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### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 1 - All Saints Day
- Nov 4 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost
- Nov 11 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost
- Nov 18 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost
- Nov 18 - Community Dinner 4-5:30pm
- Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 25 - Christ the King Sunday—Last Sunday after Pentecost
- Nov 25 - Vestry Meeting
- Dec 2 - First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 2 - Stewardship Get-together after church
- Dec 11 - Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 16 - Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 16 - Community Dinner, 4-5:30 pm
- Dec 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service, time TBD
- Dec 30 - Lessons & Carols

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*Amen.*

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**Welcome to the Reverend  
Jennifer Oldstone-Moore!**

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Submissions is November 20. Submit items by hand to Tanya or by email to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).



## WARDEN'S WORDS

Will return next month.



**Our Stewardship Campaign is beginning.** Please search your heart with love and prayer to decide what your contributions should be for 2019.

**Day-by-Day:** The new daily devotionals for November-December-January are in the back. Please help yourself.

**Note for Congregation:** We are experimenting with new ways of doing the Prayers of the People. Please give the names for intercession to Becky Gentry, the parish secretary. After a month on the prayer list for the Sunday service, we will move names to a prayer list in the bulletin. Please keep these names, concerns, and thanksgivings in your heart and on your lips throughout the week. If there are on-going prayer concerns that you would like voiced in church, let Becky know. In offering the Prayers of the People, we will continue to have voices from around the church offering the different components of this prayer, so look for the highlighted section in your bulletin! - Rev Jennifer



- 19 Rick Feinour
- 23 Kathy Geyer
- 28 Emilie Walker
- 29 Evening Hudson



- 16 Cheryl & James Eskridge



- 08 Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet
- 12 Karen Patterson
- 13 Chris Hudson
- 16 Carol Conway



### FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

**Food Pantry items:** The suggested items for November are Christmas cooking: flour, sugar (white, brown, confectioners), vegetable oil, mayo, cake mix, brownie mix, sprinkles. Each month will be a new suggested item(s).





For September 2018

#### Reports of Officers

- ✦ Senior Warden Report: Barb B. reported she met with Bright Worth Signs; it will be expensive. Timeline appears to be late October/early November. She will pass information on to Mark C.
- ✦ Junior Warden Report: Mark C. reported about the bell tower progress. It is proceeding and the work should be finished in the next few weeks.
- ✦ Treasurer's Report – Doug reported we had gains in the Chamberlain and Nickell Funds for the third quarter. The grant for the bell tower was denied. CECX has other financial avenues that can be used to pay for repairs, so Doug will contact the PNC to request from Hager, Williams, and Nybladh Trusts to move \$90,000 to the account to pay for the repairs. The investment team will meet in October for update on the Nickell Fund. He will recommend that we not accept a distribution in 2019. Pledges are coming in slowly. The budget process has begun; due in November. Confidential – gift of thanks for Becky in recognition of her work in between priests.
- ✦ Discussion on gift of thanks for Becky. Joyce suggested \$500. Cheryl E. made the motion to give her \$500, Joyce G. seconded. Motion passed with one vote of nay due to amount being too low.
- ✦ Discussions on getting estimates for repairs on Parish house.

#### Committee Reports and Unfinished business

- ✦ Training opportunities:
- ✦ Cheryl E. researched some on Defibrillators. She reported that we need the ones that vocally guide users, \$2500, an increase from previously voted on purchase amount, with a \$99 a year for 3 years for maintenance. Information will be sent to Tanya for compilation and will be decided in November.
- ✦ Vestry will look into a community outreach program on CPR training as well.
- ✦ Jennie Hudson has offered to do a opiate addiction presentation for the community.
- ✦ Church Sign – see senior warden report
- ✦ Kitchen remodel: kitchen repairs will be postponed a year in lieu of HVAC concerns.

#### New Business

- ✦ Karen I. discussed bringing back the “to do list.” Tanya E-K. stated she would.
- ✦ Reverend Jennifer announced she will be gone during October for 2 weeks.
- ✦ Convention is November 3-4. Karen I. asked who is going: Lee, Elaine, Brad, and Doug are the delegates; Barb and Karen are alternates.
- ✦ Cheryl E. brought up Stewardship Dinner for discussion. Cheryl will be unavailable to organize due to upcoming surgeries. November 11 was reported and discussed.
- ✦ Rev. Jennifer suggested a longest night service (for grieving and contemplation around December 21<sup>st</sup>), set tentatively for December 21<sup>st</sup> as an 1-1.5 hour service with candles and a canvas labyrinth in the Parish hall.
- ✦ Discussion on Christmas Eve dinner
- ✦ Vestry retreat was moved to January 4-5 at Transfiguration.
- ✦ Joyce G. announced that she is supporting the Bible study and discussed the big read that Reverend Jennifer had mentioned that morning in services.
- ✦ Joyce G. also requested that transcriptions of the sermon be placed on the website, both Reverend Jennifer and Tanya E-K. agreed that is possible.
- ✦ Lee S. requested everyone make sure to vote in the upcoming election.

Closing Prayer (vestry member) and Adjournment – (12:35)



The next Vestry Meeting  
will be November 25th.





## CECX welcomes the Reverend Dr. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore



The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore, Professor of Religion, at Wittenberg University, Springfield, is married to Christopher Oldstone-Moore. They have three adult daughters, Caroline, 28; Aileen, 25; and Marilee, 22. They reside in Springfield Ohio.

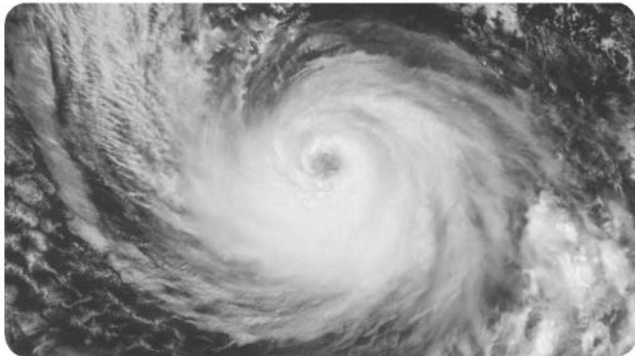
Dr. Oldstone-Moore specializes in Chinese religious traditions, specifically modes of Confucian religiosity, political and social aspects of Confucianism, and the transformation and continuity of the Confucian tradition from imperial to modern China, especially in the uses of both ritual and science. She has published and presented papers on the Confucian New Life Movement, the history of study of East Asian Religions, Daoist allegory and alchemy in the Ming novel Journey to the West, and historiographical issues concerning Chiang Kai-shek. She has also published several books, chapters and articles on Chinese religion for general audiences.

Dr. Oldstone-Moore teaches courses in Chinese and Japanese Religions, Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism and Chinese popular religion, Pilgrimage, Religion and Literature in East Asia, the Silk Road, and an introduction to East Asian Studies. She earned her B.A. at Swarthmore College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She joined the Wittenberg faculty in 2000.

Dr. Oldstone-Moore is an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church, and serves St. Anne Church, West Chester, as a Resident Priest. Rev. Jennifer joined CECX as Priest-in-Charge on Sunday, September 23, 2018.



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## **Reflections on 144<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.—Rev. Elaine Silverstrim**

On Saturday, November 3, Doug Pultz, Bradley Alexander, Lee Silverstrim, Mother Jennifer, and I made our way to the tents of Procter Center for the one-day convention. The special offering from the opening Eucharist was designated to Episcopal Relief and Development and Tree of Life Synagogue in Philadelphia. Some of the more interesting challenges included getting electronically connected to the WiFi set up for the event and logging in to cast ballots for the election of Diocesan offices. Sadly, no one was ever able to resolve issues with Bradley's connection. The rains of the previous week required parking at the nearby Middle School and hopping school buses for shuttle to and from the convention. There were other interesting learning experiences, but overall the mood was much like a crowded "family reunion," which is what Diocesan Conventions tend to be.

Three resolutions were passed with little comment. The saddest, was the final resolution for the closing of St. Andrew's parish. Within our own sanctuary we kneel upon the altar cushions given to us in gift and view a second Pascal candle next to our baptismal fount. We carry the memories of that faithful congregation within our sanctuary.

The second resolution sets aside a portion of our "Diocesan Giving" to establish a fund for new church plants, estimating about \$65,000 toward aspiring to seek ways to adapt and grow. These first two resolutions speak directly to the Cycles of Life that we enter into with our baptisms and affirmations of faith.

The budget was passed with little comment. The Report of the Trustees regarding the stewardship of our the gifts and bequests of the Proctors and others is encouraging and impressive.

But the most important resolution is one which will hopefully be the most powerful and enduring of our humble actions at Convention.

The Resolution on "Becoming the Beloved Community" deserves a great deal more conversation and reflection than a simple report. With that said, I will provide a separate report on probably the most important piece of work our little band were part of.

Thanks to the members of the church for the opportunity to attend (on my part observe as non-voting attendee), on behalf of our church.

## **Reflections and Background: Resolution 2018-03, passed unanimously Nov. 3, 2018**

### **Rev. Elaine Silverstrim**

#### **Background:**

The 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognized, by adoption of Resolution 2015-2019, that, despite repeated efforts at anti-racism training as well as racial justice and racial reconciliation initiatives – including the passage of more than 30 General Convention resolutions dating back to 1952 – that the abomination and sin of racism continues to plague our society and our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity ... (The National Church) is now charged to account for the Church's work of racial justice and reconciliation. The framework for this work? Becoming The Beloved Community.

To that end a committee was formed in January of this year. The Diocese has received a United Thank Offering Grant to hire personnel to plan training events and to make more resources available to "support communities of practice as they work toward Becoming Beloved Community."

The resolution is something all of us should read. As participants at Convention we were challenged to take time to enter into conversation with other attendees around the Question? "What does 'becoming beloved community' mean to me?" And then we were to write a one word (or phrase) of the characteristic we look for in a 'beloved community.'

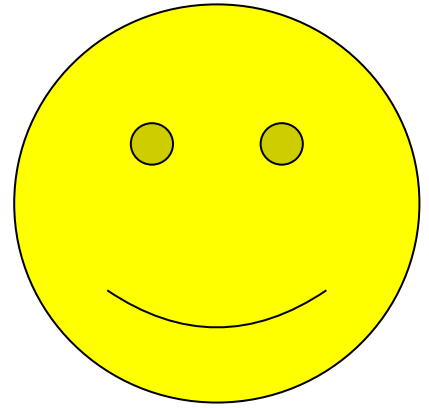
The basic resolution addresses a sad fact. For all the distance we might think we have traveled toward honoring, acknowledging and appreciating the dignity of every human being, our efforts have fallen short and our work isn't done. Choosing the word "becoming" over "being" is deliberate. Will we ever fully "be" the community of beloved disciples? "Becoming" means we know the efforts toward that vision, first articulated and lived out by Christ, can never rest.

Only we can provide the answer as to whether this will be one more aspirational resolution or a genuinely "inspirational" kick in a world that needs these endeavors daily.



# Fun and Games

For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above (nobody's looking... Have some fun!)













**PUZZLE**

**HARVEST OF GOODNESS**

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.

"The  will   what is , and  will  its ."

  : , NIV

Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV




## Bible Quiz

**Bible Quiz**

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

A. Seth  
B. Enoch  
C. Shem  
D. Lamech



Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)

Ministry	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>HE (Rev Jen)</b>	<b>HE (Rev Jen)</b>	<b>HE (Rev Jen)</b>	<b>HE (Rev Jen)</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elizabeth/Tanya	JoAnne/Becky	Doug/Pam	Elizabeth/Becky
<b>Lectors</b>	Mark, Jennie	Becky, Lonna	Pam/Becky	Debbie/Mark
<b>Ushers</b>	Brad/JoAnne	Doug/Elizabeth	Elizabeth/Brad	JoAnne/Doug
<b>Intercessor</b>	Becky	Mark	Debbie	Jennie
<b>Chalice</b>	Debbie	Pam	Rick	Barb
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>				
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	Doug	Brad	Mark	Cheryl

Ministry	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24	12/30
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Rev Jennifer</b>	<b>Father Ed</b>	Rev Jennifer	Rev Jennifer	Rev Jennifer	<b>Lessons &amp; Carols (Rick)</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	JoAnne/Tanya	Doug/Becky	Elizabeth/Pam	JoAnne/Becky	Doug/Pam	JoAnne/Becky
<b>Lector</b>	Becky/Debbie	Mark/Pam	Becky/Lonna	Jennie/Debbie	Lonna/Mark	All
<b>Ushers</b>	JoAnne, Rick	Brad/Doug	Elizabeth/Doug	Elizabeth/Brad	JoAnne, Brad	Clariss, Brad
<b>Intercessor</b>	Barb	Debbie	Mark	Pam	Becky	-----
<b>Chalice</b>	Mark	Pam	Debbie	Rick	Barb	-----
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>						
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	Brad	Lee	Joyce	Tanya		Karen

