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UPCOMING Events



Day of Change

Day of Change: March 12

As our clocks “spring forward”, we will once again collect loose change (bills gladly accepted too!) to support our Christ

Church Food Pantry. Use your change to make a change in the lives of the hungry. Special baskets will be passed during the 8 and 10 AM in-person services. If you would like to mail in an offering, send it into the office: Christ Church, 409 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505.

Easter Flowers: Deadline: March 28 (see back cover for the form)

Easter can be a wonderful time to remember loved ones with a gift to Christ Church for flowers.



Palm Sunday: April 2

Join us at 10:00 as we welcome our new rector, The Rev. Dr. Michelle Boomgaard, for The Liturgy of the Palms. ***There is not a 8:00 service on Palm Sunday!***



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday: April 6 at 7:00 PM

We remember Jesus’s mandate to break the bread and drink the cup together as we remember his life, death, and resurrection.

Good Friday: April 7 at 7:00 PM

On this most somber occasion, we recall the day of our Lord's execution. The Good Friday liturgy includes the full Passion Gospel, the Solemn Collects, and the Veneration of the Cross.



The Feast of the Resurrection: April 9

8:00 AM: Quiet Rite I service.

10:00 AM Festive Rite II service with choir and brass.

On this holiest day of the Christian year, we rejoice at Christ's victory over the powers of death.

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Your Vestry

Vestry at Large: Rick Everingham, Bill Hicks, Kay Koeninger, Joy Meyers, Linda Mortensen, and Lori Swafford



If you were unable to attend the annual meeting on February 26, or have not picked up your updated directory yet, please check the greeter table in the East Entrance.



2023 Altar Flower Dedication Chart

If you would like to sponsor the **altar flowers** for 2023 in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone or something, contact Kelly Zeller <zellerk0611@gmail.com>. Be specific for what or to whom you are making the dedication, and whether you have a particular choice of flower. Suggested donation is \$45.

Dates still available:

- April 30th
- May 7th
- June 25th
- July 9th, 16th, and 23rd
- August 6th and 20th
- September 3rd and 17th
- October 1st
- November 5th and 26th



Cans Needed for Flower Delivery

Do you buy tomato or fruit juice in 46oz cans? We are in need of 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. Thanks!



Results of the 189th Annual Meeting



During the Annual Meeting held February 26th, 2023, the following business of the church was conducted:

- ❖ The following people were elected by acclamation to positions on the Vestry:
Sr. Warden, Scott Yeazell
Jr. Warden, Steve Sharp
- ❖ Vestry at Large, Rick Everingham.
- ❖ Beth Deger and Kay Koeninger were elected as delegates to the diocesan convention.
- ❖ We said good-bye to retiring Vestry member Keith Doubt. Thank you, Keith!
- ❖ Reports were given by Treasurer Ken Bladh, Sr. Warden Scott Yeazell, and Jr. Warden Steve Sharp.
- ❖ Scott Yeazell thanked the Search Committee for their dedication and hard work!

Bible Quiz



The night before Jesus' crucifixion, he demonstrates humble service by washing what?
A. the disciples'

hands

- B. the disciples' feet
- C. the disciples' hair
- D. the disciples' supper dishes

Answer: B (See John 13:1-17.)



Hollenbeck Office Update!!

Scott Yeazell, Sr. Warden

I'm pleased to announce that we are proceeding with a much-needed facelift to the Hollenbeck church offices. We are:

- replacing all carpet and repainting all the hallways and stairs,
- moving the pantry refrigerators into the kitchen,
- moving the Bookkeeping Office to the room that had the refrigerators,
- restoring the room across the hall from the Rectors office to function as a small meeting and counseling room for Rev. Michelle, and
- refinishing the hardwood floors in the Rector's office, the Bookkeeping office, and the Counseling Room and repainting.

We discovered a plaque commemorating the last time Hollenbeck was refurbished dated 1980 (43 years ago!). The work will start Monday, Feb. 27, and the contractors promise it will be completed by April 1 when Rev. Michelle arrives. *Watch for before and after pictures in the April Clarion!*

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



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



Judy Johnson offers a prayer service at noon each Wednesday on our Facebook page. The service's text is located on page 103

in the Book of Common Prayer or online at <https://www.bcponline.org>. Log into (<https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org/>) to watch.

Supply Priest for March 2023:
The Rev. Melody Williams



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

- The lector reads the readings and Prayers of the People.
- The greeter opens the door at 7:50, greets worshippers, stays by the door until 8:10, and then joins the service.

Interested? Email Kelly at zellerk0611@gmail.com.

Revised Common LECTIONARY

March				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
3/5	Genesis 12: 1-4a	121	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	John 3: 1-17
3/12	Exodus 17: 1-7	95	Romans 5: 1-11	John 4: 5-42
3/19	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	23	Ephesians 5: 8-14	John 9: 1-41
3/26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45



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. Questions? Write Pat Cary at sisterpcocd2@hotmail.com or Keith Doubt at kdoubt@gmail.com. Each week we will read the Lectionary reading for the forthcoming Sunday.

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>



Are You Or A Loved One In Need?

Christ Church is committed to providing pastoral and prayer support to all those in the Congregation who are experiencing illness; whether physical, mental, or spiritual. If you or someone you love needs prayer, we will add their names to our prayer list. We are also happy to provide pastoral support visits if desired. Please note that we are also able to visit you in the hospital, but you would need to call the Church directly or inform the hospital staff so they may arrange a visit for you. At all times we will respect your privacy.

For any visiting needs, including desire to receive Eucharistic or pastoral visitation, contact Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call her at 937-323-8651.



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



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. Be safe! Whatever the snow emergency level, use your best judgement to be safe.



If you like to make soup *and* nurture others, this is the ministry for you! Place homemade soup in disposable containers (labeled with the

type of soup and date on the lid) in the church refrigerator and then let Kelly

<zellerk0611@gmail.com> know that you've dropped it off. The soup is used to provide a little TLC for parishioners. Thanks so much for considering helping with this ministry.



March 14th at 11:30 AM
Lunch Bunch will be on Tuesday, March 14 at **11:30 AM** at **Studebaker's Country Restaurant** (formerly Collier's Family Restaurant) on **State Route 41 in Springfield, Ohio**. All parishioners available during the day are invited to a

pleasant luncheon together. Please let **Anita Beardsell**, 937-390-6548, know if you are planning to come so she can make plans with the restaurant.



Birthdays

Alan Ladd.....	Mar 1
Rick Everingham	Mar 1
Joann Albright	Mar 2
Judy McGregor	Mar 8
Wayne Southward.....	Mar 14
Deb Southward	Mar 16
Babs Reed	Mar 16
Olivia Chitkara.....	Mar 17
Ian Shelburne	Mar 18
Traudie Milleck.....	Mar 25
Lori Swafford	Mar 27
Wade Smith	Mar 28

Anniversaries

Wayne and Deb Southward	Mar 15
Ted and Wendy DeLong	Mar 27

Watch Us on YouTube

The easiest way to watch our church services on YouTube is:

- Open YouTube on you TV. (This depends on your TV and if you are using Spectrum cable or possibly a ROKU device.)
- Go to "Search" and Enter "Christ Church Springfield". (By the time you have entered in "Christ Church Spr" there will be a list of the left side of the screen.)
- Look at the list, and we will be about the third one down.
- Do **NOT** type in "Christ Episcopal". Our church will not come up on the list.

That's all there is to it !



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

PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to all who volunteered for February's Food Pantry! Check the dates below for when you can volunteer in March.

Volunteers are needed to

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

MARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Mar. 3, 8:30 AM (FRIDAY) – 1st food delivery.

Mar. 8, 8:30 AM – 2nd food delivery

Mar. 9, 9:00 AM – bagging day

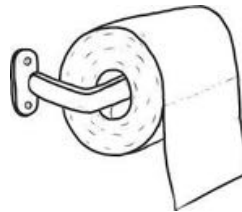
Mar. 15, 8:15 AM – Pantry Day!

Please contact Brian Shelburne (bshelburne@wittenberg.edu), Kelly Zeller (kellerk0611@gmail.com), or Anne Randolph (annejrand@aol.com) to volunteer.

Food Pantry Volunteers: Be a Bagger!

Food pantry groceries are pre-bagged so that they can be placed directly into client's cars on distribution day. Pre-bagging presents an opportunity for you, your family, or your group to volunteer with little to no contact with others.

If you are willing to commit to a block of 3-4 hours on **March 9**, please let Brian know. Ideally, all the groceries should be bagged for distribution by **Mar. 15**. Email **Brian Shelburne** at bshelburne@wittenberg.edu with questions or your willingness to help.



THANKS for the T.P.!!

Ours is one of the few pantries to give out toilet paper. While T.P. is

something most take for granted, this necessity cannot be purchased with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cards. Donating a package of toilet paper is a great way to contribute to this amazing ministry! Place donations in (or near) the basket outside the elevator on the upper level of the church.

Clients' Choice Table

Our pantry has a table from which clients may choose among items they may need but are not covered by SNAP cards. We both accept donations for this table and order items from Second Harvest. If you are interested in directly contributing to this effort, below is a list of items that are greatly appreciated by our clients.

- aluminum foil, waxed paper, and plastic wrap
- plastic storage bags
- trash bags
- paper plates/bowls/plastic utensils
- deodorant and soap
- cleaning products (window cleaner, bathroom cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, general-purpose cleaner)
- diapers
- paper towels
- laundry soap or fabric softener
- feminine products
- salt and pepper
- Note that herbs and spices may be covered but are often cost prohibitive and are appreciated.

Thank you!!

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 to drop it off at the Parish office. Donations are distributed through the Food Pantry. Hungry cats and dogs and their humans thank you!

Reminder from the Outreach Team

Just a REMINDER! Continue to \$AVE PENNIES for the Warder Literacy Center & PULL-TABS for Dayton Ronald McDonald House. THANKS in advance for everyone's continual support! Rolls/baggies of pennies/pull-tabs can be dropped in the Hollenbeck House mail slot or returned in the church building. We look forward to your continued support this year we continue to make a difference!

Sharing the load

In 1969 the Hollies released "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother." Here's the story behind that title

Fifty years earlier in Omaha, Nebraska, a boy with polio was abandoned at Father Flanagan's Home for Boys, predecessor to Boys Town. Soon several older residents started carrying Howard—with his heavy leg braces — especially up the stairs. Father Flanagan saw an older boy, Reuben, doing this and asked if it was hard work. Reuben replied, "He ain't heavy, Father. He's my brother." Years later, these words and the image of one person carrying another became the Boys Town brand.

All of us have been "carried" at some point, and we've likely "carried" someone else. The Hollies' song declares: "His welfare is my concern." Jesus said it this way: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The load isn't too heavy to bear because Jesus himself is always carrying us.

Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



What you need:

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

What you do:

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is a wonderful time to remember loved ones with a gift to Christ Church of flowers. Please email Kelly Zeller at Zellerk0611@gmail.com with your dedication, drop it in the offering plate along with your donation, or mail it in with your donation to the office: 409 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505. **The deadline is Sunday, March 28th.**

Donor(s) _____

In thanksgiving _____

In memory of _____
