

The Christ Church Staff

The Christ Church staff is here to serve you. If you would like more information about Christ Church, any of our ministries, how to become involved in this faith community, or if you have a pastoral concern, the staff can be reached by calling the office at 323-8651 or by email:

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Outreach

Christ Church has a long history of outreach in the Springfield and Clark County Communities:

- † **Interfaith Hospitality Network:** Christ Church is a sponsoring parish for this program which helps people find jobs and affordable housing. We support them financially, provide transitional housing, and serve dinner regularly at IHN Central.
- † **The Food Pantry:** The Christ Church Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 1-3pm and can serve families once every 3 months.
- † **Rainbow Table:** Housed at St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rainbow Table is an ecumenical soup kitchen that serves a hot meal at noon each Friday. Christ Church serves two months each year and one Friday in December.
- † **The Neighborhood Fair:** Each summer, Christ Church hosts an afternoon of free games, prizes, food, and various informational booths for our neighbors.

Worship Times

Sunday

8am: Holy Eucharist
10am: Holy Eucharist

Sunday School and Adult Education programs are available Sundays September through May.

Wednesday

10am: Healing Eucharist (held in the chapel)



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The Reverend Charlotte Collins Reed, Rector

Welcome!

We are glad you are here.

Regardless of what brings you to Christ Church today:

- ◆ A worship service.
- ◆ A support group.
- ◆ A concert.
- ◆ The Food Pantry.
- ◆ Some other event.

We thank you for being an important part of our lives this day.

Won't you please take a few minutes to look inside and see a few of the offerings this vibrant, inquiring and thoughtful church has to offer you?



Celebrating our 175th year!

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Worship

Walking into a church for the first time (or for the first time in a long time) can be intimidating. Please be assured that at Christ Church, you'll receive a warm, friendly welcome. We look forward to meeting you. The following information may help you know what to expect when you join us on Sunday mornings.

Worship at Christ Church centers on the Holy Eucharist, also called Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday using one of the services from the Book of Common Prayer. Children's Chapel occurs during the first part of the 10 o'clock service for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Episcopalians worship the Lord as a community in devotion and meditation. The congregational responses throughout the service make Episcopal worship participatory. Lay people (members) actively participate in worship, responding to liturgical greetings like, "The Lord be with you", and agreeing to prayer with "Amen!" We provide a service bulletin, to help make it easy for visitors to follow along and, if they feel so moved, to join in.

We invite everyone to worship with us, and all Christians are welcome to receive Communion regardless of denomination. Throughout the year we have special services to mark the holiest times of the Christian year, such as Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day.

The second Sunday of every July we celebrate "Christmas in July". We like to think of this service as a way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas without all of the hassle. Why do we do this?

- † Because the Incarnation is central to Anglican theology as we seek to be the Body of Christ in the world.
- † To remind us that we celebrate the Incarnation every Sunday, not just on Christmas.
- † Because God came to us in the person of Christ Jesus that we are called to seek and serve Christ in all people.
- † To give us an opportunity to celebrate Christmas without the shopping, cooking (except cookies, of course), cleaning and other tasks that often come with Christmas in December.

In celebrating Christmas in July, it is our tradition to make Christmas Cookies and to bring gifts for the Baby Jesus.

Cookies: Each year our goal is to distribute 100 dozen Christmas cookies around Springfield. We take them to the staffs of nursing homes, hospitals, fire stations, police and sheriff departments

Gifts: Each year we make an offering that satisfies a need in our community as our gifts for the Baby Jesus. In past years we have given teaching supplies, socks and underwear to schools in our neighborhood.

Our worship is enhanced by the presence of our choir which sings at the 10am service and on all major feast days. Choir practice is Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Anyone who enjoys making a "joyful noise" is encouraged to join.

We believe that worship empowers us to go out to serve the world in Jesus' name. Our ministries at Christ Church come from our worship.

Ministries

Seven Ministry Teams support the various ministries at Christ Church:

- † **Worship and Music:** This ministry plans special worship services throughout the year.
- † **Buildings and Grounds:** This ministry keeps our buildings and grounds beautiful and in good working order.
- † **Christian Education - Adults:** This ministry plans our adult forums and other educational offerings for adults.
- † **Christian Education - Children and Youth:** This ministry coordinates our Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, children's choirs and other educational ministries for children and youth.
- † **Community Life - Christ Church:** This ministry coordinates our fellowship and pastoral care ministries.
- † **Community Life - Springfield and Beyond:** This ministry coordinates all of our many and varied outreach ministries.
- † **Administration:** This ministry assists the staff in the daily operations of the church.

Communication

Christ Church has a variety of ways to communicate with members and friends:

- † **The Clarion:** Our monthly newsletter comes out on or about the first of each month, with a submission deadline of the 15th of the month.
- † **The Website:** The Christ Church web-site is updated frequently and contains a variety of information. The web-address is cecpfldoh.org.
- † **The Newsnote:** A mid-week Newsnote is sent out each Thursday by email to those on the Christ Church email list. To sign up, email the Rector at charlotte.reed@cecpfldoh.org
- † **The Sunday Bulletin:** Each week the bulletin has announcements pertinent to the upcoming weeks.