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All Saints' Day, Holy Baptism, 'Day of Change' and Blessing of Pledge Cards on Sunday, Nov. 3rd!



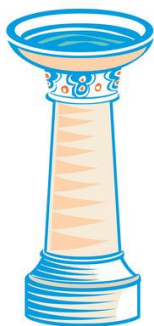
All Saints' Celebration

We will remember those loved ones who have gone before us with prayer, music, and the lighting of candles.



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! Look for the special 'Day of Change' basket to drop off your offerings as you enter the sanctuary.



Holy Baptism

During the 10 AM service, we will celebrate the Baptisms of Jimmy, Bodhi, and Hannah Ryan, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows of Amanda Hayden.

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!

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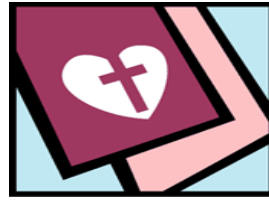
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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear people of Christ Church,

November is such a great month! We get the beauty of the changing leaves and the refreshment of crisp fall days, we get to spend time with friends and family at Thanksgiving, and we get to look forward to Advent without the "It's-one-week-till-Christmas-and-I-have-so-much-to-do!" angst setting in... but the best thing about November in the church is how we begin the month—with the Feast of All Saints.

All Saints', or All Hallows' Day, is a day of honor and glory and praise; it is also, as contemplative priest Cynthia Bourgeault says, "the thinnest of the thin places between heaven and earth."^{li} All Saints' Day is also the centerpiece of a larger observance known as **All Hallows'** or the **Fall Triduum**. Don't be frightened by the words! *Hallow* is just another word for *saint*, and *triduum* is Latin for *three days*. All Hallows', then, is a set of three holy days that comes every fall.

Like our Triune God, the three days of All Hallows' constitute one unified observance: October 31st, All Hallows' Eve; November 1st, All Hallows' Day; and November 2nd, All Souls' Day (or, as we more commonly call them, Halloween, All Saints', and All Souls'). Let's look at them backwards.

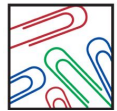
The third day of this Fall Triduum is **All Souls' Day**, the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. This day is set aside to honor the everyday saints in our lives, the people whose names aren't known far and wide, but who showed us how to be Christians.

The second day of the Fall Triduum is the **Feast of All Saints**. It's always November 1st, and we typically celebrate it in church the following Sunday. This is the day we remember and celebrate the historic saints—"the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patriarchs [and matriarchs], prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with [God] in ages past"^{lii}. We baptize on this day because it is their holy heritage which we all share, and into which we joyfully welcome new members.



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(Rector's Reflections, continued)



Office Closed

The Church Office will be **closed** during Thanksgiving week (November 25th through 29th).



Vacation Schedule

Rev. Maggie will be on vacation Friday, Nov. 22nd through Saturday, Nov. 30th. Kelly Zeller will be on vacation Sunday, Nov. 24th through Sunday, Dec. 1st.

The Rev. Terri Thornton will be our Guest Priest for both worship services on Sunday, Nov. 24th.

Please plan accordingly!

And what about the first day of the Fall Triduum? October 31st is **All Hallows' Eve**. In our culture, Halloween has become the Great High Feast of Costumes and Candy Bars, but this commercial holiday is at its root a holy day—the eve of the feast of sainthood, the day we ready ourselves for naming and honoring our great cloud of witnesses.

When Christianity first began to catch on in the British Isles, the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain became an opportunity to demonstrate one's faith in God and eternity. If I believe in a Savior who has conquered evil and destroyed the power of death once and for all time, what then can I fear? No ghost or ghoulish demon can hurt me; no nightmare can threaten me. On All Hallows' Eve, our Christian forefathers and mothers laughed in the face of death's powers and declared themselves, and us, to be untouchable.

This is the essence of All Hallowtide—*we have nothing to fear*. Just as the leaves wither, and return to earth, and nourish new life long after they're gone from our sight; we are members of an eternal Body, a Body that stretches beyond time and space, a Body undefeated by suffering and death, a Body that claims us fully despite our failures and mistakes. This is the communion of saints, the church universal, the eternal Body of Christ.

This November, let's give thanks for the blessing and privilege of membership in Christ's Body, and for the immense joy of welcoming new members through baptism!

*"O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!"^[v]*

Blessings & love,

Rev. Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)

[i] www.contemplative.org/fall-triduum/

[ii] 1979 BCP Eucharistic Prayer D

[v] Hymnal 1982 #287 ("For all the saints" verse 4)





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



**Attention Families:
Advent Pageant Coming
December 22nd!**

This Christmas, in lieu of a pageant or children's service on Christmas Eve (when many families are traveling), the children and youth of the parish will offer a special **Advent Pageant** during the 10:00 AM worship service on **Sunday, December 22nd**. All kids and youth are encouraged to participate! The pageant, called "Looking Forward to Christ," focuses on Advent themes of prophecy and preparation.

We'll prepare for the pageant during Sunday School time on December 8th & 15th. No memorization of lines necessary! All kids & youth who want to be part of the fun must be present on either the 8th or the 15th (being present for both is wonderful, but at least one is required). Talk to Rev. Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

**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 Worship

The last two Oakwood Village worship services for 2019 will be on Thursdays **November 21st** and **December 19th**. Both services will be held on the 2nd floor chapel at 10:00 am, and will include Scripture readings & discussion, anointing, and Holy Eucharist. We hope to sing some Advent hymns in December. All are welcome!

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

November 2019

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
11/3/19	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
11/10/19	Job 19:23-27a	17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
11/17/19	Isaiah 65:17-25	Canticle 9	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
11/24/19	Jeremiah 23:1-6	46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

Worship... continued



Altar Flowers 2020 Altar Flower Dedication Chart

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 at zellerk0611@gmail.com.

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!!

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.



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 christspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on the small **f**, and it will redirect you to our Facebook page.

Current Service Opportunities

With Advent and Christmas approaching and a new year in sight, there are several opportunities available for folks of all ages and abilities to lend a hand and support the various ministries of Christ Church. Please consider how you might get involved and serve the church in the coming weeks and months! Current opportunities include:

- Members for the newly-forming **Worship Committee**
- Friendly **Greeters** for the 10:00 AM service
- A new **Junior Warden** for 2020
- One new At-Large **Vestry Member** for 2020-2022
- **PR Team** members (willing to take turns recording sermons, take photos, post to Facebook, and spread the word about Christ Church)
- **Sunday Closers** (working in pairs or trios to walk through the building after Sunday School & Adult Forum end, turning off lights & ensuring doors are secure)

Talk to Rev. Maggie if you are willing to serve (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)!

Worship... continued

Diocesan Convention

On November 15th & 16th, delegates from each congregation in the Diocese of Southern Ohio will gather at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington for the annual Diocesan Convention. Our parish delegates are John Richardson, Ron Dowling, Joan Hurley, and Justin Lehman, along with our clergy (the Revs. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard & Rick Incorvati). Please keep them and the whole convention in your prayers as they make decisions that affect the entire Diocese and our individual congregations.



On Sunday, December 1st, we'll enter the Season of Advent, which marks the beginning of a new year in the life of the church. As we begin the new liturgical year, we will refresh our Prayer List (the names printed in the back of our worship bulletins and spoken aloud during the Prayers of the People). The current list is printed below, for your reference.

If your name is on the list, or if you submitted someone's name, or if you are familiar with the circumstances of a particular request—**please contact Kelly Zeller on or before Thursday, November 21st in order to remain on the list.** You can email her at ZellerK0611@gmail.com or call the church office (937-323-8651). Thank you!

Current Prayer List (as of 10/30): Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons, Dar Brooks Hedstrom, Joni Pulver, Cam Hughes, Kasey DePriest, Barry Kelly, Kim Hughes, James Bayes, Faye Richardson, Ruth Bayley, Joy Bartenstein, Peg Curtin, Sam Zook, Rick Martin, Joe DeSantis, Larry Hupp, Sarah Healy, Joe Lewis, Vicki Lindsay, Traudie Milleck, Alice Kelly, Barb Kelly, Joy Bayes, Pat Silliman, Norm Silliman, Keith Harbaugh, Ann Summers, Marilyn Tully, Jan Steinmetz

Church Staff & Office Hours

Rector: The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard
 Deacon: The Rev. Rick Incorvati
 Sr. Warden: Dawn Ivy
 Jr. Warden: John Richardson
 Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator: Kelly Zeller (Mon.-Thurs. 8 AM – 2 PM and Sunday mornings)
 Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger (Sunday mornings & by appointment)
 Youth Teacher: Abby Glass (Sunday mornings)
 Nursery Attendant: Jerushia Knox (Sunday mornings)
 Facility Manager: Paul McAfee (Mon.-Fri. 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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 26th 7 PM at Temple Sholom

In a decades-long Springfield tradition, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faith communities will gather to give thanks to the God we all worship and celebrate all that we have in common. Please join us at Temple Sholom (2424 N. Limestone) for this worship service followed by refreshments and a chance to connect with our neighbors-in-faith.



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is **Tuesday, November 12th at 11:30 AM** at Cafe Paradiso (13 Monument Square) in Urbana. This group welcomes all men and women who are

available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. Please email Anita Beardsell at anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com to RSVP.



ECW CHRISTMAS PARTY

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 11th. 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 \$10.00. Make the check payable to Shirley Artis. Reservations must be made on or before Sunday, December 8th. Please call Dodi Holmes at 390-0764 or Juanita Artis at 399-4237. We look forward to seeing you there!



- Marjy Smith Nov 1
- Lisa Pankratz Nov 2
- Max DeLong Nov 4
- Reilly Smith Nov 5
- Joy Carter Nov 5
- Daniel Tuggle Nov 9
- 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
- Don Wheeler Nov 24
- Ed Hasecke Nov 25
- Christopher Bingman Nov 25
- Pat Duncan Nov 29
- Jack Seipel Nov 29



- Rick & Anne Guyton Dunbar Nov 19
- Bob & Dawn White Nov 26
- Richard & Joyce Spangler Nov 27



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

November 20th from 11–2 is pantry day!

Thank you to those who helped with October'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. Thank you!



Toy Collection for Promise Neighborhood Christmas Store!

Once again, our friends in Springfield's Promise Neighborhood are hosting a **Christmas Store** during the first week of December. Promise Neighborhood residents can visit the store and choose from gifts that have been donated by church folks and other community members. The Christmas Store accepts donations of **NEW toys/gifts for babies through teenagers**. You can bring your items to the church on or before **Sunday, November 17th**. On the 17th, we'll bless the gifts during both worship services, and then turn them over to the Promise Neighborhood leadership.

St. Joseph Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 819 Kenton Street, is hosting a Thanksgiving meal for the needy on Saturday, November 23rd, from 11 AM until 3 PM. To make donations, volunteer, or for more information contact John Lippolis at 937-390-9725.

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.

Thank You to all who have made pledges to support the ministries of Christ Church in 2020! If you would like to make a pledge in the coming weeks, please contact Kelly Zeller in the Church Office (ZellerK0611@gmail.com, 937-323-8651).



Remember, every gift makes a difference!



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.

Sunday Adult Forum

(11:15 am - noon)

Please join us this month for adult forum conversations that will help prepare us for the season of Advent.

November 10 Who can I talk to about things that matter?

Amanda Stone Cushing of the Spirituality Network in Columbus will be with us to talk about the programs offered, especially spiritual direction. She heads the Wellstreams program, a three-year course to train spiritual directors, or soul friends.

November 17 What tool can I use to help me pray?

If you have ever gone to Myra Dean Banion for intercessory prayer, you know her heart. She will talk with us about the use of prayer beads, particularly the Anglican rosary.

November 24 Where can I go to get away a little while?

We will host Sister Diana and Sister Priscilla from the Convent of the Transfiguration in Glendale near Cincinnati. They will present information on this lovely place to go for a retreat, alone or with a group.

Taking It Slow



Not only did God model rest – specifically sabbath rest – during the Creation process, but he also showed the value of under-commitment, even working under his potential.

“God modeled for us how to choose one or two things to focus on each day,” writes Monica Wilkinson in *Slow Lane*. “If he wanted to, he could have spoken the entire world into existence in less than a fraction of the blink of an eye.” Instead, God “went about it methodically, slowly, with balance and moderation.” What a contrast to our modern-day multitasking craze!

“God was not looking to maximize every productive waking moment of every single day,” Wilkinson adds. “He chose to focus on one or two things, do them well and with excellence, and then enjoy the accomplishment and reflection of a job well done.”



ALLY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

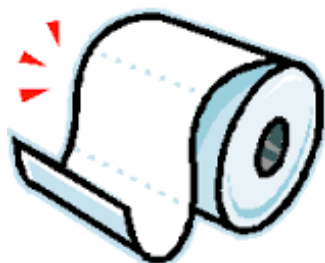
Saturday Nov 9th
9am - 12pm
Central Community Center,
102 W High Street Springfield, OH

Facilitated by Brandy Phipps, PhD



* Please RSVP by visiting this website:
<https://tinyurl.com/SpringfieldSafeSpace>
Or call 937-561-2451

This 3 hour training will equip participants with knowledge and skills necessary to support our LGBT+ neighbors and create spaces in our community where all people can feel safe, honored, and respected.



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.