

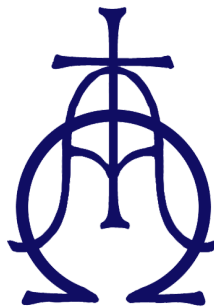
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**Christ Church News Note**

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**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA****NewsNote Vol. 1, No. 23**  
**Advent 3****Stewardship****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 have received 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.

We are moving through this strange wilderness called COVID, and feeling the strain. I just wanted you to know that we remain committed to nimbleness in our worship services. This week I hope to receive new equipment for streaming services; high hopes for improving that experience. I should be able to give you information about our Christmas services in a special mailing this week or next week. In the meantime, wait and watch...a true Advent.

## ***CHRISTMAS OUTREACH FOR OUR NEIGHBORS***

*Gifts of Sustenance for Baby Jesus and All Babies*

### **Diaper Christmas Outreach: Diaper Drive**

Mother Lynn Sinnott sent me news that our local outreach organizations, including FISH, are in great need of diapers.

I am guessing that Mary and Joseph worried about how they would make it home with a newborn without a terrible mess on their hands (and their donkey).

So: we will also have a diaper drive! We will work to have a barrel on our porch, and ask that you bring diapers for Lynn to collect. We hope to have a vigil for Baby Jesus on Christmas eve, and ask for even more diapers, and even baby food, for all the families that need them right now.

### **Five Dollars for FISH Christmas Outreach**

For our parish outreach this season, we will be collecting donations for the FISH Food Pantry. Our goal is modest: \$5 from 30 parishioners/families. *If you feel so moved, please give more.* The FISH Food Pantry can make this money go much farther than any of us can do shopping. Please send in or bring \$5 to Christ Episcopal Church/Nickell House, [68 E. Church Street, Xenia, 45385](#) and we will write a check for the pantry. Make your checks to Christ Episcopal and put FISH in the memo line--or just tuck in a \$5 bill.

Bless you in your everyday matters, and bless you every day.

December 13, 2020 Advent 3  
Preparation for the Coming of the Christ Child

**December 13, 2020 is Second Sunday**

**Scripture Readings for December 13**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**  
**Psalm 126 or Canticle 3 or Canticle 15**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

*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**  
**Rev. Mike Kreutzer, presiding**  
**Tara P., Meeting Convener**

**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.***

Sunday ZOOM link

### ***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 **4 Dec Updated Worship Guidelines** (click on the  
bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. The bishops of  
Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote when we are **purple or  
red**. With the terrible spike in cases and COVID-related deaths, we will be  
remote until further notice--through December, and likely into January.

*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++

**Prayers for your daily devotions**

**Healing**

For John G., Bev H., Brad, John N, Rick B, Cynda, Connie, baby Amelia, Karen, Diana, Peter, Heather, David, Rev John T, Woody W, Bob M, Traci S, Rick F, Richard L., Rogue C and family, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

**In God's Nearer Presence**

Infant son of Rogue C.

Coyla W.

Casey G.

For all victims of COVID-19

All the victims of racial unrest

We pray for comfort and healing for those who grieve.

**On-going prayer**

Matt, Trisha, Reid, Trish, Carolyn, Shayna, Kathy, Steve, Dorothy, Marcia, Shirley, Terry, Arlene, Kim, Jill, Lynne, Cynthia, Tiffany, Heidi, Madysun, Ken, Lamar, Laura and Avis, John, Grandma Ann, Greg, Jess and Tim, Tom, Tawn, Autumn, and Marsha S.

***Please keep our diocese in your prayers, especially Bishop Ken, Bishop Nedi, and Bishop Wendell, and the Standing Committee who will be serving the diocese for the coming months as we discern the process for calling a new 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**

### **++Previous Sermons++**

#### **Last Sunday's Sermon In the Wilderness**

#### **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 two this week:

#### **Calvin University Campus Choir**

click here: **Healer Concert**

7.00 pm, Sunday Dec 13

#### **Diocese of Southern Ohio Becoming Beloved Community**

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

7.00-8.30pm Wednesday December 9

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