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*Clarion*

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Join Us on February 11<sup>th</sup> for a  
“Triple Whammy”  
Alleluia! Sunday!  
The 184<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting!  
*and*  
Chocolate Sunday!

*First*, join your fellow parishioners at a special combined Holy Eucharist at 9 AM and unique Christ Church feast day as we sing the great “Alleluia” hymns and bury the alleluias to prepare ourselves for our



Lenten journey. This combined service will include elements from both the Rite I and Rite II liturgies, along with a newer (but still approved and thoroughly Episcopal) Eucharistic prayer.

*Next*, enjoy a light brunch, courtesy of the Vestry. The brunch will feature many chocolate items in celebration of both Valentine’s Day and the end of Epiphany.



*Concurrently*, participate in the 184th Annual Parish Meeting of Christ Church, Springfield. All members of Christ Church are asked to be present for this once-a-year meeting during which we hold elections and approve the budget.



**Vestry Elections:**

**Senior Warden:** Dawn Ivy

**Junior Warden:** John Richardson

**Three-year Vestry terms:**

1. Kathleen Schubert
2. Brian Shelburne
3. Chris Oldstone-Moore

**Convention Delegates:**

1. Dawn Ivy
2. Jack Ivy
3. Ann Chitkara

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# FROM THE RECTOR

Dear people of Christ Church,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the warm and gracious welcome you've offered my family and me in our first days amongst you! Although still in the process of "getting settled" (whatever that means), I am exceedingly happy to be here, engaging in ministry with you.

Some general information: as many of you know, I am commuting to Springfield from the east side of Columbus for now (until the current school year ends). My typical workweek includes a Writing Day on Monday; working in and around the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; weekend on Friday and Saturday; and, of course, worship on Sundays. My schedule is flexible and easily adapted for evening meetings, special events, emergencies, etc. but this is the basic shape of my week. You can reach me via phone in the church office (937-323-8651) or via email at [RevMaggieLS@gmail.com](mailto:RevMaggieLS@gmail.com). In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call or text my cell phone (614-749-9329).

One last thing: as we prepare to begin the penitential Season of Lent this month, you may be thinking about what spiritual practice(s) might engage you and deepen your Lenten journey this year. In my sermon on Jan. 28th, I spoke about some of the "demons" that challenge us and pull us further away from God's will for our lives. Perfectionism, jealousy, shame, a need for control, fear of change.... We all have them. Perhaps Lent can be a time to intentionally contemplate and name our personal "demons" and make space for the Holy Spirit to assist us in transforming our lives. Whatever it is that sometimes "possesses" you, I invite you to explore how God's love can transform you and lessen your "demon's" pull. If you would like to talk with me about this, please let me know. I will be doing the same exploration myself!

Blessings & love,

Maggie L-S



Office  
Closed

The Christ Church  
Office will be  
closed Monday,  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for  
President's Day.



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



The Altar Guild has made arrangement for gluten free wafers. Since some visitors need to avoid cross-contamination with the wheat wafers, the gluten-free wafers are being kept in a small white container. You'll notice one of the acolytes holding the container during Communion, ready for whomever needs it. Thank you to the Altar Guild for this generous act of hospitality.



### 2018 Altar Flower Dedication Chart

In the East Entrance on the kiosk is the chart for 2018. 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 in the past, please check to see if you're signed up on the correct date, if your date is already filled you can share a date. The suggested donation is \$45. For more information or questions, please contact Gretchen Hicks at 937-390-2342.

## Revised Common LECTIONARY

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
2/04/18	Isaiah 40: 21-31	147: 1-12, 21c	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	Mark 1: 29-39
2/11/18	2 Kings 2: 1-12	50: 1-6	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Mark 9: 2-9
2/18/18	Genesis 9: 8-17	25: 1-9	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 9-15
2/25/18	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16	Psalm 22:22-30	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8 :31-38



## Worship... continued



### Activity Bags for Children

Quiet activity bags, books, and coloring sheets are on a cart in sanctuary. We know that children are excellent multi-taskers, and in fact often absorb more of the liturgy when their hands are busy. So, they are welcome to choose an activity bag to use during the service. Please return it to the cart after the service. Thank you!

### STAFF HOURS

#### BY APPOINTMENT:

**Rector:** The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard

**Senior Warden:** Bonnie Shelburne

**Junior Warden:** Dana Waggoner

**Deacon:** The Rev Rick Incorvati

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Denise Wells

**Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:**

Kelly Zeller: Monday–Friday, 8 AM–12 PM

**Organist/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

## PRAYERS

### FOR *Healing*



Most Sundays at the 10 o'clock service, prayers for healing are available to the right of the lectern. 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 The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard 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. I welcome your questions and prayer requests anytime. (937) 768-0965

Blessings,  
Myra Dean Banion (937) 768-0965

# THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

Please join Treasurer Ken Bladh after each service on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to look at the 2018 Christ Church budget. This is your opportunity to ask questions or share concerns in preparation for the Annual Meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



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



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

**Thank you to...**

- ... **everyone** who helped make Maggie’s first Sunday a wonderful one.
- ... the **Food Pantry Volunteers!**
- ... all the **Coffee Hour** hosts!
- ... all of the **Rainbow Table** volunteers!
- ... **Ken Bladh** for his presentation on the 2018 budget after each service on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ... **Denise Wells**, for all her work to support the life of the parish.

**Thank you from...**

- ... the **Fuller Center for Housing** for the generous donation and continued support.
- ... the **Springfield Soup Kitchen** for the donation of \$50.00 from the Peace and Patches quilting group.
- ... the **Heritage Center** for the \$100 donation from the Peace and Patches quilting group.
- ... the Children’s Rescue Center for Christ Church’s continued blessings and support.
- ... ECSF for sharing your treasure and sharing your heart!
- ... the YMCA for our generous donation.



**Join the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, February 13 at 11:30 AM at Mela Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Springfield.**

This group welcomes all men and women who are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Anita Beardsell: [anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com](mailto:anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com). If you need a

**Shrove Tuesday**



**Pancake Supper & Talent Show  
Tuesday, February 13th  
6:00-7:30 PM**

Chef Chris Oldstone-Moore will once again be in charge of the kitchen, and Fred Bartenstein will host the Talent Show. Please fill out the for below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the church office ([zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com)) by February 4<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate together as a parish family before we begin our Lenten journey.

**Talent Show**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Talent \_\_\_\_\_

**Pancake Supper**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I can help set-up at 4 PM

\_\_\_\_ I can help cook at 5 PM

\_\_\_\_ I can help with clean up.

\_\_\_\_ I can run the dishwasher.



### Inclement Weather Policy

- If the Clark County Sheriff calls a Level 2 snow emergency, Christ Church is closed. This includes the office, Pub Theology, choir practice, and any other Christ Church activity.
- If Christ Church has to close on a Sunday, we will send out an email via the NewsNote, post the closing on the website <www.christspringfield.org>, and do our best to have it posted on Channel 7.
- Be safe! Whatever the snow emergency level, use your best judgment to be safe.



### Sweetness of Peace

#### February 11<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to 4 PM

This year is the 13th anniversary of the Springfield Peace Center's fundraiser, "The Sweetness of Peace." This event will take place Sunday, February 11th from 2 to 4 PM. The "celebration will be held in 105 Shouplin on Wittenberg University's campus.

Sponsored by the Springfield Peace Center, all proceeds go toward "sponsoring" children for the annual Peace Camp in June. This 32nd annual Peace Camp is a community service provided free to the first 225 children who register.

Prominent area caterers will donate desserts. Admission is \$15, which will allow you samples of 10 different desserts. The Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra will provide entertainment and door prizes will be provided. The tax-deductible admission tickets can be purchased from any Board member (Christ Church's Scott Dooley), at the Peace Center (224 W. College) on Tuesdays, or you can purchase them at the door.



Karen Carter .....	1-Feb
Jack Goble .....	2-Feb
Kathi Bladh.....	3-Feb
Vijay Chitkara .....	3-Feb
Jenna Rigsbee .....	4-Feb
Cameron McGregor .....	8-Feb
Joe Lewis .....	9-Feb
Walt Wells .....	10-Feb
Fred Reed .....	11-Feb
Harry Moses.....	12-Feb
Chris Bingman .....	14-Feb
David Schubert .....	16-Feb
Lyndsey Dunn .....	20-Feb
Nancy McGregor .....	23-Feb
Heather Wells Gaskins .....	24-Feb
Judy Irvine.....	26-Feb



Fred and Babs Reed .....	Feb. 15
Denny and Sharon Wells .....	Feb. 24
Mark and Judy Irvine .....	Feb. 26



### Youth: Pizza (not Pub) Theology on February 4<sup>th</sup>!

All middle and high schoolers are encouraged to join in the fun on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, after the 10 AM service. In lieu of our regular Sunday School classes, we'll have an early lunch together and share in lively conversation about random interesting theological things. Maggie L-S, Rick Incorvati, Judy Johnson, and Chris Oldstone-Moore will be joining us. Friends are welcome!



**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 office.

### Order from Amazon and Support the CEC Food Pantry!

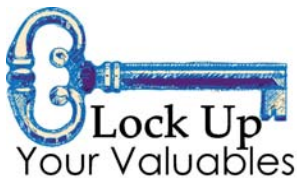


You can help raise funds for our Food Pantry. The **Amazon Smile program** allows us to earn 0.05% on all purchases originating

from our web site. Here are two ways to do it:

(1) Go to <http://christspringfield.org>. Scroll down to **Quick Links**. Click on **Amazon Smile Program**. As you shop, you can see the amount you are earning for the Pantry.

(2) Go to **Amazon.com**, and in the search bar enter "Amazon Smiles," then enter "Christ Episcopal Church Springfield Ohio" as your charity of choice. Supporting the Food Pantry could not be simpler!



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

## PANTRY NEWS

### Pantry Day Is February 21st!

Thank you to those who braved the cold to help with the January Food Pantry! Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities. The next Pantry date is February 21 from 11 AM–2 PM. Volunteers are needed to help pick up, unload, and pack food, and provide customer service. To volunteer, contact the church office at 323-8651 or [zellerko611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerko611@gmail.com).



### 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 card. A donation of a package of toilet paper is a great contribution to this amazing ministry!



### How Far Will a Penny Go?

#### 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.



## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Christ Church is responsible for providing dinner to the guests staying at Interfaith Hospitality Network on **Sunday, February 11th** and **Saturday, February 17th**. The sign-up sheet is located in the East Entrance. To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Lori Swafford at [lori.swafford67@gmail.com](mailto:lori.swafford67@gmail.com).



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 contact Joan Hurley ([jahurley500@gmail.com](mailto:jahurley500@gmail.com)).



## Peace and Patches Quilting Group

After more than thirty years, the quilting group is calling it quits. We have emptied our treasury as follows:

- \$255.04 Christ Church Food Pantry
- \$200.00 Interfaith Hospitality Network
- \$100.00 The Literacy Center
- \$100.00 The Heritage Center
- \$50.00 Springfield Peace Center
- \$50.00 Springfield Soup Kitchen

We will continue to meet Wednesday mornings at 9 AM to work on individual projects. We welcome anyone interested in a little company to join us. Bring along your knitting, crocheting, beading, jewelry making, or any craft you're interested in working on. Build friendships or pick up a new hobby and enjoy a laugh or two! We would love for you to join us.

## Ash Wednesday Prayer



Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts





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Dana Waggoner

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**Deacon:** Rick Incorvati

**Secretary:** Don Wheeler

**Vestry at Large:**

Don Wheeler  
Ann Chitkara  
Marilyn Howat  
Dawn Ivy  
Jake Studebaker  
Chris Wells

**Youth Representative:**

Sophie Smith



## February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday is the Holy Day that begins the penitential season of Lent in preparation for Easter. We offer the following services that day to meet a variety of schedules. All services include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.

- **10 AM:** Prayer Book service in the chapel
- **5 PM:** Family service in the chapel (with a Valentine surprise for the kids)
- **7 PM:** Prayer Book service with choir in the church

**Rev. Maggie will make home/workplace visits in the afternoon to bring ashes and communion to anyone who is unable to attend worship that day. Contact the church office if you would like to receive a visit!**