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## Holy Week Is Coming!

### **Palm Sunday, March 25**

#### **The Liturgy of the Palms**

**8 AM and 10 AM**

On this first day of Holy Week, we will begin each service outside the East Entrance (weather permitting) for a brief Liturgy of the Palms and procession into the church. Each service also includes the reading of the full Passion Gospel. An Adult Formation session on the traditional celebration of the Jewish Passover at the time of Jesus will follow the 10 am service.

### **Wednesday, March 28th**

**10 AM**

The usual midweek Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing in the chapel will include readings appointed for the Wednesday in Holy Week, and a reflection on Christ's journey to the cross.

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29th**

**6 PM in the Parish Hall**

On Maundy Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper, the night when Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends and commanded us to do the

same in remembrance of him. We gather in the Parish Hall for a simple meal that includes the prayers and scripture readings for the day, along with (optional) foot washing, and Holy Eucharist. At the close of the meal, we process to the church together by candlelight for the stripping of the altar. We leave the church silently in darkness.

### **Good Friday**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

On this most somber occasion, we recall the day of our Lord's execution. The Good Friday liturgy includes the full Passion Gospel, the Solemn Collects, and the Veneration of the Cross.

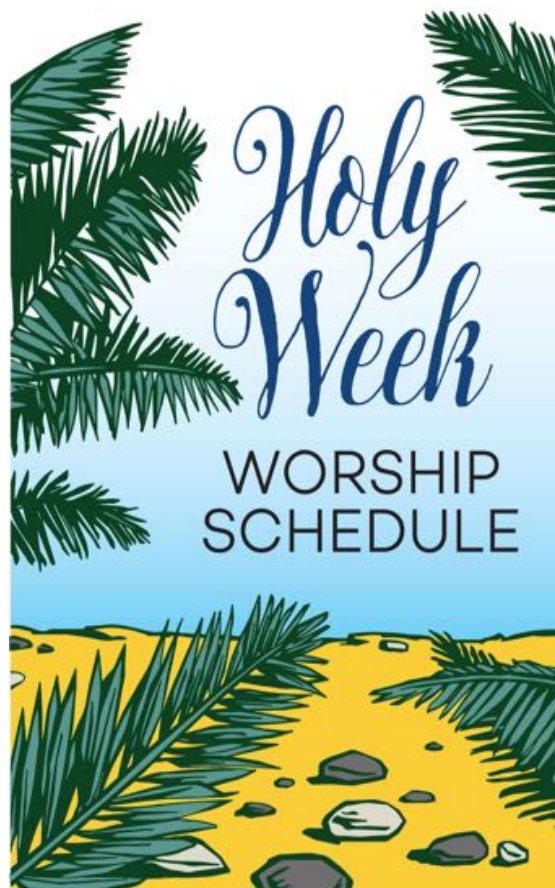
### **Easter, April 1st**

#### **The Day of the Resurrection**

**8 and 10 AM**

On this holiest day of the Christian year, we rejoice at Christ's victory over the powers of death with a quiet Holy Eucharist at 8 am and a Festive Holy Eucharist with music at 10 am. Following the 10 am

service, adults, children, and youth will celebrate together with a "Triple Egg Hunt" -- stay tuned for more details!



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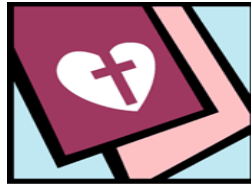
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# FROM THE RECTOR

Dear people of Christ Church,

**Question: What is YOUR passion for ministry?**

Like many of you, I was spellbound by Bishop Breidenthal's words in both his sermon and his Adult Formation presentation on February 25th. The Bishop has a knack for discerning vitally important truths and questions and articulating them in an inviting and accessible way. When he met with the clergy, vestry, and wardens at the end of his time with us, he asked each person in the room to answer a single question—what is your passion for ministry? In other words, what part of the wider life of the church gets you excited, where/how do you love to serve?

The answers from the folks around the table inspired me. Each person's response was unique based on his/her gifts and values and experience, and yet all of the responses combined made a beautiful picture of what Christ Church is and can be. So now, I want to turn the question to all of you -- what is YOUR passion for ministry?

Do you love working with kids? making music? feeding hungry people? connecting with the homebound? studying Scripture? taking the church into the community? fellowship and relationship-building?

**I want to know where your passion lies!** There are so many ways to serve God here at Christ Church, and my prayer is that we each may find our own special calling in the life of the church -- that place where service is not just another burden but an intentional practice of grateful joy and Christ-centered love.

Blessings and love,  
Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)





**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.



**Activity Bags for Children**  
 Quiet activity bags, books, and coloring sheets are on a cart in the 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!

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
3/04/18	Exodus 20:1-17	19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
3/11/18	Numbers 21:4-9	107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
3/18/18	Jeremiah 31:31-34	51:1-13	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-30
3/25/18	Isaiah 50:4-9a	31	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15



**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. In 2005, the Holy Spirit called me to become a Registered Nurse. I welcome your question and prayer requests anytime.

Blessings,  
 Myra Dean Banion  
 (937) 768-0965



Easter can be a wonderful time to remember loved ones with a gift to Christ Church for flowers. Fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check, payable to *Christ Episcopal Church*. Please write Easter Flowers on the memo line of the check. The deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Donor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_





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

**Thank you to...**

- ... **Altar Guild** for all they do!
- ... the **Ushers** for all they do!
- ... to **Chris Oldstone-Moore** and **Fred Bartenstein** for their hard work and leadership on Shrove Tuesday!
- ... To **all who attended the Pancake Supper and Talent Show** on Shrove Tuesday and to those who shared a talent, cooked, served and cleaned up!

**Thank you from...**

- ... the **Fuller Center for Housing** for the generous donation and continued support.



**Join the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 AM at the Stables Restaurant 500 Roscommon dr. Springfield.**

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



Wayne and Deb Southward..... Mar. 15  
 Ted and Wendy DeLong..... Mar. 27

**STAFF HOURS**

- BY APPOINTMENT:**  
**Rector:** The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard  
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**Facility Manager:** Paul McAfee: Monday–Friday, 7–11 AM  
**Bookkeeper:** Gayle Culler: Tuesday and Thursday, 8–10 AM

**Results of the 184<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

- During the 45-minute Annual Meeting the following business of the church was conducted:
- ❖ The following people were elected by acclamation to positions on the Vestry: Sr. Warden, Dawn Ivy and Jr. Warden, John Richardson
  - ❖ 3-year Vestry terms: Chris Oldstone-Moore, Kathleen Schubert and Brian Shelburne.
  - ❖ Ann Chitkara, Dawn Ivy and Jack Ivy were elected delegates to our diocesan convention.
  - ❖ Rev. Maggie announced that the family of Rose Anderson has given a substantial gift to the church to support the ongoing maintenance of the physical property. It will be known as the “The Rosie Fund.”
  - ❖ Thank you to Vestry and all that helped set up and clean up!



### INTERFAITH Hospitality Network

#### IHN Annual Soup and Salad Dinner

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 7 PM**

Please plan to attend the IHN Annual Soup and Salad dinner, at the First Lutheran Church on the corner of Wittenberg and High Streets. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. All proceeds benefit the homeless of Clark County through Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield.

#### 24th Annual Empty Bowls Thursday, March 22nd



The 24th Annual Wittenberg University Empty Bowls is Thursday, March 22nd from 4:30–7 PM (Central Dining Room, Student Center of the Wittenberg Campus). Bowls are \$15, which includes a humble meal of soup and bread. The goal is to raise \$45,000 this year. All proceeds go to the Second Harvest Food Bank. For more information, contact Scott Dooley (937-327-6327).



Alan Ladd .....	Mar-01
Joann Albright .....	Mar-02
Keith Harbaugh .....	Mar-03
Aliviya Payne .....	Mar-04
Susan Goble .....	Mar-05
Stacy Whitt .....	Mar -06
Bailey Doan .....	Mar-07
Judy McGregor .....	Mar-08
Doug Smith .....	Mar-13
Elisabeth Rigsbee .....	Mar-15
Deb Southward .....	Mar-16
Babs Reed .....	Mar-16
Olivia Chitkara .....	Mar-17
Ian Shelburne .....	Mar-18
Wayne Southward .....	Mar-24
Traudie Milleck .....	Mar-25
Norm Silliman .....	Mar-25
Jennifer Oldstone-Moore .....	Mar-27
Kevin Rigsbee .....	Mar-27
Gwendolyn Scheffel .....	Mar-27
Lori Swafford .....	Mar-27
Wade Smith .....	Mar-28
Jacob Lewis .....	Mar-31



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)).





**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. These rebates are used to support our outreach.

**Amazon Orders Support the 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!



**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!

**PANTRY NEWS**

**Pantry Day Is March 21st!**

Thank you to those who helped with the February Food Pantry! Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities. The next Pantry date is March 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).



**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.



**Peace and Patches Quilting Group**

The Peace and Patches Quilting Group continues 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.



**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.

## Adult Formation at Christ Church: Under Construction

One of the many things I've been working on recently is putting together a slate of Adult Formation offerings after the 10 AM service to take us through the remainder of Lent and the Easter Season. The schedule includes

- biweekly *Lectio Divina* scripture studies on the Psalm text for the day
- a presentation on Philip Quaque (1741-1816), the first person of color ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Communion
- a session on the customs surrounding the celebration of the Jewish Passover in Jesus's day
- a presentation by Rabbi Cary Kozberg of Temple Sholom here in Springfield.

There are also a couple of empty slots, so if you have a topic or activity you'd be willing to present, please let me know!

~ Maggie ([RevMaggieLS@gmail.com](mailto:RevMaggieLS@gmail.com))

### March 2018:

- Mar. 4: Psalms *Lectio Divina* (Pat Cary)
- Mar 11: Philip Quaque (Maggie L-S)
- Mar. 18: Psalms *Lectio Divina* (Maggie L-S)
- Mar. 25: the Jewish Passover (Jon L-S)

### April 2018:

- Apr. 1: (Easter Sunday): an all-ages "Triple Egg Hunt"
- Apr. 8: Psalms *Lectio Divina* (Pat Cary)
- Apr. 15: Rabbi Cary Kozberg
- Apr. 22: Psalms *Lectio Divina* (Maggie L-S)
- Apr. 29: **OPEN**

### May 2018:

- May 6: Psalms *Lectio Divina* (Pat Cary)
- May 13: **OPEN**
- May 20: (Pentecost Sunday): an all-ages "Birthday Party for the Church"

Tiny breeze or might wind,  
swirling round as God commands.  
Hats go flying. Branches bend.  
Little seeds spread through the lands.  
God Almighty makes the wind;  
great big gusts can shape the sands.  
Awesome is the power of God,  
when even wind obeys his plans.

—MaryAnn Sundby







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Ann Chitkara

Marilyn Howat

Chris Oldstone-Moore

Kathleen Schubert

Brian Shelburne

Chris Wells

Don Wheeler

**Youth Representative:**

Emily Hasecke



**Day of Change: Sunday, March 11th**

As our clocks “spring forward”, we will once again collect loose change (bills gladly accepted too!) to support our Christ Church Food Pantry. Use your change to make a change in the lives of the hungry. Baskets will be passed at each service for this offering.