



# Parish Notes

## Christ Church Cathedral

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### news

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

The Rev Fr Charles T. Myers is a native of Florida but has lived in Chicago, Los Angeles and returned to Florida. He graduated from Stetson University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and a Master of Divinity from Northern Seminary with an emphasis in Worship in the Urban Context and has been ordained as a priest in the Anglican / Episcopal Tradition for



eighteen years. Prior to answering the call to be the Associate Dean and Missioner for Outreach and Evangelism at Christ Church Cathedral, Fr Charles served as pastor of The Episcopal Church of St John the Baptist in Orlando FL, an African American Church that is rooted in Civil Rights

and committed to Community Rights. He also ministered with the poor, the homeless, and recovering addicts on Skid Row in Los Angeles, California planting Eucharistic Communities and serving Churches in cross-cultural contexts.

Fr Charles has partnered with community organizations and nonprofits on issues of housing, immigration, mental health, HIV testing, and fair wages. He has spoken to the powers that be through engagement with city, county, and state government as well as building relationships with state and local leaders.

“Archbishop Rowan Williams says that God has a Mission and that Mission has a Church. Like the Apostle Paul in Romans 15:16, my priestly vocation has always been defined as a missionary taking the Liberating Word of the Gospel and the richness of our Episcopal Tradition to the streets among marginalized, ostracized, the poor, and the broken. I see this same vision being expressed here at Christ Church Cathedral and I invite those who are inspired by the Spirit to join us in this journey!”

Fr Charles, his wife Monique, and son Moses are grateful to the Triune God to minister with Christ Church Cathedral in the beautiful city of Louisville, and his family will be coming to join him near the end of December. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them!

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## **Wednesday Morning UP Coffee Ministry Looking for Regular Weekly Volunteers**

If you have been at the Cathedral on Wednesday Mornings, you have likely seen or encountered our group of kind Volunteers who show up from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to make sure the UP Guests enjoy both coffee and a welcoming, friendly face. We are in need of a few more regular volunteers to make sure that ministry can continue. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Mike Dariiff or Becky Norris.

## **Chapter Notes • November 20, 2025**

### **Capital Campaign**

Dean Matt Bradley reported that the National Fund for Sacred Places (NFSP) has awarded a \$500,000 one-to-one matching grant for our Capital Campaign. Dean Bradley, Lee Cochran, and Jan Margerum attended a three-day meeting with other grantees and NFSP officials to become oriented with procedures and processes applicable to this grant. In addition, NFSP provides a supplemental \$20,000 planning grant for establishment of fund-raising activities. NFSP also provides technical and architectural consultants, as well as a dedicated contact person for the duration of the grant.

The next step is for the capital campaign team to meet with our consultant and update our campaign plan and timeline in light of the new information we have received. The congregation will receive a full presentation on our new plans at the annual meeting in January.

### **Associate Dean Search**

Dean Bradley previously announced to the parish that Father Charles Myers of Orlando, Florida, has accepted our call to fill the Associate Dean position. He will arrive in town during the week of November 24 and will be present at the Sunday service on November 30.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kay Shields Wilkinson informed the Chapter that the Cathedral was in a good financial position at the end of October. Regarding the preliminary budget development, she noted that many pledges have been received; however, fifteen households which pledged last

year have not yet submitted pledges for 20226. Chapter members will contact each of these pledging households prior to the December Chapter meeting.

### **Speaker System Update**

The Cathedral has received the quotes for the purchase and installation of the speakers and the electrical work for the wiring component. Dean Bradley will contact individuals who have expressed an interest in contributing to this work and report back to the Chapter.

### **Property Issues**

John Werst reported that the grilles on two air return vents located in the west area of the Nave are in need of removal and cleaning. The Chapter authorized that maintenance.

### **Room in the Inn Louisville**

Dean Matt announced that overnight services for unhoused women and their minor children will begin January 5, 2026. The Chapter decided for parish members to staff the Cathedral site on the opening night (January 5) and commit to staff at least one night per week during the duration of the program.

### **Safety Plans and Procedures**

Tara Durnil presented the complete Safety Plans and Procedures for review and acceptance. Several minor issues were identified for resolution. The Chapter accepted the Safety Plans and Procedures with revision.

### **Seasonal Employee Gifts**

The annual seasonal collection to recognize all non-clergy employees for their service to the clergy and Cathedral will begin on Sunday, November 30, and conclude at the service Christmas morning. Contributions can be submitted either in the offering plates or by mail.

### **Development of Strategies Identified at the Retreat**

At its July Retreat, the Chapter identified six areas of specific strategies for action by Chapter members. These six areas are Membership Growth, Staff Growth, Successful Capital Campaign, Chapter-Led Volunteer Committees/Structure, Growth in Electronic/Virtual Presence, and Financial Growth to Support These Goals. All Chapter members were equally distributed

among these working groups, and each group has begun its activities with four of the six groups providing their initial reports.

— John L. Kiesel, Senior Warden

## updates

### Room in the Inn Informational Session after worship today!

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 today. 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 Lessons and Carols this evening at 6 PM!

Christ Church Cathedral cordially invites you to our traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols tonight at 6 PM. 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.

### Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets This Week

The ladies lunch bunch will meet this Thursday, December 18th at The Service Station at 208 Burnett Ave, Louisville, at 11:45 AM. Please email Lea Ann Garbrough at [lgarbrough@att.net](mailto:lgarbrough@att.net) or call her at 502-550-8646 to RSVP. Come get warm and have warm conversations. Hope to see all there!

### 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 9: Propers for 2 Advent  
Chapel Leader: Page Curry

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley

✦ Wednesday, December 10: Thomas Merton  
Chapel Leader: Carolyn Van Zant

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Jason Lewis

### The Parish Office is looking for one or two Volunteers to staff the Office

During the Christmas Season, we are looking for one or two volunteers to fill in for a couple of dates. We need a Volunteer for Tuesday December 16 and for Tuesday December 30. If you are available and would like to help, please reach out to Susan. Thank you to all who volunteer!

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# ADVENT



**Lessons & Carols**

December 7, 2025 • 6 pm



**You can help  
our neighbors  
experience a  
warmer winter!**

**Have you  
noticed that the  
Grinch's heart  
is expanding?**

Don't forget we are collecting hats, gloves, and socks (preferably black). 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.*

### **A Day of Music! Chorale Christmas Concert at 3 PM Today**

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. this afternoon at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 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.

## *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>

### **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 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 Sacred 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.





# *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.

# 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 Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba  
. . . in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Church of the Advent, Louisville

## . . . **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**

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 Sprinkle, Lindsay Tompkins, Neisja Yenawin	
Forrest Cook, Karen Dickinson, Mike Freund, Paul Fussenegger, Sr., David Hammer, Julie Jones	Vance Fritton
Scott Livesay, 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 Leisa, Kailey	Kitten Lawless
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**

Susan Teal, Alexis Barbieri

## . . . **for those celebrating anniversaries**

Jim Watkins & Dean Weller

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