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Sunday School & Adult Formation return Sunday, September 9th!

Christian Formation for children, youth, and adults at Christ Church will kick back into high gear on Sunday, September 9th (the Sunday after Labor Day). Details about different opportunities are below. If you might be willing to assist in a children or youth class or lead an adult session on a topic of your choice, please contact Rev. Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com). We look forward to learning and growing in faith together!

FOR ADULTS:

Forward Week-by-Week

- rotating leadership
- small group formation experience
- each Sunday from 9:15 to 9:45 am in the Parish Hall

Adult Forum

- rotating leadership
- presentations & discussions on a variety of topics
- each Sunday from 11:30 AM to noon in the Parish Hall

FOR KIDS & YOUTH

- each Sunday from 11:30 AM to noon in the classrooms

Children's Sunday School: "The Lego Class"

- for kindergarteners through 5th graders
- led by Jon L-S, with rotating assistants

Middle Grades (6th-8th) & Senior High (9th-12th) Sunday School

9/9 - Judy Johnson with Sr. High & Chris Oldstone-Moore with Middle Grades

9/16 - Judy with Sr. High & Chris with Middle Grades

9/23 - both groups together, with Deacon Rick

9/30 - both groups together, with Rev. Maggie



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear wonderful people of Christ Church,

Many blessings to you all as we begin this new school/work/church programming year! There's much to look forward to this month—particularly the Neighborhood Fair on September 8th (which I will be experiencing for the very first time with you!) and the return of our weekly formational offerings for children, youth, and adults on September 9th.

I see abundant vitality and ministry and spirit moving around us in this place... I hope and pray that you can sense it as well. Yet even in the midst of such abundant blessings, I am mindful that there are members of our extended parish family who may feel disconnected from our life together, for a variety of reasons. Perhaps they are dealing with health challenges, or wrestling with changing circumstances or stressful responsibilities; perhaps their mobility has been restricted, or past hurts/disagreements have left wounds still unhealed; perhaps they are questioning or doubting different articles of faith and feel somehow unworthy or unwelcome in the church; and perhaps they feel forgotten, abandoned, or unloved.

It's not my intent to compel anyone toward greater involvement in the church for the sake of "butts in pews" or dollars in the offering plates. Guilt and shame and pressure are poor substitutes for the all-encompassing love of God in Christ. I do, however, want us to move even further along in living out our motto that "There is a place for [everyone] at God's Table." In order to do this, we must be the ones who reach out, who extend our hands, who wear our hearts on our sleeves and demonstrate that spirit of welcome and inclusion and abundant love.

Many of you already do this, and I am so grateful for your efforts. Cards and notes of caring, phone calls, visits at home; meeting up for coffee; connecting or reconnecting via Facebook; words of kindness and affirmation that speak to another's sacred worth and inherent dignity... these are the little things that make a difference in all our lives. May we all be ambassadors of love and welcome, and in so doing, make manifest the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Blessings & love,

Rev. Maggie L-S
(RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)



**The church office will
be closed September 3rd
in observance of
Labor Day.**



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



The Altar Guild has made arrangement for gluten free wafers. Since some

visitors need to avoid cross-contamination with the wheat wafers, the gluten-free wafers are being kept in a separate container. Let Rev. Maggie know if you need one when she approaches you with the wafers. Thank you to the Altar Guild for this generous act of hospitality.

Activity Bags for Children

Quiet activity bags, books, and coloring sheets are on a cart in the sanctuary. We know that children are excellent multi-taskers, 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!



Baptisms scheduled for Nov. 4th

The next opportunity for children and/or adults to be baptized at Christ Church will be Sunday, November 4th, which is the Sunday after All Saints' Day. This is one of four specific days set aside for baptisms according to the *Book of Common Prayer*. Holy Baptism is one of the two great sacraments of the Gospel, given by Christ to his Church (along with the Holy Eucharist).

A pre-baptismal counseling session with the priest is required; so if you or a member of your family is considering baptism, contact Rev. Maggie in a timely fashion (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com). And if you are unsure about baptism but would like to know more, just let her know!

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

September				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
September 2	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 9	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	125	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 16	Proverbs 1:20-33	19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 23	Proverbs 31:10-31	1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 30	Ester 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

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 Rev. Maggie 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

Christ Church on social media!



If you're on Facebook, go to Christ Episcopal Church's Facebook page. "Like" the page and you'll receive information on upcoming events, learn historical facts, and view beautiful pictures. You'll 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 christspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on the small **f** and it will redirect you Christ Church's Facebook page.



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



Rev. Maggie has a new local cell phone number: 937-605-1536. Please make note of this number and use it to contact her in the event of pastoral emergencies.



We missed your anniversary!

Oops! We missed an anniversary! Jake Studebaker & Alan Ladd celebrated their anniversary on July 21st. Belated congratulations, and blessings to you both!



Ann deLanglade	September 1
Bonnie Bingman	September 4
Angus Randolph	September 6
Brian Shelburne	September 7
Joy Bartenstein	September 8
Jeff Carter	September 9
Chloe Daniel	September 12
Judy Kreckman	September 12
Joe Schmitt	September 12
Madison Smith	September 14
Dawn Ivy	September 15
D. J. Banion	September 17
Jill Doan	September 21
Hirsh Chitkara	September 21
Mary Lou Clemens	September 21
Julie McGregor	September 21
Joseph Hicks	September 23
Myra Dean Banion	September 27
Chris Oldstone-Moore	September 27
Jake Studebaker	September 27
Marilee Oldstone-Moore	September 29
Peter Muir	September 30
Diana DeVoe	September 30



D. J. & Myra Dean Banion	September 1
David & Rose Farrar	September 6
Dana & Cathy Waggoner	September 16
Chris & Jennifer Oldstone-Moore	September 18



From the Security Director

Would you know what to do if confronted by an active shooter, a tornado warning, or a bomb threat while you're at church? Our bishop thought these issues were so important that he directed each parish to develop a security plan and seek volunteers to prepare for these situations. Would you like to help? Here are some of the ways you can contribute if you're willing to be trained and serve on this team:

Facilities/Equipment Coordinator—works with the security director and junior warden to procure any facility upgrades or safety and security equipment directed by the vestry. Ensures safety equipment is ready to use (automated external defibrillators, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, shelter kits, disaster preparedness signs, etc.).

Medical Response Team—at least one person from both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM service who has a medical background and who is already medically trained and willing to provide emergency first aid until first responders arrive

Leadership Team—at least one from each service who would be willing to take charge of the ushers and direct the congregation to safe assembly points and maintain full accountability of all personnel. Leadership experience is preferred.

If you're willing to serve, let the rector or senior warden know, along with your qualifications. As to other members of the team by virtue of your position as an usher, greeter, nursery, or youth teacher—you'll receive special training and instructions as these are developed over the coming weeks.

Oh, and about those questions posed at the beginning—we'll cover these topics and more in future articles to equip you with the knowledge you need to be safe in the event of an emergency.

Jack Ivy, Security Director



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

Thank you to...

- ... **Children's Chapel teachers** for your dedication!
- ... **all who participated** in Faces of our Faith summer Bible study.
- ... **toilet paper donators.** It is much appreciated by our Food Pantry clients!
- ... **Rainbow Table volunteers.**
- ... **Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteers** who cooked and served.

Thank you from...

- ... **Episcopal Community Services Foundation** for Christ Church's donation and continued support!
- ... **Children's Rescue Center/The Ark** for Christ Church's generous donation and continued support.
- ... **Springfield Farmers Market** for Christ Church's donation.



If you like to make soup and nurture others this is the ministry for you! We are in need of homemade soup that can be frozen in disposable containers and delivered to Kelly at the Hollenbeck house. The soup will be kept in the freezer next to Kelly's office and used for people in the parish in need of a little TLC. If you have any questions please call Denise Wells at 937-284-1403. Thank you so much for considering helping with this ministry!

• STAFF HOURS

BY APPOINTMENT:

Rector: The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard

Deacon: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

Senior Warden: Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden: John Richardson

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: Tina Knox: Tuesday and

Thursday, 8–10 AM



Join the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, September 11 at 11:30 AM at Lincoln and Main, located at 624 N. Main St., Urbana, OH.

This group welcomes all men and women who are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship.

RSVP to Anita Beardsell:

anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com. Also let her know if you need a ride.



GREETERS NEEDED!

Christ Church needs a few more friendly Greeters! A Greeter arrives at 9:30, welcomes parishioners and guests, hands out nametags, and is finished by 10 AM to attend the service. If you're interested in being a greeter please contact Kelly at 937-323-8651 or via email Kelly@zellerk0611@gmail.com.

Calendar: September At A Glance

Sunday 9/2	8 AM & 10 AM services; Neighborhood Fair publicity after 10 am
Monday 9/2	Labor Day holiday; church office closed
Wednesday 9/5	Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Thursday 9/6	Vestry @ 6:30 PM
Saturday 9/8	Neighborhood Fair 4 to 6 PM
Sunday 9/9	8 AM & 10 AM services; Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM
Tuesday 9/11	Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 AM in Urbana
Wednesday 9/12	Pantry delivery @ 9 AM; Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Sunday 9/16	8 AM & 10 AM services, Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM
Wednesday 9/19	Food Pantry Day; Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 am service
Sunday 9/23	8 AM & 10 AM services; Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM
Tues/Weds/Thurs 9/25-27	Directory photos taken
Wednesday 9/26	Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Thursday 9/27	10 AM service @ Oakwood Village
Sunday 9/30	8 AM & 10 AM services; Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM



Pictorial Directory

A new chapter in the life of Christ Church is beginning. We have a new priest and now it's time for a new pictorial directory! Photographs will be taken September 25th, 26th, and 27th from 2 PM until 9 PM. Signups will be done in the East Entrance after both the 8 AM and 10 AM services for the next couple of Sundays. Contact Anita Beardsell at 937-390-6548 or at anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com or Juanita Artis at 937-399-4237 for more information.



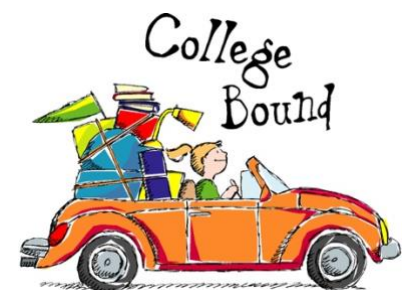
Remember to pick up your nametag in the East Entrance prior to each Sunday service. Help make our guests feel welcome and show our approachability!

“Lay Weeders”



Christ Church is looking for volunteers to weed the

grounds and flowerbeds throughout the year. If you're interested please contact the Jr. Warden, John Richardson at richardsonjohnd@gmail.com. Thank you!



If you or your son(s)/daughter(s) 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.



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.

Volunteers Needed for Pantry Day, September 19 from 11–2!

Thank you to those who helped with August's Food Pantry! We gave out chicken, meatballs, crackers, peanut butter, eggs, bread, soup, fresh produce, and the extras of soap, toothpaste, dog food, and toilet paper.

Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities. Volunteers are needed to help pick up, unload, and pack food and help with customer service. Contact either Ann Chitkara at ann@nova.pcc.com or Anne Randolph at annejrand@aol.com to volunteer.



Toilet Paper Reminder

Our pantry is one of the few to give out toilet paper. While most of us take T.P. for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with the SNAP card. A donation of a package of toilet paper helps support this amazing ministry! Donations can be put in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level of the church.

Amazon Orders Support the Food Pantry!



Help raise funds for our Food Pantry through the **Amazon Smile Program**. This program allows us to earn 0.05% on all

purchases originating from our web site. Here are two ways to do it:

- (1) Go to <http://christspringfield.org>. Scroll down to **Quick Links**. Click on **Amazon Smile Program**. As you shop, you can see the amount you are earning for the Pantry.
- (2) Go to **Amazon.com**. In the search bar enter "Amazon Smiles," and then enter "Christ Episcopal Church Springfield Ohio" as your charity of choice. Supporting the Food Pantry could not be simpler!



The pennies collected help support the Warder Literacy Center. Once the pennies total \$25, a check is sent to the 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.





The Neighborhood Fair will be held at Christ Church Saturday, September 8th from 4 until 6 PM. There will be games, music, prizes, a fire truck, and food!

This year we are holding a raffle of gently-used household goods, gift baskets, and gift cards. Fairgoers will receive a raffle ticket each time they visit a booth. They can then deposit their tickets in the basket(s) of their choice in hopes of winning that prize. We are looking for nicer items that can function

as these prizes. If you have no "hard" goods suitable for a prize, please consider giving a \$10 gift card to Speedway, Walmart, Kroger, or Walgreens. Multiples of these cards would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Deacon Rick at rincorvati@wittenberg.edu for more information, or to sign up to help.

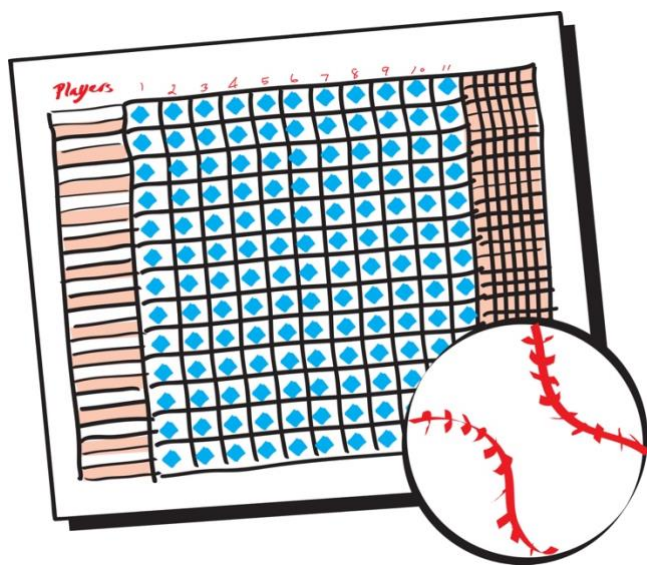
Parishioner Sightings Around Ohio!



The "Lunch Bunch" crew gathered at the Farmer's Daughter restaurant in Urbana for food and fellowship on July 10th.



Some happy youth (and honorary youth) paused for a photo during their Cedar Point day on August 7th.



Baseball purists often delight in keeping detailed scorecards. So do many Christians – often unknowingly. Do you give yourself “credit” for your years in the faith? for the number of services or studies you attend? for the good deeds you perform? for the Bible verses and creeds you know by heart?

In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul recites his impressive scorecard, yet despite those credentials, he couldn’t earn God’s favor. Neither can we. Our tallies are all “loss” (v. 7) when compared to the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ (v. 9).

Attending church, serving and memorizing Scripture are good things. But we do them not to *get* right with God but because we *are* right with God – through Jesus.



Priest: The Rev. Maggie
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Deacon: The Rev. Rick
Incorvati

Senior Warden:
Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden:
John Richardson

Treasurer: Ken Bladh

Vestry at Large:
Ann Chitkara
Marilyn Howat
Chris Oldstone-Moore
Kathleen Schubert
Brian Shelburne
Chris Wells
Don Wheeler

Youth Representative:
Emily Hasecke

The 2019 Parish Directory

Please complete and return by Sunday, September 9th.
We want to hear from everyone—even if your information is
the same as last year. Thanks!

Names of all Family Members:

Contact information is the same _____ or

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (cell) _____

Email: _____

Birthdates: _____

Anniversary: _____