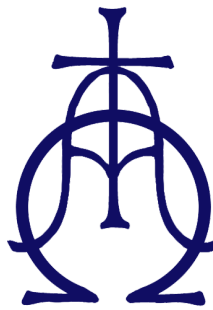
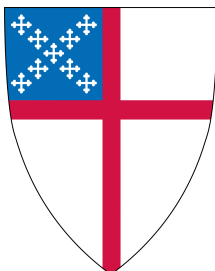

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The First Sunday of Advent****Welcome!****Celebrant and Preacher : Father Michael Kreutzer****We *WON'T* stream to Facebook this week.**[Link to Facebook page](#)

Dear Friends:

What a glorious hymnsing yesterday—for me it was indeed a celebration of both Christ the King, our patronal feast (as we are Christ Church, the last Sunday of the church year is always our special feast day) and a tribute to St Cecelia.

We move to another favorite holiday for many: Thanksgiving. Some will be at large gatherings, some will be with a few friends. Under Doug Pultz's careful planning we served a Thanksgiving meal for our

Community Meal this year. Chris and I were blessed with leftovers—it was delicious!

Whatever your plans, I hope that God’s grace will pierce your Thanksgiving. Please pray with me:

O God of searing truth, surpassing beauty and gracious bounty, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace,

Rev. Jen+

Upcoming Events at Christ Episcopal Church

- Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 21 Tuesday The Longest Night (Blue Christmas) 7.00 pm
- Dec 24 Friday Christmas Eve Service
(Christmas Carols at 5:30pm, Service at 6:00pm)
- Dec 26 Sunday Lessons and Carols

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

Socks, Underwear, and Diapers for Baby Jesus

We are collecting socks, underwear, and diapers for Baby Jesus! (And other foster kiddos!) We are also collecting underwear for Mary and Joseph, too. Please bring whatever you can buy and donate to the Nickell House. Contact Nikki for a drop off time that works for you! You can also save your purchase to bring forward at the ingathering during Christmas Eve service.

Committal Service for Rick Feinour

Our beloved Rick Feinour will be buried with military honors and the Committal Service at the VA Cemetery in Dayton on Monday, November 29 at 1 pm. All are invited to attend.

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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. "Baking the Turkey" Jen - CECX.Priest@gmail.com

Bookkeeper "Making the Stuffing" Becky - CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com

Parish Admin. "Trying to help but *really* in the way" Nikki -
CECX.Office@gmail.com

Poinsettias for Our Church

We need to order poinsettias for our Church for the holidays! They cost \$11.50 this year. The order forms will be in the church this Sunday. If you need one sent to you, please contact Nikki.

No Healing Service Currently

The healing service is in hibernation for the season!

Scripture Readings for November 28th

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36
Psalms 25:1-9

*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?

Join our *Seekers/Confirmation series* that meets on **Mondays at 6.30 in the Nickell House**. 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. The last meetings will be Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, and Dec. 13th.

All are welcome. Please contact Rev. Jen if interested.

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

Choir is under the direction of Choirmaster Chris Oldstone-Moore. New members are welcome at any time. Please let the Nikki know if you're interested in raising your voice in song!

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, Claris, Mark, Dolores, Lisa, and Amelia - 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 Father Dennis Dempsey and Sheriff Gene Fischer; solace and healing for their friends and families.

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.

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Last Week's Sermon

Click the link for Rev Jen's sermon. [Sermon from November 21st, 2021.](#)

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

NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Christ Church Share 1 to 1 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.

St Marks Episcopal Church Wednesday Book Club

Here is all the info you need to join in the Zoom meeting for a Wednesday Night Book Club! This bookclub is run through St. Mark's Church, Riverside, with Rev. Rowena MacGregor leading. We are reading "The Church Cracked Open," a book about the challenges and opportunities for the church in our current time.

When: 7.00 pm, alternate Wednesdays (you can join the meeting at 6.50)

Where: Zoom link below

Who: You!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86286573321?pwd=d0RpTHFsNEo0aS9EVWNhT1hVWGgwdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 8657 3321

New COVID Booster Guidelines per the State of Ohio

On October 22nd, the Ohio Department of Health released its guidelines to medical providers about the shots.

Booster shots for the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines were authorized for people ages 18 and older under certain conditions on Thursday.

The state said no one under that age should take a booster vaccine.

The state said those who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine are allowed to get their second shot at least two months following the initial dose.

For those who received the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, there's a few more guidelines. Those eligible for a booster shot must have received their second dose at least six months and meet any of the following criteria:

- 65 years and older
- Those 18 and older who live in long-term care settings
- Those 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions
- Those 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings

For now, those who have taken a Pfizer/Moderna vaccine should not exceed three total doses.

When and where can you get a booster shot?

Eligible Ohioans can get their booster shots immediately. Those wanting to get the shots can most likely find them at pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, doctor's offices and other locations.

Calendars

Calendars for you to GIVE

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.

Calendars for YOU to TAKE

We have purchased more liturgical calendars for 2021--you are welcome to take one! They are in the sanctuary on the piano.

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](#)

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!](#)

For a Thanksgiving blessing, you might pray this prayer each morning or evening. It is a part of Daily Office, so many people already say it daily--you can find it at the end of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. It was composed by Edward Reynolds, the Bishop of Norwich, in the 1600s and is possibly based on a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth I. A complaint from some that the prayer book (that is, a version from the late 1500s) did not have enough prayers of thanks; this one was added in the 1662 edition, from which much of our 1979 BCP comes.

May we indeed show forth our praise of the Holy One not just with our lips but in our lives.

The General Thanksgiving (BCP 58-59 and elsewhere)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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