

A New Christian Ed Year Begins Sunday, September 10

The Sunday morning schedule:

- **8 AM:** Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour
- **9:00 AM:** Choir practice in the choir room
- **10 AM:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel (kindergarten–3rd grade) followed by Coffee Hour
- **11 AM:** Christian Education for all ages
- **Noon:** Go in peace!



Christian Education:

- A nursery is provided for children ages 4 and under.
- ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered every other week starting September 17th:*** This Montessori-based approach to Christian Education, led by our trained catechists, is offered for children ages 4–3rd grade. The children and their teachers are invited forward for communion first, and then they go directly to the Atrium (their Sunday School classroom). A snack is provided.
- **Middle Grades (4th–8th grades):** Led by Chris Oldstone-Moore, the middle grades class meets in the Youth Room immediately following the 10 o'clock service. The middle grades class will begin to explore and focus on Bible study and spiritual growth.
- **High School (9th-12th grades):** Led by Judy Johnson, this class meets in the Youth Room. They will look at Scripture stories that will help them understand biblical allusions in texts used in advanced English classes.
- **Adult Forum:** Adults meet in the Parish Hall for wide ranging discussions covering topics from Bible study to topics of concern in our community.

Whatever your age, join us on Sunday morning for conversation that is thought-provoking, engaging, sometimes humorous, and always meaningful as we think about our faith and why our faith matters.

The Clarion**Volume 22, Issue 9**

is the independently edited, local monthly newsletter of Christ Episcopal Church, 409 East High Street, Springfield, OH, 45505 and published by Christ Episcopal Church upon authority of its Rector. Office: 937/323-8651 Fax: 937/323-8652
www.christ-in-springfield.org

Christ Episcopal Church
 in the Diocese of Southern Ohio

**Bishop:**

The Rt Rev Thomas E Breidenthal

Transition Priest-in-Charge:
 Margaret Holt Sammons+

Senior Warden:
 Bonnie Shelburne

Deacon:
 The Rev. Rick Incorvati

Organist:
 Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:
 Kelly Zeller

Parish Life Coordinator:
 TBD

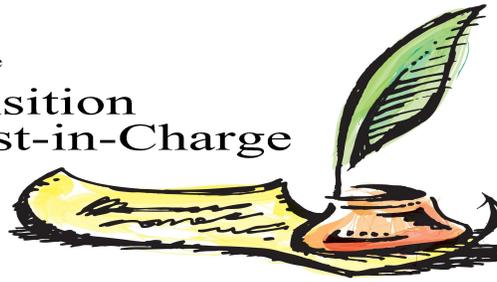
Facility Manager:
 Paul McAfee

Bookkeeper:
 Gayle Culler

Clarion Editor:
 Joyce Spangler

From the

Transition Priest-in-Charge



Dear Christ Church friends,

As you may know, our Search Committee's effort to find a new rector hit a bump in the road in August, when their finalist withdrew.

This is not what we all hoped, but it happens. (Which is why my contract as your Transition Priest runs through January 31, 2018, to cover this eventuality.)

As I mentioned in the News note, I know of several parishes whose first set of names did not yield a rector. But out of the second batch they received a rector who was well worth waiting for.

In that spirit, our Search Committee is forging ahead. They have asked The Rev. Canon Lynn Carter-Edmands for additional names to consider. She will supply them as soon as possible.

So we do we do now, in the meantime?

- *first*, we thank the Search Committee for all their work. They have spent hours and hours, preparing questions, sifting through materials, conducting interviews, visiting — all on our behalf. And they will be doing it again. God bless them all.
- *second*, we thank all who have taken part in the Prayer Vigil. Those prayers are not wasted. God will carry them forward, and use them to continue to guide and support the Search Committee. God bless them, as well.
- *finally*, we trust. The day after I received the news, I woke up to this psalm:

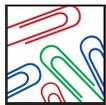
“Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock... stir up your strength and come to help us.” Psalm 80

As we go through this, one thing we know for sure: the Lord, who has shepherded so many people through so many tough times, is with us.

God cares deeply about Christ Church. May our Good Shepherd stir up the hearts of good priests to apply, and support us all as we continue this fall to do the work Christ has given us to do.

With love in Christ,

Margaret Holt Sammons+



Office Closed

The church office will be closed on September 4, for Labor Day.

Please contact The Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons at sammons.margaret@gmail.com or call: 419-350-9517.



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



Nominating Committee

The Vestry's Nominating Committee is asking for nominations for new members to join the Vestry for a three-year term beginning in February 2018. We are also accepting nominations for Senior Warden and Junior Warden for one-year terms. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these Vestry positions, please contact Bonnie Shelburne, either in person or by email yshelburne@gmail.com. The Nominating Committee will contact nominated individuals and will present a slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting in February 2018.

About the Vestry . . .

The Vestry functions as a board that oversees the spiritual, pastoral, and operational aspects of Christ Episcopal Church. It is composed of the rector and members of the congregation who have been elected at the parish annual meeting each February.

Vestry members are expected to attend and participate in the Vestry meetings held the first Monday of each month at Christ Church.



As the Search Committee waits to receive new names, our prayers are especially needed. Please ask God to stir up the hearts of good priests to quickly apply. The sign-up sheet for the Prayer Vigil is in the East Entrance.



The Stewardship Committee has held monthly meetings over the summer 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. Watch for news of activities throughout the fall. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you have questions or feedback.



Calling all singers!

Come one come all for good fellowship and music making with the Christ Church adult choir commencing **Sundays, September 10th at 9am.** No tryouts are required. All are welcome to join! Contact Chris Durrenberger at cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu for more information.



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!

PRAYERS



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

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

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



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on **Tuesday, September 12** at 11:30 AM at **Mel-O-Dee** located at 2350 South Dayton Lakeview Road, New Carlisle, Ohio, 45344. This group

welcomes all adults 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.



Shawl Ministry

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!





Lock Up Your Valuables

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

Thank you from...

- ... the **Farmer's Market** for the generous donation.
- ... **Project Woman** for the continued support!
- ... the for the generous donation.

Thank you to...

- ... **Everyone who brings toilet paper** for the Food Pantry, it is much appreciated by our clients!
- ... **all who volunteered** at the Rainbow table.
- ... **to the volunteers** that cooked and served Interfaith Hospitality Network.
- ... **to the volunteers** that helped at the Shawnee Place Apartments with the Birthday Dinner.



If you, or your son or daughters are college-bound this fall, please send the church office their new address so we can stay in touch with birthday cards and other greetings



ECW Picnic

All Episcopal Churchwomen are invited to a Hobo Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, Sept 13th after chapel, at Hobosville, Ohio (aka: Dodi Holmes’s backyard, 1021 Bahia Dr.)

Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. All are asked to dress as hobos as there will be a judging and prizes. If you need a ride after chapel, contact Anita Beardsell at anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com or Juanita Artis at 937-399-4237.



- D. J. & Myra Dean Banion Sept. 1
- David & Rose Farrar Sept 2
- Dana & Cathy Waggoner..... Sept 16
- Chris& Jennifer Oldstone-Moore Sept. 18



- Ann deLanglade 1-Sep
- Bonnie Bingman 4-Sep
- Angus Randolph 6-Sep
- Brian Shelburne 7-Sep
- Joy Bartenstein 8-Sep
- Chloe Daniel 12-Sep
- Judy Kreckman 12-Sep
- Joe Schmitt 12-Sep
- Madison Smith 14-Sep
- Dawn Ivy 15-Sep
- D. J. Banion 17-Sep
- Jill Doan 17-Sep
- Hirsh Chitkara 21-Sep
- Mary Lou Clemens..... 21-Sep
- Julie McGregor 21-Sep
- Joseph Hicks 23-Sep
- Myra Dean Banion..... 27-Sep
- Chris Oldstone-Moore 27-Sep
- Jake Studebaker 27-Sep
- Marilee Oldstone-Moore..... 29-Sep
- Peter Muir 30-Sep

-----The 2017 Parish Directory-----

Please complete and return by Sunday, September 10th. We want to hear from everyone—even if your information is the same as last year. Thanks!

Names of Family Members: _____

Choose One. If changed, complete the information below:

Contact information is the same _____ or has changed _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (cell) _____

Email: _____

Not for inclusion in the Directory, but to ensure accurate information in our new data base:

Birthdates: _____

Anniversary: _____



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.

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 Rick Incorvati

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Denise Wells

Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:

Kelly Zeller: Monday–Friday, 8 AM–12 PM

Organist/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

PANTRY NEWS

Pantry Day Is Sept. 20!

Thank you to those who helped with the August Food Pantry! The next Pantry date is Sept. 20 from 11 AM–2 PM. 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!

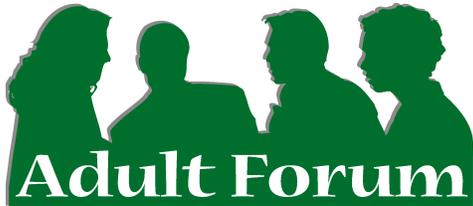


Amazon Orders Support the Pantry!

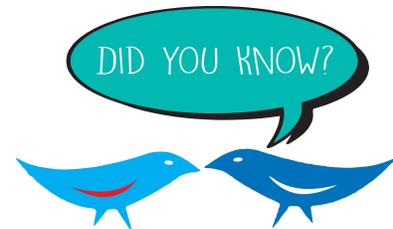
You can help raise funds for our Food Pantry with this easy to use fundraiser. The **Amazon Smile** program allows us to earn 0.5% on all purchases originating from our web site. There are two ways to shop at Amazon Smile for Christ Church. **(1)** Go to <http://christspringfield.org>. Scroll down to **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.



- **Sept. 3 (Labor Day weekend)**- coffee hour
- **Sept 10 - Exodus Through the Eyes of Artists - Kay Koeninger** How do artists depict the burning bush, the escape from Egypt, or the crossing of the Red Sea? As we delve into the book of Exodus, the Diocese of Southern Ohio's "Big Read," Kay Koeninger, Professor of Art (Art History) at Sinclair College, will treat us to an overview of the art of the Exodus.
- **Sept 17 - Exodus: God's Rescue Mission** People stuck in a situation that feels like it will never change. Or walking across a desert, toward a land that feels like it will never arrive. Sound familiar? The Rev. Margaret Sammons will lead a discussion of Exodus, looking especially at the connections between the Israelites' experience, and our own experience of this transition.
- **Sept 24 - Play in the Dirt Sunday** After the 10 am, we'll clean up our grounds. Come dressed for work, and bring small tools, rakes etc., if possible.



In July, Hayward teacher **Yvonne (Bonnie) Shelburne** and two other teachers attended a two-week training in TECHFIT at Purdue University. The TECHFIT program is designed to get students more physically active and to spur an interest in technology. The teachers had to design a fitness game; devise a computer animation showing how the game was played; and program, wire, and build technology that was integrated into the game. Bonnie's team was awarded first place at the training for best overall game design!

Bonnie and her team will offer TECHFIT as a class to 7th grade students, making Hayward one of only four schools in Ohio to offer the class. Students will need to design their own tech game and will hope to return to Purdue in December to present their game in a showcase with other schools from several different states.

Pub Theology in September

Pub Theology 2.0: Thursday, September 14. We'll meet at City Hall Plaza for Flash Compline, and then cross street to Seasons for discussion. Do you have a friend who is wrestling with faith questions? Invite them to come with you! We guarantee open minds and accepting hearts, in the spirit of Christ.

Pub Theology Classic (youth): Sunday, September 17, at noon. Everyone in grade four and up is welcome! Pizza, friendship and discussion.



Transition Priest in Charge: The Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons
Senior Warden: Bonnie Shelburne
Junior Warden: Dana Waggoner
Junior Warden: Dana Waggoner
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



Play in the Dirt!

September 24th at 11 AM

Wear your yard work clothes to church, bring a yard work tool or two, and stay after church to help get our grounds ready for winter. If 40 people each put in one hour of work, we will have accomplished an entire week's worth of yard work in one quick hour. What a deal!!