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Dear Friends,

It's been a busy first few weeks! I am enjoying being part of Christ Church, Xenia, and I believe we have a hopeful, holy, and growing time ahead.

There are a couple of things I'd like to share with you—

As you know, we're about to begin working on the Five Tasks: History, Leadership, Identity, Diocesan

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Links, and Commitment. The Vestry has set aside September 11 for our first congregational meeting. We all had a few moments' pause when we realized what the date was, but decided it was a good choice. Our work together can put a blessing on a day still in need of blessings.

We're going to be starting with the History task. That helps us all to get on the same page, and it's a wonderful way for a new priest to learn about a congregation.

This first meeting will be a congregational gettogether after Holy Eucharist. It will be a potluck brunch, so bring your best dishes, as always, and we'll have good food and good conversation. I need to hear your stories – stories about the congregation, stories about your own history in the church, stories about your leadership, your wider community, and anything else you can think of. Your stories can be funny or sad, moving and inspirational, or just plain historical. So – come prepared to tell stories! We'll have a good time.

Don't ever forget – we are a holy people, called by God to bring the kingdom into being wherever we may be. Each of us has something to say, something to do, to accomplish that, and all the gifts necessary for the work.

In Peace! ML+



Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia

Service Calendar, August 2011

Ministry	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
Worship Leader	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Debbie Gillespie (MP)
Altar Guild	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Becky Gentry Pam Feinour	JoAnne Earley Elaina Walker	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch
Lector	Dana Rhyne	Ruth Hazel	Doug Pultz	Nancy Nickell
Ushers	Elaina Walker Doug Pultz	JoAnne Earley Summer Watts	The Donovans	Kim Holbert Jonathan Feinour
Intercessor	Summer Watts	Barbara Bonham	Debbie Gillespie	Jack Kitch
Chalice	Pam Feinour	Rick Feinour	Jack Kitch	
Vestry Member of the Week	Chandra Hightower	Michael Taint	Kim Holbert	Vikki Carter

Service Calendar, September 2011

Ministry	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
Worship Leader	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Rev Lynn Sinnott	Barbara Bonham (MP)
Altar Guild	Becky Gentry Pam Feinour	JoAnne Earley Elaina Walker	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Becky Gentry Pam Feinour
Lector	Jack Kitch	Barbara Bonham	Michael Taint	Chandra Hightower
Ushers	Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas	Elaina Walker Doug Pultz	JoAnne Earley Summer Watts	The Donovans
Intercessor	Doug Pultz	Ruth Hazel	Mark Cummings	Dana Rhyne
Chalice	Debbie Gillespie	Pam Feinour	Barbara Bonham	
Vestry Member of the Week	Jack Harrison	JoAnne Earley	Jack Kitch	Summer Watts

If your name is down and your schedule conflicts, contact Becky as soon as possible.

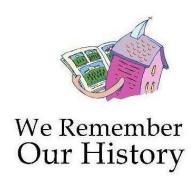


A POTLUCK BRUNCH

September 11, 2011 following our 9:30 Holy Eucharist

Share good food, and share your...

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When Mother Lynn started as our priest, she talked about five tasks she would like the entire congregation to work on: Our History; Leadership; Identity; Denominational Links; and Commitment.

The first task is our history. Do we have a good grasp of our History – who we are and who we have been – as the Episcopal Church, and as Christ Episcopal Church Xenia? How do we make what is good and strong in that history our foundation for the present and the future?

On September 11, 2011, there will be a parish meeting to discuss and relive our church history. Please plan to attend: share your memories, let your voice be heard. The goal is to strengthen our parish family by first seeing where we've been before we can proceed into the future.

There will also be a potluck supper during the meeting. Let the food stimulate our brains...I know we think better when we eat!!!

JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

July

- 01 Margie Ridgeway
- 05 Jarrett Davis
- 20 Karen Ingraham
- 23 Barbara Bradfute Michael Taint
- 29 Clay Thomas
- Madysun Huff 26 Roxanne Harrison

August

- 02 Larry Thomas
- 06 Jackson Davis
- 09 Joanne Brooks Beverly Krouskop
- 10 Elaina Walker
- 12 Kathleen Taylor
- 14 Nerak Patterson
- 16 Mark Cummings
- 18 Joyce Wells
- 23 Violetta Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES

- J01 Marilyn & Clarence Thomas
- J07 Claris & Glenn Donovan
- A04 Angie & Ed Lowe
- **A08** Maxine & Larry Thomas
- **A09** Fave & James Thomas

Oops...if we ever miss your birthday or anniversary please give notify the Parish Office.

Keep the Church Directory "up to date"... if you are planning a move in the near future, or have a new phone number or e-mail address please be sure and let the church know.

Thanks!

Check out our Church website:

www.christepiscopalxenia.org

New email address for parish office:

christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com

Announcements

*Have you seen someone in need of a call, care package, or visit? Tell a member of the Vestry. Tell your wardens, Summer and Mike. Tell your communications person, Tanya. Let us know so people in need are not missed.

Coffee Hour: We need volunteers for the coffee hour for the rest of the year. Sign up is in Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to purchase live flowers for the altar, please see Doug Pultz or Pam Feinour. The cost is \$20.

Church Supplies Greatly Needed: The church is in need of Kleenex tissue, paper towels, and toilet paper...if possible, please pick up a little extra when you go to the grocery!!! Please see Vicky for further details.

Office Supplies Needed: 11x17 white paper, mailing labels, and postcard stamps are needed for the Parish office.

Upcoming Concert: You are cordially invited to a concert presented by the Dayton Area Harp Ensemble at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 West First Street, Dayton, on Saturday, September 10 at 7:30 pm. DAHE has been performing actively in the Miami Valley for the past 31 years, and features 15 harps accompanied by additional instruments. A reception will follow the concert. This event is free and open to the public

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Anita & Michael Dohn

San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic

Mountain Top Experiences

At the top of the trail was a waterfall. We stopped and rested and took in the beauty and were renewed. We were just at the treeline, snow all around. We had the privilege of spending a week with family at a reunion in the mountains of Colorado. It was more than the figurative mountaintop experience - we were on a true mountain top.

In our pre-field training we were warned that time completely away is necessary on occasion. It is hard to "get away" without "going away." Although we live moderately, many less fortunate find us in our home and ask for money, handouts or favors; acquaintances may stop by to sit a spell to get a cold drink if they are walking by in the heat. Sometimes a day at home is anything but a day of rest. Still, "getting away" can be costly and takes time from the job here.

Sunday Scriptures for August

August 7th Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22,45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

August 14th
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalms 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15(10-20), 21-28

August 21st Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalms 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

August 28th Exodus 3:1-15 Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26,45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

MISSIONARY REPORTS

Christ went off alone, leaving people still clamoring to be healed, in order to renew himself and consider the direction of his next steps (Mark 1:35-39) (and even then someone found him in verse 40 and asked to be healed).

Often our task is to find a mountain top for ourselves here. "Here," after all, is a mountaintop experience for most of the visitors that come to work with us or on short-term teams. The danger is always that the marvels that the Lord is performing around us become inured in our day-to-day life. Usually, quiet time and reflection are our best path to "getting away."

We pray that all of you - our mission partners - can find rest, renewal and energy to continue following God's call in your lives.

Keep praying, Anita

Sunday Scriptures for September

Sept 4th
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalms 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sept 11th
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalms 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 18th
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30

Sept 25th
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalms 78:1-4,12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Matthew 20:1-16

(Lectors need to verify the readings for their Sunday.)

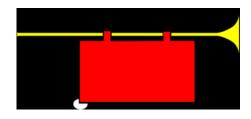
Tell Your Story:

Last year, an initiative was launched during Lent. We were asked to share our story. Those of us who attended the Lenten Series were talked through various aspects of stories and how they relate. We learned the story which pertains to the history of the Episcopal Church. We learned the story of how each of the churches in the Dayton Deanery came about. We shared our personal stories.

We are trying to share stories as a feature in the Trumpet. Tell us how you came to the Episcopal Church. If you are cradle Episcopalian, tell us what was the circumstances that led you to decide this is where you would stay or what reaffirmed or reaffirms your attachment Christ Church Xenia. If you came from another Diocese or congregation, tell how you found Christ Church Xenia. If you feel you need help writing it or don't know where to begin, ask me and I will make arrangements. It doesn't have to be long or encompass your entire life. Everyone's story is important.

Ask me for more details...

-Tanya



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If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails and you thought you were on the mailing list for the church, email Tanya at cecxtanya@gmail.com Make sure any spam filters allow email from cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions:

Anyone who wishes to submit information or creativity (links of information, information of upcoming events, shout outs of recognition) for Trumpet, should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is tentatively August 25th. Submit information by hand to Tanya or emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.



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