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Proper 16

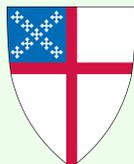


Welcome!

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Michael Kreutzer

We will NOT stream to Facebook this week

[Link to Facebook page](#)



Rev. Jen...

...is on vacation in Washington State until the middle of next week. She has no internet connection and her cell reception is spotty.

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Update Your Emails for the Parish Office

Please update the emails in your computer for when you want to contact Rev. Jen, Becky or Nikki. Having all three use the same email (ChristEpiscopalXenia@gmail.com) is making life difficult.

Reverend "Jet-setter" Jennifer - CECX.Priest@gmail.com

Bookkeeper "Number Cruncher" Becky - CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com

Parish Administrator "New Kid" Nikki - CECX.Office@gmail.com

New Healing Service

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

The next service is September 1st 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.*

We Need Your Musical Input!



What's your favorite hymn? We want to know! You can either email Nikki [here](#) or give the office a quick ring at 937-372-1594.

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 16 (August 22)

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

*If you're on a computer, you can [click here to read the Scripture Readings](#).
You can find copies of our weekly devotional at the bottom of this note.*

It's that Time of Year Again!

The Xenia Nazarene Church is ready to help kiddos get ready for school! On August 22nd from 6pm to 7pm, kiddos can get free shoes! Note - All shoes are for school-aged kiddos **present at the events!**

Proclaiming the Dream

The Diocese is having an in-person "Convocation" on September 25th from 10am to 4pm. We're gathering the diocesan family for our first in-person event in almost 2 years! Part country fair, part tent revival, there will be fun, formation and fellowship for all ages. Activities will be mainly outdoors. Masks will be required for any activities inside buildings at Procter. This event is free! You will be responsible for purchasing any food items, or you can bring your own. Registration is required for planning purposes. **[Click here for more info and to register!](#)**

You Oughta Be in Pictures!

We need your help to take pictures of our church, parish hall, and people! We will use them to not only update our website but also to have for other needs as they arise. Once you have pictures, you can contact Nikki via phone or email and she can help you get the pictures to the office once she knows the details of the camera you are using. Please take pictures whenever the opportunity presents itself - or when the mood strikes you!

Prayers for your daily devotions:

Current Prayer List

We pray for healing for those who suffer from any illness or distress, especially Ron, Tom, Rick, Chris, Ruth, Cynda, Heather, John, Sarah, Amelia, Charlotte, Kim, Caroline, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

Long Term Prayer List

Holly, Madysun, John T, Ken, Lamar, Jess and Tim, Greg, David E, Heidi, Karen, Barry, David O., John G., Carolyn, and Diana and Peter.

Our Vibrant Vestry

Want to keep up with our vaunted 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.

Your Vestry members are:

- Jennie Hudson, Senior Warden
- Bradley Alexander, Junior Warden
- Debbie Gillispie, Member at Large
- Rick Bayless, Member at Large
- Jim Goines, Member at Large

A Beautiful Note and an Invitation from Cynda and Nigel Gunn:

In our thoughts and prayers. Church Family, I am not able to do alot, but I can cook. If someone wants to message me , with a favorite meal. and dietary meal allergies, I would be more then happy to cook a few different things I know we got quite a few who aren't feeling up to cooking because they have to care for family members or other things. Well, I am putting my hand up , saying. Here I am Lord, Allow me to give what I can do, so that families can be , families.

My personal email is cynda@ngunn.net. and I will try my best. As many of you have and are, coming and visiting me at home, too.

Thursday Aug 19th. Nigel and I will be married 21 years. I am having some friends over on Thursday, and anyone who wants to come, just let me know. We're making spaghetti, Just come over and share in some friendly fellowship and meet some of my extended family.. I know it is a school night and a work night. but it is simple to just put more spaghetti in a pot and boil it. If you want to come at 6pm. I am hoping to have the meal about 7. I am hoping it is nice, so we can be outside on our new deck, I am so proud of it... 1865 El Camino Drive. can park on the street, just don't block anyone's driveway. We do not have the jeep any longer, we got a car in the drive way. LOL . We are the house with the Christmas lights over the garage..

You do not have to bring anything except maybe a chair. You may want to bring whatever you like to drink. I have some pop and ice tea.

Cynda and Nigel

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

Click the link for Rev. Stephen's sermon. **August 15th 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.

...I know that I have life

only insofar as I have love.

I have no love
except it come from Thee.

Help me, please, to carry
this candle against the wind.

--Wendell Berry, *Leavings* (2012)

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