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African Bible Study Returns September 5th

Join us on Tuesdays at 12 PM

African Bible Study or Sacred Reading (Lectio Divina) will begin again Tuesday, September 5th at 12 PM. We will meet each week at noon using an established Zoom link. 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 or Keith Doubt at kdoubt@gmail.com. Each week we will read the Lectionary reading for the forthcoming Sunday. We hope you consider joining us at the following Zoom link starting Tuesday, September 5th, at 12 PM.

Outline of African Bible Study or Lectio Divina

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



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The office will be closed on September 5 for Labor Day. Please plan accordingly.

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



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, Lori Swafford, Brian Shelburne, Liz Wheeler, and Diane Rode, in prayer as they plan for the future of Christ Church.

**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!!



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

Wednesday Chapel Virtual Noonday Prayer Services Offered

Rev. Wilson and Judy Johnson take turns offering 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!

Come one come all for good fellowship and music-making with the Christ Church adult choir commencing **Sunday, September 11th at 9 AM**. No tryouts required! All are welcome to join! For more info, contact Chris Durrenberger at cdurrenberger@wittenberg.edu.



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.

Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

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



There are several issues that we'll be looking at in the near future to improve the physical church building.

- With the recent excessive rains, we have had a problem with water coming into the basement near the Chapel. Runoff collects between the church and Hollenbeck, and a footer drain is clogged near the East Entrance. We need to install some surface yard drains to capture that surface runoff. It will likely require some trenching to open the clogged line and add the drains in the area of the garden.
- We purchased organ pipes two decades ago but never installed them. We have a wonderful concert Skinner organ, and it is time to put the pipes in place so that the organ can operate as it was intended. The organ is an ongoing project, but this step must be done in the next two years as our organ repair company, which has been graciously storing them at no cost, has asked us to take possession of our pipes.
- Our Sexton reports that the gas line is again hooked up to the stove and that it can be used again.
- Finally, the Wescott House planned an architectural tour of our church along with St. Raphael and High Street Methodist churches. We were ready to receive the guests, but a thunderstorm was forecast, and the walking tour was cancelled. It may be rescheduled later in the Fall.

A thank you note from Father Larry...

Dear Christ Church Family,

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your "supply priest" for the past 5 months.

A supply priest is usually with a parish for a relatively short period of time—five months being somewhat exceptional. Yet such an extended time enabled us to get to know one another more deeply—you opening your hearts to me and me to you—thus making it harder for me to say goodbye. It was wonderful to share with one another our faith and love for the Lord both in worship and in those times of personal pastoral conversation.

I want to thank you as well for your cards and gifts given on my final Sunday with Christ Church. I will cherish your words which were most humbling.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for you and Christ Church, and especially in the discernment and selection of your next rector. Keep the faith!

Many blessings,

Father Larry



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



Are you or a loved one ill or need special prayer?

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.

Lunch Bunch Is Back!!!

Sept 13th at 11:30 AM

Lunch Bunch will be at **11:30 AM** at **The Barn**, 411 Upper Valley Pike in Springfield All parishioners available during the day are invited to a pleasant luncheon together on Tuesday, May 10th. Please let **Anita Beardsell**, 937-390-6548, know if you are planning to come so she can make plans with the restaurant.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

BIRTHDAYS

Ann deLanglade.....	Sept. 1
Bonnie Bingman.....	Sept. 4
Angus Randolph	Sept. 6
Brian Shelburne	Sept. 7
Joy Bartenstein	Sept. 8
Jeff Carter	Sept. 9
Joe Schmitt	Sept. 12
Madison Smith	Sept. 14
Dawn Ivy	Sept. 15
D. J. Banion	Sept. 17
Julie McGregor	Sept. 21
Myra Dean Banion	Sept. 27
Chris Oldstone-Moore	Sept. 27
Jake Studebaker	Sept. 27
Marilee Oldstone-Moore	Sept. 29
Diana DeVoe	Sept. 30

ANNIVERSARIES

D. J. & Myra Dean Banion	Sept 1
David & Rose Farrar	Sept 6
Dana & Cathy Waggoner	Sept 16
Chris& Jennifer Oldstone-Moore	Sept 18

Supply Priest for September and October:

The Rev. Charles Wilson

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 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.



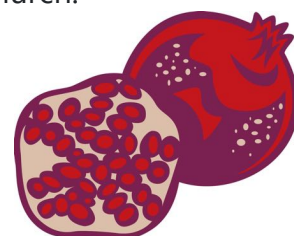
The Dayton Ronald McDonald House has re-opened its 14 guest-room house to provide a safe, home-like environment where families with sick and

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.

Christian Symbol: Pomegranate

Because the pomegranate has an abundance of seeds, the fruit is used to represent hope and future life. It also symbolizes the many believers who are individual members of the universal Christian church.





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

PANTRY NEWS

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

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

SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Sept. 7th, 8:30 AM - first food delivery

Sept. 14th, 8:30 AM - second food delivery.

Sept. 15th, 9:00 AM - grocery bagging day

Sept. 21st, 8:30 AM - Food Pantry Day!

Please contact either Ann Chitkara (annnovaswim@gmail.com) or Anne Randolph (annejrand@aol.com) to volunteer. *Please note that Ann Chitkara's email has changed!*

More About Volunteering

Currently, food pantry groceries are being pre-bagged so that on distribution day, filled bags can be placed into client's cars. This has created an opportunity for you to volunteer as a pantry helper with little to no contact with other individuals. It's also an opportunity for your family or "pod" to work together to bag groceries. Ann Chitkara will arrange for either you or your pod to be the only group working on the project at one time, if you so desire.

How Pre-Bagging Works

Check your calendar to see if you and/or your pod can commit to a block of 3-4 hours on **September 15**. Ann C. will meet you at the Church and provide specific instructions. Ideally, all groceries should be bagged for distribution by **September 21**. Please call Ann Chitkara at 937-925-4008 or email her to ask any questions or let her know if you are willing to help.

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 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.



We are searching for a new Leader for the Food Pantry program, as Ann Chitkara is stepping down as chair. We are very, very thankful for her many years of service to the parish and the community running Christ Church's main Outreach program.

If you feel called to lead the Pantry Program, please call or email Kelly at

zellerk0611@gmail.com or Scott at scott@triec.com. They can provide the details as to what is needed in this role.

Many heartfelt thanks to Ann Chitkara and also to whoever steps up to do God's work feeding the hungry of our community.