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Information about the Lay Preaching Class

The Lay Preaching Class is taught by the Rev Stephen Smith and the Rev Lee Ann Reat under the direction of the Rev Carl Ruttan, Canon for Life Formation. Those nominated should be active communicant members in good standing, well respected in their congregations, practice an active spiritual life and be knowledgeable and articulate about the Christian faith. Betsy Kitch is currently in her second year of this class. She holds a Master's Degree from U.D. in Pastoral Ministries with an Emphasis on Scripture.

The Lay Preaching Class meets once a month for two years. Some of the class time is spent on instruction, but most of the time is taken up with exegesis (analyzing scripture) and preaching... and of course, after every sermon, there is time for

feedback. The feedback is gently provided by the rest of the class. As The Rev Stephen Smith explains, "Preaching cannot be taught without doing the task on a regular basis."

In addition to giving sermons and providing feedback, there is instruction about the art and craft of writing sermons. For example, from Fred Craddock's book Preaching, one learns that preparing a sermon involves two separate tasks: first deciding what to say and then determining how to say it. Woe be to the preacher who tries to do both at once!

There are many different styles of sermons: deductive, inductive, story sermons, children's sermons. Sermons by well-known preachers are discussed. Students try out different styles of preaching. Practice sessions became fun, safe places to experiment with new techniques.

To preach is to "do" theology -- because the preacher interprets the Word of God for his or her congregation, connecting scripture to the practical needs of everyday life. Therefore, when one preaches, one both accepts a solemn responsibility and also embraces an audacious act. Or, as Craddock puts it, the sermon is both a whisper and a shout: the preacher must be patient enough to listen to the whisper of the Word of God but must be bold enough to shout it from the rooftop. (See Matthew 10:27 "What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.")

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*****MP service will be followed by a short Eucharist.
UPDATED!!!!**

Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, November 2010

Ministry	Nov 7	Nov 14***	Nov 21	Nov 28
Worship Leader	Rev James Larsen	Debbie Gillespie	Rev James Larsen	Rev James Larsen
Altar Guild	JoAnne Earley The Walkers	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pamela Feinour	Joanne Earley The Walkers
Lector	Barb Bonham	Mark Cummings	Pam Feinour	Betsy Kitch
Ushers	Elizabeth Clark Kim Holbert	The Donovans	Elaina Walker Jonathan Feinour	Tommy Thomas Summer Watts
Intercessor	Mark Cummings	Dana Rhyne	Rick Feinour	Barb Bonham
Chalice	Rick Feinour	Ruth Hazel	Debbie Gillespie	Pam Feinour
Vestry Member of the Week	Jennie Hudson	JoAnne Earley	Michael Taint	Kim Holbert

Service Calendar, December 2010

Ministry	Dec 5***	Dec 12***	Dec 19	Dec 24	Dec 26
Worship Leader	Ruth Hazel	Pam Feinour	Barbara Bonham	Rev Betty Coleman	Jack Kitch
Altar Guild	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pamela Feinour	JoAnne Earley The Walkers	Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch	Jonathan Feinour Pamela Feinour
Lector	Nancy Nickell	Mark Cummings	Ruth Hazel	Dana Rhyne	Michael Taint
Ushers	JoAnne Earley Jennie Hudson	Rick Feinour Doug Pultz	Elizabeth Clark Kim Holbert	The Donovans	Summer Watts Jonathan Feinour
Intercessor	Jack Kitch	Dana Rhyne	Summer Watts	Mark Cummings	Doug Pultz
Chalice	Rick Feinour	Jack Kitch	Pam Feinour	Barbara Bonham	Debbie Gillespie
Vestry Member of the Week	Jennie Hudson	JoAnne Earley	Michael Taint		Kim Holbert

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Suzanne Ellis
08	Tanya Ellenburg-Kimmet Dick Loveless
09	Barbara Blackburn Eric Patterson
10	Otto Anderson
12	Karen Patterson
13	Chris Hudson
16	Carol Conway
22	Isabelle Ellis

Oops...if we ever miss your birthday/anniversary please give Tanya a call 767-1578.

To 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

As Thomas G Long says in *The Witness of Preaching*: “The preacher is the only person who has one foot firmly planted in the biblical text and the other foot firmly planted in the concrete circumstances of the hearers.” (P84)

Who might enroll in this class? First, one needs some reasonable knowledge of the Bible, so the first two years of Education for Ministry (EFM) is required (or the equivalent experience). One also needs to be comfortable with public speaking, and to be recommended by the Rector, Vicar or Priest-in-charge of your congregation. But the most important thing is that you feel that call both to listen for that whisper and then to shout it from the rooftop... and, of course, you have got to be willing to practice.

Submitted by: Betsy Kitch

Editors note: According to the Diocese newsletter, A Worship Leader training class will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Procter Center. The purpose of this training is to equip lay persons to plan and officiate at major liturgies in their congregations when a priest is not available. This workshop will provide the necessary training to be licensed as a Worship Leader with the recommendation of the priest or rector.

The cost is \$10, and lunch is included. For further information, see the Diocese newsletter or email cecxtanya@gmail.com and I'll give you the link for more information.

*Angels can fly because
they take themselves lightly.
by G.K. Chesterton*



**WHITE NIGHTS PILGRIMAGE TO RUSSIA:
ST. PETERSBURG, NOVGOROD & SABLINO**



The Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network (MVERN) invites you to join Bishop and Mrs. Breidenthal on a “White Nights Pilgrimage to Russia,” June 13-24, 2011, during the season of the beautiful *White Nights* when twilight lasts until dawn.

During this 12 day trip you will explore the major cultural, sacred and historical sites of ST. PETERSBURG and visit Orthodox churches that are partnered with other American Episcopal churches. A short drive will take you to NOVGOROD, founded in 859 and once the rich and influential capital of old Russia.

Travelers will spend three days in the village of SABLINO, where you will see first-hand MVERN’s outreach ministry to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, the partner parish of eleven Episcopal congregations. You will spend one day assisting with the summer camp at the Sablino Youth Center.

Learn more about this interesting trip at an informational meeting on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, at 2:30 PM at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Avenue, Dayton. For further information check out the MVERN website (www.mvern.org) or contact Chris Saunders (937/435-3550, csaunders856@aol.com) to receive a brochure with complete information. Reservations are requested by November 15.

Sunday Scriptures for November

Nov 7th
Haggai 1:15b-2:9 or
Job 19:23-27a
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 1317
Luke 20:27-38
Psalm 145:1-5,18-22 or
Psalm 98
Psalm 17:1-9

Nov 21st
Jer. 23:1-6
Col. 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43
Canticle 4 or 16 or
Psalm 46

Nov 14th
Isaiah 65:17-25 or
Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
Canticle 9 or Psalm 98

Nov 28th
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
Psalm 122

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

Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries

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Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as South American Missionary Society 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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Party time?

She was a regular patient at the Clinic who arrived about mid-morning. She didn’t have an appointment. She was not sick. In fact she was feeling pretty good. She came to the Clinic because it was her birthday... and she wanted a party.

We seem to have a lot of parties here. There are the expected parties for staff (birthdays, achievements, etc. – we had plenty of those when I was at the University of Cincinnati), but here there are many more parties for patients, health promoters, and others.

People estranged from their families may seek out the Clinic staff to celebrate. Haitian and other immigrant workers may be far from home and family (some Haitian patients now have no family after the earthquake in Port-au-Prince the beginning of this year).

The volunteer health promoters labor throughout the year in their communities. The only real, tangible “thanks” that we have given to them over the years have been appreciation parties. In the budget it is listed as “volunteer incentives,” but we all know that means “party.”

The Latin American culture in which any gathering (business meeting, doctor’s appointment, etc.) is an excuse for a social event contributes to this party tendency. There is also a sense that we have something to celebrate. The limitations and frustrations here are quite obvious, however visitors often remark about how joyful the people are.

It is good to pause at times to acknowledge what we have accomplished and done together, and what we mean to one another: even if it is simply a birthday marking another year of survival or just that we are all in this together and (despite conditions around us) that God is good.

Oooops ... Gotta go now ... just saw a cake being carried down the hall toward the corner office.

Keep praying, Michael



The Stewardship Campaign: The 2011 Stewardship Campaign, "GOD WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU," officially begins Oct 24, 2010 and ends at our Homecoming meeting, Nov 7. The meeting will follow Sunday brunch. Check in future bulletins for additional information or if you have questions, please contact your co-chairs, Tommy Thomas and Maxine Thomas.

The Coffee Hour Sign-ups: We are in need of people to sign up for coffee hour from November 28 to the end of the year (and beyond!) If interested in sharing a new recipe or cooking a little for your fellow Episcopalians, please sign the clipboard on the table across from the coffee service. We're always hungry!!!

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

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 or at her home, rvg1947@sbcglobal.net.

Morning Prayer

Some Morning Prayer services will include a short Holy Eucharist at the end of the service. The Rev James Larsen will officiate. These are trial services to see if the parishioners like this format.

Office & 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 Becky Gentry for further details. Also, a big "Thanks" to everyone who brought in printer paper...we are stocked for now!!!

New Singles Group Starting: This group will be open to all singles throughout the deanery age 25 and older. We intend for this to be a fun venue for adult singles to come together to worship, socialize, and support one another. Our first gathering is in the works. If interested please see Kim Holbert or Summer Watts.

Orders for Ordo Kalendars: Becky is taking orders for the Churchman's Ordo Kalendar for 2011. For 2011, the calendar will list the Revised Common Lectionary only. The order will be combined with that of Christ Church Dayton which may give us a price break. Please order by November 7, a sign-up sheet is on the piano in the Parish Hall.

Thanksgiving Service: All Christ Church parishioners are invited to attend Holy Eucharist Thanksgiving service at St Marks in Dayton (corner of Woodman and Burkhardt) on Wednesday evening, November 24, at 7 pm. For further details, please call 937-256-1082.

Life Line Screening: Debbie Nelson, Life Line Screening, will be at CECX on Dec 5 to give an overview of the 5 tests available on Tuesday, December 21. She will speak to the congregation during the service and afterwards during coffee hour. (See bulletin insert for more details)

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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.



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, information of upcoming events, shout outs of recognition) for Trumpet, should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is tentatively July 15th. Submit information by handing print out to Tanya or emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.

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The words in the passage can be found in the letters to the left. Some small words may show up more than once. Each word will show up at least once. Repeated words may not show up as often as they are repeated. Words can be found horizontal, vertical, reversed, or diagonal.

Can you find all of the words?



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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