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O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL CHRISTMAS IN JULY

All of the joy, none of the hassle

SUNDAY, JULY 16

When I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, Christmas was a very different experience from what I was used to. No snow. Hot. No Santa at the mall. (No mall!) No pressure to come up with the perfect gift. No expectation to create a holiday that makes everyone perfectly happy.

It sounds just like Christ Episcopal Church's Christmas in July! I love this description from a past Clarion:

"This is our opportunity to...

- **sing** "Silent Night" on a hot July morning, and experience the surprise of Jesus' birth.
- **experience** the "wonder of His love", without all the expectations December usually brings.
- **answer** the question, "What can I give Him" as we provide much-needed packages of socks and underwear for children in Springfield, who may not have a 'crib for a bed.'"

The only change is that, at the suggestion of several people, we will not be baking cookies this year.

Please purchase packages of socks and/or underwear in children's/youth/adult sizes. We'll bring them up to the crèche during the service. (This is your only preparation!) After the service, we'll distribute them to local schools.

Then come and enjoy the day! Hear the Christmas Gospel. Sing the Christmas hymns. Reflect on God's great gift to us in Jesus.

- Margaret Sammons+

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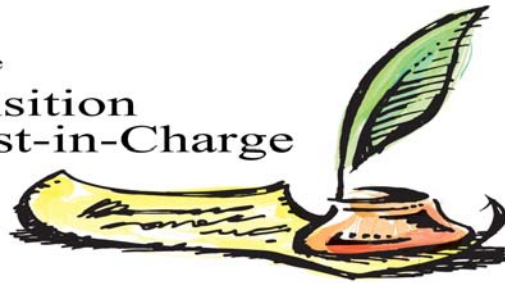
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Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, for Independence Day.

From the
Transition Priest-in-Charge

**Change****Dear friends in Christ,**

Who was it who said that “the only constant is change”? I can’t remember — but those words have been coming to mind a lot, lately. In our parish family, we’ve had the joy of seeing Ian Waggoner and Sophie Smith graduate — but we know that when they leave for college we will miss them greatly.

We’ve recently also said goodbye to Rosie Anderson and Scott Warren, and turned them over to God’s care. And in my time with you, two wonderful families have moved or will shortly move away: John, Amy and Jamie Alduino; and Ty Buckman and Jody Rambo and their children, Helena and Wyeth.

If you’re like me, you’re not a fan of change; you’d much rather things stay as they are.

But if we look deeply into the roots of our faith, we discover that God is always calling people to something new. In our first lessons, this summer, we’ll be following the story of Abraham and Sarah, and their descendants— all the way to Moses and the Exodus.

And it seems like God is constantly saying to these ancestors, “Get up, and leave this place. Follow me, to a new place I’ll show you.”

Sometimes it doesn’t seem fair. Abraham and Sarah were well into retirement when God called them—you’d think he would have chosen someone younger! Sometimes it was downright scary. Jacob, a teenager with bad judgment, found himself alone in the wilderness at night, with only a rock for a pillow and a lot of hungry-sounding animals, all around.

But then he heard God speak: “Jacob, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go.” That’s what they all discovered: wherever they went, God was there. They never walked into empty newness, but always into the arms of God.

So do we.

In Christ,

Margaret Holt Sammons+



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

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!



SEARCH Committee

As the Search Committee prepares for interviews with the applicants, we all have an opportunity to support them with prayer: A sign-up sheet is in the East Entrance, listing each day through September. **Please sign up to take one or more days**, when you will lift the Search Committee and the applicants to God, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide their work. If you are away, just email the Rev. Margaret Sammons the date you'd like, and she will add you to the sheet. <sammons.margaret@gmail.com> Thank you!



The Stewardship Committee is now holding monthly meetings as they organize the 2018 pledge campaign. The slogan for the campaign is "Sing a New Song," which borrows a phrase from a beloved hymn and also expresses the importance of this transition year for Christ Church as we search for and install a new rector. Members of the committee are Chris Wells and Kay Koeninger, co-chairs, and Joan Hurley, Dawn Ivy, Brian Shelburne, Gwen Scheffel, and Joyce Spangler. The Rev. Greg Sammons is serving as the committee's consultant. There will be upcoming news of activities for the fall, including pledge testimonies and special social events. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you have questions or feedback.

July LECTIONARY



Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
July 2	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67,	Psalm 45	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 109	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Genesis 28: 10-19a	Psalm 139	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August LECTIONARY



Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
Aug. 6	Exodus 34: 29-35	Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9: 28-36
Aug. 13	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28	Psalm 105	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-23
Aug. 20	Genesis 45: 1-15	Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28
Aug. 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20



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



Birthdays

David Bingman.....	4-Jul
Sue Allender	6-Jul
Anne Randolph.....	July-07
Anne Guyton- Dunbar.....	July-08
Catherine Waggoner.....	July-09
Leon Durrenberger.....	July-10
Christina McGregor.....	July 11
William Mattox.....	July-13
Katherine Sharp	July-15
Jim Kreckman	July-16
Muriel Spoon	July-18
Devon Tuggle.....	July-18
Denise Wells	July-23
James Jr. (Jamie) McGregor	July-24
Steven McGregor	July-24
Rick Dunbar	July-25
Vicki Lindsay	July-25
Jake Mellett	July-25
Cash Sullivan	26-Jul
Michael Schmitt	July-27
Owen Dooley	July-29
Charles Irvine	July-30

Anniversaries

Audra and Eman Trillana.....	5-Jul
Lori Swafford and Rand Smith	7-Jul
Cathy and Ed Hasecke.....	12-Jul



Birthdays

Joy Bayes	Aug.-01
Cathy Yeazell.....	Aug.-02
JoEtta Cooper	Aug-02
Justin Lehman	Aug.-03
Clare Perks.....	Aug.-04
Tom McNicol	Aug.-04
Scott Dooley.....	Aug.-04
Laura Yeazell	Aug.-05
Donna Cummings.....	Aug.-08
Josh Payne	Aug.-09
Nick Payne	Aug.-09
Helena Buckman	Aug.-10
Dana Waggoner	Aug.-11
Marilyn Howat.....	Aug.-12
Pamela Muir	Aug.-15
Ellie McGregor.....	Aug.-15
Jack Ivy	Aug.-21
Ted DeLong	Aug.-28
Jenny Randolph.....	Aug.-29

Anniversaries

Terry & Joanne Harris.....	Aug.-02
Ron & Ann deLanglade.....	Aug.-05
Brain & Bonnie Shelburne.....	Aug.-06
Jody Rambo & Ty Buckman.....	Aug.-08
David & Kathleen Schubert.....	Aug.-09
Keith & Carol Harbaugh.....	Aug.-18
Fred & Joy Bartenstein.....	Aug.-21

Summer Vacations

Rev. Margaret Sammons: July 29–August 13
Supply clergy:

- July 30 and August 6: The Rev. Elizabeth Hoster
- August 13, the Rev. Rick Incorvati will preach and lead Morning Prayer.

Kelly Zeller: July 21–August 6

The Rev. Rick Incorvati: July 24–30



Safe Travels

As the number of people traveling increases during the summer months, we wish those of you traveling a safe trip and hope the time away serves you well!



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on **Tuesday, July 11th** at 11:30 AM at Mills Park Hotel located at 321 Xenia Ave Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387. 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



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...

- ... the **Heritage Center** for the generous donation.
- ... **Springfield Peace Center** for the continued support!

Thank you to...

- ... **Ron deLanglade** for his continued work on the Christ Church landscape.



Farewell Celebration for the Buckman-Rambo Family

On Sunday, July 9, we will thank Ty, Jody, Helena, and Wyeth for all they have meant to our parish family. Most recently, Ty and Helena are serving on our current Vestry, and Helena is a member of the Search Committee. Jody has been an Atrium leader and was a mentor for the most recent Confirmation class. We will miss them all. They are moving to Staunton, Virginia, where Ty will become Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Mary Baldwin College. Come join us as we lay hands on them and ask God to travel with them in their new adventure.

Shawnee Place Apartments: Thursday, August 17th

Christ Church will host the next quarterly birthday celebration for the residents of Shawnee Place on Thursday, August 17th. The event will start at 6:00 PM; Christ Church is providing the dinner. If you can help with dinner or have questions, please contact Gwen Scheffel at 629-0197 or gscheffel@wittenberg.edu.



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.



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.



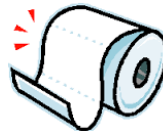
Rainbow Table

In August we will take our next turn aiding St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rainbow Table, a weekly free hot meal provided to the community on Fridays. There are two shifts. Shift one prepares the meal and sets up from 9 11 AM. The second shift comes in at 11:30 AM to serve and clean up, finishing at 1:30 PM. You may help at just one session or as many as you are able. The sign-up sheet is located on the kiosk in the East Entrance.

PANTRY NEWS

Pantry Days: 7/19 and 8/16

Thank you to those who helped with the June Food Pantry! Pantry dates for July and August are listed above. Volunteers from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities help pick up, unload, and pack food and provide customer service. To volunteer, contact the church office at 323-8651 or <mailto:parishofficecec@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!



Amazon Orders Support the Pantry!

You can help raise funds for our Food Pantry with this easy to use fundraiser. The **Amazon Smile** program allows us to earn 5% on all purchases originating from our web site. There are two ways to shop at Amazon Smile for Christ Church. **(1)** Go to <http://christspringfield.org>. Scroll down to **Quick Links**. Click on **Amazon Smile Program** to access the Amazon Smile site, which has the same Amazon products available, but 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!



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.

Exodus: Diocese of Southern Ohio's Big Read

Some communities have a "Big Read", where everyone is encouraged to read and discuss the same book.

Bishop Breidenthal has asked all of us in this diocese to read and discuss the same book of the Bible: *Exodus*. It is a timely choice. As the Bishop writes, "We are at a moment as a church and a culture when the questions that the Book of *Exodus* raises are prominent. What does it mean to be a stranger in a strange land? What does it mean to leave behind all the things we thought we knew? What does it mean to see our communities change?"

We'll begin our "Big Read" on August 27, with a sermon on *Exodus*. We'll continue it at the Adult Forums this fall, as we explore this powerful story, not only by studying the text, but also through art, and perhaps music. If you'd like to help me plan those Forums, please let me know:

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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

DID YOU KNOW?



**1 priest + 1 Sunday School teacher +
4 high school students + 1.5 hours =
a clean closet in Hollenbeck!**

Thanks to Helena Buckman, Ben Hasecke, Emily Hasecke, and Sophie Smith for hard work and a cheerful attitude!





Your Vestry

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Margaret Holt
Sammons

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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



Sundae Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks August 20

*Join us to celebrate the
beginning of the new school
year!*

Children and youth: bring your backpacks! During the service, we'll bless them, and you.

Educators: we'll pray for you, too.

Everyone: after the service, we'll enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social!