

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 14



Welcome!

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore

We WILL stream to Facebook this week

[Link to Facebook page](#)

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New Emails for the Parish Office

There are three people are using the same email and it's difficult. We are breaking up the general ChristEpiscopalXenia@gmail.com email into the following separate emails to serve our parish and our community better. Please start using these new and easy emails to reach the following people:

Remarkable Reverend Jennifer - CECX.Priest@gmail.com

Bookkeeper Extraordinaire Becky - CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com

Dynamite Parish Administrator Nikki - CECX.Office@gmail.com

**New Healing Service:
First, Second and Third Wednesdays**

We will begin a midweek service on first, second, and third Wednesdays. This will be a liturgy for healing and communion.

The next service is Wednesday, August 11th at 11.00 am in the sanctuary.

As we learn what times are best for those who wish to attend, we may adjust the time for this service--do read your newsletter.

*In order to protect the ill and those who care for them, **masks will be worn over nose and mouth by all at this service, regardless of vaccine status.***

Current COVID-19 Protocols

New Update from our diocese (as of August 2, 2021):

- People attending services and meetings held indoors are to resume wearing masks, even if they are vaccinated

- Full communion—but with celebrant dipping bread into wine
- singing with masks
- no seating limitations
- When Bishop Smith arrives at the diocese on August 15th, he is going to gather the COVID Medical Task Force to consider any further measures

Read the complete guidelines [here](#). Please be prepared for changes as we continue to learn about this virus.

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Scripture Readings for Proper 14 (August 8)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

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

I'll Meet You at the Grandstand!

The Greene County Fair is going on from August 2nd until the 7th! There are rides, an exhibition hall, food and events at the Grandstand. Wednesday from 4pm to 10pm is Family Night with discount prices and special giveaway for each child. Get more information at the [Greene County Fair here!](#)

Free Oil Change!

The ministry of Xenia Grace Chapel provides a free oil change event 3 times a year for single moms, senior citizens, or those struggling financially. Dates for the 2021 Oil Changes are:

April 10th, August 7th, and October 30th

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: [100 Grace Drive, Xenia, OH 45385](#)

You need to complete a simple form and turn it in one (1) week prior to the oil change so they can give you one of the limited appointments and make sure they have the parts needed for your vehicle. Please call or email Nikki if you need a form.

It's that Time of Year Again!

The Xenia Nazarene Church is ready to help kiddos get ready for school with two events. Their Back To School Bash is this Saturday, August 7th from 6pm - 7:30pm with free backpacks, supplies, food and refreshments! Then, on August 22nd from 6pm to 7pm, kiddos can get free shoes! Note - All supplies and shoes are for school-aged kiddos **present at the events!**

Prayers for your daily devotions:

Current Prayer List

We pray for healing for those who suffer from any illness or distress, especially Ron, Shayna, Chris, John, Rick, Ruth, Cynda, Jennifer, Heather, John, Diana and Peter, Caroline, Maheen, Tom, Ron, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron, Shayna, Kelly, John, Rick, Ruth, Cynda, Jennifer, Heather, John, Diana and Peter, Maheen.

Congratulations to Ruth Palmer for a big weekend!

Ruth underwent a momentous event to the church when she was **baptized** this past weekend! This ceremony is an important indicator of Ruth's faith in the crucified and risen Lord, and a sign of membership in our parish. Ruth, you are sealed by Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. May your soul enjoy a song of love, joy and peace.

Do You Know What a Cavie Is?

Nikki didn't, but thanks to Ruth Palmer she does now!

Ruth also won **second place in the state** for her project on caring for cavies! Who knew that little guinea pigs could carry such big accolades! We are sure Butterscotch and his little cavie friend love having someone as talented and dedicated as Ruth taking care of them every day. Congratulations, Ruth!

Our Vital Vestry

Want to keep up with our valiant Vestry? We will begin posting a link to the minutes for their meetings. Just check this space after the second Wednesday of each month when the Vestry meet to stay in the know. Here's a link to the minutes from June (there was no meeting in July): [June Vestry Notes](#)

Weekly Devotional

Our weekly devotional comes from Suzanne Guthrie's "At the Edge of the Enclosure: Soul Work for Sunday." This is a lovely devotional that takes a spiritual pilgrimage each week with reflection, prayer, art, poetry, and commentary on the scriptures. There are links to other resources; Rev. Jen loves the Visual Commentary on Scripture [Edge of the Enclosure](#)

There is a tab on the main page that will take you to the scripture readings for the week.

[Weekly Scripture Reading](#)

Last Week's Sermon

Last Sunday's sermon was an invitation to Education for Ministry as a way to explore the Bible, history of the church, and how we think about God. Here is a sermon that offers reflections on Jesus' statement, "I am the Bread of Life" by Scott Hoezee. It is food for thought since for the next few weeks we are going to be contemplating Jesus' statements about being bread beyond daily bread. Click the link for Rev. Jennifer's Sunday sermon. [August 1st, 2021 Sermon](#)

NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Christ Church Clothes Etc. Outreach:

We are starting a special area to collect clothes for Children in Foster Care! Please spread the word and donate as able.

Do you have any unused office supplies or school supplies sitting around the house? Bring them to the office or even to the church on Sunday and we will give them away during our Community Closet on Tuesday.

We need volunteers to help with our Community Closet!

Do you have a little spare time? Want to help our community? Would you like to spend time with other people doing the same? Even if you just have an hour or two, please come to the office any time during the following windows: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 11am and Tuesdays from 9am to 2pm.

We continue to need clothes for our community! While we gladly accept all clothing in good condition, we especially need items for school-aged kiddos, teens, and men. Hygiene items are always in great need. Contact the office for details.



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