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Christ Episcopal Church

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**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA****NewsNote Vol. 1, No. 7**  
**August 12, 2020***A note from Reverend Jennifer*

Greetings to you all.

**++First, a practical matter: my in-office day this semester will be THURSDAY.** Of course, with COVID-19, we have all kinds of communication capacity with email, Zoom, text, phone, snail mail...you just let me know!++

This week, if the COVID-19 level in Greene County remains at 2, Christ Episcopal Xenia will have in-person worship this Sunday, August 16th. We will be celebrating the Rite of Baptism--such a wonderful, lovely ceremony--as we welcome the Hayley, Chris, and Lacey Goss into the fellowship of Christ. Because these are unusual times, we will have to have some unusual practices. The Gosses' sponsors: Jim and Joyce Goins, and Lee and Elaine Silverstrim, will be present in spirit, and those present will be voicing their prayers to responsibility to help them in their walk with Jesus. But of course, we as a congregation will pledge the same.

The Gospel passage is one of my very favorite--Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman ("even dogs eat crumbs under the table!"). We've had robust Bible studies we we have disagreed about how Jesus as man

and Jesus as divine manifest in Jesus' mission; I am certain that Jesus in this passage is experiencing the exhaustion and aggravation of having one too many demands made on him, and that the Canaanite woman changes him, making him aware that his mission is far greater than he had originally realized. It is a wonderful message for the day of baptism: just as we make our special promises and are marked as Christ's own forever, we are sent out into the world to serve ALL people, not just those in our church.

Sending prayers of peace and strength to you as you encounter a world hungry for love,

--Rev Jennifer

August 16, 2020 is Third Sunday

### Scripture Readings for August 16--Proper 15

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

### Worship August 16

Holy Baptism at 9.30 am in the sanctuary

*Service will be recorded and made available for later viewing*

### No Coffee Hour August 16

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 16: 9.30 am IN CHURCH SANCTUARY.**

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

**August 23: 4th Sunday. You will be sent a variety of options for on-line worship.**

**August 31: 5th Sunday. Stay tuned!**

**After August 16 we will resume remote worship for some weeks. Rev. Jennifer will be exposed to a variety of microbes as Wittenberg begins the semester. We will keep you informed!**

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***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! **We need you!**

**++Christian Formation++**

**Education for Ministry (EFM) has openings!**

EFM is an Episcopal based four year deep learning curriculum that explores scripture and faith with trained leaders. Fr. Elaine has contacts with an EFM group

that would like some more members. **Please contact Fr. Elaine if you would like to join EFM in September.** Don't miss this opportunity! You can reach Fr. Elaine at [leelaine71@gmail.com](mailto:leelaine71@gmail.com).

## Bible Study

We will continue our Bible Study on Wednesday, August 12th, at 5 pm via Zoom. ***This Bible study will be 30 minutes long, as Vestry meets at 5.45. If someone is willing to be moderator, the Bible study can continue when I leave to join the Vestry.***

Text: Romans 1:16-17; 3:22-31

Contact Rev. Jen if you need help with Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

## 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.

***We pray that Baby Amelia will get stronger and come home soon!***

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

## Weekly Devotional and Sermon

The sermon from last week will be emailed separately--the face shield garbled the recording!

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.

Devotional: Edge of the Enclosure

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