



The Clarion

Christ Episcopal Church

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The Messenger of Good News

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Project Updates & New Changes at Christ Church

It's been a while since I've written a Clarion article and with the conclusion of Easter Sunday this seemed like a good time to give some updates regarding a few of the building projects at Christ Church. This is not a comprehensive list but will give you some insight on the bigger projects at Christ Church.

MTS, Mortar, and Stairs: MTS has finished replacing all the mortar surrounding Christ Church, as well as applying a fresh coat of paint to some of the existing exterior wall. After Easter, MTS started work on installing a new set of stone stairs in front of the red doors. This will eliminate the awkward first step as you are exiting. Additionally, we will be adding some new handrails, including a removeable handrail down the center of the stairs. All of these changes will make our stairs easier to navigate and bring them up to current building code.

Plaster: Many repairs have been made to areas with plaster damage from moisture. Some of the areas repaired include the nave, garden area, choir room, and especially the chapel. The installation of new mortar should help prevent outside moisture from soaking into the stone and damaging the plaster. Todd Young has also repainted the garden area hallway to hide past patchwork.

Boiler Room Noise: You may have noticed that the grinding sound near the library and boiler room is gone. This was caused by a bearing and motor issues with one of our boiler water pumps which has been replaced. Additionally, each spring the pumps will be inspected and greased, and all the rooftop HVAC units will also be checked and maintained to prevent backups and leaks.

New Holy Week/Easter Banner: We now have a reusable double-sided banner advertising Holy Week and Easter services at Christ Church. Expect to be seeing it during the Lent and Easter season.

Next to New Door: Recently, the Next to New front door glass sustained a large crack. The glass has since been replaced.

Copula: You may have noticed the steps on the roof around the copula. This part of the church is prone to leaks and has recently been resealed. Please keep an eye out for any leaks in the pews as this is a sign that the copula needs to be resealed.

Heating and Air Conditioning: This is brought up often and I will do my best to explain the heat and air conditioning at Christ Church. The heat/ac in the nave and sanctuary works just like it would at your home and is programmed through a nest thermostat. However, the rest of the church is on a two-pipe system, meaning that you can only have either heat or ac for the season, not both. Switching the system to either heat or ac requires an HVAC tech and can take several hours to switch.

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Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning live at 10 a.m.
on our Facebook and YouTube Channel
(search Christ Church Springfield, MO)

In-Person Worship

Sunday Morning Holy Eucharist Rite I at
8a.m. and Rite II at 10 a.m.
Thursday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite I at
5:30 p.m. (with Healing Service the last
Thursday of the month)

Office Hours

Monday-Friday,
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12 p.m.-1 p.m.)



Church Stairs Under Construction

We are asking everyone to please not use the stairs in front of the red doors until construction is complete and the rails are back in place. Thank you for your cooperation!

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There will be times in summer and winter when the building may feel unusually warm or cool for the season. I would recommend that if you are in any part of the church outside of the nave and sanctuary to bring a jacket or sweater if you run cold, or breathable clothes if you run hot. Our options for adjusting the temperature are limited.

Pew Removal: We recently decided to remove the pews in the front two rows at Christ Church. This is an idea that has been kicked around for some time, and with our front stairs under construction this seemed like an appropriate time to make a decision. The removal of the front two pews allows for more space in the nave, is easier for those with disabilities to navigate, and allows for more flexibility when it comes to music (such as handbells or having an orchestra). There are other benefits as well, and the response I have received from parishioners and staff has been very positive. The pews that were removed have been moved to the office hallway.

If you have any questions about building related projects or need to report an issue, please send me an email at franz@christepiscopalchurch.com or call the church office at 417-866-5133. I value your feedback and if you have questions I can more than likely answer them.

*Submitted by Franz Ginsberg
Director of Operations*

Immigrant and Refugee Support Interest

The Outreach Committee at Christ Church would like to know if members of our church would be interested in volunteering with the International Institute of Southwest Missouri (IISW). The IISW works with new immigrants and refugees to create a welcoming, prosperous, and healthy region for all. The IISW offers services such as English classes, employment, orientation, and citizenship preparation, as well as other services to help support their transition to the area. If you would be interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please reach out to Julia Taylor at juliaellentaylor@gmail.com and Deb Myrick at debmyrick1216@gmail.com and let them know you're interested. If there is enough interest Christ Church and the Outreach Committee would like to consider partnering with the IISW.



Sponsor-A-Youth



We are so excited to be bringing seven of our high school youth students to the **81st General Convention** this summer in Louisville, KY! Would you consider making a donation to the Youth Fund or sponsoring a youth's registration costs? The total expense (includes transportation, accommodation, meals) is \$500 per student. Consider making a lasting impact on our students and our collective journey towards a brighter tomorrow. Checks can be made payable to Christ Episcopal Church - put "Youth Fund, Convention" in the memo. Contact Kenny Kabak with any questions: kennykabak1@gmail.com.

Submitted by Kenny Kabak

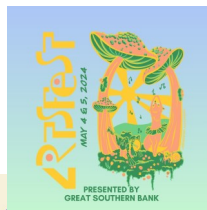
Recognition Sunday

Join us at the 10am service on Sunday, May 12th where we will recognize our students and graduates! If you or your child is graduating from high school/university, please let us know so that we can include you/them in our celebrations that morning. You can email Raisa at: frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com or Kenny Kabak at: kennykabak1@gmail.com.



ArtsFest

ArtsFest is happening Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5. There will be additional traffic around the church so plan accordingly. Our Youth Group will be hosting their annual parking lot fundraiser; please consider coming out and supporting our Youth Group. For more information, please contact Kenny Kabak at kennykabak1@gmail.com.



May Outreach: Well of Life Food Pantry

The Well of Life is a food pantry that is made up of Christ Church and our partner churches which include First & Calvary Presbyterian, First Baptist, Grace United Methodist Church, St. Agnes Cathedral, Wesley United Methodist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic, South Street Christian, and Westminster Presbyterian. We primarily serve residents of the center city area and can distribute groceries to those in need every 30 days. For visitors outside the area, we provide an order twice per year. The food that the Well of Life distributes has been donated through the efforts of our member churches. They do not receive government commodities and all workers in the pantry are volunteers. Christ Church is looking for more volunteers to keep the pantry going. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Henry Foster at 573-718-9937 or email hmbfoster@att.net.



Helping Hands is a sub-group of our Hospitality Committee. Several women recently made 20 casseroles that are in our freezer ready to share with church members who have been ill, had surgery, are celebrating a new baby, have moved or just need a little break because of other family or unexpected stresses. We would love to deliver these frozen casseroles to those in need, but we need to know who could use one! Please contact Mary Kay Ross at 417-860-6148 or email the front office at frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com so we can get one to you! It's not a full meal, just a casserole to have on hand prepared by loving, helping hands from your church family.



Christ Church has several members who volunteer at Crosslines. Crosslines is an emergency food pantry located in Springfield. Volunteers help with loading and sorting groceries on the first Wednesday of the month between noon and 2 p.m. A Crosslines donation basket can also be found towards the back of Christ Church (near the baptism font). For more information please contact Pam Tynes at gardenar@ix.netcom.com.

Safe to Sleep is a women's shelter that is supported through One Door, the Ozark Council of Churches, and volunteers from Christ Church. Safe to Sleep helps to serve women in need 365 days a year. A bin for Safe to Sleep donations can be found in the church hallway (suitcases, coffee, toiletries). If you are interested in serving as a volunteer at Safe to Sleep or have questions about donations needs, please contact Edith Van Hoesen at edithvanhoesen@gmail.com.



The Red Bag Brigade focus for May will be collecting items for the sack lunches that the church gives out daily to our unsheltered neighbors. We are asking for vienna sausages, fruit cups, small bags of chips and packaged desserts (like Little Debbie's cupcakes or Twinkies). Please pick up an item or two and return in a Red Bag to the bin in the Gathering Room. Thank you for your continued support.

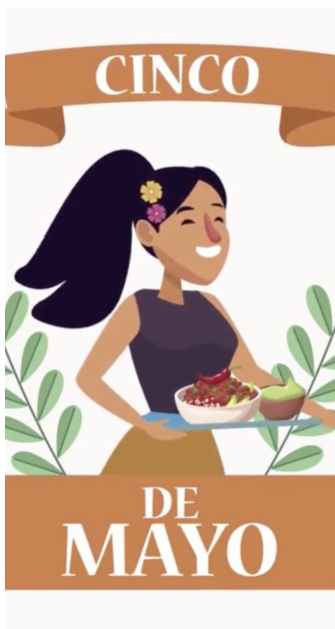


May BIRTHDAYS

1 Charlie Bare
1 Riley Talbot
2 Gary Loyd
2 Kenneth White
3 Bob Johnson
5 Wally Munden
5 Amy Hoge
7 Kai Ruff
8 Anne Dunn
11 Michael Long
11 Philip Robertson

11 Cody Elkins
14 Edna Johnson
14 The Rev. John Steinberg
14 Richard Reynolds
15 Mike Stevens
16 Patsy Scott
16 Nicholas Larsen
16 Ethan Luke
16 Liam Forbes
17 Kathy Munsey
17 Lindy Cronkhite

17 Poppy Cronkhite
20 Leigh Garza
20 Melissa Guldin
22 Julie Carter
22 Cathy Long
23 Lauren McNew
25 Claire Carter
25 Bobby Donnell
26 Alice Scott
29 Rosie Garza
30 Mary Mills



Memorial Day 2024
May 27th



The Women's Fellowship for May will be Wednesday, May 1. Please come and enjoy a May Day celebration at the home of Kathy Sheppard (located 1287 S Post Oak Court, Springfield, MO 65809) from 5:00-7:00 pm. Mingle and jingle with all the happy women of Christ Church, and bring a friend!



The next Men's Fellowship evening will be held on May 30 at 4x4 South in Fremont Hills (located at 9003 Sawgrass Ave, Nixa, MO 65714) from 5 to 8 p.m. See you there!



LIGHT from LIGHT

Our mission is to strengthen the foundations of progress in Haitian communities, empowering them for long-lasting change.

April 2024

Chaos and violence vs. faith and resilience. Gangs and guns vs. support and compassion.

Despite reports of civil unrest and chaos in Haiti, we at Light from Light are unwavering in our commitment to support the staff and patients at the Lespwa Timoun Clinic. Our work to provide healthcare and nutrition is an enduring commitment that will continue long after this current crisis.

We recognize the anguish of our Haitian brothers and sisters living through this extremely difficult time, but we celebrate the determination and dedication of these men and women as they continue to provide help to those in greatest need. We are especially thankful that the clinic staff remains unharmed and that some of the areas of Lespwa Timoun programming continue – including partner schools and nutrition programs – even as the clinic itself has temporarily suspended their primary operations.

We have chosen to cancel our A Brighter Haiti-MO event this year, not because of the uncertainty, but because we want to use the resources it takes to host an event like this to directly support our Haitian partners. Until recently, Lespwa Timoun was the only clinic in the area still providing healthcare and nutrition. Our dedicated staff are anxious to re-open all services as soon as it is safe to do so.

We have appreciated your generosity to Light from Light in the past and hope that you feel moved to continue the journey with us this year. Our ongoing provisions include medications, nutrition supplements, and the Plumpy’nut meal replacement for clinic patients, salaries for the staff, and – more recently – emergency funding as needs have been brought to our attention.

Please consider a humanitarian donation to Light from Light, as we support those you won’t read about in the media. There are good men, women and families caught in the anxiety of the current situation, who struggle daily to provide for loved ones. The Golden Rule from Matthew 7:12 states, “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”



Will you join us? Please take a moment to watch a video from our clinic Medical Director Dr. Donald Valdema and see for yourselves how your donation can and does change lives in Haiti: visit tinyurl.com/DrDonaldHaiti or scan the QR code on the left.

To give to support our ongoing work to provide healthcare and nutrition in Haiti, scan the QR code below on the right, or use the enclosed card and envelope.

With appreciation,
Mary Kay Ross
Mary Kay Ross
Board of Directors

Dr. Charles Dunn
Board of Directors

Alan Seelinger
Executive Director

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Light from Light, 2260 Defoor Hills Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318
www.lightfromlight.me

Spring cleaning at your home? Next to New can help you create closet space! We are welcoming gents' and ladies' gently-loved spring and summer clothing at the shop.

We make it easy: pull up to the shop's back door and ring the bell! Someone will meet you and help you with your donations. Hours are 11 to 5, Tuesday through Friday, and 10 to 4 on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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 THURSDAY, MAY 2ND
 11AM-6PM
 15% OF SALES TO BENEFIT
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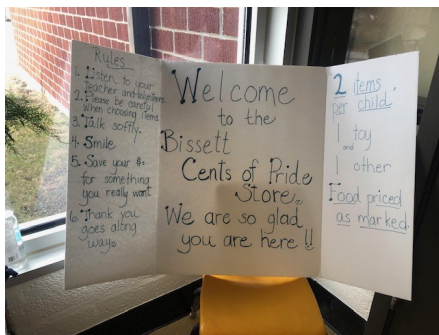
Join us on Thursday, May 2 for a delicious day of fundraising at Garbo's Pizzeria! Garbo's has committed 15% of all proceeds from the day to support our youth group! Bring your friends and family to enjoy mouthwatering pizzas, savory appetizers, refreshing drinks, and specialty cakes all while making a positive impact. Garbo's is open from 11am-8pm. Together, let's enjoy great food for some great kids. Please contact our Youth Director, Kenny Kabak, with any questions: kennykabak1@gmail.com



April Women's Fellowship:
 Wednesday, April 3 at The Rock



We had 80 people sign up for Dinner for 8 this Spring! What joyous evenings for sharing, laughing, and deepening connections. Fall signups will be out in August. We always have room for one more around our table.



Bissett News!

The Bissett Cents of Pride store will be Friday, May 17. If you would like to help set up or volunteer that day contact Kathy at Kathysheppard1950@gmail.com.



Garden Guild will be selling geraniums again this spring. Look for sign up sheets on boards and sheets posted on doors around the church. There will be four colors available and will sell for \$6.00 apiece. We will also be selling big zinnias for the same price. Thank you Schfitzells for the beautiful choices! Flower pick up will be at the church on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will be in the garden area.

