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Where: Christ Church

Date: July 29th

Time: 5:00 PM

The next Taizé service will be held here at Christ Church July 29th at 5 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, as well.

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear wonderful people of Christ Church,

I write this as I prepare to head to North Carolina for a week of family vacation, always a highlight of my summer. My schedule for July is a bit wacky—vacation July 1st through 7th, Family Camp at Procter July 12th through 15th, and a conference for Young Clergy Women International in St. Louis July 16th through 19th. But things will calm down again in August... phew! The Rev. Terri Thornton, of the Episcopal Community Services Foundation and Cincinnati Children's Hospital, will be with you on Sunday July 1st; and the Rev. Edward Payne, retired Rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Springboro, will be with you on the 15th.

I saw blessings abounding in our parish in June: an all-hands-on-deck Food Pantry day, new discoveries arising via Faces of our Faith on Wednesday evenings, fellowship building amongst children and youth, loving pastoral care and prayerful support surrounding those who face challenges... and so much more. I am so grateful to be serving in this place, at this time, with this group of God's people. On the final night of 3rd–6th grade camp at Procter, while sitting around the campfire, I told the kids to look around and notice the fireflies. Those luminescent insects are visual reminders of God's abundant blessings, because they surround us on all sides but we may miss them if we're not really looking for them. We can't hold on to them forever, but if we pause and appreciate them in the present moment, they enrich our whole world with beauty and joy.

My prayer for you in the coming months is that you may notice and revel in God's abundant blessings, knowing yourself to be surrounded by holiness wherever you go!

Peace & love,

Rev. Maggie L-S :)

{RevMaggieLS@gmail.com}



The church office will be closed July 4th and 5th in observance of Independence Day.





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

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

JULY

Date	First Lesson	Psalms	Second Lesson	Gospel
July 1	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24	30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 8	Ezekiel 2:1-5	123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 15	Amos 7:7-15	85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 22	Jeremiah 23:1-6	23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 29	2 Samuel 11:1-15	14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

AUGUST

Date	First Lesson	Psalms	Second Lesson	Gospel
August 5	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 12	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	130	Ephesians 4: 25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 19	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 26	1 Kings 8:22 -30	84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
August 5	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35



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.

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

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.

Activity Bags for Children

Quiet activity bags, books, and coloring sheets are on a cart in the 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!



During these busy summer months, please remember to check the ministry schedules. If you are unable to

serve, please find a sub and email Kelly at zellerko611@gmail.com.

It takes all ministers working together to coordinate our worship each Sunday! Thanks!

"The Death of Moses: From 'De Nile' to Denial"

On July 8th Rabbi Cary Kozberg from Temple Sholom will offer more of his reflections on the lessons that Moses can teach us about the aging process and mortality. This special summer adult forum will follow the 10 AM worship service in the Parish Hall and is a continuation of his forum from earlier this spring.





- David Bingman.....July 4
- Sue AllenderJuly 6
- Anne RandolphJuly 7
- Anne Guyton-DunbarJuly 8
- Catherine WaggonerJuly 9
- Leon DurrenbergerJuly 10
- Christina McGregorJuly 11
- William Mattox.....July 13
- Katherine Sharp.....July 15
- Jim KreckmanJuly 16
- Muriel SpoonJuly 18
- Devon Tuggle.....July 18
- Denise WellsJuly 23
- James Jr. (Jamie) McGregor.....July 24
- Steven McGregor.....July 24
- Rick DunbarJuly 25
- Vicki LindsayJuly 25
- Jake MellettJuly 25
- Cash Sullivan.....July 26
- Michael Schmitt.....July 27
- Owen DooleyJuly 29
- Charles Irvine.....July 30
- Benjamin Cox.....July 31



- Audra and Eman TrillanaJuly 5
- Lori Swafford and Rand SmithJuly 7
- Ron Dowling and John RichardsonJuly 9
- Cathy and Ed HaseckeJuly 12



- Joy BayesAug. 01
- Cathy YeazellAug. 02
- JoEtta CooperAug. 02
- Justin Lehman.....Aug. 03
- Clare Perks.....Aug. 04
- Tom McNicolAug. 04
- Scott DooleyAug. 04
- Laura Yeazell.....Aug. 05
- Donna CummingsAug. 08
- Josh PayneAug. 09
- Nick PayneAug. 09
- Dana Waggoner.....Aug. 11
- Marilyn Howat.....Aug. 12
- Pamela MuirAug. 15
- Ellie McGregor.....Aug. 15
- Jack Ivy.....Aug. 21
- Ted DeLong.....Aug. 28
- Jenny RandolphAug. 29



- Ron & Ann deLangladeAug. 05
- Brian & Bonnie ShelburneAug. 06
- David & Kathleen Schubert.....Aug. 09
- Keith & Carol HarbaughAug. 18
- Fred & Joy Bartenstein.....Aug. 21





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

Thank you to...

- ... the **Greeters** for their dedication and friendliness.
- ... the **Ushers** for their dedication.
- ... the **Procter Camp staff** for their presence with us on June 3rd.
- ... **Ron deLanglade** for his landscaping work done at Christ Church!

Thank you from...

- ... the **Springfield Farmers Market** for Christ Church's donation and continued support!
- ... **Partners in Ministry in Liberia** for the donations given in June.
- ... **Peace Camp** for Christ Church's generous donation and continued support.

Vacation Schedules



- The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard:
Vacation: the week of July 1
Procter Camp: July 12–15
Young Women's Clergy Conference:
July 16–July 19
- Kelly Zeller
Vacation: July 8–July 14 and July 22–29
and August 8, 9, and 12

Supply Priest Schedule:

- **July 1:** Rev. Terri Thornton of the Episcopal Community Services Foundation and Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- **July 15:** Rev. Edward Payne, recently retired from St. Francis Episcopal Church in Springboro, Ohio

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, July 10th at

11:30 AM at The Farmer's Daughter Restaurant located at 904 Miami St., Urbana, 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: July & August At A Glance**JULY**

Sunday 7/1	8 AM & 10 AM services with Rev. Terri Thornton
Sunday 7/8	8 AM & 10 AM services; "Christmas in July" party @ 9:15 am; Rabbi Cary Kozberg @ 11:15 AM
Tuesday 7/10	Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 AM at The Farmer's Daughter Restaurant
Wednesday 7/11	Food Pantry Delivery @ 9 AM; 10 am service; Faces of our Faith @ 6 PM
Sunday 7/15	8 AM & 10 AM services with Rev. Edward Payne, Deacon Rick preaching
Wednesday 7/18	Food Pantry Day @ 9 AM; 10 AM service; Faces of our Faith @ 6 PM
Thursday 7/19	Finance Committee @ 4 PM
Saturday 7/21	PIMIL celebration in Columbus @ 12:30 PM
Sunday 7/22	8 AM & 10 AM services
Wednesday 7/25	10 AM service (Feast of St. James); Faces of our Faith @ 6 PM
Thursday 7/26	10 AM service @ Oakwood Village
Sunday 7/29	8 AM & 10 AM services; Taize Service at Christ Church @ 5 PM

AUGUST

Wednesday 8/1	10 AM service; Faces of our Faith @ 6 PM
Thursday 8/2	Vestry @ 6:30 PM
Friday 8/3	Rainbow Table from 9 AM to 1:30 PM
Sunday 8/5	8 AM & 10 AM services
Wednesday 8/8	Food Pantry delivery @ 9 AM; 10 AM service; Faces of our Faith @ 6 PM
Friday 8/10	Rainbow Table from 9 AM to 1:30 PM
Sunday 8/12	8 AM & 10 AM services, Deacon Rick preaching; IHN @ 6 PM
Tuesday 8/14	Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 AM
Wednesday 8/15	Food Pantry Day; 10 AM service (Feast of St. Mary the Virgin); Faces of our Faith @ 6 PM
Friday 8/17	Rainbow Table from 9 AM to 1:30 PM
Saturday 8/18	Safe Church training @ 9 AM (Procter Center); IHN@ 6 PM
Sunday 8/19	8 AM & 10 AM services
Wednesday 8/22	10 AM service
Friday 8/24	Rainbow Table from 9 AM to 1:30 PM
Sunday 8/26	8 AM & 10 AM services
Wednesday 8/29	10 AM service
Thursday 8/30	10 AM service @ Oakwood Village
Friday 8/31	Rainbow Table from 9 AM to 1:30 PM

**Safe Travels**

As the number of people traveling increases during the summer months, we wish those of you traveling a safe trip and hope the time away serves you well!!



Please remember to pick up your nametag prior to each Sunday service in the East Entrance. As the number of guests increases in the summer months, we would like members of Christ Church to wear nametags to make our guests feel welcome and show our approachability!

“Lay Weeders”

Christ Church is looking for volunteers to weed the

grounds and flowerbeds throughout the year. If you're interested please contact the Jr. Warden, John Richardson at richardsonjohnd@gmail.com. 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. These rebates are used to support our outreach.

The Next Pantry Day Is July 18th from 11–2!

Thank you to those who helped with June's Food Pantry! We gave out chicken, pork, chili, turkey, noodles, eggs, fresh produce, and the extras of soap, toothpaste, and toilet paper.

Pantry volunteers come from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and other faith communities. Volunteers 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. 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!



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.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Christ Church is responsible for providing dinner to the guests at IHN **Sunday, August 12 at 6 PM** and on **Saturday, August 18th at 6 PM**. If you can help with this ministry contact Lori Swafford at lori.swafford67@gmail.com or call (937) 605-7625.



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.



Join us Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 at the church, with supper included! Email RevMaggieLS@gmail.com with any questions!

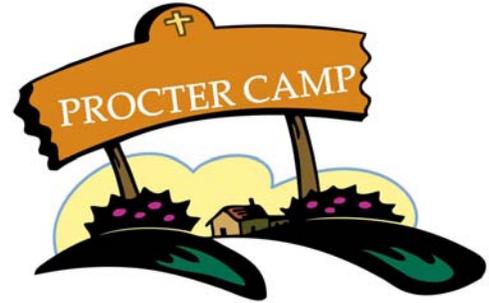
Schedule

- July 4th: no meeting
- July 11th, 18th & 25th
- August 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



"Christmas in July" Party: July 8th

Parishioner Bill Yeazell is organizing a special "Christmas in July" party next Sunday, July 8th, between the 1st and 2nd worship services in the Parish Hall (9:15-9:45 AM). Please join us for Christmas cookies and carols, and bring your donations of socks and underwear in children sizes and adult sizes to place under the tree! Talk to Bill if you have any questions.



Procter Summer Camp in peaceful farmland of London, Ohio, is committed to bringing students and families to a faith-based community. We are intentional about sharing God's love with one another and with our campers: children and adults. We seek and serve Christ in all people with whom we interact at camp, modeling joy, respect, and inclusiveness.

We provide experiences, instruction, and an introduction to ministry in the Episcopal Church. In this one-of-a-kind program, campers select their own focus for the week. When partnered with great memories, safe environments, life-long friends, and amazing fun, Procter Summer Camp is sure to be a week that will keep them talking for ages! Check out our specialty camps for specific program focuses and age groups. We'll see you at camp!

For more detailed information, visit www.youth.disohio.org

Family Camp

II July 12-15 • III August 1-4

Session 4 Grades 10–12 • July 12-21

Session 5 grades 3–9 • July 16 – July 21

Camp Rise

A session for campers ages 8–18 grieving a relative's death from drug use. July 23-28

Diocesan Compliance & Best Practices: An Update

The Wardens and Vestry and I have been working to apprise ourselves of current policies and procedures of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, specifically pertaining to church safety and incident prevention. We want to begin the 2018–19 programming year with Christ Church in full compliance with Diocesan policies—because we are required to follow these policies, of course, but even more importantly, because we value the safety and dignity of every person who comes through our doors and we want to honor our sacred responsibility toward our worshipping community.

Our two areas of current emphasis are "Safe Church"—the Diocese's sexual abuse/harassment prevention certification program—and Bishop Breidenthal's personal request that each parish develop a detailed Emergency Preparedness plan in the coming months.

You will be hearing more about both of these initiatives as we move through July, August, and September. Senior Warden Dawn Ivy is coordinating our Safe Church compliance efforts, and the Vestry will soon appoint an Emergency Preparedness Task Force to work on the Bishop's request. If you have input and/or might be willing to serve on this Task Force, please contact Dawn or me. And please pray for your parish leaders as we focus on this unglamorous but incredibly important work!

~ Rev. Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)

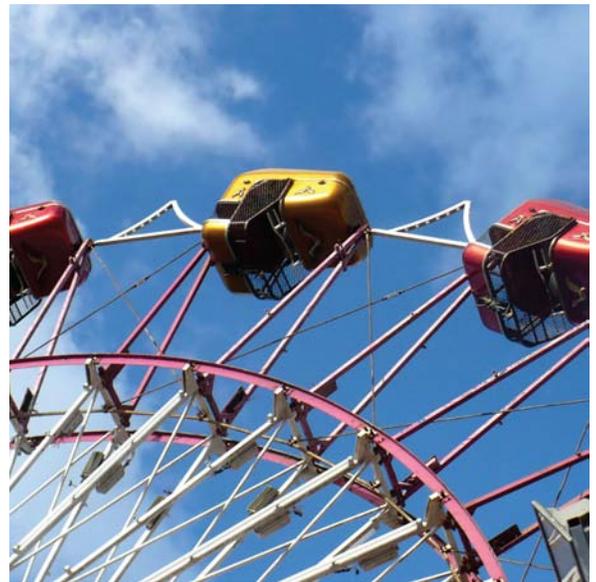
PIMIL Celebration July 21st!

Annual International Luncheon & Silent Auction
Fundraiser Gala to support Partners-In-Ministry-
In-Liberia

Saturday, July 21st
12:30 to 3:30 PM

St. Philip Episcopal Church in Columbus
\$15 for ages 12+ (kids are free!)

If you'd like to reserve a ticket, email or call
Rev. Maggie!



Attention: Middle & High School Youth

Watch your email for a Doodle poll to select the best date for our day trip to Cedar Point! If you haven't been getting emails, or you've changed your email address, let Maggie know!

(RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)

Healthy Thoughts: Spirituality and Mental Health

Provided by ERS Parish Health Ministry

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“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

For many years spirituality and religion were not integrated in the treatment plan of those living with mental illness. But today, many psychologists are beginning to recognize the important role spirituality plays in the lives of their patients and their healing journeys.

Mental health and wellness involves several areas of our lives. “Mental health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being.”¹ Our state of mental wellness affects how we respond to others and how we make decisions.

Spirituality is the vehicle by which we relate to God and to others. Connectedness to something much greater than ourselves and then sharing this connection or love with those in our path is the call of the Christian faith. Christ came that we may experience wholeness. This integration of spirituality and religion in the treatment plan of those who have a mental health issue can intensify their connectedness to God. Asking God to be present during a crisis will bring comfort. Such comfort tells individuals that they are not alone and there is hope. Hope is an essential component to any journey of recovery.

Responding to the question “What makes religion and spirituality special?” Kenneth I. Pargament, Ph.D., noted expert in psychology of religion and spirituality, stated, “Unlike any other dimension of life, religion and spirituality have a unique focus on the domain of the sacred — transcendence, ultimate truth, finitude and deep connectedness. Any psychology that overlooks these parts of life remains incomplete.”²

What are some tools one can use to experience the PEACE of God?

- **Presence:** Get in the presence of God in a quiet place and meditate on Him.
- **Encourage yourself** to follow your treatment plan with your physician, counselor or psychologist. Take the

medication as directed and take care of your body with proper exercise and nutrition.

- **Accept yourself** for who you are and love yourself as God loves you.
- **Comfort:** Experience the comfort of God so you can one day share this comfort with others.
- **Experience the love of God** in whatever way brings you peace (i.e., through reading the Bible, prayer, journaling, singing hymns, PrayerWalking, or listening to the birds sing).

How can the church help those with mental health issues feel safe?

- **Learn all you can** about mental health. Encourage one another to become trained in Mental Health First Aid.
- **Organize discussions** on the topic of mental health or open space for mental health support groups.
- **Value the insight and blessing** you will receive by being present and listening to the experience of a person with a mental issue or their family members.
- **Empathize with those who are** experiencing a mental health crisis and their family members.

Sources:

- ¹What is Mental Health? MentalHealth.gov, U.S. Department of Health & Human Service. June 5, 2015.
²Pargament, Kenneth I., Ph.D., “What Role Do Religion and Spirituality Play in Mental Health?” www.apa.org., American Psychological Association. June 5, 2015.



Parish Health Ministry

Episcopal Retirement Services (ERS) is a not-for-profit organization committed to enriching the lives of older adults in a person-centered, innovative, spiritually based way. ERS serves seniors in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana through residential communities, affordable housing and in-home services. For more information, please call (800) 835-5768 or visit www.EpiscopalRetirement.com.



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Don Wheeler

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Emily Hasecke



Rainbow Table

In August Christ Church will take its next turn assisting St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rainbow Table, a weekly free hot meal provided to the community on Fridays at noon.

There are two shifts. You may help at just one session or as many as you are able.

- 9 to 11 AM: prepare the meal and set up
- 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM: serve and clean up