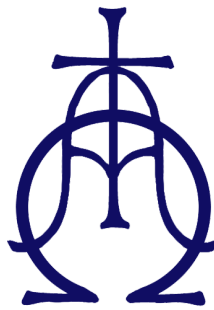
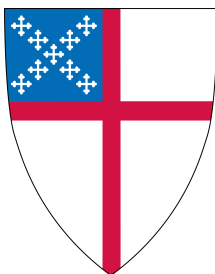

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA**NewsNote Vol. 3, No. 3
The Third Sunday of Advent****Welcome!****Celebrant and Preacher : Rev Dr. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore****We *WILL* stream to Facebook this week.**[Link to Facebook page](#)***Things are not what they should be.
Things have got to change.
God is with us in difficult change.***

As I preached on Sunday, these three short sentences are the message of the prophets, and it is the message of our readings this week. Prophets are sensitive to the disconnect between what human beings are

doing and what God wants us to do, lifting the veil of our illusions about our goodness and righteousness to show us that we need to discover and repent and change—and reassure us that God is with us as we change.

The prophets are front and center in the readings from last week—and lurking in the wings. Click [here](#) to get the full details...the list of prophets-who-showed-up-Sunday are:

Baruch, Jeremiah, Malachi, John the Baptist, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Zechariah and Joel.

Wishing you the blessing of peace and prophets,

Rev. Jen+

Upcoming Events at Christ Episcopal Church

- Dec 21 Tuesday The Longest Night (Blue Christmas) 7.00 pm
- Dec 24 Friday Christmas Eve Service
(Christmas Carols at 5:30pm, Service with Festal Eucharist at 6:00pm)
- Dec 26 Sunday Lessons and Carols

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

This Sunday, we will be collecting loose offerings for our Discretionary Fund used primarily to help people in our community. As the weather gets colder, the need gets more pressing. This year will be especially challenging as the prohibition against evictions has ended as of Nov. 1st. There will be many homeless in Xenia this winter.

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.

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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. "Making a snow angel" Jen - CECX.Priest@gmail.com

Bookkeeper "Making a snowman" Becky - CECX.Bookkeeper@gmail.com

Parish Admin. "Too cold to make anything!" 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.

Scripture Readings for December 5th

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

*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.*

Seekers' Class

Our *Seekers/Confirmation series* that meets on **Mondays at 6.30 in the Nickell House** will next meet on Dec. 13th. The final meeting will be Dec 20th.

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'd like to raise 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, 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., Earl, and Diana & Peter.

We Mourn the Passing

We pray for Sheriff Gene Fischer; solace and healing for his friends and family.

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 December 5th, 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. **November Minutes**

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

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 book club 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.

Time: Dec 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632616243?pwd=S2hIWnB6ZU5UK1dqS9veDhlajNFZz09>

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Advent Thursday Night Film Club

During Advent, the entire diocese is invited to join the Advent Film Club, led by the Rev. Karl Stevens and the Rev. Jed Dearing. We

invite you to incorporate your movie watching as a spiritual exercise by joining in with the Advent Film Club; watching the weekly movie selection, reading the lectionary text for the coming Sunday and engaging them in conversation by joining the Film Club on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. on **Zoom**. This will be a lively discussion engaging both the film selection and the Lectionary lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

Each week is a self-contained conversation, meaning you can join for one week or as many as you'd like. Here's the schedule:

December 9 [Luke 3:1-6] Wild Rose

Free w/Hulu & Kanopy, available to rent on all major streaming platforms. Runtime: 3 hrs.

December 16 [Zephaniah 3:14-20] Happiest Season

Free w/Hulu. Runtime: 2 hrs.

December 23 [Hebrews 10:5-10] The Green Knight

Available to rent on all major streaming platforms. Runtime: 2h10m.

Download the entire series booklet, written by Jed, by clicking **[this link](#)**.

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

Advent Blessing: Week 3

A Meditation Attributed to St. Ambrose

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are for me medicine when I am sick;
you are my strength when I need help;
you are life itself when I fear death;
you are the way when I long for heaven;
you are light when all is dark;
you are my food when I need nourishment.

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