



Our graduates will be recognized on June 4 at the 10 o'clock service. Please join us as we celebrate their accomplishments and hear about their future plans.

**Andrew Bingman** will receive a Doctorate of Psychology from Pacific University in Oregon. He will begin a residency program at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

**Ian Waggoner** graduated from Springfield High School and is planning on attending Villanova University outside of Philadelphia.

**Carla Christ** (George Anderson's granddaughter) graduated from Wright State University Residency program.

**Eleanor Leymaster** (Sally Schwartz's granddaughter) graduated from high school in Madison, Ohio.

**Sophie Smith** graduated from Shawnee High School and will be attending Williamette University in Salam Oregon.

**Maverick Oliver Vogelgesang** graduated from ECOT and plans taking independent online study courses as well as attending Columbus State for a degree in computer programing.



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From the

**Transition  
Priest-in-Charge**

**Growing a Rector****Dear Christ Church Friends,**

This spring, a long-held dream came true: raised beds for our back yard. I have always loved the idea of vegetable gardening, and always been frustrated by the reality of it. In Toledo, we had too much shade and way too many deer, who treated any effort at vegetables as their personal salad bar. In Detroit, we had the tiniest of yards. It was either swings for the kids, or a garden, and of course the swings won.

Now—maybe—I finally might grow something. Maybe. I'm planting herbs and tomatoes, beans and peppers, and I'm putting each in the ground with a "Don't fail me now" kind of prayer! But also with a lot of curiosity. That spindly tomato plant—when will it bear fruit? Those beans—when will we pick some for dinner?

I know that all of us are asking the same question about the new rector: When? When will there be an announcement? When will he or she arrive? These are the dates we know:

- June 5: Deadline for the diocese to receive applications
- June 20: Search Committee meets with the Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands to receive the names
- July 5–15: Skype interviews, possibly followed by a second interview
- August: visits by Search Committee teams to the likeliest candidates and background checks

Then the finalists will visit here and meet with the Bishop. The Committee will recommend a priest to the Vestry, who will extend a call. If accepted, the person will give notice (6 weeks is customary) to their current parish.

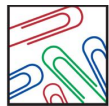
But just as my vegetables' timetable will be affected by the amount of rain and sun we receive and by how chilly or hot the weather is, the timing of this search will be affected by factors we don't know about yet. If a candidate is going to be on vacation in August, for example, that could either hasten or delay the Search Committee's visit.

I've had the privilege of meeting with the Search Committee, and I am so impressed with the care and diligence they are putting into their work. You could not be in better hands. Our job is to pray for them—and to enjoy this summer together.

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Christ Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Faithfully,

Margaret Holt Sammons+



**Office  
Closed**

**The church office  
will be closed on  
Monday, May  
29<sup>th</sup> for  
Memorial Day.**



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

**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 Margaret 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 questions and prayer requests anytime.

Blessings,  
Myra Dean Banion  
(937) 768-0965

**Children's Chapel**

We are in need of volunteers for the Children's Chapel at the 10 AM service. Children's Chapel occurs during the Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings. Children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to the chapel to hear and experience the gospel lesson for the day in a way that is age appropriate and fun for them. Each week, one adult is the leader and another adult is the second person. The leader will be sent a child friendly lesson of the week with craft suggestions, coloring pages, or game that could be played. If you would like to help with this ministry, please sign up on the sheet posted on the East Entrance kiosk. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com).

**Activity Bags for Children**

Quiet activity bags, books, and coloring sheets are on a cart in sanctuary. We know that children are excellent multitaskers, 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
June 4	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
June 11	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15	Psalm 116	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 25	Genesis 21:8-21	Psalm 86	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

# Stewardship Steering Committee

A Stewardship Steering Committee is being formed for the important responsibility of organizing the fall pledge campaign. Your Transition Priest and Vestry need a group of 8 people (men, women or youth) who love Christ Church and want to strengthen its future to be a part of this joyful endeavor. The committee will be co-chaired by Ty Buckman (937-325-8737) and Chris Wells (937-284-1541) with the Rev. Greg Sammons (419-350-9518) as the Vestry appointed consultant. The Committee will generally meet once a month on Thursdays from 7–8:30 PM. Please call or speak to any of them if you can serve or if you have questions.

## STAFF HOURS

**Transition Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Margaret Holt**

**Sammons:** Tuesday through Thursday

**BY APPOINTMENT:**

**Senior Warden:** Bonnie Shelburne

**Junior Warden:** Dana Waggoner

**Deacon:** The Rev Otto Anderson

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Denise Wells

**Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:** Kelly

Zeller: Monday–Friday, 8 AM–12 PM

**Organist and 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



## Ministry Schedule

During the busy summer months, please remember to check your ministry schedules. If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and email Kelly at [zellerko611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerko611@gmail.com). It takes all ministers working together to coordinate our worship each Sunday! Thank you!

## Stewardship Coach

Senior Warden Bonnie Shelburne announced on Sunday May 14 that the Vestry has appointed me as Stewardship Coach. It will be a privilege to work with your Stewardship Steering Committee. In fact, by the time you receive this newsletter, the committee will have had a planning retreat.

For me, Stewardship is about more than raising money to pay utility bills. It's about living into the specific mission to which God calls Christ Church in 2018. Even more, it has to do with each of us growing more deeply into the "Jesus life" of joyful open-handed generosity.

My aim is to walk with the committee as they develop a plan, a theme, and a goal for the 2017 campaign. I will support them as they implement the plan and help them evaluate it when it is done. In this way, I hope that Christ Church will have a Stewardship approach that can be replicated in years to come.

An effective Stewardship Campaign takes many more people than the Steering Committee. There will come a time when a Committee member may ask you to help with some small part of it. If asked, please say "yes," if you possibly can.

Finally, beginning in June and extending into the fall, I have been asked to fill in on Sundays at other area Episcopal Churches. Thus, I won't have the joy of worshipping as often at CCS, which I've really loved. However, please know that my role as stewardship coach will be undiminished.

I will be in frequent touch with your Stewardship Committee and its co-chairs as we meet monthly and confer at other times, as necessary. Please hold the work of this vitally important committee in your daily prayers.

Thank you,

The Rev. Greg P. Sammons  
Stewardship Coach





All parishioners and guests are invited to the annual Christ Church picnic. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Frisbees, soccer balls, and other outdoor games are also welcome.

**Pub Theology 2.0 (adults) - June 15**

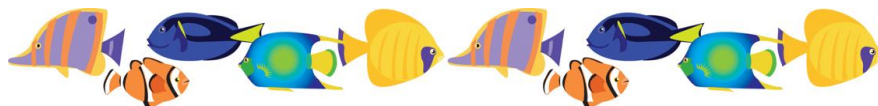
Join us Thursday, June 15, at 7 pm for Flash Compline at the City Hall Plaza, followed by conversation together at Seasons. All are welcome! Please let the Rev. Margaret Sammons know if you can come: [sammons.margaret@gmail.com](mailto:sammons.margaret@gmail.com)

**You'll Never Miss It**

Frustrated that income never covered expenses, a longtime church treasurer resigned. Another member, who owned the town's grain elevator, volunteered to take over with one stipulation: He wouldn't submit a report for the first year. The puzzled board members agreed because they knew he was an honest man. After all, they trusted him to process their grain. By year's end, the new treasurer gave a glowing report. The church's building debt had been erased. Staff salaries had increased 15 percent. And the budget showed a healthy balance.

When the shocked but delighted congregation asked for an explanation, the treasurer said, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. When I paid you, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it!"

Imagine what we could do for God if we willingly returned the first tenth of his gifts back to him.



**June Birthdays**

Denny Wells	2-Jun
Beth Deger	3-Jun
Lynn Rigsbee	4-Jun
Melanie Mowad	5-Jun
Jody Rambo	5-Jun
Audra Trillana	5-Jun
Amil Anderson	5-Jun
Mary Lou McDonald	6-Jun
Mark Irvine	7-Jun
Lisa Jenkins	8-Jun
Joyce Spangler	9-Jun
Sally Schwartz	10-Jun
Alicia Schubert	10-Jun
Wes Sharp	11-Jun
Sally Boblitt	12-Jun
Greta Stridsberg	14-Jun
Michael Mowad	15-Jun
Judy Johnson	16-Jun
Bruce Horney	21-Jun
Henry McGregor	22-Jun
Barb Kelly	25-Jun
Sharon Wells	26-Jun
Pat Benne	26-Jun
Paul Schubert	27-Jun
Will Hasecke	28-Jun
Susie Barnes	29-Jun
Ruth Karsten	30-Jun



Will & Margaret Mattox	June-11
Joe Lewis & Vicki Lindsay	June-13
Kent Brooks & Rick Incorvati	June-15
Steve & Denise Sharp	June-16
Wade & Susan Smith	June-18
Dave & Bonnie Bingman	June-19
Ross McGregor & Cathy Crompton	June-19
Chris & Denise Wells	June-29



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on **Tuesday, June 13** at 11:30 AM at Copper Top, 116 Miami St., Urbana, Ohio. This group welcomes all men and women who are available at lunchtime for some good

food and fellowship. Please email Anita Beardsell (anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com) to RSVP. If you need a ride, let Anita know that, too.



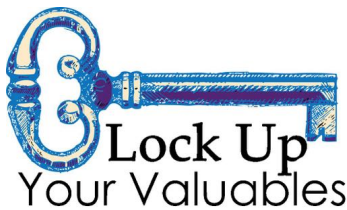
Prayer shawls are available in the East Entrance. The Prayer Shawls can be given to anyone needing comfort during difficult times.

Please complete the last line of the card and place in the box on the table. If you have any questions please contact Joan Hurley at [jahurley500@gmail.com](mailto:jahurley500@gmail.com)



A sign-up sheet for the 10 AM coffee hour is posted on the kiosk in the East Entrance. If you're interested in hosting a Coffee Hour either solo or with a

friend, please sign up!



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

## Thank you from...

- ... **Shawnee Place Apartments** for a wonderful dinner.
- ... **Springfield Peace Camp** for the generous donation and continued support.
- ... **Interfaith Hospitality Network** for the donation!

### A special thank you from ... ... Anita Beardsell

I was inducted into the Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna at the Procter Center today. This center is owned and operated by the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and is located near London, Ohio. I was very honored to be inducted into the Class of 2017, and I particularly want to thank the congregation of Christ Church for this recognition, and the accompanying support from the members of the parish.

## Thank you to...

- ... all those who participated in Christ Church's annual yard work day!
- ... all of the coffee hour hosts.
- ... all of the Christian Education teachers at Christ Church.

## Empties4Cash

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church is no longer accepting toner cartridges. Please recycle your cartridges at Office Max, Office Depot, Staples, or Best Buy.



**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 church office.



**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:

**June 11th and 17th**

Christ Church is responsible for providing dinner to the guests at Interfaith

Hospitality Network on Sunday, June 11th and Saturday, June 17th. If you can help with this ministry please contact Lori Swafford at [lori.swafford67@gmail.com](mailto:lori.swafford67@gmail.com) or call (937)605-7625.

## PANTRY NEWS

### Next Food Pantry—June 21st

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



### 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!



### Amazon Orders Support the Pantry!

You can help raise funds for our Food Pantry ministry with this easy to use fundraiser. The **Amazon Smile program** allows Christ Church to earn 5% on all purchases originating from our web site. Go to <http://christspringfield.org>. Scroll down to the bottom left corner of the home page under **Quick Links**. Click on **Amazon Smile Program** to access the Amazon Smile site. This site has the same Amazon products available, but as you shop you can see the amount you are earning for Christ Church's Food Pantry. Supporting the pantry could not be simpler!



### **Your Vestry**

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**Deacon:**

Rick Incorvati

**Secretary:**

Don Wheeler

**Vestry at Large:**

Ty Buckman  
Ann Chitkara  
Marilyn Howat  
Don Ivy  
Jake Studebaker  
Chris Wells

**Youth Representatives:**

Helena Buckman  
Sophie Smith



## **Summer Camp at Procter**

Procter Summer Camp, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, provides a place for children, youth, and families to grow in faith, sing, learn, play and pray in the peaceful farmland of London, Ohio. Check out [www.christspringfield.org](http://www.christspringfield.org) for more details for Summer Camp!