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Christ Episcopal Church Celebration of Stewardship 2018

The Vestry is so grateful to all who have made pledges for 2018. As of Sunday, October 29, we have received 50 pledges, for a total of \$141,361.44. This represents a 5.14% increase over last year. This is 70% of our 2018 goal of \$202,550. We can reach our goal if everyone in the CECS family joins with those who have already made their pledges and responds by November 5. Thank you very much!

Save these Dates!

All Saints' Sunday, November 5: Dedication of Pledges

If possible, please return your pledge card by this date, so we can offer them together to God at the altar.

Celebration Breakfast, November 19, 9:00 AM

The Stewardship Steering Committee and the Vestry will host a Celebration Breakfast between the services. No need to bring anything! You are our guests.

Please join us for this time of giving thanks for God's love, for these gifts we've made together to help the ministry of this parish grow and flourish, and for the gift of this parish family.



November Events

November 5 Adult Forum:

Saints We Have Known

Who are the "holy heroes" you have met? Bring a memory, a picture, or a clipping from the newspaper, as we share the Christ-like people who have helped us live a Christ-like life.

November 9 Pub Theology

2.0 (adults) Pub Theology for adults will meet at 7 PM on Thursday, November 9. Please join us for Flash Compline at 7 PM on the City Hall Plaza. Following Compline, we will go across the street to Seasons, for discussion. Come, and bring a friend!

November 12 Adult Forum:

Diocesan Convention

Reflections Bishop Price and our delegates will reflect on their experiences at Diocesan Convention.

November 19 @ 9:00 AM:

Stewardship Celebration Breakfast

November 26: Thanksgiving and Christ the King Coffee Hour

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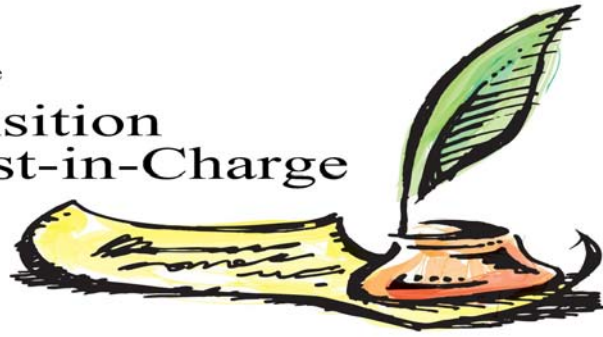
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From the
**Transition
Priest-in-Charge**

**Dear Christ Church friends,**

Each Wednesday at the 10 AM service we reflect on a saint whose day falls during that week. Some of them are very familiar, like Francis of Assisi (October 4.) Others, like Willibrord of Utrecht (November 7) — not so much!

But once a year we remember **all** the saints, including those who are known only to you and me. One who is especially dear to my heart is Alexander Stewart, who was Bishop of Western Massachusetts. He was Greg's bishop, when he was going through the ordination process; but he also very kindly took me under his wing.

Now, Bishop Stewart was not perfect. He always ran late, and he had a habit of never hanging up his vestments. At the end of a service, he would just ball them all up, and stuff them into the trunk of his car. When he arrived for his next visitation, (about two minutes before the service), he'd take out that wad, thrust them into someone's arms, and say, "Here, do something about this, will you?" Every altar guild in the diocese knew to have an iron plugged in, when the bishop was coming!

But I quickly learned that there was no better person to talk to if you had a problem. In an era when there were no clergy married to each other, he helped Greg and me find the courage to make that commitment. He arranged my first job, and when our daughter was born prematurely, he showed up at the hospital without being called. (And, typically, he lost the visitor's pass, which set off all kinds of confusion!)

Because love was more important to Bishop Stewart than ironed vestments. And that's what a saint is. An imperfect person, who lets God's love and God's light shine through them.

On Sunday, November 5, we'll give thanks to God "for all the saints, who from their labors rest." If you'd like someone dear to you remembered in the prayers that morning, please send their name to the parish office.

And at the Adult Forum, we'll tell stories of the saints we've been privileged to know — or to simply know about. You're welcome to bring a picture, or a newspaper clipping of someone you've read about, or a memory.

Thanks be to God for all those who have shown us Christ's love by the way they live. Alleluia!

Margaret Holt Sammons+



**Office
Closed**

**The church office
will be closed on
Thursday and
Friday,
November 23
and 24, for
Thanksgiving.**



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.

Visitation of Bishop Kenneth L. Price, Jr.



Bishop Price, retired Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio, will be with us on Sunday, November 12, to preach and celebrate at the 10 AM service. We're delighted that his wife, Mariann Price, will be with him.

Following the 10 AM service, Bishop Price and our delegates will reflect on their experience at Diocesan Convention that weekend. We look forward to welcoming the Prices to Christ Episcopal Church.

Revised Common LECTIONARY

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
Nov 5	Joshua 3: 7-17	Psalm 107	1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13	Matthew 23: 1-12
Nov 12	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25	Psalm 78	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
Nov 19	Judges 4: 1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
Nov 26	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25: 31-46



Worship... continued



The Search Committee is happy to report that we have several candidates in the pipeline. We are optimistic about the prospect of having a wonderful priest on board in the early part of 2018.

Marilyn Howat, Communicator



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!



Parking Lot Repairs

During the week of October 30, the curbs in our parking lot will be rebuilt. This is the first stage of a larger project, which will include filling cracks, resealing, and striping, in the spring.

It means that our parking lot will not be available for use, Monday, October 30 through Friday, November 3. Thank you to Dana Waggoner, Junior Warden, for arranging to have this done.



PRAYERS

FOR



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. I welcome your questions and prayer requests anytime. (937) 768-0965

Blessings,

Myra Dean Banion

STAFF HOURS

Transition Priest, The Rev. Margaret Holt

Sammons: Tuesday–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

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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

Worship... continued

You don't want to miss church on Sunday, November 5th!

All Saints Day, Day of Change and Blessing of Pledge Cards!

- **All Saints:** We will remember those loved ones who have gone before us with prayer and music. To add the name (s) of your loved ones, please use the form below.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

- **Day of Change:** As our clocks "fall back" in the wee hours, that morning, we will collect loose change (bills gladly accepted too!) to support our Christ Church Food Pantry. Use your change to make a change in the lives of hungry Springfielders. Baskets will be passed at each service for this offering.



Day of Change

- **Blessing of Pledge Cards:** Last but not least, we will make an offering of our life and labor to God through our pledge cards.



See you at the 8 AM or 10 AM service!

Diocesan Convention: November 10 & 11

The Diocese of Southern Ohio will meet for its annual Convention in Cincinnati on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11. Christ Church will be represented by Bonnie and Brian Shelburne, Ed Hasecke, and Ken Bladh, as well as by our clergy, the Rev. Rick Incorvati and the Rev. Margaret Sammons. The theme of this Convention comes from Exodus: "A pillar of fire by night, a pillar of cloud by day." The keynote speaker is the Rev. Paul Fromberg, rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco and author of *The Art of Transformation: Three Things That Churches Do That Change Everything*. The Convention Eucharist will be at Christ Cathedral at 9 AM on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to all events; you do not need to be a delegate to attend.

All Saints Sunday – Nov. 5, 2017

If you would like to have your deceased loved-ones included in our prayers that day, please fill out the form below, place it in the offering plate or send it to the office.

Name of the deceased loved one (s): _____

Your name: _____

I will be attending the 8 AM ____ or the 10 AM ____ service.



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on **Tuesday, November 14** at 11:30 AM at **O'Charley's** located at 1830 Bechtle Ave, Springfield, Ohio, 45504. This group welcomes all adults who are available at

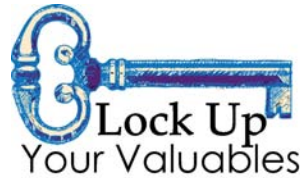
lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. Please email Anita Beardsell (anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com) to RSVP. If you need a ride, let Anita know that, too.

Happy Holiday Birthdays at Shawnee Place Apartments

We will be hosting the fourth quarter Birthday Party at Shawnee Place Apartments at 6 PM on Thursday, November 16th. We are planning on 35 to 40 people in attendance. The residents have requested that we have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, so the menu will include turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, and tossed salad. If you would like to help by preparing any of the side dishes and serving that night, please contact Gwen Scheffel at 629-0197 or by emailing me. I will email the usual volunteers, but we would like to have some additional people to help us in this ministry. The residents are so appreciative and everyone (including us) seems to have a great time!



Holiday Birthdays



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

Thank you from...

... the **Banions** for all of the prayers and hospitality!

Thank you to...

... **everyone who brings toilet paper** for the Food Pantry. It is much appreciated by our clients!

... to the **Stewardship Steering Committee** and all of the speakers!



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

For the Record:

Deaths: **Jack Speer**, October 15, 2017



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.

To be eligible for Vestry, members must:

- attend worship regularly.
- make a pledge, or otherwise financially support the parish.
- be able to attend and participate in the Vestry meetings, held once a month at Christ Church. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, from 7–9 pm.



Otto & Jamie Anderson.....	Nov-02
Terry & Susie Barnes.....	Nov-11
Rick & Anne Guyton Dunbar.....	Nov-19
Bob & Dawn White.....	Nov-26
Richard & Joyce Spangler	Nov-27



Marjy Smith	Nov-1
Lisa Pankratz.....	Nov-2
Max DeLong.....	Nov-4
ReillySmith.....	Nov-5
Joy Carter.....	Nov-5
Donald Ehlinger	Nov-6
Daniel Tuggle	Nov-9
Otto Anderson	Nov-10
Suzanne Faris.....	Nov-12
Miles Dooley.....	Nov-16
Susan Smith	Nov-19
Ava Sullivan.....	Nov-21
Katrina Dooley	Nov-22
Hannah (Spangler) Benton	Nov-22
Sara Boblitt	Nov-23
Donald Wheeler.....	Nov-24
Edward Hasecke	Nov-25
Pat Duncan	Nov-29
Jack Seipel.....	Nov-29



All women of the church are welcome to attend the Annual ECW Christmas Party that will be held at the home of Joann Albright, 1970 Wedgewood Circle on Wednesday, December 13th. We will meet for the Chapel Service at 10 am and carpool to Joann's following the service. It will be a catered luncheon, with the cost being \$9.00. Make the check payable to Shirley Artis. Reservations must be made on or before Sunday, December 11th. Please call Dodi Holmes at 390-0764 or Juanita Artis 399-4237. we look forward to seeing you there.



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.



How Far Will a Penny Go?

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.

Counting Blessings

Numbered lists grab our attention. In the checkout aisle or on the internet, we gravitate toward headlines such as “10 ways to lose weight!” or “3 simple steps to acing that test!”

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. Imagine what would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily!

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? “Thank you, God, for this brand new day!” “Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might glorify you.” Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

PANTRY NEWS

Pantry Day Is November 15th!

Thank you to those who helped with the October Food Pantry! Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities. The next Pantry date is Oct. 15 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.



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 0.05% 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**, 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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Senior Warden: Bonnie Shelburne

Junior Warden: Dana Waggoner

Treasurer: Ken Bladh

Deacon: Rick Incorvati

Secretary: Don Wheeler

Vestry at Large:

Don Wheeler

Ann Chitkara

Marilyn Howat

Dawn Ivy

Jake Studebaker

Chris Wells

Youth Representative:

Sophie Smith

Calling all Shepherds, Sheep, Magi, Angels ... and the Holy Family!

Our 4:30 Christmas Eve service traditionally includes a Christmas Pageant. This is open to all children and teens. Adults are welcome, too—why should the kids have all the fun?

There will be one rehearsal, on Saturday, December 23—time to be arranged. Please let me know if you or your children would like to participate: sammons.margaret@gmail.com.



Christmas Schedule - advance notice

This is a year when the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day. As has been the custom when this happens, we will treat that day as Christmas Eve. We will not have morning services, but will keep our regular Christmas Eve schedule of services at 2 PM, 4:30 PM, and 9 PM.