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"Many Voices, One Song"

Christ Episcopal Church

Celebration of Stewardship 2020

"Many Voices, One Song" is the theme of this year's stewardship campaign. During our drive, we will model this theme during our church services. We will organize the congregation into two groups and sing together hymn 711 as a round with two parts, with choir members leading each side. Each week's service leaflet will include an explanation of why funds are needed and where they will be spent.

A member of the stewardship committee will say a few words, but the inspiration to give and support the church's mission will come from the united voices of the members of the church as we sing together.

The stewardship committee (Dawn Ivy, Keith Doubt, Fred Reed, and Dan McGregor) looks forward to the full participation of the entire parish!



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From the Rector...

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Alleluia!

Dear friends,

I am **so** looking forward to singing and praying and worshipping with you again on October 6th! My medical leave has been long but healing, and I thank God for the renewed strength and mobility that allows me to return to Christ Church. I also thank you, the people of this parish, for all the good ministry work you've been doing together in my absence.

This month, we will follow a path laid out by our Stewardship Team, asking each one of us to reflect on the nature and importance of our personal contributions to the life of the church. And when I use the word **contributions**, I'm not speaking primarily about money—although money matters, of course, because it allows us to maintain our worship, outreach, formation, and other ministries.

Your contributions are the pieces of yourself that you give to the life of this parish, in the desire to serve God and further God's work in this community. Your presence in collective worship is a vital contribution; as are the questions and ideas you share in Christian formation, the bags and boxes you tote on Food Pantry Day, and the casseroles and card games you bring to a fellowship night. Whether you are a Children's Chapel leader, Altar Guild member, Lay Reader, or Coffee Hour host—whatever your particular ministry may be -- your contributions matter. What you give to Christ Church in **time, money, talent, prayer, and love** is what keeps the church **alive!**

This year's stewardship theme is *Many Voices, One Song*. During October, our Stewardship Team will lead us in singing together the familiar round known as "Seek Ye First" (#711 in our hymnal). As you sing—whether loudly or quietly, on-key or off—I hope you will remember that your voice, and your contributions, matter. Without you, we are diminished; and with you, we are becoming a more perfect reflection of God's glory.

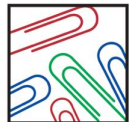
From the Apostle Paul, in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians:

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (12:4-7)

May we never forget it!

Blessings & love,

Rev. Maggie L-S



**Office
Closed**

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, Oct. 14** in recognition of **Columbus Day**.

Please plan accordingly!



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



The next opportunity for children or adults to be baptized at Christ Church will be **Sunday, November 3rd**, 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 **on or before October 10th** (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com). If you are unsure about baptism but would like to know more, just let her know!

**New Security Policy:
No Weapons Allowed**



Christ Church, like many other businesses, churches, and schools, has implemented a new policy prohibiting all firearms and weapons on church property. This was approved at the August 6th Vestry meeting. Signs have been posted which meet the legal requirements for this policy to comply with Ohio law. The policy is effective immediately. Questions? Contact Security Director, Jack Ivy at zis1942@yahoo.com

Oakwood Village Chapel

After an unplanned two-month hiatus, Rev. Maggie will offer a service of Scripture Reflection, Anointing, and Holy Communion at Oakwood Village (1500 Villa Rd.) on **Thursday, October 24th, at 10:00 AM**. The service will be held in the Assisted Living chapel on the 2nd floor of the main building. All are welcome!

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

October 2019

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
10/6/19	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	37:1-10	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
10/13/19	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
10/20/19	Genesis 32:22-31	121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
10/27/19	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	84:1-6	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

Worship... *continued*



October 20th at Covenant Presbyterian Church
201 N Limestone St.
5:00 PM

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.

QUESTION: *What's missing from this image?*

ANSWER: *A delivery can!*

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



Christ Church on Social Media!

If you're on Facebook, go to our 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 are not on Facebook but would still like to view the page, you can visit Christ Church's website at christsspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the

home page, click on the small **f**, and it will redirect you to our Facebook page.



Ministry Schedule Reminder

Don't forget to check your ministry schedules each month. If you are unable to serve, please find a sub and email Kelly at zellerk0611@gmail.com. It takes all ministers working together to coordinate our worship each Sunday!



Altar Flowers

2020 Altar Flower Dedication Chart

Thank you to **Gretchen Hicks** for her many years of dedication to this ministry!!

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for 2020 in memory of or thanksgiving for someone, please sign up on the sheets on the **kiosk**. Please be very specific in what or who you are dedicating the altar flowers, and if you have a particular choice of flower, also, please note when you sign up. The suggested donation is \$45. For more information, please contact Kelly Zeller (zellerk0611@gmail.com).

Stay Tuned!

Coming in November:

- + **Youth Overnight** at Rev. Maggie's home on Friday, Nov. 1st (All Souls/Day of the Dead theme)
- + **Baptisms** during the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, Nov. 3rd (Sunday after All Saints' Day)
- + **Diocesan Convention** at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington on Nov. 14th & 15th (dsoconvention.org)

Worship... *continued*

Liturgical Changes in October

Those who attend the 10:00 AM worship service will notice some changes beginning on October 6th. Our Service Music (that's the Song of Praise, Sanctus, and Fraction Anthem) will change for the remainder of Ordinary Time. These will change again when the Season of Advent begins on December 1st. We'll use Eucharistic Prayer B during October and November, and we'll also be singing a doxology at the Presentation of the Gifts (one of many doxologies using the familiar tune *Old 100th*).

If you're wondering why the same changes aren't happening at the 8:00 AM service, there are two reasons. One is practical -- because there's typically no music at 8:00, there's no Service Music to change. The other is liturgical -- because the Rite I liturgy includes less variability than the Rite II, seasonal changes must be less frequent. Most of the time, we use Eucharistic Prayer II at 8:00; during the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent, we switch to Prayer I.

If you have suggestions or thoughtful input about these, or any other aspects of our liturgy, please don't hesitate to share them with me. I plan to organize a Worship Committee sometime in the next few months, to advise and explore differing possibilities and preferences for our shared worship experiences. If you might be interested in serving, please let me know!

~ Rev. Maggie
(RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)

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7-11 AM)
Bookkeeper: Tina Knox (Tues. & Thurs.
8-10 AM)

Your Vestry

Senior Warden: Dawn Ivy
Junior Warden: John Richardson
Treasurer: Ken Bladh
Vestry at Large: Bonnie Bingman, Chris
Oldstone-Moore, Cathy Hasecke, Denise
Sharp, Brian Shelburne, Joyce Spangler,
and Chris Wells

Regular Worship Notices

- **Books and other materials for children** are located in the back of the worship space.
- **Gluten-free wafers** are always available during communion.
- Myra Dean Banion offers private prayers at the **Healing Station** most Sundays.



A Stewardship Reflection on the Feast of St. Francis

Giving Up Everything to Serve

BY APRIL LOVE-FORDHAM

It was the middle of winter and snow covered the Italian wilderness. With nothing but a thin tunic and sandals, Francis made his way to a remote reed hut to grieve. The Church had taken his order, the Franciscans, away from him, declaring that the rule of life he had put in place was too severe. Other than two tunics and a pair of sandals, he had allowed his men to own nothing or even touch money. This forced them to beg for food at every meal, putting a strain on the very villagers they were sent to serve. So the Church had intervened, tapping someone else to lead the Franciscans in a simple but more practical lifestyle.

As Francis lay in the reed hut, he became overwhelmed with the thought that giving up everything for God had been a mistake. When dawn broke, he ran into the snow, weeping bitterly as he built the family he might have had out of snow. First a wife and then children. He screamed out to God, “Why did I give you everything? Now I have no family — not even my men.”

When he was done, he stood back to look at his family. What was missing? Of course! He would have been a wealthy man who needed to own slaves to care for his property. But as

he built the slaves, he grew repulsed. Having belongings would have caused him to put his own desires above the freedom and needs of other human beings. It was then that Francis remembered he had given up everything so he could serve others rather than use others for his own gain. Resolved that materialism was at the heart of all evil, he decided to continue to live out his life in voluntary poverty as an example to the Franciscans—even though he would no longer be their leader.

I’ve thought a lot about this story. I agree with the Church that living without belongings and begging for food is not practical, but I also agree with Francis. Giving everything we have to God—having the desire to let God use all we own in service to others—is what the Christian life ought to be about.

For reflection...

- Do the things we own and the services we buy help others thrive?
- Do we care enough to research our purchases before we buy?



Read more about St. Francis in Dr. April Love-Fordham’s new book, St. Francis and the Christian Life (Wipf and Stock, 2018). April was a vice president of software development before being ordained in the Presbyterian Church. Now an Episcopalian, she lives with her husband and Great Dane in Johns Creek, Georgia, writing the Disorderly Parable Bible Study Series for individuals and small groups.



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on Tuesday, October 8th at 11:30 am Mic's Italian Restaurant on Mechanicsburg Road in Springfield.

This group welcomes all men and women

who are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. RSVP Anita Beardsell at anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com. If you need a ride, please let her know that as well.

Youth Overnight Rescheduled



The Youth Overnight has been rescheduled for **Friday, November 1st** and will have an All Souls/Day of the Dead theme. Talk to Rev. Maggie for details (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com).



Please email Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com if you have updates to your address, phone, or email. Thank you!!



- Jon Leidheiser-StoddardOct 2
- Ashlea PayneOct 4
- Rosetta PetersonOct 5
- Juanita ArtisOct 6
- Lexie BoblittOct 6
- Dar Brooks HedstromOct 6
- Aileen Oldstone-MooreOct 7
- Cathy CromptonOct 16
- Nancy Henderson Oct 17
- Anne StrothmanOct 18
- Andrew BingmanOct 20
- Joan HurleyOct 20
- Sophie SmithOct 23
- Ann ChitkaraOct 24
- Rose FarrarOct 26
- Becca CallicotOct 27
- Barbara GrayOct 30
- Marie HutchinsOct 30



- Jamie & Cameron McGregorOct 6
- Dan & Judy McGregor.....Oct 12
- Don & Liz WheelerOct 18
- Joe & Kathy Schmitt.....Oct 31



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

The next pantry day is October 16th!

Thank you to those who helped with September's Food Pantry day. We gave out lots of meat, milk, cheese, soup, eggs, Hostess treats, and fresh produce as well as the extras of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toilet paper. Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church and other faith communities. Volunteers are needed to help pick up and unload food, pack food and help with customer service. Please contact either Ann Chitkara at ann@nova.pcc.com or Anne Randolph at annejrand@aol.com to volunteer.

Don't Forget the T.P.!



Our Food Pantry is one of the few pantries to give out toilet paper with the groceries. While toilet paper is something most of us take for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with the SNAP card (formerly known as food stamps). A donation of a package of toilet paper is a great contribution to this amazing ministry! Donations can be put in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level of the church.



Socks and Underwear Collection



Thank you for the generous donations of socks and underwear! The socks and underwear were donated to students in need at Lincoln, Fulton, Hayward, and Perrin Woods Elementary Schools. All schools expressed their deep gratitude.

Marilee Oldstone-Moore Headed to South Africa!

Starting this fall, Marilee Oldstone-Moore will be representing our church and our diocese in South Africa with a year of volunteer service through YASC, the Episcopal church's Young Adult Service Corps. As part of her service, she is fundraising for her mission with a goal of reaching \$10,000. If you are interested in donating you can get a copy of the donation form from either the church office or by following the instructions on the donate page of her blog: <https://yascmeanything.travel.blog/> Follow this blog for updates, stories, and photos during her year abroad.



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.

Why Does the Church Need Money, Anyway?

Join us for adult forum during October for a look at some of the places our money (or our cement, if you heard Greg Sammons' sermon!) flows. Note that several of these sessions will be led by Christ Church members. Grab a beverage and snack after the 10:00 am service, then come support your fellow parishioners!

October 6: A Ministry We Support— Safe Harbor House

We know that substance abuse is out of control, but how do people get to the point that they are willing to lose everything (and even risk death!) in order to maintain an addiction? How does sex-trafficking connect to substance abuse? And what can be done to help someone heal and recover from substance abuse and the horrors of having been trafficked? We will explore these issues and learn how Safe Harbor—right here in Springfield—is helping women with these issues recover and heal. Linda Mortensen, Christ Church member and executive director of Safe Harbor, will present this important adult forum.

October 13: The Rich History of Christ Church

Christ Church member and archivist Christopher Oldstone-Moore will lead a discussion of the history of our parish. We will consider what clues our beautiful building offers of our nearly two centuries of witness. We will also look at some key documents from our past, and how changes in our parish have reflected changes both in Springfield and in the wider Anglican tradition.

October 20: Right Outside Our Walls

Join Kali Lawrence for conversation about one of the ministries Christ Church supports, the Promise Neighborhood of Springfield. See and hear the ways your giving affects our friends in that section of town, as well as ways we might become more involved.

October 27: The Skinner Organ

Please welcome Mike Herzog from Peebles-Herzog, the pipe organ company in Columbus, for a presentation about our 1919 Skinner organ. Our church is blessed to be one of the few Ohio locations with a Skinner organ. Come hear why that is important. This forum will take place in the sanctuary.



Sunday, October 13th at 4:00 PM

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 13th, at 4:00 PM .

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! The 15-minute outdoor service will include prayers, a song, and an individual blessing for each animal. All humans and their furry, feathered, or scaly friends are welcome. Dog and cat treats will be provided! Talk to Rev. Maggie if you have any questions (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com).