

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 10**



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

Celebrant and Preacher : Jennifer Oldstone-Moore

We will stream to Facebook this week

[Link to Facebook page](#)

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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 10 (July 11)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

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

THANK YOU!!

Becky Gentry has retired from her position at Church Administrator.

This Sunday is 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. 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](#)

Are you a batty person?

Did you know that bats can eat thousands of insect in a single night?

We have two bat boxes that will shelter bats who will then slip out at night to eat the bugs, including mosquitoes, in your yard. Just let Nikki, Brad, or Rev. Jen know if you would like one of them.

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 found home!

Our adopted parish cat has found a home with Debbie and Holly Gillespie. Many thanks to David for sustaining this wee beastie, and we wish the Gillespies all blessings in their expanded household.

++Parish Prayer List++
Prayers for your daily devotions
Please contact church office to update or add names

Healing prayer

Shayna, Kelly, John, Rick, Ruth, Cynda, Heather, John, Diana and Peter, Maheen, Naureen, Abdul, Austin, Ron, Ruby, 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.

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

Rev. Jen, "From the Weakness of Many, Interdependence"

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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