
Christ Church News Note

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA**NewsNote Vol. 1, No. 21**
Advent 1**A Stewardship Prayer**

Oh Lord, Giver of life and Source of Freedom:
We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretaker of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Barbara Bonham, Senior Warden
Stewardship 2020

You will be receiving a stewardship pledge card in the mail from our Senior Warden, Barbara Bonham, on behalf of the Vestry. Please consider how you may serve, support and sustain our church and its mission this year--perhaps in new and innovative ways for this very unusual time.

Happy New Year! Advent is the beginning of our church year. You will notice this in our Gospel readings--we are at the beginning of Year B, and Year B is the year that we concentrate on the Gospel According to Mark. Each Gospel has a different flavor, and Mark's telling of Jesus' life is full of action and urgency, which you will see in the repeated word "immediately..."

Here's a New Year's Resolution idea for you: try reading through the Gospel According to Mark from beginning to end once a month--it will change the way you understand and hear the Gospel messages on Sundays and in daily devotionals. (And Mark is the shortest Gospel--perhaps this is a good year to start such a resolution.)

But *happy* new year???-amidst all that is unsettling, distressing, and even frightening? You'll hear in the Gospel message this week that outlines scary times indeed. Our work during Advent, and during *this* Advent, is to learn and practice how to be faithful in the midst of trials and tribulations, which are always among us.

November 29, 2020 Advent 1
Preparation for the Coming of the Christ Child

November 29, 2020 is Fifth Sunday

Scripture Readings for November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

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

Worship this Sunday

**Liturgy of the Word 9.30 am on Zoom
Father Mike Kreuzter, presiding
Father Elaine Silverstrim, ZOOM guru**

**It's easy! Click the link or the Sunday ZOOM button below and
join.**

***You need not participate unless you wish to...you can just watch
and worship.***

We will not be able to tape this Sunday

Sunday ZOOM

Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

**Due to high levels of COVID-19 in our county,
we are currently worshipping online**

Here is a copy of the new **diocesan guidelines** (click on the bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. When Greene County is **purple** we are always on-line worship.

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

Ohio Dept of Health Map

Stewardship and Pledges

Please help us close the 2020 financial year with your remaining pledge, and please prayerfully consider what you can offer to in 2021.

Talent and Time needed!

- *Lectors**
- *Zoom operators (not difficult--we'll teach you!)**
- *contributor to the congregation or stories of the church**
- *backup videographers**
- *Weekly newsletter editor (we'll teach you!)**

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

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CALLING ALL LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

We need lectors and intercessors for Sunday worship--live and via Zoom.

Please contact the church office.

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++Parish Prayer List++

We ask God's blessing and healing: For Rick, Brad, Karen, Jenny, Sayre, and Chris H, Keith and Susan, John N, Cynda, baby Amelia, Diana, Peter, Heather, David, John R, Rob H, Carol H, Tawn, Bishop Breidenthal, John G, Dave W and family, Autumn, Rev John T, Woody W, Spears family, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

In God's Nearer Presence: Dr. Mukul Chandra, Robert Kimmet

Please keep Bishop Breidenthal in your prayers for continued recovery and a joyous retirement. This is his last Sunday as bishop.

++Christian Formation++

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**

Advent Devotionals and Music

There is a wealth of Advent devotionals and special offerings in this year of COVID--all delivered to you via the internet.

Here are three that are quite different from each other:

Calvin University Campus Choir

"Healer of our Every Ill" click here: **Healer Concert**

7.00 pm, Sunday November 29th

Diocese of Southern Ohio Becoming Beloved Community

Way of Love Advent Series click here: **Way of Love**

7.00-8.30pm Wednesday December 2

Diocese of Southern Ohio

Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols

This will be livestreamed only click here: **Advent Procession**

5:00 pm Sunday, December 2

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