



# The Clarion

## Christ Episcopal Church

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The Messenger of Good News

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## A Year of Growth for St. Cecilia Choir

Wow! It's been a tremendous year for the St. Cecilia Children's Choir. We've seen remarkable growth both musically and spiritually. The singers have enjoyed multiple video recording sessions, fundraising events, service projects, and beautiful anthem performances.

**Music:** With the help of Franz, we've released another music video of the tune "Somebody's Talkin' Bout Jesus." Some of the singers reported that this was their favorite anthem they've ever done. We'll be releasing one more music video to close the year. Special thanks to Natalie Miller and Laura Killingsworth for their collaboration on these videos.

**Service:** In March, the choir served at Well of Life Food Pantry. Various projects included some light groundskeeping, cleaning the inside of the facility, and helping to stock shelves with food and supplies. Thanks to Mike Brothers and Jo Ellen Feugate for their help organizing this fun morning of service.

**Fundraising:** We successfully hosted two fundraisers this spring. The first was our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Thanks to Susan Smith for her help in nailing this event year after year. We also hosted a Bingo Night/Chili Cook-Off event in the parish hall. Every attendee of the night likely won a prize, whether it was an Amazon gift card, trip to Andy's, or a night at the Springfield Symphony. A huge thanks to Laine Scholtz, Mary Bohlen, and so many others who helped make this night possible. I'm sure I have left many people out — but it took a village to make this event happen. Collectively, we were able to raise around \$2,000 this spring.



**Other:** I want to thank Mary Christiano for her help cleaning and mending repairs on our choir robes. Like the spring flowers, the robes are bright and smelling great again!

Lastly, many of you have made private donations to help fund the choir. Your support has not gone unnoticed, and I sincerely appreciate your willingness to support our students directly. We continue to raise funds for our upcoming trip to St. Louis at the end of the school year. It has been a long while since our singers have taken a trip. In total, the trip will cost approximately \$10,000. We have worked hard this year to fundraise as much as possible, but reaching this goal would simply not be possible without your help. Would you kindly consider making a donation to our hard-working and ready-to-go choristers?

I have so much gratitude for this church and the people that fill it every week. As always, please contact me with any questions you may have.

In love,

*Submitted by Kenny Kabak  
St. Cecilia Choir Director*

## 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  
8 a.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)

## Church Office Hours

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

## May Recognitions



This month recognizes children, youth, graduates, choir members, and teachers for their achievements and service during 10 a.m. worship.

**May 1:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grader recognition and presentation of bibles.

**May 15:** St. Cecilia Choir and new youth member recognition.

**May 22:** Highschool graduates, college graduates, St. Gregory Choir, and Sunday School teacher recognition.

## The Search for a Permanent Rector

Many are asking about the upcoming search for a permanent priest. To echo the refrain of the Easter sermon, we all wonder, "Are we there yet?"

We are so blessed to have The Rev. Ronald D. Keel as our Interim Rector. Just as we trusted the process that brought Fr. Ron to Christ Episcopal Church, we will trust the process that will bring us a permanent Rector. With support from The Diocese, the wardens and vestry will be moving ahead. The first part of

the search process will focus on the congregation. Where have we been? Where are we now? How do we see ourselves in the next three to five years? We want to engage as many of you as possible so that you, as parishioners, have a stake in the process and its outcome.

Thank you as always for your love and prayers.

*Submitted by  
Mary Chiles, Senior Warden and  
Nancy Hopkins, Junior Warden*

## Episcopal Night out at Hammons Field

The Southern Deanery of The Diocese of West Missouri would like to invite you to join us for an Episcopal Night Out at Hammons Field on Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. for the Springfield Cardinals baseball game. We look forward to gathering again in fellowship with all our Episcopal friends and neighbors and are looking forward to a fun night together.

We are no longer taking ticket RSVPs, but if you would still like to attend, please contact the Hammons Field office at (417) 869-4274 and let them know you are with The Rev.



Chandler Jackson's group. You may be able to get the discounted group rate. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

*Submitted by  
The Rev. Chandler C. Jackson  
and Franz Ginsberg*

## FosterAdopt Connect Sock & Undie 5K

FosterAdopt Connect is currently holding a sock and underwear drive for kids and will host a Sock & Undie 5k Rundie on Saturday, May 7 at Rutledge-Wilson Farm.

FosterAdopt Connect has been in Springfield for over seven years and serves abused and neglected children and the families caring for them.

If you would like to donate children's socks and underwear, you can drop

them off in the collection bin at Christ Church (located in the gathering area, just outside the nave). For your convenience, you can also purchase items on their Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/iGYK6aA>.

To learn more or to sign up for the race please visit [Fosteradopt.org](http://Fosteradopt.org)



## Men's Fellowship Night at Hold Fast Brewing



All men of the parish are invited to join us on Thursday, May 12, at Hold Fast Brewing from 4 to 7 p.m. for an evening of food, drinks, live music, and fellowship. Hold Fast Brewing is located just around the corner from Christ Church at 235 N. Kimbrough Ave. A food truck specializing in hotdogs is scheduled to be on-site serving food for the evening.

*Submitted by  
Tracy Hall and Kris Wolford*



## Garden Guild Geraniums

The Garden Guild is accepting orders for geraniums through May 6. The geraniums will be available to pick up at Christ Church on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Geraniums are \$5 each, and the available colors are red, white, salmon, and pink. Order sheets can be found on the bulletin boards in the church hallways, or you may email your order to [frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com](mailto:frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com).



Our FISH Day at Crosslines was April 6. Our volunteers for this month included Charlie Bare, Barb Towery, Jan King, Nancy Hopkins, and Mary Kay Ross. We remained busy our entire shift. We had 96 families arrive for a total of 239 people served. We even ran out of eggs (which I never recall happening before) and switched to liquid egg whites as a substitute. We did not have much produce except aside from radishes, lettuce, and spinach. Thankfully, there was plenty for all that wanted them.

Please consider planting extra in your garden this year for Crosslines. Our clients love the fresh fruits and vegetables. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Crosslines. Your monetary support helps too, and allows us to provide additional items (such as milk) every month. If you cannot donate food items, you can always write a check and put "Crosslines" on the memo line. We will put it to good use.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sunday is May 1, and you may bring your items for PB&J sandwiches and leave them in the basket located at the back of the nave.

*Submitted by Pam Tynes  
Crosslines*

## Colorful Shop Seeks Kind Companion

Have an hour or two? A half-day? A small collection of time weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly? Next to New, Christ Episcopal Church's nearly 70-year-old ministry needs your smile and conversational style.

Did you know that more than 3,000 people visited Next to New in 2021? Join us as we give them a joyous Christ Church welcome, bringing savvy and couture to Springfield one outfit at a time! Our volunteers assist with all aspects of our shop, from greeting

clothing donors to merchandising and welcoming clients. If you would like to volunteer, please call the shop at 417-862-7708, email us at [n2nspingfieldmo@gmail.com](mailto:n2nspingfieldmo@gmail.com), or better yet, stop in. Our volunteers range in age from 16 to 80 and include both men and women. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Submitted by Ann Compton  
Next to New Manager*

## Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus

In case you missed it, please check out the recent video of the St. Cecilia Children's choir performing "Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus." As Kenny Kabak mentioned earlier in this edition of The Clarion, the kids had a great time performing this anthem, and we were able to put together this video in just two takes. This video can be found on our YouTube channel (search Christ Church Springfield, MO).

A special thank you to Natalie Miller for her performance on the clarinet, and Catherine Wong for her performance on the piano.



The St. Cecilia Choir will soon perform "With One Heart," and we look forward to sharing this video with you soon.

*Submitted by Franz Ginsberg  
Office and Communications Manager*

## Vestry Members:

The Rev. Ron D. Keel, Interim Rector/  
Chair

Mary Chiles, Sr. Warden

Nancy Hopkins, Jr. Warden

Susan Smith, Secretary

Austin Boyland

Kristie Campbell

Mary Christiano

Jenny Fillmer Edwards

Ben Fisher

Evelyn Mangan

Frank Miller

Sarah Smith

Julia Taylor

## Parish Treasurer:

Tom Mangan (voluntary)

## Church Staff:

The Rev. John W. Biggs, Priest Associate

The Rev. John Steinberg, Vinton Director  
(voluntary)

Sheila McGinn, Parish Administrator

Franz Ginsberg, Office/Communications  
Manager, Multimedia Specialist

Mary Bohlen, Director of Christian Formation  
for Children, Families, and Youth Ministry

Allin Sorenson, Music Director and  
St. Gregory Choir Director

Kenny Kabak, St. Cecilia Choir Director

Mary Christiano, Handbell Choir Director

Catherine Wong, Organist

Will Rohrer, Sexton

## Upcoming Events

**May 1**

3<sup>rd</sup> grader recognition,  
during the 10 a.m. service.

**May 7-8**

Artsfest on Walnut Street, 10  
a.m. to 5 p.m.

**May 1**

Spring Fling party at the  
home of Kathy & Dennis  
Sheppard, 3 to 5 p.m.

**May 12**

Men's Fellowship Night at Hold  
Fast Brewing, 4 to 7 p.m.

**May 6**

Last day to order Garden  
Guild Geraniums,  
Episcopal Night Out at  
Hammons Field, 6:30 p.m.

**May 15**

St. Cecilia Choir recognition, new  
youth member recognition, during  
the 10 a.m. service.

**May 7**

Garden Guild Geraniums  
pickup, 10 a.m. to noon.

**May 22**

Highschool and college senior  
recognition, St. Gregory Choir  
recognition, Sunday School  
Teacher recognition, during the  
10 a.m. service

**May 7**

FosterAdopt Connect's Sock  
and Undie 5K at Rutledge-  
Wilson Farm, 9 a.m.

For a full list of recurring events and activities  
visit [ChristEpiscopalChurch.com/calendar](http://ChristEpiscopalChurch.com/calendar)



1 Charlie Bare  
1 Riley Talbot  
2 Kenneth White  
2 Drew Faucett  
2 Gary Loyd  
3 Bob Johnson  
3 Mary Lou Smith  
5 Amanda Hoge  
5 Wally Munden  
7 Kai Ruff  
8 Anne Dunn  
8 Courtney Heinlein  
11 Cody Elkins  
11 Mike Long  
11 Philip Robertson

13 Charlotte Summers  
14 Michael Cuniff  
14 Edna Johnson  
14 The Rev. John Steinberg  
14 Richard Reynolds  
15 Mike Stevens  
16 Liam Forbes  
16 Judy Duerkop  
16 Nicholas Larsen  
16 Ethan Luke  
16 Patsy Scott  
17 Lindy Cronkhite  
17 Poppy Cronkhite  
17 Kathy Munsey  
19 Brett Faucett

20 Carrie Vore  
20 Leigh Ann Garza  
20 Melissa Guldin  
22 Julie Carter  
22 Catherine Long  
22 Margot McGinnis  
23 Lauren McNew  
24 Carter Quirk  
25 Bobbie Donnell  
25 Claire Carter  
28 Christopher Stovall  
29 Rosie Garza  
30 Mary Mills



## April at Christ Church



Krista and Collin, photo by Gary Allman



Easter Vigil acolyte Noah Hammock



The Altar Guild "Big Clean" crew

The month of April was filled with spiritual joy. On April 2, Christ Church hosted the ordination of Krista Heuett and Collin Larimore to the diaconate. We had many in attendance who came to support Krista and Collin. A reception was held in the parish hall after the service.

On April 6, an Agape Meal was held in the parish hall, and parishioners shared traditional foods such as lamb, roasted vegetables, matzoh, and charoset. A big thank you to Mary Bohlen and all our volunteers for their hard work organizing and cooking the meal.

Holy Week began on April 10 with Palm Sunday, resuming our tradition of processing with palms into the church at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, included a hand washing service as in place of to the traditional foot washing. The feed-



The Agape Meal



Maundy Thursday hand washing



Flowered Cross on Easter Sunday

back was positive, and we had many people participate.

Good Friday services were held at noon and 7 p.m. on April 15. On April 16, members of the Altar Guild arrived early to polish the silver and brass before the Easter services, and at 7 p.m. we celebrated the Great Vigil of Easter.

We celebrated a joyous Easter Sunday on April 17; it was wonderful to see Christ Church full again. The St. Gregory Choir sang at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, and was accompanied by brass musicians. The children and youth flowered the cross at 9:30 a.m., and an Easter egg hunt followed after the 10 a.m. service. We look forward to celebrating these next 50 days of the Easter Season with you.

*Submitted by Franz Ginsberg  
Office and Communications Manager*



The Palm Sunday procession at 10 a.m.



Father Ron, The Great Vigil of Easter procession



The Easter egg hunt begins

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## Artsfest on Historic Walnut Street

On May 7 and 8, the Springfield Regional Arts Council will host Artsfest on historic Walnut St. Artsfest will feature over 100 artists from all over the country, live entertainment, and delicious food. Artsfest will fill most of Walnut Street east of Christ Church to National.

Please plan your route accordingly when picking up geranium orders on May 7 and attending worship on May 8. Our parking lots will remain accessible at Walnut and Kimbrough.

