officers periodically, at least every six months.



Books & Beliefs Gatherings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 11:30am-1:00pm

Hill Women

Kentucky State legislator and author Cassie Chambers Armstrong will discuss her memoir entitled Hill Women, reflecting on the fortitude, inspiration, and acumen of Appalachian women and their families. Born into poverty in Eastern Kentucky, Cassie is a graduate of Yale & Harvard and returned home to begin her career providing free legal aid to low-income people experiencing domestic violence.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 11:30am-1:00pm

Gratz Park - The Heart of Historic Lexington

UK History Professor Dr. Jeremy Popkin and photographer Bob Willcutt highlight their collaboration on the beautiful and enlightening new book: Gratz Park - The Heart of Historic Lexington. Books will be available for purchase.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 11:30am-1:00pm

The Ideal Horsewoman of Kentucky: Josephine Clay

Jessica Whitehead, Senior Curator at the Kentucky Derby Museum, presents her research into the fascinating and unexpected life of noted Lexington horsewoman, Josephine Clay.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 11:30am-1:00pm

Geneva's Garden: Four Seasons of Beauty in Lexington's Gratz Park

Kevin Nance is a writer, photographer, and arts journalist who has exhibited in solo and group shows in Chicago, Portland, Danville, and Lexington. His hardcover coffee table book, Geneva's Garden: Four Seasons of Beauty in Lexington's Gratz Park, is a gorgeous collection of his photographs shot over the course of a year in the private garden of Elvis and Geneva Donaldson, a sylvan retreat and community hub.

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- Register for the event on the Connect App



Speaker Presentation Gatherings



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 11:30am-1:00pm

Eunice Beatty, Co-Chair of Lex250

Eunice Beatty, Co-Chair of LEX 250 Commission, talks about the past, current, and upcoming events as we celebrate Lexington's 250th birthday.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11:30am-1:00pm

Cooking with Friends Christmas Party

We will have a "Cooking with Friends" demonstration where five guest chefs from ECW will demonstrate the preparation of recipes they will share with us. We will then enjoy the food they have prepared for our lunch. The cost will be \$20 to cover the chefs' ingredient costs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 11:30am-1:00pm

Leila Salisbury - The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children & Families

Leila Salisbury, Executive Director and founder of The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families will explain the impetus and the purpose for this remarkable group and its dedicated service to our community.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 11:30am-1:00pm

Flower Arranging with Brandl Skirvin

Haven't you always been amazed at the stunning flower arrangements at Christ Church Cathedral? Well, have we got a treat for you. Please join us for a presentation by the head of our flower guild, Brandl Skirvin as he delights, surprises, and inspires us with the art of flower arranging.

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