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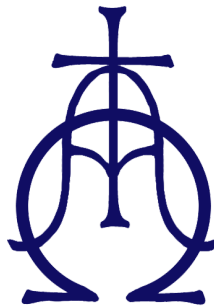
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## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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**Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Proper 20**

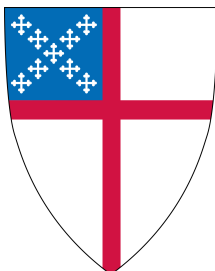


**Welcome!**

**Preacher: Rev. Stephen Cuff**  
**Celebrant : Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore**

***We WILL stream to Facebook this week***

[Link to Facebook page](#)



Researching Alexander Crummell for this week's sermon was a joy: wonderful stories of a man who was a witness to God and to the Gospel whose story I had not known. What really caught my attention (and something that was challenging to put into a sermon) was how difficult a person Alexander Crummell was. He had a sometimes harsh and demanding personality. I certainly admire him, especially for his relentless efforts to change education, the church, and America for the better, to a greater and more noble vision of equality and opportunity. I found that I liked that

he was such a difficult, and sometimes unlikable person, and that I liked that he made mistakes because of pride and ambition, and I liked that the problems in his family were noted. All of these things remind me that saints are problematic people of flesh and blood and hear the call and respond—and who, when faced with difficulty or challenge—keep at it. It's not a Disney film; it's the Gospel—it's not good times, it's Good News. That's something I can work to emulate.

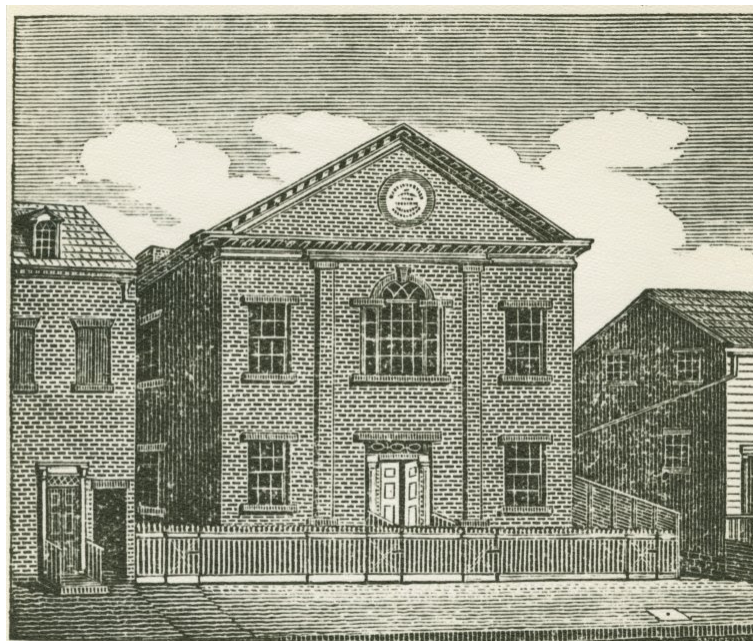
You may have heard of the book *The Souls of Black Folk* by WEB DuBois. A whole chapter is dedicated to Crummell and it says this:

He did his work,—he did it nobly and well; and yet I sorrow that here he worked alone, with so little human sympathy. His name to-day, in this broad land, means little, and comes to fifty million ears laden with no incense of memory or emulation. And herein lies the tragedy of the age: not that men are poor,—all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked,—who is good? not that men are ignorant,—what is Truth? Nay, but that men know so little of men. <sup>1</sup>

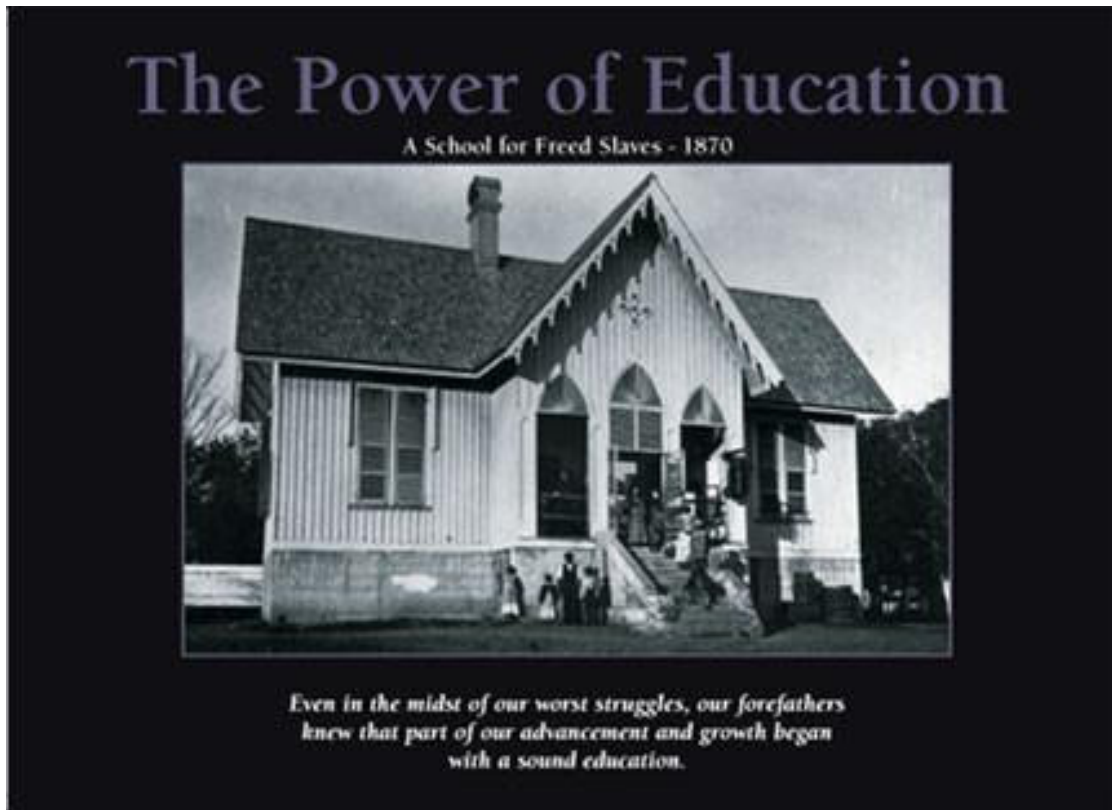
DuBois speaks of ignorance and knowledge; surely Crummell's life was a testament to pursuing and sowing seeds of knowledge, extending education and thus opportunity to those who had been excluded and kept from learning. May we each find what we have to offer—and may we sow it widely and lavishly.

Rev. Jen+

<sup>1</sup> WEB DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), 152.



NEW-YORK AFRICAN FREE-SCHOOL, No. 2.  
Engraved from a drawing taken by P. Reason, a pupil, aged 13 years.



The Power of Education - A School for Freed Slaves - 1870

Even in the midst of our worst struggles, our forefathers knew that part of our advancement and growth began with a sound education.

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### **NEW Parish Office Emails**

We need to split up the main email ([ChristEpiscopalXenia@gmail.com](mailto:ChristEpiscopalXenia@gmail.com)). Please update the emails in your computer for Rev. Jen, Becky or Nikki.

Rev. "Coin Toss" Jen - [CECX.Priest@gmail.com](mailto:CECX.Priest@gmail.com)

Bookkeeper "Heads" Becky - [CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com)

Parish Administrator "Tails" Nikki - [CECX.Office@gmail.com](mailto: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 15th 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.*

## **Proclaiming the Dream: Diocesan Convocation**

**Saturday, September 25 ~ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ~ Procter Center**

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 –

- Story Sharing
  - Liturgical Free-Cycle tent
  - DSO Bake-off
  - Revival Eucharist at 3 p.m.
  - Exhibits & Vendors
- Games
  - Kids' activities
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Music
  - and more!

Activities will be mainly outdoors. Masks will be required for any activities inside buildings at Procter.

This event is free! Food will be available for purchase or you can bring your own. **Registration is required for planning purposes.**

**Learn more and register!**

### **Attention Choristers! (And all who like to sing!)**

Choir will begin in October under the direction of Choirmaster Chris Oldstone-Moore. Details to follow but let the Church Office know if you're interested in raising your voice in song!

### **We Need Your Musical Input!**

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

***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*
- *Communion in one kind, bread, only.*
- *singing with masks on*
- *no seating limitations*

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

### **Third Dose For Immune-Compromised Individuals Available at GCPH**

Greene County Public Health (GCPH) is providing the 3rd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine only to those individuals who are immune-compromised who have had either Pfizer or Moderna. At this time, it is not recommended for an additional dose for those who received the J&J vaccine.

- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (20 milligrams or more of prednisone daily or an equivalent) including:
  - alkylating agents
  - antimetabolites
  - cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive
  - transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs
  - tumor-necrosis (TNF) blockers
  - other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Moderate or severe immunodeficiency such as DiGeorge or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
- Received a CAR-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant and are within two years of transplant or taking immunosuppression therapy
- Received a solid-organ transplant and are presently taking immunosuppressive therapy
- Undergoing cancer treatment – solid tumors and hematologic malignancies

GCPH holds a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Thursday of each week from 2:00 – 3:30pm at its main office located at [360 Wilson Drive](#) in Xenia. You can visit [this website](#) to schedule a time, or simply stop by our clinic on any Thursday during the above hours. Be sure to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card with you to your appointment. If you have any questions, please call 937-374-5600.

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## Scripture Readings for September 19th

**Proverbs 31:10-31**

**Psalm 1**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

**Mark 9:30-37**

*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.*

## Two Fun Ways to Support ECM

As the outreach arm of the diocese, **Episcopal Community Ministries** uses the power of our collective community to help fund local outreach ministries who are in the best position to assess and respond to neighborhood needs.

### **"Bake" a difference and enter your sweet treats in the ECM Bake-Off!**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021 ~ Procter Center ~ part of the DSO  
Convocation**

The Bake-Off will have three entry categories:

- Cookies & Bars
- Pies
- Cakes & Cupcakes

Drop off your culinary creation at the ECM tent at Convocation by 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 25. At 11 a.m., ECM Committee members will judge the samples and declare the "Best Of" for each category.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. all entries will be sold by the slice or piece, so that all convocation attendees can enjoy your splendid sweets. Proceeds will go to ECM to fund local congregational outreach ministries. We know your goodies are made with love, and what

could be more appropriate than supporting the love shown by neighbors helping neighbors?

Requirements:

- All entries must be home-made.
- All entries must be made with love.
- A list of ingredients must be submitted to [aowens@diosohio.org](mailto:aowens@diosohio.org) by 9/23 so a card can be printed for each entry. This is essential information at the Bake Sale for people who may have food allergies.

Are you willing to share your recipe? If so, email your recipe to [aowens@diosohio.org](mailto:aowens@diosohio.org) by 9/23 and we will also sell recipes at the bake sale to raise additional funds for ECM.

[Click here to enter the Bake-Off!](#)

## OSU Football Ticket Raffle

Each \$25 donation to ECM enters you for a chance to win two tickets to see the Buckeyes take on the Maryland Terrapins on Saturday, October 9 at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

*These are exceptional tickets! They're in Section 18A, Row 34!*

You can enter for multiple raffle tickets – \$25 for 1; \$50 for 2, \$75 for 3, \$100 for 4.

Bishop Smith will draw the winning raffle ticket on Wednesday, 9/29. The winner will be notified by email with instructions on how to claim their tickets.

[Click Here to Donate for a Chance to Win!](#)

## 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, Karen, Tom, Rick, Kim, Ruth, Cynda, Heather, Cami, Jennifer, and Amelia, 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, David O., John G., Carolyn, and Diana and Peter.

## **Our Vaunted 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. **Vestry Minutes 8/11/21**

Your Vestry members are:

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

## **Spare Calendars**

Do you have any 2022 calendars that you won't use? Brad needs them! Please bring them by the office or the church whenever is convenient.

## **Free Classes From the Learning Portal**

Click on the title of the class for more information and to take any or all of these courses at any time that's convenient for you.

### **Holy Hardware**

Learn about the architecture, furnishings, and beliefs that make up Christian worship. Priest and liturgist Deon Johnson unpacks the theology and meaning behind some of the more common elements of 'holy hardware.'

### **Contemplative Knitting**

Learn how connecting a creative passion, such as knitting, to a contemplative prayer practice can change the consistency with which you pray, thereby deepening your relationship with God and helping you to serve others.

### **The Bible and Evangelism**

Evangelism, intentionally sharing our Christian faith through word and deed, is being centered in the Jesus Movement and its important for us to search the immense resources of scripture in order to inform and empower our work and mission. In this course, Learn how to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

### **Responding to Refugees**

Learn about refugees, resettlement, and how Christians might consider, and relieve, their plight in the course Responding to Refugees. Allison Duvall, from Episcopal Migration Ministries invites us to understand and come alongside those whom the Bible asks us to care for.



## 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. Jen's sermon. [Alex Crummell Sermon from 09/12/2021](#)

## 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.

***We especially need winter coats for children!***

**We need volunteers to help with our Community Clothing Closet!**

Do you have any 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 give the office a call and we'll figure out a time that works. ***This includes people who might like to come in when the office only has one or two people in it.***

We 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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