

“PIMIL Sunday” is June 16th!



On Sunday, June 16th, Christ Church will celebrate **Partners in Ministry in Liberia (PIMIL) Sunday**. The Rev. Mother Abeoseh (Abby) Flemister will preach at both worship services, and will share updates on the important work of PIMIL amongst Ebola orphans and students in need in her home country of Liberia. She will be available to answer any questions during coffee hour, and our loose offering for the day will support PIMIL’s ministries. Mother Abby will be joined by

Jerrilynn Kaiser, Chair of PIMIL's Board and a member of St. Matthew's in Westerville. Mother Abby has also promised to bring some of her famous Liberian rice bread to share at coffee hour (along with the recipe)!

Christ Church currently sponsors three students through PIMIL:

- + Faith, 14 years old, who loves science class and hopes to become a nurse
- + Joseph, 15 years old, who plays football (soccer to us!) and wants to become a doctor
- + Benetta, 18 years old, who hopes to graduate in August and become an accountant.

Mother Abby also will give us a preview of PIMIL's upcoming International Luncheon & Silent Auction event on Saturday, July 20th at St. Philip Episcopal Church in Columbus. To learn more, visit PIMIL's website at www.pimil.org and/or the Liberian Episcopal Community in the United States at www.lecusa.net.



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Sometimes we may feel as if our lives are completely out of control... but the Pentecost story reminds us -- the Holy Spirit's got us covered!

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear people of Christ Church,

I hope your summer is off to a wonderful start! Summer is certainly a happy time in my house... the pace of life seems to slow down a bit, with more time for relaxation and play (and we all need that, no matter our age). I pray that all of you will be able to enjoy some Sabbath time during the coming months -- whatever Sabbath looks like for you!

As we begin the Season after Pentecost (aka "Ordinary Time"), some of you will notice subtle changes to the liturgy we use during the 10:00 am service. Indeed, some of you may have already noticed! Here's the scoop: during last summer's General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, both Houses of the Convention approved new, slightly-edited versions of texts from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. These new versions are known as Expansive Language texts. The intent is not to alter the theology or historic continuity of our worship. Rather, the intent is to adapt our liturgical language to include more varied (and less gendered) images of God. Very few of us today would argue that the Eternal Creator of the Universe is biologically male (and also *not* female); and these Expansive Language liturgical texts are an effort to acknowledge that God is not limited to our earthly categories of sex or gender.

Although these new texts are not perfect, I do believe they are a step in the right direction. We might take the story of our own creation, Genesis 1:26-27, as our inspiration for this work:

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth." God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

(CEB)

Finally, on a personal note -- I was raised in a church that used expansive language to talk about God, and it wasn't until I entered seminary that I realized most of my peers had been trained to know God as fully and only male. I am grateful that I never had to feel alienated from my Creator by virtue of my gender, and I wish that same blessing for all other Christians.

If you are interested in learning more about what happened at last year's General Convention, the Episcopal News Service website is a good place to start. And if you have feedback on the texts, or want to talk about any aspect of our worship, I welcome the conversation.

May we all, regardless of gender/ethnicity/orientation/age/ability—or any other earthly category—know ourselves to be made in the perfect and all-encompassing image of God!

Blessings & love,

Rev. Maggie L-S :)





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

"Special" Sundays this Summer:

- June 9th - The Feast of Pentecost
- June 16th - PIMIL Sunday
- August 4th - "What I Learned at Camp" Sunday
[stay tuned for news of a fun sermon series in late August!]

Oakwood Village Worship

All are welcome to attend Episcopal Chapel Services at Oakwood Village on Thursdays **July 11th** and **August 8th**. Both services will be held in the Independent Living chapel at 10:00 AM and will include a Gospel reflection, anointing with holy oil, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Acolyte Training Session
August 11th
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

Acolyte Training is open to **ANYONE** in the 5th grade or older (including adults) who would like to assist with worship on Sunday mornings by leading the procession & recession, carrying torches, helping set the communion table, etc. If you are curious about this special ministry, and might be interested in joining our roster of dedicated acolytes, **contact Rev. Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com) and plan to join us on August 11th**. A pizza lunch will be included with the training!

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

June				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
June 2	Acts 16:16-34	97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 9	Acts 2:1-21	104	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
June 16	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 23	1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a	42 & 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 30	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	77	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July				
July 7	2 Kings 5: 1-14	30	Galatians 3: 1-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
July 14	Amos 7: 7-17	82	Colossians 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
July 21	Amos 8: 1-12	52	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10: 38-42
July 28	Hosea 1: 2-10	85	Colossians 2: 6-19	Luke 11: 1-13
August				
Aug. 4	Hosea 11: 1-11	107: 1-9, 43	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 12: 13-21
Aug. 11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	50: 1-8, 23-24	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Luke 12: 32-40
Aug. 18	Isaiah 5: 1-7	80: 1-2, 8-18	Hebrews 11: 29-12:2	Luke 12: 49-56
Aug. 25	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	71: 1-6	Hebrews 12: 18-29	Luke 13: 10-17

Worship... continued



Summer Services

Christ Church—Sunday, June 23rd at 5 PM

First Baptist—Sunday, July 28th at 5 PM

**St Joseph/St. Raphael—Sunday,
August 25th 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. If you're able to assist with June's service, please talk to Deacon Rick!

Church Staff

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Jr. Warden: John Richardson

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Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger (Sun. mornings & by appointment)

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



Christ Church is on Social Media!

If you're on Facebook go to Christ Episcopal Church's Facebook page and like the page. You'll receive information on upcoming events, learn historical facts, and view beautiful pictures. You will 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 christsspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on the small **f** and it will redirect you to Christ Church's Facebook page.



Ministry Schedule Reminder

During busy summer months, please remember to check your ministry schedules and 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! 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.





Summer Celebrations

Birthdays

June Birthdays

Denny Wells.....	June 2
Beth Deger	June 3
Lynn Rigsbee	June 4
Audra Trillana	June 5
Amil Anderson	June 5
Mark Irvine	June 7
Ron Dowling.....	June 8
Joyce Spangler	June 9
Sally Schwartz	June 10
Wes Sharp	June 11
Sally Boblitt	June 12
Judy Johnson	June 16
Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard	June 21
Bruce Horney	June 21
Henry McGregor	June 22
Barb Kelly	June 25
Sharon Wells	June 26
Will Hasecke	June 28

July Birthdays

David Bingman.....	July 4
Sue Allender.....	July 6
Anne Randolph.....	July 7
Anne Guyton-Dunbar.....	July 8
Cathy Waggoner.....	July 9
Leon Durrenberger.....	July 10
Christina McGregor.....	July 11
William Mattox.....	July 13
Katie Sharp.....	July 15
Jim Kreckman.....	July 16
Muriel Spoon	July 18
Devon Tuggle.....	July 18
Denise Wells.....	July 23
James Jr. (Jamie) McGregor.....	July 24
Steven McGregor.....	July 24
Rick Dunbar.....	July 25
Vicki Lindsay.....	July 25
Jake Mellett.....	July 25

Cash Sullivan.....	July 26
Michael Schmitt.....	July 27
Owen Dooley.....	July 29
Charles Irvine.....	July 30
Benjamin Cox.....	July 31

August Birthdays

Joy Bayes.....	Aug. 1
Cathy Yeazell.....	Aug. 2
JoEtta Cooper.....	Aug. 2
Justin Lehman.....	Aug. 3
Clare Perks.....	Aug. 4
Tom McNicol.....	Aug. 4
Scott Dooley.....	Aug. 4
Laura Yeazell.....	Aug. 5
Donna Cummings.....	Aug. 8
Josh Payne.....	Aug. 9
Nick Payne.....	Aug. 9
Dana Waggoner.....	Aug. 11
Marilyn Howat.....	Aug. 12
Pamela Muir.....	Aug. 15
Ellie McGregor.....	Aug. 15
Jack Ivy.....	Aug. 21
Ted DeLong.....	Aug. 28
Jenny Randolph.....	Aug. 29

Anniversaries

Joan & Al Hurley.....	June 7
Will & Margaret Mattox	June 11
Joe Lewis & Vicki Lindsay	June 13
Kent Brooks & Rick Incorvati	June 15
Steve & Denise Sharp	June 16
Dave & Bonnie Bingman	June 19
Ross McGregor & Cathy Crompton	June 19
Chris & Denise Wells	June 29
Rev. Maggie & Jon Leidheiser-Stoddard	June 30
Audra & Eman Trillana	July 5
Lori Swafford & Rand Smith.....	July 7
Ron Dowling & John Richardson	July 9
Cathy & Ed Hasecke.....	July 12
Jake Studebaker & Alan Ladd	July 21
Ron & Ann deLanglade	Aug. 5
Brian & Bonnie Shelburne	Aug. 6
David & Kathleen Schubert.....	Aug. 9
Keith & Carol Harbaugh.....	Aug. 18
Fred & Joy Bartenstein	Aug. 21



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



June 11th at 11:30
July 9th at 11:30
August 13th at 11:30

This group welcomes all men and women who are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. Stay tuned for locations via the weekly *NewsNote* and website (www.christspringfield.org). Email Anita Beardsell at anitabeardsell1234@gmail.com to RSVP or to arrange for a ride.

Master Gardeners/Lay Weeders



Christ Church is looking for a few Master Gardeners/Lay Weeders to help with the maintenance of the courtyard adjacent to the East Entrance.

If you are interested, please contact Jr. Warden, John Richardson at richardsonjohnd@gmail.com.



Springfield Pride

Springfield Pride will be on **Saturday, June 22nd** from noon to 4:30 PM on City Hall Plaza. If you would be willing to serve on a team of folks representing Christ Church at this year's Pride, let me know! This is just one way to let Springfield know that Christ Episcopal Church is a safe and affirming space for all God's children, and that *we really mean it* when we say, "There is a place for **YOU** at God's Table!" ~ Rev. Maggie (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com, 937-323-8651)



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. There are two shifts. Shift 1 prepares the meal and sets up from 9–11 AM. Shift 2 comes works 11:30–1:00 to serve and clean up. You may help at just one session or as many as you are able.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Every 7-8 weeks, teams of Christ Church parishioners provide the evening meal at IHN. Our Summer dates to serve the guests are: **Sunday, June 9th and Saturday, June 15th** **Sunday, Aug 11th and Saturday, Aug 17th**

How does Christ Church help?

- Supporting funds are provided through our outreach budget.
- Parishioners participate in IHN fundraisers throughout the year.
- Parishioners donate household goods that help people set up their new homes.
- The evening meal is provided every 7–8 weeks on Sunday and Saturday night.

How can you help?

- Get with 2–3 fellow parishioners, form a team, and sign up for a meal.
- Plan a menu that is simple and enjoyable by people of all ages. Cook!
- Deliver the meal to IHN on the assigned evening.

It's that easy! Lori Swafford is our IHN coordinator. Contact her at lori.swafford67@gmail.com with questions.

Upcoming Speaker Series: Becoming Beloved Community

A consortium of Springfield congregations presents “Becoming Beloved Community: Understanding the Challenge of Racial Division in Springfield,” a six-part speaker series that combines sociological, theological, and historical perspectives in an effort to better understand the lived experience of racial identities in our part of the Miami Valley.

The series begins on Sunday, June 30th, at 4 pm, at the Central Community Center (102 W. High St.) and continues each Sunday at the same time and place until August 4th. A meal will be provided following each speaker. Participation requires the completion of a registration form (available through the sponsoring congregations) and a \$20 fee.

The series includes an introduction to concepts like implicit bias and structural racism (provided by Preshuslee Thompson from Ohio State University’s Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity). It explains the connections between historical wrongs, our present

practices, and personal spiritual formation (addressed by Rev. Sunder John Boopalan, author of *Memory, Grief, and Agency: A Political Theological Account of Wrongs and Rites*). It traces the historical foundations of present-day divisions in Springfield’s history of lynching, race riots, and segregation (presented by local historian and retired prosecutor Darnell Carter and by a panel of community members). And the series concludes by considering community-based options for overcoming social divisions.

This event is made possible through the collaboration of many community members and by the support of Central Christian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Covenant United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, First Lutheran Church, High St. United Methodist Church, Northminster Presbyterian Church, and St. Raphael/St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Talk to Deacon Rick Incorvati if you have questions and/or are willing to help out!

Staff Vacations & Office Closures

- Rev. Maggie will attend the Duke Summer Institute June 3rd–7th
- Kelly Zeller is on vacation June 13th
- Rev. Maggie will serve as Procter Camp Chaplain June 17th–22nd
- Rev. Maggie is on vacation June 24th through July 6th
- The Church Office will be **closed** July 4th for Independence Day
- Kelly Zeller is on vacation July 21st through August 4th
- Rev. Maggie will attend the Int’l Assoc. of Women Ministers July 22nd–24th
- Rev. Maggie will attend Family Camp July 31st–August 3rd
- Kelly Zeller is on vacation August 11th & 12th
- Rev. Maggie will lead a Youth Retreat to Kelley’s Island August 16th–18th

Please be understanding with the church staff during these busy summer months!





Summer Camp at Procter

Procter Summer Camp is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, that creates a place for children, youth, and families to grow in faith, sing, learn, play and pray in the peaceful farmland of London, Ohio. Check out proctercenter.org/camp for more details!

FROM REV. MAGGIE: My family has attended Family Camp for the last 4 summers and we'll be going again this year (July 31st - August 3rd); and I will be serving as Camp Chaplain for the first 3rd-9th Graders' Camp in June (the 17th - 22nd).

Christ Church does have scholarship funds available to assist kids & families with camp fees - if you are interested, just let me know. I wholeheartedly encourage you to consider making Procter Camp a part of your family's plans for the summer!

For more detailed information, please visit proctercenter.org

Family Camp

I - June 14-16 **II** - July 5-7 **III** - July 11-14 **IV** - July 31- August 3

Youth Camp

I (Grades 3-9) - June 17-22 **II** (Senior High) - June 24-29 **III** (Grades 3-9) - July 22-27

Camp Rise

A session for campers ages 8-18 grieving a relative's death from drug use.
July 15-20





Sun. 5/12 — Middle & High Schoolers lunch out & photo shoot (with Buddy Pig) at Hartman Rock Garden (finished & back at church by 2 pm)

Sun. 5/19 — Blessing of Graduates & reception

Sat. 6/1 — Family outing to Champion City Kings home opener (6:30 pm)

Fri. 6/14 — Middle & High Schoolers Sundae Bar & Music Sharing at Rev. Maggie's house (7-10 pm)

Fri. 7/12 — Family Potluck & Game Night in Parish Hall (6-9 pm)

Sun. 7/21 — Family pizza lunch at church & outing to "The Lion King" movie

Weds. 7/31 thru Sat. 8/3 — Family Camp at Procter

(Camp reflections in church on Sun. 8/4)

Sun. 8/11 — Acolyte training & lunch after church (rising 5th graders & older, with a parent/guardian)

Fri. 8/16 thru Sun. 8/18 — Middle & High Schoolers Weekend Retreat to Kelley's Island!!!

Kids/Youth/Families

Summer of Fun 2019

Further details to come via email, worship bulletins, newsletters, etc. as dates approach. Friends are always welcome, but RSVPs required. Talk to Rev. Maggie if you have any questions! (937-605-1536; RevMaggieLS@gmail.com)

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



Summer Pantry Dates

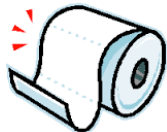
Weds., June 19th

Weds., July 17th

Weds., August 21st

Thank you to those who helped with the Christ Church Food Pantry in May! 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.

This wonderful group of volunteers helped with food delivery in May. You can join them in June, July, and August!



Hang onto those Pop Tabs!

In an effort to make it easier for Christ Episcopal members & friends to participate in collecting pull tabs from these cans before they are recycled, labeled snack bags that can be kept in backpacks/purses/wallets & cars are available to the congregation.

The labeled snack bags are attached to an information sheet on the Dayton Ronald McDonald House with links to a video tour, other giving opportunities & FUNdraising events on the front and Pull "TAB"ulations & other fun facts on the back. The labeled snack bag/information sheets are available in red Happy Meal boxes located on the table in the East Entrance.

Thanks in advance for your consideration, cooperation & participation! There is "ca\$h in the trash!" Questions? Contact Deb Southward (937-925-1977, dpsouthward@aol.com).

Formation and Fellowship Opportunities this Summer...

+ **Bible Study on Ruth & Esther** -- Sundays, 9:15 to 9:45 am

June 9th & 23rd

July 14th, 21st & 28th

August 4th & 11th

+ **Workshop on the Enneagram** (an inventory for self-knowledge & personal growth) –

Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Panera on Bechtle Ave.

July 10th & 17th

August 7th, 14th & 21st

**** Email Kelly Zeller (zellerk0611@gmail.com) or call the Church Office (937-323-8651) by June 30th if you intend to participate, so we can have a workbook for you! ****

+ **Potluck & Game Night** -- Friday, July 12th in the Parish Hall

Bring a dish to share and your favorite board/card game!

+ **Pizza & a Movie** -- Sunday, July 21st at 11:30 am

We'll share a pizza lunch in the Parish Hall and then go out to see "The Lion King" together!

Just For Youth (middle & high schoolers):

+ **Ice Cream Sundaes Bar & Music Sharing** at Rev. Maggie's house

Friday, June 14th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

+ **Weekend Retreat to Kelley's Island!**

Friday, Aug. 16th through Sunday, Aug. 18th