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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

The beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas are now behind us. We are entering into Epiphany, a time when Christ was made manifest to the world, and the promised salvation shared with all.

This is also the time of year when many churches look at the work of the past year and plan the work of the months to come. It is the time when we look carefully at who we are in order to choose those who will lead us in the next few years.

In the coming weeks we will explore how we think about who we are as *church*.

We can explore what we expect from *church*, and what we think the church can expect from each of us.

We will think about who and what we are in relationship to God; how well we understand

that relationship and whether we plan our communal life on the basis of that understanding.

We'll look at what our ministry is about. Is it about us and our personal fulfillment – or do we intentionally minister in ways that help deepen our spiritual life *as a community* and make God a clearer reality in the world?

Are we willing to make sacrifices in order to respond to God in this place? In Epiphany God-in-Christ was made manifest. How important is it to us to continue to make God ever more manifest in the world? How do we do that? Can we do it better?

How does the ministry of Christ Church change us as a people of God? How have *you* been changed this past year through the ministry of this church?

Some things to think about in a coming new year.....as I pray for each and every one of you a blessed beginning to 2012!

Grace and Peace--
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Warden's Words

By Michael Taint, Junior Warden

*"There is more faith in an honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds."*

–Tennyson

A lot of us consider doubt not just a bad thing, but the archenemy of Christianity itself. This is understandable since doubt gets blamed for almost everything in churches today – low attendance at Sunday service, the popularity of high profile anti-believers (such as the recently deceased Christopher Hitchens), the general moral decline of Western civilization, etc, etc. It's easy to fall into a simplistic way of thinking that equates doubt with atheism, secular humanism, turning away from God or whatever you want to call it.

But in the Episcopal Church we like to do things just a little differently. We pride ourselves on being "the thinking person's church", and I take this idea very seriously, having come from a background where thinking about faith was actively discouraged and sometimes even condemned. To me one of the most wonderful things about being an Episcopalian is that we are free to express our questions, our opinions and, yes, our doubts in an open and loving environment. And believe me, you cannot be a thinking person and not have doubts. No way. No how.

Faith is not absence of doubt; it is persisting through doubt, just as courage is not absence of fear, but persisting through fear. Without doubt there is really no faith – another one of those paradoxes God has dropped into this crazy world.

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In any case, next time you find yourself deeply in doubt, remember that you are in very good company indeed– Jesus himself. After all, weren't his last words – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Keep the faith baby,
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Annual Meeting

&

BREAKFAST

following Holy Eucharist

February 5, 2012



Financial Matters

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS CHAMPAIGN IS ON TRACK TO BREAK A THREE YEAR RECORD

It is reported that we have achieved \$62,382 for our 2012 blessings based pledge campaign.

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



Share-One-to-One Clothes Closet

The Share 1-2-1 Clothes Closet continues to be busy. We have old and new clients totaling 70 - 100 on a regular basis. Some of our shelter guests visit us on occasion. Our current shortage seems to be school age, boys and girls, clothing sizes 5 through teenage and the 3X and 4X sizes for men and women.

We have been very blessed with two monetary donations which we have used to purchase underwear - both men's and women's - socks and personal hygiene items. Long underwear has been requested so that's our next project. Any and all small household items are always desired. We were also blessed by a Xenia family who had their family purchase items for the Clothes Closet instead having a family gift exchange. They donated clothing and gift bags of personal hygiene items. God is good.

Thanks again to all of you for your support.

Happy and Healthy New Year wishes to all of you from the volunteers of the Share 1-2-1-Clothes Closet.

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 January sign-up sheet is in the front on the little table. Please bring a meal for our shelter guests – enough for about 18 people.

Caring Place: We are hosting the Caring Place on Thursday, January 19th. If you can help, contact Cheryl Eskridge now, 937-313-4397.

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 January:

- Vestry meeting – after church Jan 8th
- Martin Luther King Peace Walk at Mill's Lawn in Yellow Springs at 10:30 AM January 16th
- Martin Luther King Soup Lunch at Central AME Church in Yellow Springs
- Martin Luther King Service at Westminster Presbyterian in Xenia at 7:00 PM January 16th
- We host the Caring Place
- Annual Meeting and Breakfast – Feb 5th after Eucharist

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03	James Eskridge
13	Mother Lynn Sinnott Robert Geyer
22	Betsy Kitch
23	Maxine Thomas
24	Roth Patterson
25	Michael Stookey
27	Joanne Earley

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

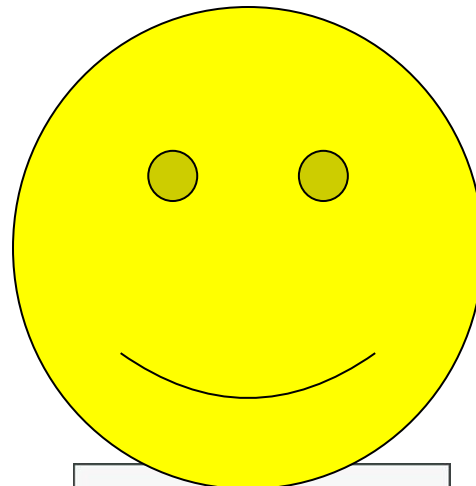
New Church Directory: If you would like a copy of the new directory, please let Becky know and she'll make a copy for you. You can call her at the Parish office during the week, or email her at church, christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com.



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



NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF




Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:








1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.









A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

_____ adcltne _____			
_____ rohmtae _____			
_____ srgbape _____			
_____ rbieda _____			
_____ pehtshred _____			
_____ rdhaenlca _____			
_____ fadoo _____			

Her name in Greek

_____ pdeesh _____		
_____ dchilnero _____		
_____ drove _____		
_____ acehtr _____		
_____ sarcos _____		
_____ nusoatim _____		

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas



WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

When we think about leadership in the church, what qualities, habits, or attributes do we believe are important? What criteria do we expect to be met by the people we elect to lead us?

For a Vestry member or Warden, the work is to safeguard and nurture the church. The work is not just financial or related to buildings and grounds, but includes supporting the spiritual growth and formation of this Christian Episcopal community.

Given that good leaders model what they want their people to emulate, and that good leaders never expect from their people what they will not do or give themselves, what might a candidate for leadership look like?

After you think and pray a bit about the above questions, please list three qualities you believe the leaders of Christ Church, Xenia, should evidence: *(Try to use as few words as possible)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

You may place your responses in the offering basket, leave them on tables in Parish Hall and/or email (christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com) your thoughts to the office. Be as brief as possible –two or three words are fine!

2011 Diocesan Convention Report

By Doug Pultz

The convention was held this year in Dayton at the Hope Hotel. Your delegates were Kim Holbert, Jack and Betsy Kitch, and Doug Pultz. Mother Lynn and Pete attended as well as Summer Watts who became a voting delegate when Betsy became ill. The church was well represented with volunteers: Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet, Chandra Hightower, Pam Feinour and Mike Taint.

The lead up to this year's annual convention was a very long one. When concerns about the diocesan budget arose in 2010, Bishop Breidenthal decided to put the financial planning on hold, solicit input from the congregations in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and reshape the profile of the regional church based on the input he received. After many meetings and much debate, the new budget was accepted by the convention.

Several resolutions that were considered during the convention:

- **ADOPTED-** A resolution in support of diocesan missionaries, the Dohns. The Diocese of Southern Ohio reaffirmed its commissioning of Doctors Anita and Michael Dohn as medical missionaries serving on behalf of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.
- **ADOPTED-** Deepening our kinship in Christ with the Episcopal Church of Liberia. The Diocese of Southern Ohio affirms and celebrates its new friendship with the Episcopal Church in Liberia. The Diocese of Southern Ohio will continue to work to deepen its kinship with the Episcopal Church of Liberia for an additional two years of dialogue with exploration and implementation of common ministry projects in Liberia and Southern Ohio. After two years the progress of this dialogue will be evaluated along with the opportunity for continued shared ministries.
- **ADOPTED-** Concerning the practice of high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing, known as fracking. The 137th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio supports: The efforts of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a comprehensive, transparent, peer-reviewed study of the impacts of natural gas on water resources and the life-cycle impacts of fracking fluids, and a moratorium on high-risk, unconventional deep-shale gas drilling in Ohio until this study is completed and regulatory agencies have conducted a comprehensive review and revision of Ohio's regulatory framework in relation to the new technologies of high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing tactics.
- **FAILED, as amended-** Theology of the Mission Share, That Diocesan Council continue reforming the Mission Share Formula in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and present a plan at the next Diocesan Convention, which moves towards a vision of biblical equity and the preferential option for the poor, and takes into consideration the following four proposals:
 1. That congregations whose growth, or maintenance of steady attendance, is chiefly from low income households reached by their ministries not be asked to contribute more proportionally on the basis of Average Sunday Attendance;
 2. That increased reliance on endowment and special gift income in such congregations not be considered on the same basis as available income from parishioners' pledges;

3. That the heavy investment of their existing assets (building, utilities, maintenance, staff time, volunteers) in direct service, empowerment, and community organizing be honored by the Diocese as contributions to the common witness even though it does not flow in the form of funding to the Diocesan budget;
 4. That adjustments to the income side of the Diocesan budget be made in partnership with congregations who have more financial resources and have accepted decreases in their Mission Share with the new formula.
- **FAILED-** Support for job creation policies. The Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio directs that the following resolution be filed with the Secretary of the General Convention for consideration by the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church: The House of _____ concurring, that The General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge the U.S. President and Congress to approve a serious, multi-faceted program as a solution to the current intolerable level of unemployment in this country. Such a program should include initiatives such as the following:
 - a. A bold new federal program, solely focused on the creation of new jobs
 - Creating a long-term program to rebuild the nation's infrastructure which would create jobs and establish the platform for 21st century industries.
 - Moving to a greener economy, with most of the new manufacturing taking place within the United States.
 - A variation of the depression-era programs of the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corp to put economically distressed young people to work on projects beneficial for society.
 - b. Trade policies and treaties that are more sensitive to concerns affecting workers, keeping more good jobs in the countries involved in the treaties.
 - c. Increased funding for job-training programs both in basic education and in vocational training for those unprepared for the current job market; strengthening employable skills programs in community colleges and increasing the number of those completing college.
 - d. National legislation more supportive of the union movement; and greater solidarity among workers themselves, for instance workers accepting less hours per week so that more workers can have jobs.
 - e. Federal tax credits for companies creating new jobs.

With the work of the convention completed, Bishop Breidenthal challenged us in several ways: The first was to place an emphasis on adult forum which has gone to the wayside in many congregations. The second challenge was for churches to continue to move out into their communities to continue to serve those in need. Also, the bishop challenged us to be more attentive to the needs of those abroad. The commitment to help rebuild a cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, served as the symbolic centerpiece to this new outward orientation.

Serving the church as a delegate was a good experience, overall. It was an enjoyable time with the other attendees from our parish, and it was great seeing so many clergy again from the Dayton Deanery and the Diocese who supported our church with their encouragement, prayers, and presence when we were without consistent clergy.

ROTATION DATES		Xenia Winter Homeless Shelter – Christ Episcopal Church							
January		63 East Church Street, Xenia OH Phone: 372-1594							
Dec-11		Shelter Coordinator: Mike Taint 937 304 1115							
		Church Coordinator	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Steve Kidd 12am- 8am Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts?		Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family	Mike Taint & Carol Conway	Jeremiah Grissom	Steven Kidd
Dec 26 - Jan 1									
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts ?	Don & Carol Nancarrow	Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family		Jeremiah Grissom Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston
Jan 2 - Jan 8									
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts		Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family		Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston
Jan 9 - Jan 15									
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts	Don & Carol Nancarrow	Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family		Jeremiah Grissom Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston
Jan 16 - Jan 22									
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts		Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family		Jeremiah Grissom Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston
Jan 23 - Jan 30									
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts		Sharon Mohler & Josh Long	Chuck Rolston & Family		Jeremiah Grissom Terry Cyphers	Steven Kidd & Lucia Livingston
Jan 31									
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		Michael Taint 304.1115	Pete Sinnott & Summer Watts	Don & Carol Nancarrow					

Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, January 2012

Ministry	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Worship Leader	Lessons and Carols (Jack Kitch)	Mother Lynn	Mother Lynn	Mother Lynn	Barbara Bonham
Altar Guild	JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry	Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour	Joanne Earley Becky Gentry	Ruth Hazel Becky Gentry	Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour
Lector	Mike Taint Mark Cummings Barbara Bonham	Chandra Hightower	Ruth Hazel	Pam Feinour	Debbie Gillespie
Ushers	Doug Pultz JoAnne Earley	Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas	Donovans	Joanne Earley Summer Watts	Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas
Intercessor		Debbie Gillespie	Summer Watts	Ruth Hazel	Rick Feinour
Chalice		Ruth Hazel	Pam Feinour	Debbie Gillespie	
Vestry Member of the Week	Jack Kitch	Chandra Hightower	Summer Watts	Mike Taint	Kim Holbert

Service Calendar, February 2012

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

Martin Luther King Day Events



Churches come together to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

PAUL COLLINS
Staff Writer

Greene County residents will come together to celebrate one of the civil rights movement's most influential and important leaders on Monday, Jan. 16, when the annual Martin Luther King Day Community Service is held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 990 Old Springfield Pike.

This year's service is being sponsored by the Xenia Area Association of Churches and Ministries (XAACM) and the African American Ministerial Alliance (AAMA). According to Marlene Elliot, a XAACM member, the service has become a popular, well-attended annual event. Last year, more than 300 people came to the service to recognize the achievements of Martin Luther King.

"It's wonderful to see people from different churches coming together to honor this one man," said Elliott.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Westminster's sanctuary. Attendees can expect a blend of hymns, prayers, scripture readings and performances by a number of singers, including Lisa Hess, Debbie West and Lynorra Grace. The AAMA Community Choir will also perform a piece and musician Jeff Carter will provide a guitar instrumental.

An offering will be taken up during the service for the American Red Cross Greene County Housing Program. Attendees will also get to hear a message, delivered by Pastor Edgar Wallace of the First United Christian Church. According to Rex Robinson, the organizer of this year's service, Wallace's message will be the event's high point.

"Dr. Wallace is a strong thinker, preacher and a great man of God," said Robinson. "His message will be the highlight."

Readers interested in learning more about the service are encouraged to contact Rex Robinson at 937-689-9068.service?

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Peace Walk for Dr. King Birthday Celebration

Yellow Springs AACW is organizing a Peace Walk to celebrate Dr. King's birthday on January 16, 2012. First a reception will be held at the Coretta Scott King Center, hosted by Antioch, with the Peace Walk starting at Mills Lawn Elementary at 10:30 AM, and finishing at the Central Chapel AME Church at 11:00 AM. The celebration ends with a Soup Lunch at the Church.

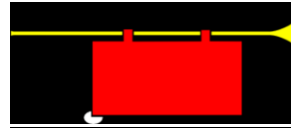
Sunday Scriptures for January

Jan 1 st Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 Galations 3:23-25;4:4-7 John 1:1-18	Jan 22 nd Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
Jan 8 th Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Jan 29 th Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
Jan 15 th 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	

Sunday Scriptures for February

Feb 5 th Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c 2 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-38	Feb 22 nd Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2,12-17 Psalm 103 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb 12 th 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45	Feb 26 th Genesis 9:8-17 Psalms 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1: 9-15
Feb 19 th 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	

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



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 cecxlist@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

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 January 25th. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.