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SEPTEMBER ADULT FORUMS

The Bishop's Election: What's at Stake?

Sunday, September 10th at 11:30

It's been over fifteen years since Southern Ohio last elected a Bishop. How has the Bishop impacted our lives here at Christ Church and in Springfield? How might the next Bishop help us live out our call? And what does a Bishop *do*, anyway?

Join us after the 10 A.M. service (and coffee) on September 10 as we talk about these questions in advance of the "meet and greet" sessions with the candidates. The delegates to Diocesan convention will be in attendance to hear what qualities we seek in the next Bishop as they prepare to meet the candidates and to vote.

Looking for more information on the Episcopal Election? Check out the profiles of the candidates online at <https://southernohiobishop.org/candidates/>

Consider participating in one of the "Meet and Greet" sessions or watch them via livestream at www.diosohio.org

- Monday, September 11, 7 P.M.: Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati
- Tuesday, September 12, 7 P.M.: St. Barnabas, Montgomery
- Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 P.M.: All Saints', Portsmouth
- Thursday, September 14, 7 P.M.: St. Margaret's, Trotwood
- Friday, September 15, 1 P.M.: St. Patrick's, Dublin

Celebrating our Past, Envisioning our Future

September 17th & 24th

Whether you've been coming here one week or ever since you were baptized as an infant, we need your input as we celebrate our past and envision our future. Please join us for *BOTH* Sundays for a **combined service at 9:30 AM**. Then, we will meet in the **Parish Hall** for fellowship and fun as we celebrate all that God continues to do here at Christ Episcopal Church!

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Scott Yeazell

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The office will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. Please plan accordingly.

Michelle's Musings, con't.



We Should DO Something!

One of my favorite memories of Christ Church so far was of my first Sunday here. As we were all getting to know each other, I had numerous people remark, "Do you know that you live right down the street from Mother Stewarts? We should do something at Mother Stewarts!" And so, within a few weeks, we held our "We Should Do Something at Mother Stewart's" organizational meeting, and our new monthly, roving game night was born. Because, as I told a few people afterwards, when close to ten percent of a worshipping congregation says we should do something, a wise rector listens. And I for one believe that the Game Night has been a great addition to our varied activities at Christ Church.

Imagine if an entire congregation said we should do something.

⇒ *Imagine if those with experience in nurturing ministries could share that with those who have energy to carry it forward. And if those with enthusiasm for new ways of doing things could collaborate with those who had done them in the past.*

⇒ *Imagine if everyone who loved Christ Episcopal Church and the community around it could share their hopes and perceptions for the future.*

⇒ *Imagine a time when we got to celebrate the history and successes of Christ Church and then talked about the ways in which those events have shaped who we are now and who we hope to be.*

I always say that one of the things that makes the Episcopal Church special is that we try to live out our belief that each person has access to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

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Clergy aren't the only people who have good ideas or valuable skills. Some of the most valuable things we can do together is discern where that Spirit is calling us, and how best to respond.

This month provides us two examples of the ways in which Episcopalians do just that. At the end of the month the Diocese of Southern Ohio will elect their next bishop. And so, throughout this month we all will have opportunities to meet the candidates, both through their profile statements and in person. All of these candidates have been vetted (part of discernment is ensuring that things and people are safe). But the question is, which one is best equipped to lead the Episcopal Church in Southern Ohio? Who has the gits, experience, skills, and vision we need?

But, as we discern those questions for the Diocese, we will also be discerning some slightly different questions here at the parish. Through a series of fun activities, I will get to know all of you a bit better, and you may discover new things about yourselves. I hope you'll have a chance to reconnect with folks you haven't seen in a while. That's one of the reasons we are combining worship services on those days: so that we can all worship and pray together before heading downstairs for food, coffee, and conversation.

Because let's face it – it's been a rough couple of years since the pandemic started. But we have new clergy, and I hope a revived spirit. We should do something!



Images from Michelle's Installation



Bishop Price gives the homily.



Renewal of Baptism Vows



Eucharist



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



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 10th at 9am. No tryouts are required. All are welcome to join! Contact Chris Durrenberger at cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu for more information.



Cans Needed for Flower Delivery

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46oz cans? We need such cans to use to deliver altar flowers to our homebound or ill parishioners. Please place them in the basket by the elevator. Thanks!

Wednesday Service of Holy Eucharist

Please plan to join us for in-person Wednesday Service of Holy Eucharist at noon in the Chapel on the lower level. The service is a hybrid model, so please join us in person, but if you can't, then tune into the live stream on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org/>.

Revised Common LECTIONARY

September				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
Sept. 3	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Sept. 10	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalm 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Sept. 17	Exodus 14:19-31	Psalm 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sept. 24	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalm 105	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

Worship...con't



Watch Us on YouTube

The easiest way to watch our church services from home is on YouTube. Here's how it works.

- Open the YouTube app on your TV. *(This depends on your TV and if you are using Spectrum cable or possibly a ROKU device.)*
- Go to "Search." Enter "Christ Church Springfield". By the time you have entered in "Christ Church Spr" there will be a list on the left side of the screen.
- Scan the list and select Christ Church Springfield, about the third one down.
- Do **NOT** type in "Christ Episcopal". Our church will not come up on the list.

That's all there is to it!



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Stewardship Is Coming in October!

Stewardship is about expressing gratitude to God by imitating God's generosity through our own. Whether we are talking about time or talent or financial resources, when we think about what we give, we are thinking about how we give thanks to God in a tangible way.

The **African Bible Study** group is on a break. Please join us when we resume meeting! Thanks! Keith Doubt



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



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



Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, September 12 at 11:30 AM at O'Charley's Restaurant, 1830 Bechtle Ave., Springfield, OH 45504.** Please let **Anita Beardsell, 937-390-6548,** know if you are planning to come so she can make plans with the restaurant.



If you like to make soup *and* nurture others, this is the ministry for you! Place homemade soup in disposable containers (labeled with the type of soup and date) in the church refrigerator and then let Kelly <zellerk0611@gmail.com> know that you've dropped it off. The soup is used to provide a little TLC for parishioners. Thanks so much for considering helping with this ministry.



All are welcome to join the We Should Do Something Group! They will meet at different locations once a month to play a variety of board and card games. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20th, from 6-8 at Rose Goute Creole Restaurant located at 1881 South Limestone St. Springfield, 45506. Feel free to bring a friend or a game to share. If you have questions, contact Rev. Michelle at mboomgaard@christspringfield.org.

The 2023 Database Information Update— Tear off and Return!!

Please complete and return by **Sunday, September 24th.** We want to hear from everyone~ even if your information is the same as last year. Thanks!

Name of Family Members: _____

Contact information is the same _____ or

Address:

Phone: (Home) _____ (cell) _____

Email:

Birthdates:

Anniversary:



Birthdays

Ann deLanglade	September 1
Bonnie Bingman	September 4
Angus Randolph.....	September 6
Brian Shelburne	September 7
Joy Bartenstein.....	September 8
Madison Smith.....	September 14
Dawn Ivy.....	September 15
Julie McGregor	September 21
Myra Dean Banion.....	September 27
Jake Studebaker	September 27
Diana DeVoe.....	September 30

Anniversaries

David & Rose Farrar	September 6
Dana & Cathy Waggoner.....	September 16

Church Staff

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Michelle Boomgaard
Senior Warden: Scott Yeazell
Jr. Warden: Steve Sharp
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Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:
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Music Director: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger
Facility Manager: Paul McAfee
Bookkeeper: Tina Knox

Your Vestry

Vestry at Large: Rick Everingham, Bill Hicks,
 Kay Koeninger, Joy Meyers, Linda Mortensen,
 and Lori Swafford

Life's Greatest Moments



"Most of life's great moments — the ones that resonate in our hearts and minds — involve other people," writes John C. Maxwell in *Today Matters*. "Rarely do we experience these times alone. And even when we do, our first inclination is to share them with others."

Maxwell then poses this challenge: "Think back to the most important experiences of your life, the highest highs, the greatest victories, the most daunting obstacles overcome. How many happened to you alone? I bet there are very few. When you understand that being connected to others is one of life's greatest joys, you realize that life's best comes when you initiate and invest in solid relationships."





Outreach... helping to provide the physical, material, social, and spiritual needs in Springfield and beyond



Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to all who volunteered for the August Food Pantry! we served over 100 households! The clients were offered chicken,

hot dogs, sausage, bacon, cheese, crackers, fresh produce, can goods, and a few treats: chips, cookies, and the extras of toilet paper, cleaning supplies, pet food, toiletries, and aluminum foil. The clients are always grateful, and volunteers have a good time! Please consider joining us if you have an hour or two!

Check the dates below for when you can volunteer in September. **Volunteers are needed to**

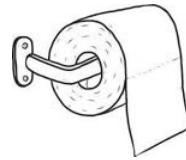
- help pick up and unload food,
- help bag food, and
- help with customer service.

(Note that some times and events have changed.)

	Time	September
1 st Food Pick-Up	8:00 AM	6th
2 nd Food Pick-Up	8:00 AM	13th
Bagging Day	9:00 AM	14th
Pantry Day!	8:15 AM	20th

Food Pantry Volunteers

Currently, pantry groceries are being pre-bagged so that on pantry distribution day, filled bags can be placed into client's cars. This allows you to volunteer as a pantry helper with little to no contact with others if you so desire. If you can commit a block of 3–4 hours on **Sept. 14th**, let Brian Shelburne know. Most groceries should be bagged by **Sept. 20th**. Please email **Brian Shelburne at bshelburne@wittenberg.edu** to ask any questions or to let him know if you are willing to help.



THANKS for the T.P.!

Ours is one of the few pantries to give out toilet paper. Place donations in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level.

Woof! Woof! Purr...



There's 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 are distributed through the Food Pantry. Hungry cats and dogs and their humans thank you!

Reminder from the Outreach Team

Just a REMINDER! Continue to SAVE PENNIES for the Warder Literacy Center & PULL-TABS for Dayton Ronald McDonald House. THANKS in advance for everyone's continual support! Rolls/baggies of pennies/pull-tabs can be dropped in the Hollenbeck House mail slot or returned in the church building. We look forward to your continued support this year we continue to make a difference!





Save the Date!
Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, October 8, 2023
1:00 PM
Christ Church Parking
Lot

(No, we can't guarantee that your pet will become a Biblical scholar after being blessed. But it can't hurt.)