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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Adult Forum Returns!

Sunday, September 12!

Beginning September 12, the adult forum will meet in the parish hall after the 10:00 service.

Please join us to kick off the new season!

Bring a beloved book from your childhood or a young adult novel to share. If you wish, read a page, and tell us why you loved this book.

If you'd like, bring a new copy of the book, and we'll donate it to a local school library.

Watch the *Newsnote* each week for more opportunities to learn and share during adult forum!

African Bible Study Is Back September 7th!

Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

African Bible Study meets each Tuesday 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. (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

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Ways you can SERVE

With the fall fast approaching, there are several opportunities available for folks of all ages and abilities to lend a hand and support the various ministries of Christ Church. Please consider how you might get involved and let me know that you can help out via email at zellerk0611@gmail.com.

The current openings include:

- **Tellers** ~ work with a partner for 30 minutes after Sunday services; training provided.
- **Ushers** ~ work with a team usually one Sunday a month.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** ~ serve once every six Sundays or once every two months if enough folks sign up. Coffee hour will be a **foodless**, held either inside or downstairs.
- **Lectors** ~ read the scripture during the service; all ages are welcome.
- **Lay Weeders** ~ periodically weed areas around the parking lot and on High Street.
- **Acolytes** ~ Sunday mornings; training will be provided; all ages welcome.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship will host an online series starting in September on the first Sunday of each month through January 2022. They are one-hour presentations on different approaches to peacebuilding, both with others and within ourselves. We will meet via Eventbrite/Zoom at 4 PM Eastern time.

Sunday, September 5th: Facing our trauma and acknowledging each other's trauma as the starting point for Peace and Justice—Outer & Inner.
Presented by: Katie Mansfield of The Center for Justice & Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University. Please click on the link to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/episcopal-peace-fellowship-peacebuilding-online-project-emu-trauma-tickets-154283569309?aff=ebdssbeac>

Watch the weekly Newsnote for future peacebuilding presentations.



The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** in recognition of the **Labor Day** holiday. Please plan accordingly!



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



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 christsspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on the small **f** and it will redirect you Christ Church's Facebook page.

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 the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/christsspringfield.org/>) at noon. The Noonday Prayer service's text is located on page 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 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**



September				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
September 5	Isaiah 35:4-7a	146	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 12	Isaiah 50:4-9a	116:1-8	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 19	Jeremiah 11:18-20	54	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 26	Number 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
August 29	Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9	15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Church Staff

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

Priest In-Charge: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat

Senior Warden: Dawn Ivy

Jr. Warden: Scott Yeazell

Treasurer: Ken Bladh

Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator: Kelly Zeller

Music Director: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

Nursery Attendant: Jerushia Knox

Facility Manager: Paul McAfee

Bookkeeper: Tina Knox

Your Vestry

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



Monthly chapel services have returned to Oakwood Village. We will gather in the chapel for Eucharist at

10:00 AM on the third Thursday of each month. Due to continued COVID precautions, only two non-residents may attend the services. As soon as possible, we hope to open the service to as many Christ Church members as can attend to more concretely connect our Oakwood Village congregation to the larger Christ Church congregation. We are, of course, always connected through our prayers and communications.



Cans Needed for Flower Delivery

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46oz cans? Christ Church has an **immediate** need for such cans to use to deliver altar flowers to our homebound or ill

parishioners. Please place them in the food pantry basket by the elevator. Thank You!!



Calling all Christ Episcopal Church singers!

Come one come all for good fellowship and music making with the Christ Church adult choir commencing **Sunday, September 12th** at 9 AM. No tryouts required! All are welcome to join! Contact Chris Durrenberger at cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu for more information.



Birthdays

- Ann deLangladeSeptember 1
- Canon Lee AnneSeptember 3
- Bonnie BingmanSeptember 4
- Angus Randolph.....September 6
- Brian ShelburneSeptember 7
- Joy BartensteinSeptember 8
- Jeff CarterSeptember 9
- Joe SchmittSeptember 12
- Madison SmithSeptember 14
- Dawn IvySeptember 15
- D. J. BanionSeptember 17
- Julie McGregor.....September 21
- James WhippSeptember 24
- Myra Dean BanionSeptember 27
- Chris Oldstone-MooreSeptember 27
- Jake Studebaker.....September 27
- Jeannie Everingham.....September 29
- Marilee Oldstone-MooreSeptember 29
- Diana DeVoeSeptember 30

Anniversaries

- D. J. & Myra Dean BanionSeptember 1
- David & Rose FarrarSeptember 6
- Dana & Cathy Waggoner.....September 16
- Chris& Jennifer Oldstone-Moore .September 18
- James and Cheryl Whipp.....September 25



PRAYER MINISTRY

Praying for Our Needs and the Needs of Others

Daily prayer is central to our spiritual lives. We give thanks and adoration to God, we ask for forgiveness and guidance, we offer our lives to God, and we lift up our needs and the needs of others for healing. Our prayers can be as simple of inviting God's presence into our consciousness or as specific as asking for the healing of a particular person facing a particular challenge.

One of the primary gifts of community is the offering of prayers for other people in our circle and on behalf of their loved ones. Every week in the Prayers of the People a list of names is lifted to God for healing. At other times a small group on a parish prayer chain gets news of people in special need of prayer. The names of those on our prayer lists are not always familiar to us. We often do not know the circumstances behind the prayer requests. But that does not matter. We don't need to know the person – God already does. We don't need to know why we are praying – God already knows. All we need to know is that God is listening and caring for and responding to the needs of all God's children.

Only the names, and occasionally the relationship to a parishioner, will be shared in church and through the prayer chain. If an individual wishes to share details, it is that person's choice to do so on a one-to-one basis. Otherwise, privacy is preserved.

The ministry of prayer is the sacred calling of all Christian. We are to make time each day to respond to God in thought and action, with or without words, lifting the needs and joys of our lives as they intersect with the wider community and world. If you feel called to a deeper prayer ministry, please be in touch with our prayer chain coordinator, Anita Beardsell.



Book Study: *The Church Cracked Open*

All are invited to study Canon Stephanie Speller's (our convocation keynote

speaker!) new book *The Church Cracked Open*. We will meet on Zoom from 6–7:30 every Thursday in October (7, 14, 21, 28)

[Click here to register Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

[<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltduGvqDkqHtyAw1b4PaPDhFxxSAEpHxir>]

Sometimes it takes disruption and loss to break us open and call us home to God. It's not surprising that a global pandemic and once-in-a-generation reckoning with white supremacy—on top of decades of systemic decline—have spurred Christians everywhere to ask who we are, why God placed us here and what difference that makes to the world.

In this critical yet loving book, the author explores the American story and the Episcopal story to find out how communities steeped in racism, establishment, and privilege can at last fall in love with Jesus, walk humbly with the most vulnerable, and embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way.

The Church Cracked Open invites us to surrender privilege and redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation.

"This book will make a profound difference for the church in this moment in history."

— The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry



Vestry Notes

August Meeting Summary

- Christ Church has started to work on the Search Process.
- The Vestry is very thankful for all the work Scott and Cathy Yeazell have done at the church.
- Vestry approved plaster repairs and painting after the patchwork is complete, not to exceed \$7500.
- Vestry approved the installation of a heating/cooling unit for the Sacristy and the Choir Room for \$10,784.00.
- The annual audit done by Clark, Shaffer, and Hackett was completed. Vestry officially to receives the audit and accepted the contents. The audit will be filed with the DSO.
- Stewardship will begin in October. Initial Stewardship Committee is made up of the chair, Bonnie Bingman, Joyce Spangler, and Kay Koeninger. We are looking for additional parishioners to help with the fall campaign.



September Meeting Summary

- Vestry opened at 6:30 with Bible study focused on images of the “kingdom of heaven” led by Lee Anne Reat.
- Vestry agreed to try a consent agenda to expedite review and discussion of recurring items.
- Minutes of the August Meeting, Treasurer’s Report, minor Employee Handbook revision, and minor revisions to the Organist/Choir Director and Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator job descriptions were approved by consent.
- Vestry approved a procedure for the use of voting in the case of emergency items that need to be handled between Vestry meetings. Whether this will be done by email or Goggle docs is to be determined.
- Scott Yeazell updated the vestry on the live streaming system. Vestry approved the change from ATT to Spectrum at the 600/35 Mb download/upload speed. This will provide a higher picture quality and a greater internet speed for the office computers.
- The outreach committee compiled a list of concerns that Rick was handling prior to his departure. In its next meeting it will address responsibilities for these initiatives.
- Search Committee update was given by Dawn Ivy. We are continuing to look for folks to serve on the committee.
- Stewardship is still in the planning phase.
- Dawn closed the meeting with prayer.
- The Vestry’s next meeting will be October 7, 2021. Kay Koeninger will offer the opening prayer/Bible study.



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!



We are collecting socks and underwear to be donated to local schools in the community. We are asking for socks and underwear in children and adult sizes. Please put your offerings in the basket or box outside the elevator on the worship level of the church or drop them off at the Parish office. We will collect them until **September 12th, 2021**. Thanks!

Understanding Mental Health and Addiction: A Series for Faith Communities

How can we help create welcoming communities in Christ when people face mental health challenges and/or substance use disorder in themselves or their loved ones?

Please join Oesterlen Services for Youth, Inc. for two workshops by well-known speakers of the Springfield/Clark County area who will address the faith communities. These workshops are available in person and by streaming.

- **Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 pm - Dr. Ebony Speakes-Hall, "The Face to be Free: Erasing the Stigma of Mental Health."**
- **Thursday, Sept. 16 3:30 pm - Wendy Dolittle, "Understanding the Brain and Addiction."**

To register for either speaker, [Oesterlen Services for Youth, Inc. Events | Eventbrite](#). You will receive the pdf by email. For more information, contact Pastor Rachel Tune, rtune@oesterlen.org



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's a volunteer opportunity that's right for you!

Volunteer to help PRIOR to Pantry Day

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.

Please look at your calendar. If you and or your pod are willing to commit to a block of 3-4 hours on either **September 9th or 10th**, let Ann Chitkara (937-925-4008/annnovaswim@gmail.com) know. Together we can arrange a time when she will meet you at the Church and provide specific directions. **Ideally, all the groceries should be bagged for distribution by September 15th.**

Volunteer to help ON to Pantry Day

The Drive thru Food Pantry will be on **September 15th starting at 10:30 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 annejranda@aol.com to volunteer.



Toilet Paper Reminder~ The shelves are empty!!

Our Food Pantry is one of the few to give out toilet paper with the groceries. While toilet paper is something most of us take for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with the SNAP card (formerly known as food stamps). A donation of a package of toilet paper is a great contribution to this amazing ministry! Donations can be put in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level of the church.



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!



Every Perfect Gift

The theme and image this year's Stewardship campaign, *Every Perfect Gift*, are wrapped in the metaphor of the butterfly and chrysalis.

To the ancient Greeks, the butterfly represented the image of rebirth and freedom. The word they used for butterfly was *psyche*, which also means *spirit*. The butterfly contains the philosophical and spiritual idea of the soul breaking free from its shell—free to **discover, to inspire, to create, to communicate, to share**.

These are also spiritual gifts, gifts that when we free ourselves to serve in the world, we need and share with others; and they are gifts of our stewardship. **As we share our time, talent, and treasure with our church and with the world, we unleash those same gifts in our communities: discovery, inspiration, creativity, communication, sharing**. Through the ministries that are enabled by our gifts, the inspiration we show to our neighbors to unlock their generosity in the world, and the stories we tell about ourselves and our experiences, we participate with God in an abundant vision for the world. **Every perfect gift comes from God above.**

**Please consider volunteering some of your time and talent
as a member of the Stewardship Committee.**

Contact Bonnie Bingman (bgbingman@gmail.com) for more information.