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Now that we are offering an in-person service, if you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers, please email Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com. Please be very specific in what or who you are dedicating the altar flowers and if you have a particular choice of flower. Indicate how you would like the flowers to be handle after the service (will you take them home or donate them). The suggested donation is \$45.

Open Dates:

May 16th, 23rd, and 30th

June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

July 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

September 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st

November 7th, 14th, and 21st

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**A NOTE ON RETURNING TO
IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

We have all longed for the day when we can return to the church building for worship – to see one another, to pray together, and to join in Holy Eucharist. That day has come, with some changes and precautions to assure the safety of everyone. Dawn Ivy and Angus Randolph have developed a handbook for ushers that follow diocesan safely guidelines. We ask that everyone who is ready to come back inside take your personal responsibility to protect your health and the health of others seriously. We are all aware of the basics – maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others, wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth, wash hands frequently, and stay home if you do not feel well. In addition, we ask that you:

- **Register to attend worship each week.** Register via email at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call the church office at 937-323-8651 by 3:00 PM on Thursday. We are capping attendance at 50 individuals (approximately 25% of our seating capacity).
- **Plan to arrive at church no earlier than 9:45 AM and move directly into the nave to be seated in designated pews.** The online service will be taped in the sanctuary beginning at 9:00, so no one will be admitted before 9:45.
- Unfortunately we are unable at this time to gather informally before or after services inside the building. **Please exit the building immediately after the service.**

During the service diocesan safely guidelines will be followed for the safe distribution of communion (bread only at this time). Details will be printed in your service bulletins.

We will continue to offer online services as long as they are needed for safety, but probably far into the future as a new way to be part of the Christ Church community. That service will be live at 9:00 AM each Sunday and posted on Facebook for later viewing.

Above all else, we want you to feel safe as we enter this new phase of our lives together. If you have any questions or concerns at all, contact Senior Warden Dawn Ivy at dvivy0960@yahoo.com or Canon Lee Anne Reat at lareat@diosohio.org or 614-214-4236.



The Church Office will be closed May 31, 2021, in observance of Memorial Day.





- Cathy Hasecke Apr-08
- Kent Brooks Apr 10
- Ann Summers Apr 11
- David Warren Apr-11-
- Gretchen Hicks..... Apr-13
- Richard Martin..... Apr-13
- Alice Kelly..... Apr 14
- Kay Koeninger..... Apr-16
- Terry Barnes Apr-18
- Kathleen Schubert..... Apr-19
- Wendy DeLong Apr-20
- Keith Doubt Apr-23
- Bonnie Shelburne..... Apr-24
- Rand Smith Apr-26



Vijay & Ann ChitkaraApril 22nd



- Bill & Gretchen Hicks May 13
- Christopher Durrenberger & Peng Chen May 20
- Rick & Jeanie Everingham May 25
- Scott & Cathy Yeazell May 27
- Jack & Dawn Ivy May 31



- Bobbi Wells May 03
- Peg Curtin May 05
- Ben Hasecke May 08
- Sarah Schubert May 10
- Susie Peterson May 11
- Dodi Holmes May 13
- Katie Yeazell Mellett May 14
- Logan Mellett May 17
- Ross McGregor May 18
- Hollis Wolfe May 18
- Eman Trillana May 19
- Ron deLanglade May 20
- Daphne Trillana May 20
- Marj Vasileff May 20
- Zoë Spangler May 21
- Taylor Mellett May 25
- Charlotte McGregor May 26
- Scott Yeazell May 29



Are you, or someone in your family, graduating this spring? High school, college, trade school, or grad school. Christ Church would like to recognize and celebrate your accomplishment! Please email the pertinent information: graduate's name, school name, degree (if applicable), graduation date, and future plans to Parish Administrator Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES—Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.



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



**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**



April/May

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
April 4	Acts 10: 34-43	118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Mark 16: 1-8
April 11	Acts 4: 32-35	133	1 John 1:1 – 2:2	John 20: 19-31
April 18	Acts 3: 12-19	4	1 John 3: 1-7	Luke 24: 36b-48
April 25	Acts 4: 5-12	23	1 John 3: 16-24	John 10: 11-18
May 2	Acts 8: 26-40	22:24-30	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:9-17
May 9	Acts 10: 44-48	98	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
May 16	Acts 1: 15-17,21-26	1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17: 6-19
May 23	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	104: 25-35,37	Acts 2: 1-21	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 30	Isaiah 6:1-8	29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3: 1-17

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.



Church Staff

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

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Your Vestry

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

Youth Representative: Leeza Wheeler



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!



Woof! Woof! Purr...

There is 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!.



Empty Bowls Virtual fundraiser

April 22nd through April 29th

Help support Second Harvest Food Bank CCL annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser! Similarly to last year, this event will be virtual in efforts to keep our community safe during the COVID pandemic. For one week you can, fill your cart to fill a bowl! By shopping online at www.theshfb.org/shop empty bowls store you are supporting our food insecure neighbors. Each bowl cost \$15 and will provide 75 meals.



Wednesday Food Pantry Dates April 21st and May 19th

Volunteers are needed before and on drive through pantry days to help unload food, pack food and provide customer service. No matter your level of comfort with in-person contact, there is a volunteer opportunity that's right for you!

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.

A glimpse of the work involved: as soon as all the groceries are unloaded onto tables in the parish hall, you would go around the tables loading specific items into bags and placing the bags on specified pallets or tables where they will sit until pantry distribution day. The work also involves clearing out and breaking down cardboard shipping boxes.

We are currently seeking packing volunteers for May. (A big thanks to all who volunteered in April!) Please look at your calendar. If you and or your pod are willing to commit to a block of 3–4 hours on either May 13th, May 14th, or possibly May 15th, please let Ann know. Together you can arrange a time when Ann will meet you at the Church and provide specific directions. Ideally, all the groceries should be bagged for distribution by May 19th.

Please call 937-925-4008 or email Ann Chitkara at annnovaswim@gmail.com to ask any questions or let her know if you are willing to help. If you would like to volunteer for pantry day itself, contact either Ann Chitkara or Anne Randolph at annejrand@aol.com to volunteer.



Anticipating Life's Waves

Joni Eareckson Tada, who was paralyzed after a diving accident, described swimming in the ocean as a child. Because the waves looked so high, her first inclination was to swim away from them. That, however, just left her tossed about and sometimes held underwater. "The best thing," she discovered, "was to swim fast *toward* [the waves] and dive *under* them before they had a chance to break on top of you."

That's true with life's "waves of crisis or difficulty" too, says Tada. "The best way to beat those waves

of trials and tough challenges is to *face* them. Head-on. Almost anticipating them. Sometimes I find myself literally diving into the middle of a problem before it has a chance to crash on top of me." When problems are about to break on top of you, what helps you face them and stand your ground?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Kroger Community Rewards Re-Enrollment

For participating Kroger Plus Card holders, April is Annual Re-Enrollment Month! Just follow the instructions listed below, and Christ Church receives a rebate based on your purchases for another year! This needs to be completed by April 30th.

1. Access www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Sign in with your email address and password
3. Click on "My Account"
4. Scroll down to Community Rewards
5. Click "Edit"
6. Enter our organization number (80354) and click "Search"
7. The church's information will appear
8. Click on "Enroll"
9. That's it!