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The

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2021 Annual Meeting

Sunday March 7 at 10:00 AM via ZOOM

Annual Meeting will, like just about everything else these days, be quite different this year. We will gather via Zoom **Sunday, March 7 at 10:00 AM** via Zoom to conduct the important business of the congregation and to thank the many people who have kept things moving forward during the past year.

What's Different? The most unusual part of the Annual Meeting will be how we conduct elections of Vestry Members and Delegates to Diocesan Convention. Every member will be receiving a Survey Monkey ballot asking for your approval of a slate of candidates. For those without access to a computer, ballots will be sent in the mail.

You will be asked three questions:

1. Do you approve of the following slate of candidates for Vestry positions (slate listed at right)?
2. Do you approve the following candidates as Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention?
3. Do you approve the following changes to the Christ Church Constitution in order to bring in into line with Diocesan Canons (the Constitution and changes will be include in the survey)?

You will simply select "Yes" or "No" and submit the survey. If you are using a paper ballot, you may either mail it back or, if you wish, call the church office with your votes. Because of these unprecedented changes in how the Annual Meeting is being held, the Vestry voted at its February 4th meeting to suspend the Constitutional rule of a 40-member quorum for

the ZOOM meeting. That quorum requirement is, however, still in place for elections.

Therefore, it is essential that everyone participate in the election.

Nominees for Vestry include:

Senior Warden (one-year term) – Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden (one-year term) – Scott Yeazell

Members-at-Large (three-year terms) –

- Linda Mortensen,
- Jimmy Ryan,
- Kay Koeninger

Youth Representative (one-year term) – Leeza Wheeler

See p. 3 for bios of the nominees.

Delegates and Alternates will be named on the ballot when it is sent out.

To join the meeting:

By Computer: use the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84293724071?pwd=aFErYmdqTk9mTIRkWjRrd3lFb1prUT09>

By phone: +1-646-558-8656

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Passcode: 547438

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The Rt Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr.

Priest-in-Charge:

The Rev. Canon
Dr. Lee Anne Reat

Deacon:

The Rev. Rick Incorvati

Senior Warden:

Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden:

Jim Whipp

Organist:

Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

**Parish Administrator/
Program Coordinator:**

Kelly Zeller

Facility Manager:

Paul McAfee

Bookkeeper:

Tina Knox

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Church Staff

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

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Jr. Warden: Jim Whipp

Deacon: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

Treasurer: Ken Bladh

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Music Director: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

Nursery Attendant: Jerushia Knox

Facility Manager: Paul McAfee

Bookkeeper: Tina Knox

Your Vestry

Vestry at Large: Bonnie Bingman, Chris Oldstone-Moore, Cathy Hasecke, Denise Sharp, Brian Shelburne, Joyce Spangler, and Keith Doubt

Youth Representative: Sarah Schubert

**Looking for Virtual Coffee Hour Hosts:**

We would love to add more hosts to the Virtual Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings after the 9 am virtual worship service. Email Kelly Zeller (ZellerK0611@gmail.com) if you're willing to help out!

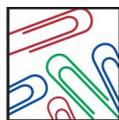


2020 pledge/giving statements have been mailed for tax purposes. If you didn't receive yours please contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com. Thank you!

2021 Update

THANK YOU to all who have pledged to support Christ Church in 2021! We still have not reached our pledge goal of \$195,000, so if you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so to support your church and its ministries. Extra pledge cards are available from Kelly Zeller at zellerk061@gmail.com. Pledges can be fulfilled in one of two ways:

- **"Low-tech" giving:** Mail a check made out to Christ Episcopal Church to the church office (409 East High St., Springfield, OH 45505).
- **"High-tech" giving:** Go to the Diocesan homepage EpiscopaliansInConnection.org and click on *Give Online to Your Church*. Be sure to select Christ Church, Springfield from the "I am making a gift to" drop-down.

**Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, February 15th** in observance of **President's Day**.



Nominating Committee

An enormous **THANK YOU** to all who have stepped forward to be considered for this year's open elected lay leadership positions!

Nominating Committee members included Brian

Shelburne, Chris Oldstone-Moore, Cathy Hasecke, Jack Ivy, Ron Dowling, and Rev. Canon Lee Anne Reat.

Vestry Elect's Bios

Scott Yeazell – Jr. Warden

I would be honored to again serve as Jr. Warden for Christ Church.

I have been a member of this parish for 70 years. All the religious events of my life occurred here. I was baptized, confirmed, & married here. My two daughters were also baptized, confirmed, and married here. My mother's funeral was held here.

I have been a member of vestry several times, served terms as Jr. Warden & Sr. Warden, and served as chair of the Search Committee for Charlotte Reed. I am currently chair of the Finance Committee, which oversees our Endowment Fund.

During my previous terms as Jr. Warden several projects were completed.

- Replacement of the steam boiler and with high efficiency furnaces, cutting natural gas consumption by more than half
- Remodel of the Sacristy with all new custom cabinets
- Relighting of the Parish Hall and Sanctuary including a lighting control system
- Installation of Sanctuary sound system
- Installation of the fire alarm system
- Wiring for the East Entrance addition and elevator project
- Extensive rainwater drainage control and waterproofing project on the south & west sides of the Parish Hall to stop basement flooding. (sometimes called the Big Dig)

Kay Koeninger~ Vestry at Large It would be an honor to serve on the Vestry. My husband, Scott Warren, and I began attending Christ Church in 2010. During that time, I have enjoyed serving on Altar Guild, the Stewardship Committee, and as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. I have also been involved in the Coffee Hour ministry, African Bible Study, and as a presenter of adult forums focusing on spirituality and art. Before moving to the Dayton area, I was Junior Warden at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Granville, Ohio. I became an Episcopalian when I was a sixth-grader and was confirmed alongside my parents. During my college years at Kenyon College, I sang in the Kenyon College Concert Choir, which also provided music for services at the Church of the Holy Spirit on campus. These activities have given me a varied perspective on the various programs of our faith community, and as we look to the future and re-build after a period of great disruption and challenge, I am especially interested in outreach and racial reconciliation.

James Robert Ryan (Jimmy) ~Vestry at Large

Jimmy is an honored Veteran (and shellback) of the U.S. Navy, having served our country for five years with several deployments aboard the USS Enterprise as well as two tours in Iraq during 2005-2006.

After the Navy, Jimmy went back to school as a nontraditional student, completing degrees from Sinclair and Wittenberg University, in Sociology and Geography (GIS). With some graduate classes completed at Ohio University, Jimmy took on the job of urban agriculture manager for a nonprofit in Dayton. Here he discovered his love of organic farming, sustainable practices, and the benefits of this to the local community.

Jimmy and his family decided to create their own farm that would uphold the mantra: Work Love Spirit, which came to Mandy in a dream a few weeks beforehand. In their 4th year, the farm has dozens of rescue animals (pig, goat, chicken, etc.). With five fields and three hoopouses, the farm is known for their sungold

tomatoes and sunflowers, serving the Farmers Markets of Fairborn and Beaver Creek.

Jimmy grew up in a “recovering Catholic” household in which religion wasn’t a factor. Jimmy didn’t think too much about religion until he met Mandy, who is a Religion Professor. Jimmy is most proud of his role as father, Dad to Ava (19), Bodhi (8) and Hannah Lura (5) and there is no animal he loves more in the world than his dog, Banjo Mulligan.

Leeza Wheeler ~ Youth Representative I’m currently a sophomore at Springfield high school. When I’m not at school I enjoy playing soccer and participating on the school’s mock trial team. My parents are Liz and Don Wheeler. I am excited to represent the youth of our congregation on vestry.

Linda Mortensen~ Vestry at Large

Linda Mortensen has attended Christ Church for approximately 4 years and has been active on the Outreach Committee as well as setting up Coffee Hour onsite and via Zoom. While she grew up in the Christian Church, the Episcopal Church is a newer part of her life. Linda is the Executive Director of Safe Harbor House—a therapeutic community for women recovering from significant trauma and addiction—in Springfield and loves working with traumatized individuals. She has been happily married for 31+ years and has three adult children living in different states.



The Poetry of Lent: A Journey with Mary Oliver

Mary Oliver’s poetry will set the tone of our Lenten Study, taking us deeper into our Sunday and Holy Week readings. All poems are from her book Devotions. **You must register for this class** by emailing Lee Anne Reat at lareat@diosohio.org or calling the church office so that you will receive a Study Booklet and copies of Oliver’s poems used in the study. If you need copies sent through the mail, call the office and Kelly will send one to you. Our series begins on **Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 PM** and continues through March 28 each Sunday at 1:00.

For those not familiar with Mary Oliver’s work, here is a sample:

Praying

*It doesn’t have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch*

*a few words together and don’t try
to make them elaborate, this isn’t
a contest but the doorway*

*into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.*



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

In-person Worship Services As Clark County is listed as "Red," there will be no in-person worship services until further notice.



**Prayer Services Offered
Wednesdays at Noon**

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



Calling in Via Telephone for Sunday Worship Audio

Below are instructions for calling in via telephone to listen to the audio of our virtual Sunday morning service.

1. A few minutes before 9:00 AM, call **312-626-6799**. A recording will answer, saying "Welcome to Zoom!"
2. It will ask you to enter your Meeting ID, followed by #. That's **841 1414 5583#**
3. When asked for your Participant ID Number press #
4. When asked for your password, enter **712122#**

Now you'll be able to hear our worship!

NOTE: if you don't hear anything right away, don't panic. Sometimes we run a few minutes late, so just hang on and trust that we'll begin as soon as we can.

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

February				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
Feb. 7th	Isaiah 40: 21-31	147: 1-12, 21c	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	Mark 1: 29-39
Feb. 14th	2 Kings 2: 1-12	50: 1-6	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Mark 9: 2-9
Feb. 21st	Genesis 9: 8-17	25: 1-9	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 9-15
Feb 28th	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16	Psalm 22:22-30	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8 :31-38

African Bible Study Wednesday at 7 PM

African Bible Study meets each Wednesday via Google Meet. To join, share your interest and send your email address to Keith Doubt at kdoubt@gmail.com. Ten minutes before the meeting, Keith will send an email invitation to the group. Click on the link, and you'll be in!

What is African Bible Study? The approach used is sometimes called African Bible Study, which refers to the method's origins. It is a very structured, very disciplined, and very meditative approach to learning from scripture. It not only discourages but prevents crosstalk and intellectualizing on a reading. It instead encourages listening to others and ourselves as opposed to talking as a group.

THE FORMAT

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 the person on their right, naming what was shared in other steps. (5 minutes)

Closing: The Lord's Prayer



Christ Church on Social Media!

If you're on Facebook go to Christ Episcopal Church's Facebook page and like the page. You'll receive information on upcoming events, learn historical facts, and view beautiful pictures. You will be in the know! If you would like to view the Facebook page and are not on Facebook you can visit Christ Church's web page at christspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on the small **f** and it will redirect you Christ Church's Facebook page.

Christ distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship. He never deposits all knowledge in one person but distributes pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to many. When you interlock your understanding with mine, and we share our discoveries, when we mix, mingle, confess and pray, Christ speaks.

—Max Lucado, *Fearless*





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

**Reminder from Outreach Team
Member Deb Southward**

Just a REMINDER! 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) & will need to play catch up. The Dayton Ronald McDonald House is continuing to be a safe haven for healthcare professionals to rest & relax without exposing their families if they so choose. Not sure when they plan to transition back to families. Rolls/baggies of pennies/pull-tabs can be dropped in the Hollenbeck House mail slot, or returned in the church building when we resume in-person worship. THANKS in advance for everyone's continual support!



**Christ Church
Food Pantry
Wednesday,
Feb. 17**

The Drive thru Food Pantry will be on February 17th starting at 11 AM. Volunteers are needed to help unload food, pack food and help with customer service. Please contact either Ann Chitkara at ann@nova.pcc.com or Anne Randolph at annejrand@aol.com to volunteer.

FEBRUARY



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

- Karen Carter Feb 1
- Jack Goble Feb 2
- Kathi Bladh Feb 3
- Vijay Chitkara Feb 3
- Jenna Rigsbee Feb 4
- Joni Pulver Feb 7
- Cameron McGregor Feb 8
- Joe Lewis Feb 9
- Walt Wells Feb 10
- Fred Reed Feb 11
- Chris Bingman Feb 14
- David Schubert Feb 16
- Charlene Schreiber Feb 20
- Nancy McGregor Feb 23
- Heather Wells Gaskins Feb 24
- Judy Irvine Feb 26

What It's Like to be Hungry in Springfield

We've all felt the grumbling in our stomachs when we haven't eaten for a few hours, but most of us have never really experienced hunger. In fact, most of us have never been unable to choose whatever it is that we want to eat at any given meal. How does hunger feel when it is a constant companion? How does it feel to know that "junk food" is the only food available because it is all you afford or because there is no full-service grocery store available to you? How does it feel to wait in long lines to receive a bag of foods that someone else has chosen for you?

Christ Church has responded lovingly and faithfully to the hunger that grips the lives of our neighbors in Springfield through our Food Pantry. But the problem is too big for us to address alone. Is there more we could do as individuals and as a congregation? On **Monday, February 22, Zac McPherson** from Second Harvest Food Bank and **Linda Mortensen** from Safe Harbor House will share their perspectives on hunger in our city and county. Then, we will all be invited to take the **SNAP Challenge** and live one week as though we were receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), better known as Food Stamps. That means having an average of \$6.00 per person in your household per day for food.

Join the conversation on **February 22** from **7:00 – 8:00 PM** by clicking on the Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/97762166051>



Volunteers Needed for Warming Center

In response to the cold weather, the Salvation Army building (15 S. Plum Street) will serve as a warming center 9:00 am–4:00 pm Sunday, February 7 through Sunday, February 14. Two or three volunteers are needed to help staff the warming center during two, 4-hour shifts (8:30-12:30 and 12:30-4:30).

Volunteers would work as a welcoming host, serve drinks and meals, and ensure the safe functioning of the shelter in conjunction with COVID protocols. Volunteers would also serve alongside one to two other people at all times, and there will always be a Salvation Army staff member on-site.

It is possible that we will need to add overnight shifts. *If you know of anyone available to possibly work overnight shifts please call the Salvation Army (937-244-5294) for further information. Thank you~ Deacon Rick Incorvati*



Bible Quiz

What was the name of Moses' wife?

- A. Miriam
- B. Jochebed
- C. Zipporah
- D. Leah

Answer: See Exodus 2:21.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday reminds us of what we probably do not need a reminder of this year—that we are dust and to dust we shall return. The pandemic has brought our mortality into clear focus as we face the loss of loved ones and fear for the potential loss of our own lives. Our yearly observance of this solemn day will, of necessity, be quite different this year. The service will be virtual and there will be no imposition of ashes. While the imposition of ashes is a valued tradition and the symbolism is a critical component of our understanding of who we are in relation to God, it is not essential to our faith. In fact, it is the absence of the tradition that may inspire our hearts and minds to explore the meaning more deeply.

We will join together on Christ Church's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org>

The service will be broadcast beginning at 7:00 AM on Wednesday, February 17th and be available throughout the day and evening.