

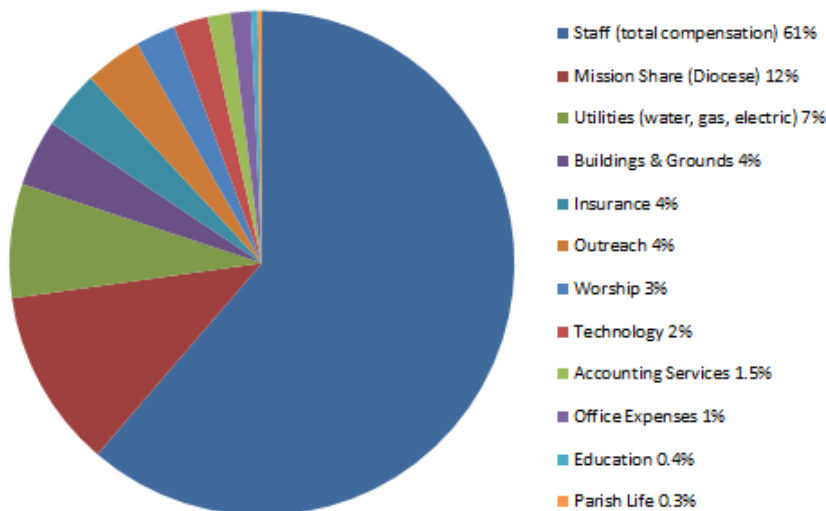


## Christ Episcopal Church Celebration of Stewardship 2018

Dear Christ Church friends,  
"Sing to the Lord a new song!" It's so appropriate that the Stewardship Committee has chosen these words from Psalm 98 as the theme of our Stewardship Campaign this year.

For over 180 years this parish has been serving Christ faithfully and creatively. Even during this transition year, "new songs" have burst out. Most notably, our young people have felt led to meet with Muslim and Jewish Springfield youth. This Interfaith Youth Alliance is a sign of the peace God desires for us all.

When a new rector is called, we will indeed sing a new song to the Lord.



Proposed 2018 Operational Budget Expenses: \$341,709

But as the graph on this page makes clear, we need to stretch ourselves to help support not only a rector, but also our staff, our building, and our outreach.

I believe so strongly in what Christ Church is doing, that I have made a pledge for 2018, even though I will not be here. Please join me, so that we can continue to sing, "for God has done marvellous things! I, too, will praise God with a new song!"

*The Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons*  
Transition Priest-in-Charge

### Save these Dates!

#### Sunday, October 1: Stewardship Kick-Off

- **In place of a sermon, the Stewardship Committee Players** will offer a reflection on stewardship, in the form of a skit!
- **Adult Forum, after both services:** What does it take to call a new full-time Rector? To support our Outreach, our staff, and care for our beautiful building? Treasurer Ken Bladh will explain our needs and goals for 2018.

#### Every Sunday in October:

Parishioners of all ages will reflect on what Christ Church means to them. There may even be a skit or two!

#### Sunday, November 5: Ingathering and Dedication of Pledges, at both services

#### Sunday, November 19: Stewardship Celebration Breakfast, at 9 AM

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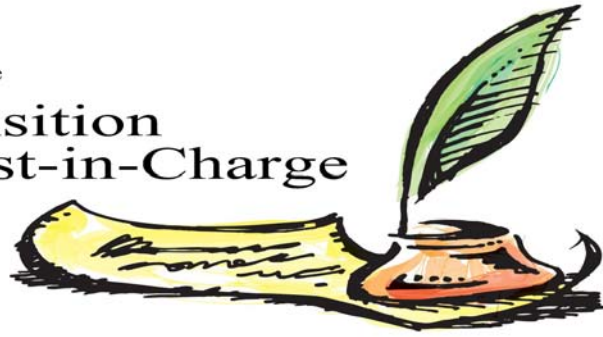
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From the  
**Transition  
Priest-in-Charge**



**Dear Christ Church friends,**

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement, as my ankle heals. Taking this time off has been helpful, and I hope to return on or before October 8. I'm grateful for this time, and for our guest celebrant, the Rev Lynn Sinnott; and for the Rev. Rick Incorvati, for leading Morning Prayer.

**With love in Christ,**

**Margaret Holt Sammons+**



**Nominating  
Committee**

[yshelburne@gmail.com](mailto:yshelburne@gmail.com). The Nominating Committee will contact nominated individuals and will present a slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting in February 2018.

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

**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.





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



The Altar Guild has made a new arrangement for the gluten free wafers. Since some visitors need to avoid cross-contamination with the wheat wafers, the gluten free are now being kept in a small white container. You'll notice one of the acolytes holding the container during Communion, ready for whomever needs it. Thank you to the Altar Guild, for this generous act of hospitality.



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.

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
Oct. 1	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Oct. 8	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 15	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 22	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 29	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46



## Worship... continued



### Calling all singers!

Come one come all for good fellowship and music making with the Christ Church adult choir. No tryouts are required. All are welcome to join! Contact Chris Durrenberger at [cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu](mailto: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 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!

## 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

## 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

**Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator:** Kelly Zeller: Monday–Friday, 8 AM–12 PM

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Denise Wells

**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





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

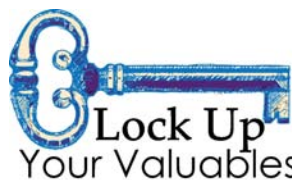


The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on **Tuesday, October 10** at 11:30 AM at **Teaberries** located at 1600 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio, 45502. This group welcomes all adults who

are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. Please email Anita Beardsell ([anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com](mailto:anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com)) to RSVP. If you need a ride, let Anita know that, too.

### **Pastoral Care**

In the past month, Christ Church has had parishioners who have had serious accidents and illnesses. These parishioners have ongoing needs and the pastoral care team and various members of the parish have been working hard to help them. We are in need of more assistance, and I am asking each of you to consider helping vulnerable members of your church family. There are a variety of needs – visiting during the day or evening, preparing and dropping off food and helping with schoolwork. Please call your pastoral care coordinator, Denise Wells at [937-284-1403](tel:937-284-1403) or email her at [wellsdenise7@gmail.com](mailto:wellsdenise7@gmail.com). Thank you!



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

### **Thank you from...**

- ... **Perrin Woods** for the generous donation of socks and underwear.
- ... **Promise Neighborhood** for support, time, talent, energy and brownies!

### **Thank you to...**

- ... **Everyone who brings toilet paper** for the Food Pantry. It is much appreciated by our clients!
- ... **all who volunteered** who worked the Food Pantry in September.
- ... **all who volunteered** to "Play in the Dirt."
- ... **Ron deLanglade** for his continued work on the church grounds.



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!



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](mailto:jahurley500@gmail.com)



## Newsletter Bloopers

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: *Jesus Walks on the Water*. The sermon tonight: *Searching for Jesus*.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.



- Jamie & Cameron McGregor ..... Oct-06
- Peter & Pamela Muir ..... Oct-06
- Dan & Judy McGregor ..... Oct-12
- Don & Liz Wheeler..... Oct-18
- Joe & Kathy Schmitt ..... Oct-31



- Ken Benne ..... Oct-01
- Ashlea Payne ..... Oct-04
- Destany Peterson ..... Oct-05
- Juanita Artis..... Oct-06
- Lexie Boblitt..... Oct-06
- Dar Brooks Hedstrom ..... Oct-06
- Aileen Oldstone-Moore..... Oct-07
- Terry Harris..... Oct-14
- Cathy Crompton ..... Oct 16
- Nancy Henderson ..... Oct-17
- Anne Strothman ..... Oct-18
- Andrew Bingman ..... Oct-20
- Sophie Smith ..... Oct-23
- Ann Chitkara ..... Oct-24
- Rose Farrar ..... Oct-26
- Becca Callicoat ..... Oct-27
- Barbara Gray ..... Oct-30
- Marie Hutchins ..... Oct-30



**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.



## PANTRY NEWS

### Pantry Day Is October 18th!

Thank you to those who helped with the September Food Pantry! Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities. The next Pantry date is Oct. 18 from 11 AM–2 PM. Volunteers are needed to help pick up, unload, and pack food and provide customer service. To volunteer, contact the church office at 323-8651 or [zellerko611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerko611@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. The **Amazon Smile** program allows us to earn 0.5% on all purchases originating from our web site. Here are two ways to do it:

- (1) Go to <http://christsspringfield.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**, 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!



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Marilyn Howat

Dawn Ivy

Jake Studebaker

Chris Wells

**Youth Representative:**

Sophie Smith

Blessing  
of the  
Pets



**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 10 AM**

**In honor of St. Francis**

Please join us for the

Blessing of the Pets

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

in front of the East Entrance

Followed by treats for all species!

To help us plan, please sign up in the East Entrance  
or email Margaret Sammons:  
[sammons.margaret@gmail.com](mailto:sammons.margaret@gmail.com)