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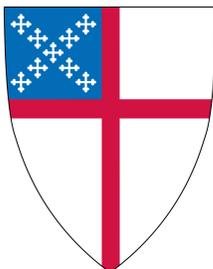
**CECX News - Many Updates**

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**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA****NewsNote Vol. 2, No. 48****The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost  
Proper 25****Welcome!****Celebrant and Preacher : Father Mike Kreutzer****We *WON'T* stream to Facebook this week.**[Link to Facebook page](#)**Writing It Down**

There is a wonderful, tentative, hopeful prayer-hymn in the Book of Job in Chapter 19:25-27:

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

In Job and the Mystery of Suffering (highly recommended!), Richard Rohr writes about Job’s hopeful uncertainty that anyone could believe his position or his situation in the future—maybe even himself. Job’s prayer is thus a prayer of great courage and faith even as Job continues to long for God’s presence and reassurance.

Rohr talks about keeping track of our questions and even our despair and then rereading it, something that I’ve never thought of doing. Rohr says this:

“For example, when I’m not sure of my own prayer, I go to my journal. I want to write it so I can read it at a later time because I’m not sure that I mean it, although I want to mean it. Or I think that I mean it. Other times, when I particularly want to pray well, I go to a place where no one can hear me and I pray out loud so my own ears can hear it. I become a testimony to myself. That way, one is less likely to lie. You can’t lie so comfortably when you pray out loud or when you write your prayer down.”

“You can’t lie so comfortably when you pray out loud or when you write your prayer down.” This immediately rang true to me. My journal has been a place to stow thoughts and feelings, but not a place to revisit for the sake of finding out whether I really meant a prayer. I’m hoping that Rohr’s—and Job’s—practice is something that you might find helpful, too.

In peace,  
Rev. Jen+

### 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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**Beware Spoofed Emails!**

Both Rev. Jen and Bishop Smith have once again been a target of email spoofing - this one an elaborate request for Ebay gift cards for cancer patients.

Things to remember:

1. Rev. Jen, Bishop Smith, or anyone from our church or the diocesan office, will **NEVER** email you a request for money or gift cards.
2. As with any questionable email, **always check the sender's actual email address**. Even though the sender line says a name you know, the email address was a gmail account, not the normal official email address.
3. Rev. Jen, Bishop Smith, and most of the people involved are gifted writers and accurate speller. The messages in question contained several atrocious spelling and grammatical errors.

**THE RED FLAGS OF ROGUE URLs**

Spotting malicious URLs is a bit of an art. The examples represented here are some of the common tricks used by hackers and phishers to fool users into visiting malicious websites. The methods shown here could be used by legitimate services, but if you see one of these "tricks" you need to make sure you're dealing with the organization you think you are.

- Look-a-Alike Domains**  
Domain names which **seem** to belong to respected, trusted brands.
  - Slight Misspellings**  
Microsoftonline  
<v5pz@onmicrosoft.com>  
www.llnkedin.com
  - Brand name in URL, but not real brand domain**  
ee.microsoft.co.login-update-dec20.info  
www.paypal.com.bank/logon?user=johnsmith@gmail.com  
ww17.googlechromeupdates.com/
  - Brand name in email address but doesn't match brand domain**  
Bank of America  
<BankofAmerica@customerloyalty.accounts.com>
  - Brand name is in URL but not part of the domain name**  
devopsnw.com/login.microsoftonline.com?userid=johnsmith
- Domain Mismatches**  
Human Services .gov  
<Despina.Orrantia6731610@gmx.com>  
https://www.le-blog-qui-assure.com/
- Strange Originating Domains**  
MAERSK  
<info@onlinealxex.com.pl>
- Overly Long URLs**  
URLs with 100 or more characters in order to **obscure the true domain**.  
http://innocentwebsite.com/irs.gow/logon/fasdjkg-sajdkjndfjnbkasldjfbkajsdbfkjbasdf/adsnfjksdngkfdgfgjhgfd/ght.php
- File Attachment is an Image/Link**  
It looks like a file attachment, but is really an **image file with a malicious URL**.  
INV39391.pdf 52 KB  
https://d.pr/free/f/jsaec  
Click or tap to follow link.
- URL Domain Name Encoding**  
https://%77%77%77%6B%6E%6F%77%62%654.%63%6F%6D
- Shortened URLs**  
When clicking on a **shortened URL**, watch out for malicious redirection.  
https://bit.ly/2SnA7Fnm
- Open Redirectors**  
URLs which have hidden links to completely different web sites at the end.  
t-info.mail.adobe.com/r/?id=hc347a&p1=evilwebsite.com

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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. "Visiting a Farmer's Market" Jen - [CECX.Priest@gmail.com](mailto:CECX.Priest@gmail.com)

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

Parish Admin. "Covered in Leaves" Nikki - [CECX.Office@gmail.com](mailto:CECX.Office@gmail.com)

# New Healing Service

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

**The next service is October 27th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary.**

*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.*

## Scripture Readings for October 24th

**Job 42:1-6, 10-17**  
**Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)**  
**Hebrews 7:23-28**  
**Mark 10:46-52**

*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.*

## Questions? Seeking? Curious?

We will begin a *Seekers/Confirmation series* that will meet **Mondays at 6.30 in the Nickell House** beginning Oct 18th. Much of this series will derive from the "The Book of Common Prayer: A Spiritual Treasure Chest" by CK Robertson, a book many of you bought pre-COVID. We will explore what it means to be Christian and Episcopalian, talk about faith and religion, and basically have a great time.

All are welcome.

## 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!

**From Jen+ and Chris O-M:**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the tribute for Clergy Appreciation Day. We have been enjoying the fruit tremendously (the red pears were delicious with some cheddar cheese—and we've been snacking on grapes). Even more, though, we appreciate the card and the sentiments within. You are very precious to us; we are lucky to be here.

## **2022 Holy Land Pilgrimage & Study Tour**

Tour Leaders – Canon Jason Oden & Rabbi Brad Hirschfield  
March 17 – March 26

Scholarships are available for lay leaders, postulants, candidates, and clergy through the Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership's Stand and See program and the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Features of the trip:

- Explore the sites of the Holy Land (Jerusalem, West Bank, and Galilee) through a diverse theological and political lens
- Discuss Becoming Beloved Community in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- Discover the ancient and modern sites, people, stories, and events of the Holy Land through articles, podcasts, and films curated by Canon Jason Oden
- Unique stops on the itinerary curated by Rabbi Brad Hirschfield and local guide Gary Kamen, including Roots, a grassroots movement promoting understanding, nonviolence, and transformation among Israelis and Palestinians
- Worship at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem
- An extended visit with The Rev. Nael Abu Rahmoun, vicar of Christ Church in Nazareth, to learn more about the peace and justice work that he and the congregation are engaged in for the Nazareth community.
- Spiritual Practices and Experiences: Daily prayer, Eucharists, Stations of the Cross, baptismal renewal vows in the Jordan River

Cost: \$3,690 – Sharing a Room \$4,580 – Private Room

**[For more information and to register, click here!](#)**

***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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### **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 Rick, Kim, Ruth, Cynda, Heather, Doug, Earl, Claris, Dolores Faulkner, Amelia, and Simon, Jenna and Dave - and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

#### **Long Term Prayer List**

Madysun, John, Jess and Tim, Heidi, Karen, David O., and Diana and Peter.

#### **We Mourn the Passing**

We pray for Holly, Ron, Dale Faulkner, and Mr. Sturgin who entered into God's Nearer Presence. We also pray and bless all their family 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. **[Vestry Minutes 09/08/21](#)**

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**

## 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 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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