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Christian Formation for All Ages at Christ Church!

There are a variety of opportunities for children, youth, and adults to learn and grow in faith together at Christ Church this month...



EASTER SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 1st, all ages will gather together after the 10:00 AM service for

a **Triple Egg Hunt** to celebrate the Day of the Resurrection!

For adults, the **Forward Week-by-Week** small group will continue to meet each Sunday from 9:20 to 9:50 am. In the 11:20 AM to noon slot, we'll have **Lectio Divina** sessions on April 8th and 22nd, a presentation from **Rabbi Cary Kozberg** of Temple Beth Sholom on April 15th, and a screening of the short film "**Heroin(e)**" on April 29th.

For youth, both the **middle school and high school** classes will continue their weekly discussions throughout the month. The **Interfaith Youth Alliance** is presenting an Interfaith Poetry & Music event on April 6th, and planning to visit a Buddhist temple in Columbus on April 8th.

And for elementary school kids, the newly-formed **Children's Formation** class will continue meeting each Sunday, using Legos and drama to engage with a new Bible story each week. We are currently looking for folks who are willing to serve as adult assistants for this class once a month. So if you like playing with Legos and Bible stories, please let Maggie know! (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)



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.

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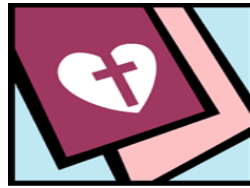
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FROM THE RECTOR

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We have completed our Holy Week journey and arrived at the destination of amazing joy and new life -- the Day of the Resurrection! Remember that Easter is not a single day for us, not just a plastic eggs and chocolate bunnies holiday, but an entire Season... Seven weeks to celebrate and proclaim our Lord's victory over death, and to explore what that victory means for our lives and communities today. I look forward to experiencing Easter joy with all of you in the coming weeks.

Your Vestry is gathering for a daylong visioning retreat on Saturday, April 7th, to discuss where Christ Church may be headed in the rest of 2018 and beyond. We covet your prayers on that day!

I also want to lift up for the kids, parents and grandparents a special opportunity to attend the Diocese of Southern Ohio Procter Camp's "Open House" on Saturday, April 14th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event includes a free cookout meal and chance to explore the beautiful property, meet camp counselors, and become acquainted with Procter. I wholeheartedly encourage you to consider making Procter Camp a part of your family's plans for the summer!

My family has attended Family Camp for the last three summers and we'll be going again this year; and I will be serving as Camp Chaplain for the 3rd-6th Graders' Camp in June. Let me know if you have any questions, about the Open House or about camp in general!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessings & love,
Maggie L-S
(RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)





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



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.



Activity Bags for Children
 Quiet activity bags, books, and coloring sheets are on a cart in the sanctuary. We know that children are excellent multitaskers, 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!

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
04/01 Easter Day	Isaiah 25: 6-9	118: 1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	John 20: 1-18
04/08	Acts 4: 32-35	133	1 John 1: 1-2:2	John 20: 19-31
04/15	Acts 3: 12-19	4	1 John 3: 1-7	Luke 24: 36b-48
04/22	Acts 4: 5-12	23	1 John 3: 16-24	John 10: 11-18
04/29	Acts 8: 26-40	22:24-30	1 John 4: 7-21	John 15: 9-17

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 The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard 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

Come Along with Ann Chitkara on "The Trip of a Lifetime"

Join us for the Episcopal Church Women's Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 9th. We will begin the day with the weekly chapel service at 10 AM. From the chapel, we will go to the Parish Hall to have a delicious, catered luncheon, and an opportunity to socialize. After our meal, Ann Chitkara, who co-chairs the pantry here at Christ Church, will present the highlights of "The Trip of a Lifetime" to South Africa with her family. The price is \$10, which includes your lunch and a donation to our pantry, and can be paid to Marj Vasileff or Anita Beardsell. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact either Marj or Anita.

Happy Birthday to...

- ... Poppy SullivanApr-01
- ... Cathy Hasecke.....Apr-08
- ... Jessica PetersonApr-10
- ... Kent BrooksApr 10
- ... Ann Summers.....Apr 11
- ... David Warren.....Apr-11
- ... Gretchen HicksApr-13
- ... Richard Martin.....Apr-13
- ... Alice KellyApr 14
- ... Carter Randolph.....Apr-14
- ... Gabe TrillanaApr-14
- ... Kay KoeningerApr-16
- ... Ian WaggonerApr-16
- ... Terry Barnes.....Apr-18
- ... Kathleen Schubert.....Apr-19
- ... Wendy DeLongApr-20
- ... George Anderson.....Apr-23
- ... Keith Doubt.....Apr-23
- ... Betsi Lewis RolandApr-23
- ... Bonnie ShelburneApr-24
- ... Rand Smith.....Apr-26
- ... Mark Brooks
 HedstromApr-27
- ... Shannon Wells
 TuggleApr-27
- ... Jonah Trillana.....Apr-30

Happy Anniversary to...

- ... Vijay & Ann
 ChitkaraApril 2
- ... Justin & Betsi Lewis
 RolandApril 4
- ... Danny & Shannon
 TuggleApril 25



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



There are so many people to thank for helping everything to run smoothly so we all could experience a meaningful Holy Week and festive Easter Day! To name a few:

- ... the children and adults who helped with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
- ... the Altar Guild for all of their extra work during Holy Week and Easter.
- ... the Christ Church Choir for the extra music during Holy Week and Easter.
- ... Sarah Schubert for her artwork for the Easter Bulletin.
- ... and many more!!

Thank you from...

- ... **Covenant United Methodist Church** for the donation for the Freedom School Program.
- ... the **Springfield Family YMCA** for the generous donation!
- ... **Rainbow Table** for the generous donation to help fund ministries for the community.
- ... the **Peace Center** for the greatly appreciated donation from Christ Church.



Join the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, April 10 at 11:30 AM at The House Café and Bakery located at 30 south Main Street in Mechanicsburg, Ohio

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 or if you need a ride.

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: Gayle Culler: Tuesday and Thursday, 8–10 AM





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. These rebates are used to support our outreach. *See the back cover of the Clarion for information on renewing your card!*

Amazon Orders Support the Food 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://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!



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!

PANTRY NEWS

Pantry Day Is April 18!

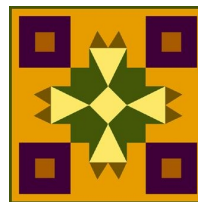
Thank you to those who helped with March's Food Pantry. Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church and other faith communities. The next Food Pantry is April 18th from 11 AM until 2 PM. Volunteers are needed to help pick up and unload food, pack food and help with customer service. Please contact the church office at 323-8651 or zellerk0611@gmail.com to volunteer.



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.



Peace and Patches Quilting Group

The Peace and Patches Quilting Group continues to meet Wednesday mornings at 9

AM to work on individual projects. We welcome anyone interested in a little company to join us. Bring along your knitting, crocheting, beading, jewelry making, or any craft you're interested in working on. Build friendships or pick up a new hobby and enjoy a laugh or two! We would love for you to join us.

Outreach... continued



INTERFAITH Hospitality Network

April 15th and 21st

Christ Church is responsible for providing dinner to the guests at Interfaith Hospitality Network on Sunday, April 15th and Saturday, April 21st. If you can help with this ministry please contact Lori Swafford at lori.swafford67@gmail.com or call (937) 605-7625.

“Day of Change” Results

As the clocks were springing forward one hour, we brought our change to church. Thanks to your generosity, \$225.43 has been given to the Christ Church Food Pantry to support their work in feeding hungry people of Springfield.



Shawl Ministry

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 contact Joan Hurley (jahurley500@gmail.com).



Holy Humor Sunday

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches celebrate “holy humor.” Laughter is a gift from God, who wants us to be joyful. A happy disposition is also an effective – and infectious – way to share our faith.

“I cannot think that when God sent us into the world, he had irreversibly decreed that we should be perpetually miserable in it,” said John Wesley. “If ... taking up the cross [implies] bidding adieu to all joy and satisfaction, how is it reconcilable with what Solomon expressly affirms of religion, that ‘her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace?’” (Proverbs 3:17, KJV)

And now, this...



**Your
Vestry**



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Leidheiser-Stoddard

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Incorvati

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Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden:
John Richardson

Treasurer: Ken Bladh

Vestry at Large:
Ann Chitkara
Marilyn Howat
Chris Oldstone-Moore
Kathleen Schubert
Brian Shelburne
Chris Wells
Don Wheeler

Youth Representative:
Emily Hasecke



**Kroger Community
Rewards Program
Re-enrollment time is
HERE!!!**

For participating Kroger Plus Card holders, April is Annual Re-enrollment Month! Just follow the instructions listed below, and Christ Church receives a rebate based on your purchases for another year! This needs to be completed by April 30th.

1. Access www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. Sign in with your email address and password
3. Click on "My Account"
4. Scroll down to Community Rewards
5. Click "Edit"
6. Enter our organization number (80354) and click "Search"
7. The church's information will appear
8. Click on "Enroll," and you are DONE!