



## Come Play in the Dirt or Mulch!

*Our spring workday is May 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10 AM service.*

We will have the usual outdoor cleanup activities plus we will be laying mulch in the flowerbeds to improve appearance and control weeds. Please bring your garden tools, gloves and wheelbarrows.



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We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

—Madeleine L'Engle

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From the  
**Transition  
Priest-in-Charge**

**Dear Christ Church Friends,**

As I write this, it's Easter Tuesday, and I'm savoring the memories of our wonderful services on Easter Day. From the Wittenberg Brass, to the beautifully decorated church, it was a lovely celebration. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it so festive.

But what do we do now? If we go by the stores' calendars, Easter is over and done with. The chocolate bunnies and jellybeans are on sale (not a bad thing!), so as to clear room for summer picnic gear.

But Christ's Resurrection isn't the kind of event we can absorb in just one day. The disciples certainly couldn't. As we will be hearing in the Gospels, the Risen Christ kept coming back, spending time with his friends, for not one but 40 days. And it was 10 more days, before they were launched to carry out Christ's mission, on Pentecost. And so this Easter season has come to be called "The Great 50 Days."

Which means that for 50 days:

- the church will stay decorated in festive white.
- we'll watch the disciples become stronger, and more trusting, as they absorb the amazing news that hate and death never get the last word. Christ gets the last word. Love wins.
- in our readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we'll watch the early Christians choose again and again to be Easter people: people who take the way of Christ's love, instead of the way of violence.
- we will ponder together what it means for us to be Easter people, in the midst of all the violence of our day.
- we will watch for signs of new life, signs of Resurrection, in our own discouraged places.

Gerald Manley Hopkins, in his poem, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, prayed: "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us." During these 50 days, may we see Christ eastering in all of us, and in our troubled world.

Easter Blessings,

*Margaret Holt Sammons+*





**Worship...** Offering meaningful, relevant, and welcoming worship in the Episcopal tradition for people of all ages.



Altar Flowers

### 2017 Altar Flower Dedication Chart

In the East Entrance on the kiosk is the chart for 2016. If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers in memory

of, celebration or in thanksgiving for someone, please sign up on the chart. If you have donated on the same date each year, please check to see if you're signed up on the correct date. The suggested donation is \$45. For more information or questions, please contact Gretchen Hicks at 937-390-2342.

### PRAYERS

FOR



Most Sundays at the 10 o'clock service prayers for healing are available to the right of the lection.

Any and all worshippers are welcome to come to the station either before or after receiving Holy Communion. If no one is present, remain after worship and Charlotte will pray with you. If you desire prayer for any reason, simply state your concern. You will be anointed with Holy Oil and the Trinitarian blessing followed by prayer. You will receive a card during the week with the message that you will continue to be remembered in prayer.

Currently, it is my honor and privilege to offer this blessed ministry. I am a retired social worker and former ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). I have attended Christ Episcopal Church since 2006. In 2005 the Holy Spirit called me to become a Registered Nurse. Because of my RN schedule I do not attend worship every week. I welcome your question and prayer requests anytime.

Blessings,

Myra Dean Banion  
(937) 768-0965

## Regional Confirmation Saturday, May 6 St. Anne's, West Chester

A wonderful group of Christ Episcopal Church youth and adults have been preparing to confirm their baptism vows, or to be received into this branch of Christ's Church:

Helena Buckman, Ian Waggoner, Madison Smith, Reilly Smith, Emily Hasecke, Patricia Cary, Bruce Horney, Myra Dean Banion, Joy Carter, Jeff Carter, and Karen Carter.

They will be part of the Regional Confirmation, on Saturday, May 6, at 11 am, at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, West Chester. All are very welcome to attend. A special thank you to all their mentors, who have supported them on this journey.

*Defend, O Lord, your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen. Book of Common Prayer, p. 418*

## Pastoral Care

When a member of the congregation has a pastoral care need such as prayer before surgery or any other pastoral need they should call Kelly Zeller in the church office at 937-323-8615. She will then contact Denise Wells and/or Bonnie Shelburne, our Senior Warden to handle the needs of that parishioner.

## Scott Warren's Resurrection Celebration

Scott Warren's memorial service will be on Saturday, May 20, at 2 PM. May he rest in peace, and rise in Christ's glory.



## Revised Common LECTIONARY

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
05/7/17	Acts 2: 42–47	23	1 Peter 2: 19–25	John 10: 1–10
05/14/17	Acts 7: 55–60	31: 1–5, 15–16	1 Peter 2: 2–10	John 14: 1–14
05/21/17	Acts 17: 22–31	66: 7–18	1 Peter 3: 13–22	John 14: 15–21
05/28/17	Acts 1:6–14	68 1:10, 33–36	1 Peter 4: 12–14, 5:6–11	John 17: 1–11



### A message to the diocese from Bishop Breidenthal

We are at a moment as a church and a culture when questions raised in the Book of Exodus are prominent. *What does it mean to be a stranger in a strange land? What does it mean to leave behind all the things we thought we knew? What does it mean to see*

*our communities change? As such, beginning August 27, 2017 and running to April 7, 2018, I am inviting everyone in the diocese to come together to read the Book of Exodus.*

I asked a team of clergy and lay people to consider formation opportunities for the diocese, and they expressed a desire for us all to engage in scripture more deeply. This “planning group” developed the idea of a diocesan “Big Read,” and settled on Exodus as the topic for the reasons given above. My hope is that intensive study of Exodus will help form us for our essential mission of following Jesus into the neighborhood.

Several special events are planned for the seven months during which the diocese is reading together, but the most important part of the project will be the integration of our scripture study into every part of the life of the diocese. I ask that committees, councils, task forces, congregational staffs and vestries and mission councils devote fifteen minutes to the study of Exodus at the start of their meetings. The

planning group will provide materials to help do so, and will also suggest some secondary texts that can help individuals study on their own. They will also provide materials for adult formation programs (most particularly online resources made available through ChurchNext, an online video learning tool) that congregations can use on Sunday mornings during forums and other adult education gatherings. I ask congregations to consider using these materials, or create their own forums and classes that delve into the richness of the Exodus story.

More information about this project will be forthcoming in the next few months. For now, please put the following dates on your personal and congregation’s calendars:

**Sunday, August 27** – Launch Day! Exodus readings appear in the lectionary and clergy are asked to preach on Exodus.

**Saturday, September 16**–Exodus Convocation at Procter Center.

**November 10-11**–Diocesan Convention. Special emphasis on Exodus.

**January 2017** Jubilate Conference–The Liturgy & Music Commission’s annual conference will have an Exodus theme.

**April 7, 2018**–Capstone Event. Old Testament scholar Terence Fretheim will join us as we end the Exodus Project and summarize what we’ve learned.

Watch *Connections* and *e-Connections* for more information as it becomes available.

Faithfully,

+Tom Breidenthal



## STAFF HOURS

**Transition Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Margaret Holt**

**Sammons:** Tuesday through Thursday

**BY APPOINTMENT:**

**Senior Warden:** Bonnie Shelburne

**Junior Warden:** Dana Waggoner

**Deacon:** The Rev Otto Anderson

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Denise Wells

**Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:** Kelly Zeller

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–12 PM

**Organist and Choir Director:**

Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

Sunday mornings and by appointment

**Facility Manager:** Paul McAfee—Monday–Friday, 7–11 AM

**Bookkeeper:** Gayle Culler—Tuesday and Thursday, 8–10 AM

## Thank you to....

There are so many people to thank for helping everything to run smoothly so we all could experience a meaningful Holy Week and festive Easter Day! To name a few:

- ... **the children and adults** who set the tables and prepared food for Maundy Thursday
- ... **Anita Beardsell**, who shopped for Maundy Thursday
- ... the **Altar Guild** for all of their extra work during Holy Week and Easter
- ... the **Christ Church Choir** for the extra music during Holy Week and Easter
- ... **those who helped in the office** during Holy Week
- ... **all those who delivered Easter Lilies** the Sunday after Easter
- ... and many more!

## Thank you from....

- ... Covenant United Methodist Church for the donation for the Freedom School Program.
- ... The **Springfield Family YMCA** for the generous donation!
- ... The **Rainbow Table** for the generous donation to help fund ministries for the community.
- ... The **Peace Center** for the greatly appreciated donation from Christ Church.
- ... **The Clark County Literacy Coalition** for the generous grant that continue to help provide basic literacy to the local community.



Ruth Bayley .....	May-01
Bobbi Wells .....	May-03
Peg Curtin .....	May-05
Ben Hasecke .....	May-08
Karen Yeager .....	May-10
Sarah Schubert .....	May-10
Susie Peterson .....	May-11
Wyeth Buckman .....	May-12
Toni Goble .....	May-12
Dodi Holmes .....	May-13
Pat Silliman .....	May-13
Katie Yeazell Mellett .....	May-14
Reese Scheid .....	May-14
Logan Mellett .....	May-17
Ross McGregor .....	May-18
Holly Wolfe .....	May-18
Eman Trillana .....	May-19
Ron deLanglade .....	May-20
Daphne Trillana .....	May-20
Marj Vasileff .....	May-20
Zoë Spangler .....	May-21
Hans Schubert .....	May-24
Charlotte McGregor .....	May-26
Scott Yeazell .....	May-29



Bill & Gretchen Hicks .....	May 13
Christopher Durrenberger & Peng Chen .....	May 20
Scott & Cathy Yeazell .....	May 27
Jack & Dawn Ivy .....	May 31





**Hospitality...** *welcoming, nurturing, and supporting the members of our parish and greater community.*



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on **Tuesday, May 2** at 11:30 AM at Copper Top, 116 Miami St., Urbana, Ohio. *Please note the change in date for the month of May from the second Tuesday to the first*

*Tuesday of the month.* This group welcomes all men and women who are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. Please email Anita Beardsell (anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com) to RSVP. If you need a ride, let Anita know that, too.



Prayer shawls are available in the East Entrance. The Prayer Shawls can be given to anyone needing comfort during difficult times.

Please complete the last line of the card and place in the box on the table. If you have any questions please contact Joan Hurley at [jahurley500@gmail.com](mailto:jahurley500@gmail.com)

## Young Woman's Mission Accepts Gift from Christ Church Outreach

On Monday, April 3, Joyce Spangler and Anita Beardsell presented a \$500 check to Young Woman's Mission for their support of women's health and Planned Parenthood in Springfield. Several current and past Christ Church parishioners belong to YWM, including Lexie Bobblit, Anne Dunbar, Anne Summers, Clare Perks, Nancy Henderson, Marian Guyton, Rosie Anderson, and Jane Hollenbeck. The donation was accepted with deep gratitude by the mission.



A sign-up sheet for the 10 AM coffee hour is posted on the kiosk in the East Entrance. If you're interested in hosting a Coffee Hour either solo or with a friend, please sign up!

## Episcopal Church Women's Luncheon: May 3rd

On Wednesday, May 3rd, we have a unique experience available for all women of Christ Church and their friends. We will begin the day with the weekly chapel service at 10 AM. From the chapel, we'll go to the Parish Hall for a delicious, catered luncheon and an opportunity to socialize. After lunch, "Ski" Schanher, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clark County Historical Society and a Docent at the Heritage Center, will present "Did You Know That...?" for your enjoyment. Please circle this date on your calendar NOW! You can make your reservation by **April 30th** with Juanita Artis or Dodi Holmes. The cost of the program is \$10.00, and includes your luncheon and a donation to the Clark County Historical Society. Contact either Juanita Artis or Anita Beardsell with questions.



**Remember to put anything of value in your trunk or out of sight, when you use our parking lot.**



**Outreach...** helping to provide the physical, material, social, and spiritual needs in Springfield and beyond



## Kroger Community Rewards Program

Christ church participates in the Kroger Community Rewards program. We receive a rebate quarterly based on purchases tied to Kroger Plus Cards enrolled in the program. These rebates are used to support our outreach. If you have questions, or do not have a Kroger Plus Card, call the church office.

## IMPORTANT It's time for Kroger Community Rewards Re- Enrollment

For participating Kroger Plus Card holders, this is the Annual Re-Enrollment Month! Just follow the instructions listed below, and Christ Church receives a rebate based on your purchases for another year! It's not too late if you didn't have a chance to re-enroll you can today!

1. Access [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
2. Sign in with your email address and password
3. Click on "My Account"
4. Scroll down to Community Rewards
5. Click "Edit"
6. Enter our organization number (80354) and click "Search"
7. The church's information will appear
8. Click on "Enroll"
9. That's it!



Keep saving those pennies! The pennies collected are used to help support the Warder Literacy Center in Springfield. Once the pennies total \$25, a check is sent to the Warder Literacy Center to help support literacy in Clark County. What an easy way to help someone learn to read! If you have any questions please contact Dodi Holmes at 937-390-0764.

## Empties4Cash

The church is no longer accepting toner cartridges. Please recycle your cartridges at Office Max, Office Depot, Staples, or Best Buy.



## Quarterly Birthday Celebration for Residents of Shawnee Place

### Apartments:

**Thursday, May 18th**

Christ Church will host the next quarterly birthday celebration for the residents of Shawnee Place on Thursday, May 18th. The event will start at 6:00pm; Christ Church is providing the dinner. If you can help with dinner or have questions, please contact Gwen Scheffel at 629-0197 or by e-mail at [gscheffel@wittenberg.edu](mailto:gscheffel@wittenberg.edu).

# PANTRY NEWS

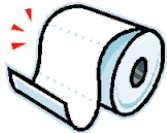
## Next Food Pantry May 17th

Thank you to those who helped with the April Food Pantry! Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church and other faith communities. The next Food Pantry is May 17th from 11 AM until 2 PM. Volunteers are needed to help pick up and unload food, pack food, and help with customer service. Please contact the church office at 323-8651 or [zellerko611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerko611@gmail.com) to volunteer.



## Buy Stuff—Support the Pantry!

You can help Christ Church raise funds for our Food Pantry with this easy fundraiser. The Amazon Associates program allows Christ Church to earn 4% on all purchases originating from our web site. Go to [www.christ-in-springfield](http://www.christ-in-springfield) and scroll down to the Amazon box. Select a category; enter a search term, and then click the Go! Button. Once your search results are displayed, shop around for the best deal on the products you need and make your purchase. Christ Church has already received \$149.60 in rebates so far for 2015. Supporting the Pantry could not be simpler!



## Toilet Paper Reminder

Our pantry is one of the few to give out toilet paper. While T.P. is something most of us take for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with the SNAP (A.K.A food stamp) card. A donation of a package of toilet paper is a great contribution to this amazing ministry!



David Brooks, author of *The Road to Character* (Random House), created a moral bucket list in an effort to develop “eulogy virtues” – the traits praised at people’s funerals. Qualities such as humility, dependence and energizing love offer more joy than any “résumé virtues” ever will, he writes.

“There’s joy in freely chosen obedience to organizations, ideas and people. There’s joy in mutual stumbling. There’s an aesthetic joy we feel when we see morally good action, when we run across someone who is quiet and humble and good, when we see that however old we are, there’s lots to do ahead.”





**Education...** *providing people of all ages rich opportunities to form a strong spiritual relationship with God so they may become good stewards of their faith to themselves and others.*



We complete the 2016-2017 Christian Education program at Christ Church at the end of May. Our Sunday School teachers deserve our gratitude as they work with our children and youth to help them discover who they are as children of God.

**High School Class:** Judy Johnson

**Middle School Class:** Chris Oldstone Moore

**Atrium:** Lisa Pankratz, Jody Rambo, and Jeff Carter

### Children's Chapel Leaders

Another important piece of our Christian Formation program for our children is Children's Chapel. Each Sunday at the 10 o'clock service as we sing the "Gloria," we see the children process behind a crucifer to go to the Chapel where they experience the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is helpful for people in kindergarten-3rd grade. A huge thank you to the adults who work with Children's chapel each week, all year!

Audra Trillana  
Cathy Waggoner  
Lori Swafford  
Mark Brooks-Hedstrom  
Karen Carter

Thank you for your dedication to the spiritual formation of our children!



If you or your child will graduate from high school, college, graduate or professional school this year, please contact the church office and let us know so we can recognize them in the June Clarion and in church on a Sunday in June. Please send in the name of the graduate, the school from which he or she is graduating, and plans for the future.

### Pub Theology in May

**Pub Theology Classic (youth) will meet at 12 noon on Sunday, May 21.** Pizza, friends and conversation!

**Pub Theology 2.0 (adults) will meet on Thursday, May 18.** We'll begin with Flash Compline at the City Hall Plaza, and then go to Seasons for reflection together. Please join us, and bring a friend.



**Senior Warden:**  
Bonnie Shelburne  
**Junior Warden:**  
Dana Waggoner  
**Treasurer:**  
Ken Bladh  
**Secretary:**  
Kelly Zeller  
**Vestry Members:**  
John Alduino  
Anita Beardsell  
Ann Chitkara  
Don Ehlinger  
Teresa Pack  
Sophie Smith  
Jake Studebaker  
Eman Trillana  
Ian Waggoner  
Don Wheeler



# Parish Picnic

★★★★★★

## An all-parish event!!!

Sunday, June 4th, at noon  
Snyder Park's Peanut Pond Shelter

All parishioners and guests are invited to our annual Christ Church picnic. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everything else is provided! Frisbees, soccer balls, and other outdoor games are also welcome!

RSVP to the church office at 323-8651 or email Kelly Zeller at [zellerko611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerko611@gmail.com) by May 28th.