

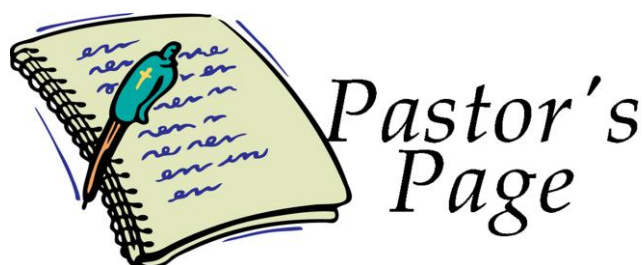


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Dear Friends,  
It's Annual Meeting time! On February 5<sup>th</sup> we will gather together to conduct the business of the church. We'll review the past year, look briefly at the year ahead of us, and elect our lay leadership. And, of course, we'll have brunch. We are Episcopalians, after all. I hadn't realized when I picked this date that it would also be Super Bowl Sunday. But after considering that, I thought it might turn out to be a good thing. Our congregational meetings tend to be somewhat noisy, and we're blessed (?) with an abundance of chatter. Maybe with the promise of an earlier adjournment, and the great vision of football before us, we'll be able to

get through our work without too many pauses to call for quiet—and everyone can get home in plenty of time for the pre-game festivities! (*cross your fingers, everyone!*) If all goes well, we'll end by 12:30, eat, and go home to our television sets and SB gatherings.

This month we'll also begin to talk about Leadership, but very differently from the way we addressed our History. Summer Watts and Kimberly Holbert are organizing this, and you'll be hearing more shortly.

February is a short month, but it's going to be a busy one. Please pray for all the things we'll be undertaking this month, from our ongoing ministries to the Annual Meeting and the Leadership Task. Your prayer and your participation are not just important – they are essential. You *are* the Church!

In thanksgiving and peace,  
ML+

# Warden's Words

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

February is known for many things such as: "African American History Month," "Heart Disease Awareness Month," "Safety Awareness Month," etc. At our parish it could be labeled "Leadership Month" as well since we will be having our Annual Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the time of year when we gather to prayerfully nominate, elect, &/or re-elect the leadership team of the parish: wardens, vestry, and diocesan convention delegates/alternates. During the last month Mother Lynn, the vestry, the nominating committee, and the parish have been having an ongoing conversation about what qualities/characteristics we need to consider when nominating and electing leaders. The list compiled was pretty comprehensive and showed prayerful discernment (see January Trumpet). We will be continuing this discussion even after our Annual Meeting as we prepare to start our second congregational task with Mother Lynn. You will recall we have five tasks to complete to fulfill our Letter of Agreement with her. The first task was focused on the "History" of the parish. This next task is focused on "Leadership."

Kim Holbert and I will be organizing some small cottage meetings (small group meetings) at individual's homes for discussion and completion of this task. We would like to have 5-7 individuals/couples host a cottage meeting for 4-6 guests. The host will not be asked to prepare a meal; however, providing coffee, tea, water, and cookies would be appreciated. Nothing fancy! The gathering will *not* be meant for eating, but for discernment. These individual meetings can be held at different times depending on the host/hostess's & guest's schedules. After all groups have met we will meet with Mother Lynn during coffee hour to review and discuss our findings. Please stay tuned. Kim and I will be calling you soon.

May God's peace & blessings always sustain you!

Summer Watts,

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## *Annual Meeting and Sunday Breakfast following Holy Eucharist February 5th*

### What Qualities Do YOU Think Are Important In A Leader?

- +Understanding of what it means to be an Episcopalian/  
being open to learning
- +Respect for others +Humility
- +Demonstrated leadership ability
- +Good time management +Joyfulness
- +Desire to Serve God and God's People
- +Prayerfulness +Financial Commitment
- + Demonstrated participation in the life of the Church over time
- +Faithfulness +Willingness to listen +Honesty
- +Proven commitment to this church +Stability



**Lay  
Leadership**

Think about it. The life of Christ Church  
depends on your prayerful discernment!



## News from the Ministries

### Financial Matters

Dear Friends,

Mark Cummings and the Finance Team have been working very hard with Sue Starner (our Financial Secretary) to simplify our budget. One thing that has created a pretty long list of small items on our balance sheet – and additional work - is the practice of sending donations to the church to be distributed to various charities. While we appreciate Sue's thoroughness, it isn't the best use of her time to take care of our individual charitable donations.

If the church is actually running a campaign for Crop Walk, 2 cents a Meal, or Food for the Poor, etc., that money will be collected and run through our accounting systems. At the end of the campaign, a check will be written, and the account zeroed out. But - some of us have continued to send money in for some of these organizations, even though the campaigns are long over!

These are some of the organizations for which we have continued to receive donations: Church World Services/CROP Walk, New Congregations Building Fund, Xenia FISH Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, The Caring Place, and Two Cents A Meal. Some of these are currently funded through our Outreach, and any additional donations we want to make may be made directly to these groups. Asking the church to handle them creates work for the finance folk, and does not help our mission share to the diocese...the reason many of us have continued this practice.

We thank you for your kindness, your caring for the needs of God's people and the needs of Christ Church. Blessings on you all!

In peace,

ML+, the Vestry, the Treasurer, and the Finance Team

### Share-One-to-One Clothes Closet

The weather has been cold and damp. Those less fortunate than us have really been availing themselves of the Clothes Closet. We have served over 325 people in four weeks for 2012. There often are dozen folks or so lined up waiting for us to open.

When that really cold blast arrived, we were pleased that we had new thermal tops and/or bottoms to offer some of our guests at the shelter, as well as some of our Clothes Closet clients. Those thermals and other articles of clothing, like socks and underwear, and some personal hygiene items were made possible through a couple of generous monetary donations from outside Christ Church.

Thanks to those of you who have helped supply children's clothing. We had a grandmother come in Tuesday who suddenly is having to raise her three, I believe, grandchildren. She "received" the children with very little else. She was very appreciative and thankful for all she got at the Closet.

We also shared some of our adult "dressy" women's clothing with *Clothes That Work* in Dayton. They in turn share with St. Vincent DePaul anything they can't use. Anything St. Vincent DePaul can't use goes to missions.

Cheryl Allen, Founder and director  
JoAnne Earley, Christ Church volunteer



# Announcements

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

**Food Banks:** Please bring in food for the local food banks, they are in dire need.

**Meals for the Shelter:** The February sign-up sheet has room for you. Please contact Summer and plan a meal for our shelter guests – enough for about 18 people.

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

**Christ Episcopal Church Xenia online shop**

<http://www.cafepress.com/CECX>

Find t-shirts, mugs, bags and other great gifts from the Christ Episcopal Church Xenia CafePress shop. High quality. 24 hour shipping available. Not comfortable with buying online, see Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet. She can show you color choices and items available. She'll even order it for you and have it shipped to the location of your choosing. All proceeds go to CECX!

**Schedule for February:**

- Annual meeting – after church Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
- Shrove Tuesday – February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Ash Wednesday – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Aubyrn Thomas  
04 Tommy Thomas  
13 Doug Pultz  
23 Laura Stookey  
24 Roth Patterson  
28 Cheryl Eskridge

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

03 Maria & Linc 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](http://www.christepiscopalxenia.org)

**New email address for parish**

**office:** [christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com](mailto:christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com)

**New Church Directory:** If you would like a copy of the new directory, please let Becky know and she'll make a copy for you. You can call her at the Parish office during the week, or email her at church, [christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com](mailto:christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com).

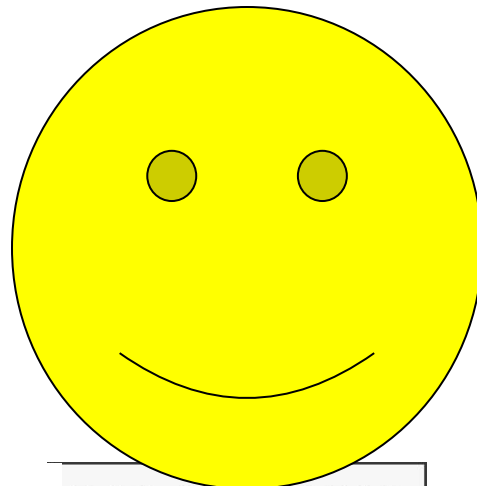




# Children's Corner

For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above (nobody's looking... Have some fun!)

From Newsletternewsletter.com



## FORGIVENESS Game


Try this twist on musical chairs.

### What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

### What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.




### FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.


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for \_\_\_\_\_ you." COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV



**Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia**  
**Service Calendar, February 2012 \*\*\*\*\*REVISED**

Ministry	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Mother Lynn (HE)</b>	<b>Mother Lynn (HE)</b>	<b>Mother Lynn (HE)</b>	<b>Mother Lynn (HE)</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>	<b>Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel Becky Gentry</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Barb Bonham</b>	<b>Michael Taint</b>	<b>Dana Rhyne</b>	<b>Mark Cummings</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Summer Watts</b>	<b>The Donovans</b>	<b>Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas</b>	<b>Doug Pultz JoAnne Earley</b>
<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Mark Cummings</b>	<b>Dana Rhyne</b>	<b>Doug Pultz</b>	<b>Barb Bonham</b>
<b>Chalice (EM)</b>	<b>Jack Kitch</b>	<b>Barb Bonham</b>	<b>Summer Watts</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel</b>
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	<b>Michael Taint</b>	<b>Summer Watts</b>	<b>Chandra Hightower</b>	<b>Vikki Carter</b>

**Service Calendar, March 2012**

Ministry	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Mother Lynn</b>	<b>Mother Lynn</b>	<b>Mother Lynn</b>	<b>Mother Lynn</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel Becky Gentry</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Jack Kitch</b>	<b>Nancy Nickell</b>	<b>Chandra Hightower</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>The Donovans</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Doug Pultz</b>	<b>Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas</b>	<b>Summer Watts JoAnne Earley</b>
<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Debbie Gillespie</b>	<b>Summer Watts</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel</b>	<b>Rick Feinour</b>
<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Pam Feinour</b>	<b>Debbie Gillespie</b>	<b>Jack Kitch</b>	<b>Barb Bonham</b>
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Shelter Staff		Xenia Winter Homeless Shelter – Christ Episcopal Church							
February		63 East Church Street, Xenia OH Phone: 372-1594							
Feb 1 2012		Shelter Coordinator: Mike Taint 937 304 1115							
	Church Coordinator	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Jan 30 – Feb 5 2011	Summer Watts 336.202.0799	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts		Steven Kidd & Paula Tillis	Chuck Rolston & Family	Mike Taint & Carol Conway	Jeremiah Grissom & Terry Cyphers	Steve Kidd & Lucia Livingston	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Feb 6 -12	Summer Watts 336.202.0799	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts	Karen Cummings & ?	Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family	Mike Taint & Carol Conway	Jeremiah Grissom & Terry Cyphers	Steve Kidd & Lucia Livingston	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Feb 13 -19	Summer Watts 336.202.0799	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts	Don & Carol Nancarrow 426.5893	Josh Long & Sharon Mohler	Chuck Rolston & Family	Mike Taint & Carol Conway	Jeremiah Grissom & Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Feb 20 -26	Summer Watts 336.202.0799	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts		Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family	Mike Taint & Carol Conway	Jeremiah Grissom & Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Feb 27 - 29	Summer Watts 336.202.0799	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts		Sharon Mohler & Josh Long					

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maybe one has your name on it?



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Try a new recipe. Teach someone to cook.  
 Raid Grandma's cookbook for a favorite dish.  
 Bring the successful results to the Shelter.  
 Check with Summer or check our website for  
 an updated schedule.





## Missionary Report

**Web-site:** <http://dohnfamily.org>

**E-mail:** [DohnFamily@sams-usa.org](mailto:DohnFamily@sams-usa.org)

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as SAMS missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

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### Change of Scene

We are moving. Not far – just across town. We really dislike moving.

Six of us arrived in 2000 – the girls ranging from 5 to 15 years old then. We needed space for ourselves as well as room for visitors when they came. Today, with the older girls all in the USA, our needs are different. Accordingly we are downsizing, renting an apartment closer to the Clinic. This move is a good thing.

Still, we really dislike moving.

One might think that God would call missionaries that have a sense of adventure, a willingness to embrace change, a longing for the journey, a hunger for the exotic – well, about 85% of long-term missionaries do fit that profile. The other 15% of us just want things to get settled and stay settled. In profiles of long-term missionary personalities, there are the adventurers and the non-adventurers, without much gray area in between.

Looking at those we met during missionary training, the non-adventurers like us seem to be the ones who are still in the field more than a decade later. Non-adventurers tend to get where they are going, settle-in, get to work, and dig-in differently than the other 85%. One group is not necessarily better than the other, just different. For example, processing the call to cross-cultural mission, the adventurers are more like Isaiah or Samuel saying, “Here I am, Lord.” Non-adventurers may be more likely to emulate Jonah and look for the first boat to get away from the call. Both adventurers and non-adventurers go, but they may get there by different paths.

Our sense is that we non-adventurers are a bit duller than our adventurous counterparts, that we don’t create the same excitement and enthusiasm. This is not say that we are totally immune to a sense of excitement and the new possibilities as we move this month – how to set up the household, new neighbors, new routines, what to keep and what to shed. The move is a good thing. (But we really dislike moving.)

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

## Sunday Scriptures for February

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c  
2 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-38

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 103  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalms 25:1-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1: 9-15

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

## Sunday Scriptures for March

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-30  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

March 18<sup>th</sup>

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 20:1-7  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

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

# FROM THE EDITOR

By Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet



### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Please submit newsletter items by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Submissions in .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, or .pdf are preferred. Please do not send .pub files. Photos and images are accepted, preferably in .jpg or .tif format.

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### Submissions:

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