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# *Clarion*

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Dear friends in Christ,

We are excited by this year's stewardship theme, "Shining Our Light." That theme, taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, speaks to us as individuals and a faith community.

Individually, each of us is called to make sure we are letting God's light shine through our work, friendships, service, and giving. We are called to be light bearers. It is a powerful calling.

As a faith community, Christ Church must shine the light of Christ through our worship, welcoming, pastoral care, and ministry to the broader community. How we use our time, talents, and treasure determines how brightly we shine our light.

At Christ Church, we are often blown away by the various ways members of our church keep their light shining brightly. Some of us make sure the snacks at the coffee hour are delicious and abundant. Others participate in our worship either by singing in the choir or assisting in the service. Still, others prepare the worship space with flowers or altar vestments. Many of us represent the church by participating in various community service programs, like Christ Church Food Pantry.

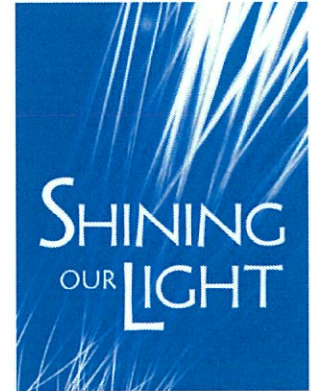
While during this pledge drive, each of us is asked to make a generous financial pledge for the coming year, we're also grateful for the many gifts of time, food, and skills from so many members of this church.

We hope you'll join us as we work together to shine our light in the church, community, and lives.

Faithfully,

**The Stewardship Committee**

Lori Swafford, Brian Shelburne, Liz Wheeler, and Diane Rode



**Pledge Packets** Pledge packets will be mailed out the first week of October. The blessing of the pledge cards will be on All Saints Day, November 6, or you can mail your pledge card back to the Church with the stamped envelope provided. Thank you!

## **2022 Pledges**

If you would like an update of what you have given thus far in fulfillment of your pledge for 2022, please email Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com) for a statement.

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The office will be closed  
on October 10 for  
Indigenous Peoples Day.  
Please plan accordingly.

**Church Staff**

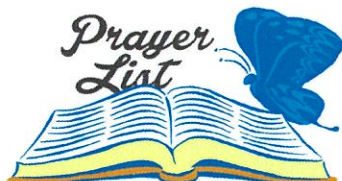
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**Vestry at Large:** Keith Doubt, Bill Hicks, Kay Koeninger, Joy Meyers,  
Linda Mortensen, and Lori Swafford

**Cans Needed for Flower Delivery**

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46 oz cans?  
Christ Church is in need for such cans to use to  
deliver altar flowers to our homebound or ill  
parishioners. Just place them in the pantry  
basket by the elevator. Thank You!!

**Are You Or A Loved One In  
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937-323-8651.

Thank you for the generous donations of  
socks and underwear! The items were  
donated to students in need at Fulton,  
Hayward, and Perrin Woods Elementary  
Schools. All schools expressed their  
deep gratitude.

Kelly Zeller

UNDIES and SOCKS







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

### Wednesday Chapel Virtual Noonday Prayer Services Offered

Join **Judy Johnson** for Noon Prayer on Facebook  
(<https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org/>). The service's text is located on page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer or online at <https://www.bcponline.org>



### Calling all Christ Episcopal Church singers!

**There is still time!** Join us for good fellowship and music making with the Christ Church adult choir. **No tryouts are required.** All are welcome to join! Contact Chris Durrenberger at [cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu](mailto:cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu) for more information.



### Lectors and greeters are needed for the 8 AM service. Very little training is required!

- The lector reads the readings and Prayers of the People during the service.
- The greeter opens the door ten minutes before the service starts, greets parishioners, and then stays by the door until 8:10, then joins the service.

If interested, email Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com).



## Revised Common LECTIONARY



October				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
Oct 2	Lamentations 1: 1-6	137	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
Oct 9	Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7	66: 1-11	2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
Oct 16	Jeremiah 31: 27-34	119: 97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	Luke 18: 1-8
Oct 23	Joel 2: 23-32	65	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14
Oct 30	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	119	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10





There is a constant stream of building projects associated with an historic church. The Vestry is in agreement that we must address water entering the church basement across the hall from the chapel. Water collects between the church and Hollenbeck House and cannot flow away. The underground corrugated drain lines have collapsed and need to be replaced with schedule 40 PVC pipe, which can withstand the soil pressures. There will be some inconvenience due to disruption between the church and the house extending from High Street south to the east entrance.

Fortunately, a few years back, Scott Yeazell installed a good storm system in front of the East Entrance and down to the city storm system on Linden Avenue. We will tie into and extend that line north, adding yard drains as we go. Joe Gibson from Pro Plumbing will be doing the work and plans to start the week of October 2nd, and our resident groundhog will be asked to leave at that time.

The other interesting project is Kay Koeninger's efforts to secure a grant for our historic E.F. Skinner organ. In its day, it was a concert hall quality organ. Our parish will need to address broken or missing items in the sound pipes, electronics, leather hose pipes, etc. The last complete renovation was around 1970, and a total renovation is costly. About \$30,000 worth of work needs to be done now. Kay has reached out to the only foundation we are aware of that deals with the care and feeding of organs, specifically E.F. Skinner organs. Stay tuned. Steve Sharp

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### Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.  
Be loyal to your friends.  
Be strong enough to face the world each day.  
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.  
Be generous to those who need your help.  
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.  
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.  
Be open enough to believe in miracles.  
Be willing to share your joys.  
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.  
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.  
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.  
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.  
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.  
Be loving to those who love you.  
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.  
Be yourself, above all.



## **African Bible Study, or Sacred Reading (Lectio Divna), meets on Tuesdays at 12 PM**

This Bible study is a structured, meditative approach to learning about our Christian faith from scripture. It not only discourages but also disallows crosstalk during the collective reading. It encourages self-reflection as well as listening to others.

We hope people who are interested will

join us in this empowering group study of scripture. If you have questions, write Pat Cary at [sisterpcocd2@hotmail.com](mailto:sisterpcocd2@hotmail.com) or Keith Doubt at [kdoubt@gmail.com](mailto:kdoubt@gmail.com). Each week we will read the Lectionary reading for the forthcoming Sunday. We hope you consider joining us!

### **Outline of African Bible Study or Lectio Divna**

Opening Prayer: O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### **Procedure:**

1. One person reads passage slowly.
2. Each person identifies the word or phrase that catches their attention. (1 minute)
3. Each shares the word or phrase with the group. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
4. Another person reads the passage slowly (from a different translation, if possible.)
5. Each person identifies where this passage touches their life today. (1 minute)
6. Each shares. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
7. Passage is read a third time (another reader and translation, if possible.)
8. Each person names or writes: "From what I've heard and shared, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?" (5 minutes)
9. Each shares their answer. (5-10 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
10. Each prays for another person in the group, naming what was shared in other steps. (5 minutes)

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

To join the study, use the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85856795275pwd=NHRBQIZvRU9PL1h3dWFuMmJBa2NHdz09>





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



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**Lunch Bunch**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM**

Lunch Bunch will be at 11:30 AM at **Clifton Mill**, 75 Water Street, Clifton, OH. All parishioners available during the day are invited to a pleasant luncheon together on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Please let **Anita Beardsell**, 937-390-6548, know if you are planning to come so she can make plans with the restaurant.

**OCTOBER**  
Birthdays

Juanita Artis .....	Oct 6
Lexie Boblitt .....	Oct 6
Diane Rode.....	Oct 18
Joan Hurley .....	Oct 20
Ann Chitkara .....	Oct 24
Rose Farrar .....	Oct 26
Becca Callicoat.....	Oct 27

**OCTOBER**  
Anniversaries

Jamie & Cameron McGregor.....	Oct 6
Dan & Judy McGregor .....	Oct 12
Don & Liz Wheeler .....	Oct 18
Joe & Kathy Schmitt .....	Oct 31

**October Supply Priest:**

**The Rev. Cricket Park**





## Hospitality...continued



If you like to make soup *and* nurture others, this is the ministry for you! We need homemade soup brought to the church in disposable containers with the type of soup and date written on the lid and placed in the church refrigerator. Then, let Kelly Zeller know that you have dropped off the soup. The soup will be used for people in the parish needing a little TLC, Contact Kelly Zeller [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com) with questions. Thank you so much for considering helping with this ministry.

**Christ Church's Judy Johnson has a website with three blogs! If you have some time, check it out at <https://judyjohnsonwrites.weebly.com/>**

## Cards or notes for Dodi

For those members of the congregation who would like to send a card or note to our good friend, Dodi Holmes, here is her daughter's address. Send all mail for Dodi to Constance, her daughter, and she will see that Dodi gets it.

Dodi Holmes  
c/o Constance Lehman  
4262 Brandy Ann Dr.  
Acworth, GA 30101

Dodi would appreciate hearing from you!

## Reminder from the Outreach Team

Continue to **\$AVE PENNIES** for the Warder Literacy CENTER & **\$AVE PULL-Tabs** for Dayton Ronald McDonald House.

The Warder Literacy CENTER is opening on a limited basis & there will be a growing need for their services given that kids have been out of school (some without access to computers) and will need to play catch up.



The Dayton Ronald McDonald House has re-opened its 14 guest-room house to provide a safe, home-like environment where families with sick and injured children can stay while they're healing. Together we can help families stay close during medical crises at the holidays and throughout the year.

Rolls/baggies of pennies/pull-tabs can be dropped through the Hollenbeck House mail slot or into the church building in the East Entrance.



## Plastic Bottle Caps

Joy Meyers is the music teacher at Fulton Elementary School in Springfield. Fulton Elementary is collecting clean plastic caps, for example, water bottle caps or laundry detergent caps, or even toothpaste caps. They are collecting the plastic caps for a second bench to be made in honor of one of their students who died. There is a box by the elevator, or you can drop them off at the Parish office.





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

## PANTRY NEWS

**Thank you** to all who volunteered for September's Food Pantry! Check the dates below for when you can volunteer in October. **Volunteers are needed to**

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

### SEPTEMBER OPPORUNITIES

**Oct. 5: No delivery;** Second Harvest is closed.

**Oct. 12, 8:30 AM** - food delivery

**Oct. 13, 9:00 AM** - grocery bagging day

**Oct. 19, 8:30 AM** - Pantry Day!

Please contact either Ann Chitkara ([annnovaswim@gmail.com](mailto:annnovaswim@gmail.com)) or Anne Randolph ([annejrand@aol.com](mailto:annejrand@aol.com)) to volunteer.

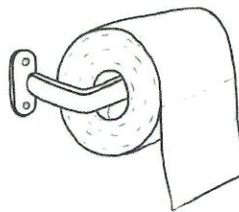


### Woof! Woof! Purr...



There's a growing need for pet food in our community. If you would like to donate, place your dog food, cat food, or dog biscuits in the black receptacle in the East

Entrance or email Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com) to drop it off at the Parish office. Donations will be distributed at the Food Pantry. Hungry cats and dogs and their humans thank you!



### THANKS to all who brought in 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.

### Christian symbol



**COINS**—The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).





*All Saints' Day*

## **All Saints' Day~ Sunday, November 6th**

Please submit any names of deceased family, friends, and loved ones that you would like included in our Prayers of the People on All Saints' day by **October 23rd**.

You can submit names of your saints by emailing Kelly Zeller at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com), by dropping the names in the giving plate, or by mailing them to the Parish office at 409 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505. Please include the information shown on the form below.

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**For All the Saints, November 6, 2022**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of loved one(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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