



Dear people of Christ Church,

I am delighted to accept the call to be your next rector. I have enjoyed meeting the members of the search committee and vestry, and look forward to meeting everyone else in April.

Moving to Springfield will be a return to Southern Ohio for me, where I was ordained to the diaconate over 11 years ago. Before I left for seminary, I taught comparative politics and international relations at Muskingum College (now Muskingum University) in New Concord (near Zanesville and Cambridge). I graduated from Berkeley Divinity School, which is an Episcopal seminary within Yale Divinity School.

I've served a number of parishes since graduation, including some of the largest congregations in Pittsburgh. I also served in the larger Anglican Communion, as a rector of a parish in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, about an hour from Toronto. Most recently, I served a two-

year contract as priest-in-charge to a historic parish in downtown Charleston, West Virginia.

My husband and I have bought a home in downtown Springfield, and hope to move in mid-March. Like me, my husband Lou is a second-career Episcopal priest, having first served as a lawyer and department head in the federal government. We met when we were both working as priests in Pittsburgh. We will also bring our two cats. Callie, who is 19, is an Ohio native born in Heath (and adopted while I was working at Muskingum); Francesca, 9, is from the Pittsburgh area, like me. Our families are spread out. Lou has two adult sons: one, an Episcopal priest, lives in Florida; the other lives in the New York area. My mother still lives outside Pittsburgh.

My first Sunday will be April 2 (Palm Sunday). We look forward to meeting you soon!

(The Rev.) Michelle Boomgaard+

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The office will be closed on Monday, 2/20 in recognition of Presidents' Day, Please plan accordingly!

Church Staff

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Your Vestry

Vestry at Large: Keith Doubt, Bill Hicks, Kay Koeninger, Joy Meyers, Linda Mortensen, and Lori Swafford

Address update!

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

Christ Church's Judy Johnson has a website with three blogs! If you have some time, check it out at <https://judyjohnsonwrites.weebly.com/>



Annual Giving Statements

Giving statements have been mailed for tax purposes. If you didn't receive yours, contact Kelly Zeller at 937-323-8651 or zellerk0611@gmail.com. Thank you!





ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held in person in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 26th, at 9 AM between the 8 AM and 10 AM services.** An *absentee ballot* is available upon request. The Annual Meeting will also be live streamed via Facebook Live and Christ Church's YouTube Channel.

Slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting on February 26:

- **Senior Warden** (1-year term): Scott Yeazell
- **Junior Warden** (1-year term): Steve Sharp
- **At-Large Vestry Member (3-year term):** Rick Everingham

Annual Report Articles Reminder

If you were contacted to provide an article for the Annual Report, please submit them to zellerk0611@gmail.com by February 8th. Thank you!



If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for 2023 in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone or something, contact Kelly Zeller <zellerk0611@gmail.com>. Be specific for what or to whom you are making the dedication, and whether you have a particular choice of flower. Suggested donation is \$45.

Dates still available:

- February 5th and 19th
- April 23rd and 30th
- May 7th and 28th
- June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th
- July 9th, 16th, and 23rd
- August 6th and 20th
- September 3rd and 17th
- October 8th, 15th, and 22nd
- November 5th, 12th, and 26th



Cans Needed for Flower Delivery

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46oz cans? We are in need of 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. Thanks!

Convention Delegates

If you are interested in representing Christ Church at the Diocesan Convention this fall, email Scott Yeazell at Scott@triec.com or Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com. ***It will be an exciting Convention year!*** Two Convention dates are planned:

- Saturday, September 30, at Christ Church Cathedral: Special secession to elect a new Bishop for the DSO.
- Saturday, November 11, at the Vern Riffe Center at Shawnee State University, Portsmouth: The typical Convention session.

Both of these Convention events will have both a Zoom and an in-person option.

Christ Church needs three more parishioner representatives registered by February 26th, 2023.



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



Judy Johnson offers a prayer service at noon each Wednesday on our Facebook page. The service's text is located on page 103 in the

Book of Common Prayer or online at <https://www.bcponline.org>. Log into (<https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org/>) to watch.



Ash Wednesday Service Offered on February 22nd

Ash Wednesday is the Holy Day that begins the penitential season of Lent in preparation for Easter. Christ Church will offer a 5 PM Ash service, which will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist. *We need two ushers for this service!*



Lectors and greeters needed for the 8 AM service. Very little training is required!

- The lector reads the readings and Prayers of the People.
- The greeter opens the door at 7:50, greets worshipers, stays by the door until 8:10, and then joins the service.

Interested? Email Kelly at zellerk0611@gmail.com.

February Supply Priests

Feb 5: The Rev. Cannon Michael Spencer
Feb 12, 19, 22 (Ash Wednesday), and 26: The Rev. Melody Williams

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

February				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
2/5	Isaiah 58:1-9, 12	Psalm 112	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
2/12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119: 1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
2/19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119: 33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
2/26	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

African Bible Study, or Sacred Reading (Lectio Divna), meets on Tuesdays at 12 PM

This Bible study is a structured, meditative approach to learning about our Christian faith from scripture. It not only discourages but also disallows crosstalk during the collective reading. It encourages self-reflection as well as listening to others.

We hope people who are interested will

join us in this empowering group study of scripture. If you have questions, write Pat Cary at sisterpcocd2@hotmail.com or Keith Doubt at kdoubt@gmail.com. Each week we will read the Lectionary reading for the forthcoming Sunday. We hope you consider joining us!

Outline of African Bible Study or Lectio Divna

Opening Prayer: O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Procedure:

1. One person reads passage slowly.
2. Each person identifies the word or phrase that catches their attention. (1 minute)
3. Each shares the word or phrase with the group. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
4. Another person reads the passage slowly (from a different translation, if possible.)
5. Each person identifies where this passage touches their life today. (1 minute)
6. Each shares. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
7. Passage is read a third time (another reader and translation, if possible.)
8. Each person names or writes: "From what I've heard and shared, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?" (5 minutes)
9. Each shares their answer. (5-10 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
10. Each prays for another person in the group, naming what was shared in other steps. (5 minutes)

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

To join the study, use the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85856795275pwd=NHRBQIZvRU9PL1h3dWFuMmJBa2NHdz09>





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



If the Clark County Sheriff calls a Level 2 snow emergency, Christ Church is closed. If Christ Church has to close on a Sunday, we will send out an email via Newsnote, post it on Channel 7, and put it on the Church’s Facebook page and Website. Be safe! Whatever the snow emergency level, use your best judgement to be safe.



Are you or a loved one ill or need special prayer? Christ Church is committed to providing pastoral and prayer support to all those in the congregation who are experiencing illness; whether physical, mental, or spiritual. If you or someone you love needs prayer, we will add their names to our prayer list. We are also happy to provide pastoral support visits if desired. Please note that we are also able to visit you in the hospital, but you would need to call the Church directly or inform the hospital staff so they may arrange a visit for you. At all times we will respect your privacy. For any visiting needs, including desire to receive Eucharistic or pastoral visitation, contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call her at 937-323-8651.

FEBRUARY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Karen Carter Feb 1
- Jack Goble Feb 2
- Kathi Bladh..... Feb 3
- Vijay Chitkara..... Feb 3
- Joni Pulver..... Feb 7
- Cameron McGregor Feb 8
- Joe Lewis Feb 9
- Fred Reed Feb 11
- Charlene Schreiber Feb 20
- Nancy McGregor..... Feb 23
- Judy Irvine..... Feb 26

Anniversaries

- Fred and Babs Reed..... Feb. 15



As of January 24th, we have received 53 pledges of financial support for next year, totaling \$137,421.88. This includes 2 new pledging units, and 16 established units who increased their pledge amounts. THANK YOU to all who have pledged to support Christ Church in 2023!



If you like to make soup *and* nurture others, this is the ministry for you! Place homemade soup in disposable containers

(labeled with the type of soup and date on the lid) in the church refrigerator and then let Kelly <zellerk0611@gmail.com> know that you've dropped it off. The soup is used to provide a little TLC for parishioners. Thanks so much for considering helping with this ministry.



February 14th at 11:30 AM

Lunch Bunch will be on Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 AM at **Chick-fil-A, 1740 North Bechtel Ave., Springfield, Ohio.** All parishioners available during the day are

invited to a pleasant luncheon together. Please let **Anita Beardsell**, 937-390-6548, know if you are planning to come so she can make plans with the restaurant.

Getting to know more about Michele...



At Niagara Cathedral

Family in Gig Harbor





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

PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to all who volunteered for January's Food Pantry! Check the dates below for when you can volunteer in February. **Volunteers are needed** to

- help unload food,
- help bag food, and
- help with customer service.

February OPPORTUNITIES

Feb 3, 8:30 AM (FRIDAY) – 1st food delivery.

Feb. 8, 8:30 AM – 2nd food delivery

Feb 9, 9:00 AM – bagging day

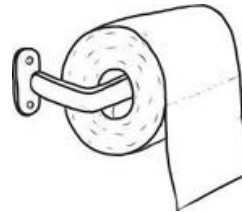
Feb. 15, 8:15 AM – Pantry Day!

Please contact Brian Shelburne (bshelburne@wittenberg.edu), Kelly Zeller (zellerk0611@gmail.com), or Anne Randolph (annejrand@aol.com) to volunteer.

Food Pantry Volunteers: Be a Bagger!

Food pantry groceries are pre-bagged so that they can be placed directly into client's cars on distribution day. Pre-bagging presents an opportunity for you, your family, or your group to volunteer with little to no contact with others.

If you are willing to commit to a block of 3-4 hours on **February 9**, please let Brian know. Ideally, all the groceries should be bagged for distribution by **Feb. 15**. Email **Brian Shelburne** at bshelburne@wittenberg.edu with questions or your willingness to help.



THANKS for the T.P.!

Ours is one of the few pantries to give out toilet paper. While T.P. is something most take for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cards. Donating a package of toilet paper is a great way to contribute to this amazing ministry! Place donations in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level of the church.

Clients' Choice Table

Our pantry has a table from which clients may choose among items they may need but are not covered by SNAP cards. We both accept donations for this table and order items from Second Harvest. If you are interested in directly contributing to this effort, below is a list of some items that are greatly appreciated by our clients.

- aluminum foil, waxed paper, and plastic wrap
- plastic storage bags
- trash bags
- paper plates/bowls or plastic utensils
- deodorant and soap
- cleaning products (window cleaner, bathroom cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, general-purpose cleaner)
- diapers
- paper towels
- laundry soap or fabric softener
- feminine products
- Salt and pepper, herbs and spices may be covered but are often cost prohibitive and are appreciated. Thank you!!

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 are distributed through the Food Pantry. Hungry cats and dogs and their humans thank you!

Reminder from the Outreach Team

Just a REMINDER! Continue to \$AVE PENNIES for the Warder Literacy Center & PULL-TABS for Dayton Ronald McDonald House. THANKS in advance for everyone's continual support! We appreciate ALL who participated in 2022 and look forward to your continued support this year we continue to make a difference!

Update on Dayton Ronald McDonald House!

Dayton RMDH reopened its 14 private guest rooms in June 2020 as well as their Dayton Children's Medical Center & Miami Valley Hospital Family Rooms in July 2020 after serving front-line workers in the first few months of the pandemic. In August 2022 they broke ground for an additional 28 room expansion on their campus which will bring the total to 42 rooms upon completion.

THANK-YOU Note from Dayton Ronald McDonald House

The 13 pounds of pull tabs Christ Church donated help provide community, comfort, and support for families who stay free of charge "while they cope with the challenges of hospitalized babies and children."

In addition, those 13 pounds represent approximately 20,176 cans kept out of the landfill *IF* they were recycled; thus, caring for this "fragile Earth, our island home." A shout out to Sue Allender & her source which provide 42% of the pull tabs redeemed as well as the Clancy Container contributor of 2 pounds of pull tabs.

Baby Food for Baby Jesus 2021 & 2022

Both Help Me Grow (HMG) on East High St. and the Springfield Family Youth Initiatives Parenting Network (SPN) on West High would like to thank everyone who made donations during the 2021 and 2022 Advent-Christmas Seasons. Baby Food for Baby Jesus was symbolically blessed on the Sunday following Epiphany. Below are the numbers items donated and dispersed each year.

	2021	2022*
HMG (open 8 hours M-F)	166 4-oz containers 1 8-oz cereal	101 4-oz containers
SPN (open 5 hours M, T, Th)	70 4-oz jars 1 8-oz cereal	53 4-oz containers 8 oz cereal
TOTAL	236 4-oz containers 2 8-oz cereals	154 4-oz containers 1 8-oz cereal

**2022 was down 42% due to extreme weather conditions cancelling Christmas Eve Services, having Christmas fall on Sunday, and the increased cost of baby food.*



Looking for an easier way to watch Christ Church services at home? The easiest way to watch our church services on YouTube! Here's how...

- Open YouTube on your TV. (How to do this depends on your TV and if you are using Spectrum or possibly a ROKU-type device.)
- Go to "Search" and Enter "Christ Church Springfield". (By the time you have entered in "Christ Church Spr" there will be a list on the left side of the screen.)
- Look at the list, and we will be about the third one down
- Do **NOT** type "Christ Episcopal". Our church will not come up on the list.

That's all there is to it!

Scott Yeazell

