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The Clarion

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Ash Wednesday
February 18

Ash Wednesday is the Holy Day that begins the penitential season of Lent in preparation for Easter.



Christ Church will offer Ashes to Go on the corner of Linden and High Street from 7 AM until 9 AM



Join us at 7:00 PM for an Ash Wednesday service, which will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you were contacted to provide an article for the Annual Report, please submit them to Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com by **February 4th**. Thank you!



Happenings

Sun. 2/1 **Worship** @ 8 & 10 AM; **Children's Chapel** at 10 AM

Wed. 2/4 **Food Pantry Delivery** @ 8:15 AM; **Lectio Divina** @ 1 PM

Thurs. 2/5 **Noonday Prayer**

Sun. 2/8 **Worship** @ 8 & 10 AM; **Children's Chapel** at 10 AM

Wed. 2/11 **Lectio Divina** @ 1 PM

Thurs. 2/12 **Food Pantry bagging** @ 9 AM; **Noonday Prayer**

Sun. 2/15 **Worship** @ 8 & 10 AM; **Oakwood Service** @ 1 PM

Mon. 2/16 **Office Closed**

Wed. 2/18 **Ashes to Go** 7-9 AM; **Pantry Day** @ 8:30 AM; **Lectio Divina** @ 1 PM; **Ash Wednesday Service** @ 7 PM

Thurs. 2/19 **Noonday Prayer**; **Vestry** @ 6 PM

Sun. 2/22 **Worship** @ 8 & 10 AM; **Springfield Towers Service** @ 1 PM

Wed. 2/25 **Lectio Divina** @ 1 PM

Thurs. 2/26 **Noonday Prayer; Game Night** 6-8 PM

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The Church Office will be closed **February 16** for Presidents' Day. Please plan accordingly.



(A version of this sermon was preached on Jan. 25, but many missed it because of the snow. Because the sermon outlined some key changes in our procedures at Christ Church, it has been revised and reprinted here.)

Worship during Epiphany often begins with stories of Jesus calling the disciples. These stories differ, depending on which Gospel we read. I love John's version of the call story, in which Simon Peter and Andrew and some other disciples just follow Jesus home and spend the day with him, truly getting to know him. But I also love Matthew's version where they drop everything to follow him, instantly plunging into the action, teaching and healing. I believe that the life of a disciple involves both.

My recollection of my time in seminary feels like a modern-day version of this. I realize there is a danger in comparing discipleship to the life of a seminarian, because I honestly believe that everyone who claims to follow Jesus is called to be a disciple. But, in seminary, we had the luxury to spend entire days doing these things. First: spending time studying the Bible in formal classes, looking at how others had understood what Jesus said and meant. We Episcopalians went to Morning Prayer at seven-blanking-thirty each weekday; and many of us went to the ecumenical service at 10:30, too, in addition to our own prayers and devotions. And yes, we also spent a lot of time discussing these things over coffee or lunch. It was as close as we could get to hanging out with Jesus for the day, the way the disciples did in John's account.

But we also spent time doing. Going out to live out the Gospel as we understood it. Heading out to the food pantry to volunteer, or going to the homeless shelter. Advocating for racial justice on campus, or supporting people of different gender identities, or learning how to welcome each other despite our different backgrounds. Because, yes, seminary was a wonderfully diverse place, including folks from a variety of economic and social backgrounds, countries, and cultures.

Being a disciple means both those things: hanging out to learn from Jesus and going into the world in his name to heal it. I believe that a good church can help us to do both of those things. It provides a space and opportunity to pray together, hang out together, study together. To work together to listen for God's call. But it also empowers us to go out together, to follow that call – whether that's feeding the hungry, comforting the afflicted, or going out into the world to confront injustice.

On Saturday, I spent much of the day at Central Christian Church in a training to prepare for what might happen if Temporary Protected Status

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ends for our Haitian neighbors. We considered how we might be called to respond if TPS ended. If that happened, the law would demand to take people who have nowhere else to go and who have done nothing except move to our city and throw them in prison and treat them worse than many criminals. While I chose to participate in that training, I believe we all need to be prepared for a time when we as a congregation and individuals will need to sacrifice a little of our own comfort for the sake of the most vulnerable in our midst. To determine what it means to uphold the dignity of every human being and the human beings in our congregation.

As many of you know, I went back to my seminary for a visit last October. In some ways, things had changed, as one would expect. Favorite professors had retired or moved on, and the pandemic's impact on both education AND the church was doubly noticeable.

But something else had changed this year.

The doors were locked.

Normally, the doors had been open, from say 7:30 until around 5:00, so that everyone could access the cafeteria or the library. Students from the larger university sometimes came up onto the quad for class or even worship in the chapel.

Not so anymore. Once convocation was over, you needed a key card to get in. Every door was locked, even at chapel time.

I asked one of the students about it. She said, yeah, that change that had occurred during that school year. Nobody had really explained why, but everyone assumed it was for the safety of the international population on the quad. The school attracted faculty and students from around the world. In fact, when I was a student there, two of my classmates had applied for – and been granted – asylum in the United States because they were not safe in their home countries. Today, asylum seekers in the U.S. risk being sent back to those very countries that threated their lives in the first place. Being a disciple, at least at seminary, means protecting those who come to hang out with Jesus, to learn and pray with him.

There is indeed a possibility that Temporary Protected Status for our Haitian neighbors may end on Feb. 3. Even if the end were blocked by lawsuit, this would be a temporary reprieve. In the meantime, applications for asylum and for permanent residency – legal means to gain the right to stay in the U.S. on a more permanent basis – are simply not being processed. Work permits are being revoked, even for Haitians and others here legally. At the same time, the situation in Haiti has not improved. Our Haitian neighbors have nowhere to go, and increasingly, no safe place to stay.

In light of all this, starting now, the church will always be locked. We will do this as part of our commitment to our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being. Because respecting people means allowing them to worship without fear, to hang out with Jesus like we do.

It pains me to announce this, because locked doors represent the opposite of the inviting and welcoming stance that I would want for Christ Church. And so, I'm hoping that we will have lots of volunteers to help staff the door and make sure that all who want to join us to worship Jesus and follow him will be welcomed in his name. But, in the meantime, until we have those volunteers, I'm going to suggest that everyone plan to get to church early, to make sure that they can be let in before church starts at 10.

That is a small inconvenience. I invite you all to consider what else you may be called to do at this time. How each of us might respond with God's love and welcome in a world which seems increasingly to turn to violence and exclusion. And what we might want to do together to witness to the love of God in a hurting and broken world.

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Lectio Divina Resumes

We invite parishioners to join Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading). The Bible study (sometimes called African Bible Study) is a meditative, structured fellowship in which to reflect in a safe space on the importance of our Christian faith in our everyday lives. We listen to others with respectful silence, without crosstalk or commentary. We share without interruption or interrupting. Each participant has a voice.

We read the Lectionary gospel for the upcoming Sunday. We meet online Wednesdays at 1 PM. There is flexibility in when we meet. If interested, talk with Keith Doubt at church or contact him at keithdoubt@123mail.org

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Your Vestry at Large

David Bingman, Beth Deger, Rick Everingham, Kay Koeninger, Diane Rode, and John Richardson



Kathi Bladh .....Feb 3

Cameron McGregor .....Feb 8

Nancy McGregor.....Feb 23

Brian Drew .....Feb 23



If the Clark County Sheriff calls a Level 2 snow emergency, Christ Church is closed. If Christ Church has to close on a Sunday, we will send out an email via Newsnote, post it on Channel 7, and put it on the Church's Facebook page and Website. Whatever the snow emergency level, use your best judgement to be safe.

Christ Church on the Road (Expanding our Pastoral Offerings)

Beginning in February, Christ Episcopal Church will offer a worship service next door at Springfield Towers on the fourth Sunday of every month at 1 PM. This comes in addition to our monthly service at Oakwood Village on the third Sunday of every month, also at one o'clock.

These services are a way to stay in touch with parishioners who cannot make it to church every Sunday. They are also an opportunity to offer worship to anyone else who might be interested in joining us. This includes those who live in these communities who might not have a ride to their own church on Sunday. But it's also a chance to worship with us if you missed the ten o'clock service. You don't need to live in Oakwood Village or Springfield Towers in order to participate (although you will need to sign in at Oakwood).

As a reminder, Christ Church also has two teams of Lay Eucharistic Visitors who are licensed to bring Communion to members of the parish who are unable to attend church. They also help keep people connected to the parish and are able to visit more frequently than the rector can by herself.

Finally, clergy are always available to visit in case of hospitalization or other emergency. Please be sure to call the church office at 937-323-8651 (or the pastoral emergency number 937-505-0141 in urgent cases) to let us know what you need.



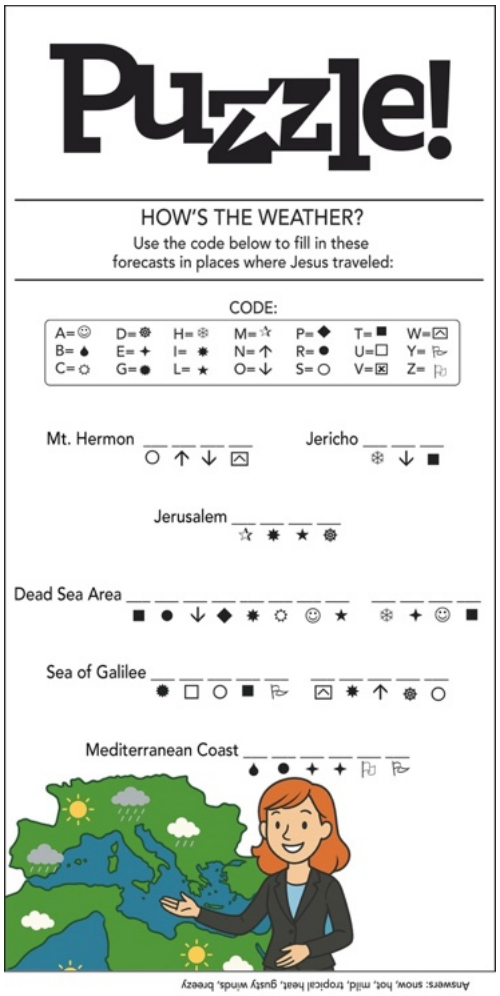


Concerts at Christ Episcopal Church presents. . .

David Crean, award winning Julliard trained organist performs masterworks spanning four centuries including selections from Bach, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, Widor and Billy Strayhorn. Come experience a Fantasia, Fugue, Sonata, and Widor's famous Toccata on our fantastic Skinner instrument! **Sunday, March 1st at 3 PM.**

A freewill offering will help to support future events.

More on Dr. Crean:
https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/our-group





The Love God Desires

God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

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



Children's Chapel Services for ages 2 through 7 will take place on February 1st and 8th!

We will meet in the Chapel on the church's lower level at the start of the 10 am service, down the aisle from the nursery. Each Sunday that we meet in the Chapel, when the sermon upstairs has concluded, an usher will get the children and me, and they will have the wonderful opportunity to take the gifts up to the Altar. Each month will have a theme, February's theme is Jesus taught the people. Finally, on the last Sunday of each month, the children will attend the service upstairs, where Rev. Michelle will deliver a children's homily.



Here's how to watch our services on YouTube: First, open the YouTube app on your smart TV.

- Go to "Search." Enter *Christ Church Springfield.* As you enter *Christ Church Spr*, a list will appear on the left side of the screen. Do **NOT** type *Christ Episcopal*. If you do, our church will not appear on the list.
- Select *Christ Church Springfield*, about the third one down. That's it!

Revised Common LECTIONARY

February				
Date	**First Lesson**	**Psalm**	**Second Lesson**	**Gospel**
2/1	Micah 6:1-8	15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
2/8	Isaiah 58:1-9, 12	112	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
2/15	Exodus 24:12-18	2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
2/22	Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7	32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11



Judy Johnson offers a virtual Noonday Prayer service on Christ Church's Facebook page each Thursday. (facebook.com/christspringfield.org/) The text is located on p. 103 in the Book of Common Prayer or online at https://www.bcponline.org



2026Altar Flower Dedication Chart

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for 2026 in memory of, thanksgiving. or in celebration for someone or something, please Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com. Please be very specific in what or who you are dedicating the altar flowers, and if you have a particular choice of flower. The suggested donation is $45.

February 8th, and 15th
April 26th
May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 25th
June 14th, 21st, and 28th
July 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd,
October 4th, 11th, and 25th
November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd



Giving statements have been mailed for tax purposes. If you didn't receive yours, please contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com or 937-323-8651. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING

Christ Church has an option for online giving through the church's website.

- Go to christspringfield.org or use the QR code
- Go to the tab in the upper right-hand corner marked "Online Giving"
- Click on the **Online Giving** link in blue
- Fill in the amount you would like to give
- Next, choose either **Pledged Giving** for a Pledge or **Miscellaneous Giving** for other giving
- Complete the rest of the form
- Press **Continue**
- Enter your billing information

Thank you! If you have questions or concerns, contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com.



2026 Calendars are available in the East Entrance on the table. Thank you to Richards, Raff, and Dunbar Funeral Home for providing them for our use.

Safe Church Training Update

Everyone who is involved in ministry with the vulnerable (such as ministry with children or those in the hospital) is required to complete Safe Church training every five years. If you would prefer to do this in person (rather than online), the Diocese is offering a session of this training on **Feb. 19 from 10 until 3, for only $10.** Find out more and register here: https://diosohio.org/youre-invited-in-person-safe-church-training/

Meet Our Newest Bushnell Society Inductee: Elizabeth Cole Carpentieri (1939-2021)

At our Annual Meeting on March 1, we will officially induct Elizabeth Cole Carpentieri into the Bushnell Society of Christ Episcopal Church. The Bushnell Society recognizes those of all generations who make financial provision for Christ Church through a planned gift. Planned giving takes many forms, including gifts of charitable annuities, life insurance, or appreciated property. The most common form, however, is for someone to leave the church a bequest in their will, as Elizabeth Cole Carpentieri had done. For many years, members of the Bushnell Society were recognized on a plaque in the parish hall. On March 1, we will officially add her name to that plaque.

Elizabeth was born in Springfield, Ohio on December 24, 1939. Baptized at Christ Episcopal Church with the name Elizabeth Robbins Cole, most people knew her simply as Liz. Her great-great grandfather helped found Christ Episcopal Church in 1834 and was called as its first priest. She attended the Ridgewood School in Springfield until she was 12, then studied at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Connecticut, where she completed high school as a boarding student. Her parents remained in Springfield for the rest of their lives.

In the autumn of 1959, Liz boarded a steamship to Florence, Italy, as part of the junior year abroad program at Smith College. She was an art historian and a reader, a writer who loved literature. She later completed a master's degree at Middlebury College in Italian in 1962. She worked as an art historian in San Francisco and Boston, before returning to Italy in 1968. There, she quickly found St. James Episcopal Church in Florence. As she once put it, " One of my first jobs here was with an American, who was active in St. James. I soon found myself typing vestry minutes and almost immediately dealing with all the unfinished business left over from the 1966 flood damage. Architects, insurance, fine arts. After my father (Fred Cole) died in 1974, my mother (Elisabeth Robbins Cole) began to come to visit me in Florence for longer visits until she passed away in 2002."

Liz met her husband, Alfonso Carpentieri (b. 1932 in Andria, Bari) a well-known and gifted photographer, in Italy. They were married in the Palazzo Vecchio in 1975. Alfonso preceded her in death in 2007. They did not have children, but Liz counted many young people in her network who were like children to her.

Though she spent most of her adult life in Italy, Springfield and Christ Church remained close to her heart. She stayed in contact with the parish. After her death in 2022, we learned that she had made a bequest from her estate for Christ Church. We are grateful for her generosity.



Liz (on far right) onboard the ship that would take her to Italy with Smith College classmates in 1959.

Vestry Highlights

Vestry Highlights from the December 11th, 2025 meeting. The Vestry Highlights will be published after the minutes have been approved at the following month's Vestry meeting. A copy of the Vestry minutes is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway of the Guild Room.

The meeting began with Vestry members sharing their favorite Christmas hymn and the reading the Collect of the Day from Advent 1.

Invite Welcome Connect: One key pillar of IWC is accountability. It was decided that weekly attendance numbers will be shared with the vestry each month as part of Michelle's monthly report to help us gauge whether different events influence attendance.

2026 Budget: The budget, including a few adjustments made resulting from discussion, was passed with the understanding that a few items will need dollar adjustments in early 2026 when estimates can be updated with actual costs. All proposed adjustments will be presented by the treasurer for Vestry consideration at a subsequent Vestry meeting before implementation.

Housing Allowance: The Vestry approved the rector's housing allowance for 2026.

Marketing Committee: It was decided that the $15,000 previously approved for marketing come from endowment category 4 and be used exclusively for new marketing strategies and efforts for CEC. The committee will submit monthly reports to the Vestry of actions taken or planned and on metrics tracked related to their effectiveness.

Annual Meeting: Vestry approved holding the 192nd Annual Meeting at 9:00 AM on March 1st in the Parish Hall between services.

Other Business: It was decided that the January Vestry meeting be held on **January 15th at 6 PM** because of the holiday.

After a prayer, meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.



FACT: Habitat for Humanity (HFH) of Greater Dayton is the oldest affiliate in Ohio, offering services for 41 years.

Springfield HFH is under HFH of Greater Dayton and received $1,200 from Outreach in October 2025 to conduct a New Carlisle build, partnering with Wright State University in 2026.

HFH's mission is to "Show the love of God by bringing people together to build homes, community and hope." HFH builds new homes for qualifying low-income families to purchase through HFH's zero-interest mortgage program, giving them a foundation upon which they can build a stronger financial and emotional future. HFH also provides critical repairs for fixed- or low-income homeowners who can no longer afford to make them, enabling those folks to age in place in the home which they paid for and in which they raised their family.

The Outreach Committee starts 2026 meetings on January 28, with a total budget of $16,000. If you are aware of a Clark County ministry that aligns with CEC's mission, please direct them to CEC's website for our online application. If interested in joining the committee, contact Fred Bartenstein, Outreach Chair. Thanks for supporting our ministries and celebrating their impact on our community!

Blessings, Linda Gatten Butler, Outreach Secretary

Adult Forum

February 1, 8, and 15: Called Out – Our series of conversations on vacation continue**.**

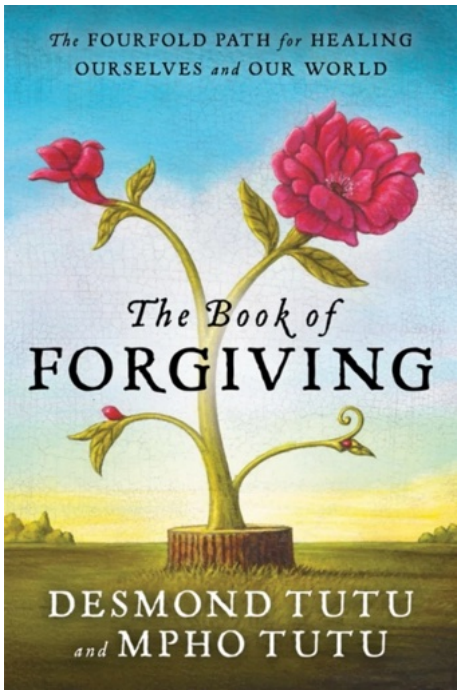
- **February 1 Called from Within**: We'll reflect on the Gospel accounts of the calling of the disciples, as well as some contemporary fiction and non-fiction stories, to talk about where we might sense our purpose and gifts.
- **February 8 & 15**: We'll continue to weave together Scripture, biographic sketches, and contemporary fiction to deepen our understanding of what gets in the way of our vocation, how God calls us to do God's work in the world, and to continue to grow in our own sense of call.

Lenten Series

"The quality of human life on the planet is nothing more than the sum total of our daily interactions with one another. Forgiveness is the way we set those interactions right. It is the way we mend tears in the social fabric. It is the way we stop our human community from unravelling." – *The Book of Forgiving*

These words, written by the Rev. Desmond Tutu, and his daughter, the Rev. Mpho Tutu, make the case for the need for forgiveness. They are more than just dreamy wishes, though. They come from the deep knowledge of two people who have witnessed the brutality of hatred in South Africa, and the importance of reconciliation as a step in moving forward.

This Lent, we will be exploring *The Book of Forgiving,* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. More specifically, we will explore their fourfold path of forgiving, walking the steps ourselves, as we are able.



Jesus reminds us of the importance of forgiveness. Indeed, embedded in the Lord's Prayer are the words, "forgive us, as we forgive others." This discussion series will give us tools to do this, but it is not explicitly Christian. For this reason, it is a great opportunity to share with people who don't come to Christ Church.

This will be an evening series and will run through the first five Tuesdays of Lent: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 – at 7 PM. We will do this series via Zoom, so everyone can participate from the comfort of their own home. (If there is sufficient interest, we can also have a bit of a soup supper at church beforehand and do this in hybrid format).

Buying the book in advance is helpful, but not necessary.

In order to get the link for the Zoom meeting, it would be helpful to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Oi5OHK0JoC5cLY9xIvMGa8tVWvYuHRgFHcWAyTHuSnhUZQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor



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

Laugh and Craft Group



We'd love for you to join us on **Saturday, January 31st from 10 AM until noon**, for our fun Laugh and Craft Group! Whether you have a half-finished crochet project, some sewing materials, or scrapbook supplies you've been wanting to tackle, bring them along, and let's get crafting together! Just want to have some fun chatting with others? No worries! We'll have a jigsaw puzzle that everyone can enjoy together. We'll also have coffee, tea, and some tasty light refreshments waiting for you in the Guild Room. We can't wait to see you there and share a great morning together!



Join us for Game Night on **Thursday, February 26**. We'll gather at 6 PM at Myers Market, 101 S. Fountain Ave. to play a variety of board and card games. Friends and new games are always welcome. Contact Rev. Michelle with questions at mboomgaard@christspringfield.org.



Speaking of Hospitality… The Church Women's Group from Unity Church of Dayton collected over $700 to spend at Costco for Christ Church's Food Pantry! Nancy and Carl, pictured below with Kelly Zeller, reached out to Kelly and asked how they could help our community. A special thanks to Jack and Dawn Ivy for their help in unloading the car!





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

A big THANK YOU! to all the pantry volunteers! At the January Drive-thru Food Pantry we served 439 clients. The first car arrived at 5:30 AM, and the first walker arrived at 6 AM. Clients were offered a variety of items, including ground chicken, bologna, hot dogs, canned goods, pasta, beans, eggs, cereal, peanut butter, and produce, as well as extras such as toilet paper, pet food, and toiletries. We had to purchase items at local grocery stores to ensure we met the total required for each bag or box. The clients are always grateful, and volunteers have a good time!

The February Drive-thru Food Pantry will be February 18th. Dates on which volunteers are needed are listed below. Volunteers are needed to:

- help unload food,
- help bag food, and
- help with customer service.

	Time	Feb.
Food Delivery	**8:15 AM**	4
Bagging Day	**9:00 AM**	12
Pantry Day!	**8:15 AM**	18

Food Delivery
Please mark your calendars for our next delivery on **Wed, Feb. 7th, at 8:15 AM**. We could really use more volunteers to help with unboxing and removing the plastic from canned goods.



Food Pantry Bagging
All are welcome to help bag shelf items to prepare for distribution! We meet at 9 AM in the Bethel room. This month, we'll meet on **Feb. 12th.** Email **Brian Shelburne** to ask any questions or to let him know if you can help.

With the need for supplemental food assistance growing, please consider joining us if you have an hour or two to spare! To volunteer, contact *Brian Shelburne, bshelburne@wittenberg.edu, Kelly Zeller zellerk0612@gmail.com, or Anne Randolph annejrand@aol.com.*

Toilet Paper, Pet Food, and Laundry Detergent!

What do these items have in common?



These are the three items most requested by Food Pantry clients, and none of them can be purchased with the SNAP card. We are the only Food Pantry that offers toilet paper, and the clients often ask when they first arrive if we have it that day. Pet food, laundry detergent, and cleaning supplies are expensive items; clients are very grateful when we offer them on distribution day. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and really make a difference!! Thank you!





SAVE THE DATE!!



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church will be held on **Sunday, March 1st** between the 8 am and 10 AM services in the Parish Hall. All members of Christ Church age 16 and older are asked to be present for this once-a-year meeting. Who can vote? According to the Canons of the Episcopal Church, voting members are those who are: members of Christ Church and at least 16 years old, regular in worship, faithful in giving, and active in the ministry of the Parish.