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Sunday School & Adult Formation Return Sunday, September 8th!

Christian Formation for children, youth, and adults at Christ Church will kick back into high gear on Sunday, September 8th (the Sunday after Labor Day). Details about different opportunities are below. We look forward to learning and growing in faith together!

THE ADULT FORUM:

Forward Week-by-Week,

Forward Week-by-Week meets each Sunday from 9:15 to 9:45 AM and is a chance for participants to meet and discuss the morning's sermon, a scripture reading, Christian culture, and tradition, or even an entire book in our Bible. Lay-lead by volunteers, this forum gives the presenter great latitude to present and guide a discussion about a relevant Christian topic. Participants enjoy fellowship and share their knowledge and spirituality.

Always We Begin Again

These words from St. Benedict remind us that we are never finished with our growing in grace. We are never too old for sessions designed to form us into the image of Christ. This year, the adult forum team invites adults to join after the 10:00 service to focus on the three pillars of the Anglican tradition: Scripture, tradition, and reason. We will offer one combined Adult forum at 9:15 to 9:45 AM once a quarter.

- Beginning September 8, Fred Bartenstein and Brian Shelburne will lead discussion around sections from Bill Moyers' series on Genesis.
- Between October and December, we plan to present a variety of sessions on history, art, spiritual practices, and outreach opportunities that Christ Church supports.

Members of our parish will lead many of these sessions. Join us and be part of that encouraging group of learners.

FOR KIDS & YOUTH: each Sunday from 11:15 am to noon in the classrooms

Children's Sunday School

"The Lego Class" for kindergarteners through 5th graders led by Jon L-S, with rotating assistants

The Lego class explored the Bible using Legos. Each class begins with the reading of a story from the Bible; then the class discusses the story while using Legos to explore the text in one of three primary means. As appropriate the class either retells the story or part of the story using Legos; expands on the story, offering what was "left out;" and/or participates in the story, through creative addition.

Youth Sunday School - Grades 6th through 12th

Abby Glass, our new Youth Sunday School Teacher, will begin the fall by helping our youth discover ways to keep faith as an important part of life in school, extracurricular activities, and social interactions through fellowship and Bible study.

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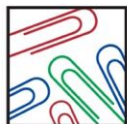
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**Office
Closed**

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 2nd** in recognition of the **Labor Day** holiday. Please plan accordingly!

From the Rector...

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.
(Jeremiah 18:1-4 NRSV)

Dear people of Christ Church,

I have missed being with you over the past couple of weeks while my accident and ongoing recovery have kept me homebound. My surgery on August 14th went smoothly, and my (wonderful) doctor has instructed me to stay off my feet until the beginning of October.

My initial reactions this idea were pure anxiety and fear. *How can I be away from Church for that long? Will people be upset or angry? Who will be preaching; who will choose the readings and hymns; who will proofread the bulletins; who will make pastoral calls? What about everything that's supposed to happen this month—Sunday School and Adult Formation kickoff, the Neighborhood Fair, gearing up the Stewardship Campaign, etc?* I wanted to figure out a way to rush back to work, to find some shortcut through healing and rehabilitation, to get back in the saddle (or the pulpit) ASAP!

But in the midst of my whirlwind of insecurity, some voices of wisdom and reassurance broke through: my clergy mentors (including Philip College), your Deacon and Wardens, Bishop Breidenthal, and others. After listening to them, and spending time in prayer and meditation, I realized that perhaps the prudent thing, the right thing— best for me personally and for the church's long-term flourishing—would be not to "push it," but to rest and take the full time away to concentrate on healing.

This is a big growth opportunity for me—to trust in God, that all will be well even when I'm not there; and to trust in you, the people of this parish, my "flock." You have talented, dedicated lay leadership; you have the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit; and you have deep, abiding love for one another and for Christ Church. And you've been here before!

I have faith, in God and in you, and I have no doubt that all manner of things shall be well.

Jeremiah tells us that God is like a potter at the wheel, constantly making and re-making all that is broken in us and in the world. Experiencing recovery from brokenness, then, is one of those "thin places" between heaven and earth, where we can rest in the potter's hands and find great intimacy with the One who makes (and re-makes) us. I will be spending September down at the potter's house. Won't you join me?

Blessings & love,

Rev. Maggie L-S

Keyless Entry Coming Soon!

Jack Ivy, Security Director,
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Have you noticed something different as you enter the church? A keypad at the East Entrance signals something new is coming to our historic building. An automated keyless entry system is being installed to bring our building into the 21st Century. In September, the new system will be ready to go.

I'm sure you are asking, "how will this affect me?" First of all, most parishioners will see no difference in the way they access the church. On Sundays, greeters will still be at the doors with a smile, holding the door for you as you enter the church.

Why not just issue new keys? The keyless entry system adds greater security and more accountability. Keys to the church have been given out over many, many years, and the number of keys given out and to whom has been lost to time. It's time to tighten our building security and reassess who truly needs access to the church at times other than regular worship services or other church gatherings. Our new system will allow us to tailor access to certain days and even specific hours. It'll allow access to be granted, expanded/contracted, and removed as roles and responsibilities change. And all this can be done at the stroke of a computer key!

Who gets a passcode, and what access will they have? The table below lists both parish employee and volunteer categories, along with the level of access planned for each category. Altogether, over 70 parishioners need access to our facilities in order to perform their volunteer services. Many of these parishioners currently need, but don't have keys. Some parishioners volunteer in more than one category, and these folks will be given the greatest access indicated in their multiple categories.

What if my category is not on the table and I still need access, or I need greater access than what's planned for my category? There's a simple way to gain the access that you need to carry out your volunteer duties – simply complete a "Request for Access" form you can either get from Kelly or pull from the church website explaining why you need access, or greater access, and you'll get an answer from us in about a week – it's as easy as that. Our objective is to give everyone who needs access the access that they need, as long as the reason is clear and compelling.

OK, I fall in one or more of the categories on the table. What code will I get and how can I remember it? We're assigning easy-to-remember codes tailored to each person, and we think you'll be able to remember your code. If, after you get your code you simply can't remember it, we'll change it – you'll just need to let us know. However, we're not taking suggested code numbers from the over 70 parishioners that need access now, because that would entail more manpower than we can devote to this project.

When will this keyless system be ready to go? In August, we'll be finishing installation, working out "bugs," assigning codes, and inputting information into the computerized database. Finally, in September, we'll hand out your code in the East Entrance after each service, and then later in the month we'll disable the current lock cylinders and the key code system will be fully operational. There will be no more need for the church keys.

Thank you for your patience as we change over to keyless entry – we think you'll like the convenience of the new system once it's fully implemented.

Questions? Contact Jack Ivy, Security Director,
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Church Access

CATEGORY	CHURCH BUILDING	HOLLENBECK	CATEGORY	CHURCH BUILDING	HOLLENBECK
Springfield Fire/Police Dept.	24/7	24/7	Directors (music, security, pastoral care)	24/7	X
Clergy	24/7	24/7	Parish Administrator	24/7	24/7
Youth Teachers	24/Sunday	X	Ushers and Greeters	24/Sunday	X
Facility Manager	24/7	24/7	Pantry Leaders	24/7	24/7
Bookkeeper	X	24/7	Tellers	X	10-12/Sunday
Vestry Officers	24/7	24/7	Coffee Hour Hosts	24/Sunday	X
Vestry Members	24/7	X	Wed. Chapel Group	24/Wednesday	X
Choir	24/Sunday	X	Eucharistic Ministers	24/7	X
Guitar Lessons	24/Thursday	X	Maintenance Access	24/7	24/7
Altar Guild	24/7	X			



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

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!!



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 redirect you to Christ Church's Facebook page.

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



Come one come all for good fellowship and music making with the Christ Church adult choir commencing Sunday, September 8th at 9 am. No tryouts are required. All are welcome to join! Contact Chris Durrenberger at cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

September

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
9-1-19	Jeremiah 2:4-13	81:1,10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
9-8-19	Jeremiah 18:1-11	139:1-5, 12-17	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
9-15-19	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
9-22-19	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
9-29-19	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

Worship... continued



September 22
First Lutheran Church
30 South Wittenberg Ave
5:00 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!



The next opportunity for children or adults to be baptized at Christ Church will be **Sunday, November 3rd**, the Sunday after All Saints' Day. This is one of four specific days set aside for baptisms according to the *Book of Common Prayer*. Holy Baptism is one of the two great sacraments of the Gospel, given by Christ to his Church (along with the Holy Eucharist).

A pre-baptismal counseling session with the priest is required; so if you or a member of your family are considering baptism, contact Rev. Maggie in a timely fashion (RevMaggieLS@gmail.com). If you are unsure about baptism but would like to know more, just let her know!



Ministry Schedule Reminder

Don't forget to check your ministry schedules each month. 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.



Stewardship Is Coming in October!

Stewardship is about expressing gratitude to God by imitating God's generosity through our own. Whether we are talking about time or talent or financial resources, when we think about what we give, we are thinking about how we give thanks to God in a tangible way. Please keep the Stewardship Committee, Dawn Ivy, Dan McGregor, Keith Doubt, Cheryl Whipp, and Fred Reed, in prayer as they plan for the future of Christ Church.





Christ Church families and friends had a fantastic time praying and playing together at the last Procter Family Camp of the summer in early August. *Photo courtesy of Kim DeAngelo.*



Church Staff

Rector: The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard
 Deacon: The Rev. Rick Inorvati
 Sr. Warden: Dawn Ivy
 Jr. Warden: John Richardson
 Parish Administrator/Program Coordinator: Kelly Zeller (Mon.-Thurs. 8 AM – 2 PM and Sun. mornings)
 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)



Save the Date

Wednesday, Sept. 25th

The Episcopal Women's Fall Luncheon will be held in the Guild Room following Wednesday Chapel. More details to follow!

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



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



The next outing for the "Lunch Bunch" is on Tuesday, September 10th at 11:30 AM at O'Charley's on Bechtle Ave. in Springfield.

This group welcomes all men and women

who are available at lunchtime for some good food and fellowship. RSVP Anita Beardsell at anitabeadsell1234@gmail.com. If you need a ride, please let her know that as well.

Youth Overnight Rescheduled



The Youth Overnight that was scheduled for August is tentatively postponed until **Friday, November 1st** and will have an All Souls/All Saints Theme. More details to come!

College bound?

If you, or your son or daughters are college-bound this fall, please send the church office their new address so we can stay in touch with birthday cards and other greetings.



- Ann deLanglade September 1
- Bonnie Bingman..... September 4
- Angus Randolph September 6
- Brian Shelburne September 7
- Joy Bartenstein September 8
- Jeff Carter September 9
- Judy Kreckman..... September 12
- Joe Schmitt September 12
- Madison Smith..... September 14
- Dawn Ivy September 15
- D. J. Banion September 17
- Jill Doan September 21
- Hirsh Chitkara September 21
- Julie McGregor..... September 21
- Brock Cox..... September 22
- Joseph Hicks..... September 23
- James Whipp..... September 24
- Myra Dean Banion September 27
- Chris Oldstone-Moore..... September 27
- Jake Studebaker..... September 27
- Marilee Oldstone-Moore..... September 29
- Diana DeVoe September 30



- D. J. & Myra Dean Banion September 1
- David & Rose Farrar September 6
- Dana & Cathy Waggoner..... September 16
- Chris& Jennifer Oldstone-Moore September 18
- James and Cheryl Whipp..... September 2

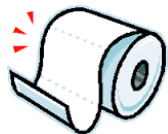


Outreach... helping to provide the physical, material, social, and spiritual needs in Springfield and beyond

The next pantry day is September 18th!

Thank you to those who helped with the Christ Thank you to those who helped with the Summer Food Pantry days. We gave out lots of meat, milk, cheese, soup, eggs, and fresh produce and 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.

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.



Socks and Underwear Collection



Our Outreach Committee is collecting socks and underwear to be donated to local schools. We are asking for socks and underwear in both children and adult sizes. Please put your offerings in the basket or box outside the elevator on the worship level of the church or drop them off at the Parish office. Thank you!

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.



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.

Big News for Youth Sunday School, Grades 6th through 12th

**Meet Abby Glass,
Youth Sunday School Teacher**



Hi! My name is Abby Glass, and I'm from Chattanooga, TN. I am a junior at Wittenberg University studying Environmental Science and Religion. I am just returning to Springfield from spending my summer working as a camp counselor at Montreat Conference Center in the mountains of North Carolina.

In my free time, I like to read, hang out with my friends, and hike. Throughout middle and high school, I was a member of the youth group at Signal Crest United Methodist Church. Youth group was an

important part of my growing in faith, and I wanted to find a way to stay connected with a youth group throughout my time in college, so I am very excited for the opportunity to serve with the youth at Christ Church.

I am looking forward to spending time with the youth in the church as we share fellowship and Bible study. As a new school year starts, we will begin the fall by discovering ways to keep faith as an important part of life in school, extracurricular activities, and social interactions. I look forward to meeting everyone, especially everyone involved in the youth group! I am excited to be part of Christ Church.

Abby's first day with the Christ Church Youth will be September 8. Please welcome Abby to our Christ Church family.



The Neighborhood Fair will be held at Christ Church Saturday, September 14th from 4 PM until 6 PM. There will be games, music, prizes, a fire truck, Bouncy house, and food! If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Deacon Rick at rincorvati@wittenberg.edu for more information, or to sign up to help.