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THE TRUMPET

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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

Lent is nearly over, and we'll soon relive in Holy Week the stories of the Passion – the final days in the life of our Savior.

From the ancient service of Tenebrae, the Service of Shadows which commemorates the death of light in the world that comes with the death of Jesus, through Eucharist and footwashing and stripping bare our sanctuary, to the simple and solemn liturgy of Good Friday, Christian people are led to experience the depth of God's love for us.

These holy days fill us with awe and with sorrow, and with humility and gratitude – and are the preparation that allows us to fully experience the profound joy of the Resurrection.

We are so blessed to have these days and these liturgies. We are a people of heart and mind, sense and intellect, feeling and will. God has created us to experience all things in a multitude of ways. Our liturgies touch all that we are—all that God has created us to be—and lead us in fullness to God.

I pray that you will come and worship; that you will come and meet God in the many acts of worship we share as a people. You will be blessed; we always are, when we gather together with God.
In peace,
ML+

Sunday of the Passion
9:30 AM
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday
6:00 PM - Soup Supper for all
6:45 PM - Holy Eucharist and Footwashing
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 PM

Warden's Words

Mark 11:15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: `My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it `a den of robbers.'" Talk about making waves! Jesus walks into the temple of Jerusalem and trashes the place, calling perfectly respectable business people "a den of robbers". As Lynn pointed out in her sermon a couple weeks ago, it was probably this action that really brought Jesus to the attention of the religious (and later civil) authorities and ultimately led to his trial and execution.

The incident serves as reminder to us of two important lessons

1. Sometimes things are just wrong, and need to be addressed directly and as forcefully as possible. Imagine how much better off the greater Christian church would be today if the sexual abuse scandals had been handled in Jesus' way, instead of the bureaucratic cover ups that actually occurred
2. When you do handle things this way, you better be ready for some serious consequences from "the system"

I'm not advocating that we address all problems with such a "nuclear" response – far from it. Recall Jesus' life and you will remember that the cleansing of the temple was the exception, not the rule, for how he conducted himself in his ministry. But it is also a great reminder that, occasionally, the Christian life demands a vigorous action, and one that entails serious consequences

Keep the faith baby,
MT

Mike Taint,
Junior Warden

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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
456 Woodman Drive

Once again this year, the members of the 3 Episcopal churches serving Greene County (Christ Church in Xenia, St. Christopher's Church in Fairborn, and St. Mark's Church in Riverside) are invited to participate together in the central celebration of the entire Church Year: the Great Vigil of Easter. This joyful observance dates to at least the early second century, possibly to the end of the first, and was restored to our tradition during the liturgical renewal of the 1960s and 1970s.
Weather permitting; we begin outside in the courtyard with the lighting of the Paschal candle: an ancient sign of the risen Christ. We process together into the church, carrying individual candles which we light from the Paschal candle, signifying our share in the Light of Christ. There we listen to a series of special readings, proclaiming God's work of salvation in Creation, in the Exodus, and finally in the Resurrection of Jesus. As we proclaim that "Christ is risen!" the organ sounds a fanfare, and all are invited to ring together whatever bells they bring with them in a joyful celebration of the Resurrection. As people baptized into the risen Christ, we renew our baptismal vows, and then join in the first Holy Communion of Easter.

Please make plans to join your fellow Episcopalians in this very special celebration!
937-256-1082

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

Since last report we have serviced 378 individuals at the clothes closet.

One lady has thanked us for allowing her husband to find and keep a job. They had to move to Xenia due to the ill health of one of their parents, I believe. Neither had a job. He needed dress shirts and slacks, not jeans, for a job offer he received. We were able to provide him with the necessary clothing for a "trial" period on the job. She returned the next week to get additional clothing for him as they wanted him to work 7 days a week not just the three originally offered. She says he would not have been able to get that job without the help from the Clothes Closet.

Thank you for your support of this mission.

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.

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

From: **David & Sarah Kitch**
<sdkitch80@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2012 at 1:33 AM
Subject: Belize
Dear All:

Ave!
One of the members of the Belize Trip has put together a 10 min. slideshow on You Tube about the trip. It
will give you a bit of an idea about our time there until I write more about the trip.
Here is the link (you may have to cut & paste it in to your browser):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mghly2tOIEo
Enjoy and - Blessings!
Pax Christus,
David & Sarah

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS

03 Dana Rhyne
04 Heather Holland Schroeder
07 Russell Walker
09 Elizabeth Clark
15 Sue Ralstin
17 Shirley Ellis
18 Jonathon Feinour
23 Pam Feinour
29 Summer Watts

07 Caedan Nieves
08 Lily Thomas
10 Jack Kitch
12 Barbara Bonham
13 Vicki Carter
25 Joyce Murnahan
29 Faith Patterson

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

03 Kathy & Bob Geyer
13 Camilla & Tyson Davis

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

Parish Office email address:
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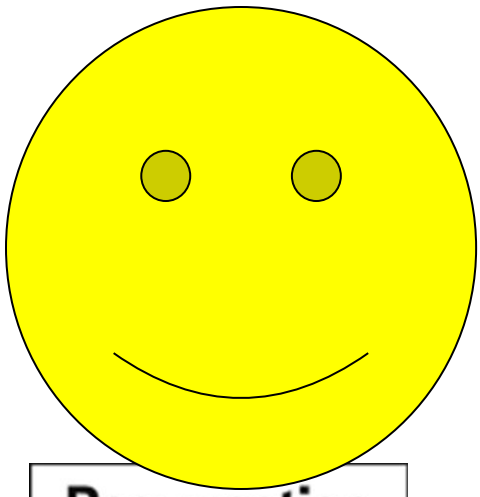
Children's Corner



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!)

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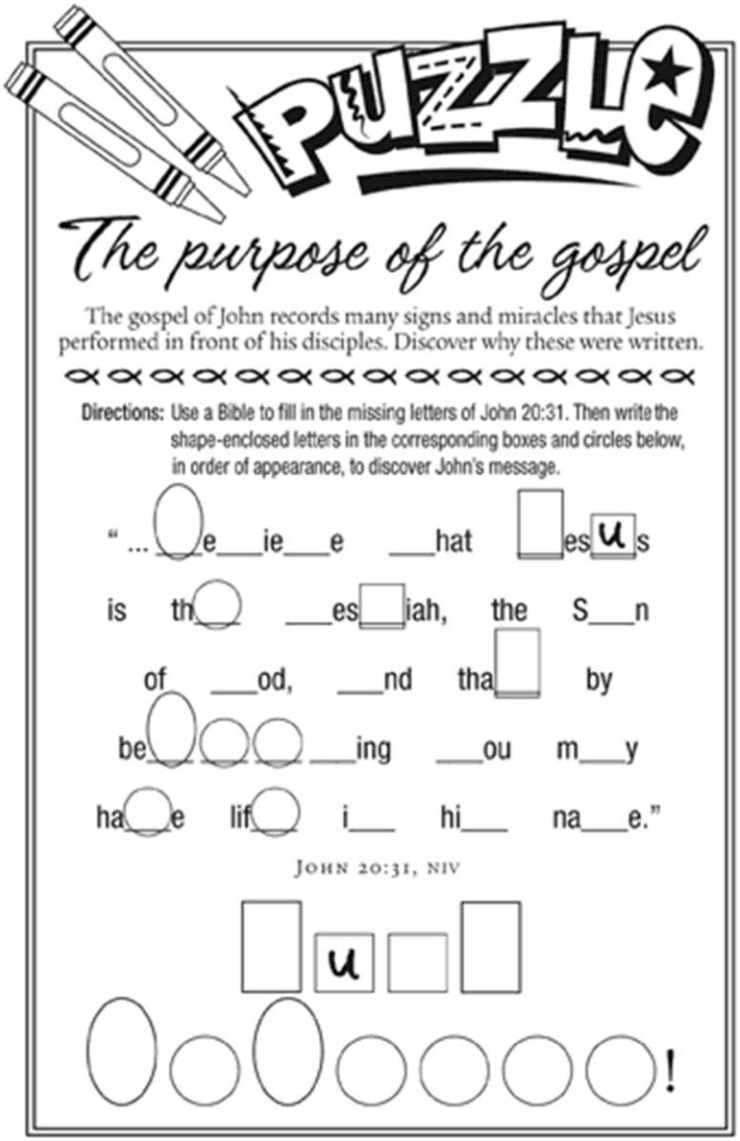

Answers: " ... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Just Believe!

Resurrection COUNTDOWN

Make this interactive craft to use as Easter approaches.

What you need:

- An empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (a dark color)
- Pencil
- Bible
- 12 slips of white paper
- Glue
- Marker

What you do:

1. Cut the lid and side flaps off the egg carton.
2. Lay the carton open-side down on tissue paper. Trace and cut out the rectangular shape.
3. On the paper slips, write 12 verses from John 12 about Holy Week (including one about Easter).
4. Place each slip in an egg cup, in order, starting at the top left and ending (with the Easter verse) at the bottom right.
5. Put glue around cups and carton edges. Lay the tissue paper on top.
6. Gently mark numbers 1-6 on the tissue paper along the top row and 7-12 along the bottom.
7. Before Easter, punch through one cup each day and read the verse.

Ruth C. Petri was born in Hanover, Germany on October 22, 1934. At the close of WWII she was chosen to be a member of an experimental high school class in which females were awarded (for the first time) a degree in math and a degree in science after seven years of study. She then earned a Bachelor's degree in Education and went on to complete a Master's degree in history and a Master's degree in literature from the famed University of Heidelberg in Germany. She had almost completed her doctoral thesis when she came to the U.S.A.

While in Germany she taught the gifted students class in a Catholic girl's school. She first came to the U.S. in the fall of 1969 with her husband Rudolph who was Armco Eurotech's chief engineer. They divorced in 1970. She returned to America and became a U.S. citizen in 1971 where for several years she created and sold pottery from her own studio and from craft shows. She also was the Director of Christian Education for the Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Ohio. She then returned to school and earned a Master's degree in education as a specialist in teaching children with learning disabilities from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Ruth was an insightful, creative and compassionate teacher and taught learning disabled students at Warner Junior High School for 25 years. Upon her retirement from public education she became Director of Christian Education for Christ Episcopal Church in Xenia where she was a member for 28 years. All through her life she had a deep love and appreciation of music, art and literature and performed with several choral groups. Her favorite hobby was gardening. She loved to plan and create different types of gardens and then watch them spring into life. With the gardens come many small creatures that she delighted in watching.

Ruth has no living relatives in the U.S. She is survived by her adopted family Joanne Brooks, David and Virginia Lockmeyer, Sandra and Alan Greeb, Beth and Eric Sackett, Dale and Marie Lockmeyer, Stacey Lockmeyer, Edward Lockmeyer, Chris Simpson, the Reverend David Jackson and Sarah Jane and Robert Welch. A memorial service will be held at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 5301 Free Pike, Trotwood, Ohio on Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. with the service presided over by the Reverend Pamela Gaylor and the Reverend David Jackson. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery in Middletown, Ohio at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the name of Ruth Petri to Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia, Ohio, Wright State University Anatomical Gift Program or Vitas Hospice of Dayton, Ohio.

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Service Calendar, April 2012

Ministry	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29
Worship Leader	**Mother Lynn**	**Mother Lynn**	**Mother Lynn**	**Rick Feinour**	**Barb Bonham Morning Prayer**
Altar Guild	**JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry**	**Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour**	**Ruth Hazel Becky Gentry**	**Joanne Earley Becky Gentry**	**Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour**
Lector	**Tommy Thomas**	**Debbie Gillespie**	**Barb Bonham**	**Michael Taint**	**Dana Rhyne**
Ushers	**Glenn & Claris Donovan**	**JoAnne Earley Summer Watts**	**Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas**	**JoAnne Earley Doug Pultz**	**Glenn & Claris Donovan**
Intercessor	**Mark Cummings**	**Dana Rhyne**	**Doug Pultz**	**Barb Bonham**	**Debbie Gillespie**
Chalice	**Ruth Hazel**	**Pam Feinour**	**Debbie Gillespie**		
Vestry Member of the Week	**Michael Taint**	**Kim Holbert**	**Vikki Carter**	**Tanya Ellensburg-Kimmet**	**JoAnne Earley**

Service Calendar, May 2012

Ministry	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
Worship Leader	**ML**	**ML**	**ML**	**ML**
Altar Guild	JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry	**Ruth Hazel Becky Gentry**	**JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry**	**Pam Feinour Jonathan Feinour**
Lector	**Pam Feinour**	**Debbie Gillespie**	**Barb Bonham**	**Michael Taint**
Ushers	**Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas**	**JoAnne Earley Summer Watts**	**Glenn & Claris Donovan**	**Doug Pultz JoAnne Earley**
Intercessor	**Summer Watts**	**Ruth Hazel**	**Rick Feinour**	**Mark Cummings**
Chalice	**Jack Kitch**	**Barb Bonham**	**Summer Watts**	**Pam Feinour**
Vestry Member of the Week	**Jack Kitch**	**Summer Watts**	**Chandra Hightower**	**Michael Taint**

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EV Minister Schedule Calendar, March – June 2012

Date	Member	EV Minister	Date	Member	EV Minister
Mar 18	**Joyce Murnahan**	**Rick Kim**	**May 13**	**Mary Kidd**	**Rick Kim**
Mar 18	**Mary Kidd**	**Summer Mark**	**May 20**	**Shirley Ellis**	**Summer Kim**
April 1	**Shirley Ellis**	**Dana Barb**	**Jun 3**	**Joanne**	**Dana Mark**
April 1	**Faith Patterson**	**Summer Kim**	**June 17**	**Faith Patterson**	**Rick Barb**
April 1	**Joanne**	**Dana Mark**	**June 24**	**Carolyn Cotterman**	**Summer Mark**
April 8	**Carolyn Cotterman**	**Rick Barb**	**Visits will**	**resume on**	**Sept. 16**
May 6	**Joyce Murnahan**	**Dana Barb**	*Jenny – on next schedule*		

If you need to change a visit date, please contact another EV to trade dates with you. Their contact information has been sent to you in a separate email. Let the office know of any changes.

Many thanks, and blessings for your ministry!

Ministry - Needs – Ministry – Needs!

At our recent Leadership Meeting, many of you asked what the needs are..

Christian Education & Formation

1. We have children; we will have more children, God willing. But we're obliged to meet their needs and our commitment as their family of faith to teach and nurture them.

Ministry: Christian Education & Formation Teachers - 2 or more

Note: In some places teachers take on a 3-month period, then pass the ministry on. This is a possibility if we have enough people. We may have 2 classes...

2. ***VBS*** There are children all around us who also need teaching and nurturing. We can offer a week-long Vacation Bible School and perhaps invite them to continue Christian Ed and Formation when that's finished. Because the need is there, we can also feed their bodies with lunch!

Ministry: Organizers: the program, the lunches; and Teachers - as many people as possible will make this week's workload light and the ministry joyful!

3. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER MINISTRY

A Team to study the situation, decide how we're going to do this here at Christ Church, and move forward.

Ministry: A Welcome Study Team and eventually, a possible Welcome Ministry Team.

to Xenia's Best-Kept Secret!

4. NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Sign up for a week; you may or may not be needed. But we can be ready!

Missionary Report

Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries
February 2012 Mission E-mail [No. 91] (332 Words)
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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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"It's no shame to be poor, but it's no great honor either."

Tevya, *Fiddler on the Roof*

I ran into a mission team going to Haiti to work at an orphanage the last time that I was traveling. I had a pleasant conversation with one of the women on the team as we waited in the airport in Miami. She described the orphanage, its history, what the team was planning to do, and the conditions around the orphanage.

Her church had been sending a work team to this orphanage for years. As a member of the team during most of those years, she had been able to see the changes in the children at the orphanage and watch them grow-up as time went by. She had witnessed lots of changes in the young people and the orphanage. In contrast, she also had the opportunity to observe changes in Haiti during this time - her evaluation was that in general nothing was changing very fast.

She eventually contrasted Haiti with the Dominican Republic, saying that the DR was wealthy. People always seem to want to tell us that Haiti is poorer than the DR. There are only 29 of 187 countries in the world with worse human development levels than Haiti according to the UN's "*Human Development Report 2011"* (Haiti is #158, the DR is ranked near the middle at #98, the USA is #4, and Norway is #1). So, yes, the DR is relatively wealthy if Haiti is the standard of comparison.

Then she asked, "Why don't the rich help the poor?" Many do help; some do not.

The true answer is complicated, I suppose, involving multiple levels. Sometimes it is not apparent (the DR is usually an unrecognized major contributor of foreign aid to Haiti and many charitable donations are anonymous, for example). Sometimes it is ineffective. The most popular current examination of ineffectual methods is the book "*When Helping Hurts"* by Corbett and Fikkert).

Still, it is a good question.

Keep praying, Anita

Our website (on MS Office Live) has to move (to MS Office 360). We are not going to post anything new until after the move is accomplished. It should be done by the beginning of April at the latest. However, we will let people know when it is ready for visitors.

Pending "Picture of the Week" selections for after the move include:

- The Dogs of Diocesan Conventions
- Havana Street Dogs

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Children's Day

"My son just loves coming here to see the doctor!" exclaimed the young mother. Her four-year-old son was happily coloring a picture at a child-size table with nine other children. Both the young mother and her son have HIV infection. All the children at that table have HIV infection, and more children and babies with HIV are playing in the waiting room or being held by their mothers or caretakers. Today the HIV pediatrician is seeing patients at the Clinic.

There are four HIV treatment centers in this Province; the Clinic is one of two centers that treat HIV-infected children. The pediatrician sees patients at both centers once every two weeks. However, something has happened at the other center. The pediatrician is transferring the pediatric patients from that center to the Clinic. Consequently, "Children's Day" at the HIV treatment center here is getting livelier.

I don't know exactly what the problem is; we have recently heard of some disturbing irregularities in the care at the other center. Whatever it is, the pediatrician has lost confidence and is shifting pediatric patients to the Clinic. Many of the parents are now considering transferring to the Clinic for their care, too.

We at the Clinic tell ourselves that we offer something more to people than the other health centers (particularly the public health department centers). We think we are "more patient friendly" and "nicer" because we have a different set of spiritual values and of Christian motivations for what we are doing. That may be true – who can really tell?

However, it is clear that we offer a better quality of care. We have understood since the beginning of this mission that health ministry ought to actually result in healthier people. If we are failing to provide effective health interventions to help people get and stay healthy, what difference does it make how "nice" we are?

Of course we think that the Clinic offers a better quality of care because we really do have a different set of spiritual values and of Christian motivations for what is going on here. At any rate, bring on the children …

Keep praying, Anita

Sunday Scriptures for April

Apr 1st Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Apr 8th Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm118:102,14-24
1Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

Apr 15th - 2nd Sun in Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Apr 22nd – 3rd Sun in Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Apr 29th – 4th Sun in Easter
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

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

Sunday Scriptures for May

May 6th - 5th Sun in Easter
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
1John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 13th – 6th Sun in Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 20th – 7th Sun in Easter
Acts 1:15-17,21-26
Psalm 1
1John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 27th - Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35,37
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

The Trumpet

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