

LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER

February 4-22

Season of Epiphany



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LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY @ UK & BCTC  
welcomes all college students into an open and supportive Christian  
environment as people of God. LECM PROVIDES +++ Spiritual, social,  
and service opportunities. +++ Exploration, questioning, and responses  
to issues of faith. +++ A gathering place to rejoice in worshipping the  
living God.

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- + WORSHIP & MEAL
- + God's Pantry-Food Drive
- + QUEST PRIESTS
- + LECM COMMUNITY NITES
- + BYOB Bible Study (Starts Monday, Feb. 9, 7PM)
- + PR. BARRY ON CAMPUS
- + LECM'S HAPPENINGS CALENDER

+WORD 4 THE WEEK  
+LUTHERAN & EPISCOPAL CHURCHES/LEXINGTON  
+FREE Wi-Fi available at St. Augustine's  
+LECM'S website: <[www.uklecm.com](http://www.uklecm.com)>

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WORSHIP & MEAL!

Join sisters and brothers in Christ for worship and a home-cooked meal  
Sundays, 5:35pm, St. Augustine's, 472 Rose St. 'your place is set at  
the table'.

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GOD'S PANTRY-FOOD DRIVE

Help the UK Social Work Association and its **FOOD DRIVE 4 GOD'S  
PANTRY!** You are invited to bring canned goods to LECM's worship  
services **SUNDAY, FEB. 8 & 15.** The goal is to receive 30,000 lbs of food  
for God's people who are in need of basic nourishment. This is a friendly  
competition with Transylvania who bested UK last year. Help UK do its  
best to reduce hunger in and around Lexington.

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QUEST PRIEST  
THIS SUNDAY

The LECM Board has decided to invite Episcopal Priests from the area to  
provide worship leadership at least once a month for **LECM'S** worship.  
This will provide LECM with a diverse leadership reflecting our identity  
as a Lutheran-Episcopal campus ministry. **LECM** will welcome **the Rev.  
Rob Slocum of Danville, THIS Sunday, Feb. 8.** Please give Fr. Slocum a  
warm LECM welcome!

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NEED A LISTENING EAR?

Pr. Barry is available for a listening ear, a free cup of coffee or beverage of your choice, and for a chat. As you know Pr. Barry is on campus on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 1:30-3pm at the Whitehall classroom building, but he is also available at other times. Conversation is free and confidential.

Please free feel to contact him for a visit or stop by his office at St. Augustine's, his office hours are M-T-W-F, 9:30am-12:30pm.

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BYOB BIBLE STUDY!  
R U READY 2 START?

Do you have questions about the bible? Do you struggle with some of what is written in the bible? Do you desire dialogue and not a monologue with the biblical texts? Do you want to argue with a text? Get ready for BYOB (BringYourOwnBrain) Bible Study is for you.

BYOB bible study will begin MONDAY, FEB. 9, 7PM, ST. A'S and meet every other Monday night. Kathryn Varney has agreed to be the Bible Study leader and promises the study will be completed by the time HEROES comes on. Thanks Kathryn for your leadership!

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LECM HAPPENINGS

THIS Saturday, Feb. 7 thru Saturday, Feb. 14, pr. Barry will BE gone on vacation.

THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 8, 5:35pm---Worship & Meal---The Rev. Rob Slocum providing worship leadership.

Mondays, 12:45-2:45pm, Campus Crusade Prayer gathering @ St. A's.

MONDAY, Feb. 9, 7pm, BYOB bible study—see above

SUNDAY, Feb. 15, 5:35pm, Worship and following LECM will GO OUT  
4 DINNER

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7:30pm, LECM Board meets @ St. A's.

Thursday, Feb. 19 thru Saturday, Feb. 21—The Diocese of Lexington  
Annual Convention.

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And they (disciples) they went  
And woke him up, saying,  
"Lord save us! We are perishing!"  
Matt. 8:25

The last week and a half, winter blew in with a vengeance across the Bluegrass. Wind, ice, snow, rain, and freezing temps played havoc with our normal routines. Power lines brought down and 100's of thousands without electricity. School closings, even UK for a day and a half, a blessing to many, a hardship for others.

As I journeyed was out and about, I noticed creation taking a hit again. Ice, a quarter of inch or more, clung around every branch, blade of grass, wires, and anything left to the elements. Trees were bent and some even bowed and touched the ground under the weight...I wondered, 'would they break and snap in two' or 'would they be brought back to their upright position?' Who could tell what would happen?

Then, Sunday, a reprieve as the mid 50's in temps blessed the bluegrass. The melt started and yes, those bent trees began to come back to their

previous position though they would feel the strain. Spring will tell even more.

Dear students, how like those trees are we!

You life encounters storms of varying magnitude. A broken relationship, a failing grade, an unexpected illness, a family tragedy, a friend's disappointment, a crashed computer, a threatening future, homesickness, all can bend your life. You wonder if you will spring back or break under all the stress and strains of being a student. You want to shake it all off, but can not do it on your own.

Then a professor's word of encouragement comes and lifts the load. Out of the blue a friend calls and invites you to lunch and asks how you are doing. In a class where you have struggled, you receive an 'aha!' moment and you stand up straighter. The relationship which is strained is eased with a conversation which includes an I'm sorry.

Our lives are bent, sometimes broken, but the presence of a gracious God is always there.

God is there for you...always....even in the storms of life....thanks be!

Please pray with me: Jesus, you are in the midst of these student's storms. Encourage them with your presence. Strengthen their faith through your Spirit Holy. Grace them with support. Deliver them from the storm. Preserve them this day. Thanks. Amen.

Held in God's loving grip,  
Pr. Barry+

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*"The Holy Spirit is no respecter of our comfort zones!" Madeleine L'Engle*

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EPISCOPAL CHURCHES IN LEXINGTON

Christ Church Cathedral 66 Market St.	HE 7:30, 8:30, 11am 254-4497
Good Shepherd 533 E. Main St.	HE 7:45, 9 & 11:15 252-1744
St. Andrews 401 North Upper St.	HE 10:30am 254-8325
St. Michael's 2025 Bellefonte Dr.	HE 8, 9, & 11:15am & 6pm 277-7511
St. Raphael's 1891 Parkers Mill Rd.	HE 8:30 & 10:30 255-4987
Resurrection (Nicholasville) 3220 Lexington Rd.	HE 8:30 & 10:30 885-6391

LUTHERAN (ELCA) CHURCHES IN LEXINGTON

Faith 6pm 1000 Tates Creek Rd.	Holy Communion 8:30, 11, & 266-7621
Gethsemane 2185 Garden Springs	Holy Communion 9 & 11:15 277-6096
Word of Hope 10:45am 1870 Armstrong Mill Rd.	Holy Communion 8:15 & 272-8515

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