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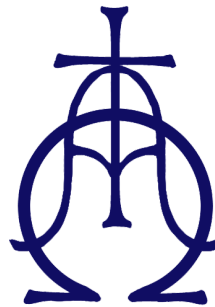
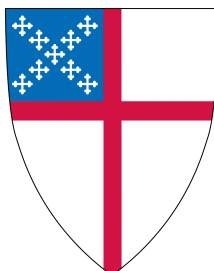
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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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**The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 23****Welcome!****Celebrant and Preacher : Rev. Jennifer Oldstone-
Moore*****We **WILL** stream to Facebook this week.***[Link to Facebook page](#)**Rev. Jen+**

Dear Friends:

St Francis reveled in the sanctity of the ordinary, that in our every day lives we are surrounded by God's goodness and love. I loved finding this poem—may your week find evidence of God's love and compassion in the most ordinary of moments.

Peace,

The Sacraments

I once spoke to my friend, an old squirrel, about the Sacraments—
he got so excited

and ran into a hollow in his tree and came
back holding some acorns, an owl feather,
and a ribbon he had found.

And I just smiled and said, "Yes, dear,
you understand:
everything imparts
His grace."

Upcoming Events at Christ Episcopal Church

Nov 7 All Saints' Sunday

Nov 21 St Cecilia Day hymn sing

Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent

Check this newsletter for more information as the dates get closer!

We need the names of the beloved departed for our All Saints necrology, which will be read on Nov 7th. You can send Nikki an email or give her a call in the office.

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Rev. Jen found her phone! We're back in business...

NEW Parish Office Emails

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

Rev. "Jumping in a Pile of Leaves" Jen - CECX.Priest@gmail.com

Bookkeeper "Roasting Chestnuts" Becky - CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com

Parish Administrator "Lost in a Corn Maze" 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 October 13th 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.*

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

Choir is just beginning under the direction of Choirmaster Chris Oldstone-Moore. Please let the Nikki 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 October 10th

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalms 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

*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.*

A Fun Way 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.

Tour de Gem Bike Rides for ECM

Tour de Gem is a fundraising cycling event for local nonprofits to raise money and bring awareness to our mission. Your contributions help NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS as they put faith into action.

Cyclists of all ages and abilities have an opportunity to participate in multiple ways:

Create your own virtual ride between September 24 and October 10.

- This can be in your own neighborhood, on a local bike path, one of the spectacular scenic rides throughout Southern Ohio, or even on your exercise bike. Riders registering for the Virtual Option may select the Fundraise Only option, which does not have a fee.

Participate in the Live Ride in Dayton on October 10.

- The event starts at 8am. There are 4 routes to choose from:
- <https://www.ms-stride.org/tourdegem/Routes-&-GPS-Tracking>
- When registering for the live event, be sure to indicate which route you plan to ride. There is a registration fee for adult and youth in-person riders. Children under 12 are welcome to participate – their family should select the family friendly Bike Path course. There is no fee for children to register.

Every dollar donated through Tour de Gem Team ECM will be disbursed to ECM. We hope you will join with us to make a real difference in Southern Ohio communities!

Register or Donate to the Bike Ride!

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 Warren, Clara, Karen, Tom, Rick, Kim, Ruth, Cynda, Heather, Cami, Jennifer, Amelia, and Simon and his parents Jenna and Dave - 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.

We Mourn the Passing

We pray for Jeannie, a teacher in the Xenia City Schools who passed last week. We pray for Holly Elizabeth Gillespie, who entered into God's Nearer Presence last week. We also pray and bless her family, especially Debbie, Matt, Jeremy, and friends.

Our Valuable 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.

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. **Sermon from October 3rd, 2021.**



NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are starting a special area to collect clothes for children in foster care!
Please spread the word and donate as able.

We need winter coats (especially kids) and blankets for the winter!

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.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
help us this day and everyday
to see Thee more clearly,
to follow Thee more nearly,
to love Thee more dearly,
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.**

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