



Christ Episcopal Church
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The

Clarion

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2022 Annual Meeting Sunday February 27, 2022

The Christ Church Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 27. We will meet to elect new Vestry members, consider our 2022 parish budget, hear reports on investments and funds, and hear where we are in the process leading to a search for a new rector.

The nominating committee has been at work on a slate of vestry and warden nominees, but nominees can also be submitted by petition. The procedure, contained in the Parish Constitution, is as follows:

During the period of sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, any ten (10) eligible voters of the Parish may, by petition, nominate any qualified person for a Vestry office. Nominations must be sent to the Secretary of the Vestry no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting [by January 29 this year]. The Parish shall be given written notice of all nominees at least three (3) weeks before the Annual Meeting [February 6 this year].

Eligibility for election to the Vestry and Warden positions and other election guidelines are contained in the Constitution, available by contacting the Secretary of Vestry, Kelly Zeller."

Nominating Committee members are: Joyce Spangler, Bonnie Bingman, Denise Sharp, Richard Martin, Bonnie Shelbourne, Jeff Carter, and ex officio, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat.



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 The Rt Rev. George Wayne Smith

Priest-in-Charge:
 The Rev. Canon
 Dr. Lee Anne Reat

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 Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden:
 Scott Yeazell

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 Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

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 Program Coordinator:**
 Kelly Zeller

Facility Manager:
 Paul McAfee

Bookkeeper:
 Tina Knox

Clarion Editor:
 Joyce Spangler



**The church office will be
 closed Monday, Jan. 17,
 for MLK Day.**

Church Staff

**All staff are currently working from home
 as much as possible!**

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Jr. Warden: Scott Yeazell

Treasurer: Ken Bladh

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Your Vestry

Vestry at Large: Bonnie Bingman, Kay Koeninger, Denise Sharp, Linda Mortensen, Joyce Spangler, and Keith Doubt

**Lighting the way for others**

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (lgggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?



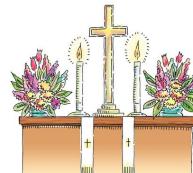
Worship... Offering meaningful, relevant, and welcoming worship in the Episcopal tradition for people of all ages.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday, December 5 Christ Church began livestreaming our 10:00 service of Holy Eucharist. Those unable to be present in worship are now able to be more “present” and able to hear and see the gathered congregation.

This brings two additional changes:

- **We are no longer recording and streaming a Zoom worship at 9:00** as we have been doing since the beginning of the pandemic. Instead, tune in to the Christ Church Facebook page and join us at 10:00 instead of 9:00. The livestreamed service is also recorded for later viewing.
- **8:00 AM worship**, with no music and using Rite I language, resumed on December 5.



2022 Altar Flower Dedication Chart

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for 2022 in memory of or thanksgiving for someone, please email Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com. You must be very specific for what or to whom you are dedicating the altar flowers, and if you have a particular choice of flower. The suggested donation is \$45.

Wednesday Chapel Virtual Noonday Prayer Services Offered

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat and Judy Johnson are taking turns offering a Noonday Prayer service on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org/>) at noon. The Noonday Prayer service’s text is located on page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer or online at <https://www.bcponline.org>

Revised Common LECTIONARY

JANUARY				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
January 9th	Isaiah 60:1-6	72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 16th	Isaiah 62:1-5	36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 23rd	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
January 30th	Jeremiah 1:4-10	71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30





EPIPHANY PARTY!

Let the Celebration Continue!

You would never know it by looking at the Valentine's Day decorations going up in stores, but Christmas is NOT over. The season lasts twelve days, ending with our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. The coming of the Magi on January 6 is an occasion of great rejoicing at the news that Christ came not just to a tiny region in the middle east, but to the entire world.

We don't tend to pay too much attention to Epiphany, but in many countries the day is celebrated even more enthusiastically than Christmas Day. Parades, gifts, housing blessings, King's cakes, and Twelfth Night merry-making mark the day as a major festival of God's all-encompassing love for the world.

On **January 9** Christ Church will celebrate Epiphany. After our liturgical celebration at 10:00, we'll continue the festivities with a coffee hour Epiphany party. We'll share a king's cake, complete with a toy baby hidden inside (find out why at the party....), gifts for all that predict the coming year, and a traditional drink of wassail.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



Margaret Mattox	4-Jan
Graham Waggoner	4-Jan
Audre Chitkara	5-Jan
Emily Hasecke	6-Jan
Carol Harbaugh	10-Jan
Martha Chaney	12-Jan
Dan McGregor	19-Jan
David Farrar	21-Jan
Paul Cook	21-Jan
Denise Sharp	27-Jan
Steve Sharp	30-Jan



We need lectors and greeters for the 8 AM service. There is very little training required for either position. The lector reads the readings and Prayers of the People during the service. The greeter opens the door ten minutes before the service starts, greets parishioners, and then stays by the door until 8:10, then joins the service.

Address update! Please email Kelly Zeller if you are interested at zellerk0611@gmail.com.



Cans Needed for Flower Delivery

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46 oz cans? Christ Church is in need for such cans to use to deliver altar flowers to our homebound or ill parishioners. Please place them in the food pantry basket by the elevator. Thank You!!

Episcopal Calendars

2022 Calendars are available in the East Entrance on the Greeter table. Thank you to Richards, Raff, and Dunbar Funeral Home for providing them for our use.



Rector SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee wishes to thank everyone who participated in the Holy Cow survey. The next step is for Holy Cow to present the findings to the search committee and our diocesan contacts. After the results have been received, they will be incorporated into the parish profile. When the profile is complete, it will be made available on our church website.

Members of the Rector Search Committee are:

- Denise Sharp, Chair
- Fred Bartenstein, Vice Chair
- Dan McGregor, Secretary
- Kay Koeninger, Parish Profile
- Bonnie Bingman, Liaison to Holy Cow Survey
- Keith Doubt, Chaplain



A prayer for Epiphany

O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy Word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us. Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven, where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

—Wilhelm Loeh (adapted)



Directory Updates!

Please email Kelly Zeller zellerk0611@gmail.com if you have updates to your address, phone, or email. Thank you!



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

Reminder from Outreach Team

Continue to **\$AVE PENNIES** for the Warder Literacy CENTER & **\$AVE PULL-Tabs** for Dayton Ronald McDonald House.

The Warder Literacy CENTER is opening on a limited basis & there will be a growing need for their services given that kids have been out of school (some without access to computers) and will need to play catch up.



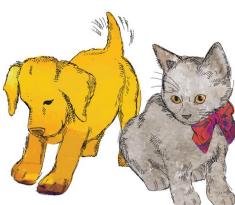
The Dayton Ronald McDonald House has re-opened its 14 guest-room house to provide a safe, home-like environment where families with sick and injured children can

stay while they're healing. Together we can help families stay close during medical crises at the holidays and throughout the year.

Rolls/baggies of pennies/pull-tabs can be dropped through the Hollenbeck House mail slot or into the church building in the East Entrance.

Woof! Woof! Purr...

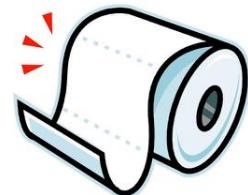
There's a growing need for pet food in our community. If you would like to donate, place your dog food, cat food, or dog biscuits in the black receptacle in the East Entrance or email Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com to drop it off at the Parish office. Donations will be distributed at the Food Pantry. Hungry cats and dogs and their humans thank you!



Toilet Paper

Reminder~ The shelves are empty!!

Our Food Pantry is one of the few to give out toilet paper with the groceries. While toilet paper is something most of us take for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with the SNAP card (formerly known as food stamps). A donation of a package of toilet paper is a great contribution to this amazing ministry! Donations can be put in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level of the church.



Baby Jesus Needs His Fruits & Veggies!



Christ Church has a long tradition of collecting & donating baby food for little ones in need around Christmastime, through the work of Help Me Grow, FYI-Parent

Network (Springfield), etc. We will be collecting baby food *throughout Advent & the 12 Days of Christmas* and dedicating a few jars as a symbolic offering for God's service by blessing them at our 10 AM worship service on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 9th. Please drop off your baby food donations in the basket by the elevator anytime between now & Jan. 9th. Slips with Shopping Tips will be on the wall beside the basket. Thank-YOU for helping feed hungry babies *throughout* this Holy Season! Questions? Contact Deb Southward 937-925-1977 (call/text) or email at dpsouthward@aol.com

PANTRY NEWS

The January Drive thru Food Pantry will be on **January 19th, 2022**, starting at 10:30 AM. **Volunteers are needed** to help unload food, pack food, and help with customer service. Contact either Ann Chitkara at ann@nova.pcc.com or Anne Randolph at annejrand@aol.com to volunteer.

Upcoming Food Pantry Opportunities



January 5th, 2022: the first food delivery to Christ Church, at approximately 7:45 AM

January 12th, 2022: the second food delivery to Christ Church, at approximately 7:45 AM.

January 13th, 2022: grocery bagging day - start time around 9:00 AM

January 19th, 2022: Food Pantry Day! start time at 8:30 AM

You'll find updates in the weekly Newsnote.

Volunteer to help PRIOR to Pantry Day

Currently, food pantry groceries are being pre-bagged so that on pantry distribution day, filled bags can be placed into client's cars. This has created an opportunity for you to volunteer as a pantry helper with little to no contact with other individuals. It is also an opportunity for your family or "pod" to volunteer bagging groceries. Ann Chitkara will arrange for either you or your pod to be the only group working on the project at one time.



Please look at your calendar. If you and/or your pod are willing to commit to a block of 3-4 hours on **January 13th**, let Ann Chitkara (937-925-4008; annnovaswim@gmail.com) know. Together we can arrange a time when she will meet you at the Church and provide specific instructions. **Ideally, all the groceries should be bagged for distribution by January 19th.**



Volunteer to help ON Pantry Day

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Winter Wonder

Be glad you didn't live in what's now Keogh, Montana, in January 1887. Two years before that area became a U.S. state, personnel at an army fort saw a Frisbee-sized flake falling from the winter sky. Scientists say the flake, estimated at 15 inches wide, likely was the result of numerous smaller flakes merging before landing on the ground. That massive dose of winter still holds the title of largest snowflake, according to Guinness World Records.

Rainbow Table!

January is Christ Episcopal's turn to volunteer at the Rainbow Table each Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed in the various areas at the following times:

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| 9–9:30 | Help wrap silverware* |
| 10–10:30 | Help repackaging Panera breads & baked goods* |
| 10:30–11:30 | Help set out desserts, salads, etc.* |
| 12–1 PM | Help serve
Hand out trays & escort those needing help to tables
Pour and hand out drinks* |
| 12:30–1 PM | Scrape dishes
Clean Up: Wipe tables & chairs, stack chairs*
Help in dishwasher room* |



*These activities maintain distance from guests. Guests are asked to wear masks unless eating. Therefore, you can choose to help where you feel most comfortable. Please remember to sign in & out noting you are from Christ Episcopal Church; the Volunteer Notebook is located in Kitchen. If you have questions, please contact Deb Southward 937-925-1977.