

# 2024 EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN HANDBOOK / CALENDAR



Our **Logo** of the **Cross** represents our life in **Christ** and our **Service** to him in the world. The **Circle** stands for our **Hope** for **Wholeness** in our lives and for others. The **Out-flowing Lines** from the center depict the many **Works** of the ECW, going into the World. The **Lines Intertwined** with and coming from the center of the cross represent Our Lives **centered in Christ**.

## ECW PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.

## ECW CLOSING PRAYER

May God be within us to refresh us; around us to protect us; before us to guide us; above us to hold us up; who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

## UTO PRAYER

Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers of your harvest. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that inspire the work of the United Thank Offering. May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to address the needs of our ever-changing world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow. Amen

## ALABAMA ECW MISSION STATEMENT

To empower, motivate, and nurture the women of the Diocese of Alabama in utilizing their gifts and talents to serve Christ in this world.

## ECW MISSION STATEMENT

We are Episcopal Church Women committed to one another and called to be witnesses of Christ. Our challenge is to provide a safe place where every woman is free to become the person Christ created her to be. We are called. We are different. We are one body.

## Dear Friends:

I am grateful for the Episcopal Church Women and their ministry in our Diocese. The ECW is present to help us all celebrate each Sunday, through good times and hard times, to encourage us with wonderful food, beautiful flowers, contagious smiles, welcoming hands, loving hearts and countless gifts. They are faithful in so much, most of all in their prayers.

In Matthew, when Jesus teaches us to pray, he says we should pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." A friend of mine abbreviates that to "make up there, come down here." In other words, bring heaven to earth, wherever you can. As far as I can tell that's exactly what ECW does. The ECW bring heaven to earth in so many ways, we can all be grateful for them and to them.

In my travels, I often see the ECW behind the scenes in the kitchens, nurseries, parish halls and sacristies of our 87 churches, doing their best to help everyone worship, fellowship, have meals together, without fuss or worry. They are the hands and hearts we count on. In other words, they're working to bless us, even as they are extraordinary blessings. In the pages of this beautiful calendar, once again they've created a way we can remember to be grateful for all of life, each day. Giving thanks each day is a proven spiritual practice recommended and encouraged by the apostle Paul. He tells us in Philippians that giving thanks in all things can also help us find the peace of God that passes all understanding.

One way to develop a practice of gratitude is to name three things for which you are grateful at the close of every day. Write them down, share your list with someone in your family, a friend or savor it yourself. Chances are a gratitude list could become a habit. I am always surprised at how easy it is to overlook my blessings.

As we walk through the days of 2024, let us give thanks for the blessings God so richly gives us in creation, for our life, love, work, disappointment and failure, for accomplishments and efforts, for family, friends, and the loving care that surrounds us on every side in Christ Jesus our Lord. May we know Jesus Christ and make him known and at all times and in all places, may we remember to give thanks to God.



Bishop G visiting Holy Comforter, Montgomery, working with the artists at the Many Colors Art Collective

Blessings, +G

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Province 4 Retreat at Camp Weed

## *Live in Gratitude, Walk in Faith*

Being a part of ECW and all of the women who love and serve faithfully throughout our Diocese is something I am so grateful to be a part of. It all started with an invitation to come to church and join a bible study, and over the years, I have been blessed beyond measure to participate in so many wonderful parts of ECW both in my own parish and the Diocese. And it is through this love and service that I have grown to Live in Gratitude and Walk in Faith.

Like the cover of our calendar, the heart is such an integral part of our faith and has grown to represent all that ECW stands for. The ECW heart is a beautiful mosaic made up of so many colors that come together to form a grateful heart. The colors in the heart represents each woman that is a part of ECW, bringing her own unique set of gifts and talents. And this heart is the foundation of our parishes and Diocese as we all come together to love and serve God with a grateful heart through ECW.

The path represents our own unique faith journey, and along the path is a grateful heart to help guide our steps. It is through the lens of having a grateful heart that we are able to see how God is guiding and directing our steps. As our paths all come together collectively through our love of ECW and with the generosity that comes with having a grateful heart to serve as our guide, we are able to all come together as we Live in Gratitude and Walk in Faith in the love and service of Jesus Christ..

With a Grateful Heart,  
Lori A. Smith  
ECW President  
2024-2025



Province 4 Retreat at Camp Weed

Lori Smith, Linda Kennedy, Karen Patterson, Annie Jacobs, Fran Bramblette, Maggie Noland

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Visit our Facebook page: Alabama ECW – Episcopal Church Women



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Visit The Alabama Daughters of the King website:  
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# GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS

- A **Province** is made up of Dioceses in general proximity. There are nine provinces within the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Alabama resides in Province IV.

## Province IV

Province IV is the largest of the Episcopal provinces, comprised of twenty dioceses in nine Southeastern states. This province is also called “the Province of Sewanee,” after the School of Theology of the University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tennessee. Dioceses in this province include: Alabama, Atlanta, Central Florida, the Central Gulf Coast, East Carolina, East Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Tennessee, Upper South Carolina, West Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and Lexington.



- A **Diocese** is a number of congregations within a geographical area, under the jurisdiction of a Bishop.
- A **Convocation (or Deaneries)** represent a number of Parishes in a general geographical area, meeting and working together. The Diocese of Alabama has seven Convocations.
- A **Parish** is a community of people who worship and work together. A Parish is generally self-supporting.
- **General Convention** is held every three years to decide the general program for the Church. The legislative body is composed of two houses: House of Bishops (all Bishops active or retired) and House of Deputies (four clergy and four lay leaders elected by each Diocese and jurisdiction). The 41 member Executive Council carries out Church policy and meets quarterly between Conventions. The 193rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama will be held in Montgomery on Feb. 8-10, 2024 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Montgomery

**ECW Triennial** is the meeting of the Episcopal Church Women held concurrently with General Convention every three years. Province IV meetings are held the first week in June each year. The 51st ECW Triennial will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on June 20th-28th, 2024.

- From 1874-1958, the Women’s Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church served women’s ministries. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) was founded in 1958. Episcopal Church Women are all ages, ethnic origins and socio-economic backgrounds with the common denominators being our love of God and the wish to do His work. The Mission is to empower women to do Christ’s ministry in the world with the Vision that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the Church.
- During Triennial, United Thank Offering (UTO) grants are announced, leadership training is available and national church issues discussed. The national ECW website can be found at [ecwnational.org](http://ecwnational.org).
- Our National and Province Presidents are:  
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# JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6 <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
7 <i>The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 ML King Jr Day	16	17	18 <i>The Confession of Saint Peter The Apostle</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31			



# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>The First Sunday in Lent</i>	19 <i>President's Day</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Saint Matthias The Apostle</i>
25 <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i>	26	27	28	29		

# MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>  <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day  <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	18	19	20 <i>Spring Equinox (First Day of Spring)</i>	21	22	23
24  <i>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</i>	25 <i>Saint Joseph Holy Week</i>	26 <i>Holy Week</i>	27 <i>Holy Week</i>	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
31  <i>The Sunday of Resurrection: Easter Sunday</i>						

# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Easter Week</i>	2 <i>Easter Week</i>	3 <i>Easter Week</i>	4 <i>Easter Week</i>	5 <i>Easter Week</i>	6 <i>Easter Week</i>
7	8 <i>The Anunciation of our Lord, Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Patriots Day</i>	16 <i>Emancipation Day</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Earth Day Passover</i>	23	24	25 <i>Saint Mark The Evangelist</i>	26	27
28	29	30				

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# MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James</i>	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9 <i>Ascension Day</i>	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday</i>	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ember Day</i>	

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# JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Saint Barnabas The Apostle</i>	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21 Summer Solstice (First Day of Summer)	22
23	24 <i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i>	25	26	27	28	29 Armed Forces Day  <i>The Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul</i>
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# JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i>	23	24	25 <i>Saint James The Apostle</i>	26	27
28 Parent's Day	29	30	31			

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# AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Saint Mary The Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Saint Bartholomew The Apostle</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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# SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Grandparents Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
22 Autumnal Equinox (First Day of Fall)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Saint Michael and All Angels</i>					

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# OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 <i>Saint Luke The Evangelist</i>	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles</i>	29	30	31 Halloween		

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# NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 All Saints' Day	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30 <i>Saint Andrew The Apostle</i>

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# DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day
8 <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice (Winter Begins)  Saint Thomas The Apostle
22 <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:</i> CHRISTMAS DAY	26 <i>Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</i>	27 <i>Saint John Apostle and Evangelist</i>	28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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# JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day  <i>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	2	3	4
5	6  <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12  <i>The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18  <i>The Confession of Saint Peter The Apostle</i>
19	20 ML King Jr Day Inauguration Day	21	22	23	24	25  <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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# FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 <i>The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Saint Matthias The Apostle</i>	25	26	27	28	

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# MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
9 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>  <i>The First Sunday in Lent</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16  <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i>	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19  <i>Saint Joseph</i>	20	21	22
23  <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	24	25 <i>St. Joseph's</i>  <i>The Annunciation of our Lord, Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	26	27	28	29
30  <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	31					

# APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12 Passover
13 <i>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</i>	14 Patriots Day <i>Holy Week</i>	15 <i>Holy Week</i>	16 <i>Holy Week</i>	17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
20 <i>The Sunday of Resurrection: Easter Sunday</i>	21 <i>Easter Week</i>	22 Earth Day <i>Easter Week</i>	23 <i>Easter Week</i>	24 <i>Easter Week</i>	25 <i>Saint Mark The Evangelist</i> <i>Easter Week</i>	26 <i>Easter Week</i>
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# MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 National Day of Prayer  <i>The Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James</i>	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31  <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ember Day</i>

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# AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Saint Mary The Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Saint Bartholomew The Apostle</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14 Holy Cross Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 Autumnal Equinox (First Day of Fall)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Saint Michael and All Angels	30				

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# OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Saint Luke The Evangelist</i>
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	24	25
26 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	27	28 <i>Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles</i>	29	30	31 Halloween	

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# NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  All Saints' Day
2  Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30  <i>Saint Andrew The Apostle</i>  First Sunday of Advent	31					

# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day  <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Winter Solstice (Winter Begins)</i> <i>Saint Thomas The Apostle</i> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25  <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:</i> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	26  <i>Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</i>	27  <i>Saint John Apostle and Evangelist</i>
28  <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	29	30 New Year's Eve	31			

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## ANNUAL ECW SCHEDULE

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Alabama Diocesan ECW sponsors an annual conference to facilitate fun/fellowship and a business meeting to elect/install the Diocesan Board. Each Parish should send two voting delegates to the business meeting. Information and registration forms are available from your Convocation Coordinator or at [www.alabamaecw.org](http://www.alabamaecw.org). Our conference is open to all people of the Diocese. Clergy are encouraged to attend.

### CONFERENCE HOST SCHEDULE

2024 CHEAHA	2028 BLACK BELT
2025 MONTGOMERY	2029 BIRMINGHAM
2026 MOUNTAIN	2030 TENNESSEE VALLEY
2027 EAST ALABAMA	

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## ALABAMA CONVOCATIONS

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### BIRMINGHAM

Alabaster . . . . .	Holy Spirit 2002
Bessemer . . . . .	Trinity 1887
Birmingham . . . . .	Cathedral Church of the Advent 1872
	All Saints 1928
	Ascension 1953
	Grace 1889
	St. Alban's 1961
	St. Andrew's 1904
	St. Luke's 1949
	St. Mark's 1891
	St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands 1887
	St. Martin's in the Pines 1955
	St. Stephen's 1973
	St. Thomas 1991
Chelsea . . . . .	St. Catherine's 2009
Fairfield . . . . .	Christ Church 1929
Hoover . . . . .	Holy Apostles 1995
Indian Springs . . . . .	St. Francis of Assisi 1980
Jasper . . . . .	St. Mary's 1922
Leeds . . . . .	Epiphany 1980
Montevallo . . . . .	St. Andrew's 1860
Trussville . . . . .	Holy Cross 1942
Worship Community . . . . .	The Abbey 2014



## **BLACK BELT**

Boligee . . . . .	St. Mark's 1852
Demopolis . . . . .	Trinity 1834
Eutaw . . . . .	St. Stephen's 1845
Faunsdale . . . . .	St. Michael's 1844
Fayette. . . . .	St. Michael's 1969
Forkland. . . . .	St. John's on the Prairie 1834
Gainesville . . . . .	St. Alban's 1879
Greensboro . . . . .	St. Paul's 1830
Livingston . . . . .	St. James 1836
Marion . . . . .	St. Wilfrid's 1838
Selma . . . . .	St. Paul's 1838
Tuscaloosa . . . . .	Canterbury 1951
	Christ Church 1828
	St. Matthias 1961
Uniontown . . . . .	Holy Cross 1837

## **CHEAHA**

Alpine . . . . .	Trinity 1917
Anniston . . . . .	Grace 1881
	St. Michael's and All Angels 1887
Childersburg . . . . .	St. Mary's 1949
Heflin . . . . .	Messiah 1980
Jacksonville . . . . .	St. Luke's 1884
Pell City . . . . .	St. Simon Peter 1975
Sylacauga . . . . .	St. Andrew's 1896
Talladega . . . . .	St. Peter's 1850
Worship Community: . . . . .	St. Matthew's-in-the-Pines 1951

## **EAST ALABAMA**

Alexander City . . . . .	St. James 1946
Auburn . . . . .	Holy Trinity 1848
	St. Dunstan's 1957
Opelika . . . . .	Emmanuel 1858
Roanoke. . . . .	St. Barnabas 1955
Smith's Station . . . . .	St. Stephen's 1955
Tuskegee . . . . .	St. Andrew's 1912

## MONTGOMERY

Carlowville . . . . .	St. Paul's 1838
Clanton . . . . .	Trinity 1995
Lowndesboro . . . . .	St. Paul's 1856
Millbrook . . . . .	St. Michael's and All Angels 1953
Montgomery . . . . .	All Saints 1957
	Ascension 1909
	Good Shepherd 1900
	Holy Comforter 1864
	St. John's 1834
	Pike Road Grace 1893
Prattville. . . . .	St. Mark's 1859
Tallassee. . . . .	Epiphany 2008
Wetumpka . . . . .	Trinity 1947

## MOUNTAIN

Albertville . . . . .	Christ Church 1947
Fort Payne . . . . .	St. Phillip's 1955
Gadsden . . . . .	Holy Comforter 1888
Guntersville . . . . .	Epiphany 1905
Mentone . . . . .	St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain 1972
Oneonta. . . . .	Calvary 2002
Rainbow City . . . . .	Resurrection 1971
Scottsboro. . . . .	St. Luke's 1879

## TENNESSEE VALLEY

Athens. . . . .	St. Timothy 1867
Cullman. . . . .	Grace 1949
Decatur . . . . .	Good Shepherd 1995
	St. John's 1890
Florence. . . . .	St. Bartholomew's 1962
	Trinity 1836
Hartselle . . . . .	St. Barnabas 1985
Huntsville . . . . .	Holy Cross 1955
	Nativity 1843
	St. Stephen's 1963
	St. Thomas 1958
Madison. . . . .	St. Matthew's 1991
Sheffield. . . . .	Grace 1887

## EACH CONVOCATION:

- *Elects a Coordinator to serve a two-year term on the Diocesan Board*
- *Elects other officers for affairs of their Convocations as needed*
- *Meets yearly for worship, study and fellowship*
- *Hosts the Annual Conference or special event once every seven years*
- *Please contact your convocation coordinator in regard to annual convocation dues*

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## ANNUAL DIOCESAN ECW CONTRIBUTIONS

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Every year, each Parish should consider the amount they can contribute by their ABILITY and WILLINGNESS to give. More money equals more good works done in the Diocese, the nation and the world. Your annual contribution to the Diocesan ECW is customarily received in January. For questions regarding ECW contributions please contact the Diocesan ECW Treasurer. Please make your checks payable to Episcopal Church Women, marked Proportionate Giving on the memo line.

Mail to: Episcopal Church Women  
Diocese of Alabama  
521 North 20th St.  
Birmingham, AL 35203-2611

Annual gifts may also be given to the **ECW College Scholarship Fund, the Women at the Well Scholarship Fund, the Church Periodical Club (CPC) and the United Thank Offering (UTO).**

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## MEMORIAL ROLL

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Each Parish should submit to the Diocesan Treasurer the names of any Parish women who have died between September 1st of the previous year and September 1st of the current year to be included in our Book of Remembrance, which is on display during our annual Conference. The names are read during our conference service. Please print or type name in capital letters - first name, maiden name and last name.

**Memorial Gifts** accompanying name(s) will be added to the ECW College Scholarship Fund. Make **checks payable to Episcopal Church Women** with **Memorial Roll** on the **memo line**.

Mail to: Episcopal Church Women  
Diocese of Alabama  
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Birmingham, AL 35203-2611

Some Parishes send a designated amount each year in memory of their departed Parishioners. Please provide the following information for memorial gifts: who the gift is in honor or memory of, whom to notify about the gift and their address, who is giving the gift and their address. **Please make checks payable to Episcopal Church Women** with **Memorial Gift** on the **memo line**.

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# GRATEFUL FOR OUR DIOCESAN ECW

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## ANNUAL ECW BOARD LUNCHEON



## ECW FALL CONFERENCE



## SPRING CONVOCATION MEETINGS



## SERVING A STAFF MEAL AT SAWYERVILLE DAY CAMP



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## THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

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The Church Periodical Club (CPC) was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo. While on a trip to the Dakotas, she learned of the great need for Bibles and other inspirational literature. Mrs. Fargo and her friends at the Church of the Holy Communion-New York sent bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers. From these small beginnings the network of CPC has spread throughout the Anglican Church. The mission of Alabama's CPC is to provide funds to assist seminarians from the Diocese of Alabama. The first Sunday in May is traditionally our day of observance, but each Parish may choose their own day. Contributions are divided and distributed each Fall.



Jennifer & Alaina Alexander  
Holy Cross, Trussville

Contributions may be made to ECW, Diocese of Alabama with **CPC on the memo line.**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** have been given by ECW since before 1900 due to a request from Bishop Richard Hooker Wilmer to John Ward Noble to enable daughters of Diocesan clergy to attend the Noble Institute, a school for girls. Since that time other funds have been established by Edith Buell Wilson, Isla Hall Hilderbrand, Elizabeth Blair Pannell, Sarah Sterrett Porter, Bishop Onell Soto and St. Johns, Ensley. Some funds have restrictions in addition to the policies of the ECW Board and Scholarship Committee. These funds are derived from the Diocesan and Parish ECW budgets, memorials, alms and gifts. In 2008, we also made available the **WOMEN AT THE WELL SCHOLARSHIP** to lay and clergy for spiritual refreshment with each recipient able to receive up to \$400.

All scholarships are based on 40% need, 40% church involvement and 20% merit. Applicants must be communicants of the Diocese of Alabama and must provide document information regarding family's financial status (IRS 1040 form). Application must be made each year a student is in college with awards limited to a maximum of two years. Granted **funds are mailed directly to the registrar's office** of the college. Since Seminarians receive CPC funds, they are ineligible for ECW scholarships. **Applications** must be **accompanied by a transcript, photograph, and a Church Involvement Survey** completed by the Parish Priest (or Senior Warden, if no Priest). **Incomplete packages or those postmarked past the due date will not be considered.** If applying for a second scholarship, the College Chaplain's evaluation is acceptable. Important dates, applications, and involvement surveys are available on the [www.alabamaecw.org](http://www.alabamaecw.org) website. Scholarships are awarded in June of each year.

# 2023 ECW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Michael Raulerson**  
Epiphany  
Guntersville  
Attending UAB



**Bayley Wellborn**  
Christ Church  
Tuscaloosa  
Attending UT Chattanooga



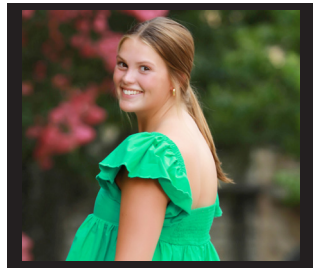
**Sara Margaret Goldsmith**  
Nativity  
Huntsville  
Attending Samford



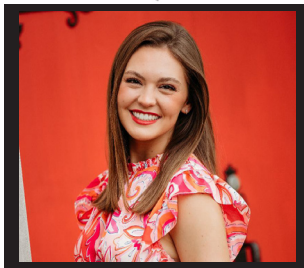
**Lauren Bruce**  
St. Matthew's  
Madison  
Attending University of  
Alabama



**Braden Hoke**  
All Saints  
Birmingham  
Attending Auburn



**Vivian Hinton**  
Nativity  
Huntsville  
Attending University of  
South Alabama



**Mary Beth Youngblood**  
Grace Episcopal  
Sheffield  
Attending Auburn

# 2023 ECW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**John Wilson Dorlon**  
St. Stephen's  
Birmingham  
Attending Southern Union



**Sawyer Herring**  
St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands  
Birmingham  
Attending University of the  
South (Sewanee)



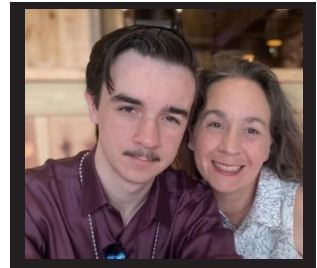
**Lucy Spears**  
St. Michael's  
Fayetteville  
Attending University of  
Alabama



**Catherine Roberts**  
Grace Church  
Cullman  
Attending UA Huntsville



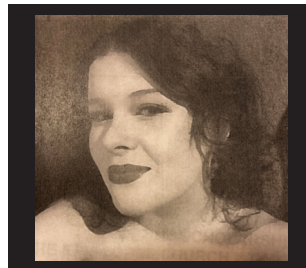
**Arianna Llewellyn**  
Canterbury  
Tuscaloosa  
Attending University of  
Alabama



**Nolan Cooper**  
St. Matthew's  
Madison  
Attending UA Huntsville



**Caroline Parker Jones**  
Christ Episcopal  
Tuscaloosa  
Attending NC State



**Josephine McWaters**  
Christ Church  
Tuscaloosa  
Attending University of  
Alabama



**The Mission of the UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)** has remained constant: thankful offerings given for the everyday blessings of life to provide blessings for others. Individuals in each Parish take part spiritually by offering prayers of thanksgiving and by actively dropping coins in the “Little Blue Box.” These coins gathered at each church are united with others from all over the country. All UTO Ingathering money is used to award grants. Over the past 131 years, **the United Thank Offering has collected and granted over \$140 million dollars.**

**UTO Ingathering** should take place twice a year in each Parish at a time arranged with the Rector and publicized several weeks prior. Please mail Parish Ingathering checks payable to ECW, **marked for UTO** to: ECW, Diocese of Alabama, 521 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203-2611. UTO Supplies may be ordered by calling 928-729-5540 or going to the collections page located at: <http://shimaofnavajoland.com/collections/United-Thank-Offering>.

**UTO Grant application materials and information** will be posted at [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto). This will include both general grants and the young adult/seminarian grants. Please contact the Diocesan UTO Coordinator if you are interested in applying for a grant. **Dates and times for grant submission will be posted on the website.** All grants will be screened by the Diocesan UTO Committee. The committee selects the grant which best fits the Mark of Mission as designated by the National UTO Committee. The UTO Committee meets each year to determine grants to be sent to the Bishop and the National UTO office.

**The UTO Alms Basin** created by the women of the Diocese of Alabama can be used by any Parish during a UTO Ingathering. Please contact the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham to use the basin.

**Our Province IV UTO Representative** is Linda Kennedy, the Diocese of Alabama, who can be reached at [lindakennedy17@gmail.com](mailto:lindakennedy17@gmail.com).

