

## **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA**

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Ash Wednesday  
First Sunday of Lent**



**Service and Annual Meeting will be by Zoom this Sunday  
and by live stream to Facebook.**

**FACEBOOK link**

**Link for Sunday Worship on Zoom 9.30 am Sunday:  
click button below**

**ZOOM link**

### **A message from Rev. Jennifer**

Thanks to all for a very inspirational meeting--the first of its kind on Zoom. You will be receiving information about the items to vote on as well as ballots by mail in the next few days.

Now we turn our hearts and minds and souls to Lent, a time of self examination and reflection, and of our best efforts to make amends and amendments of behavior. I hope you will be able to join us for any of our **Lenten Bible studies at 8.30 on Wednesdays starting February 24--and for our Ash Wednesday liturgy starting tonight (Tuesday) 8.30 on Zoom and ending tomorrow (Weds) with the imposition of ashes at 12 and 6** as noted below.

I know in this time of reflection I will be lamenting my shortcomings, but giving thanks for the marvelous gifts that have come my way in this very strange year.

Please see our on-going outreach which we will use for our Lenten Discipline--details below. It is our way to remember those who are vulnerable and in need--and to remember that all we have belongs to God.

Wishing you a blessed Lent,

Jennifer+

### **LENTEN OFFERINGS**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Tues, Feb 16 at 8.30 pm**  
*by Zoom/Facebook (same links)*

**Imposition of Ashes: Weds, Feb 17 at 12 noon and 6 pm**  
*Ashes to Go (see below)*

**Lenten Series *Scripture through Pictures*: Wednesdays at 8.30**  
*by Zoom/Facebook (same links)*

**Rite of Christian Burial for Barbara Lucille Horton Symonds**  
**Thurs, Feb 18th at 2.00**  
*Attendance by Facebook (use link above)*

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## **Prayers**

### **A Prayer for Ash Wednesday**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth and filled us with the breath of life. With all your creatures, our bodies are subject to illness, violence, frailty and death. In this time of pandemic when daily life is filled with reminders of our mortality, help us to remember that by your gracious gift we are given everlasting life, and by your mercy we are freed to return to you and accept it with unburdened hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FYI at Christ Episcopal Xenia

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**Wednesday, February 17  
Ash Wednesday/Ashes to Go:**

**12.00 noon: Drive through Masonic Home parking lot**

**6.00 pm: Drive through public parking lot across  
from Xenia library and Nickell house**

**For Ash Wednesday, you may receive ashes on your forehead  
while in your car at 12.00 noon or 6 pm. Rev. Jennifer will wear  
face shield and mask; ashes will be imposed with disposable Q-  
tip**

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February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

**Preacher: Rev. Stephen Cuff  
Scripture Readings for February 21**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

**Mark 1:9-15**

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

Christ Church Clothes Etc. Outreach:  
Clothes for Children in Foster Care

Clothes, Etc. is continuing outreach to the community--community members can call for an appointment to come and find clothing. A second outreach is also emerging: serving social workers and children who have been placed in foster care. Clothes Etc. is putting together packets of clothing by gender and size--underwear, socks, pants and shirt--and then inviting social workers to make appointments to get packets for the children they serve. If you would like to help, see below...

**Older girls: sizes 12-18**

Jeans/pants  
Shirts/tops  
Socks  
Sweat shirts  
Athletic bras  
Coats  
Hats  
Gloves  
**New** underwear/panties (all other clothes can be used)

**Older boys: sizes 12-18**

Jeans/pants  
Long sleeved warm shirts  
Socks  
Sweat shirts  
Cotton tshirts  
Coats  
Hats  
Gloves  
**New** underwear (all other clothes can be used)

**Hygiene Items**

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
hairbrush

***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**

**The bishops of Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote until the current rates of infection are lessened. We will be remote until further notice.**

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

**Ohio Dept of Health Map**

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## Pledges and Tithes

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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). You can also mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

## ++Parish Prayer List++

*Please contact church office to update or add names*

### Prayers for your daily devotions

#### Healing

Karen, Cheryl, Holly, Courtney, Ruth, Ruby, Clois, Aubyn, Barbara, Roxanne, McKinsey, Billy, Deb, Bob, Jim S, Marilyn, Brad, Maxine and Larry, Heather, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

#### In God's Nearer Presence

Andrew H (Maxine and Larry's brother-in-law)  
Vickie F (Ricky and Kim's niece)  
Larry Killian (Jonathan F's father-in-law)  
Rev. Stephen Casey (Fr. Elaine's friend)  
Barbara Symonds

**We pray for comfort and healing for those who grieve.**

**On-going prayer** *If a name has been removed from the list that you would like to see here, please let Rev. Jennifer or Becky know.*

Amelia, Madysun, David O, John G, Diana, Peter, Rev John T, David E., Deb, Bob, Jon, and Rick B.

Diocese of Southern Ohio

***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.***

## ++Previous Sermons++

**Rev. Jennifer "Going Through the Door" Feb 14, 2021**

**Mark 9:2-9**

**++Christian Formation++**

**Don't miss PBS's *The Black Church*, airing tonight (Tues 16th) and next week (Tues 23rd) at 9.00 pm.**

**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 week's readings as well as the devotional **Edge of the Enclosure**

**Weekly Devotional**

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God's blessing be with us,  
Christ's peace be with us,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with us,  
now and always. Amen.++

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