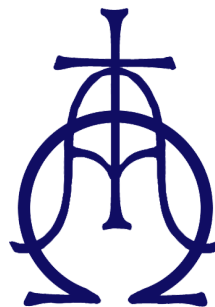

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A note from Reverend Jennifer

Although our present moment seems (and may well be) particularly contentious, conflict has always been a part of the life of the church. Our gospel reading this week features Jesus giving a plan for addressing problems that arise--direct, but measured confrontation.

It's important to note that this short passage falls between two beloved and tender conversations about who we are and to whom we belong: the lost sheep that is sought by the Good Shepherd, and the command to forgive not seven, but seventy times seven times. I hope that we can keep these truths-in-tension close to our hearts now and always: that we must name what is wrong and misguided and at the same time, strive to forgive as we seek unity.

I hope that you'll read this newsletter, and perhaps take special note of the Bible study that we hope to get going this week...

Peace--

--Rev Jennifer

September 2, 2020

September 6, 2020 is First Sunday

Scripture Readings for September 6

Ezekiel: 7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

you can find copies of the scripture on our weekly devotional at the bottom of this note

Worship September 6

9.30 am via Zoom with Rev Jennifer

We will have a shared powerpoint for you to follow the service

Here is the link that you will need to join--you can just [click here](#)

You can also cut and paste the URL below or follow the instructions:

Rev. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship Christ Episcopal Church

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept 13: 9.30 am Liturgy of the Word by ZOOM with Rev. Jennifer
Please contact office if you plan to come in person.

**Sept 20: 9.30 am Anti-Racism Sunday--A Special Service in
Conjunction with the Ohio Council of Churches.** Our diocese's
own Debby Stokes-Wayne has been part of the planning committee
for this event.

Liturgy of the Word IN CHURCH SANCTUARY

++We will record these services for those who do not attend in person.++

Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

Remember: When Greene County is at Level 3 on the Ohio Department of Health map, we will **ONLY** meet virtually.

Click on the button below to check on Greene County's status

Ohio Dept of Health Map

Thank you

to those who have kept up with pledges! Our work has continued through the COVID lockdown...some parishioners are with us through the USPS (weekly devotionals are mailed out to them), some through our on-line worship each Sunday, some through phone calls (our sexton/vestry-at-large Brad is a superhero!), some through service in our bagged dinners on Sundays during the lockdown.

Click on the button below if you'd like to give your pledge via the Diocese of Southern Ohio (this is set up especially for churches like ours). Or mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

CALLING ALL LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

We will be worshipping together at 9.30 on Sundays by Zoom, or by a hybrid Zoom/in person. We need YOU to help read lessons and Prayers of the People, whether in person, by Zoom, or both. Please contact Becky at 937-372-1594 to sign up. Zoom is easy to use by computer, tablet or phone--we will teach you how!

++Christian Formation++

Bible Study

We will restart our Bible study of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Our companion book will be **Conversations with Scripture: Romans** by Jay Sidebotham. Copies are available at the Nickell House and in the sanctuary. We can help defray cost.

Rather than going straight through, we will pose questions that we may revisit from time to time. We'll start tonight with two quotes from the beginning of the book:

"God does not love us if we change. God loves us so we can change."

"I do not understand the mystery of grace--only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us."

We'll consider some of the comments made by Sidebotham at the beginning (no need to own book) and then dig into Romans 1:1-17.

To join the Bible study [click here](#) or use this info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85079357367?pwd=SGZTank3ZlVndGNcE5mMDRHNFqZz09>. if you have problems you can call Rev Jen at 937-284-0221.

Prayer List

Please keep Kim Bayless's daughter Heather in your prayers--she has breast cancer.

Other parish prayer concerns: Cynda, Claris, Barbara, Karen.

Joyous thanksgiving: Baby Amelia is now home with the family.

Please send your concerns for this list, and for our Prayers of the People at Sunday worship, to Becky or Rev. Jen.

Weekly Devotional

Our readings this week include exploration of hunger--spiritual and physical hunger.

Suzanne Guthrie's weekly devotional is found at the button below. At the top left hand corner you will find the readings of the week.

Here is the link for the weeks readings as well as the devotional [Edge of the Enclosure](#)

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