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Clarion

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*"There is a place for YOU at
God's table!"*

**Christ Episcopal Church
Celebration of Stewardship 2019**

Dear Christ Church family,

"There is a place for YOU at God's table!" What do those words mean to you?

As we move into 2019, we find ourselves ushering in a new age of promise. We have two dedicated clergy, excellent support staff, a beautiful and historic facility, and countless ministries of outreach, service, formation, and hospitality. Now is the time to step confidently into the future together, with vision, faith, and generosity!

With this in mind, the Vestry has set our 2019 Pledge goal at \$192,703 (equaling the total pledges for 2016, the last year before the rector transition). This represents an increase of 4% over our total pledges for 2018.

Our stewardship campaign affords you the ability to help support our broad range of ministries and programs that significantly and positively affect our members, our community, and our city.

Won't you support us as we find a place for everyone at God's Table?

Dawn Ivy
2019 Stewardship Chair

Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

Save these Dates!

**Sunday, October 7:
Stewardship Kick-Off**

- Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about stewardship from Maggie's point of view.
- Pick up your pledge packet in the East Entrance.



October 14, 21, 28: Come each week to hear how parishioner Edythe's views of the monies she dedicates to her church transforms over three years.

**Sunday, November 4:
Ingathering and Dedication of
Pledges** at both services.

**Sunday, November 18:
Stewardship Celebration Parish
Breakfast, at 9 AM**

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear wonderful people of Christ Church,

As I write these words, we've just experienced our first couple of cooler days here in Springfield, and it seems that fall may be upon us. When I was a child (and for many years to follow) my favorite season was summer, for obvious reasons. But the older I get, the more I appreciate fall, and the more I feel a fluttering of inspiration and a calming of my spirit as the temperatures slowly drop and the leaves begin to change. I find it easier to pause and breathe and take in the full beauty and delight of God's Creation surrounding me.

I know this seasonal spiritual phenomenon is not unique to me. I want to share with you all this beautiful prayer from the French-Canadian author and scholar Jacques Gauthier:

*Show us, O Lord,
your face of light
in the coldness of morning,
in the song of the stream,
in the beckoning of autumn.*

*Make shine, O Lord,
your face of fire
on the mist of the lakes
on the trunks of the trees
on the crust of the rocks.*

*Lift up, O Lord,
your Easter face
on the refrain of hours
on the passing days,
on the dance of the seasons.*

*Make shine, O Lord,
your face of goodness
on the noon rain,
on the rusted leaves,
on the birds' migration.*

*Bring forth, O Lord,
your face of peace
through the murmur of things,
through the music of silence,
through the smile of words.*

*Lead us, O Lord,
in the light of your face
toward the courtyards of Jerusalem,
toward the paths of eternity,
to the house of our Father.*

May it be so! Amen.

Blessings & love,

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



**The church office will
be closed Monday,
October 8
in observance of
Columbus Day.**



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



**October 21st at 5 PM
High Street United Methodist
Church**

Taizé is a quiet, peaceful service of readings, songs, prayers, and candlelight. The name Taizé comes from an ecumenical religious community in France. After WWII, young adults from all over Europe flocked to it, looking for healing and reconciliation. To help these people of many different languages worship together, the monks of Taizé wrote simple, beautiful, moving chants, which are easily learned. Taizé continues to be a pilgrimage destination for young people—now from all over the world— and their simple, quiet worship is held all over the world, as well.



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 are 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**

OCTOBER, 2018				
Date	First Lesson	Psalms	Second Lesson	Gospel
October 7	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 14	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 21	Isaiah 53:4-12	91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 28	Jeremiah 31:7-9	126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

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.

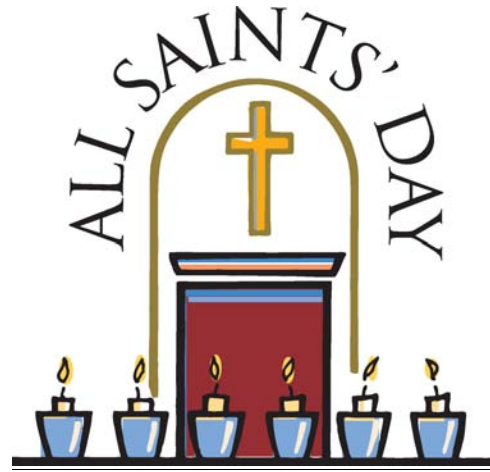
If you desire prayer for any reason, simply state your concern. You will be anointed with Holy Oil and the Trinitarian blessing followed by prayer. You will receive a card during the week with the message that you will continue to be remembered in prayer.

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



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 small white 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.



Who Are *Your* Saints?

"For all the saints, who from their labors rest ..."
(Hymn #287 in *The Hymnal* 1982)

All Saints' Day falls on November 1st every year. This year, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints with a special 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist at Oakwood Village on Thursday, Nov. 1st; and with our usual services at both 8:00 and 10:00 AM on the Sunday after All Saints' Day (Nov. 4th).

I invite you to submit any names of family, friends, and loved ones who have been the saints in your life—those who have made an impact, big or small, with their love, prayers, and faithful witness to walking in the paths laid before us by Jesus Christ. You can submit names of your saints by emailing them to me (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com) or giving them to me on a Sunday morning, or by mailing them in or dropping them off at the church office anytime.

All saints' names will be included in our worship bulletins on Nov. 4th and lifted up during the Prayers of the People. Because the Feast of All Saints is traditionally meant to be an occasion to remember and celebrate those saints who have entered into the "great cloud of witnesses" in the past year, there will be special candles on the altar for each one of Christ Church's saints who have died since All Saints' Day 2017—Ruth Ann Karsten, Cornelia Lou "Toni" Goble, and Lisa Jenkins.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

~ Rev. Maggie



Ken Benne.....	Oct 1
Jon Leidheiser-Stoddard.....	Oct 2
Ashlea Payne.....	Oct 4
Destany Peterson.....	Oct 5
Juanita Artis	Oct 6
Lexie Boblitt.....	Oct 6
Dar Brooks Hedstrom	Oct 6
Aileen Oldstone-Moore	Oct 7
Cathy Crompton	Oct 16
Nancy Henderson.....	Oct 17
Anne Strothman	Oct 18
Andrew Bingman.....	Oct 20
Joan Hurley	Oct 20
Sophie Smith	Oct 23
Ann Chitkara.....	Oct 24
Rose Farrar	Oct 26
Becca Calliccoat.....	Oct 27
Barbara Gray	Oct 30
Marie Hutchins.....	Oct 30



Jamie & Cameron McGregor	Oct 6
Peter & Pamela Muir	Oct 6
Dan & Judy McGregor	Oct 12
Don & Liz Wheeler.....	Oct 18
Joe & Kathy Schmitt	Oct 31



From the Security Director

It's a beautiful Sunday morning. Fall is in the air, and the weather is cool and crisp as you and your family head off to church. The choir is back from summer recess, and the processional music lingers in your head. It's now 10:14 AM and Deacon Rick just finished the Gospel and the sermon is about to begin. Suddenly, a gunman appears out of nowhere, and shots are fired. A loud *pop, pop, pop* replaces the morning's music in your head. "Don't panic!" you tell yourself.

As unlikely as this is to happen, and as difficult this scenario is to deal with, it's something we must consider in today's world.

What can you and your family do when an active shooter suddenly surprises you?

- **RUN:** When the shooting begins, get away from the shooter. Leave all your things behind and run away if you can (running in a zigzag pattern with your hands up and fingers spread wide). Call 911 when you are safe. Describe the shooter, location, and weapons, the time the shooter was seen, and where or in what direction the shooter was headed.
- **HIDE:** If you can't get away, find a place to hide: behind or under the pews; behind the altar; behind the lectern; behind heavy altar chairs. Get down and out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet. Silence your phone and make sure it won't vibrate. Stay in place until the situation is safe.
- **FIGHT:** Your last resort when you can't run or hide. Commit to your actions and act aggressively to stop the shooter. Startling the shooter with makeshift weapons such as hymnals, prayer books, child's toys, chairs, and books, etc. can distract, confuse, and even stop the shooter.

After an attack, leave all possessions in place and keep your hands above your head, visible and empty with fingers spread wide until the police arrive and give you other orders. The only exceptions are the security medical team members, who will immediately render first aid to the injured.

How likely is this to happen at Christ Church? Not very likely. Here's why: The narthex High Street front entrance is always locked during the service for your safety, and the East entrance is both locked and staffed with a greeter, so the chances of an active shooter suddenly surprising you are remote.

We're also devising procedures, making improvements to the building, and planning specialized training for ushers, greeters, and nursery and youth teachers that will make a surprise attack like the one chronicled here even less likely.

Sit down and talk to your family about this and watch for more articles on security and safety in upcoming *Clarions*.

Jack Ivy, Security Director



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

Thank you to...

- ... all those who helped with Pictorial Directory, especially **Juantia Artis** and **Anita Beardsell!**
- ... all those who helped with the **Neighborhood Fair!**
- ... **toilet paper donators**. It is much appreciated by our Food Pantry clients!
- ... the **Coffee Hour hosts!**

Thank you from...

- ... **Fuller Center for Housing** for the generous donation and continued support.
- ... **Springfield Promise Neighborhood** for the food donation and use of the tables for Promise Fest.



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, October 9 at

11:30 AM at Loretta's

Country Kitchen, located at 12 E Pike St, Christiansburg, 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: October At A Glance

- Wednesday 10/3**..... Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Thursday 10/4..... Vestry @ 6:30 PM
Sunday 10/7..... 8 am & 10 am services; Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM
Monday 10/8 Columbus Day holiday, church office closed
Tuesday 10/9 Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 AM
Wednesday 10/10..... Pantry delivery @ 9 AM; Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Sunday 10/14..... 8 AM & 10 AM services, Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM; Animal Blessing @ 5 PM
Tuesday 10/16 Diocesan Pre-Convention Hearing (online) @ 7 PM
Wednesday 10/17..... Food Pantry Day; Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Sunday 10/21..... 8 am & 10 AM services; Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM
Wednesday 10/24..... Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service
Sunday 10/28..... 8 am & 10 am services; Adult Formation @ 9:15 & 11:30 AM; Kids & Youth Sunday School @ 11:30 AM
Wednesday 10/31..... Crafting group @ 9 AM; 10 AM service (Vigil of All Saints)



Interfaith Hospitality Network: October 14 and 20

Christ Church is responsible for providing dinner to the guests at Interfaith Hospitality Network **Sunday, October 14th at 6 PM** and **Saturday, October 20th at 6 PM**. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Lori Swafford at lori.swafford67@gmail.com or call (937) 605-7625.



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!

QUESTION: WHAT ARE THESE ALTAR FLOWERS MISSING???



ANSWER: A DELIVERY CAN!

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46 oz 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!!



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



Kroger Community Rewards Program

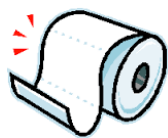
Christ Church participates in the Kroger Community

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, October 17 from 11–2!

Thank you to those who helped with September's Food Pantry! We gave out hot dogs, tuna fish, mac and cheese, pancake mix, syrup, eggs, fresh produce, and the extras of soap, toothpaste, cat 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.



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 redirected you Christ Church's Facebook page.



Promise Neighborhood Halloween Event

The Promise Neighborhood will again be providing young people with a safe and fun trick-or-treating option, and Christ Church is helping with candy donation. **Bring your fun-sized bags of holiday sweetness to the east entrance on or before October 21st**, and we'll make sure they reach the Promise Neighborhood. See Deacon Rick if you're interested in volunteering at the Halloween event on October 27th.

"Lay Weeders"



Fall cleanup is just around the corner, and Christ Church is looking for volunteers to help prepare the grounds for the coming months. If you're interested please contact the Jr. Warden, John Richardson at richardsonjohnd@gmail.com. Thank you!

"Listening to Our Lives" Workshop at Procter Oct. 13th

How do you discern what God is calling you to do? On October 13, the Commission on Ministry will host a daylong workshop focused on helping you wrestle with this big question. It will be a fun and thoughtful day of Bible study, small group discussions, and activities to help you think differently about your faith journey. This workshop is NOT about helping people discern a call to ordained ministry. It will focus on discernment for the rest of us. Space is limited to 50 people, so register now at diosohio.org/events/event/listening-lives-day-lay-discernment/



Parish Health Ministry

Crisis Text Line

Do you, or someone you know, need help coping with a stressful situation? It is now possible to reach out by text and communicate with a crisis counselor. This person is trained to listen and respond in a method that is private, secure and confidential.

Throughout Ohio, text the code word "4hope" to 741 741. A trained Crisis Counselor will connect with the caller within 5 minutes. This hotline is free, and the number will not appear on a phone bill. Individuals of any age can use the hotline, anytime day or night.

4hope 741 741

CRISIS TEXT LINE |



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Marilyn Howat
Chris Oldstone-Moore
Brian Shelburne
Chris Wells
Don Wheeler

Youth Representative:
Emily Hasecke



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 14th at 5:00 PM

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 14th, at 5:00 pm in the Rose Garden Courtyard (adjacent to the East Entrance). Please bring your human **and** non-human family members for this simple service of thanks and blessing for the beautiful diversity of God's creatures! Treats will be provided for all canines, felines, and rodents in attendance. We desire to be affirming of all species, so if you are planning to bring a more 'eccentric' pet, please let Rev. Maggie know so that she can be sure to have treats for your special friend as well!