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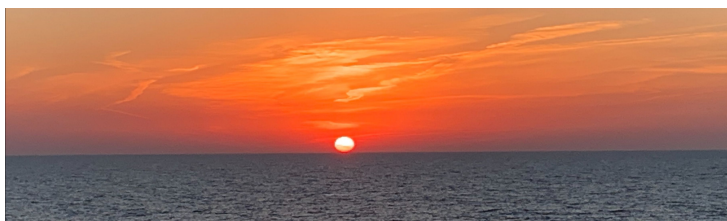


Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Chicago

Connections

Dear Lord Jesus, bring your family together in your love until all the world is one family. Amen



This is the final 2022 edition of our quarterly newsletter, but we will share more in 2023 and beyond. Please let us know your thoughts, questions, fondest dreams for ECW at your parish and your diocese, or even at the province or national level (yes, those levels exist, too). Email me, Jane Schenck, at president@ecwchicago.org.

Your Diocesan Board is planning the following 2023 events:

- a Spring time Annual Meeting/Altar Guild Conference, which will be a full day with a lunch and Eucharist. Jane Schenck is leading the planning of this event which will have the Annual Meeting and elections in the morning, and the Altar Guild Conference after lunch. We are looking for a west suburban church with easy access to trains and highways, as well as good livestreaming equipment for a Zoom hybrid event.
- a Fall speaker series focused on hunger issues. We will publish details as plans take shape. Diane Edwards is leading the planning on this, so share any ideas for speakers with her at membership@ecwchicago.org.

By the way, you don't have to join the ECW Board to get involved with events. Contact me if you want to help at president@ecwchicago.org

2022 Grant

The Outreach team met to review the one application for a grant submitted. The details will be announced in our Q1 2023 Connections.

Distinguished Woman Celebration



On October 16th, we gathered at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville, Illinois to honor and celebrate our Distinguished Woman from the Diocese of Chicago for the Triennial, Susie Brock. Jane Schenck, as President of the ECW-Chicago Diocesan Board, presented Susie with her Distinguished Woman pin, certificate and other gifts from the National ECW. Mtr. Kristin Saylor, Rector of St. Lawrence, read a letter to Susie from our new bishop, Paula Clark, and Susie's whole faith family celebrated with her. Also present from the ECW-Chicago Board were Linda Toberman and Diane Edwards. A group of ten adjourned after the Eucharist to a nearby Egg Harbor restaurant to continue the celebration over brunch.



Fall Retreat 2022
DeKoven Retreat Center - Racine, WI - October 21-23

The Retreat team adopted the theme of "**Come Away to a Quiet Place**" and developed a program which focused on building spiritual resilience during these difficult times using different types of Christian meditation. The program workshops and presenters were:

- A History of Christian Meditation - Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts
- A Guided Image Tour - Rev. Trilby Murray
- Meditation Techniques - activity-based meditation - Rev. Eileen Shanley Roberts
- Meditation Techniques, including chair yoga - Linda Tinson
- Worldwide Community for Christian Meditation technique - Joan Binder

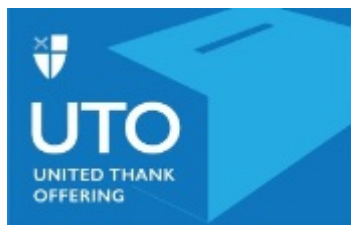
The weather was glorious "Indian Summer", so participants took advantage of the beautiful grounds and the Peace Labyrinth. It was pure joy to be in that beloved place of quiet for a few refreshing days, as reflected in the event ratings and comments:

- *Well worth time and money*
- *Loved it*
- *I really enjoyed this day. Inspired by the setting, the topics explored, meeting people who are welcoming and engaged.*
- *Wonderful!*

At this point, we are not planning to hold another retreat next year, but certainly will be back again in the coming years.

Your Retreat Team: Judi Jordan, Trilby Murray, Eileen Shanley-Roberts, Laurel Shine, Vicky Syren, Jane Schenck (Chair) and the Holy Spirit.

From Our Sister Ministries:



Thanks to all of you who have begun blessing others with your contributions to UTO.

November is a special time to be grateful. It is a time for our United Thank Offering, Fall Ingatherings, when we bring our donations and blue boxes to church.

Here is a link where you can find **How to host an ingathering:**

<https://unitedthankoffering.com/ingathering/>

At the bottom of the page please register your church information, and send me the name of your church, your coordinator and city.

To find several November, resources for Adults, Children and books use the link below.

<https://unitedthankoffering.com/november/>

Please send your contributions/checks to the address below before December 10th, 2022

The United Thank Offering / DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church

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Ministry of the Written Word

Church Periodical Club (CPC) is an independent affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church dedicated solely to providing free literature (in all available formats) and related materials, both religious and secular, to people all over the world who need and request them through an annual grant process and who have no other source for obtaining them.

We need donations for these funds:

- Children's grants MOP (Miles of Pennies program) of grants up to \$844.80 which is granted throughout the year;
- Adult grants NBF (National Books Fund) which are granted once a year in June which included grants for seminarians through their seminary; and
- General Fund which holds money not designated for other purposes.

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