



Volunteering to Serve

Where do I fit in? What ministries are going on? How can I help?

These are questions asked by those who are new to a congregation as well as longtime members.

Regardless of where we are in our journey of faith, we want to know how we can live out our love of God and of our neighbors through our church.

Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral offers many opportunities to answer God's call and to deepen our relationships as we do.

This booklet lists volunteer and fellowship opportunities to grow spiritually, to participate in the life of this church, and to serve God and others.

If you would like to learn more about opportunities that interest you, reach out to the contact person listed with that ministry or call the church office.

Thank you for sharing your skills, gifts, and interests as a part of the Cathedral community!

Matt Bradley
Dean of Christ Church Cathedral

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Acolytes The Acolyte Ministry is one of the oldest in the Church. It is open to adults and to young people age eight and older. An acolyte performs a variety of assignments, including lighting candles, leading processions by carrying a cross or torch, and assisting at the altar during the Eucharist. Training is available by contacting Aaron Angel, Worship Committee chair.

Altar Guild The Altar Guild prepares the worship space for liturgy. Its primary duty is to set out vessels and linens for the Eucharist on Sundays and at other services, and to clean and store them after the service. There are also occasional maintenance projects, as well as the opportunity to get involved in preparations for different liturgical seasons. Contact Tom Thill in the church office.

Archives Volunteers process, preserve, and protect the history of Christ Church Cathedral, including correspondence, pamphlets, service bulletins, financial records, and various secondary works as well as the Cathedral's large photographic collection. Contact Kay Shields Wilkinson for more information.

Bell Ringers These volunteers ring the Cathedral's tower bells before and after the principal service on Sunday morning and at other times as requested. The ring cycle is very simple, and musical talent is not needed, but the ability to pull down levers in sequence is helpful. Note that these volunteers must be able to climb the stairs to the balcony where the bell levers are located. Contact Bobbie Fritton for more information.

Buildings and Operations Committee Congregation volunteers assist in stewardship of the Cathedral's historic structures through long-range master planning and by monitoring building conditions to identify needed repairs or rehabilitation, making budget recommendations to the Chapter, and seeking grants for specific projects. Maintaining our gardens and grounds is also a part of this committee's mission. Contact John Werst for more information.

Capital Campaign Committee This committee is working to prepare for the future of the Cathedral's ministry by correcting structural and moisture infiltration issues with our buildings while also providing additional resources for key ministries. The committee plans launch the fund raising portion of the campaign in the new year. Contact Jan Margerum to determine how you might contribute to this work.

Cathedral Chronicle In 2022, the Cathedral Communication Committee began publishing a monthly and then bi-monthly parish magazine called *Cathedral Chronicle* to augment our weekly announcement tool, Parish Notes.

The *Chronicle's* goal is to offer more in-depth information and reflections. These may include reports from the various Cathedral ministries, profiles of long-time and new Cathedral members, articles of interest about Christ Church Cathedral's history, worship, and architecture, or stories about fellowship and community outreach, as well as more general reflections about faith, spirituality, literature, and social justice.

This coming year we plan to publish the quarterly in December, March, June, and September.

- **Chronicle Committee Members** Would you be willing to meet monthly to brainstorm, plan, and develop the quarterly *Chronicle* issues?
- **Managing Editor/Copyeditor** Someone to solicit, review, edit, and organize articles.
- **Writers** Do you have ideas for articles that you would like to write for the *Chronicle*? Would you be willing to write articles based on information given to you about topics or events? Would you be willing to write articles about your group, committee, or ministry?
- **Reporters** Would you be willing to interview parishioners or collect information from leaders of ministry teams?
- **Photographers** Would you be willing to take and share photos that we can use in the *Chronicle*?
- **Proofreaders** Are you good with grammar or catching typos and misspellings?

For more information about any of these roles, or if you would like to volunteer, or share your if you have ideas or questions about the Cathedral Chronicle, please stop by our table at the ministry fair or contact Fr. Edgar Wallace, redgarwallace@gmail.com or 715- 892-8286.

Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM) CLCM, with offices at 809 S 4th Street, serves our downtown neighbors in need by distributing various utility funds, personal care items, limited rental assistance, and referrals to other resources and by partnering with the Calvary Episcopal Church food pantry. It is supported by 11 churches in the area.

Christ Church Cathedral members have always been generous donors to this effort, faithfully supporting the annual spring fundraiser as well as Give for Good, and donating food and personal care items on the first Sunday ingathering. Your continued financial and material support is vital to this important work. Anyone interested in finding out more or considering volunteering for a CLCM committee can speak to Carol Syvertsen.

Chapel Leaders Chapel leaders work with a variety of clergy at midweek services of Holy Eucharist by setting up for and assisting in the administration of Communion as well as reading the Lessons and Prayers of the People. For more information, contact Aaron Angel, chair of the Worship Committee.

Church Office Volunteers These volunteers help in the church office by answering the doorbell and telephones during a weekly shift and helping with mailings and other office functions. Contact Susan Shockey in the church office for more information.

Coffee Ministry with UP Volunteers offer coffee, snacks, and conversation with clients of UP as they are waiting for admission. Volunteers serve on Wednesdays from 8:30 AM—Noon year round. For more information, please contact Mike DaRif.

Communication Committee This committee assists with internal and external communication about the Cathedral and its events, services, and ministries. Contact Kirt Jacobs for more information.

Finance Committee This committee works with the Treasurer and the Dean to oversee the financial operations of the Cathedral. Cathedral financial records are reviewed monthly to ensure the Cathedral remains on a sound financial footing. In addition, the committee is responsible for the aggregation, notation, and deposit of all financial receipts weekly, steps which require two volunteers from the parish. Contact Committee Chair John Kiesel for more information.

First Sunday Community Breakfast For over 19 years, on the first Sunday of each month, members of the Cathedral and other volunteers provide breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. Primarily our guests are people who are unsheltered, but others also hear about “the best breakfast in town” and join us. Volunteers contribute the food (eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, fruit, pastries, grits, juice, and coffee), cook it, serve it, and clean up. Our cooks arrive about 7 a.m., and servers arrive about 8 a.m. We can always use volunteers, primarily to serve and to clean up. Contact Randy Peters for more information.

Flower Arranging These volunteers arrange flowers for the sanctuary, Chapel, and other areas of the Cathedral. Tasks include considering the area where the flowers will be displayed, selecting and procuring flowers from the supplier, transporting flowers to the cathedral and conditioning them, preparing containers which will hold the flowers, finally, making the arrangement. Help with any of these tasks is welcome. For more information, contact Tom Thill in the church office.

Gardeners As part of the Buildings and Operations Committee, these volunteers help maintain our gardens and outdoor spaces. For more information, contact Louise Isaacs.

Greeters/Ushers Welcome visitors and regulars alike to our services, and help everyone participate in corporate worship. Members of this team help others find a seat or navigate the campus, present the offerings during Eucharist services, take attendance, count the offering, and straighten up books and other materials in the seat-backs and resource racks. Contact Aaron Angel, chair of the Worship Committee, for more information.

Justice Ministry Our justice work is carried out through CLOUT (Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together), a only local group of citizens organizing direct action to “Do Justice”. CLOUT’s mission is to build the power of religious congregations to solve community problems by holding systems accountable. During 2024-25 we have nearly 400 volunteers from twenty-four diverse member congregations representing over 10,000 congregants. We are currently monitoring JCPS reading proficiency testing to assure that the new phonics-based curriculum is working; monitoring the rollout of Restorative Practices to all JCPS schools; identifying a dedicated funding source for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and working with a potential partner to set up the “Louisville Village”, an organization centralizing vetted providers to help our elderly age in their own homes. This year we will take on a new issue following this fall’s 55+ House Meetings where attendees share stories of community problems that affect them or their loved ones. Contact Nick Teale to learn more.

- CLOUT’s website: cloutky.org
- CLOUT’s umbrella organization: The Direct Action Research and Training Center (DART): <https://thedartcenter.org>

Ladies’ Lunch Bunch Women of the Cathedral gather at a local restaurant on the third Thursday of each month for fun and fellowship. The focus of this group is to share a meal and get to know one another. Someone volunteers each month to pick the restaurant. The time and place are announced in *Parish Notes* and via email. For more information, contact Lea Ann Garbrough.

Eucharistic Visitors As part of the Pastoral Care Committee, Eucharistic Visitors receive special training to take communion from the Sunday Eucharist to parish members who are homebound, hospitalized, or in nursing homes. It is a truly rewarding ministry to share the congregation’s prayers and concern. For more information, contact Deacon Eva Markham.

Lay Liturgical Ministers Lectors, intercessors, and eucharistic ministers assist in leading worship through ministries of Word and Sacrament. During the liturgy, lectors read the Scriptures in a manner that allows the congregation to hear God speaking; intercessors lead the people in petitions for others; and eucharistic ministers administer the “cup of salvation.” For more information, contact Aaron Angel, chair of the Worship Committee.

Livestreaming Worship on Sunday mornings and on other special occasions, is livestreamed to enable those who are not able to join us in person to share in the life of our community. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must be able to climb the stairs to the balcony where the camera system is located. Contact Tim Tice for more information.

Men’s Lunch Group Men of the Cathedral meet on the first Wednesday of each month at various restaurants at 1:00 p.m. There is no fixed agenda—just good fellowship. All men are invited to join the group and meet fellow parishioners. For more information, contact Mike DaRif.

Music Ministry There are many opportunities for anyone interested in the Music Ministry, which is led by Austin Echols, Director of Music. Please contact Austin if you are interested in any of the following opportunities:

- The Cathedral Choir is a choir of adults who sing during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist, Evensongs, and seasonal or other special services. The Cathedral Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The choir season is generally late August through the end of May. Anyone with prior music experience is welcome to join!
- Instrumentalists are invited to let the Music Director know what instrument they play so their gifts can be incorporated in special music and anthems.
- Purchase of an anthem in honor or memory of someone is another meaningful and unique way to participate in the Music Ministry.
- Cathedral Arts helps to support the Music Ministry, section leaders, guest artists, and concerts at the Cathedral.

First Sunday Donation Delivery Members of the congregation contribute food and personal care items on the first Sunday of the month for CLCM's affiliate pantry at Calvary Episcopal Church, and volunteers deliver items that are donated. Contact Mike DaRif for more information.

Outreach Committee The Outreach Committee helps coordinate the Cathedral's outreach ministries. It looks for ways in which the Cathedral's ministries can support one another while developing new outreach opportunities. For more information, speak to Josh Edwards.

Parish Life Team – Hospitality and fellowship are the areas of focus for this committee. These volunteers recruit people to provide food, decorate, serve, and clean up for receptions, lunches, dinners, coffee hours, and picnics that are hosted by the Cathedral each year as well as receptions after funeral services held at the Cathedral, if requested. They also initiate other activities or special events to enhance the corporate life of the congregation of the Cathedral.

The team for Parish Life consists of four areas with the following contact individuals:

- **Coffee Hours: *Randy Peters***. Coffee Hour hosts provide light refreshments for the coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.
- **Receptions: *Kent Echler***
- **Luncheons: *Randy Peters***. There is, for now, one potluck lunch after the morning service on the Sunday in September when we begin the activity year, usually the second Sunday in September, and there could be others as plans change.
- **Special Events: *In Need of a Coordinator***. Special Events works with Kent Echler to set up special Parish Life events. Also coordinates with outside organizations that want to use/rent Cathedral spaces.

Parish Work Days A group of volunteers meet to perform tasks related to the upkeep of the Cathedral properties – painting, cleaning, washing windows, etc. Contact Louise Isaacs for more information.

Pastoral Care Ministry This team coordinates the provision of nurture and support within the Cathedral community by acknowledging and responding to both joys and sorrows in whatever way seems most appropriate for the specific situation. This may include hospital or home visitation; arranging for necessary transportation to the doctor, grocery, or elsewhere; sending cards or notes; making telephone calls; or providing meals through Meal Train for members/families in times of stress or need such as birth, death, hospitalization, and illness. Whatever it may take to make an individual and their family feel supported as a part of the family of Christ Church Cathedral is the task of this team. For more information, contact Jan Margerum.

Room in the Inn at the Cathedral Volunteers with Room in the Inn offer overnight hospitality in Deans' Hall to guests who are unhoused during January and February. Volunteers can choose to work one of three shifts: Welcome (5:00-10:00 PM), Overnight (10:00 PM-5:00 AM), or Breakfast (5:00-8:00 AM). For more information, contact Leta Watson

Stewardship Committee This committee assists the Dean in organizing and overseeing stewardship drives, collection of annual pledges, and special funding appeals. Contact Ashley Pasteka for more information.

Urban Partnership Formed in 2014 as a working group in the Diocese of Kentucky, the Urban Partnership is a coalition of seven Episcopal congregations aligned in collaborative partnership to support and strengthen new and ongoing ministry within the urban neighborhoods of Louisville. Christ Church Cathedral is part of this coalition. Programs supported by the Urban Partnership include shared Holy Week liturgies, Laundry Love, Christian formation series, and joint coffee hours. For more information on how to participate in the work of the Partnership, contact Dean Matt.

Worship Committee This committee works with clergy, staff, and volunteers to plan worship and special music services, recruit and train lay ministers, and educate the congregation on proposed revisions of the prayer book authorized for trial use and other new liturgies. For more information, contact Aaron Angel, chair of the Worship Committee.

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Please check any areas of interest or talent that you or members of your family are willing to share and return this form to the church office. The Parish Coordinator will connect you with the appropriate contact person.

- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Archives
- ☐ Bell Ringers
- ☐ Buildings and Operations
- ☐ Capital Campaign Committee

Cathedral Chronicle

- ☐ Managing Editor/Copyeditor
- ☐ Writer
- ☐ Reporter
- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Proofreader

- ☐ Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM)
- ☐ Chapel Leader
- ☐ Church Office Volunteer
- ☐ Coffee Ministry with UP
- ☐ Communication Committee
- ☐ Finance Committee
- ☐ First Sunday Community Breakfast
- ☐ Flower Arranging

- ☐ Gardeners
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- ☐ Ladies' Lunch Bunch
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- ☐ Lay Liturgical Ministers
- ☐ Livestreaming
- ☐ Men's Lunch Group
- ☐ Music Ministry: Cathedral Choir
- ☐ Music Ministry: Cathedral Arts
- ☐ Music Ministry: Instrumentalist
- ☐ Music Ministry: Purchase an Anthem
- ☐ Outreach Committee
- ☐ First Sunday Donation Delivery
- ☐ Parish Life Team
- ☐ Parish Work Days
- ☐ Pastoral Care Ministry
- ☐ Room in the Inn at the Cathedral
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- ☐ Urban Partnership
- ☐ Worship Committee

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