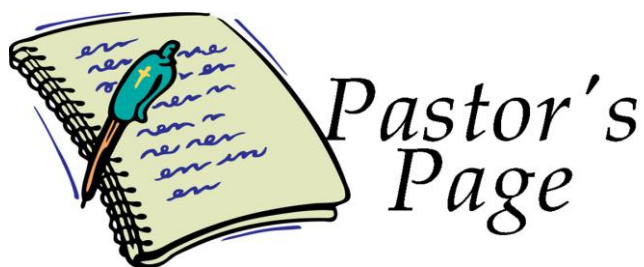


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Dear Friends,

You never cease to amaze me! Of the 43 people who came to church on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 40 of you stayed for the History Workshop. And then a large number of you came to finish up on the 18<sup>th</sup>! All your hard work and thoughtful input will be used. Our secretary Becky is beginning to compile it and it will be passed on to the Vestry and

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available to you in the coming weeks.

Our next Task will be Leadership, and we'll begin to talk about that in January. The Vestry is mindful of other things some of our teams will want to do in the remaining months of this year, and don't want to overwhelm you with meetings! They also hope that you'll enjoy it all, so a bit of "spacing" will be a good thing.

Our Season of Pentecost is in its closing weeks, and we're beginning to look forward to Advent, that beautiful season of quiet hope, watchful waiting, and expectant preparation for the coming of the Christ into our world. But – Pentecost is still with us, and there is still time to work. In this season we focus on putting to work all we have heard in our Scriptures throughout the year. In Pentecost our church community works to bring the Kingdom of God into being—in this place, and in this time, doing what God is calling us to do. Living the Gospel is the way we grow and stretch and live our lives more fully into God. So—let's continue to celebrate Pentecost in our worship, in our ministries, and in our lives. God is good – and always with us!

With peace and thanksgiving,  
ML+



## Warden's Words

By Michael Taint, Junior Warden

**"Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend" – Theophrastus**

The Earth continues its annual sojourn around the sun, and fall is here at last. New school year, new theater and music year, new football season (same Bengals and Browns) and yes a new church year are upon us – can the Stewardship campaign be far behind? Like our nation at large, Christ Episcopal continues to operate in a time when money is scarce and finances uncertain.

Instead let's think about our greatest and most precious blessing - and that's time. For many of us, it's in shorter supply than anything: working full time, working part time, raising kids, hobbies, family responsibilities, etc. Once in a while we need to step back and take stock – are we spending this time wisely? It's a very important question, because how we spend our time really determines what our life is all about, and who we really are. This is also true, maybe more so, if you're one of those lucky people who have plenty of time.

So please, this year remember that Stewardship is not only a monetary donation to the church, but really stewardship of the most important thing you can (mostly) control – your own life. How are you spending your life? Can you find a little time in it for a family member who needs help? Our clothing ministry? Keeping yourself healthy? The winter shelter? What are you doing with your time to thank God for the blessing of your life?

Take care,  
MT



...for prayers, cards and notes –  
Bless you all!  
ML+

## Share-One-to-One Clothes Closet

It is very busy. We served 53 people on Tuesday, September 13. These people need everything. We take not only clothing but small household items, linens, bedding and small appliances. We can't handle large items - no room in the office for them. There is a Presbyterian church in town that attempts to connect folks that have furniture with folks that need furniture. Sometimes, I believe, Faith Community Methodist church will help with furniture delivery.

Many of our clothes closet folks walk, ride the CATS, or ride bikes to us and can't handle big, heavy things. One lady rode her bike from YS last week to get clothes. She had to just sit a spell upon arrival.

We will be needing socks, gloves, mittens and we always need underwear both men's and women's. IHN have been good to help us out with clothing they receive and can't immediately use. They have a storage problem also.

A special thanks to all of Christ Church members who so graciously make donations to us. You are truly a blessing.



Good Stewardship –



- Begins with prayer – a conversation with God
- Is a faith-filled thanksgiving for all we have been given
- Is Joyful!! Give until it feels good!
- Is our response to God's goodness

"What return shall I make for all that I have been given?" Ps. 116:12



## *Notes from the Vestry Meeting*

Called to order by Mother Lynn with prayer at 11:40.

In Attendance: Vikki C., Mark C., JoAnne E., Chandra H., Kim H., Jack K., Michael T.

Absent: Jack H.      Excused: Summer W.

Agenda approved; approval of previous minutes tabled until October meeting.

No report from Sr. Warden.

### **Jr. Warden Report:**

- Grant from Xenia for Shelter approved (\$1500.) Mike moved that \$500 of this go to fulfill pledge to IHN for 2011—Jack Kitch second; unanimous Vestry approval
- Unanimous decision to “wait and see” before replacing church plumbing
- work on Shelter floor plan and training for volunteers to start in October
- Codes Punch List reviewed
- Mike:** parishioner request for funds for young people event-vestry needs details before approving. (Mike will get details)

**Jack Kitch** reported that grant requests for IHN & XC Shelter were submitted to ECSF.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Report, w/recommendations to use part of redeemed CD funds to make 2011 budget more realistic – Unanimous Approval.
- Unanimous approval for Outreach to spend monies currently available to them.
- Will form and head up Finance Team, with a Budget sub-team to begin working on 2012 budget and budget process.
- Clerk will publish Thank You in newsletter to Audit Team for job well done
- Explore investing balance of CD funds with diocese to generate steady income (5%) from the interest—check returns pattern

### **Report of Priest-in-Charge**

ML+ requested discussion by Vestry re: timing of future events: Stewardship, Mission Sunday, and Leadership Task. Vestry agreed: Stewardship, Mission Sunday scheduled for this fall and early winter; Leadership Task in mid-to-late January. Annual Meeting in February 2012.

Fax/phone setup: Unanimous Approval for ring tone--less expensive than line. (\$6/mo)

Unanimous approval to pay \$60. dues for XAACM

**JoAnne Early:** roofs must be inspected for storm damage before 6 mo. time limit. Mike will contact Church Insurance.

**JoAnne and Kim** moved to have ML+'s name put on church sign – unanimous Approval.

Also discussed newspaper article re: ML+'s arrival. Mike will speak with newspaper contact, Kim will research inclusion in last page (religion).

Mike Taint will contact head of Vocal Music at Cedarville Univ. re: choral director.

Vestry discussed ML+ mileage, dental insur.

**Mike** –meeting with Outreach Team to confirm available funds-no extra money over and above the funds already



Audit team: Mark Cummings, Chandra Hightower, JoAnne Earley, Doug Pultz, and Maxine Thomas.



# 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. See Becky for further details.

**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!



**Eucharistic Visitor Training!**

**Saturday, October 22**

**9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Learning, Practicing, and of course – eating!**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**01** Jeff Wells  
**05** Tyson Davis  
**19** Rick Feinour  
**22** Ruth Petri  
**23** Kathy Geyer  
**26** Mary Sheehan  
**28** Emily Walker  
**29** Evening Hudson

## ANNIVERSARIES

**16** Cheryl & James Eskridge

**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)

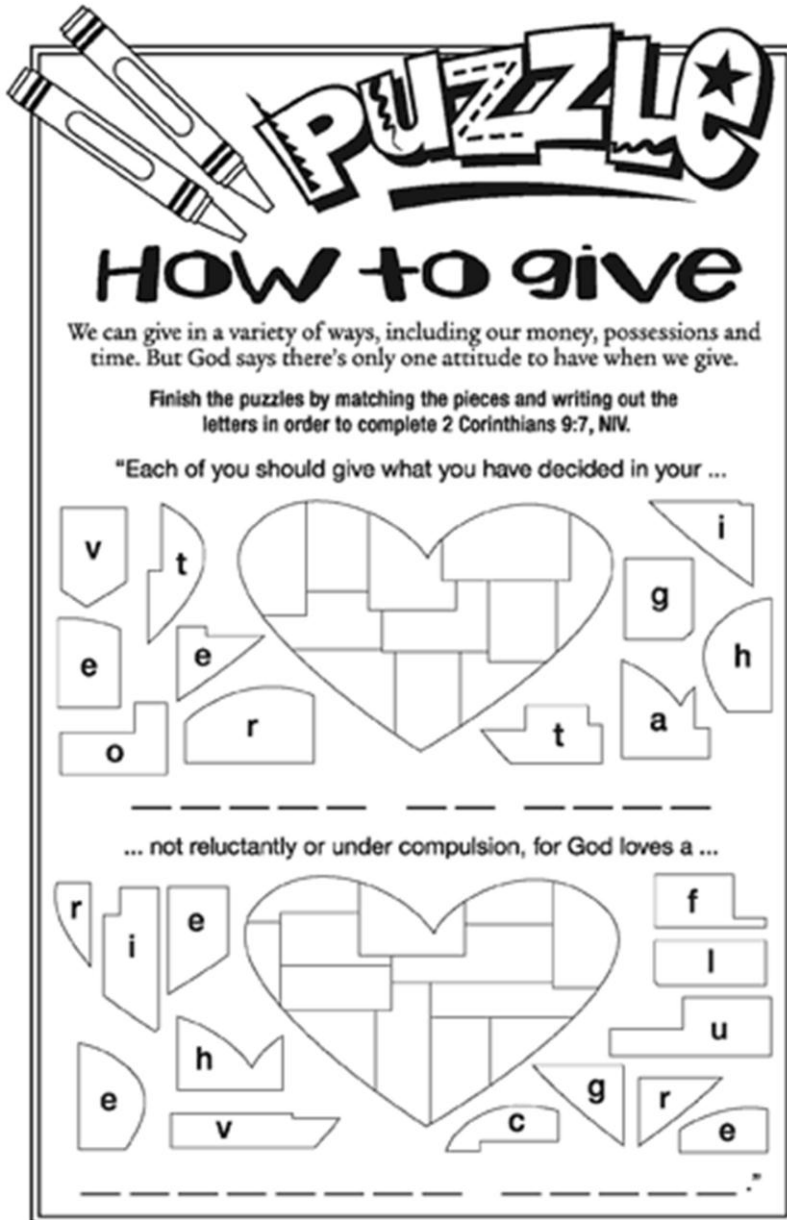
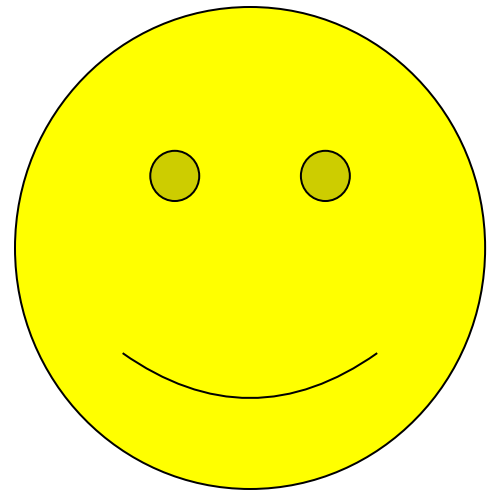
**New Church Directory:** If you would like a copy of the new directory, please let Becky know and she'll make a copy for you. You can call her at the Parish office during the week, or email her at church, [christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com](mailto:christepiscopalxenia@gmail.com) or at her home, [rvg1947@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rvg1947@sbcglobal.net).





# 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!)



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

## COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



### What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!



## Christ Episcopal Church, Xenia Service Calendar, October 2011

Ministry	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott Bishop Rivera</b>	<b>Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott</b>	<b>Rick Feinour</b>	<b>Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott</b>	<b>Pam Feinour</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch</b>	<b>Jonathan Feinour Pam Feinour</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Betsy Kitch</b>	<b>Mark Cummings</b>	<b>Debbie Gillespie</b>	<b>Pam Feinour</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas</b>	<b>Doug Pultz Jonathan Feinour</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Summer Watts</b>	<b>Donovans</b>	<b>Elizabeth Clark Tommy Thomas</b>
<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Summer Watts</b>	<b>Rick Feinour</b>	<b>Barbara Bonham</b>	<b>Jack Kitch</b>	<b>Debbie Gillespie</b>
<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Barbara Bonham</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel</b>		<b>Debbie Gillespie</b>	
<b>Vestry Member of the Week</b>	<b>Chandra Hightower</b>	<b>Michael Taint</b>	<b>Kim Holbert</b>	<b>Vikki Carter</b>	<b>Jack Kitch</b>

## Service Calendar, November 2011

Ministry	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott</b>	<b>Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel</b>	<b>Rev Dr Lynn Sinnott</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Jonathan Feinour Pam Feinour</b>	<b>JoAnne Earley Becky Gentry</b>	<b>Ruth Hazel Betsy Kitch</b>	<b>Jonathan Feinour Pam Feinour</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Dana Rhyne</b>	<b>Jack Kitch</b>	<b>Doug Pultz</b>	<b>Nancy Nickell</b>
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If your name is down and your schedule conflicts, contact Becky as soon as possible.

## Missionary Reports

**Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries**  
**September 2011 Mission E-mail [No. 86]**

**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 Macoris in the Dominican Republic.

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Nehemiah's concern

Sonia was crying. The creditors were threatening to take her house unless she paid her loan. The loan principal was 800 pesos (about US\$ 21) borrowed about two months previously.

She had spent her savings for surgery for her daughter and her mother last summer. She was short of cash. When the school year began, she needed an additional 800 pesos to enroll her four children in school. She was going to pay it off next payday.

She was laid off at work and the next payday never came.

Meanwhile, the usurious interest rates accumulated until now, eight weeks later, she owed 3,000 pesos (about US\$ 79). She had put her house up as collateral and was now stuck.

High interest rates and financing charges abound in poor people's lives. I have seen poor people here pay four times or more the cash retail price of an appliance because they use short-term financing. I saw the same thing in rent-to-own operations in the Over the Rhine and East Walnut Hills areas in Cincinnati.

I wonder if overpaying for a TV just to have it now is really worth it. In contrast, getting your children registered for school by the deadline seems to me a reasonable "need."

Poverty, like wealth, tends to be trans-generational. Sonia had no family that could help, and was forced to go to the loan sharks for money.

We loaned Sonia the money to pay the loan shark. She will pay us back in installments over the next three months. At least her children will have a home in which to study now that they are registered for school.

Nehemiah was concerned that development (trying to get that wall built) was being delayed because some citizens were taking advantage of their own people through high interest rates and enslavement (Nehemiah 5:1-13). Perhaps things change less than we might hope over the millennia.

Keep praying, Anita

Dear All:

More Joy! If you have read the blog, this is pretty much a repeat of the last entry. We still wanted to pass this on to those of you who don't get to the blog. You just don't get the photos here (smile). I am trying to put some of the photos on FB. This was quite a different time than the previous trips to Bogota and Ramallah. Again, for photos and more of the whole story, [suk-djk.blogspot.com](http://suk-djk.blogspot.com).

ALSO - please let us know if you have questions or desire more info or whatever. Also, please keep us abreast of what we can hold in prayer for you.

We left Chalkyiksik on Tuesday afternoon – being seen off at the plane by Minnie and William, Jeff and Leslie and some of the kids. Mary was traveling with us on the same flight, as we helped her escort one young grandson to Ft. Yukon, and take her baby grandson for urgent medical treatment in Fairbanks (the baby needed minor surgery and is doing very well).

We spent Tuesday night with a lovely couple in Fairbanks, veterans of service in the Alaskan villages. David was off to the lower 48 Wednesday morning. Sarah had a debriefing session with Archdeacon Anna, and then was off in the afternoon. A bit after midnight on Wednesday, we were both back home.

So we are decompressing and transitioning back (smile). It will obviously take some time for us to process the experience. The fulcrum of the time in Chalkyitsik was clearly Sarah's pastoral ministry. That being the case, the details of most of what went on are not the kind of things one can share. It presented a range of fresh and new challenges for each of us. When serving others, there are deep, intricate and symbiotic relationships amongst what one is "doing" for and with others, what they are "doing" for and with you, and what God is doing in and with ALL those involved. The miracle of the with-God life.

So – how then to let you know what we "did" these past five weeks?

We can say that the time was hard and good. We were present and available to the people there, we listened, Sarah provided pastoral ministry to the Church and the greater community, we ministered to and supported Mary, who serves a priest in Ft. Yukon with an extremely challenging ministry. We learned hard and good things about the world of the village and about ourselves.

And we had the privilege, however briefly, of being part of the lives of truly beautiful people. We would be honored to share life with them again this side of eternity.

The time was clearly blessed – and there was certainly a desire expressed by those in the village and the leadership at the diocese that we return.

Following the Bishop's visit, Sarah led a foot-washing service on Wednesday, a Communion Service on Thursday and her final Sunday morning service. All intermixed with visits, visits and visits. There is a woman in the village who we believe may be called to diaconal ministry, and Sarah spent a good deal of time with her. In this final week of our stay, some things "came out of the woodwork" so to speak, and Sarah spent time with individuals on specific matters. Sarah did pick up some kind of a bug the final weekend there. It has been a bit up and down the past few days, but she is recovering. And we will continue to process and integrate what God has for each of us as we continue to listen.

We want to look each of you in the eyes and say, "THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT." We know even more thoroughly now that we would not be able to pour ourselves out in these situations without the depth of support we have and the grace that bestows.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We will see if the Lord takes us back.

Well, Sarah starts back at the church this Sunday and her first meetings at school start on Friday, August 28. On that same Friday, David starts graduate school at ETSC/Claremont. Whoosh!

Please keep in touch as you are able. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us: [BreakwaterCreative@att.net](mailto:BreakwaterCreative@att.net).

May Grace Abound!

- Sarah & David





## Neighborhood Mission

Regardless of what you call it, the work of the Church in the world is the work that Jesus himself did. Healing the sick, casting out demons, giving money to the poor, feeding the hungry, personally befriending the outcast and the criminal and the stranger and the “unacceptable”. Jesus did it all, and we’re all called to do the same—as many of us as are able—not only for the sake of the world, but for our own sake as well.

We care for each other in our church community. We send our money to those places where we cannot

ourselves be present. Those are good and blessed things to do. And we give not just our money, but our hearts and hands, our time and talents, to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in our own town. And that’s an especially good and blessed thing. That’s a double-edged ministry. That’s the ministry that pulls us closer to our beloved God, and transforms our hearts as it serves Jesus in the other.

We do many good things here at Christ Church, Xenia. And many of us have dreams about other things we might do. Many of us would like to give more of our hearts and hands, our time and talents. Many of us would like to be transformed, more and more deeply, into holy people.

On November 6 we’ll have a Mission Sunday during our breakfast. It’s a simple brainstorming session about the needs we see in our town of Xenia, and what we believe God might be calling us to do about them. Our Vestry and our Outreach Team will be waiting to hear what you think God is saying. They are committed to doing everything God is calling us to do. They are committed to having as many of us involved as possible....because they are committed to the people of Christ Church becoming, more and more fully, a deeply holy people of God.

What needs do you see? What do you dream of doing? Where do you think God is calling us? Bring those dreams and thoughts and share them over our good breakfast!

### MISSION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 ~ DURING BREAKFAST

#### Sunday Scriptures for October

Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalms 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> Exodus 33:12-23 Psalms 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Oct 23 <sup>th</sup> Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
	Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> Joshua 3:7-17 Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12

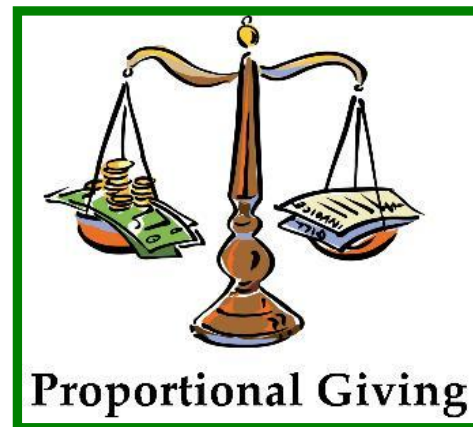
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Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> Judges 4:1-7 Psalms 123 1 Thes 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalms 80:1-7,16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Psalms 100 or 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	

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



## Stewardship FAQs



Q. What *is* “proportional giving”???

A. Deciding on the percentage of our income we will give this year as our financial stewardship, and giving that percentage. It’s the first step toward the tithe, if we choose.

Q. What happens if I lose my income??

A. Any percentage of 0 is 0 – and that’s what we’re expected to give!

Q. What’s so important about the tithe?

A. It’s the biblical standard and the standard of the Episcopal Church, that tells us that keeping 90% of all we have, and returning 10% back to God, is a pretty fair standard.

Q. If I make the commitment to tithe, when do I begin?

A. We begin by deciding on the percentage we can reasonably do this year – and increasing it a little every year until we reach our goal.

Q. Is that a percentage of our gross income, or our net income?

A. Whatever we decide in prayer.

Q. Does it all go to the Church?

A. Again – whatever, in prayer, we’re called to do each year. It certainly can and often does include our other “holy giving”.

Q. What’s so important about making a pledge?

A. The same thing that’s important about any commitment we make. If something’s really important to us – close to our hearts – we make a commitment to it! Our pledge is our public commitment to our Church.

Q. Are pledges made public?

A. Never the amount – just the act itself, when we place our pledge in the basket, bring it to the altar, etc. It’s a witness to our brothers and sisters, and an encouragement.

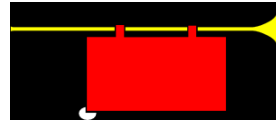


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#### Submissions:

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 October 25th. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to [cecxtanya@gmail.com](mailto:cecxtanya@gmail.com).



Christ Episcopal Church Xenia in front of the building we where we worship