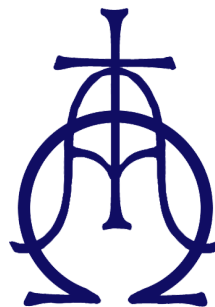

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A note from Reverend Jennifer

+++FIRST, IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH!!!!!!+++

Do you miss church? Communion? Singing hymns? Seeing our church family?

So do I. I just stopped the scheduled sending of this newsletter so that I could insert this link--> **You'll be back**

in this message. It is for your viewing pleasure, for a laugh, and for solace for your heart and soul. Please click it!

Okay, back to the regularly scheduled message...

I'm still on vacation--but I am spending the last days of my vacation getting ready for Sunday--and for the next month, as Christ Episcopal tests the waters of in person worship. We will continue to be pilgrims together in this adventure: as the number of COVID cases changes (here and in Clark County, where I teach), we will be nimble and creative so that we may worship together.

Our lectionary this week includes powerful images of hunger, and of being fed, even when that seems impossible. The reading from Matthew is the Feeding of the Five Thousand, an event recorded in all four Gospels. The reading from Isaiah also assures us of being fed--even when our hunger is that gritchy, uncertain feeling in the soul that needs something it can't even name. These readings are apt metaphors and

resources for our current moment of uncertainty and challenge, our hunger for community, for Eucharist, for worship together.

We remember that ***all will be fed***. Over these months, we've figured out how to be together when apart. That sounds mysterious, but what it means is that our worship time will return to 9.30 am on Sundays. Sometimes this will be all remote via Zoom, sometimes it will be a hybrid worship--live streaming in person, recorded for later viewing as well. And we will continue to remember our parishioners--15 of us--who worship in spirit each week via the devotionals and messages sent by US mail.

Please do join us in our worship together, however configured. We will build a new community in these new and challenging times! Contact me if you'd like a practice session with Zoom. Remember, ***all will be fed***.

Peace--

--Rev Jennifer

July 29, 2020

August 2, 2020 is First Sunday

Scripture Readings for August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Worship August 2

9.30 am via Zoom

Service will be recorded and made available for later streaming

Coffee Hour August 2

10.30 am via Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 9: 9.30 am IN CHURCH SANCTUARY: Liturgy of the Word. Please contact office if you plan to come in person.

August 16: 9.30 am IN CHURCH SANCTUARY.

We will celebrate the rite of Holy Baptism.

++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++

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.

Bible Study

We will begin our Bible Study on Wednesday, August 5th, at 5 pm via Zoom. You will be invited by email, and can join by computer, tablet, or phone. We will be reading Paul's Letter to the Romans.
Romans 1:1-7 with a look at Romans 10:5-15.

Prayer List

Please keep Kim Bayless's daughter Heather in your prayers--she has breast cancer. Other prayer concerns: Cynda, baby Amelia, Claris, Barbara, Karen.
Please send your concerns for this list, and for our Prayers of the People at Sunday worship, to Becky or Rev. Jen.

Devotional: Edge of the Enclosure

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