

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 9



Welcome! There is a lot of news in this issue--please scroll down..

Celebrant and Preacher : Jennifer Oldstone-Moore

We will NOT stream to Facebook this week

[Link to Facebook page](#)

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A Prayer for Independence Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindred and tongues Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to ail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(BCP, p. 826)

New COVID-19 Protocols

According to new instructions from our diocese,

*no mask is required for any person who is vaccinated

*masks are required for those who are unvaccinated, or in the presence of those who are unable to be vaccinated (children, immunocompromised)

*full communion--but with celebrant dipping bread into wine

*singing without masks

*no seating limitations

Read the complete guidelines [here](#)

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Scripture Readings for Proper 9 (July 4)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Cor 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

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

Save the date!

Becky Gentry has retired from her position at Church Administrator at the end of this month. **Please *SAVE THE DATE* for our parish celebration to thank and honor her.**

**When: July 11, after Sunday worship
Where: Parish Hall**

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Rebecca who as enriched this community and brought gladness to this congregation. Bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Guide her in the continued use of your gifts. Give her sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer her way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which year are now calling her. By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meet Nikki Lange, Our New Parish Administrator

My name is Nikki Lange and I'm a therapeutic foster mom. Before I had the calling to help kiddos in our care system, I was a project manager, writer and all around team player for a children's educational publishing company in Columbus. In my spare time I like to write, play games, spend time with my family and chase my grandson around.

Nikki has been working alongside Becky to learn the ropes and will be fully on board as Parish Administrator on July 1. Nikki will attend several Sunday services in the next few months--say hi there, or drop in at Nickell House! Welcome, Nikki!

Lord Jesus, you are the God from whom all blessings flow. We pray that you will bless Nikki in her new position as Parish Administrator. She is made in your image; may the talents you have bestowed upon her be a blessing to our parish and a source of satisfaction to her. May Nikki's work help all of Christ

Episcopal use hands and hearts to bring your Kingdom among us. In your holy Name we pray. *Amen.*

WE NEED YOU!

We are resuming our scheduling for lay leadership in Sunday worship. If you have volunteered in the past, you may have been notified that you are scheduled to help--let Joanne or Nikki know if these times don't work...better yet, find a substitute! Do let the office know if a switch has been made.

Ways to serve:

be a lector (read scripture--you'll have a copy ahead of time)

be an Intercessor (read the Prayers of the People)

be an usher

be a Eucharistic Minister (assist Rev. Jen at the Eucharist)

be a Worship Leader (lead Morning Prayer on Fourth Sundays)

be on Altar Guild (help set up and clean up the altar)

this fall, join the choir

Blessings to all of you for serving Christ Church in these ministries.

**Camp Procter: August 2-5
SILVER CAMP WITH REV. STEPHEN CUFF!!!**

This year Procter Camp will have a session directed by our own Rev. Stephen Cuff. Silver Camp is for folks 50 and up. Come join us for carefree camp days...there will be lots of activities for all to enjoy. You can do not or all--the choice is yours. There will be daily prayer sessions and Bible study--and wonderful fellowship.

You can find out about Silver Camp and other family camp opportunities by clicking [HERE: Procter Camp](#)

NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

We continue to need clothes for young people and hygiene items.

Thank you for your support!

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Cat needs home!

A small and very loving white cat has been cared for by David Onorato outside his apartment, but clearly wants to be an indoor cat. (The cat follows David to church and tries to join us at worship). Please let Rev Jen know if you would like to adopt this cat. If there are vet expenses to the adoption, we can help.

++Parish Prayer List++

Prayers for your daily devotions

Please contact church office to update or add names

Healing prayer

Shayna, Kelly, John, Rick B, Ruth, Cynda, Heather, John G, Diana and Peter, Ron, and all who suffer because of COVID-19.

On-going prayer list

Holly, Madysun, John T, Ken, Lamar, Jess and Tim, Greg, David E, Heidi, Karen, Karen, Barry, David O, Amelia, John G, and Carolyn, and the Hammond and Riddle families.

A special request for prayer: Ruby Webster

Ruby Webster often attended Christ Episcopal Xenia in recent years; she is a great friend to several in our congregation. Ruby is moving to Mason, OH into an assisted living apartment. Ruby has lived in her home for over 60 years and this is a major change in her life. We hold Ruby dear in our hearts as she makes this transition. Please pray for her as she begins a new chapter, and perhaps write her a note!

If a name has been removed from the list that you would like to see here, please let Rev. Jennifer, Brad, or Nikki know.

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++Christian Formation++

***Opportunity for in-depth Bible Study: Education for Ministry (EfM)**

Deb Johns, EfM Mentor for the greater Dayton area, will be at church services at 9:30 AM on August 1, 2021. She will speak briefly during that service about the Education for Ministry program. The EfM program is a four year study of Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Church History, Theology & Ethics that you commit to one year at a time. The curriculum comes from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. Deb has conducted an EfM group for the last 5 years in Dayton. She will also be available to answer question after the service during coffee hour and will have the books and materials with her.

***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

Last week's sermon
Father Mike Kreutzer June 27
click above...

I on Thy path O God
Thou God in my steps.

Bless to me, O God
The earth beneath my foot,
Bless to me, O God,
The path whereon I go.

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From Esther de Waal, "Every Earthly Blessing"

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