



# Parish Notes

## Christ Church Cathedral

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November 30, 2025

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### news

#### Christ Church Cathedral Welcomes Fr. Charles Myers

This Sunday the Cathedral welcomes Fr. Charles Myers, our new Associate Dean and Missioner for Outreach and Evangelism. Fr. Charles comes to us from St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Orlando, FL. His family will be moving up to join him here in Louisville toward the end of December. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him today.

#### Food Ingathering and Community Breakfast Next Sunday

The CLCM-affiliate food pantry at Calvary Episcopal Church is seeing **unprecedented** numbers of our neighbors seeking food, week after week. Your donations of shelf-stable food is most welcome. You can bring items to church next Sunday for our 1st Sunday Ingathering. Or, drop off on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-noon at Calvary side-rear door. 821 S 4th St. Monetary donations can be mailed to CLCM ("food pantry" in memo line) 809 S 4th St Lou KY 40203, or made online

<https://www.centrallouisvillecm.org/>

We will also host our monthly community breakfast next Sunday at 8:30 AM. Volunteers are always welcome to help wait tables as we serve around 120+ breakfasts to our neighbors. Please arrive at 8:15 AM in Bishops' Hall for instructions and table assignments. Or stop by at 8:30 for a meal!

#### Lessons and Carols Next Sunday, December 7 at 6 PM

Christ Church Cathedral cordially invites you to our traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Join us as we celebrate the season by hearing the story which foretells the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas in scripture and in song. A reception will follow the service in Bishops' Hall.

#### Capital Campaign Update

Nov. 17-19, Dean Matt, Jan Margerum (representing the Capital Campaign Committee), and Lee Cochran (representing the Building Assessment Committee) attended the National Fund for Sacred Places (NFSP) recipient training in Philadelphia to prepare to meet the requirements of the Cathedral's \$500,000 matching grant.

Matt and members of the Building Assessment committee will be meeting with Senler Campbell Engineering and General Restoration (the general contractor) before the end of 2025 to review their reports on needed and prioritized restoration projects and to discuss repair timelines.

As part of the National Fund grant, on Jan. 6, 2026, there will be an intake call with the Cathedral's assigned NFSP representative, who will be working with us over the next two years. This will begin quarterly check-ins on our progress with fundraising and slated repairs. Before the end of 2025, we will be meeting with our Capital Campaign consultant, Nick Sollog of the Sollog Group, to discuss planning and implementation

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of the Solicitation Phase of our campaign. Per the NFSP grant requisites, any campaign monies pledged or collected after Oct. 21, 2025, will count toward our required match of \$500,000. During the Sunday, January 25, 2026 Annual Meeting, there will be a Town Hall-style update about the NFSP matching Grant.

Thank you for your patience over the past two years as behind-the-scenes work has taken place to assess buildings, prioritize repair projects, and to research grant opportunities. We are thankful to be a recipient of the National Fund for Scared Places Grant. The Cathedral is one the 312 2025 applicants, 40 semi-finalists, and 30 cohort/recipients of their grants – and the first recipient in the state of Kentucky in their 10-year history! Onward we go, with enthusiasm for the Cathedral's future in ministry, service, and evangelism. Thanks be to God.

## updates



### You can help our neighbors experience a warmer winter

Don't forget we are collecting hats, gloves, and socks (preferably black) beginning today, November 30. Hang them on the Grinch tree in that hallway across from the office. Watch the Grinch's heart grow as we prove that Christmas is more than just gifts - it is sharing God's love with our neighbors. For more information, please contact Judy Bradley.

## Seasonal Gifts to Staff

At this time of the year, we have an opportunity to recognize, through financial gifts, the many contributions of the Cathedral staff who assist the clergy by enhancing worship or taking care of our beloved Cathedral. These financial donations will be collected through Christmas, December 25, either in the offering plates or by mail. Please designate your contribution as "staff gift" on the check's memo line or as a note with the cash gift in an envelope. You can also make a gift online by clicking on the "Donate" link on our website and choosing staff gift from the drop-down menu.

Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

John Kiesel, Senior Warden

## Volunteers Needed for new Sunday Services

The Worship Committee is asking for volunteers to help implement new contemplative 5:30pm Sunday services during the season of Advent. Each service is in need of one acolyte, one lector, and one lay or ordained officiant. These positions are not currently scheduled on the monthly Rota. If you find yourself looking for a way to deepen or diversify your spiritual life during the advent season, please reach out to Dean Matt or a current member of the Worship Committee (Aaron Angel, Hunter Lumbatis, Liam O'Daniel-Munger) for further details and /or to offer your time. *Upcoming services are planned for 12/14 and 12/21 in the chapel.*

If you have any questions, please reach out to: Liam O'Daniel-Munger at 502.744.7100.

## Room in the Inn Informational Next Session Sunday, December 7

There will be an Interest & Information Session for anyone who would like to learn about Room In The Inn (RITI) at **12:15 pm in the Nave on December 7**. From the evening of January 5 through the morning of March 2, we will once again be offering shelter in Deans Hall to up to 15 unhoused neighbors. Come learn about the program and see which part of this inspiring ministry appeals to you. This meeting is open to

those who volunteered last year and would like to participate again, as well as those who are new to RITI and would like to participate.

Sign up sheets, now posted on the bulletin board across the hall from the parish offices, list the dates and shifts when we will need volunteers. This winter we will be staffing Room in the Inn on January 5-6, 14, 23, 31 and February 5, 16, and 22. You can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who would not otherwise have a place to go by being a host on one or more of the nights listed above.

## Don't forget! CLCM : Benefit Concert and Food Pantry Donations

Carols for a Cause - a Benefit Concert for CLCM Start the holidays at this family-friendly event that benefits Central Louisville Community Ministries. **This coming Tuesday Dec 2**, come join the River Cities Concert Band for festive music and a sing-along. Location: First Unitarian Church at 809 S 4th St - plenty of parking available. Time: 7-8pm. Cost: \$20 suggested donation, more if you can, less if you can't. Refreshments will be for sale, and even Santa may stop by!

## A Day of Music! Chorale Christmas Concert Sunday Dec 7

The Louisville Master Chorale presents its Christmas concert on Sunday December 7 (yes- same Sunday as Lessons and Carols so you can have a whole afternoon and evening of glorious music and celebration!!). The Chorale is partnering with Kentucky Brass and other instrumentalists for a grand processional, brass fanfares, arrangements by Kentucky composers, pieces to honor other faith traditions and opportunities for audience and children to sing along with the orchestra and chorus. It will be a wonderful concert!

The concert is at **3 p.m. on Sunday December 7 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 3345 Lexington Road**. Tickets are \$30 with discounts for students and pre-school children come for free. Choir members Tom and Randy Peters, Stuart McCloy and Sam Soto are members of the chorus and you can get tickets from Randy, online at [www.louisvillemasterchorale.org](http://www.louisvillemasterchorale.org) or at the door.

## Midweek Noon Eucharist at the Cathedral

Join us for noon (12:00–12:30 ) services of Holy Eucharist each week at Christ Church Cathedral.

✦ Tuesday, December 1:

St. Andrew, Apostle (transferred)

Chapel Leader: Susan Shockey

Celebrant: The Rev. Edgar Wallace

✦ Tuesday, December 2: Channing Moore

Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910

Chapel Leader: Tom Thill

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles Myers

## reminders

### Opportunity for Baptism in the new year

If you are thinking about Baptism, the next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Baptism will be on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 11. If you or someone you know is interested in being Baptized or if you would like more information, please contact Dean Matt.

### Weekly Bible Study

Our weekly Bible Study is held every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) at 9 A.M. in the Chapter Room on the second floor of the Diocesan House. If you want to attend online you can also join via Zoom. Just click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/69vbtu8m>

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# In Memory of Sallie Bingham, Acclaimed Writer and Philanthropist

January 22, 1937 – August 6, 2025



Sallie Bingham, a nationally recognized author, playwright, feminist, and former Courier-Journal book editor, died August 6 at her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was 88 and was surrounded by her two sons, her sister, and her grandchildren.

Born Sarah Montague Bingham on January 22, 1937, she was the elder daughter of Barry Bingham, Sr., publisher of The Courier-Journal

and The Louisville Times, and his wife, Mary Caperton Bingham. The Bingham families were among Louisville's most prominent families, known for their leadership in journalism, civic affairs, and philanthropy.

Raised in Louisville, Ms. Bingham attended the Louisville Collegiate School before enrolling at Radcliffe College, where her literary talents began to flourish. Her first novel, *After Such Knowledge*, was published in 1961, marking the beginning of a prolific writing career that would span more than six decades. Over the years, she authored novels, short stories, plays, and memoirs that were widely praised for their insight into themes of gender, identity, and family.

Her fiction and nonfiction appeared in respected publications such as *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Yorker*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, and *Redbook*, and her short stories were selected for *The O. Henry Prize Stories*. Known for her elegant prose and unflinching voice, she became an important literary figure in American letters.

Ms. Bingham returned to Louisville in the 1970s and served as book editor at *The Courier-Journal*, a position her mother had once held. There, she championed Southern and Appalachian authors including Wendell Berry, Peter Taylor, Barbara Kingsolver, and Bobbie Ann Mason. Under her leadership, the newspaper's book section was widely regarded as one of the nation's finest outside New York and Washington.

In addition to her literary work, Ms. Bingham made enduring contributions to feminist advocacy and philanthropy. In 1985, she established the Kentucky Foundation for Women, a Louisville-based nonprofit dedicated to advancing the work of women artists and writers. One of the organization's early efforts was *The American Voice*, a literary journal edited by the late poet and professor Frederick Smock. This and other philanthropic gifts were funded by proceeds from the sale of Bingham properties in 1986.

She was also a major benefactor of Duke University, where she endowed the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture, housed within the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library. The center remains a national leader in documenting and preserving the history of women's lives and activism.

Ms. Bingham's published works include the short story collection *Transgressions* (2002), her memoirs *Passion and Prejudice* (1989), *The Blue Box: Three Lives in Letters* (2014), *Little Brother* (2022), and most recently, the historical novel *Taken by the Shawnee* (2024). A new story collection, *How Daddy Lost His Ear*, is scheduled for release this fall.

Throughout her life, she received numerous honors and fellowships from organizations including Yaddo, the MacDowell Colony, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. In 2023, she won the Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize for her story "What I Learned from Fat Annie."

Ms. Bingham was also a lifelong advocate for land preservation. In 1989, she donated a conservation easement protecting more than 400 acres of her historic Wolf Pen Farm in Oldham County. The land, adjacent to her home known as Hopscotch House, is held in trust by River Fields, Inc., a nonprofit founded in part by her mother, Mary Bingham, in 1959. River Fields' former executive director Meme Sweets Griffith said it led to "a cascade of conservation," noting that thousands of acres have been protected following Ms. Bingham's example. Ms. Bingham later gave similar easements for land she acquired near Santa Fe.

Despite living much of her later life in New Mexico, Ms. Bingham remained connected to her Kentucky roots. Her works often referenced or were set in the Commonwealth, and her philanthropy touched many corners of the state's cultural and environmental life.

She was married and divorced three times — to A. Whitney Ellsworth, founding editor of *The New York Review of Books*; attorney Michael Iovenko; and Louisville contractor Timothy Peters. All three preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Barry Bingham Ellsworth of New York City and Santa Fe, and Christopher Iovenko (Jessica Carter Iovenko) of Los Angeles; Barry Ellsworth's former wife, Camilla Motta Ellsworth, of Santa Fe; a sister, Eleanor Bingham Miller of Harrods Creek Farm, Goshen; and five grandchildren, Adriane Ellsworth (Aggrey) and Iona Ellsworth (Wenyu), both of Chicago; Ezra Iovenko of Los Angeles, and Sadie Iovenko and Michael Iovenko, both of Louisville. A third son, William Iovenko, died in 2018. Also surviving are nieces Clara Bingham (Joseph Gregory Finnerty III) of Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Emily Bingham (Stephen Reily) of Louisville; Molly Bingham of Girona, Spain, and Eleanor Hannah Miller of Louisville; and nephews Rowland A.D. Miller of New York City and Benjamin Worth Miller (Tracy Lear) of Goshen. In addition to her son, she was preceded in death by her three brothers: Worth, Barry Jr., and Jonathan Bingham, and her nephew, Robert Worth Bingham IV.

A woman of letters and action, Sallie Bingham's life was distinguished by her commitment to the arts, women's rights, and environmental stewardship. She wrote with passion, clarity, and purpose—qualities that earned her admiration far beyond her hometown.

Keith L. Runyon is the retired editorial and book pages editor of *The Courier-Journal*, where he was on the staff between 1969 and 2012. Photo Credit: Camilla Motta

# *Writing With The Angels*

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for Sallie Bingham

The steps covered with deep blue hydrangea  
cushioned your steps as you entered the celestial  
writing group, saturated in glistening stars  
and angelic song. The strong scent  
of sage and sweetgrass enveloped you.  
You did not have to knock. They were  
waiting to welcome you,  
the writer from Kentucky  
with a heart that held love for many,  
a life of generous giving,  
keen ecological conscience,  
writing for change and justice.

Writing with angels like sharing  
a tall glass of sweet tea, a decadent  
piece of chess pie, I hear you  
leading the group with sequential  
prompts and promise, making sure  
each has time to share, to revise  
to consider what is next. The sweet  
trace of joy wraps around you  
like your hand stitched friendship quilt,  
persimmons on a late autumn afternoon,  
the rolling meadows of Wolf Pen Mill Farm,  
the tranquil fragrance of a magnolia bloom.

— Virginia Lee Alcott, 2025





# Flower and Music Donations

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers and support for instrumental music for Christmas.

So that we may list names in the Christmas bulletin appropriately, please complete the following information and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Cathedral office by Sunday, **December 14**.

Thank you so much for your donations to make our worship meaningful this Christmas and throughout the year.

Make checks payable to: Christ Church Cathedral. Write Christmas flowers or Christmas music in the memo line.

*today's date* \_\_\_\_\_

*your name* \_\_\_\_\_

*address* \_\_\_\_\_

*city* \_\_\_\_\_ *zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*state* \_\_\_\_\_

*email* \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward Christmas flowers*

*I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward Christmas music*

*in memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*in honor of* \_\_\_\_\_



Please use this form  
for all donations,  
otherwise you may not be  
properly acknowledged.

If using an offering envelope,  
please also complete and  
include this form.

All donations and forms must  
be received by December 14  
to ensure being listed in the  
Christmas bulletins.

If making donations to both  
flowers and music, you may  
write one check as long as  
you designate how much  
you desire to go to each fund.  
Otherwise, the donation will  
be split equally.

# Carols for a Cause

Central Louisville Community Ministries  
Benefit Concert

Featuring  
**River Cities Concert Band**

#givingtuesday



**DECEMBER 2nd, 7-8:15 PM**

Admission:\$20 Donation per Person\*

\*(optional:more if you can, less if you can't)

**First Unitarian Church**

**809 South 4th St., Louisville, KY**

Parking available in the parking lots at the church, the library and on the street.

Light refreshments will be available.

**Contact CLCM at (502) 587-1999**

**[www.centrallouisvillecm.org](http://www.centrallouisvillecm.org)**

**[www.rivercitiesconcertband.org](http://www.rivercitiesconcertband.org)**

# We Pray . . .

Prayer is at the heart of Christian community. We use this space to bring before God and the community the needs of those we love. Please submit prayer requests for yourself and others to the church office: [info@christchurchlouky.org](mailto:info@christchurchlouky.org). We will include those names here so that the community may join you in prayer..

. . . in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the Church of Ceylon  
. . . in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. John's Church, Murray

**. . . for Cathedral members in need of healing**

Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Robert Huffman, Carlos LaGantta  
Ginger Shackleton, Dean Weller, Marcia Wilmet

**. . . for Cathedral members in our abiding prayers**

Jim & Dean, Carol Brown, Dorothy Converse, Charles Cooksey, Michael L. Foster,  
Maurice Gordon, Terry Laun & Art Embrey, Ashley Pasteka, Hollis Real,  
Ginger Shackleton, Len Sjogren, Joy Stultz, Tim Tice, Marcia Wilmet, Betty Lynn Williams

**. . . for family and friends of Cathedral members**

**requested by**

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| Clara Eskridge, Bill Smith                                                      | Matt Bradley          |
| Marge Brown                                                                     | Carol Brown           |
| David Davies, Pam Williams                                                      | Jerry Brown           |
| David Collett, Fonetta Collett, Kathleen Dina Betty Harrison                    | Melinda Collett       |
| Janet Shedd & family, Savannah Wright                                           |                       |
| Debbie, Ellis, Honey, Jessica, Jody, Larry, Marilyn, Packy                      | Jim & Becky Collings  |
| Aidon, Kelly Brown, Tom Everhart, Anne Steele, Ed Swan, Gail & Alex Ocana       | Dorothy Converse      |
| Tom & Andy Rochester                                                            | Page Curry            |
| Sophia Flores                                                                   | Michael Ellis         |
| Molly Muennich                                                                  | Cynthia Fanning       |
| John Clark, Elizabeth Foster, Michael Foster                                    | Mike Foster           |
| Ron Adams, Kathy Bischoff, Diane Flechler, Charlie Grubbs, Judy Horton          | Bobbie Fritton        |
| Phillip Koloff, Byron & Leilani Sprankle, Lindsay Tompkins, Neisja Yenawin      |                       |
| Forrest Cook, Mike Freund, Paul Fussenegger, Sr., David Hammer, Scott Livesay,  | Vance Fritton         |
| Melissa Masterson, Jenny, Lee & Walter Morris. Gibbs Reese, Alex Rohleder       |                       |
| Justin Gallahar                                                                 | Lea Ann Garbrough     |
| Rorie Guillen                                                                   | Rob Guillen           |
| Ric Hovda                                                                       | Diane Kyle            |
| Eric Zoerb                                                                      | Sissy Lanier          |
| Art, Nick & Sally, Judi, Gregg & Mary, Whitney, Elvin, Charles Raith            | Terry Laun            |
| John, Becky E., Paula Hamilton, Martha Hyatt, Dave Kalinowski, Peggy Kalinowski | Kitten Lawless        |
| Leisa, Kailey Caroline Potter, Kevin, Shay, Molly, Sammy, Noah                  |                       |
| Foster care children in the Commonwealth of Kentucky                            |                       |
| Philip Mitchell                                                                 | Hunter Lumbatis       |
| Patsy Cox, Judy Cummins                                                         | Jan Margerum          |
| David Ellis, Yihong Liu                                                         | Jerry Marsh           |
| Stephen Peters                                                                  | Tom Peters            |
| Jim                                                                             | Susan Shockey         |
| Michael, James, Joey                                                            | Tom Thill             |
| Khem Tice, Emily Tout                                                           | Tim Tice              |
| Rita, Jerry, Corbin Harris                                                      | Carolyn Van Zant      |
| Colton Rubsamen                                                                 | Ann Vellom            |
| Carolyn White                                                                   | Terry White           |
| Jared Stivers                                                                   | Kay Shields Wilkinson |
| Tom & Karen Doyle                                                               | Mike Wright           |

**. . . for those celebrating birthdays**

Frazier Marsh

**Additions or deletions to the Prayer  
Lists must be sent to Tom Thill  
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